THE PROSPECTOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT GAZETTE For South East Kootenay.

The Prospector.

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The Old Abe.

Every week more encouraging reports come in from the Old Abe; the reports are of such a nature as to warrant the belief that the owners have a remarkable property. A. T. Caldwell the manager of the Company came up from the mine on Tuesday. He says: The lower tunnel is now in 85 feet, with a full face of ore in the breast. The upper tunnel is in about the same distance with 20 inches of high grade ore on the foot wall. This is the point where work was first commenced, and the lower tunnel 250 feet below, was run to determine the continuity of the vein, this being determined, it has been decided to start another tunnel still lower down near the foot of the mountain, the ground will be prospected carefully to the point where the work will be done. In the workings considerable free gold has been found.

Mr. Caldwell is more than satisfied with his purchase and is sanguine that he has as good a property as has yet been uncovered in East Kootenay.

Our Producing Mines.

The mines of South East Kootenay which will contribute to the world's wealth this year are numerous. The following is a list, as at present known, of the mines from which ore will be extracted and sent to market. The Empire on Sand creek has now reached a stage of development where the owners say ore can be shipped regularly, in fact the announcement is made that from 15,000 to 20,000 tons of ore is already blocked out.

The Chickamon Stone is now in shape to extract ore, in fact, there is a large amount of shipping ore now on the dump.

At the head of quartz creek, a tributary of Bull river, is the star group, upon which work will shortly be resumed and the mine thoroughly exploited. The showing is such as to lead to the belief that the property will join the rank of shippers before the season is ended.

The Tontine on Tanglefoot over the divide from Boulder creek, was fairly well developed last season. The work of further exploration will be resumed before long. The owners are confident that ore of a shipping grade can be extracted and in large quantities.

The machinery which will be installed on the Dupont and Big Chief, on Boulder Creek is sufficient evidence, to the outsider, that the properties are regarded as of great value, in fact the mines are now being thoroughly developed.

The Golden Five, located seven years ago, is another promising property of which great things are expected. When the work now being done is completed, it is believed that shipping ore will be encountered. Some rich ore was taken from the property several years ago.

On Tracy and Lewis creeks there are a number of claims which bid fair to become producers this year. On the dump of the Estella there is considerable ore of a shipping grade. The John L., Minnie M. and Tiger, will probably join the procession this year.

The Black Bear on Mark creek is another claim which has been advanced far enough to be a shipper. It is said that the first ore to be shipped over the North Star branch railway will come from this property.

There are many prospects which with further development may be confidently counted upon to ship within the year. These claims will be treated in another article.

That East Kootenay is entering upon an era of great mineral activity no one seems to doubt, in fact it can be confidently asserted that when shipments from South East Kootenay are once commenced, the attention of mining men from all over the country will be directed to this most promising section of the Province.

Late Strike at the North Star.

EDITOR, PROSPECTOR:

Fort Steele, B. C.

Dear Sir:—

In your paper of the 20th inst. I notice that you speak of the recent strike in the North Star as "being connected with the old workings" and that it covered an area of 150x200 feet, and that it increases the amount in sight by 15,000 tons, and that the ore is ten feet thick.

I beg to point out that the strike in No. 12 and 13 shafts, which your correspondent saw, is not connected with the old workings at all, nor can any effort of the imagination, connect it.

This ore rises to the surface, and is cut off by a dyke, 100 feet from the old workings. This was the first strike make, and the only one of any importance, and the ore is of an average of 17 feet thick.

Since this we have located a smaller ore body in a raise, and recent developments have shown that this ore body is cut off from the first one, the No 12 and 13 shaft ore, by a dyke almost 40 feet in width. It is barely possible, but not proven, that this smaller ore body may connect with the old workings, and possibly this is what your information is based upon.

Were the new strike connected with the old workings, in any way it should not have taken the company's engineers six years to try and find it, and in the end to be unsuccessful.

It may be interesting for you and your readers to know, the situation of the ore bodies that we have lately found. It was not luck or good fortune, but simply a result of a careful study of the formation that solved the problem. Work was performed on an entirely new plan, and carried out to either success or failure.

This work was done on a vein of hematite iron mixed with marcasite and with lead stringers occasionally appearing after the work was started.

This vein was continuous, and at 52 feet six inches of galena was met with, seeing this, it was decided to help matters, as the rock was hard and at times we had diorite almost displacing the iron, to sink a shaft 50 feet ahead of the face of the drift, this was done and ore struck, which proved to be 20 feet thick. This is the strike, and as I have said, bears no relation to the old workings at all."

By correcting your statements and publishing this letter, you will oblige, yours faithfully,

J. L. PARKER, Superintendent.

To Change the Name.

The Black Bear Mining Company may possible be compelled to change its name owing to the fact that another company of the same name existed. Mr. Estmere had ascertained that there was no company of that name, and asked that it be reserved, but owing to some mistake the other company got in after application for the name had been made by Mr. Estmere.

ST. EUGENE CONCENTRATOR.

To be Enlarged to the Capacity of About 400 Tons.

According to present indications, says the Moyie Leader, the coming season promises to be an exceptionally lively one for Moyie. Manager Chas. Biesel now gives out the information that the St. Eugene concentrator will be enlarged so as to have a capacity of between 350 and 400 tons per day. The lumber and machinery have been ordered, and active work will begin probably within two or three weeks' time. R. K. Neil, of Spokane, the designer of the present mill, was here this week in company with J. B. Hastings of the Center Star Mining Company of Rossland. The made an examination of the various workings of the mine, and also the concentrator. Mr. Cole will not have charge of enlarging the mill, as was at first intended, as he is now in New Mexico.

The Empire Mine.

Late advices from the Empire mine are to the effect that the work is going ahead rapidly. The tunnel is now in 173 feet, and at that point a winze is being sunk. Another level lower down the hill has been started to tap the vein at a depth of 300 feet. In the present workings there is eight feet of ore which will average ten per cent copper. Much more will be heard of the Empire before the season is over.

The Black Bear.

The Black Bear mine is now in better shape than ever before and according to recent reports has passed the prospect stage and may be classed as a mine. The shaft is now 100 feet, and at the 90-foot level drifting both ways on the vein has commenced. Some ore is being taken out for shipment.

From Cranston.

Robert Dempsey came in from Cranston on Tuesday last. He reports considerable activity in that section. There are about 100 men engaged in getting out ties between Cranston and Jaffray.

Some Swedes owners of a copper property about one mile below Cranston have taken out supplies and will develop their property. The showing on the claim is said to be excellent.

The Empire Mining Company will shortly commence to ship ore and will bring it to Cranston.

Stone & Stewart are doing a splendid business at their hotel.

To Be a Recruiting Station.

Sergeant Burnett of the N. W. M. P., will open a recruiting office at Fort Steele on February 5th, for the purpose of securing recruits for the Lord Strathcona Horse. Here is an opportunity for young men who wish to see service, to enlist to serve under Col. Sam Steele of whom there is no more popular officer.

Delayed Mails.

The first letter mail from Spokane since Wednesday last, was received on Monday. On Saturday there were tons of mail piled up at Northport, and the authorities were chewing the rag as to who should do the fumigating. It was finally decided that the United States authorities should disinfect the mail before it crossed the boundary.

A New Loan Company.

H. E. Gilles of Vancouver, representing the Montreal Loan & Investment Company, was in town during the week and after looking over the situation decided to open an agency here, with N. A. Wallinger as agent. The company has a capital of $2,000,000 of which $1,500,000 has been subscribed.

The company has ample funds and can loan any amount on approved security. Anyone desiring money with which to build a home would do well to become members of the association and ascertain their methods which, while not altogether new, embraces some excellent features not found in any other loan company.

EIGHTH PARLIAMENT.

The Dominion House Will Meet On February First.

Ottawa, January 29.—The fifth session of the eighth parliament of Canada will begin on Thursday afternoon, February 1st. It is expected that the session will be a short one, and that immediately after prorogation an appeal will be made to the country.

Ottawa, February 1st.—Parliament opened today.

New Home for Kootenay Club.

The plans and specifications for the new residence of the Kootenay Club have just been completed by Harry Brown. Mention of the building was made in a recent issue of THE PROSPECTOR. As completed the plans show a building 33x33 feet, one story. The reception hall or strangers room is 10x14 feet, the reading room is 14x20 feet, the card room 13x14 feet, the billiard room 15x19 feet, bar about 10x10 feet, off from the billiard room is a wash room, and adjoining the bar is an ample cellar and wine closet. A large bay window in the reading room will give a view up and down the street. The building will be a neat cottage. When completed it will represent an expenditure of about $1,200. It will be the most complete club east of Nelson.

Tenders for construction were asked for this week.

Come and See Us.

There are mining prospects in this district many of which with development bid fair to become mines. It is well known that a prospect need not of a surety become a mine but a mine must be made from a prospect. In the mountains near Fort Steele there are prospects with remarkable surface showings, which would attract mining men, were their attention directed to them, but for some reason, the natural modesty of the average prospector prevents their making known to the world what they have. The prospectors are not inclined to be exhorbitant in putting a price upon their property.

This district now offers better opportunities to the mine investor than any other section of the province: the prospects are all easy of access, at the most not to exceed ten miles from any main travelled road. THE PROSPECTOR has no hesitancy in extending an invitation to any one to visit this most favored section. There is a variety of mineral in the mountains; all the intending investor need do, is to signify what kind of mines he is looking for and they will be shown him. It is a wonderful country and will well pay any one to visit.

The man who expects to buy a mine for a few hundred dollars will make a great mistake. It is probable that a small amount of money will purchase a meritious prospect, which the purchaser must proceed to make into a mine.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

The Daily Telegraph publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's camp, dated Jan. 30. Colonel Wynne has taken command of General Woodgates brigade. General Miles has been appointed chief of General Bulley's staff.

The Boers are still constructing defensive works opposite Potgeister's drift. A strong cavalry reconnaisance under Lord Dundonald, proceeded today westward in the vicinity of Hougers Spruit, and found the roads clear: the enemy was not to be seen.

Spearman's Camp, Natal, Jan. 30.—There is an optimistic feeling in all ranks. The troops are confident of ultimate success, and great enthusiasm was aroused by the Queen's message, and Buller's speech expressing admiration for General Warren's and General Cleary's divisions and hoped that they would reach Ladysmith in a week.

The natives persist in asserting that General Joubert was killed by a shell outside of Ladysmith. From reliable sources it is believed that General Buller is already on his way to Ladysmith, having again crossed the Tugela river. An official statement shows that the British army in the field or on the way total 213,000 men, the largest force assembled in a century. Of the number 70,000 has not yet been in action. Colonel Baden-Powell in a message Jan. 17, reports all well. He has advanced the garrison trenches, and had the enemy on three sides well out of rifle range.

During the trip across the ocean to Cape Verde, the batteries of the second Canadian contingent lost fourteen horses.

London, Friday, Feb. 2.—George Wyndam, under parliamentary secretary for war, made a remarkable declaration in the House of Commons today. He said that Britain will have in a fortnight 180,000 regulars in South Africa, 7,000 Canadians and Australian, 26,000 South African volunteers. This announcement was received with wonderment. Of this total 213,000 men, with 452 guns, all are there with the exception of about 18,000 on the water. This is the largest force Britain has ever put in the field.

London, Feb. 2.—Winston Churchill cabling yesterday advices the British public to nerve themselves for heavy losses. The best part of his dispatch shows evidence of being censured.

Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford started for the continent this morning, on his way to Malta to take command of the British Mediterranean, fleet.

Cape Town, Jan. 31.—British force with artillery are reported as having occupied Prieska, and are now encamped there.

Hotel Arrivals.

WINDSOR:—Martin Reistan, Charles Lafontaine, Phillip Munn, Hugh D. Henderson, Moyie; E. C. Davison, Nelson; Allan D. Dods, C. A. Carman, Vancouver; J. C. Nelson, Dupont; F. Palmer, A. E. S. Forest Cranbrook; Sim Palmer, Kimberley; H. E. Gillis, Victoria; Ed Mallandaine, Creston; D. Granger, Canal Flat; H. H. Weld Victoria; A. T. Caldwell, J. T. Sanders, Bull River.

To the People of Fort Steele.

Halifax, N. S., January 26.

To THE PROSPECTOR,

Fort Steele, B. C.

Dear Sir:—

We desire to express to the people of Fort Steele through your columns, our hearty appreciation of their good wishes and their interest in our welfare. The very substantial parting gift has been received, and proved most acceptable, and forms one more link in the long chain of pleasant memories we convey away with us.

We say goodbye, to all whom we were unable to see before leaving, and trust to find the town advancing in prosperity when we return.

FRANK E. LEACH
A. IRVINE ROBERTSON
B. W. HECKLE
O. S. ROOK.

Thursday's War News.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, Feb. 1.—The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marquez telegraphing yesterday says: Information has been received here from the Transvaal that the war department announced that it would be useless to storm Ladysmith, and that the bombardment will continue ineffective, has decided on a change of tactics. Huge quantities of timber and sand bags, and hundreds of Kaffirs have been sent from Pretoria and Johannesberg and Pretoria for the purpose of damming the Klip river some miles below Ladysmith, the idea being to flood the town, and drive the soldiers and inhabitants out of the bomb proof covers so as to expose them to shell fire.

The admiralty have warned all half-pay officers to hold themselves in readiness for service. This with the fact that all able seamen not thoroughly experienced have been withdrawn from the channel squadron, is taken to indicate the early mobilization of the reserve fleet, especially the A. U. division. At a meeting of the army and navy members of the House of Commons, yesterday a resolution expressing absolute confidence in whatever the Government thought necessary commanded only two votes. Instead of this a resolution was adopted, asking for the immediate formation of a home defence force.

London, Feb. 1.—A dispatch to the Times from Pietermaritzburg, says Colonel Thompson had a narrow escape last week. He went to meet a Boer flag of truce, but having become suspicious he told the Boer commander he would not parley. Both retired and the Boers fired a volley, the Colonel only escaping in consequence of bad shooting.

London, Feb. 1.—Winston Churchill in a further dispatch to the Morning Post in which he describes the crossing of the Tugela river says: The army is exasperated, not defeated. General Buller will persevere and will come out right in the end.

Sparks From the Wires.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Via Winnipeg, February 2.—A dispatch states that the Emperor of China is not dead.

Permission to form the Winnipeg Light Infantry, will be made at once to the Ottawa Minister.

Miss Rankin a promising young society lady of Calgary, was instantly killed, jumping from a buggy.

From reliable sources it is believed that Buller is already on his way to Ladysmith.

Colonel Steele will be given a testimonial by his friends previous to his departure.

The Globe patriotic fund now amounts to $22,708.

Washington D. C., February 2 Senator Pettigrew precipitated a stormy scene in the United States Senate by a statement, regarding Agninaldo; which he attributes to Admiral Dewey.

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Certificate of Improvements.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(FORM F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

"Gem and Stony" Mineral Claims situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Sullivan Hill near Mark creek.

Take notice that I, Thos. T. McVittie F. M. C. No. 10601 agent for Chas. H. Wolf, Free Miner's Certificate No. 34838A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates 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 Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1899.

THOS. T. McVITTIE, Agent.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Emerald Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of South East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Lost Creek and is a north eastern extension of the first extension of the Last Chance mineral claim.

Take notice that I, Walter VanArsdalen Free Miner's Certificate No. 10633, 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.

WALTER VANARSDALEN.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1899.

Land Purchase.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C. for a special license to cut timber on a certain piece of land described as follows, and situated in East Kootenay, Province of B. C.: Beginning at a post planted on the west bank of Elk River about a mile and a half north of mouth of Coal creek, thence west (40) forty chains; thence north (40) forty chains; thence west (40) forty chains; thence north (100) one hundred chains; thence east (80) chains more or less to west bank of Elk river; thence following west bank of Elk river in a southerly direction to place of beginning in all (600) one thousand acres more or less.

A. McDOUGALL.

Dated this 20th November 1899.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, Ellen Smith intend, one month after date to make application to purchase the following land in South East Kootenay viz.

Commencing at a post planted near the north west corner of George Pickering's pre-emption; thence north 20 chains; thence west 20 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence east 20 chains to the place of beginning.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C. this 2nd day of December, 1899.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, E. C. Smith, intend, one month after date to make application to purchase the following land in South East Kootenay viz.

Commencing at a post planted about 20 chains west of the south east corner of George Pickering's pre-emption. Thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to the place of beginning.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C. this 2nd day of December, 1899.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph lines within and throughout the Province of British Columbia, and to construct, erect, and maintain such and so many poles and other works and devices as the Company deem necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working, operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone and telegraph, and to open or break up any part or parts of the said highways or streets as often as the said Company its agents, officers or workmen think proper and for the purpose of the undertaking to purchase, acquire or lease, and hold and sell and dispose of lands, buildings or tenements within the limits aforesaid, and to purchase or lease for any term of years, any telephone or telegraph line established or to be established in British Columbia connected, or to be connected, with the line which the Company may construct, and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines, or any portion or portions thereof, to any Company possessing, as proprietor, any line of telephone or telegraph communication connecting, or to be connected, with the said Company's line or lines, and to borrow money for the purposes of the Company, and to pledge or mortgage any of the Company's assets for that purpose, and to receive bonuses, or privileges from any person or body corporate, and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers, or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

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NOTICE.

Take notice that I, William Percy Henry, intend, sixty days from the date, to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works, to purchase Lot 2311, Group 1, Kootenay District.

WILLIAM PERCY HENRY.

Fort Steele, B.C., Dec. 26, 1899.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

COMPANIES ACT, 1897.

"THE GEM SILVER-LEAD MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY."

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Gem Silver-Lead Mining and Smelting 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 situate in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $75,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares of five cent each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Sullivan Hill, and J. Houghton, miner, (not empowered to issue and transfer stock), and whose address is Sullivan Hill aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

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

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

To work, operate, buy, sell, lease, locate, acquire, procure, hold and deal in mines, metals and mineral claims of every kind and description, within the United States of America and in the Province of British Columbia; to carry on and conduct a general mining, smelting, milling and reduction business; to procure, acquire, hold, erect and operate electric and power plants for the purpose of mining and treating ores, and for the purpose of furnishing lights and creating power; to bond, buy, lease, locate and hold ditches, flumes and water rights; to construct, lense, buy, sell, build and operate railroads, ferries, tramways and other means of transportation for transporting ores, mining and other material; to own, bond, buy, sell, lease and locate timber and timber claims; to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and good-will and liabilities of any company, corporation, partnership or person carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or which is in any respect similar to the objects of this Company, or which is capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, or possessed of property deemed suitable for the purposes of this Company; to subscribe for, purchase, or otherwise acquire and hold shares in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as to directly or indirectly benefit this Company; to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company shall see fit.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

MONDAY'S NEWS FROM THE TRANSVAAL.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, Jan. 25.—The following is the text of General Bullers dispatch, dated Spearman's Camp, Jan. 27. General Warren has driven back the enemy and obtained possession of the southern crest of the high tablelands, extending from the line of Acton Holmes and Hougerpost to the western Ladysmith hills, from January 20 until January 25 he remained in close contact with the enemy.

The enemy held a strong position on ranges of small kopjies stretching northwest to southeast across the plateau from Acton Holmes through Spoin Koj to the left bank of the Tugela river.

The actual position held was perfectly tenable, but did not lend itself to an advance, as the southern slopes were so steep that Warren could not get an effective artillery position, and the water supply was difficult.

On January 23 I assented to his attacking Spion Koj, a large hill—indeed, a mountain—which was evidently the key of the position, but was far more accessible from the north than the south. On the night of January 23 he attacked Spion Koj, but found it very difficult to hold, as its perimeter—the boundary—was too large, and water which he had been led to believe existed in this extra dry season, was found to be very deficient.

The crests were held all that day against severe attacks and heavy shell fire. Our men fought with great gallantry.

General Woodgate, who was in command at the summit being wounded, the officer who succeeded him decided on the night of January 24 to abandon the position, and did so before dawn of January 25.

New York, Jan. 25.—While little if any credence is to be placed in the alarmist dispatch from London, published by sensational papers in this city, it is noteworthy that all refer to a rumor that the committee of national defense which held a meeting in London on Saturday had decided to order General White to surrender Ladysmith, or to make an effort to cut his way out.

It is reported from the Boer head laager at Ladysmith, that the British dead left on the battle field yesterday, January 24, numbered 1500.

A LONDON LETTER.

Leadenhall, London, Jan. 12.

To THE PROSPECTOR:

I have no doubt that a few lines from the "Foggy City" occasionally may be of interest to you, also to the readers of THE PROSPECTOR, giving some idea of the popular feeling of the people at home on the war, as the various events in South Africa are enacted.

There is a lull in the excitement as it is felt that nothing will be done until Roberts and Kitchener have reviewed the situation. The confidence of the entire nation is with them, and it is hoped and believed that their presence will turn the tide. Confidence in Buller has waned, as it is felt that both he and Methuen are to blame for attempting frontal attacks instead of flank movements but it is hard for us to judge, not knowing the conditions and disadvantages under which they may be working. It is also felt that wrong formations have been adopted, which have exposed our men to needless slaughter; however the press is lenient in withholding judgment until the end of the war.

Great disappointment is felt in that Buller did not attack after the failure of the Boers' attack on Ladysmith, as it was reasonably felt that a great effort at that time had many advantages, for as the Boers must have felt thoroughly disheartened at their failure and the tremendous loss which they sustained. Unless Ladysmith is greatly in need of relief, further movements on our part are not expected for some days.

The fact that Canada has answered so nobly to the call for volunteers has more than pleased the people and great interest is evinced in their doings.

The City of London volunteers leave tomorrow and consequently are the heroes of the hour. Nothing is too good for them, in fact "Tommy Atkins" has made rapid strides in the affection of the masses, and the appearance of a warrior in khaki, and leggings in the city, almost causes a demonstration. He at any rate must feel a most important individual. Balfour's late speech on the war has caused much disappointment, and is described as jaunty, flippant and frivolous, and the most severe condemnations are from his own most staunch supporters; hardly a paper supports it. But this will not effect the position of the government so long as they take ample and speedy measures of precaution against any contingency which may arise.

Distribution of Samples of Seed Grain

EDITOR, PROSPECTOR:

Dear Sir:

Under instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution of sample packages of the best and most productive sorts of cereals, &c., is now being made from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The distribution will consist, as heretofore, of samples of oats, barley, field pease, Indian corn and potatoes. Each sample will weigh three pounds. The quality of the seed will be of the best, the varieties true to name and the packages will be sent free to applicants, through the mail. The object in view is the improvement of the character and quality of the grain, &c., grown in Canada, an effort widely appreciated, and the choice of varieties to be sent out will be confined to those which have been found to succeed well at the Experimental Farms.

These samples will be sent only to those who apply personally, lists of names from societies or individuals cannot be considered. Only one sample of one sort can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat or barley. Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent any time before the 15th of March, after which date the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may all be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing will please mention the sort of grain they would prefer and should the available stock of the variety named be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place. Letters may be sent to the Experimental Farm free of postage.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director Experimental Farms.
Ottawa, January 22nd, 1900.

Can't Fool Brutes.

"It's a strange thing that illusions as we call 'em, don't fool animals," says an old showman. "I have seen that proved over and over again. A few years ago I had what is known as the Mystic Maze at the Nashville exposition. It was simply a small room filled with mirrors so arranged that you seemed to be in a narrow corridor filled with turns. It was very puzzling and I used to get lost in the place myself, but it never bothered my dog for a moment. He would run through it from end to end and never bump against a mirror. I saw something in the same line in 'Frisco not long ago A friend of mine had an illusion called the Haunted Swing. You get into what seemed to be an ordinary swing hung in the center of a good-sized room, and the thing begins to move. It goes back and forth: and finally clear over the top—that is to say it seems. What really turns around is the room itself the swing standing perfectly still. It is a good illusion, and when the room was revolving rapidly there never was a man who could keep his head in the swing. He seems as if he must certainly pitch out, and if the motion is kept up he gets deathly sick. But a pet cat belonging to my friend used to lie on the edge of the seat and never turn a hair, no matter how fast the thing was worked. The elder Herrman told me that animals were never deceived by false table legs, built up with looking glasses and used in stage tricks. They always passed around on the other side. I guess they must see better some how than men."

The Strathcona Horse.

Canada is profoundly impressing the British public. The Times says: "How immense is the reserve strength on which England in a just cause can draw, is strikingly revealed in Lord Strathcona's munificent offer. It comes from one who is at once a Canadian citizen and a British peer." It adds: "There are not many countries in the world where individual citizens are found able to prove their patriotism on so splendid a scale. Such an offering to the common cause of the Empire would have been welcome from any quarter, but it is doubly welcome from the representative of the greatest self-governing colony."

Nobility to the Front.

Among the prominent Englishmen who have recently volunteered for service in the war against the Boers, are the Duke of Marlborough, who will furnish one hundred and fifty men and horses; the Earl of Warwick, a rich peer, who owns Warwick Castle and other famous residences; the Earl of Dudley, whose great fortune consists in part of coal and iron mines; the Earl of Lonsdale, who possesses nearly seventy thousand acres of valuable land, and is an intimate friend of the German emperor; and England's premier duke, the Duke of Norfolk, who is postmaster-general and by no means a young man (he was born in 1847). The Duke of Norfolk's position in the cabinet, and his tremendous business, to say nothing of his power as lay head of the Catholic church in England, will probably prevent the acceptance of his offer.

After a Cold Drive a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer mixed with a glass of hot water and sugar will be found a better stimulant than whiskey. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

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Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now I am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Trial bottles free at BLEASDELL'S Drug Store: every bottle guaranteed.

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The Prospector

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

B. C. SOUTHERN LAND GRANT

One of the most important questions that is before the people of South East Kootenay today, is, has the provincial government allotted the land grant to the B. C. Southern Railway, and if so, how was or is it to be segrigated.

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While in Fernie some weeks ago, it was reported to a PROSPECTOR representative, by a member of the Coal Company, that the land grant question had been settled, not fully understanding what particular land grant was referred to, we undertook to ascertain what grants were being conveyed to either the coal or railway company.

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We learn that the lands under the B. C. Southern charter, are now under process of being crown granted, and placed in possession of representatives of the B. C. Southern railway, or their successors.

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And that instead of following out as far as practicable the agreements of that charter, "the taking of alternate sections on either side of said railway line," it is to be taken in one large block south and east of Elk river.

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We wonder if the government fully understand, and have a complete knowledge of what the result will be, of giving this large tract of land to the representatives of the B. C. Southern or their successors.

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The Coal Company secured a large amount of valuable coal land, at $1 per acre, thereby entailing a direct loss to the Province of not less than $3,000,000, by their own, the Coal Company's figures, and as figured by disinterested parties nearly $50,000,000. And is the government aware of the fact that there is a large acreage of coal outside of that owned by the Coal Company also large oil fields on Kishnæna creek, that in the near future, will be equally as valuable as the present coal fields now owned by the Crow's Nest Coal Company.

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"The grant to be conceded to to the B. C. Southern railway or their successors, will be taken from a reserve, extending from the summit of the main range of the Rocky Mountains, 25 miles west on the International Boundary, thence north to Elk river, as far as Michael creek, thence following Michael creek to the summit of the Rocky mountains, embracing every foot of coal land, also oil lands, in South East Kootenay."

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It is reported that the coal lands now owned by the Crow's Nest Coal Company, would have made British Columbia the richest province in the world; and there is no doubt but the lands about to be conveyed under the B. C. Southern grant, are equally as valuable as that owned by the Coal Company.

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THE PROSPECTOR, in the interests of the people of South East Kootenay, and the Province, submits the above facts for the earnest consideration of the public, and particularly invite correspondence on this subject from those having a knowledge of the value of said lands.

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Since writing the above we have on examination of the plats at the government office ascertained that the B. C. Southern have already succeeded in having Crown granted 6,000 acres of the Elk river reserve, said acreage extending south and east from Elk river and practically taking in all of the reserve except a small portion in the south east corner of the Province. The crown grants were issued August 19th 1899.

Fort Steele is making rapid advances. It is estimated that the population will increase at least fifty per cent during the year. There is no place prettier in the Province to live in.

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The pessimist who says that he does not believe that the north and south railway will be built should put himself in communication with the executive department of the C. P. R.

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With the approach of spring there will be an inflow of strangers to this section. The fame of the Fort Steele mining division has gone abroad and mining men who keep in close touch with the development of the different sections will come here. There is a great future for the district, and those who are on the ground should take advantage of the changing conditions.

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Much to the surprise of most people a great work of reform has swept over Rossland. The slotomachines were all closed at midnight on Thursday of last week. The new mayor is bound to sweep out vice etc.

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The people of Cranbrook are a contented people, and want nothing, says the Herald. We will admit that they don't want much. A deputy recording office for railway towns with one exception. A deputy recording office for every town in the district with one exception. The removal of the government office to a town on the railway, to the only town not mentioned in their petition, "Beautiful Cranbrook." No they don't want much, "a deputy recording offices for other towns, but the government headquarters must be at Cranbrook."

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The Moyie Board of Trade, would have nothing to do with the Cranbrook petition.

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The Moyie miners voted down the Cranbrook petition, though promised 100 signatures to their labor petition.

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TRANSVAAL NEWS.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, Jan. 31.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing yesterday says:

General Buller read yesterday morning the following message from the Queen to Sir Charles Warren: "I must express my admiration of your troops during the past trying week, especially of those regiments you specify, and of the accomplishment of your arduous march."

General Buller told the men they ought not to think because they had retired from their position that their work was of no avail, on the contrary they had gained the key of the road to Ladysmith, in which place he hoped to be within a week.

A dispatch to the Times from Frere camp dated the 25 describing the capture of Spion Kop, says: "It was impossible to exaggerate the strategic importance of the hill. It was held by the Boers in a weakly fashion, only because General Warren's attack during the past three days had been on the extreme right two miles away.

Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 26.—A special dispatch from Pretoria reports that a collision occurred at Crocidile Pool between Boer outpost and British, who were in overwhelming force. The burghers drove the British from their position. The Boers had two wounded.

London, Jan. 30.—A dispatch from General Roberts dated today says: "There is no change in the situation in South Africa".

London, Jan. 29.—The public are awaiting developments. It is believed that the initiative must be made by the Boers either by an attack on Ladysmith or on Buller's camp at Cheively.

Roberts will not be able to start north through the Orange Free State for a fortnight, when he will have an army of 70,000 men on the march and 50,000 behind to keep communication open.

British losses to date are placed at 6,523, of which 2,486 were killed.

The British parliament opens today.

Recruiting for Lord Strathcona's horse begins Feb. 5th.

The British Columbia corps may sail from St. John's on February 17, and the Strathcona Horse by the Monterey on February 25.

A special dispatch from Frere camp dated Friday, Jan. 26, says "I have just ridden in here having left General Buller's force in the new position south of the Tugela river, to which they retired in consequence of the reverse at Spion Kop. The fighting both before and after the occupation of the mountain was of a desperate character.

Slocan Labor Situation.

The labor situation in the Slocan does not seem to have improved, in fact the tension is getting greater and when it will end it is hard to say. Men brought from the coast on arriving at Bossburg, on learning the condition of affairs refused to go to work. It is now nine months since the Payne mine closed down, and but little work has been done there since. It is unfortunate that such a state of affairs exist. It will be some time before the difficulty will be adjusted.

About Fraser River.

Mr. J. D. Kendall the well-known mining expert is contributing a series of articles to the London Mining Journal on the auriferous alluvium of the Fraser river and its tributaries. The first article is devoted to the early discovery of gold, and the amounts which have been received from the washings of the creek beds from 1858 until the present time. Mr. Kendall is well calculated to write upon this subject, as during his residence in this Province he has had ample opportunities to study the conditions. The early history of the Fraser river diggings is particularly interesting.

Americans Shot by Mexicans.

El Paso, Texas,—The mail tonight from Guaymas, Mexico, brings the news that six Americans were shot during last week near the foot of the Bacatete mountains, east of Guaymas, by order of General Torres, who is in command of Mexican troops now operating against the Yaqui Indians in the Bacatete range.

It is reported that the matter was brought to the attention of the American consul at Guaymas, but the latter declined to act. It is said that the Mexican troops found the Americans in friendly intercourse with the Yaquis, whom the troops have surrounded in the range. Some of the Americans are known here and are prospectors. Americans at Guaymas warn all Americans to keep away from the Yaqui country.

For Country, Not For Cash.

Wm. E. English, of Indiana, a son of the Democratic candidate for Vice-President in 1880, today sent to the Treasury a cheque for $1172. Mr. English was a captain and assistant quartermaster in the volunteer army during the war with Spain. He failed to make application for his pay, and kept out of the way of the paymaster until a short time ago. Captain English sent the cheque to Senator Fairbanks and asked him to turn it into the Treasury, with the statement that he served his country in time of danger for his country's sake and not for money, that he did not want and would not have the money.

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The Rambler.

The Rambler has not been in evidence for a couple of weeks for various reasons, chiefly because the town has been on its good behaviour and the best (?) men have gone to shed their blood on the veldt. These latter are deserving of commendation. It is not every man no matter how patriotic he may be, who would care to be a target for Boer sharpshooters. There is, however, an opportunity for those whose duties prevent them from going to the front to join the home guard, or in other words to become soldiers of the Queen, with only a remote possibility of being called on for active service.

The Rambler was shocked on going to church last Sunday to notice that the young people, who generally attend service on Sunday evening were conspicuous by their absence. Inquiry revealed the fact that the skating across the river was excellent, and instead of attending divine service they were cutting figures on the smooth ice. Even the choir was absent. It is to be hoped that it may not be of frequent occurrence.

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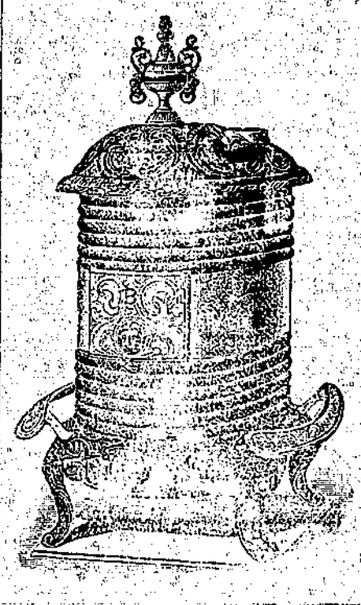

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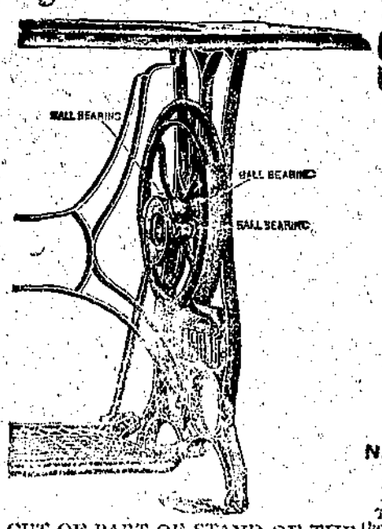

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Charles Estmore returned from a visit to the Empire mine on Thursday. He seems elated over the outlook, and expresses the opinion that the Empire is one of the big things of South East Kootenay.

The Prospector.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

Origin of South Africa Place Names.

Natal means birthday, and was so called in honor of Vasco de Gama's discovery of Port Natal, (now called Durban) on Christmas Day.

Durban, named after Sir Benjamin Durban, who was governor in 1534.

Orange River was named after the Prince of Orange.

Gordon Bay named after Captain Gordon.

Caledon, named after Lord Caledon, the English governor.

Clanwilliam takes its title from an Irish nobleman who lived there.

Grahamstown took its name from Colonel Graham.

Somerset is reminiscent of Lord Charles Somerset, another governor.

Colesburg, derived from the name of Sir Lowry Cole, governor.

Malmesbury was the family name of Sir Lowry Cole's wife. Hence the name of Malmesbury.

Wynberg, name derived from the vineyards.

Simon's Bay, Simonstown, and Simonsberg, all come from the name of a Dutch governor, Simon Van der Stel.

Pietermaritzburg is made up of a combination of the names of Gerrit Maritz and Pieter Retief.

Pretoria's likeness to Pretorius will be at once seen.

Bloemfontein means Bloem's fountain or spring.

Harrismith and Ladysmith are called after Sir Harry Smith and his wife, Lady Smith, the former governor of the Cape in 1852.

Aliwal, the name of Sir Harry Smith's famous charger.

Concerning Lead Values.

The new method for settling for lead values in ores, which took effect last week in all the syndicate smelters—and necessarily in those outside—is an important gain to the miner, remarks the Denver News. Instead of following the present broker's quotation, which is purely arbitrary, the settlement each week will represent the average cash quotation of the week preceding. Had this been hitherto in force, the week's settlements would allow $4.72½ per 100 pounds, and not $4.45, the arbitrary quotation. The difference would reach 27½ cents per hundred pounds, or $5.50 per ton. The broker's quotation is not all consistent with the present condition of market for lead.

The Size of South Africa.

If you were to take the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the northern to the southern boundary lines, and increase the area threefold on the continent of Africa, you would still have enough land for the Republic of France, the entire German Empire, all of Austria-Hungary, the kingdom of Italy, all that is left of Spain, and, of course a few odd corners in which the British Isles could be stored without any difficulty. This may give some idea of the enormous extent of that wonderful country. Within the memory of this present generation it was practically unknown to the world. Now we find it so full of riches and possibilities that the great nations of Europe are each year sacrificing thousands of lives that they may extend their boundary lines. Five thousand miles is the length of this great continent, and at its widest part it is 4,000 miles. It is the only one of the continents which lies equally to the north and south of the equator.

Sir George White.

Sir George White is a man says an exchange. He conducted the operations at Elandslaagte but reported that victory belonged to General French. He defended Ladysmith and defeated the Boers, but told the war office that the honor belonged to two officers under him. He lost at Nicholson's nek and cabled Lon- that he alone was to blame. Sir George is a man, and that is the highest tribute that can be paid to him.

A Big Gun.

At the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, lies a 13-inch rifled gun for the battleship Wisconsin, now approaching completion. The cannon is forty feet long weighs seventy tons and will throw a projectile ten miles. The Wisconsin will have four of these, the largest guns ever put on an American battleship.

Spelling Reform.

Reform in the spelling of the English language, Professor Skeat, of Oxford, has said, must begin on this continent. The National Education of the United States has decided to drop the "ue" in words ending in "ogue," and to write "altho" and "thru". The University of Chicago and the Chicago Public School Board have adopted these changes. Small as this beginning is, it will probably lead in time to some reformation in English as she is spelled, but not to changes so sweeping as those to which spelling reformers look forward.

According to a London journal the number of varieties of postage stamps now current in the world is 13,811. England has 131, her colonies 8,853. The United States has only 268 different kinds, while the Republic of Salvador finds a use for as many as 272.

America shipped more than 50 per cent of the total world's export of wheat and flour during the year 1899, the shipments being more than three times that of any other country.

A Pullman sleeping car is now running from Kansas City to Mexico City, a distance of 2300 miles.

Despised Humble Beginnings.

Once a son of Erin came to New York and went through the usual stages of evolution. First he was a corporation laborer, working with his pick and mattock in a ditch; then he became a policeman and worked not at all, but acquired influence, and took cess; then he entered the inner ring of Tammany and became a contractor. He died wealthy, but all through his life he and his wife were tender of allusion to his humble beginnings. When Murphy was dead and the casket reposed in the drawing room his widow came down stairs to see the floral tributes.

"Ah," she said, "the Gates Ajahr is butiful! An' that Broken Colyum—how touching! An' the bleedin' heart, swately pretty! An' the pillar of——/ But here she came across an anchor "I wonder now," and her eyes snapped. "I wonder who the divil sint that pick!"

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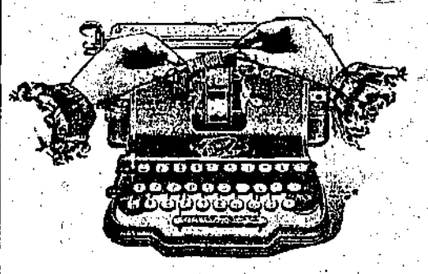

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

A. C. Nelson is busily engaged in getting out plans for the new hotel.

All kinds of meat and poultry at the McInnes meat market.

Father Coccola has gone to Spokane.

Now is the time to insure. Remember the fated Imperial Hotel and call at once on M. A. BEALE, Agent Imperial Insurance Co.

N. A. Wallinger and R. O. Jennings went to Kimberley on Sunday morning returning the following day.

The Indians of East Kootenay were all vaccinated last spring by Rev. Father Coccola and Indian Agent Galbraith. So there need be no fear of the spread of the small-pox among the Indians of this section.

McInnes & Co. are selling beef by the side for 7½ cents.

Edward Mallandaine, Jr., J. P., of Creston, visited Fort Steele on Sunday last.

Joe Taenhauser, Watchmaker and Jeweler, opposite the Post Office. All work guaranteed.

J. E. Humphreys, of Wolf creek, was a visitor in Fort Steele during the week.

McInnes & Co. are selling beef by the side for 7½ cents, all other meats and poultry in proportion to the above price.

Lumber is now being hauled for the new hotel.

C. A. Carman, Vancouver, and H. H. Weld, Victoria, were in the city on Tuesday.

A. B. Grace went to Macleod on Tuesday to meet Mrs. Grace who is returning from an eastern trip. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grace arrived in town on Wednesday.

The Post Office Department state that communications for members of the Canadian contingent should be addressed as follows: To ——————, Canadian Military Contingent serving in South Africa.

Dan McNeish and wife returned from a two months trip to Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride of Calgary are visiting their sons, Messrs. McBride Bro's. of this city.

A. T. Caldwell, general manager of the Caldwell Mines Limited, now working the Old Abe group of mines on Ball river, came up from the mine on Wednesday.

Col. Hugh Henderson of Moyie was in town on Sunday last.

Fort Steele is not lacking in patriotism although there has been no entertainment for the benefit of the men who have gone to the front.

John R. Reaves of the Grand Forks Miner has gone to take charge of the Republic Miner.

There will be a masquerade ball at Moyie on the evening of St. Valentine's Day, February 14th.

J. F. Armstrong went to Palmer's Bar on Tuesday last.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce had a fine new steel cage put in a few days ago.

James T. Laidlaw returned from a trip to Toronto and other Eastern points a few days ago.

There will be service at St. John's Episcopal church at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p. m. Holy communion will be administered at the close of the morning service. The vicar will preach at both morning and evening service.

It is learned that the committees who went out to Moyie and Kimberley with a petition to have the government offices removed to Cranbrook, were disappointed, being unable to arouse the enthusiasm that was expected.

Six wagons loaded with supplies passed through Fort Steele on Tuesday last from the Junction, on their way to Wardner to outfit. They will establish a camp on the east side of the river. While here they purchased a large amount of supplies.

Should this meet the eye of Frank Freeman or of any one knowing his whereabouts, they will confer a favor by sending his address to Wm. Fernie, Fernie, B. C. or to Indian Agent Galbraith, Fort Steele.

James D Swords, the well known mining man, was married a few days ago to Mrs. Kelly of Greenwood, B. C. The happy couple have taken up their abode in Rossland. The many friends of Mr. Sword in this section extend congratulation.

Professor Cooper, the blind phrenologist is lecturing in West Kootenay. It is possible he may visit East Kootenay to feel the bumps on the heads of our citizens.

The bond on the Black Bear mine near Kimberley was fully paid up yesterday.

W. C. Perry of Winnipeg arrived in town on Thursday last.

A. McDougle of Cranbrook, was a visitor in Fort Steele during the week.

W. M. Gates representing the big crockery firm of Cowe & Kent of Toronto was in town on Thursday.

The Provincial House.

The week in the Provincial House has been given over to discussion of McKechnies coal mines regulation act, particularly section 3 applying educational test to mines.

Estimates will come up on Monday.

A number of petitions from Rossland, Slocan, and other West Kootenay districts against the eight hour law were introduced.

It was intended to hold a night session last night, but Prentice held up the government and forced an adjournment.

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.

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Dance at Kimberley.

There was a dance at the Kimberley Hotel on Wednesday evening and people from Fort Steele, Cranbrook and the surrounding country were in attendance. The Fort Steele Brass Band went out and were met with open arms by all of the people. The band enjoys the distinction of being the first organization of its kind which has ever visited the mountain city. The dance was a great success, and every one who attended report having had a jolly time. Wellman & Hurd did everything in their power to make the affair one to be remembered.

The Ice Crop.

There will be no scarcity of ice this summer, the recent cold snap has insured a plentiful supply. Messrs. Sick & Mutz started in on Monday to fill their ice houses, and a number of other people started in during the week.

A Surprise Party.

About forty ladies and gentlemen, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nather, gave them a generous surprise party on Friday night of last week. Those who were present say it was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season. There was good music and splendid refreshments. The party did not break up until 3 o'clock Saturday morning; they were loth to leave even at that hour.

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Quarantine Officers.

Mr. Phillipps has been appointed special quarantine officer at Tobacco Plains to report everyone crossing the boundary from the south. Archie McCloud has been appointed at Fernie to inspect passengers coming into the Province from eastern Montana. Dr. Hugh Watt has been appointed special quarantine officer at Fort Steele. The doctor has telegraphed to Victoria for vaccine points.

Building Notes.

Several new residences will be built early in the spring.

The Government building will be enlarged during the coming season.

The new club house will be built on one of the lots between J. A. Harvey's office and Mrs. Levetts.

The Hannigton house on Riverside avenue was finished some time ago. It is one of the most complete cottages in town.

Nothing has been heard lately in regard to the Masonic Hall, which was reported would be built shortly.

The new hall of the Fort Steele brass band will be completed in time for the grand opening dance which it has been decided to hold on St. Valentine's Day the 14th February.

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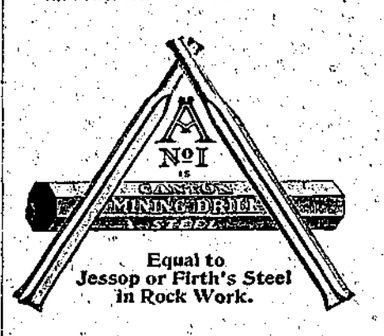

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