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FAIRLY IN IT.

As a Revenue Producer East Kootenay Stands Third on the List.

The public accounts of the province for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, received at the Government office at Fort Steele, show a total revenue of $1,439,623, against $1,383,045 for the preceding year. West Kootenay is first with $292,595 to its credit; Victoria city second, with $108,476; East Kootenay third, with $58,151; Vancouver city, $34,357.

The above splendid showing will astonish the people of the province as it has done the people of East Kootenay.

In the year 1893 the returns were as follows: West Kootenay, $77,031; Victoria city, $93,212; Vancouver, $47,601; East Kootenay, $14,019.

There are several items, that helps to swell the Victoria city contribution, such as registrars fees, timber dues, and mortgage taxes, which are derived from the whole province.

As the figures stand, East and West Kootenay and Victoria city, show a substantial increase of revenues. In East Kootenay about 90 per cent of its increase has been in South East Kootenay.

Kootenay's contributions to the provincial treasury during 1898, was $44,459 from land sales, $68,122 from free miners' licenses, and $62,690 from general mining receipts.

The revenue of East Kootenay for last year was $58,151. Of this amount $9,921 was received for land sales; $712 land revenue; and $402 timber leases; $6,827 Free Miners Certificates; $9,827 mining receipts; $7,860 licenses; $2,502 fines; 6,882 revenue tax; $3,898 real property tax; $986 personal property tax; $7,343 wild land tax; $681 mineral tax.

East Kootenay is just beginning to put forth its energies in a most satisfactory manner. The splendid showing of the past year indicates great things for the future. We have here all the valuable metals of commerce besides a coal field unequaled on the continent, a comparatively near market for all our products, and the completion of the railway, with its branches to Fort Steele, North Star mine and Windermere, is all that is needed to procure whatever capital is necessary to develop the mining resources of South East Kootenay.

The Fort Steele and Windermere districts of East Kootenay are destined to be the banner mineral producing districts of the province in the near future. Add to these prospects the possession of a climate as charming as any in the world, and what more does a man want?

The Provincial House.

There was joy on the Government side when the premier announced that Mr. Tisdale had been elected by acclamation in Vancouver. But this did not cause jubilation among the members of the Opposition.

Notice of motion by the Hon. Mr. Martin, for a return showing what companies required by their charters to give security for bona fide expenditures in surveys and construction within a specified time, have given such security.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

The railway committee reported two bills to the house today. They were the South Kootenay Railway bill and that of the Atlin Short Line Railway and Navigation company. The former is a bill of A. St. G. Hammersley, of Vancouver, to incorporate a company to build a line from near Fort Steele to a point where the Kootenay river crosses the international boundary line. The Atlin Short Line as proposed will be a tramway over the narrow portage at the head of Taku arm, near where the Atlintoo river joins the arm. It will run along the valley of the Atlintoo to Atlin lake.

In connection with the work of the railway committee it may be noted that several most important clauses are being placed in every bill that comes before it. These clauses may well be quoted in full:

"The company shall be bound to carry over its line of railway, without charge, all persons whose transportation would otherwise be a charge against the government of the province, and also all members of the legislature."

"No Chinese or Japanese persons shall be employed in the construction of the undertaking or the working of the railway."

"The preceding two sections are hereby declared to be conditions upon which this act is passed, and shall be binding upon the bond holders and all other persons in any way interested in the said company or its property. In case either of the said preceding two sections are violated, such a violation shall work a forfeiture of all privileges granted by this act, but no such forfeiture shall operate except upon proceedings instituted in the supreme court of British Columbia by the attorney-general."

"The company shall within six months of the coming into force of this act, deposit with the minister of finance and agriculture the sum of five thousand dollars, either in cash or in securities approved by said minister, as security that the company will expend not less than ten thousand dollars in surveys or construction of the railway hereby authorized to be built before a certain fixed date, and in default of such expenditure the aforesaid deposit of money or securities shall be forfeited to and become the property of the government, and should such security not be deposited as aforesaid all the rights and privileges conferred by this act shall be null and void."

"In case at any time the said railway is declared by the parliament of Canada to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, then all powers and privileges granted by this act or by the British Columbia Railway act shall thereupon cease and determine."

SOUTH EAST KOOTENAY RAILWAY BILL.

Mr. Green moved the second reading of the Bill, and believed it would have the support of members on both sides of the House, as it was for a much needed railway covering a portion of East Kootenay, which would be much benefited by the railway. The company was prepared to go on with the work. The mineral resources of the district had reached a state of development that called for means of transportation.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to be committed at the next sitting of the House.

E. Small, Cranbrook, is visiting at Fort Steele.

Victoria City is to have a new daily newspaper, it will be called the Globe.

Kimberley Notes.

(Correspondence of THE PROSPECTOR.)

The North Star Mining Company are now working three 8 hour shifts in the large compartment shaft, which is now down 175 feet, and in heavy mineralized rock. As the management intends to cross-cut from the 100-foot and 200-foot levels, as soon as this point is reached, great discoveries are likely to be heralded from the Kimberley camp. The force of miners is being increased steadily.

STEMWINDER.

The Stemwinder is looking better than ever in the new tunnel, and work is being pushed with vigor. The last 30 feet of the tunnel is in solid ore which improves in value with each foot driven. So far the ore deposits in the camp appears to be a conundrum; lead, silver, copper and gold lying in close proximity, in such large bodies as they are found in the North Star and Sullivan groups, leaves room for the evolution of new theories in the mining line. All that is known at the present time, is that vast bodies of galena and phrrhotite ores exist in the locality. How large, or in what condition they lie, will remain for the future development of the properties to determine, which no doubt will be at an early day.

SULLIVAN GROUP.

The Sullivan mine has begun working with their new hoist, and are working to reach the 200-foot level. The superintendent intends to push the work with the utmost vigor, in order to be in shape for the employment of a large force, as soon as the branch railway to Kimberley is constructed.

NERO.

It is reported that the owners of the Nero and Biscuit Fraction will put a number of men at work developing the property as soon as the season will permit. The Nero is an extension of the Hope, one of the Sullivan group, and is considered a good claim, but work will have to be done to determine the extent of the ore body.

GOODY FRACTION.

Development work will commence on this property at an early date.

The new townsite office is about completed, and a number of buildings are under construction. The townsite agent, Mr. Estmere, reports real estate business in Kimberley as brisk since the beginning of the New Year.

Estella Mine.

The upraise from the main shaft has been carried up about 50 feet. A large supply of air pipe was shipped to the mine on Wednesday.

Will Put in a Dredging Plant.

Chas. H. Parson of Golden, B. C., has secured a lease from the Provincial Government for the purpose of dredging Bull river and Wild Horse creek for placer gold.

We learn that Mr. Parsons is the agent for a large syndicate, who are fully conversant with the situation, and have a large amount of capital to back the enterprise.

The machinery has all been secured and will be shipped to Fort Steele as soon as possible, thence to Bull river; though it has not yet been decided as to whether Bull river or Wild Horse creek will be the scene of the first trial in search of the yellow metal.

It is the intention of the company to have the dredging apparatus all ready for operation as soon as the season will permit.

This is a new departure in placer mining in this district, though it has been successfully tried on several rivers and streams in British Columbia, and there is no reason to doubt but that it will meet with success at either of the above places. Bull river has been worked for placer gold for many years by small outfits, and considerable gold obtained; this has been accomplished by means of wing-dams, etc., On Wild Horse there are several hydraulic plants in operation and a large amount of gold taken out every year.

The new departure will be the means of establishing a new feature to the placer mining industry of the Fort Steele district. And will be watched with unusual interest, for if successful there are other streams and rivers in the district where placer gold is known to abound.

Will Commence Work.

Word has been sent to Mr. T. Ede to have a 75 foot shaft sunk on the Hollander group of claims which are situated on the left bank of Wild Horse creek, about 4 miles from Fort Steele. Present development work consists of a tunnel 65 feet in length, and a shaft 12 feet deep. The ore is a decomposed quartz, carrying gold, copper and some galena. It is said there is a good showing of ore on this property.

Big Chief.

The Big Chief mine on Boulder is a dandy, the richness of the ore continues to improve as depth is obtained, work still continues on the property.

Copper Crown.

Development still continues on this property, the shaft is now down 60 feet in a seven-foot ledge of gray copper. A deal is now on to bond this claim to Spokane capitalists.

Victoria Contests.

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—The meetings in favor of the government in Victoria are a surprise to everyone, even to Hon. Martin himself, and so successful has been the Liberal campaign that the result cannot be foretold. The fight will be the most desperate in the history of the country, as on the election depends the resurrection of Turner or his political annihilation, and the advent Martinism.

Oregon is Bound to Manilia.

Washington.—The Oregon is not going to Samoa, but will go straight ahead to Manilia, after taking coal at Honolulu, according to officials at the navy department. The dispatch of the ocean going tug Iroquois yesterday from San Francisco for Honolulu was not inspired by a desire to change the Oregon's order, for as a matter of fact the navy department arranged two months ago to put the Iroquis to use as a dispatch boat between San Francisco and Honolulu, pending the laying of a cable and this trip was project at the time.

Of course the opportunity to send dispatches to the Oregon was seized by the navy department.

Hand to Hand Fight.

Vienna.—In the lower house of the reichsrath today a disturbance arising out of racial differences led to a hand-to-hand fight between deputies. The ushers finally succeeded in separating the combatants, but the sitting came to a close amid a scene of turbulence.

Spokane Wants Crow's Nest Coal.

The Spokane Falls Gas Light Company are building new bunkers of a capacity of 1000 tons. This is being done so as to enable the company to handle the Crow's Nest Coal. A small consignment has been received, which proved very satisfactory. It is said that the coal carries only 3 per cent. ash, and is the best coal in the northwest.

Troops En Route.

San Francisco.—The Twenty-second United States infantry is now en route from Omaha and is expected here on the 29th. According to the present arrangements the Ohio and Senator, the transports which are to carry the regiment to Manilia, will sail on the 31st, of this month. They have nearly finished loading.

Free Lead Ore.

The Miner has been informed from a reliable source that the high joint committee has come to an understanding with reference to the importation of lead ore and lead bullion from Canada to the United States.—*Rossland Miner.*

Ore Specimens.

THE PROSPECTOR has received a beautiful specimen of grey copper from the Delphine mine, Windermere district. The specimen weighs about 20 pounds; its assay value is 280 ounces in silver, and $3 in gold. With the above came a splendid sample of copper carbonates from the Swansea mine. The specimens are most welcome and will add very much to the appearance of THE PROSPECTOR cabinet.

Presbyterian Church.

As already announced the Presbyterian church social takes place on Tuesday evening the 7th February. The church will be open at 7.30 p. m., and the social will begin promptly at 8 p. m. It is evident from the programme that a great treat is provided for the audience. No one should miss the entertainment. Come early. Tickets nearly all sold. Hurry up!

Don't Want It.

London.—The robbery of over £60,000 from Parr's bank in this city on Monday last, which has been the sensation of the week, took a dramatic turn today when the chairman of the bank announced at the meeting of the shareholders that £40,000 in the biggest notes had been returned to the bank by post.

Sultan on a Kissing Tour.

Constantinople.—Sultan Abdul Hamid made his annual visit to Stamboul by water today to kiss the mantle of the prophet. The usual elaborate ceremonies were observed. Throughout the week the police have been taking extraordinary precautions to secure his majesty's safety and many arrests have been made. Yesterday they visited all the drug stores and hermetically sealed all deposits of chlorate of potash. This was done to alleviate the Sultan's fear of being attacked by explosives.

The Franco-Italian Treaty.

Rome.—The chamber of deputies today, after a week's debate, approved the Franco-Italian Commercial Treaty by a vote of 226 to 34. One of the speakers expressed the hope that a similar treaty would be concluded with the United States.

After the Sultan's Life.

London.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says: A plot to assassinate the Sultan has been denounced by a conspirator, but the police, by too precipitately arresting four of the plotters, enabled several others to escape.

Victoria Bye-Elections.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Victoria, Feb. 2.—Bye-elections today resulted in a victory for the Opposition. Ex-Premier Turner leads the polls with 1509, Hall 1451, McPhillipps 1434, Government candidate Gregory, 1327, Stewart 1224. These figures are not officially certified, but are correct for all practicable purposes.

Not So.

The Cranbrook Herald says that editor Grace of THE PROSPECTOR was to have 300 men at work on the Fort Steele branch this week. This is not so as the editor plainly stated that the railway company found it necessary to remove the men to the junction so as to get them from the clutches of the Cranbrook census enumerator, "Mr. Hot Scotch". See!

Lee as Military Attache.

New York.—A dispatch to the Times from London says:

The British government has decided to create a post permanent as British military attache to its embassy at Washington. Of course the United States will previously have been asked whether such a step will be agreeable to it and will have given an affirmative answer. Hitherto the British government has had military attaches attached to legations and embassies at Berlin, Paris, St. Petersburg, Vienna, Rome, Constantinople, Teheran, Tokio and Pekin.

The first British military attache at Washington will be Captain Arthur Lee, Royal Artillery who was for nearly five years professor of military topography at the Royal Military college at Kingston, Ont., and who accompanied the American forces throughout the Cuban and Puerto Rican campaigns as military attache and whose article on American regulars in a recent magazine attracted much attention. He will be raised to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in his new post.

Ship Went Ashore.

Margate, England, Jan. 26.—The British ship Hawksdale, Captain Steele, from Hamburg for Melbourne, went ashore on Longsand today. The Margate lifeboat saved seven of the crew and the Clacton-on-Sea lifeboats saved 17 more. Three of those who were aboard the Hawksdale including the pilot were drowned by the capsizing of one of the ship's boats.

Carlist Gathering.

London, Jan. 27.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: Senor Mellas, the Carlist deputy, who was expelled from the last Cortes, in May 1898, for a speech in the Chamber in which he used a scriptural quotation referring to an unfortunate nation whose kings are boys, has just held a reception near Muria. It was attended by Carlists enough to fill 30 coaches. A riot is reported to have taken place at Penaranda de Braciamonte, in which a rioter was killed and a sergeant wounded.

Universal Jubilee.

London, Jan. 27.—Pope Leo, according to the Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle contemplates an universal jubilee in 1900, to mark the opening of the Twentieth Century.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Cariboo Marsh Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: About one mile from Big Creek running into Upper Moyie Lake and about four miles north west of said lake.

Take notice that I, J. A. Harvey, agent for the Alberta and Kootenay Development Company Limited Liability, Free Miner's Certificate No "7081 A" and Frederick J. Hazen, Free Miner's Certificate No. "5992 A" 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.

49-5 J. A. HARVEY.

Dated this 19th day of November, A.D., 1898.

NOTICE.

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

Where located:—Situate on Huckleberry Mountain on the south bank of Mark Creek.

Take notice that I, Neil McLeod Curran, Free Miner's Certificate No. 15,799 A. Attorney for William MacKenzie, Free Miner's Certificate No. 45,281 A, and D. D. Mann, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8,654 A, 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 Improvement.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of November, 1898.

49-6 NEIL McLEOD CURRAN, Attorney.

Liquor License.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a transfer of Liquor license from the Coal Creek Hotel, Tote Road, Fernie, to the Royal Hotel corner of Victoria Avenue and Cox Street, Fernie. From Alex Stewart to F. B. Smith.

FRANK B. SMITH.

Dated this Nov. 4th. 46-50

NOTICE.

The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session for an Act authorizing the Company to proceed to construct its eastern section as described in the Act 60-61 Victoria, Chapter 36, until the first of January, 1904; and to authorize the Company to construct or acquire and to operate a railway between a point on its line of railway in the neighborhood of Fort Steele and a point at or near Golden on the Canadian Pacific Railway, by a route having the same general direction as the valleys of the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers, and also branch lines therefrom not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length.

By order of the Board.

H. CAMPBELL OSWALD, Secretary.

Montreal, 30th November, 1898. 51-2

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for an Act to amend the Kootenay and North West Railway Company's Act 1898 by confirming and consolidating in the Kootenay and North West Railway Company all the franchises, rights and powers granted by the East Kootenay Railway Act, 1897, to the East Kootenay Railway Company and granted by the South East Kootenay Railway Act 1898 to the South East Kootenay Railway Company and purchased or otherwise acquired by the said Kootenay and North West Railway Company, and to extend the time or times limited in the said Acts or any of them for the commencement and completion of the works or any part thereof authorized by the said Acts or any of them and extending the time of giving any security or the doing of any acts for a period of three years and for extended powers and for all such other powers as may be necessary to fully and completely carry on and operate the works aforesaid or any of them.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1898.

McPHILLIPS & WILLIAMS.

Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at the next Session thereof, by the North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Company for an Act amending Section 40 of the "North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Act 1898" by extending for one year the time within which the sum of Ten thousand dollars in the said Section mentioned, shall be expended; and further to amend the Act by adding as a third Section to the schedule thereof, the words "a railway from a point at or near Fort Steele on the line of railway mentioned in the first section of this schedule by the most feasible route to a point at or near Golden."

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 25th day of November, A. D., 1898.

FELL & GREGORY,

Solicitors for the North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Company, the Applicants. 50-3

NOTICE.

THE TRAMWAY COMPANY INCORPORATION ACT, 1895.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly for the Province of British Columbia for an Act, authorizing the Incorporation of a Company to construct and operate a line of railway, commencing at some point on the British Columbia Southern Railway, (known as the Crow's Nest Pass Railway) between Elk River and the town of Wardner, thence northerly, between the base of the Rocky Mountains and the Kootenay River, to Canal Flat, thence along the west side of the Columbia Lakes to Toby creek, thence westerly along Toby and Grizzly Creeks to the foot of Upper Kootenay Lake, thence along the Lardeau River and Trout Lake to the Upper Arrow Lakes, connecting at some point between Revelstoke and Arrow Lake with the Revelstoke and Arrow Lake Branch Railway, and in addition thereto to construct and operate a Branch Railway, running from some point between Wild Horse and Lewis Creeks to the North Star Mine, with power to operate the said Railways either by means of Steam or Electrical power, also with power to construct and operate a telegraph or telephone line in connection with such Railway and with all other usual powers, rights and privileges.

Dated at Fort Steele, August 17th 1898.

HARVEY & McCARTER,

Solicitors for Applicants. 35-

NOTICE.

Mr. Thomas Ede has been appointed our agent to collect THE PROSPECTOR'S accounts and his receipt will be a sufficient discharge.

NOTICE.

IN THE Y COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT FORT STEELE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of September, 1898, it was ordered by Mr. Justice Forin, County Court Judge, that James F. Armstrong, Official Administrator of the County of Kootenay, be Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credit of John Bartlett of Spokane in the State of Washington, deceased, intestate.

Every person indebted to the said deceased, is required to make payment forthwith to the undersigned.

Every person having in possession effects belonging to the deceased is required forthwith to notify the undersigned.

Every creditor or other person having any claim upon or interest in the distribution of the personal estate of the said deceased, is required within thirty days of this date, to send by registered letter addressed to the undersigned, his name and address, and the full particulars of his claim or interest, and a statement of his account, and the nature of the security (if any held by him.) After the expiration of the said thirty days, the Administrator will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard to those claims only of which he shall have had notice.

Dated at Fort Steele this 7th day of October, 1898.

J. F. ARMSTRONG,

Official Administrator.

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Dated at Fort Steele this 8th day of December, 1898.

J. F. ARMSTRONG.

Official Administrator.

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TEACHER WANTED.

Assistant Teacher wanted for the Fort Steele Public School—must have a Provincial Certificate. Apply to

H. L. T. GALBRAITH

Secretary

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned as mail contractors, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to W. D. Kerfoot at Golden in the Province of British Columbia and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said W. D. Kerfoot by whom the same will be settled.

Dated at Calgary, in the District of Alberta this 26th day of November, A. D., 1898.

Signed W. D. KERFOOT.

50-53 L. C. FULMER.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell intoxicating liquor by retail at the Loop Hotel situate at Wilsonville on the Loop of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, in the District of East Kootenay, Southern Division.

Dated this 27th December, 1898.

1-5 JOHN BIDGOOD.

MINERAL ACT 1896.

(FORM F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

BLUCHER, BELCHER and OLD BALDY MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of the East Kootenay District.

Where located:—

Blucher:—Near Mark Creek and south of the Shylock and Hamlet mineral claims.

Belcher:—Near Mark Creek and adjoining the Shylock mineral claim on the north.

Old Baldy:—On Mark Creek, East Kootenay and lying between the Blucher and Stonewall Jackson mineral claims.

Take notice that I, William Roderick Ross, acting as agent for the Hastings British Columbia Exploration Syndicate, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 32507 A, 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 for each of the above claims.

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

Dated this twenty-ninth day of December, 1898.

1-9 WM. R. ROSS, F. M. C. No. 15075 A.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof, for an act to incorporate a company, to construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph in the Districts of Yale and East and West Kootenay, in the Province of British Columbia, and to make connection with the line or lines of any Telegraph Company in the United States of America, or with any telegraph or telephone company which is now or hereafter may be empowered to carry on business in the districts in question, or in any other portion of the Province of British Columbia, with power to sell or lease the Company's line or lines to any such Company or to amalgamate the undertaking of the Company with that of any other such company or companies, or to enter into any and all such contracts, agreements or arrangements for the transmission and exchange of messages and distribution of rates of charge with any other such company or companies as may be deemed necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Company so to be incorporated as aforesaid.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 23rd December, 1898.

HODWELL & DUFF,

53- Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to retail liquor on the premises known as the Royal Hotel, situated at Kimberley, B. C.

C. E. FINCH.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1899. 2-6

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899.

YACHT FOR THE QUEEN.

A Royal Pleasure Boat For Her Majesty.

Queen Victoria may soon enjoy the pleasure of a cruise on her new yacht, the largest ever built. The new royal yacht, the name for which has not yet been definitely chosen but which will probably be called the Prince Albert, is now so far advanced that it is expected that she will be launched next March.

The first keel plate was laid Dec. 23, 1897, at the government dock yard at Pembroke, by Mrs. Watson, the wife of Captain Burgess Watson, the superintendent of the dockyard, with elaborate ceremony.

The British government has a remarkably well-developed faculty of keeping its business to itself. The gates of the dockyard rarely open, even to British citizens, and almost never to foreigners. Consequently, although all Englishmen in general and yachtsmen and naval architects in particular have been burning with curiosity to know what Queen Victoria's new yacht will be like, ever since parliament appropriated money to build her, nothing is known about her except the meagre details the admirality has seen fit to give out. No one has seen her except the officers and workmen who have business in the dockyards.

English curiosity became so clamorous a short time ago that the admirality decided to depart from its declared policy of maintaining absolute secrecy about the royal yacht so far as to give out some of the principal dimensions of the vessel.

The new yacht is to be 380 feet in length by 50 feet beam. Her draught is to be 18 feet and her displacement is to be 4,600 tons. This will be by far the biggest yacht ever built. William K. Vanderbilt's yacht Valiant, which has passed muster for a pretty good-sized yacht, is small by comparison with Queen Victoria's new pleasure craft. The Valiant is only 332 feet long, 39 feet beam and 16 feet draught. Her gross tonnage is 1,823. Howard Gould's Niagara is still smaller, being 272 feet in length, 35 feet beam and 16 feet draught.

The new royal yacht is as large as the cruiser Baltimore, larger than the New Orleans and much larger than the German Emperor's yacht Hohenzollern. The Hohenzollern is nothing more than a protected cruiser, armament, protective deck and all, with quarters fitted up for the emperor. The British royal yacht on the other hand will have none of the qualities of a cruiser, but will be a yacht pure and simple.

The hull is built of steel, sheathed with wood and covered with copper. She will be provided with double bottoms. She will have three funnels and two masts.

Speed is to be an important consideration. The yacht is to have two sets of triple expansion, four-cylinders, driving twin screw and having an indicated horse power of 11,000. The high pressure cylinder of each engine is to be 26 1-2 inches in diameter, the intermediate cylinder 44. 1-2 inches in diameter, and the two low pressure cylinders 53 in diameter, all having a stroke of 39 inches. Steam will be supplied by eighteen Belleville boilers, working at a pressure of 300 pounds, which will be reduced at the engines to 250 pounds. The grate area underneath the boilers will be 840 feet, and the heating surface will be 26,000 square feet. This machinery is expected to drive the vessel through the water at a speed of 20 knots an hour, with the engine making 140 revolutions a minute.

Recently progress on the yacht was delayed by strikes, but the men are now working overtime to make up for it. Only the best artisans to be found in the United Kingdom are employed. The vessel will have orlop, lower, main, upper and forecastle decks. It is estimated that by the time the royal yacht is in the water she will have cost £237,533. Although no information concerning the arrangement fitting and furnishing of the interior has been given out, it may reasonably be surmised that her majesty will be fairly comfortable on board, since it is estimated that the finished yacht will cost £300,000; or, in round numbers, $1,500,000.—*Chicago Record.*

Of An Old School.

Some good stories are being recalled of the Rev. James Oliphant, at one time parish minister of Dumbarton. Commenting one Sunday on the casting out of the legion of devils, he exclaimed:—

"Oh, if it had only been the Lord's will to hae drooned a' the devils, big and wee, as well as the swine, it would hae been a God-send to this puir devil-ridden warld. We could wee hae spared them." On one occasion when he was dealing with the Temptation and Satan's offer of the kingdoms of the world and a reward as a worship of him, he broke forth thus—"What a bouncin' auld vagabond! Oh, the astounding cheek o' him! The foul fiend wha hadna as much grun' as his twa cleuts stood on, fer to offer to give to onybody the hail earth, which is declared in the Scripture to be the Lord's and the fulness thereof!"

There was a party of young officers in the gallery one Sunday, and the sharp eyes of the minister saw that they were exchanging signals with his own daughter, and that Jenny was returning the signals. He warned the offenders. "There are sundry people in this place o' worship," he said, "whose conduct is reprehensible. If they do not behave better I will name them from the pulpit." The warning produced a temporary decorum, and the sermon proceeded. Then the signs began again. Mr. Oliphant stopped his course at once and cried out:—"Jenny Oliphant, my glaikit, sair-misguided dochter, rise up frae the manse seat that ye're disgracin' an' quickly gang oot 'o the hoose o' God that ye're profanin'." Jenny obeyed and marched out with a highly offended air, and doubtless her father reasoned with her to some purpose when he went home. It is lucky for the members of some church choirs that the Oliphants are dead.

Rebellion is Spreading.

London.—The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Shanghai: "The rebellion in the province of An-Houi (Ngan Hooi) is spreading rapidly, and it is feared that all the central provinces of China will become involved. On Jan. 10, 8000 An-Houi rebels, under the notorious desperado, Nui, reinforced by rebels from the province of Ho-Nan, attacked the city of Ku-Yung. After firing a volley the troops who were defending the city threw down their arms and fled. Two hundred men of one battalion were killed, including the commander and the captain. The city is now beseiged, and the viceroy of Nankin and the governors of the provinces Ho-Nan and Hu-Poh are hastening with troops to its relief.

Exhibit at Paris.

Ottawa.—A preliminary meeting of the advisory board, to make arrangements for an exhibition for the Paris Exposition, was held this forenoon in the office of the Minister of Agriculture. The members of the board are A H. Gilmore, ex-M. P., representing the maritime provinces; J. X. Perrault, representing Quebec; A. G. Jardine, representing Ontario, and W. D. Scott, the Manitoba government agent in Toronto for the territory lying west of Ontario. There are also Mr. Dawson, of the geological survey, Prof. Saunders, of the experimental farms, Professor Robertson, dairy commissioner and Major Gordeau, deputy minister of marine. It is the intention to make a good exhibit.

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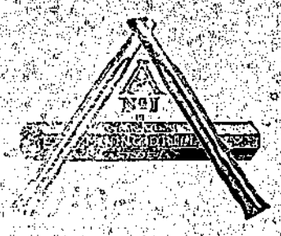

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899.

GET IN LINE.

The people of the town of Fort Steele, and of the entire Fort Steele district, has been the recipient of a genuine surprise, coming as it does from the official organ of the Cranbrook Townsite company. We know not, nor care not from what quarters came the inspiration that the editor received causing this most beneficent change of policy, yet we are free to say that it is possible that the "galled jade" has winced more than once during the past three weeks. The *Herald* says, get in line. We might retort by saying that THE PROSPECTOR is always in line, doing the most good, to the most people, in fact for the whole district of South East Kootenay.

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"Get in line," if the *Herald* will follow its course as mapped out in its editorial of Jan. 26th, and come into line with the other journals of South East Kootenay, for the good of the district, and stop its senseless and scurilous attacks upon the town off the line, we can heartily extend the glad hand and say that another sinner has been saved by Grace.

THE TURN OF THE TUNE.

As the sinner is now on the right road, a sermon on the past, might not be out of place. During the year 1897, the present editor of the Cranbrook *Herald*, was editor of the now defunct Wardner *International* "Requiescat in Pace." During the past two years were it not for THE PROSPECTOR, the good people of Canada would not have knowo that there was a town called Fort Steele. The *Herald* following in the line of the *International*, has never had a pleasant word for Fort Steele, hence the surprise created by its editorial of the 26th inst. Yes! "Get in line" and speak well of your neighbor town and you will find that the "turn of the tune" will benefit the *Herald* as well as the entire Fort Steele district.

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"The *Herald* has every confi- "dence in South East Kootenay. "it believes that there is a great "future in store for this grand "mineral section. that will bring "prosperity to every community "within its borders, and to each "individual here who will hustle "for the plums in sight.

THE PROSPECTOR fully agrees with every word contained in the above paragraph.

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"It would not detract from the "prosperity of any other town. "It believes that with the miner- "al development that is bound "to come in this district, all the "towns will be benefitted there- "by and enjoy a substantial "growth. It believes that Moyie, "Fort Steele and Fernie, towns "that are now good towns, "will be far better ones in the "future.

Yes! Moyie, Fort Steele and Fernie are all good towns, but there are others, the *Herald* forgets that Kimberley. Tracy, Elko, Windermere and several other towns are on the East Kootenay map.

A RICH MINERAL TOWN.

"Fort Steele with a rich min- "eral territory about it, will also "be secure on a substantial basis "for future growth.

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The above is exactly what the *Herald* has known, and believed to be true, during the past year, yet, not by a single article, or in any manner, prior to Jan. 26th, has it mentioned such a fact. It would seem from the article quoted that the information is of recent date, but it is a mistake, the rich mineral territory "adjacent" to Fort Steele, was well known to the editor before he crossed the line to enter British Columbia. It is a well known [illegible] mineral properties [illegible] Fort Steele are second to [illegible] this Province, and are [illegible] claimed by THE PROSPECTOR, as a sure and substantial basis for the future [illegible] and prosperity of the town of Fort Steele.

[illegible] "opportunities too great and "prosperity too well assured for "any newspaper to attempt to "build up its own [illegible] by de- "crying and deriding [illegible] neighbor- "ing town.

If the *Herald* had [illegible] the above text, for its guide, during the past year, it would not be necessary for it to explain why its zeal for the future welfare of the district and the town off the line, has been so marked that it needs no explanation at this time from us.

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"There is no occasion now, "nor has there been in the past, "for any newspaper to indulge "in personal attacks or furtile "attempts to injure any town in "the mind of the public.

This is as it should be, but unfortunately some people dont practice what they preach, and only realize the necessity of so doing when the gad is felt keenly.

BETWEEN THE LINES.

"They are not studying to in- "jure any community, but simp- "ly to build up Cranbrook. And "with the conditions favoring "the situation, with the people "of the district anxious for the "move, it was but right and just "that they should do their part "in securing the removal of the "government offices to this town. "The seat of government must "be located on the railroad, and "when that is done, Cranbrook is "the natural point, and one that "is favored by a majority of the "people of the district.

In reading between the above lines we can readily see that the *Herald* is not studying to injure any community. No, it only wants the government offices, and its reason for this removal is that they *must* be located on the railroad. Any tenderfoot of two years standing in a mining community knows full well that prospectors are not seeking mineral claims on the line of railways. The only place suitable for recording offices is a locality where mineral abounds, and where it will be most convenient to the largest number of prospectors and miners for purposes of record, not town booming. Surely a town that has so many good things "to get" such as a railway, divisional point, smelter and refining works and other modern luxuries, dont need government offices to boom a thus favored town, but might leave these offices to the purpose for which they were created, the accommodation of the mine owner, the miner and prospector, to a mining locality where those most interested can be served in the most convenient manner, for we surmise that this is what the offices were created for, and not for town booming purposes.

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"The 'Herald' believes in "working for Cranbrook, but to "do that it is not necessary to "work against Fort Steele, "Moyie. Fernie or any other "town.

Then why has it done so, at every opportunity during the past it has kicked at Fort Steele. has it been afraid that Fort Steele, with a rich mineral territory about it, was not deserving of a good or kind word, or was it afraid that mines or mining made towns, not railways. Well we are pleased to see that our esteemed contemporary has seen the errors of his way, that there are some sinners outside of Fort Steele, that can be made see the straight path of right. justice and truth.

MINES MAKE TOWNS.

Fort Steele, Kimberley, Tracy Windermere, Elko and Moyie are mining towns, that is there is a vast mineral district in close proximity to these towns. Were it not for these vast mineral areas, Fort Steele, Kimberley, Tracy, Elko. Windermere and Moyie, would not be found on the map of South East Kootenay.

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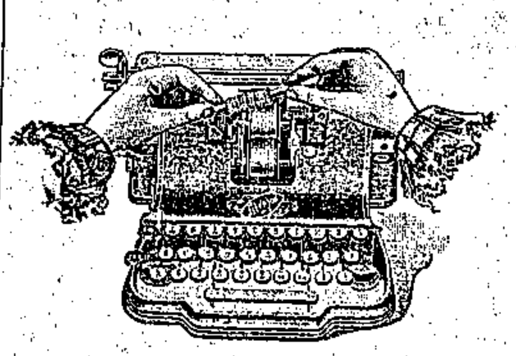

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SECRET MINES.

How Those of Great Britain are Safe From Prying Eves.

In the event of war no alien army could approach Britain's shores without imperiling its navy by encountering our explosive mines, scores of which surround our coast at all places likely to be selected for attack by a foreign foe. The Thames is also carefully shielded by similar secret mines, one of these being in the vicinity of Blackwall. The precise locality of these mines is however, for obvious reasons, kept a dark and inscrutable mystery, and the approaches to them are so cleverly constructed and concealed that no one save an expert would suspect their real character.

An innocent looking cellar at the basement of a certain tradesman's shop is the entrance to the important mine, but even the tradesman himself is not aware that the Government rents his cellar, nor does he even surmise the true nature of the operations carried on therein. The mines are equipped with explosives of a most potent kind, and admirably connected with the secret chambers on shore by means of electric wires.

Each mine is controlled by a button, over which are printed particulars relating to the location and character of the mine. This button is placed in the wall of the secret chamber, and covered by a double door securely locked, the outer door so resembling the wall of the chamber that no one but those in the secret could detect its presence. The chambers are double locked and approached by passages protected in a similar manner.

Every lock and key is specially made for the government, and is unlike any other. Only a few of the very highest officials are allowed to use these keys, and they are solemnly sworn to preserve their secret rigidly. No person, apart from those especially empowered, may inspect or visit any of the secret chambers at any time, except by express written "permit" personally secured from a certain high official. This is exceedingly difficult to obtain, and, in fact, is rarely ever granted.

Prior to such a permit being issued, the officials assure themselves that the possessor of the document bears a blameless character, is British born, and has no ulterior reasons for preferring his request. This settled he is sworn to secrecy in the most solemn manner, blindfolded, and conducted by a circuitous route to the secret chamber, where he is permitted to use his eyes but not his tongue, no questions being answered by the attending officials.

Strange stories have been told of attempts made by foreign spies to penetrate the privacy of the mysterious mines.

A young lieutenant in the navy whose honorable character won the confidence of his superior officers some years since, was accorded the privilege of guarding one of these secret mines, and entrusted with certain information concerning its character.

Soon after his appointment he became engaged to a charming young French lady, of whom he was enamoured. By some inexplicable means his fiancee got to hear of his appointment and by alternate threats and persuasions induced him to take her to see the secret mine under his care.

On the evening arranged, after extracting a solemn vow of secrecy from his lady love, and getting her to don the dress of a naval officer for the occasion, he was about to set out on his secret mission, when, to his surprise and alarm, he and his companion were arrested by detectives. In some mysterious manner the authorities had been enlightened as to the proceedings on foot, and were in time to stop them.

For "breach of regulations" the young lieutenant was court-martialled and reduced, while his charming companion, who proved to be a spy in the employment of the French government, was conveyed back to her own country with a caustic caution.

On another occasion a German gentleman contrived to locate the entrance to one of the secret chambers, and actually hired a member of the Bill Sykes fraternity to aid him in negotiating the locks one dark November night. But so splendidly fitted and fortified were these appliances, that both the visitors were doomed to disappointment. Returning from the rendezvous both the plotter and his accomplice were arrested and imprisoned.—Tit-Bits.

Parliament Meeting.

Toronto.—It is stated in well informed political circles that parliament will meet abont Feb. 15. Mr. Penny, M. P., says the date is about correct.

Stupendous Frauds.

Paris, Jan. 27.—There is a great sensation here by the news of the discovery that large stores of catridges in the general principal arsenal have been tampered with to such an extent as to render them practically useless. There is every reason to believe that had France gone to war with England at the time of the Fashoda crisis, she would, like Russia in the war with Turkey, have been handicapped beyond all recovery by the discovery too late, that more than half her ammunition was useless. Various firms of army contractors are thriving to such an extent that they are converting the business into joint stock companies, the shares starting at immense premium. It is no exaggeration to assert that the nation is being defrauded on just as colossal a scale in connection with the army today as previous to 1870.

The Chinese New Year.

The evening on which the new moon in February appears is New Years Eve in China. It is the greatest holiday of the year; it is also the only Sunday in the entire Chinese year, and the people stop all work, put on their best clothes, (if they have any,) new if possible, and rejoice and celebrate in their own peculiar way. Shoot off fireworks, fire crackers, Chinese bombs, in fact make all the noise possible. Drink Sam Suie, (whiskey), give presents wrapped in red paper, call on their friends, pay their debts, take a bath, (the only one in the year,) and enjoy themselves to the greatest possible degree. They are compelled to pay their debts on this day or go into bankruptcy. It is a bad day for the debtor in China, for the creditor can enter the house and help himself to anything he wants. Red, the most brilliant and gorgeous red possible, is over everything. Little signs, figures and symbols are on and over their doors, red wrapping paper about their presents; even eggs are painted red and offered to their Gods. At night the air is red with the light from burning crackers, used to scare away the devils of misfortune, and bad luck for the coming year. They sit up all night, for there is a supersition that the one who for ten successive years sees the sun rise on New Year's morning will have a long life. A peculiar New Year's custom is the little children running through the streets offering their small vices for sale, in order to start the year with a clear record. I want to sell my little lies, they cry. I want to sell my stealing habits. Who wants to buy my vanity, or my selfishness and bad temper. If they find a purchaser it is not recorded as they hold on to their stealing habits through life. The grand finale is a tremendous and sudden outburst of fireworks, a large decoction of sam suie and a prolonged sitting at fan tan. (gambling).

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899.

Ottawa Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The arrival of the first contingent of Doukhobors has revived the flood of mis-statements and partisan mendacity respecting the policy of the Government and the action of the Department of the Interior in connection with these people. In spite of repeated explanations and definite statements of the arrangements made by the Government in their behalf, Opposition papers persist in deliberately declaring that the Government has undertaken the expenditure of vast sums of public monies to bring them to Canada, and house, feed and clothe them until the spring. As a matter of fact, and this has been reiterated time and time again, the Department is doing very little more for the Doukhobors than it and its predecessors have been doing for many years past in pursuance of the policy formulated by the Government of Sir John Macdonald, and continued by succeeding administrations.

THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN DONE.

A part of this policy has always been to offer a bonus of $5, or to be exact, one pound sterling, on each whole ticket, to European agents of steamship companies, and this has been all the monetary assistance given, the immigrants themselves being looked after on their arrival to the extent of being met by interpreters and other officials qualified to render them general assistance in their strange and unknown surrounding, and provided with shelter in the immigation sheds while awaiting transportation into the interior. Care is taken at the port of embarkation to ascertain that the emigrant has some means of providing himself with the necessaries of life upon his first arrival and while an occasional pauper, entirely *destitute*, is found in the company upon its arrival and these of necessity are saved from actual starvation by the authorities, such cases are few and far between.

Then on reaching Winnipeg or further west the newcomers are given opportunities to take up free land or purchase homesteads from the Government or the railway, and the fact that business in both land departments has more then doubled this year, and the yet more significant fact that the much-abused Galicians have taken up, by free grant and purchase, more land proportionately than any other class or section of immigrants, proves beyond cavil that the Government has been encouraging the right sort of people to come into the country.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE DOUKHOBORS.

So much for the general regulations; in what way and to what extent have they been varied in the case of the Doukhobors? When the Government was approached by duly accredited representatives of a responsible organization, charged with developing a scheme for the wholesale expatriation of this persecuted people, the proposition was submitted to the Department that a grant be made to the emigration fund in place of the bonus usually paid to the steamship agents. The promoters were naturally desirous to secure as large a grant as possible and at first the Government conceded an additional grant of $1.50 a head over and above the regular bonus, as a departmental grant. In other words the Government agreed to make the bonus $6.50 in place of $5.00, and to give the money to the society having the arrangements in hand, instead of to the steamship agents. Some confusion threatened however, from the fact that the steamship grant of $5 was only paid on adult or whole tickets, so a rearrangement was made by which the extra bonus of $1.50 was dropped and the regulation bonus of one pound sterling paid on each man, woman and child arriving in port. This leaves the total grant practically unchanged but simplifies the arrangement.

EVERY CENT SPENT IN CANADA.

The proper financing of so large a scheme was an undertaking of unusual difficulty but has been successfully met, and a committee of prominent business men and representative Doukhobors has been appointed in Winnipeg, for the purpose of supervising the expenditure of the grant and not a cent is paid out until the item is examined and approved by the committee. To further assist in expending the money to the best possible advantage, Government immigration agents at the various points of destination have purchased supplies for the use of the new arrivals, paying for the same out of the aforesaid grant which remains in the hands of the Government for that purpose. It is therefore absolutely untrue and misleading to state, as is being persistently done by Opposition papers that the Government has contracted to house, feed and clothe these people, until the spring, at the public expense, and those making the charge are well aware that it is false.

Moreover it should be noted, that whereas hitherto, the per capita grant has been paid to foreign agents, and therefore sent out of the country, the money in this case is being spent on supplies right here and every dollar returns into the pockets of the taxpayers. Those little points appear to escape the notice of Opposition papers but they are worth noting.

A SPLENDID LOT OF PEOPLE.

So much for the actual facts as to the government's policy. The calumnies that have been so freely disseminated regarding the character and customs of these people may safely be left to die a natural death as time proves their utter lack of substance. All reports, since their arrival, more than verify the good character given them at first, and even those most antagonistic now admit that a finer lot of foreigners never landed on Canadian soil. The latest horrible discovery, that their marriage rite is unattended by any ceremony, beyond the public mutual acceptance of each other by the principals, is raising a perfect howl of virtuous indignation, but it may soothe the lacerated sensibilities of our ultra-priest friends to learn that this is the exact counterpart of marriage ceremony of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, (than whom there is not a more respected and right-living sect in existence), in England and elsewhere, and such marriages have always been recognized by the state and respected by the community. It also differs very little from a form of Scotch marriage which has sufficed in thousands of cases and had always been recognized by the law of the land.

POINTERS ON NATIONAL FINANCE

A valuable lecture was delivered a few days ago on "National Finance" by Mr. Byron E. Walker, General Manager of the Bank of Commerce and one of the most reliable and cautious financiers of the country. Viewing his subject as he did from a purely professional standpoint, and without a suspicion of political bias, his conclusions are of unusual value and interest. Of the National expenditure on national public works he observed. "We shall soon finish our canals, and we may then pause awhile in that department of public works, only doubtless to take it up again some years hence on an even larger scale. There are those who suppose we are near the end of our railroad building with government aid. In my opinion we have but begun. I am not unmindful of the plea made by certain farmers to Sir Wilfred Laurier a few days ago, which deserves every consideration that is possible, apart from staying the progress of this country. But we Canadians, at Confederation undertook a gigantic task for such a small body of people. We undertook to develop the vast area we now control. Many of us have had anxious fears as to whether we should succeed. These fears have passed away and we are on the threshold of a period of expansion during which large debts will be created by both individuals and public bodies. To the extent that these undertakings are encountered with prudence, and a just appreciation of the grave responsibilities, it will be well."

NOTICE.

Take notice that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Mountain House, Fort Steele, B. C.

ARCHIE McLEOD.

Dated this 19th day of Jan., 1899. 4-8

NOTICE.

SOUTH EAST 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 1899. All of the above taxes collectible within the district of East Kootenay Southern Division, assessed by me, 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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The business will be continued by Jacob Berkman who assumes all the liabilities of the partnership, and to whom all debts due the partnership must be paid.

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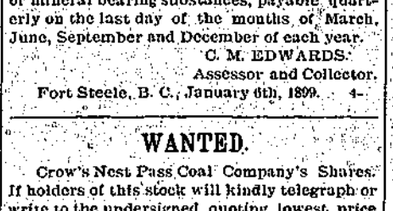

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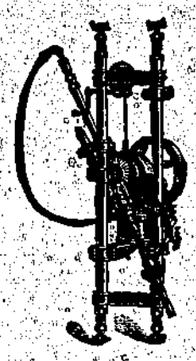

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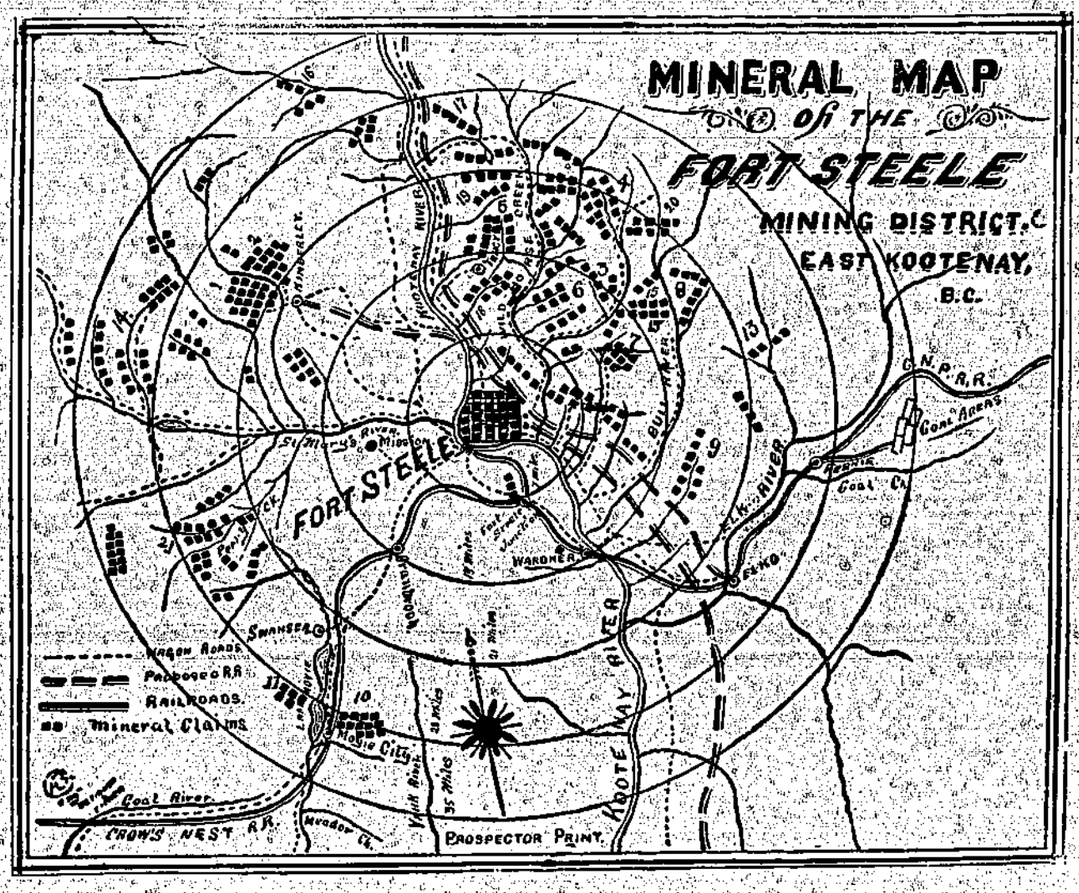

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Look out for a boom in the near future.

Millinery goods at cost. Mrs. Goodnough. *

Harry Barr's residence on Government avenue is about completed.

Kershaw's silver-skin onions at 6c. per lb., and potatoes at 2c. per lb. are pleasing all. *

The weather man seems to be a lightning-change artist.

Take out an Accident Insurance Policy with M. A. Beale. *

Last week was a record breaker for marriages in Fort Steele.

For a good Shave, Haircut or Bath go to C. E Adam's Barber Shop and Bath Rooms. Successor to Highwarden & Son. *

The Fort Steele Board of Trade will meet every Wednesday for the transaction of business.

New milk for your children can now be had at 5 cents per quart, or at 5 cents per glass, at Kershaw's. *

Mr. Alfred Bale came down from Kimberley on Monday.

Office Diaries for 1899 at Cann's Bookstore. *

Mr. E. C. Smith, manager of the Sullivan group, was in town on Monday.

If you want a shave—A clean and cool and refreshing shave—go to Grez's Barber shop, next door to the Oriental Hotel. *

J. R. Miller, Montreal; F. R. Hyndman, New York; B. Roberts, Boston; J. W. Dore, Hamilton, were registered at the Venosta on Monday.

Fresh fruits at lowest prices; Fresh Eggs, Butter and New Milk at Kershaw's. *

The Bachelors' Ball will take place on Friday the 10th inst.

A large party of Steelites went to Hanson's on Tuesday evening, it was a cold ride, but the warmth of their reception, by mine host Hanson, and the dance, amply repaid these that attended.

Donald McKay, returned to Fort Steele, on Thursday.

J. Grierson on Thursday was putting in the poles, for the C. P. R. Telegraph line.

The Fort Steele Board of Trade held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening.

Thursday the 9th inst. will be Chinese New Year.

Mr. Humphrey of Wolf creek is visiting at Fort Steele.

Mr. Edwards, C. P. R. telegraph inspector, is at Fort Steele.

K. J. Highby came down from the Big Chief mine on Thursday.

Fort Steele is assuming metropolitan airs. Telegraph and Telephone wires on both sides of Riverside avenue.

Crow's Nest coal shares are worth $43 at Fort Steele.

Gus Thies came down from Perry creek on Tuesday.

Messrs. Young and Harvey came down from the Wonderful mine on Monday.

John Grassick has gone to Wolf creek on business.

Ned Bray sold $60,000 worth of Crow's Nest Coal shares this week.

C. Kaufman, Moyie City, is at the Venosta.

James Cronin, manager of the St. Eugene mine, returned from Spokane on Wednesday.

A cold wave hit Fort Steele on Thursday and sent the thermometer down to 26 below zero.

R. L. T. Galbraith has been ill with Grippe, but is now reported much better.

The price of lead is increasing. It is predicted that lead will be worth five cents per pound before the year closes.

W. E. Johnson went to Tracy creek on Thursday.

BORN.

On the 21st of January, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Quinlivan.

NOTES OF THE LATEST NEWS.

By Wire and Post From All Parts of the World.

Washington.—Bills for a Hawaiian cable has been introduced.

Chicago.—Yesterday a Chicago man had the luck to find $60,000 worth of bonds in an old trunk.

Mr. Justice Hawkins has retired from the English bench.

Victoria.—The public accounts of British Columbia show a revenue of $1,439,623, with an expenditure of $2,001,031.

Victoria.—The bill to exclude aliens from placer mining in the province received its third reading, and was immediately assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor, so that it is now in effect.

Calcutta.—Russia will advance on Herat with 20,000 men in case of trouble with Afghanistan.

London.—Cecil Rhodes has secured £10,000,000 towards building his African railway from Cape Town to Cairo.

Sydney, Australia.—The German consul at Apia, Samoan islands, is accused of causing a revolt among the natives.

Cairo.—Emir Fidelis' force of 2,000 Dervishes has surrendered to a British gunboat.

Washington.—It is rumored that the United States find themselves unable carry out their plans for foreign naval stations.

Shanghai.—Russia will hold military and naval manoeuvres at Port Arthur, China.

Paris.—Don Carlos is said to be ready for the uprising in Spain.

Paris.—Count Esterhazy has arrived in Paris to give evidence in the Dreyfus case.

The Colonist denies now that Mr. J. H. Turner is a statesman of the imperial type, and we don't wonder at it. But its rather rough on Turner.

Zanzibar.—Congo rebels have defeated Belgian troops in a sanguinary engagement. The Belgians were outnumbered.

Cairo.—Lord Kitchener has been appointed Governor General of the Soudan.

Athens.—A destructive earthquake occurred yesterday in Southern Greece.

Washington.—The U. S. government have decided to allow only American vessels to trade with Porto Rico for the present.

Canada was never more prosperous than it is today. But there is no corner of Canada quite so prosperous as British Columbia.

London.—Hooley, the promoter, has been found guilty of fraud by official receiver.

The Whole Hog.

The Cranbrook Herald in a recent issue announces the fact that just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, the general offices of the Crow's Nest Pass road will be removed from Macleod to Cranbrook. The Herald states that this move is necessary as Cranbrook is the divisional point. We were under the impression that there was more than one divisional point on the Crow's Nest Pass road, and that Macleod had some claim to that title also. We would remind the Herald that there is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, not to count unhatched chickens and a few other useful reminders. We should hardly imagine that the offices will be removed from Macleod, which has been the headquarters ever since construction began, to a mushroom town like Cranbrook. The Herald's efforts in this direction are similar to its grasping attempts to obtain the removal of the government offices from their established situation at Fort Steele to Cranbrook.—*Macleod Gazette.*

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Still Holds His Seat.

The position taken by the member for South East Kootenay is a unique one, not knowing as to whether he is disqualified or not, but his conscience somehow or other tells him that he ought to resign. If the honorable ex-provincial secretary would examine his conscience more closely, and in a fair and impartial spirit, it is possible that he would follow the example of the ex-premier and resign.

William's Birthday.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The Emperor William today received the birthday congratulations of his family, and after special service in the chapel of the castle he held a reception. Before the service his majesty received the German sovereigns and princes, who had arrived in Berlin for the occasion, and the other princes and princesses of the royal family. After the reception the emperor proceeded to the arsenal to give the password to the garrison.

The Mightiest Factor.

London, Jan. 25.—Mr. Hamilton Brown, editor of the British Realm, received a letter today from Rear-Admiral Dewey, dated Manilia, December 18th, in response to a request for an expression of opinion on Great Britain's imperial policy. The admiral says: "After many years of wondering I have come to the conclusion that the mightiest factor in the civilization of the world is the imperial policy of England.

Choate's Departure.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The new ambassador to the court of St. James, Mr. Joseph H. Choate called at the White House today to receive instructions.

Russian Defiance.

London, Jan. 27.—Russia has defied Britain in the Soudan. The appointment of consuls in London is so interpreted.

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U. S. Investigation.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Rear-Admiral Kautz has been instructed upon his arrival with the Philadelphia at Apia to investigate the entire Samoan situation and report the facts to the department. Reinforced by this report, the department will be able to follow up its demands presented to the German government by ambassador White, provided the report confirms the dispatches sent by consul general Osborne.

A Young Governor.

London, Jan. 26.—Earl Beauchamp has been appointed governor of New South Wales in succession to Viscount Hampden, governor and commander-in-chief of the colony since 1896. He is only 27.

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.

Presbyterian Church.

Forenoon: Service will be held in the new church at 11 a. m., tomorrow. Evening: Service will be held at 7.30 p. m. All welcome. Sabbath school will meet at 3 p. m. as usual.

Bye-Elections.

The writ having been issued for the bye-election for North East Kootenay, Mr. Griffith has been appointed Returning Officer. Feb. 9th is fixed as the day of nomination, and Feb. 20th as the day of poll.

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