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NEW HALL DEDICATED.

The Fort Steele Brass Band Gave a Most Successful Ball.

One of the most enjoyable social events which has ever taken place in Fort Steele was the ball given by the members of the Fort Steele Brass Band in dedicating their new hall.

The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and on entering the building the room presented the appearance of a parlor. The band occupied the stage. The elite of the town turned out, besides there were large delegations from Kimberley and Cranbrook.

Dainty refreshments were served at midnight, and dancing continued until a late hour.

The members of the band can congratulate themselves upon the success of the first ball in the new building. It is learned that the ball is only one of a series of dances to be given, the proceeds of which will go towards defraying the expense incurred in the erection of the building, which is by far the largest and best hall in East Kootenay.

There were about 200 people in attendance on Tuesday evening, and the net receipts were in the neighborhood of $100.

A GRAND SEND OFF.

The Members of the Strathcona Horse Recruited in Fort Steele Off to the War.

Last week was one long to be remembered by the people of Fort Steele. It was a week of genuine excitement, the town was filled with young men from all parts of the district to join the Strathcona Horse.

The people of Fort Steele were anxious to do the young fellows honor, and spared no pains to make their stay in town a pleasant one. That they succeeded, is borne out by the flattering expressions of each and every recruit. The reception on Thursday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the men, who were loud in their praises of the hospitality of the citizens of Fort Steele.

On Saturday morning the whole town turned out to see them off; and as many as could secure teams accompanied them to Cranbrook, the brass band went with them and furnished music until their instruments froze up.

At the depot the people of Fort Steele were prominent in their leave taking, the platform was crowded, Priest the Photographer made pictures of the contingent, the conductor shouted "all aboard", the boys cheered, and the train moved on, amid the shouts of the assembled multitude.

At Wardner, Elko and other places on the line, the people assembled to cheer the boys on their way to the war.

The grand finale, was at Fernie. The whole town turned out, stores were closed, and it was reported that the mine work was stopped so as to enable the miners to assist in bidding "good bye" to the contingent. It was a grand demonstration, well worthy of the citizens of Fernie, and appreciated to the fullest extent by the contingent from Nelson, as well as those from South East Kootenay.

HERALD OFFICE.

Cranbrook, Feb. 13th, 1900.

A. B. GRACE,
EDITOR PROSPECTOR:
Fort Steele, B. C.

The Cranbrook members of the Strathcona Horse, requested me prior to their departure, to extend through THE PROSPECTOR—their heartfelt thanks to the kind people of Fort Steele for the magnificent entertainment given them on Thursday evening; and for many expressions of friendship received from the patriotic and liberal hearted citizens of your town. The boys were unanimous in their gratitude, and say that wherever fate carries them in the struggles for the "Union Jack" they will always have a warm place in their hearts for the good people who made their parting so merry.

Respectfully
F. E. SIMPSON, Ed.

STRATHCONA HORSE.

The following verses were composed by the members of the East Kootenay contingent, while on the train, enroute to Ottawa.

Telegraph to General White,
"Strathcona's Horse" has come to fight
We'll put the Boers all out of sight,
We will, we will.
The Boers may think they have a snap
But when Col. Steele gives them a rap
They'll all be caught like rats in a trap
They will, they will.
We're used to shooting cougar's
Also we can shoot Kruger's
We're on to their maneuvers
We are, we are.
Although we are unknown to fame
We can fight them at their own game
And we'll make them awful lame
We will, we will.
We will fight for our Queen's name
And we'll fight for Britain's fame
With our hot lead just the same
We will, we will.
We will celebrate Dominion Day
In their city of Pretoria
And they'll think we have come to stay
They will, they will.
We are from the wooley west
We are horsemen of the best
We'll leave the world to say the rest
We will, we will.
We are travelling on the train
And with Parker We'll remain
And he'll lead us on to fame
He will, he will.

One of our American citizens recently made an offer to another citizen, to take care of his family in case he desired to go to South Africa.

One thousand dollars was raised in Fernie for the benefit of the volunteers from South East Kootenay, and the Canadian patriotic fund.

Frank E. Leach, who went out with the second contingent from Fort Steele, has received his commission as Lieutenant. His picture has been in the Montreal and Winnipeg papers, fortunately they were labeled, otherwise his friends at Fort Steele would not have recognized him.

Cards of Thanks.

The ladies of Fort Steele who were instrumental in arranging for the entertainment of the members of the Strathcona Horse recruited here, publicly thank the members of the Fort Steele brass band for their generosity in extending to them the use of their new hall, and for the services of their organization on the occasion of the reception.

Captain Parker and the members of Strathcona Horse recruited at Fort Steele, desire to extend their sincere thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of Fort Steele for the generous hospitality extended to them during their stay, and especially to the ladies, who were instrumental in arranging for the hearty reception tendered them in the Academy of Music, and beg to say that each and every one carry away with them pleasant memories of the kind treatment accorded them.

J. E. Saucier says, that the work on the Copper Crown and excess mines in Isadore Canyon will be actively carried on during the coming season.

WINNIPEG ENTHUSIASTIC.

The Strathcona Horse Met With a Grand Reception.

The people of Winnipeg gave the members of the Strathcona Horse a rousing reception last Monday. Notwithstanding the intense cold, a big crowd assembled at the depot to welcome them.

The special train in which the soldiers travelled was gaily decorated. On the Fort Steele coach was attached a large streamer on which were the words: "East Kootenay, B. C. troop, from Steele to Pretoria," while a streamer on the Nelson coach read: "From Nelson to Pretoria, or bust. Strathcona Horse." Both streamers were embellished with Union Jacks and military accoutrements.

The men were escorted to the drill hall, where a fine feed was furnished, after which they listened to patriotic speeches.

At the conclusion of the speeches the men lined up and after the roll had been called they marched to the station. Harry Melton, a popular citizen of Fort Steele, B. C., marched at the head of the procession with the Union Jack. Mr. Melton, who until a few years ago was a United States citizen, wore a Stars and Stripes hat band and his appearance created much enthusiasm.

The crowd that assembled at the depot when the men boarded the train was greater than was present on the arrival, and at 9 o'clock the train pulled out amid shouts and cheers of those assembled.—*Winnipeg Tribune.*

The flag which was carried by Harry Melton was presented to the Fort Steele recruits by E. C. Miller of this city.

THE RED LINE.

Peterboro Going Ahead At a Rapid Rate.

W. M. Stewart is in receipt of a letter from a friend at the Red Line group of mines bearing date of February 1st, which says: "Everything is going ahead at a brisk rate, three shifts are being worked on the tunnel and raise; I am working in the latter. Mr. Starbird expects to commence stoping in the course of a few days, and will rawhide the ore down to the creek.

Peterboro without a doubt has every prospect of going ahead rapidly. The sawmill is at work night and day, turning out 20,000 feet of lumber every 24 hours and every foot of it is being taken as fast as it is turned out. Lots are cheap there now, $175 being the highest price paid and $50 the lowest. The townsite people have only a small part of their holdings surveyed, which will put the fifty dollar lots in a good locality in the course of time. As soon as I get hold of some dough it is my intention to get a hold of some of the cheaper lots. Take my advice and run up and size-up things for yourself. I am satisfied a man will double his money in the investment in a short time. If you could attach the Oriental to a balloon and transfer it to Peterboro, you would be ahead of the game in a short time, as there is only one hotel there, a regular shell, and it is doing a first-class business.

Telegraph Brevities.

Owing to the Press gallery objecting to a night session one was not held yesterday in the British Columbia House.

France is said to have designs against England's West India route.

The Winnipeg Victorias were defeated by the Shamrocks of Montreal, three goals to two, in the second match for the Stanley Cup.

The Ontario speech was opened by the speech from the throne in which the war in South Africa was referred to, the tax on logs, and the lumber industry.

THE PROVINCIAL HOUSE.

Martin Motion Defeated.—Mr. Cotton Receives Kind Words From Both Sides of the House.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15.—The second Cotton-Martin duel took place this afternoon, but was unproductive of sensation. Martin moved resolution. His speech was devoid of fight, he was so careful in choosing his words. Cotton denied Colorado charges which he said was sent the Denver Times by a would-be blackmailer. He paid tribute to Davie for suppressing article which was offered him. He said that although Davie was an opponent he was not a political assassin. As to the matter of going to jail for refusing to divulge names, he would do so again today if necessary.

As to the Colorado enterprise, he said, he had given his own private fortune in the endeavor to save others with whom he was connected, and had no need to be ashamed of it.—(Cheers).

Booth asked Martin to withdraw resolution.

Helmcken defended Cotton.

Baker corroborated Cotton's remarks regarding Colorado. He said he had met his Cotton's former private secretary in London and he had told him the same as Cotton had now stated.

Hume and McKechnie denied falsification of the records.

Martin made slashing reply and the motion was put and voted down by 21 to 7.

The majority of 14 received with cheers

Building Notes.

McInnes & Co. will in a few days commence extensive improvements to his premises on Riverside Avenue. An addition of twenty feet will be made to the present store building, and the cold storage capacity largely increased. The old log building in the rear of the market will be torn down.

The new club building will shortly be under construction. A detailed description of the building was given in a previous issue.

The contract for the brick basement to the new hotel has been awarded to contractor Henry Crofts, and the work of excavation was commenced this week.

Several residences will be erected as soon as the weather will permit, and the building of several stores and business houses are contemplated. A number of old buildings are to be overhauled and made suitable for business purposes.

Colonel Dougherty is hard at work on his claim and has brought from there some fine looking ore, while no assays have been made, the rock has the appearance of being rich.

At the Empire mine the work is going steadily forward. Manager Estmere says, the ore now being taken out is of value sufficient to warrant shipment.

It is said that a strike of considerable importance has been made on White Fish creek, a tributary of the St. Mary's.

Work is progressing on the Big Chief and Dupont claims on Boulder Creek.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

General French Relieves Kimberley. Cronje Will Fight At Fourteen Streams.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, Feb. 16.—The war office has issued orders for the formation of 21 new batteries and three battalions of infantry.

The Cabinet Council was in session yesterday at London for two hours. It will meet again Monday. This is unusual.

London, Feb. 16.—It is announced that Lord Roberts has cut off communications with Bloemfontein, and it is expected that General Cronje will leave the siege of Kimberley, desert the capitol and give battle to the advancing army at Fourteen Streams.

The British at Chievely are hopeful of relieving Ladysmith.

London, Feb. 16.—The war office has announced that General French relieved Kimberley yesterday, Thursday.

Later to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, Feb. 16.—1 a. m.—The war office reports that Gen. French reached Kimberley Thursday evening. The following is Lord Robert's message to the war office: "Jacobsdale, Feb. 15.—General French with a force of artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry reached Kimberley this evening, Thursday.

London, Feb. 16.—London takes the relief of Kimberley very quietly. The news was immediately posted at the Mansion House and at the various clubs and hotels, but no where did it attract more than ordinary attention. At the same time there is an immense feeling of satisfaction and renewed confidence that Lord Roberts plan of campaign is working satisfactorily.

Arundel, Feb. 14.—General Clements withdrew from Renesberg during the night, his rear guard arriving at Arundel early this morning. The Boers promptly followed, reoccupying their old position in the Tasbosish Hills where they have been shelling the British cavalry patrols effectually. The British guns returnd the fire making fairly accurate practice.

London, Feb. 16.—There are no further details of the relief of Kimberley. Had Lord Roberts inflicted a decisive defeat on the Boers it is believed he would have mentioned it, as such a success would be great by assisting in the relief of Kimberley. However General French's entry into Kimberley has been effected and doubtless brings joy to the hearts of those who have been shut up in that city for 122 days. Their defenders number about 4,000 men, while General French's force is estimated to be between 6,000 and 8,000 men. The sixth and seventh divisions have already crossed the river and are probably with Lord Roberts at Jacobsdale.

What has happened to Cronje and the whereabouts of his forces puzzles the experts.

A dispatch from Cape Town dated Feb. 14.—Received this morning says the Boers are leaving Magersfontein to reinforce other positions. It is estimated that between 7,000 and 10,000 men remain there.

Lord Robert's wide turning movement via Jacobsdale may have cut off these troops from Bloemfontein, but while the British forces are endeavoring to intercept the Boers communications, there is a parallel Boer column trying to cut off the British lines to Deaar, and is apparently meeting with some success. Though later dispatches referring to General Clements retirement to Arundel say the movement was undertaken for strategic purposes, and that during the course of the march the Boers were driven off by a heavy fire, the Inniskillens charging brilliantly and inflicted great loss on the burghers.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Col. Steele says he could have raised another regiment in the northwest he is receiving applications daily for positions.

Defends Mr. Parker.

John Curran employed at the North Star mine was in town on Wednesday. While here he heard reports that Mr. Parker, the superintendent of the North Star, was not a favorite with the men. He desires to correct this impression, and says that Superintendent Parker is well liked by all of the mine employees, and says that in his experience of 36 years in mining he has never met a man who was so thoroughly a gentleman in his dealings with the men under him, and no one could be more considerate of the comfort and welfare of the mine worker. The new bunk house is fitted up with bath rooms, and a good reading room has been supplied in fact the management of the North Star in this respect could be copied with profit by other mine owners in the district.

Deering Is All Right.

Richard Deering who went out with the Strathcona Horse, while in Fort Steele wired the following to the Fernie Free Press:

Fort Steele, B. C., Feb. 9, 1900.
To the Free Press:
Fernie, B. C.

Send cable dispatch to Kruger and tell him to look out for a cyclone, as the Rocky Mountain Rangers will soon strike his trail. We are coming!

DEERING.

Mining Notes.

W. H. Jaffray, who was in Fort Steele a few days ago, has entered the employ of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, as their mining engineer.

A small shipment of ore from the I. P. L. mine near Rossland gave a net return of over $1,000 to the ton.

It was reported a few days ago that the Le Roi mine at Rossland had been closed down. The management, however, denies any knowledge of the closing down of the mines, or of any of the properties of the B. A. Corporation.

The work on the Old Abe group is progressing rapidly. In the two months, during which the present company, has been at work, two tunnels have been driven in on the vein for a distance of 100 feet each, with pay ore from the grass roots.

On the Estella considerable work of an encouraging nature has been done under the new management, but little however of the character of ore encountered can be ascertained.

Nothing further regarding the recent strike on the Dardanelles has been learned during the past week.

The North Star tramway will be completed today and shipments from the mine will be commenced at once.

It is expected that track laying on the North Star branch railway will be completed tonight, the rails were laid within three miles of the terminus on Tuesday last.

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Certificate of Improvements.

MINERAL ACT, 189

(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. 1969 agent for Chas. H. Wolf Free Miner's Certificate No. 73858A, 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.

48-4 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. B 9651, 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.

11-52 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 1 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 (160) 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 (1040) one thousand acres more or less.

A. McDONALD.

Dated this 20th November, 1899. 48-52

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. 50-4

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 20 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 20 chains; thence west 40 chains to the place of beginning.

Dated at Fort Steele B. C. this 2nd day of December, 1899. 50-4

READ.

THE PROSPECTOR.

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You all want the latest and fullest war news. You will find it in The Winnipeg Tribune. Special arrangements have been completed by The Tribune to secure the very fullest and most reliable news from the seat of war in South Africa.

If you get your mail even two or three times a week, The Daily Tribune will be found of great interest.

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It contains the complete war news of the week.

The local general elections for Manitoba are at hand. The Dominion elections may not be very far away. Don't be misled with garbled political reports. Subscribe for The Tribune, which publishes the actual facts and allows the people to judge for themselves. Address all orders to

The Tribune Publishing Co.,
Winnipeg.

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.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1899.

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J. A. HARVEY, Fort Steele, B.C.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, William Percy Henry, intend sixty days from this date to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase Lot 597, Group 1, Kootenay District.

WILLIAM PERCY HENRY.

Fort Steele, B. C., Nov. 28, 1899. 1-9

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, lease, 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 18th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
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J. W. CRANE, Agt. Fort Steele Jct. F. M. REDHURST, Agt. Cranbrook.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, for permission to purchase the following described piece of land. Commencing at the south west corner of lot 2793, group 1, thence south eleven chains, more or less, to the edge of the bluff on the St. Mary's river, thence following said bluff, down stream eighty chains; thence north to the south east corner of said lot 2793, group 1, thence west to the point of commencement.

J. F. ADAMS.

Dated at Fort Steele this 24th day of January, 1900. 4-8

Wanted.—A position as clerk in a grocery store, have had ten years' experience. Best of references given. Address box 598, St. Thomas, Ontario.

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 1900

MONDAY'S NEWS FROM THE TRANSVAAL

London, Feb. 10.—The war office has just issued the following dispatch dated today from General commandant at Cape Town: Clements reports from Renesburg that on Friday the Boers tried to turn his right flank, but were beaten off, but the position was maintained. The casualities were small.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Feb. 9.—The alarm was given at midnight that Ladysmith troops were trying to force a passage in the direction of the Free States Laager. Heavy firing was heard but no particulars were received.

London, Feb. 9.—Telegrams received here from Lorenzo Marquis, speak of a sortie from Ladysmith on the night of Thursday to Friday. Such an attempt of General White to cut his way out was probable, and may succeed, though nature of modern weapons is against him, and there would be a heavy loss and many stragglers cut off.

The likelihood of General White trying to cut his way out would explain reticence of war office, and it would also explain the demonstration from Chievely of which we have heard of only through a Boer telegram.

Durban, Feb. 11.—It is rumored here that General Joubert is marching with a column of 6,000 to outflank General Buller.

Lord Roberts is at Modder river. Upon appearing before the troops on Friday he was enthusiastically cheered. He visited the camp of the Highland brigade and complimented General Macdonald and his men on their steady conduct at Koodoasberg Drift.

London, Feb. 13.—Lord Roberts has gathered 35,000 men with which he purposes turning left of Magersfontein line near Jacobsdale in the Free States, and compelling General Cronje to release the siege of Kimberley, and thus making his first step towards Bloemfontein. Kimberley, twenty miles away from the Modder river position, is in poor straights. Details of the December death rates shows that in a population of 14,000 whites and 19,000 blacks the mortality was sixty whites, 138 blacks per thousand. The infantile rate was 671 per thousand among the whites, blacks 912. Enteric fever prevails. Meanwhile the bombardment by the Boers has increased and there is imminent danger of the town falling.

London, Feb. 13.—Mr. Geo. Wyndham has made a statement in the House of Commons to the effect that with new battalions to be raised the standing of the British army will be raised to almost 600,000 men.

It is believed in circles close to the war office that Lord Roberts will move at once. Scouts have approached to within a thousand yards of the Boer entrenchments at Magersfontein. They have found these strong and ascertained that they are used as dwelling places. Naval gunners are constantly watching the enemy's lines with strong glasses, and they declare that there is appreciable diminishing of Boer forces.

In Natal the Boers forces south of Tugela river occupy Bold's farm and several mines west of Chievely. Two thousand Boers with three guns are advancing through Zululand towards Natal.

London, Feb. 11.—A special dispatch from Springfield Bridge under date of Friday, February 9, gives a new explanation of General Buller's retirement. According to this dispatch, a balloonist on Wednesday discovered the fact that the Boers had developed extraordinary and unexpected artillery strength on Doorn Kloof, to the British right, where they had managed to draw up a dozen heavy guns, some fitted with disappearing mountings, and all cunningly masked. These, but for the balloonist, would never have been discovered in time to save the British from falling into the deadly trap, as they commanded the road the British would have had to take in order to reach Ladysmith. These guns rendered the actual position of the British untenable and a further advance impossible, except at a terrible and useless loss of life.

Strathcona's Horse.

No nurses or chaplains will go from Canada with the Strathcona Horse. This question was referred to Lord Strathcona by honorable Dr. Borden, and the reply came in a cablegram received last evening. The high commissioner, who has evidently consulted the wishes of the imperial authorities in every particular, states that the war office prefers that no chaplains or nurses be sent, as all arrangements are being made by them in these particulars. The war office, he says, also thinks that one surgeon and one veterinary surgeon will be enough to look after the men and horses. The minister of militia will observe the wishes of the high commissioner and of the war office in these particulars. Another question which has been referred to Lord Strathcona is that of saddles. It has now been finally decided that the Mexican saddles will be used throughout. These saddles are somewhat more expensive than those ordinarily used for mounted troops, but the men are used to them, and in the west they are considered the most serviceable all round.

General Woodgate.

General E. R. P. Woodgate, who died of wounds received at Spion Kop, was a brevet major-general and commanded the Ninth brigade of Sir Charles Warren's division. He entered the army as an ensign of the Fourth Regiment in 1865, and served under that command through the hot Abyssinian campaign of 1868. He was one of the heroes present at the capture of Magdala. He had seen service in India, where fighting the Afghans taught him what it is for infantry supported by artillery to charge fortified mountain positions. It is quite evident that General Warren placed him where the fighting was hottest in the charge up Spion Kop, for recent changes in the mode of British fighting in Natal show that the experienced mountain fighters of the army are being brought to the front in place of those who have not had that training.

Afghans Are Dirty.

The following story of Lord Roberts gained great currency in the British army a few weeks ago, says Collier's Weekly. The dirtiness of the Afghan is proverbial, and it is said that on one occasion General Roberts captured a soldier who was so exceptionally dirty that it was thought necessary for the safety of the whole camp that he should be washed. Two genuine Tommy Atkinses were told off for this purpose. They stripped the prisoner and rubbed at him for two hours with formidable brushes and a large quantity of soft soap. Then they threw down their brushes in disgust and went to their Captain.

"What is it, men?".

"Well, sir," they replied, somewhat excitedly, "we've washed that 'ere Afghan chap for two hours, but it warn't any good. After scrubbing him, sir, until our arms would like to break, blessed if we didn't come upon another suit of clothes."

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CRANBROOK'S PETITION.

Fernie Board of Trade Decides to Take Hold of It.

The Fernie board of trade sat down on the Cranbrook petition to have the Government buildings removed to Cranbrook.

The following is from the Fernie Free Press:

Mr. Fernie said he thought the board should take no part in the matter, which was just a fight between Cranbrook and Fort Steele. He claimed that more miners were now served by the offices being at Fort Steele than if they were anywhere else. What the future would bring forth he could not say. Were the offices moved now, in another year or two there might be some other town double the size of any other in the district, and they would then want them moved again. What the board should do is to demand that a sitting of the County Court be held here, and that a magistrate be appointed who could try small debt cases. He understood that mining recorders were going to be appointed at Moyie, Cranbrook and Fernie, which would be of considerable convenience.

Dr. Bonnell said that Mr. Fernie evidently expressed the sentiments of the meeting, and he would therefore move that the secretary be instructed to notify the Cranbrook board of trade that the Fernie board do not deem it advisable to take any action in the matter at present.

This was seconded by H. J. Johnson and carried.

In explanation of the lateness of the above news from the Provincial House the publisher of THE PROSPECTOR makes this statement. At considerable expense secured a correspondent at Victoria, to furnish the latest and most important news from the Legislative House. We find that owing to the dilatory manner in which Her Majesties mails are carried in this Province that it takes eight days for letters to reach Fort Steele from Victoria. However, we shall strive to give our readers the latest and most authentic news, and spare no expense in doing so.

Telegraph Brevities.

The famine in India is spreading.

The C. P. R. has declared a dividend of 5% for the year.

Lincoln's birthday was celebrated in the United States yesterday.

Teddy Roosevelt of New York will not run for vice-president of the United States.

The Victoria hockey team of Winnipeg defeated the Shamrocks of Montreal by 4 goals to 3 in the first match for the Stanley Cup.

The Transvaal.

The Transvaal is generally spoken of as "a small republic" In the map where Europe is thrown as a shadow on the southern portion of Africa, it is found that the Transvaal includes all of Switzerland, one quarter of France, one-quarter of northern Italy and sections of Germany and Austria as large together as Switzerland.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1900.

B. C. SOUTHERN LAND GRANT

In response to an order to the House there has just been put into the hands of members a Return which is briefly described as "Papers in relation to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company Land Grant." We have a copy of their Return before us, and as the subject is one of special interest to our readers in this district, we shall endeavor to give them a corrected review of the facts brought out in these "Papers", and also show wherein, in our opinion, the real point in the case has escaped the notice of the present Attorney-General's predecessor Mr. Joe. Martin.

It was not to be expected that Mr. Martin as a new-comer in the province and unacquainted with the geography of the district could quite comprehend the whole scheme of cunning manipulation by which this speculative and rather unsubstantial railway and coal company, led by the high-minded Baker, attempted to get the better of the province, and but for the fortunate change of government, would have done so much more thoroughly than it has.

That our readers may fully understand the case as we view it, we shall give a brief historical review of the Company's legislative statutes.

The first charter was granted to what was then called the "Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company" during the session of 1888; and among the incorporating members were Mr. Hyde Baker, representing his Pa, Mr. Wm. Fernie and others. This charter empowered the Company to build a railway of not less than three feet gauge between the Crow's Nest Pass and the lower Kootenay Lake "by way of Cranbrook". In 1890 the Legislature passed an act to aid certain railways by land grants, and of course one of the prospective beneficiaries was this Crow's Nest Company, which was to receive, if it built a standard guage road, 20,000 acres of land for each mile constructed. This land was to be given in alternate blocks of 20 miles frontage on each side of the railway line, but an ingenious and apparently innocent exception was made to this rule by clause 16 (2) of the Act, the full force of which, and of course the full value of the lands then reserved, we are sure not one-half of the members of the Legislature appreciated at the time. It is important that we should quote this section entire:

"Wherever along the line of the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway to the full quantity of twenty thousand acres per mile in the forty miles cannot be had, the deficiency shall be made up out of a belt of land five miles in width along the east side of Elk River corresponding between a point five miles below Morrisey Creek and a point twenty-eight miles above Michel Creek, and from a belt two and one-half miles in width on each side of Coal Creek, extending to the summit, and from a belt three miles in width, on each side of Michel Creek, and on each side of the east and west branches of said creek to the summit."

This put at the disposal of the Company a continuous block of land on *each side only* of the proposed railway of about 40 miles in length, to say nothing of the 5 or 6 mile belts on Coal and Michel creeks—all the then known coal bearing lands. But the plain intent of this section was not sufficient to satisfy the greed of the combination coal and railway company. It was in the cunning manipulation of the section by statute, but especially by "Order in Council", that we believe, consists the real crime against the people of British Columbia with which we charge this much-favored company.

As the knowledge of the Company regarding the extent of the coal and petroleum fields increased, its capacity increased likewise; and in the session of 1893 it secured a clever modification of the privilege of selections granted to it by section 16 just quoted. It is also important that we should reproduce this also entire:

"And whereas part of the land which otherwise would be available for the Company in respect of the construction of portion of the eastern section of their said railway, and lying to the south of Elk River, is already taken up by the Kootenay Valley Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Therefore it is hereby enacted:

"The land mentioned in section 16 of the "Railway Aid Act, 1890," may be made available to the Company as portion of the grant in respect of the construction of the eastern section of its said railway, and may be applied for as portion of the block to be granted upon completion of the second twenty miles of the eastern section of the said Company's railway."

That meant that because two grabs of the people's lands had already been made in one of the richest valleys in the province, the opportunity for a third should be given to a company that so far had done no actual work on the road it had been empowered to construct five years before.

The consolidating act of the section of 1894 did not materially change the situation with regard to the grant so far as we have described it. The company was no doubt afraid to further divulge its schemes in the light of day, but it was only too successful in managing the Government itself. But the consideration of how this was done by gradually expanding "Orders in Council" must be left for another article.

There is no longer any room for speculation as to the future of the town of Fort Steele. Boasts may be made by townsite boomers, but the Queen City of South East Kootenay pursues the even tenor of its way, and continues to grow in wealth and population.

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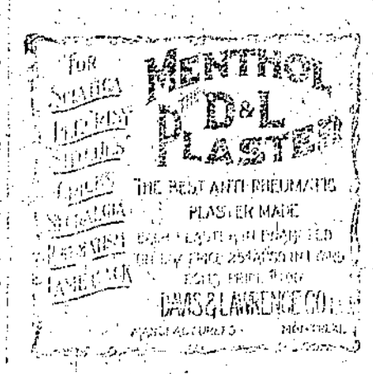

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The Provincial House.

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Victoria, Feb. 10—Out of a clear sky and a most innocent looking resolution a veritable thunderbolt dropped into the arena of parliamentary debate yesterday, on the closing afternoon of the week, and the long looked for duel between Finance Minister Cotton, and his sworn foe Fighting Joe Martin, was on in earnest. The subject of debate was Mr. Helgeson's resolution of recommendation to the Federal Government that the naturalization of Chinese and Japanese should be restricted or prohibited, but the question before the House had nothing to do with the dramatic episode that filled the lobby with the buzz of excited conversation just as soon as the episode in chief had closed, and Mr. McPhillips proceeded to debate the negative amendment he had offered to the Cariboo members resolution, his amendment being that it would be unwise to touch upon any subject likely to embarass Great Britain's friendly relations with Japan. Mr. Martin had debated the resolution, holding that it was of a class of which he generally disapproved—holding that the legislature should restrict itself to the business constitutionally referred to it by the British North American Act,—in such burning questions as that of the threatening Chinese and Japanese competition it would be well for British Columbia to lose no opportunity of pressing the views and wishes of the Province forward in a hope of eventually educating the whole of Canada to a comprehensive knowledge of the facts in relation to the working out of British Columbia's destiny. In illustration he cited the experience of Manitoba on the railway question during his tenure as attorney-general of the prairie province. The people of the Dominion did not at first understand, but the insistance of the united province on its position had finally won for Manitoba the sympathy and support of the eastern provinces, and victory at length crowned the provincial campaign of agitation and education. While he was speaking Finance Minister Cotton swung lazily in his chair, and carelessly observed (sotto voice) that he failed to see wherein this effected the question before the House and that it was not difficult to comprehend how Manitobans regarded Mr. Martin's career and actions in view of the manner of that gentleman's departure from that scene. Such an opening was apparently just what Mr. Martin had longed for in order that he might bring his heaviest artillery to bear upon his ex-colleague, for inducing him to repeat his remark (the purport of which only he had at first caught). He accused the Finance Minister of using cowardly tactics in the debate, and induced Mr. Clifford his right hand neighbor to propose a verbal amendment, based his retort upon this motion. He depreciated personalities in politics. He declared that he had never descended to that method of warfare voluntarily, but asserted that now he had been attacked he proposed to reply in kind and show no mercy. He left Manitoba under no cloud of dishonor. He had frequently revisited the province since coming to British Columbia in 1897. He still had large property interests there. He was at liberty to go or come in that province as freely as in British Columbia. He never had resource to locking his clamoring creditors in a room while he escaped from them on a freight train between two suns. He could go back to Manitoba when he chose and without fear of arrest, he had never been capiased, he had never been in jail. He defied the Minister of Finance to say as much with regard to his experience in Colorado, from which state he had come to British Columbia. Hon. Mr. Cotton interposed that the tenor of his interjection had been misunderstood, but Mr. Martin continued his attack, concluding by saying that the Finance Minister dare not go back to Colorado where he was charged with the grossest personal misdemeanors, and giving notice of a motion for the appointment of a special committee to enquire into the gross criminal misconduct of the Finance Minister.

The episode is the talk of the town, and seemingly, to judge by the news now coming in, of the Province. It is by no means over, for the fued is likely to be renewed on Wednesday next, when the motion now being prepared of which Mr. Martin gave notice will be presented. As I write Mr. Martin is busy preparing his motion aided by legal lights of the Opposition benches. It will be technically perfect, in the eyes of the legal fraternity when completed.

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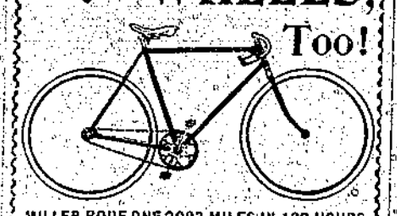

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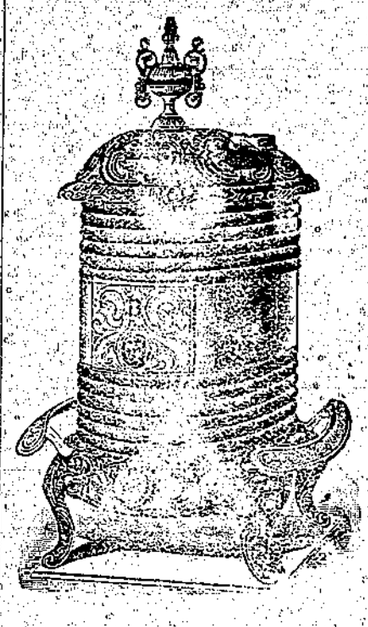

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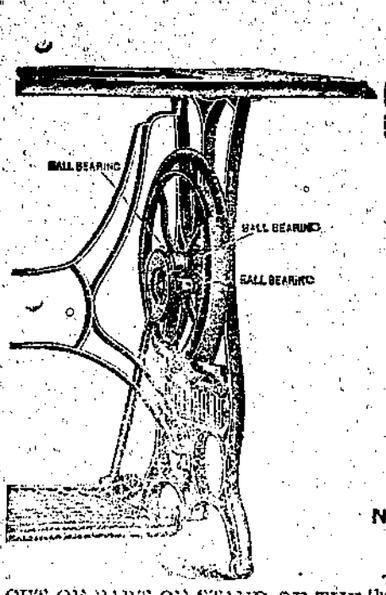

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1900.

The Provincial House.

The important legislation of the week just concluded in the House is largely contained in the Coal Mines Regulation Act. It has been the theme of many long winded speeches on either side of the House, and bids fair to allow the expenditure of much wind yet before it is passed. Section three, which applies the educational test, did not meet with favor, and the father of the bill, Hon. Mr. McKechnie, promises an amendment which will be introduced in Committee, which in brief provides that a mining inspector may permit illiterate miners to work for a certain time, on being convinced that they understand the rules and danger although unable to read them. One whole year is allowed to all in which to pass the educational requirement.

Some amusement was caused during the discussion by Captain John Irving, who likened the President of the Council to Paul Kruger, and said that he was doing just as did the ruler of the Transvaal in curtailing the freedom of the workers. Like the most of the speeches of the member from Cassiar it was productive only of laughter. However that member sometimes hits the nail on the head. On Friday he moved that British Columbia was British, and we desire the Home Government and the Government of Canada to know that we, as an integral part of the British Empire, can be depended on to furnish men and means to uphold our Empire, and that the present war must be fought to a finish at whatever cost. He explained that this motion was to stir up the Dominion to a fuller appreciation of its responsibilities.

Col. Baker seconded this, with a spread eagle speech in which loyalty was the text.

By the way the readers of THE PROSPECTOR may be interested to know that Colonel Baker says that Cranbrook will send fifty troopers, and he has no doubt that Fernie will send twenty more, if they were needed. The Colonel did not mention what Fort Steele would do. Probably this was due to the fact that Fort Steele was chosen as one of the recruiting stations for the Strathcona contingent and Cranbrook must (willy-willy) be held in view.

To return to the measures which have been before the House during the past week: The bill to amend the Liquor License Act is now in its final stages, and the Game Laws are being amended. The changes are somewhat peculiar: first, beaver are to rest two years of a close season in which to recuperate the race, and no male elk is to be shot hereafter unless it possesses twelve points. Nothing is said about anyone holding the elk until the hunter counts the points. Anyone having an elk in their possession that has not the twelve points is to be prosecuted. Doe moose, elk, or cariboo are not to be shot from March 15 to July 15.

The freak bill introduced by Mr. Kellie, viz., to provide that no person employed in metalliferous mines shall have hair over six inches in length on his scalp, has passed its first reading. But if report is true, it is to be declared out of order on next coming before the House on the ground that it involves unwarrantable interference with personal liberty of action.

Of course the bill was designed to oust the Chinaman from the mines, and was directed against the hair, as the Celestial will not cut off his queue. It was so directed to get around disallowance.

In the bill to amend the Municipal Election Act, which is now listed for a second reading, provision is made for the introduction of automatic voting machine, an apparatus after the fashion of a cash register.

Monster petitions have been received from miners in many parts of the Province during the week, praying that the eight hour law be maintained. There was one from Rossland to which 861 signatures were attached. A big one from Silverton, one from Nelson, one from Fernie, another from Moyie, and from other Kootenay points.

Mr. Prentice of East Lillooet shows himself in a strange light of late. He came out in opposition to the Government on the question of adjourning on Thursday and announced his intention of voting against the proposal put forward by them to hold an evening session. With his opposition, and the absence from this place of some of the Government members, had the Government pushed this intention of holding an evening session, they would have the majority against them, and were obliged to accept Mr. Prentice's motion to adjourn. Many say that the member for East Lillooet is reaching out for a cabinet position, and intends sitting on the fence until something is done for him. "Quien Sabe?"

On Wednesday last Premier Semlin presented to the legislature the answer of his Government to the petition sent by the American miners at Atlin to the President of the United States complaining of their exclusion from B. C. placers. The Premier's letter to the Secretary of State says the statement in the petition that four fifths of the claims in the Atlin district were prospected for and located by Americans, and that the citizens of the United States lost millions through the passage of the Act, were exaggerations and misstatements. Continuing the Premier said that any rights acquired by the petitioners have been preserved to them. The legislation complained of specifically exempts all claims recorded prior to its passage and provides for the unimpeded working of such claims by the holders, although aliens. A reference to the mining laws will show that their whole tenor is, that no right is acquired until a claim is recorded.

The Government are still considering the advisability of bringing into force the Torrens system of land registration.

The following telegram was filed in Victoria Feb. 9th, at 11:30 p. m., and received at this office on Saturday Feb. 10th, at 6 p. m.:

"THE PROSPECTOR is most desirous of furnishing its readers with the latest news, but decidedly objects to paying for telegrams that are received ten hours after going to press.—ED."

Victoria, Feb. 9—11:30—The long expected passage at arms between Joe Martin and Finance Minister Cotton occurred in the House this afternoon. It was the most sensational attack ever made on a minister in the British Columbia political annals.

Mr. Martin accused Mr. Cotton with defrauding his creditors, and with flying on a freight train from Colorado. He said Mr. Cotton was afraid to go back as he is charged with having committed gross crimes and misdemeanors. On Mr. Cotton giving him the lie he gave notice of a motion for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the gross personal misconduct of the Finance Minister.

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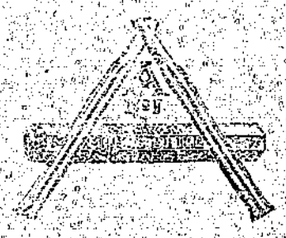

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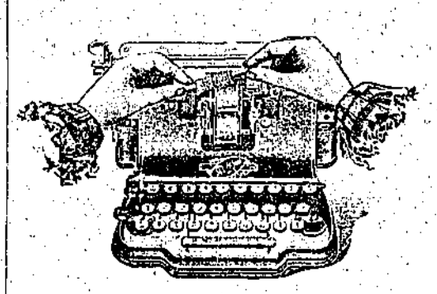

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1900.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

The Fort Steele Mercantile Co. will commence a clearance sale of Hardware and Dry Goods on Monday. All goods will be sold at actual cost.

C. R. McKeown, who has been in the office of W. R. Ross, for several months, left yesterday for his former home in Orangeville, Ont. During his stay in Fort Steele, Mr. McKeown has made many friends who will regret his departure.

Now is the time to insure. Remember the fate of the International Hotel, and call at once on
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Mrs. E. J. Cann left for the east on Wednesday last. She will be absent for about three weeks.

Hardware selling at cost at the Fort Steele Mercantile Company's store on Riverside Ave.

George T. McGregor of Moyie was in town on Wednesday.

A. B. Trites and Harry Howard, prominent business men of Fernie, were in town on Wednesday.

The people of Fernie gave the recruits of that town a great send off.

Dr. J. F. Reddy of Spokane was a visitor in town on Saturday and Sunday last. The Doctor was here in connection with the settlement of the Kimberley townsite dispute.

It is learned that Arch Leitch of Cranbrook, has gone to Victoria to assist Col. Baker in the matter of the removal of the Government buildings.

We sincerely trust that Mr. Leitch will have better success in his private business than he is likely to have in Victoria on the removal business.

Alex. Watson has accepted a position in the office of Ross & Herchmer, barristers.

F. J. McMahon of Moyie was in town on Wednesday.

The work of clearing away the ruins of the International Hotel is progressing rapidly.

Monday will be bargain day at the Fort Steele Mercantile Company's store. Dry Goods at cost.

S. S. Combs returned to the city on Sunday last.

War and Business.

We already notice the effect of war upon our business. Paul Kruger's government owes Barbarian Brown nearly $2,000,000. Last week Brown stopped his paper. If Paul had paid up, Brown would probably not have had to experience the shock of jarring loose from our subscription list. Thus the shadow of grim war fall across the threshold of two more homes—Brown's and our's. New Denver Ledge.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Charles Estmere, all business in connection with the Kimberley townsite, on and after February 16th, 1900, must be done through the office of the Fort Steele Development Syndicate at Fort Steele.

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TRANSVAAL NEWS.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, Feb. 14—11:30 p. m.—The war office received the following dispatch from General Roberts: Deikles Drift, Feb. 14—8:10 a. m.—General French left this point at 11:30 yesterday, moving with three brigades of cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, including several colonial contingents, in order to seize a crossing at Modder river, about 25 miles distant. He reports by dispatch dated 5:35 a. m. that he forced a passage at Cliff Drift and occupied hills north of river, capturing three of the enemy's laagers with all of their supplies, while General Gordon of the 15 th Hussar, with his brigade who had made a feint at Bosdoosal drift four miles west, has seized it, and a second drift between that and Cliff drift, together with two more laagers. General French's performance was brilliant considering the extreme heat and blinding dust storms which raged during the latter part of the day. This is the beginning of Lord Roberts' new camp.

General Cronjie on hearing of Lord Roberts' disposition on Tuesday and Wednesday, must have had an interesting problem He had to consider whether to hold on to his positions at Jacobsdale and Magersfontein and seize Kimberley, or to raise the siege and move off, and if so in what direction, whether to Bloemfontein or Northwest across the Vaal.

Colonel Plummer has silenced the Boer guns in a fort near Gaberense. Lord Macdonald has driven back the enemy at Fustenburg.

London, Feb. 14.—It is learned that 200 Boers were killed or wounded during General Macdonald's reconnaisance.

No word of Buller or Jouberts whereabouts is forthcoming and the entire Empire is waiting with confidence General Roberts first move.

London, Feb. 13.—Lord Roberts has began his advance on Kimberley. General Wood with the famous Scots Greys, occupied Zouthanese drift on the Orange river which opens up the easier road to Kimberley east of the Boer lines in the Free States. This will enable the British to attack Jacobsdale in the rear. There has been hard fighting for two days near Colesberg. The Boers are making strenuous efforts to flank the British. The enemy occupies strong positions from Achtertang a few miles northeast of Colesberg, through Potfontein. Fighting at the outposts camps has been very severe during the last few days.

Yesterday the Boers attacked the position occupied by the British forces on the south east of Colesberg. Fighting continued all day, and after dark it was considered necessary to withdraw to Renesberg. Our losses are not yet known.

The milling capacity of the Cariboo mine at Camp McKinney is to be doubled. The increase will make the capacity forty stamps. There is three years ore in sight.

Notice to Taxpayers.

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

ASSESSMENT ACT and REVENUE TAX ACT.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1900. All of the above taxes collectible within the district of East Kootenay Southern Division, are payable at my office, Fort Steele. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate.

Three-fourths of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars one and one-fourth of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars one and three-fourths of one per cent.

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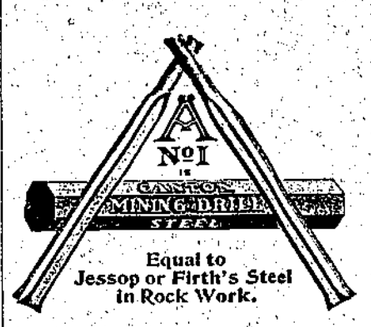

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