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In the Near Future.

The mining camps in the province have cast up their outputs for the year, and are all pleased with the result, and the outlook for the future is bright. Lack of transportation on the east side of the Kootenay valley has retarded the development of mines to a large extent, yet the work done is satisfactory.

The Fort Steele mining division of South East Kootenay has many friends who persist that in the near future, that this district is destined to become the largest producer in British Columbia.

Bridge the Kootenay.

A bridge across the Kootenay is much needed. And its construction is assured by Mr. Hanson. Reports from Wasa, where the bridge is located, are to the effect that actual construction has commenced. Mr. Hanson is building the bridge without any aid from the government or other parties. The bridge will be of great convenience to prospectors and ranchers in the Skookum Chuck district affording them a safe and convenient route to Fort Steele.

Among the Craft.

On Tuesday evening, the first day of the year, also the first of the century, the North Star Lodge of A. F. & A.M. held their regular meeting. A large number of the craft were present. A candidate was passed, and there was a general good feeling expressed as to the future prosperity of the lodge.

New York, Jan. 3.—Teddy Roosevelt was initiated as a member of Matinecock lodge F. & A. M. last night, after the entered apprentice had been conferred upon Teddy; there was a grand banquet. Many prominent masons were present from all over the country.

The British Columbia Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. will meet at Nelson on Tuesday, January 22nd, 1901.

Kimberley Notes.

Ore has been struck in the North Star mine between the 40 and 60 foot levels.

The shaft on the Greenhorn fraction is down 40 feet, the bottom of the shaft is in concentrating ore.

The output of the Sullivan mine for the month of December was 1370 tons.

The snow road from the mine to the railway is in excellent condition, and the ore is coming down the mountain as rapidly as possible.

A new strike of ore is reported in the Sullivan mine.

It is reported that development work on the Galore will soon be commenced.

An English syndicate have secured an option on a large number of claims in the vicinity of the Sullivan mine.

A new tunnel is soon to be started on the Sullivan to open up a deeper level, also to drain the mine.

St. John's Church of England.

Services will be held in the Church of St. John the Divine every Sunday evening at 7:30.

Strangers are welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Christian service will be conducted in the Presbyterian Church by the Pastor Rev. D. McK. Reid, B A. every Sabbath evening at 7:30. There will also be a service every other Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 12 a.m.

All are welcome to our services

The Railway Situation.

There is not a doubt remaining in the minds of the most skeptical, but that a railway will be built to Fort Steele in the near future. This is what the people of Fort Steele have long hoped for, and it only needed the united efforts of our citizens to make the hope a certainty. A charter has been applied for by the Kootenay Central Railway. The Canadian Pacific has also said, through its president that a railway would be built into Steele. The Great Northern Railway also seem to be getting into line for the purpose of building a line up the Kootenay valley. THE PROSPECTOR don't care who builds the road, but is a strong believer in home industry, and protection. Let the road be a Canadian one.

BOER INVASION.

Looks Serious—British Gun Captured Also a Railway Train.

London, Jan. 2.—The Boers have now reached a point half way between the Orange River and Cape Town, and in spite of optimism of the London press, the government announcement at Cape Town shows how seriously the invasion is regarded there.

The only thing that really touches the British public is the loss of a big naval gun.

It is now ascertained that the Boers who trekked westward from Vryburg and were supposed to be going to Damaraland are making for the Prieska district of Cape Colony.

The Boers captured and burned a train near Rosmead Junction. A guard of 50 soldiers was captured, several officers and men were wounded in defending the train.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS.

Five Thousand Boer Invaders—Knox After Dewet.—Fourteen of Nesbett's Horse Captured.

London, Jan. 3.—The Boer invaders now number over 5,000. The western division gives the most concern. It has split into two divisions which are marching like the prongs of a fork, one by the way of Sutherland towards Malmesburg and the other towards Beaufort West.

Two hundred and fifty Boers captured 14 men of Nesbetts Horse, 50 miles south of Colesburg. The enemy, since increased to 800, has appeared near Welter-Vreden and is driving off stock.

General Knox who has been following up General Dewet, reports that he has captured some horses, five wagons with supplies and 6,000 rounds of ammunition. He has released and allowed to go to their farms 76 Boer prisoners, who were taken at Dewets laager, and who were being forced to fight.

General French recently captured 12 prisoners and a large number of carts and cattle. Among the prisoners was a dispatch rider bearing a letter from Beyers to Smuts.

IN OLD PEKIN.

British and Americans Rejoice Over New Years Day.

Pekin, Jan. 1.—The advent of the new year and the new century was celebrated in Pekin in an elaborate manner. The discharge of numerous guns at midnight created a scare and many troops were sent to discover whether the city had been attacked or whether it was a Boxer rising.

A feature which caused considerable comment was a review of British troops in honor of Queen Victoria and of the Australian Federation to which all the nations were invited to send representatives. The French were conspicuous by their absence, not a Frenchman being present at the review.

Cut His Throat.

Edward Rice, murderer under sentence of death, attempted to commit suicide at the penitentiary at Boise. He cut a gash ten inches long across his throat severing the windpipe. The man is in a critical condition, and may cheat the gallows.

Wednesday was a legal holiday.

THE TRACY CREEK MINES.

A Large Development—Can Produce and Ship Ore.

ESTELLA GROUP.

The work on the Estella group of mines is still progressing and everything adds to the value of the property. The work now being done is of such a character as to thoroughly demonstrate to the satisfaction of the owners, and in fact to everyone who has visited the mine, that it will attract the attention of mining men. The Estella group consists of the Estella, Skylark, Rover, Cashier, Dog Star, Morning, Mountain, Daisy and Alice. The development work consists of over 1400 feet of tunnels, drifts, shafts and winzes. At present there is over 500 tons of shipping ore on the dump, besides several hundred tons of concentrating ore. The Estella group is favorably located not only for milling the ore, but for shipping. The mine is only six miles from the river, with a good wagon road within a half-mile of the mine. There are ample milling facilities on Tracy creek. Good mill site and an abundance of water. There is no doubt but, with railway facilities for ore transportation, the Estella could ship ore inside of ten days.

WASA CREEK.

The Silvia group of claims is situated on Wasa creek. Considerable work has been done on the claims during the past year. The ledge is about two feet in width, cutting its course through a slate formation. The vein is a white quartz, and gold is plentifully found near the slate contact.

There are other claims on the creek which have been more or less developed, among them may be mentioned the Wasa Group, owned by N. Hauson and another group owned by Ford and Kelly, besides many locations upon which only the yearly assessment work has been done. These claims are situated on the east side of the Kootenay river and are all tributary to the town of Fort Steele, being about twelve miles distant.

BILL NYE.

One of the claims in this vicinity which has attracted considerable attention is the Bill Nye. This claim is located at the head of Trail Creek; the ledge on the surface is ten feet wide carrying four feet of clean ore. The property has been developed to a considerable extent during the past year. Three tunnels having been run, 80, 50 and 30 feet, and the showing is an excellent one. There are several other leads traversing the property, varying from one to six feet in width. The ore is a galena and copper carbonates with considerable grey copper. This property will be thoroughly developed during the coming year.

MONTANA.

The owners of the Montana mines on Lewis Creek, are well pleased with the development work done during the past year. The shaft is now down 100 feet, a tunnel has been run 75 feet, this tunnel is about 150 feet below the shaft opening. In the recent work in the shaft, the work was in galena for the last 40 feet. The last assay gave a value of $80 per ton in all values. Some copper has been encountered but it is not associated with the galena. The ledge upon which the work has been done has been cross cut for 11 feet, and the hanging wall not yet found. The pay streak is five feet wide of an excellent grade of concentrating ore. The ledge is an immense one and has been traced for a long distance.

GOLDEN FLEECE AND STANLEY.

From what can be learned this property possesses more than ordinary merit. The claims show considerable development, one tunnel on the lead is in 72 feet, with several open cuts varying from 15 to 35 feet in length. The ore has a valuation of from $30 to $160, according to recent assays. Mr. Forsyth has a contract for 100 feet of tunnel on the Stanley.

Assessment work has been done on the Rams Horn.

The owners of the St. Lawrence have completed a tunnel 100 feet in length, there is a fine showing of copper on this property.

BULL RIVER PROPERTIES.

An Unknown Mining Region. But Little Prospected.

THE MORNING GROUP.

The property of the Bull River Mining Company is situated on Quartz Creek, whose waters empty into Bull River, about 12 miles from Fort Steele. There are three groups, one known as the Morning Star group consists of ten claims. The White Swan group of two claims, and the Susan Belle and Highland Mary, comprising the third group. On the group of ten claims there are eight distinct leads running parallel some 500 feet apart. The number one tunnel is in 30 feet, and number two tunnel 24 feet, all in solid ore. The vein at this point is 27 feet wide, ascertained by surface work showing this width in several open cuts. The trend of the veins is north and south, the ore is copper, and the walls are black lime and slate in contact. The ore carries copper, silver, gold and galena. A considerable amount of ore is on the dump. The work done this year has been preliminary to the developing of the property on a large scale next year.

OLD ABE.

The Old Abe is situated on Bull River near the Chickamon Stone mine. A large amount of development has been done during the past year. A tunnel is in 90 feet, the first ore encountered was galena, then copper sulphides, and then pyrrhotite. Some beautiful specimens of native copper has been taken from this property. The floor of the tunnel is solid pay ore. With active development, which is promised for the coming year, the Old Abe will prove to be one of the best mines in South East Kootenay.

CHICKAMON STONE.

The development work on the Chickamon Stone has progressed in a very satisfactory manner during the past season. A large amount of money has been expended. There are over 600 feet of tunnels, shafts, winzes, crosscuts and open cuts. Also a large amount of ore extracted that will average about $40 to the ton. Mr. Chas Theis, one of the principal owners of the property says: "that during the coming season a diamond drill will be the main factor in the development of the property.

MOLLY DAWN AND CUCKOO.

These claims are situated on the east side of Bull River, and separated from the Chickamon Stone by the Windsor fraction. Development work consists of a tunnel now in 90 feet. The vein is two feet in width, carrying copper pyrites and galena. This property is one of the most promising in that section, and, with further development it is believed that it will make a mine.

During the Past Year.

The closing year of the century was a remarkable one for farmers and planters, notwithstanding the fact that some sections harvested smaller crops than in preceding years.

Copper has done nothing startling, variations remaining within the range of three quarters of a cent, opening at 16½ cents, the close was at the top 17 cents. Trade has been active and domestic production pushed.

Lead fell from $4.70 to $3.75, and recovered to $4.35, where it has been maintained by the smelting company for many months.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Railway Pensions.—Exhibition at Boston.—Charity Ball.

KENTUCKY'S LONG TRIP.

Hong Kong, Jan. 5.—The United States battleship Kentucky, Capt. Chester commanding, is expected to arrive here to-day. Her itinerary is a lengthy one. She left Tompkinsville, New York, on October 20, going direct to Gibraltar. She then visited Algiers, Naples Port Said, Suez and then went to Smyrna, where she scared the Sultan of Turkey out of his wits, so that he ordered a cruiser at Cramp's shipyard in order to propitiate Uncle Sam.

Northwestern Pensions Also.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The directors of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway have inaugurated a permanent pension system patterned in many respects after the one put in force by the Pennsylvania Railroad. It will affect a force of 27,000 employes. The number who will be retired has not yet been determined, but it is estimated that it will take $200,000 annually to pay the pensions.

Sixty-Third Exhibition.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The 63rd annual exhibition of the Boston Art Club opened to-day and will be continued until February 2nd. The display of oil paintings and sculpture is very fine. One thousand dollars has been appropriated for the purchase of one or more pictures.

Kid Parker and Joe Gans.

Denver, Jan. 4.—"Kid" Parker of Denver, and Joe Gans, of Baltimore, will have a return fight of ten rounds for a purse of $2,000 tonight. The contest will take place at the Colorado Athletic Club, January 4 winner to take all.

Albany's First Charity Ball.

Albany, Jan. 4.—This city's first charity ball will be given to night in Odd Fellows' Hall. Gov. Odell is expected to open the ball.

National Academy of Design.

New York, Jan. 4.—The National Academy of Design opened its 76th annual exhibition to-day at the Fine Art Galleries at West 57th street. The exhibition will be open until Feb. 2.

Greenhorn Fraction.

On Wednesday Mr. R. Dempsey returned from the North Star hill where he has been engaged in developing the Greenhorn Fraction. Mr. Dempsey reports that the shaft is down 40 feet, with a cross-drift of 12 feet at the bottom, the drift is in ore, also over 20 feet of the shaft. The ore is galena, but will have to be concentrated.

Duke of York Promoted.

The Duke of York has been gazetted as rear admiral. The promotion from the rank of Captain to that of rear-admiral as a preliminary to his visit to Australia and Canada gives universal satisfaction.

British Embassy Christmas.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The British Ambassador and Lady Pauncefote kept Christmas by observing the time-honored customs of the day. The stately apartments and the portrait of the Queen in the stairway hall were decked with holly and woodland boughs and garlands, there was a family dinner party, at which the entire embassy staff, with the addition of Sir Percy Sanderson and his sister, Miss Sanderson, the former the British consul general at New York. Among the members of the embassy attending the annual party the first time were Capt. and Mrs. Lewis Bayler, the former, the naval attache and successor of Captain Paget; Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Charles Kitson, R. A., the successor to Col. Arthur Lee, the military attache, and Mr. and Mrs. Dayrell, E. M. Crackanthorpe, who joined the embassy at Newport last summer. The coming of Mrs. Crackanthorpe to Washington as the wife of an English diplomat, is of special interest, as she is the daughter of one of America's bravest and greatest soldiers and statesmen, General Daniel E. Sickles, of Washington and New York. There is a rumor here that Sir Henry Howard, the present British Ambassador to the Netherlands, will succeed Lord Pauncefote when he retires from the embassy here.

1900 BANNER RECORD 1900

South East Kootenay Produced Mineral Having a Valuation of $2,384,534.

During the past year the producing and shipping mines of South East Kootenay have shipped 55,753 tons of galena having a total valuation of $1,923,580.

The output from the Crows Nest Coal mines was 230,477 tons valued at $460,954.

NORTH STAR MINE.

The North Star mine has shipped 15,513 tons of galena ore having an average valuation of not less than $50 per ton and a gross valuation of $775,650.

ST. EUGENE MINE.

The St. Eugene Consolidated mines have shipped 13,593 tons of concentrates, and the concentration is about three to one, these figures indicate that the mine has produced 40,779 tons of crude ore during the past year. The actual value of the concentrates are not available, but it is reported that the gross valuation is not less than $60 per ton, or a total valuation of $815,580.

SULLIVAN MINE.

The Sullivan mine did not commence shipping until late in the season and has shipped 5,647 tons of galena that will average $50 per ton, a gross valuation of $282,350.

SOCIETY GIRL.

The Society Girl is the latest shipping mine in the district and commenced to ship some time after October 1st, 1900. The ore shipped was 1,000 tons. We are not able to state the actual value of the ore per ton, but as the ore was shipped direct to the smelter it must have been of high grade, not less than $50 per ton or a gross valuation of $50,000.

TOTAL VALUATION.

North Star	$ 775,650
St. Eugene	815,580
Sullivan	282,350
Society Girl	50,000
Total	$1,923,580

This is a most satisfactory condition of the mines of the district, and there is no doubt but the output for 1901 will be increased by over 50 per cent. from these mines, and there is also no doubt that several mines in the district will become shippers and largely help to swell the output from South East Kootenay.

CROW'S NEST COAL.

During the year 1899, upon the completion of the Crow's Nest railway the mines of Fernie commenced to ship coal, during that year the output was 62,852 tons valued at the mine, at $2 per ton, or a gross value of $125,704.

During the past year this output has reached 230,477 tons, valued at $460,954. It is impossible to obtain the coke output or its valuation as the returns of the yearly production are now sent to the coast.

South East Kootenay can be proud of the mineral showing made by the district in 1900, $2,384,534, from a comparatively unknown district that has come to the front during the past year enabled to do this by the construction of the Crow's Nest Railway. In conclusion we may say: "Give this district a north and south railway, with adequate means of transportation extending to every mining camp in the district, and the mineral output for the coming year will certainly be increased by over 100 per cent.

THE SAND CREEK REGION.

A District of Promise.—A Large Amount of Development Work Done During the Past Year.

Reports of the satisfactory results of development in the Sand Creek portion of the district have been coming in during the past few months. During the year more capital has been expended in development work than in any previous period and the results are, that this section is rapidly acquiring a reputation as a thoroughly mining region for this portion of the Fort Steele district.

EMPIRE MINE.

This property is on Sand Creek, about 2½ miles from Cranston, on the Crow's Nest Railway. There is a large surface showing of iron, galena and copper, and the ledge on the surface can be traced for over 700 feet, with a width of from 24 to 40 feet. There has been a large amount of development on the property; a tunnel is in 50 feet, an open cut of ten feet and several minor openings. In all the openings the vein shows chalcopyrite carrying from seven to ten per cent copper, five to twenty ounces in silver, and from a trace to $4 in gold. The ore for the most part is concentrating. A recent assay gave a return of 28-84 per cent. copper, and six ounces in silver. A total valuation of $107.84 to the ton. A considerable amount of shipping ore is on the dump. It is the intention of the owners to place the mine among the list of shippers during the coming year

BLUE GROUSE.

This is one of the first claims located on Sand Creek, and a large amount of development work has been done, the main tunnel is in over 200 feet, at this point a cross-cut has been run showing the vein to be fully 25 feet wide. At the face of the tunnel a vertical depth of 150 feet is obtained. The ore is copper of a high grade. Development will be pushed during the coming season, and efforts will be made to place the mine among the shippers.

WATERFALL.

The tunnel which is now being run, at some distance below the old tunnel, is now in over 45 feet and it is expected that the lead will be tapped shortly. As soon as the lead is encountered a force of men will be employed, a winter camp established, and work continued all winter.

The rock in the tunnel is highly mineralized showing its near approach to the lead. The ore is copper and galena.

SAND CREEK.

Messrs. Burke and Higgins have done considerable development on the St. Lawrence which is an extension of the Empire on the east. Extensive developments are contemplated for the coming season.

The McBane and Bishop property on Sand Creek has been the scene of active development during the past season. The lead is six feet wide, and has been uncovered for a distance of 200 feet. The ore is said to run high in copper. There is considerable shipping ore on the dump.

The Future of the District.

The future of South East Kootenay lies in the fuller development of the great mineral resources of the district, also the agricultural resources. With the future exploitation of the silver-lead, copper, gold and silver ores of this district, the immense coal fields at Fernie, and the establishment of local smelters and refineries, the Fort Steele mining division of South East Kootenay will take rank as a mineral region of large importance.

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THE KOOTENAY CENTRAL RAILWAY.

The shrewd smelting man, or the experienced railway builder, coming to size up the situation in East Kootenay would naturally ask himself, not, which is the highest point in the district, from which I can build my railway down to the developed mines, and from which mines I can haul the ores up to the great smelter, which must be built to make the business of the mine operator a paying one; but, where is the point so centrally situated that from it I can best reach all, or the greater portion of the great mining regions in the surrounding mountains, and to which I can haul coke, coal and fluxes by a down or easy grade, and at which I can find an abundant supply of water for my stamp mills, smelters and refineries. Looking around for a spot so favored by nature he would unhesitatingly say to himself on seeing Fort Steele, "here is the ideal spot for which I have been searching." But he would no doubt put to himself this further question: "why has a spot so favored by nature been so strangely neglected by man?" He would probably ask also, "was the great development railway built through the district by the favor of the Governments of the Dominion and the Province so located as best to serve the object in view—the most thorough exploitation of the great natural resources of the district? To this query, the thoughtful well informed man can give but one answer. It is not our present purpose however to discuss this question at length or at all. The railway is there, it has not touched the spot which of all others in East Kootenay it should have reached. There is no wisdom or utility in recriminations or regrets, the situation with its advantages and disadvantages is before us, "how can we best supply the transportation facilities, still lacking, by some scheme of railway construction as that projected under the name of the Kootenay Central Railway. And in pushing this project the people of Fort Steele should be united as one man. Our interests in the railway are vital. It is for the present greater than that of any other place in the district. Hence it is our duty as well as our interests to stand shoulder to shoulder to show our faith in the natural advantages and beauties of our town by working tirelessly for its advancement. By showing this faith on all occasions, and by helping ourselves we shall sooner or later get others to help us. Circumstances may seem at present against us; but let us show no feeling of despair. Let us shape these circumstances to our own ends, assured that with the building of the north and south road and its branches, a new life will be given our town and a new era of prosperity dawn on a portion of the district not hithero supplied with needed railway facilities.

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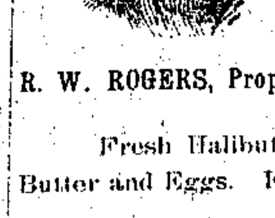

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RUSSIAN NAVAL ESTIMATES.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—The Russian naval estimates for this year amounts to 97,097,666 roubles, an increase of upwards of two millions roubles over the past pear. Eight millions will be expended on the harbors of Valdivostock, Port Arthur and Liban. The balance will be used to strengthen the navy.

CONGRESS RESUMES.

Washington. Jan. 3.—Congress resumed business to-day, the members of both Senate and House returning in good spirits. It is understood that business will be pushed vigorously.

THE NIAGARA FALLS POWER CO.

Niagara Falls, Jan. 3.—The machinery of the new installation of electric power in the huge plant of the Niagara Falls Power Company has been set in motion. The wheel pit is an enormous cutting in the solid rock, nearly two hundred feet deep and wide and can accommodate ten turbine wheelsof over 5,000 horse power. This is the largest hydraulic plant in the world until the completion of the installation at Massena Springs, where the St. Lawrence is harnessed to the extent of 110,000 horse-power.

PRESIDENT ZELAYA EXPECTED.

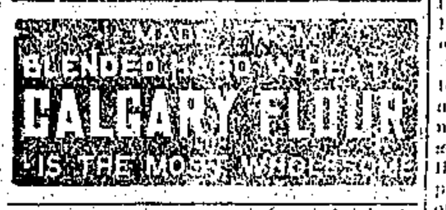
Washington. Jan. 3.—President Zelaya of Nicaragua, and a part of his cabinet are expected to visit Washington some time this winter while congress is in session. Their visit is supposed to be in connection with the proposed Nicaraguan canal route.

BLACK HILLS OUTPUT INCREASES

Denver, Col., Jan. 3.—It is practically an assured thing that the output of gold from the Black Hills will be increased at least one-third for the year 1901. The past year showed a wonderful advance in the treatment of low-grade ores of the hills by the cyanide process, which has come into vogue within a few years. Seven new cyanide plants have been started up in one county, and seven more are in course of construction. There are millions of tons of ore in the Black Hills that carry values too low to treat by any but the cyanide process. Plans are being made for five more cyanide plants in the county, which will make 19 in operation, with a total tonnage of about 2,000 tons.

32 NEW VESSELS FOR NAVY

Washington, Jan. 3.—As Congress assembles to-day it is confronted by the demand for a new navy. The naval increase programme for 1901 involves the construction of 32 vessels of 151,600 tons displacement, which is more than double that laid down in any preceding year. Authority is asked for three 15,000-ton battleships, six 2,000-ton gunboats, two 15,000-ton armored cruisers, six 800-ton gunboats, ten 200-ton gunboats, three 15,000-ton colliers, one 7,000-ton repair ship and one 7,000-ton marine transport. The new fighting ships are more formidable than any of the same category yet designed. With the 17 now building or authorized, and with the six battleships and two armored cruisers already in commission; they will give an offensive force of 57 ships.



NOTICE.

The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session for an Act extending the time within which it may construct such Branches from any of its lines not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length as are from time to time authorized by the Governor in Council, and for other purposes.

H. CAMPBELL OSWALD, Secretary.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for an Act to incorporate an association to be known as "THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING ASSOCIATION", the said association being founded for the following purposes, namely: First, to promote the arts and sciences connected with the economical production of valuable minerals and metals by means of meetings for the reading and discussion of technical papers and the subsequent distribution of such information as may be gained through the medium of publication. Second, the establishment of a central reference library and a headquarters for the purpose of this organization. Third, to take concerted action upon such matters as affect the mining and metallurgical industries of the Province of British Columbia and to encourage and promote these industries by all lawful and honourable means.

Dated at Rossland, B. C., December 15th, 1900.

DALY & HAMILTON,
Solicitors for applicants.

NOTICE.

Take notice that thirty days from the date hereof I intend to apply to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing at a point at the south-west corner of Lot 3048, Group One, East Kootenay District running thence west 80 rods; thence north 80 rods; thence west 840 rods; thence north 240 rods; thence east 720 rods; thence south 320 rods to the place of beginning.

Dated at Fernie, B. C. this 26th day of November, A. D. 1900.

51- L. M. PROCTOR.

NOTICE.

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51- G. M. BOSWORTH.

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Also to authorize the said Kootenay Central Railway Company to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of heat, light and power, and for all and every other purpose mentioned in Sections 80, 81, 82 and 83 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act of 1897," and to do everything necessary and incidental to the carrying out of all or any of the objects referred to in said sections.

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Further to empower the said Company to acquire and operate mines, concentrators, smelters or refineries in the neighborhood of or in any part of the territory naturally tributary to its railways.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C., this 14th day of December, A. D. 1900.

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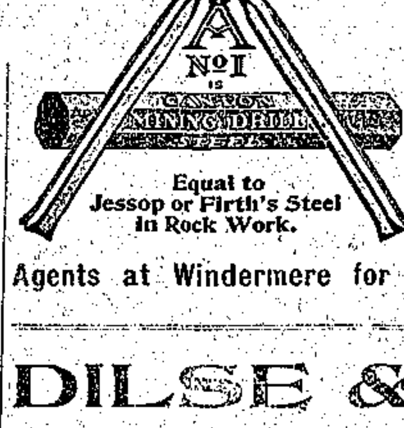

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Frank Collett returned from the Windermere district on Sunday last.

Mrs. B. P. Cooke returned from a visit to Assiniboine on Monday.

Prices are holding very firm in flour, milling goods, with strong tendency to advance, so the proprietor of the Fort Steele Feed Store advises us. This is, therefore, a good time to purchase your winter supply. He has just completed a full stock of flour, meals and breakfast foods.

The young folks at Fort Steele had a hot old time in watching the old year out, and the ineoming of the new century.

The dawn of a new year and a new century was celebrated in Fort Steele, with the ringing of bells, and the burning of lots of powder.

To each and all readers of THE PROSPECTOR, we trust that the year 1901, will be a happy and prosperous one.

Constable Barnes returned from Fernie on Monday.

Several sleighing parties from Fort Steele were on the road on new year's day.

The Fort Steele Flour & Feed Store proprietor is agent for the Fleetwood Ceylon tea. Try it once and you will use no other. *

Business started in good shape early in the new year, three scraps inside of the first three hours.

Happy New Year! And may it be as it now promises—The most prosperous yet experienced in the Fort Steele district.

Make the editor a "new year's present" pay your subscription.

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We can do no better, we believe, at this opening of the new year and the dawning of the new century, than to remind our citizens, that the best interests of Fort Steele is in their hands, and that if united, our efforts to raise Fort Steele to the position and dignity of being the commercial and mining center of the district will be a success.

"May the coming century fulfill the golden promise that East Kootenay be the banner mineral producing district of the Province."

A number of Steelites visited Cranbrook on Tuesday.

From all over Canada come letters telling us of the great benefits derived from the use of The D. & L. Menthol Plasters in cases of neuralgia, rheumatism, lame back, etc. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

Bob Dempsey came down from Kimberley on Tuesday.

Enoch Johnson came down from Perry Creek to spend the holidays at Steele.

Robert Little returned to Perry creek on Saturday last.

Dave Newell come down from Kimberley on Monday.

Frank Collett left on Thursday for Windermere.

The "beautiful" has been falling during the past few days, and there is about eight inches of snow at Steele.

Mr. Stewart of Fort Steele left on Friday for Windermere, where he will assume the management of the Silver Belt group of mines.

C. M. Keep will spend the winter at the coast.

On Tuesday morning one of the boys with a face that looked as if it had come in contact with a thrashing machine, was asked how he got that face, the answer was, I was up against the Kootenay Central Railway.

Keep your eyes on South East Kootenay during the coming year.

J. A. Harvey went to Cranbrook on Friday on legal business.

The output of the British Columbia mines increased more than five million dollars in excess of last year.

East Kootenay Stock.

Crow's Nest Coal	$60
North Star	92
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Silver-lead Quotations.

Bar Silver	63⅛
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And wha' a Critic daur ca' that;
For it's the tea, aboon the lave
They dearly loe, an' a' that
Blue Ribbon, and Salada, too,
And braw Monsoon, an' a' that;
Because, you see, 'twixt you an' me,
Japan, the Lion they dra' al:
For wene the first are British Teas,
They loe them weel, an' a' that;
Though some may praise other teas,
An' flaunt Japan, an' a' that
The Lassies say they'll hae their way
An' drink Ceylon for a' that;
For a' that, an' a' that
Awa' Japan, an' a' that
The bonnie teas they loe the best
Are Empire Grown, an' a' that;

The above suggestion, from a fair Canadian correspondent, "with apologies to Burns," has been gratefully received and immediately adopted by Colonist.

News Notes.

London, Jan. 3.—The fears of the future failures in connection with the collapse of the Lond on & Globe Financial Corporation, were not realized up to 1 p. m. today, and the whole tone of the stock exchange has steadied in consequence.

London, Jan. 3.—Americans were marked up from ¼ to four points, and the rapidity with which all the offerings were taken up for New York had a good effect on the market.

Omaha, Jan. 3.—Mayor Moore has made the following statement, "Bullets or no bullets, I have offered a reward for the arrest of the Cudahy Kidnappers."

Boston, Jan. 3.—The six-day bicycle race continues to attract attention. While the riders were bunched several fell, several records have been broken.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—A still further advance in wheat is predicted. There was heavy pressure from the buyers in the early hours. There was a rise of two to three cents at New York, followed by a similar rise here.

Spokane, Jan. 2.—The Press Club Dinner last evening was a grand success. The big stage of the Auditorium was transformed into an artificial garden for the occasion. An excellent menu was served, toasts and responses, and dancing ended the entertainment.

Washington, Jan. 3.—In diplomatic quarters the acceptance given by the Chinese envoys is regarded as a most ingenious stroke of diplomacy.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—The new battleship Wisconsin which was formally turned over to the Government on Monday last, is now practically completed.

For the year 1900, the United States assay office in Seattle has received 461 tons of gold and silver. The total value of the gold for the year was 1,345,122, 41 troy ounces, having a value of $22,038,755.12.

New York, Jan. 1.—Over 100,000 people were massed in the city hall square to hear the bands play, the choruses sing, and to hear the grand old chimes of Trinity church.

London, Jan. 1.—The celebrations attending the birth of the new year followed the usual course. At 2 o'clock yesterday, the lord mayor hoisted the Australian flag over the Mansion house as a sign that the Australian common wealth was born.

KIDNAPPER CAUGHT.

Detectives Got One of the Crowes.

Omaha, Jan. 1.—The first arrest in the Cudaby kidnapping case has been made, J. J. Crowe a brother of Pat Crowe, who is believed to be the principal in the abduction, was taken into custody in Council Bluffs this afternoon, and brought to this city. A diligent search disclosed no traces of Pat Crowe, but the officers came upon the brother asleep in the rear room of his saloon. They hastily awakened him and took away two huge bull-dog pistols which he carried in his pockets.

A special from Chadron, Nebraska, says:—"Pat Crowe has been captured."

Three detectives following Crowe's trail came upon him today on the Pine Ridge reservation, near Oelrichs, South Dakota, and captured him after a wild chase. Crowe was driving a team and buckboard. He whipped the horses and tried to outrun the horsemen, who soon brought him to a halt with their revolvers.

Shot to Death By Thugs.

Dr. James Gibbons, of New Orleans, one of the ambulance students of the Charity Hospital and a nephew of Cardinal Gibbons, died today of wounds received last night. He was on his way home when two men attempted to rob him. Before he could comply with the demand to hold up his hands one of the men shot him in the groin and both ran away. Dr. Gibbons pursued the men until loss of blood caused him to desist.

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Dated at Fort Steele, B. C., this 6th day of December, A. D. 1900.

J. A. HARVEY
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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointment:

11th December, 1900.

ROBERT ELLIOT, of Peterborough, East Kootenay, Esquire, M. D., to be a "Coroner" for and within the Province of British Columbia."

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