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Wasa Creek.

The Silvia group of claims is situated on Wasa creek. Assessment work for the year has been completed. The ledge is about two feet in width, cutting its course through a slate formation. The vein is white quartz, and gold is plentifully found near the slate contact, while through the center of the vein runs a rich streak of argentite. On this claim, running at right angles is another vein twelve or fourteen feet in width, carrying bromide of silver in considerable quantities. A good trail has been completed to the mine.

There are other claims on Wasa creek which have been more or less developed. Among them may be mentioned the Wasa group, owned by N. Hanson, and a group owned by Ford and Kelly; besides many locations upon which but little work aside from assessment has been done. These claims are all tributary to Fort Steele, being about sixteen miles distant.

Fort Steele Placer Mines.

Gold mining in the vicinity of Fort Steele is gaining ground every year. New finds are being made, and old abandoned placer properties are being again worked.

The Perry creek placers will receive considerable attention next spring, and one company, it is reported intend to put in modern machinery and work the ground for all there is in it.

On Bull river several small outfits have been working during the past summer making good wages. Work will be continued during the coming year.

It is said that the East Kootenay Consols intend to commence making preparations to do a large amount of work. Their new hydraulic plant is in good condition, and it is reported that new machinery, suitable for deep mining will be put in this year.

Placer mining in the vicinity of Palmers Bar will be one of the strong attractions to the Bar during the coming season. It is reported that a strong company has secured a twenty years lease of two miles of rich ground.

Wild Horse Creek.

The development of the immense gold-quartz ledges on Boulder creek continue to give the most encouraging results, and a large amount of actual development work is being performed. The showing on the copper belt that lies east and north of the gold ledges, is also showing up well, and from recent reports from the representatives of many companies in this vicinity, a large amount of machinery will be placed on a number of mines during the spring of 1900.

Yukon and Klondike.

Situated on the east fork of Wild Horse creek, about three and a half miles from the forks, and about twelve miles from Fort Steele. These claims join the famous Coronado group on the north. Development work consists of a tunnel and several open cuts. The ledge is about 120 feet in width. The ore is a grey copper similar to that found in the Coronado and Dodo groups.

Lone Mountain.

On Lone Mountain east of Fort Steele there are several claims of great promise. Several years ago the mountain was covered with mineral locations but many of them were allowed to lapse. A number of prospectors had faith in their locations and have stayed with them up to the present time. One of them is the Gold Bug owned by Henry Eller and others. Considerable work has been done, and the claim now shows a six-inch paystreak of free-milling quartz carrying from $20 to $50 in gold. Some copper is appearing, but it is estimated that 90 per cent of the ore is free milling. Below the main ledge there is another ledge carrying copper, and still another quartz vein cuts the main vein at right angles. Work has been suspended for the winter but will be resumed in the spring. Further up the mountain there is a claim which shows six inches of good copper ore.

MINERAL PRODUCTION.

Of Kootenay Estimated to Have Been $7,000,000 Last Year.

It is estimated that the mineral production of the Kootenays for the past year was $7,000,000 as follows: Rossland district, $3,900,000; Nelson district, $1,250,000; Slocan district, $1,750,000; East Kootenay $50,000.

The showing is an excellent one after taking into consideration that the large Slocan mines have been closed down for the past six or seven months. A large percentage of the ore mined was treated in the local mills and smelters. It will be sometime before the exact production will be known. It is probable when the facts are ascertained that the production of East Kootenay will largely exceed the figures given. The coming year will witness larger shipments from East Kootenay, as the mines of the district are now developed sufficiently to warrant the belief that where there is one shipping mine there will be ten.

The North Star and Sullivan will make large shipments. The Moyie mine will be an important factor in our mineral production and Windermere will astonish the country by producing thousands of tons of high-grade ore. In the vicinity of Fort Steele the mines from which ore will be shipped number not less than five.

While in mineral production last year East Kootenay must take the lowest place, it will not be so during the coming season.

The Bill Nye.

One of the claims in this vicinity which has attracted considerable attention is the Bill Nye, owned by W. M. Voilet and others. This claim is located on the head of Trail creek. The ledge on the surface is ten feet wide, carrying four feet of ore. The property has been developed by one tunnel driven sixty feet to catch the lead at depth; besides several prospect tunnels and open cuts.

There are several other leads traversing the property, varying from one to six feet in width. The ore is galena and copper carbonates, with considerable grey copper. The owners purpose to thoroughly develop the property next season.

Visited the Empire.

W. H. Godsal, one of the principal stockholders in the Empire mine, was in town last week, and in company with Charles Estmere, paid a visit to the property. Mr. Godsal is a resident of Pincher creek, Alberta, and has large mining interests in West Kootenay.

THE UPPER ST. MARY'S

A Region Rich In Mineral Which Must Attract Attention. Enormous Copper Ledges Known to Exist.

A section of East Kootenay which has not secured the attention it deserves is that portion of the country known as the St. Mary's. The St. Mary's and its tributaries have for years been known as a mineral-bearing region, but for the most part the ore is of low grade, which under the circumstances and owing to the remoteness from transportation, could not be exploited to advantage. The ores average higher than those of Butte and Anaconda, and there seems to be no section where ore is not found which will, when a railroad penetrates that region, become as famous as any copper-producing section of British Columbia.

With railroads would come reduction works, for the economical treatment of ore. From the Mission clear to the summit of the Purcell range, all of the streams have been prospected, with the result that the region is pronounced by experts and prospectors as a most promising field for further exploration. There are hundreds of claims located, but practically but little work has been done in development except in a few cases, and even the exceptions can hardly be said to have been extensively developed, for the reasons before given.

Within the past two years several strong companies have been operating, but during the winter work has been suspended but will be resumed in the spring. Trail and Vancouver people bonded several claims last fall and have employed a number of men in the development of their property. These are the only claims upon which active work is going on.

The coming season it is hoped will witness great changes, prospects developed into mines, and new discoveries made, and increased value of claims opened up; in fact that sufficient development will have been made to warrant the building of a railway over the old route of the B. C. Southern.

The principal work during the past year has been in the Pyramid Basin, Alki creek, the West Fork and White Fish creek. The most extensive operations have been conducted by the Pyramid Kootenay Company, the Selkirk Mother Lode Company, and a company represented by C. Hungerford Pollen. These companies are all English. Not only during the past year but for the two preceeding years, a large amount of work has been done. Many tunnels and drifts have been run on these claims, owned by the various companies. The ore is copper carrying values in silver and gold.

The Comstock has a good showing of mineral, and the largest ledge or vein. The ore is copper containing gold and silver, and the paystreak is not less than twelve feet in width, and of extra ordinary richness. The Granite, Washington and Milton are promising properties. They all carry galena and copper sulphides.

Messrs. Petty and Yates have a group of ten or more claims on what is known as Decella basin. The main lead through the Florence and Ruth claims is fully forty feet in width. On the Apex, Rex and Standard the various veins are from fourteen to twenty feet wide. The ore on the Ruth and Florence is pyrrhotite; on the other claims the ore is galena and copper.

Messrs. Petty, Longley and McKinnon have a group of ten or twelve claims in what is known as Camp Longley. On all of these claims there is a good showing of copper ore and carbonates. The ledges are large and well defined. On the Ross claim the ledge is over fifty feet in width. The Decilla has a fifty foot vein.

The Mystery on Alki creek, owned by R. Dewar, is one of the claims from which great things may be expected. The ledge is wide, and ore rich in copper and carrying good values in gold and silver. Considerable development has been done which is showing up the property in fine shape.

One group of claims in the vicinity of White Fish creek recently sold for $125,000, and two other claims in that vicinity have recently been bonded for $30,000 and $40,000 respectively. It is a promising section and will yet add materially to the wealth of East Kootenay.

Dibble Group.

One of the most valuable mineral deposits in this section of the country is known as the Dibble group of mines, situated in a gulch of the Rocky Mountains about ten miles from Fort Steele. The ore is a grey copper, carrying gold and silver. The country rock is a porphyritic slate and talcose schist. There are five claims in the group, on all of which there is a good showing of mineral. The property is owned by the Slocan Silver Lead Syndicate of this town and Hon. G. E. Foster, M. P., is president of the company. Reports from the mines shows that satisfactory progress has been made in development work during the past year, and that there is a considerable amount of good shipping ore on the dump. The claims have been crown granted, and it is reported that the company will put in machinery during the coming year and work the property for all there is in it.

LOST CREEK GROUP.

Adjoining the Dibble group is the Lost creek group owned by the Fort Steele Development Syndicate and W. R. Henry. The property consists of six claims, which contain three ledges carrying grey copper, and one large ledge eight to ten feet in width carrying galena and copper pyrites. The development consists of three incline shafts and several open cuts. The ore is similar in all respects to that found in the Dibble group. It is the intention of the syndicate to commence work early in the spring and develop the property sufficiently to obtain a crown grant of the group.

THE EMERALD.

This property, owned by W. VanArsdalen, adjoins the Dibble group on the east. The ore has been exposed on the ledge in four places and has been sampled for 600 feet. The ledge is from two to four feet in width. An average sample of the lead gives an assay value of $35 in gold and 15 ounces in silver. The owner is now getting the claim crown granted.

Treadwell's Great Output.

The last month report of the Treadwell mill of 540 stamps, the largest in the world, shows: Ore crushed, 56,699 tons; bullion produced, $93,026; sulphurets produced, $52,553; working expenses, $39,000; net profit, $119,750.

In The Provincial House.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Victoria, Jan. 4th.

The government was defeated on first division by a vote of 18 to 17. On motion being put for consideration of the speech from the Throne, in the evening. Mr. Wells of Kootenay was present and the government having a tie on the floor, their adjournment motions were ultimately carried by vote of the speaker, who also compelled to sustain his own challenged decisions.

Premier Semlin has been asked to make a formal statement of his governments position at Mondays re-assembly.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 1.—Opening Legislature was decidedly interesting, after speech in which announced cash subsidy be substituted for land to Columbia and Western Railway and that representative be given boundary. Joseph Martin arrived, having come by special steamer to Nanaimo, special train thence, both supplied by opposition. Wells East Kootenay, and Prentice, Lillooet being "absent", parties even and when Semlin offered resolution that speech be considered Monday, it was defeated by one. Motion adjourn to Monday also negative. It was known Wells was coming on Charmer, Attorney General. Henderson took floor debating to 6 o'clock when adjournment was made until evening by Speaker. Wells being present in the evening parties were even and the balance of power in the hands of Speaker Forester. The motion carried unanimously to equip corps of mounted scouts for Africa to go with Canadian contingent. Martin spoke at length, attacking Government.

At 10 o'clock motion to adjourn to 3 p. m. Monday offered by gov't house, tried 18 to 18. Speaker sustained it by his vote. Prentice will probable arrive by next meeting.

TRANSVAAL NEWS.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The imperial mail steamer General has been detained at Aden and occupied by British troops with object of searching her cargo. The General is owned by the German East African company, the owners of the Bundesrath, previously captured by the British off Delagoa Bay.

London, 5 a. m.—This morning's news throws no further light upon the situation. The exact position at Moltene and Cypberg is not yet clear. But in any case there is small importance to these little engagements beyond proving that the British forces are beginning to attain a greater degree of mobility. It is fully expected next week will see a heavy battle on Tugela river, which is now the point of campaign. Boers appear to be working incessantly with shovel and pick.

Methuen's cavalry scouting developed that the Boer entrenchments extend forty miles, far overlapping British positions and making flank attacks exceeding difficult. Men also affirm that the Boer's trenches confronting Buller stretch away some 17 miles, and that work upon them is pushed unremittingly. While the advance is delayed flank movements are rendered most difficult because long marches cannot be done with celerity, and it is hard to time an attack with certainty.

London, Dec. 4.—An army order issued this evening calls out sixteen additional battalions of militia. No announcement has yet been made as to the disposition of this force but it is generally believed it will be used for garrison duty.

Belmont, Jan. 3.—Col. Pilcher has abandoned Douglas. The Canadians acted as escort for the refugees and carried babies for the woman, and kept everything lively by singing as they marched pluckly along in spite of sore feet occasioned by heavy sand. The force received General Buller's congratulations on success of expedition.

The Sullivan Mines.

The stock of the Sullivan mine is advancing. This is no doubt caused by the recent favorable report from the property, which is showing up in fine shape under the intelligent management of the new superintendent, C. W. Burdsell, who has demonstrated that there are large bodies of ore in the property. Soon as possible the company will further prospect the ground with a diamond drill, the results of which will be watched with interest. There is no question but the Sullivan is one of the big mines of the district.

Over 630 feet of work has been done since it was taken over by the present company. There are a number of shafts sunk to determine the location of the ore bodies. The work has been done systematically, with the result that large ore bodies are known to exist, and it is expected that further development will show up other valuable leads.

Number one drift has been run from the bottom of number one shaft for 44 feet in solid ore; this drift has a dip of 55 degrees. In number four shaft, just over number one drift and 125 feet from number one shaft, ore was encountered at 22 feet. Number four shaft now being sunk 100 feet, is down about ninety feet and the vein has not yet been encountered, showing that the vein has turned down between number four and five shafts, and by the dip of the vein it will not be encountered for 25 feet. Some of the assays will be interesting. One taken from the breast of the tunnel ninety feet in gave 46½ per cent lead, 11.10 per cent iron, 8 per cent silica, 11.50 per cent zinc, and 22 ounces in silver.

An analysis of the ore from number one drift and in number one shaft is 40.70 per cent lead, 10 per cent silica, 6.50 per cent iron, 12 per cent zinc, and 26 ounces silver.

Analysis of ore from start of number one drift: One ounce of silver, 3 per cent lead, 23.31 per cent zinc, and 20 per cent iron, the balance being insoluble residue.

All across the same lead on the drift going north the values increase. Samples taken from each bucket in the first twenty feet gave twenty per cent lead, 7 ounces silver, 28 per cent iron, and 15 per cent zinc.

An average sample from number two shaft 30 feet deep: 16.60 ounces silver, 38 per cent lead 12.63 per cent zinc, and 22 per cent iron.

These assays show what is now being found, and there is ample evidence to prove that values improve as depth is attained.

Wholesale houses of Canada doing business with merchants of Golden, have contributed $180 for the benefit of the Golden Fire Protection Association, and the commercial travellers have given $70; a total of $250 from outside sources.

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Certificate of Improvements.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

(FORM F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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

Where located:—On Sullivan Hill near Mark creek.

Take notice that I, Thos. T. McVittie F. M. C. No. 69691 agent for Chas. H. Wolf, Free Miner's Certificate No. 38588A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

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

Dated this 24th day of November, 1899.

48-4 THOS. T. McVITTIE, Agent.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(Form F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

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

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

Take notice that I, Walter VanAradalen Free Miner's Certificate No. B 9631, 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.

44-52 WALTER VANARSDALEN.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1899.

Land Purchase.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that, thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C. for a special license to cut timber on a certain piece of land described as follows, and situated in East Kootenay, Province of B. C.: Beginning at a post planted on the west bank of Elk River, about a mile and a half north of mouth of Coal creek, thence west (40) forty chains; thence north (40) forty chains; thence west (40) forty chains; thence north (100) one hundred chains; thence east (80) chains more or less to west bank of Elk river; thence following west bank of Elk river in a southerly direction to place of beginning in all (1000) one thousand acres more or less.

A. McDOUGALL.

Dated this 30th November, 1899. 48-52

NOTICE.

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

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

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C. this 2nd day of December, 1899. 49-1

NOTICE.

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

Commencing at a post planted about 20 chains west of the south east corner of George Pickering's preemption. Thence south 40 chains; thence east 10 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 10 chains to the place of beginning.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Gem Silver-Lead Mining and Smelting Company," as an Extra-Provincial Company under the Companies Act 1897, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dutch Creek.

During the past summer several important discoveries were made on the head waters of Dutch creek, which empties into the Columbia above Windermere. These locations were made over the divide from Toby creek and its tributaries. It is said that wagons can be taken to the principal locations.

Findley Creek.

Findley creek was a scene of great activity in the early '60s it was here that the placer gold was found which brought the gold seekers to East Kootenay prior to the discoveries on Wild Horse. Within the past ten years prospectors have been in this section and several locations which give great promise have been made, but no active mining has been carried on. It is thought by those familiar with the country that Findley creek and its tributarties will from a mining standpoint assume considerable importance in the near future.

Near Bull River.

In the vicinity of Bull river there are many claims of great merit of which but little has been heard. They all are showing up remarkably well and the owners are much encouraged. The proximity of these claims to the Chickamon Stone and the remarkable showing made on that property has directed much attention to that section.

The Old Abe, now the property of a Rossland syndicate represented by A. T. Caldwell, is now being thoroughly developed. Recent advices from the mine are to the effect that it is showing up better than was expected with the small amount of work done.

Big Gold Nuggets.

The largest piece of gold ever unearthed anywhere free from quartz, of which there is any record, was that taken out of the Byer & Haltman mine, Hill End, N. S. W., May 10, '72. It was imbedded in a thick wall of blue slate 250 feet from the surface. It weighed 640 pounds, and was 57 inches long, 38 inches wide and averaged four inches in thickness. It was valued at $148,800. The Welcome Stranger nugget was found on Mount Moliagel, Australia, Feb. 9, '69. It weighed 190 pounds and was valued at $45,000. The Welcome nugget was found at Bakery Hill, Australia, June 9, '59. It weighed 184 pounds 9 ounces and was valued at $44,356. The nugget found Aug. 18, '69, in the Monumental quartz mine, twelve miles north of Downieville, Sierra co., Cal., was the largest piece of gold ever found in California up to that date. It weighed a 1142.25 ounces, or 954 pounds, cleaned, and was worth $21,156.52. It was found in decomposed quartz 25 feet from the surface.

Lost a Million.

"When I was in Rossland in '93" remarked Mr. Davies to the Toronto Telegram, "there were three houses and 26 saloons." It beats creation how much some people know. There was no Rossland in '93. We counted in Rossland in the fall of '94 three hotels, no saloon, and about 30 log houses. We also wanted to start a paper at that time, but the entire town could only dig up $40 a month. We walked down the hill and lost a million in our haste.

Where There Are No Taxes.

Loud's island on the coast of Maine, near historic Pemaquid, in the Lincoln county town of Bristol, is one of the very few places on earth where there are no taxes. This island, otherwise known as Muscongus, was overlooked when Maine became a state and was put into no town or county. The island was first settled by John Loud, a deserter from a British man-of-war, and his great-grandchildren are now prominent inhabitants. By voluntary contributions school is maintained, the parents paying $4 for each child. The school term averages eight months in each year, and there is an average attendance of 18 scholars.

Catching bait for the fishermen of Boston, Gloucester and Portland is the most profitable business of the people, and when bait is slack in running they turn their attention to lobstering mackerel fishing and catching porgies for the big oil and fertilizing factory opposite the island in Bristol. After a successful haul a large white flag is hoisted on the high ground in the center of the island, which with a glass can be seen far out at sea, whence come the grand bankers and others like buzzards attracted by the casualities of battle. The people have comfortable homes and are prosperous and contented. Like the fishermen of Deer Isle, they are famous for their skill as sailors.

Bulldog Tunnel Through.

In the Bulldog tunnel through Bulldog mountain, on the line of the Columbia & Western railway on Friday a well directed round of shots let the daylight in from one head of the tunnel to the other. This does not by any means complete the work. There are 430 feet of benches, to be taken out before the tunnel can be used, and it is thought that it will be at least 60 days before trains can pass though. The tunnel is about 3,000 feet in length, and when it is used it will do away with the need of using the switchback over which the trains now travel. Work was started on the tunnel in November 1898.

The Love of Money.

The best business man in the country only gets his board and clothes for all his work and worry trying to make money for the sake of the money itself; and many of them lacking the commonest business foresight, let grand opportunities pass every year, which with their success in money making, if taken together would make a life worth living. A decent love of money is all right, as no sensible person doubts the efficacy of it as an adjunct to happiness; but it is a fact that those who possess the most of it, do not seem to be as well provided with it as one would suppose.

Canadian Laws Strict.

Canadian laws are very strict in some respects, and they are enforced sometimes with results not at all pleasant to the offenders. It appears that in Toronto recently the managers of two companies, one a mining the other a promoting company, were brought before the police court charged with a breach of the joint stock companies act in publishing misleading advertisements. It was shown that an advertisement published in a Toronto paper gave the "subscribed" capital of the mining company at $1,000,000, when the sum was the "authorized capital", of which only a small portion had been subscribed. The manager of the promoting company was discharged because the evidence did not show positively his knowledge that the statement made was false, but the manager of the mining company was sentenced to a $50 fine or thirty days in jail. The court held that the advertisement was calculated to mislead intending buyers of stock, but only imposed the lowest penalty authorized by the law.

Nelson's Mayor.

John Houston and Frank Fletcher both expect to be mayor of Nelson next year. Houston will have the labor and old-timers' vote in Nelson, while Fletcher will look for the "Aw, doncherknow," vote. Houston is blunt in speech and manner, while Fletcher is as oily as a French sardines. Houston has plenty of courage and does not believe in the efficacy of soft words to turn away wrath. Fletcher is just opposite, and will cold deck the truth anytime in order to beat the game. He would make a smooth leading officer, but if elected, may the Lord have mercy on Nelson.—*New Denver Ledge.*

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Germans Not Posted.

Here, says the New York Mail & Express, is a German paper solemnly remarking that "Great Britain's decadence is now apparent to the whole world," and here is a Dublin orator assuring his hearer that no power in Europe would now fear Great Britain, except perhaps the Prince of Monaco. All this because England has just met with some heavy reverses in South Africa. It may occur to those critics on reflection that the history of John Bull demonstrates that reverses do not destroy him, and that he has splendid recuperative powers. They may also recall for their own admonition, the ancient proverb, which says that "he laughs best who laughs last." Are these critics dead sure that John Bull will not have the last laugh in South Africa.

Old Roman Gold.

The excavations on the site of the ancient forum at Rome still continue to be successfully prosecuted. Last week, for instance, two of the workmen engaged in the search for antiquities laid open a sewer dating from the time of Nero, and suddenly became aware of a glittering substance. They proceed to the discovery of a quantity of gold coins, which, when washed, enumerated and classified, proved to be gold pieces of the fourth and fifth centuries that had evidently been thrown where they were found for concealment at the time of an incursion of the barbarian, their owners having had no opportunity of recovering them. They are all beautifully preserved, and many of them were evidently fresh from the mint. They are 379 in number and belong to seven different reigns.—*London Daily News.*

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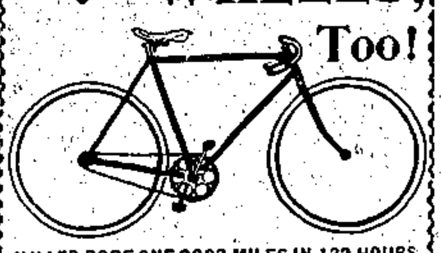

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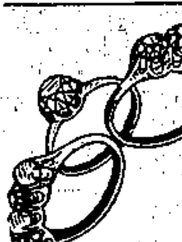

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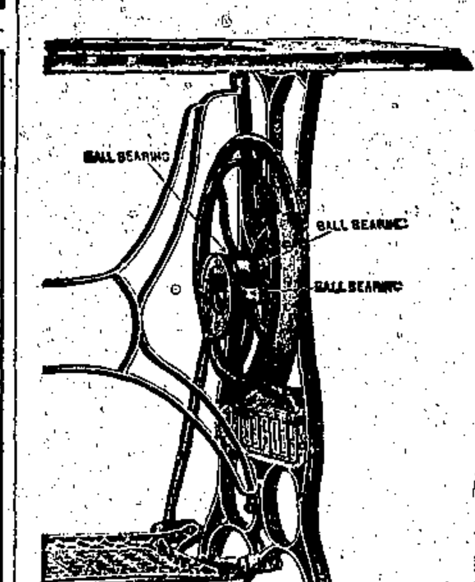

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The Prospector

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1900.

ARRIVAL OF COLONEL BAKER

His fine Italian hand is again pulling the political wires of the Fort Steele district, to the detriment of the central mining town of the district.

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Col. Baker has returned from a trip to the old country filled to the brim with new projects for the advancement of his town of "Beautiful Cranbrook."

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The Colonel came in over the Crow's Nest railway making his first stop at Fernie, by wire, his political henchmen were notified that the Colonel was enroute home.

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Hastily a meeting was called by the faithful, to give the member for this constituency an opportunity of learning the wants of that portion of the district.

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At the meeting the Colonel jollied the good people of Fernie with the old time political chestnut of what he would do for them; suggesting the appointment of a committee, to draft a requisition of what was needed, promising that he would see that it was granted. A committee of five was appointed.

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The committee of five met, and proceeded to draft the most important section of the requisition, that is, to Colonel Baker and his political workers, but not for the good citizens of Fernie.

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Section 1, of requisition.

Be it known that we a representative committee of the citizens of Fernie, "really a Baker committee", consider that it is necessary for prudential reasons known only to the Baker outfit, that the government offices at Fort Steele, be removed to Cranbrook. The resolution was agreed to by four of the five committee men.

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The fifth committee-man objects to the resolution, on the ground that the committee was appointed to consider the requirements of the town of Fernie during the coming year, and therefore had nothing to do with the government offices, Cranbrook or Fort Steele. Also that they should attend to their affairs in regard to Fernie, and let other towns attend to their own affairs.

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It is needless to say that the resolution was not embodied in the requisition as a want necessary to the town of Fernie.

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THE PROSPECTOR during the past three years, has called the attention of the people of the district to the fact, that Colonel Baker, was trying to boom his ranch, "Beautiful Cranbrook," by the removal of the government offices to that place. The Colonel has repeatedly denied this statement. "His organ" the Cranbrook Herald, during the past month, has demanded, and would force the government to accede to the wishes of the Colonel, petitions have been circulated, and promises of every description made to other towns for their assistance in trying to accomplish this removal.

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If Cranbrook was a mining town, and were it the wish of the people of the district, we would have nothing to say. But to boom one town at the expense of another; and that town the acknowledged mining center of the district is a feature of political impudence and dishonesty, only undertaken by politicians of the Baker stripe.

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The situation in the Provincial House, as viewed by Colonel Baker, would lead one to think that a most unique state of affairs existed. The government will be defeated on the first vote. There are four political parties in the house, and they will have to form a coalition, says the Colonel, and I shall be back in the council, if I can get there.

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If Colonel Baker was true to the interests of the Fort Steele district, and not trying to serve his own personal interest by booming Cranbrook, at the expense of other towns, it is possible that he might have gained the good will of his constituency. As it is, he will fall, as did his "decoy duck" government.

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Cranbrook is to have a smelter early in the spring, so says Col. Baker. That is, if in April, when the expert looks over the situation and he reports favorably.

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It is dollars to cents that Moyie will have the first smelter erected in the district.

Will Take Chances.

Depite the repeated warnings and constant caution from various sources miners still persist in taking desperate chances in handling nitro powder, particularly in thawing it when frozen. Last week men employed in a Shasta county, Cal., mine laid a quantity of giant powder on top of a boiler in the hoist for the purpose of thawing it. Fortunately the powder did not explode—it took fire, and as a result the entire plant was destroyed.—*Engineering & Mining Journal.*

The Christmas Issue.

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GONE TO WAR.

Fort Steele Boys Volunteer For Service.

A great wave of patriotism has passed over Fort Steele. On Sunday last Allistair Robertson, Frank E Leach and Oliver Ruck left for Macleod to offer themselves for service with the second Canadian contingent, and on Tuesday Ben Huckle departed on the same errand. It is learned that Robertson, Leach and Ruck have been accepted. Mr. Leach is a graduate of the Kingston Military School. Mr. Robertson is a Scotchman and, Ruck an Englishman. Ben Huckle, whom everyone knows, is from Eastern Canada.

So far as can be learned there are no other volunteers from South East Kootenay.

In the Jail.

On Christmas a fine dinner was set before the prisoners in the jail. Jailer Doyle saw to it that they had all of the delicacies of the season, and the bill of fare would have done credit to any hotel in Fort Steele.

Card of Thanks.

The members of the Fort Steele Brass Band desire to extend their thanks to the following gentlemen who so kindly donated funds for the support of the organization: R. L. T. Galbraith, J. F. Armstrong, G. H. Gilpin, Jim McNeish, W. Stewart, Mather & Reineman, T. T. McVittie, Sick & Mutz and J. A. Harvey.

Christmas at Cranston.

Stone & Stewart of the Cranston Hotel gave a big dinner on Christmas to about 75 guests. The dinner was ever to be remembered, consisting of turkey, wild goose, oysters etc. One man describes it as a bang up dinner. In the evening there was a dance at Jaffray, at which people from Fernie and Wardner were present.

The Hospital.

The Fort Steele Jubilee Hospital is one of the institutions deserving of special mention. The hospital is in a flourishing condition, and under the management of Nurses Thomas and Sykes, is gaining an excellent reputation. The people of Fort Steele respond liberally towards its support.

How We Stand.

The voting strength of the Fort Steele District is as follows:

Fort Steele	296.
Fernie	296.
Cranbrook	202.
Moyie	51.
Wardner	44.
Scattering	38.
Total	927.

The above list was handed to a PROSPECTOR representative by Gold Commissioner Armstrong, and therefore is correct.

The good work inaugurated by THE PROSPECTOR more than four years ago will be continued through the present year.

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Everything is favorable to the progress of Fort Steele. A railroad will be built, the mines will be still further developed. A large amount of machinery will be installed: an increased pay roll, a larger consumption of the necessaries of life. THE PROSPECTOR will double its circulation: Everyone will be happy. To sum it up, Fort Steele will be strictly in it.

The Christmas number of THE PROSPECTOR was well received by everyone and called forth much favorable comment. In the bounds of a regular issue it is hardly possible to do each section justice, therefore the work will be continued from week to week until the entire district is covered. In addition to this the work which has been done in the past will not be discontinued, as the information secured each week will be faithfully recorded. It has been the policy of the manager to make all matters subordinate to mining. It is the policy which has made THE PROSPECTOR the most widely read paper in the district, and given it an importance seldom accorded the ordinary weekly paper.

CANADIANS TO THE FRONT.

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Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Belmont, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Dover farm, dated Jan. 1, says:

"The colonial troops, who have been longing to be allowed to meet the Boers, have at last been given an opportunity to do so, and scored a brilliant success in capturing a Boer position called Sunnyside laager.

"The raid conducted by Colonel Pilcher, was very difficult owing to the fact that the movements of the troops were immediately communicated to the Boers by natives. In order to prevent this Pilcher, in making his forced march from Belmont, left a British trooper at every farmhouse with instructions not to allow the natives to leave their homes, the patrols calling the names of the natives hourly in order to prevent their escape.

"In a maneuver at Cook's, Pilcher sent patrols east. One of these, consisting of four men commanded by Lieutenant Adie, suddenly encountered 14 Boers, who opened fire. The Lieutenant was severely wounded and Private Butler gave up his horse in order to carry the lieutenant out of range.

"Another private whose horse had been killed, pluckily returned to render assistance. He was wounded in the leg. Meanwhile Lieutenant Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported that the veldt on the right of the enemy, was clear, whereupon Major de Rougemont ordered the guns to a trot. They arrived within 1500 yards of the laager, unlimbered and planted five shells in as many minutes within the laager. Immediately the enemy could be seen streaming over the kopje. They were completely surprised, but quickly opened a well-directed fire.

Toronto To the Front.

"A representative of the Associated Press had the privilege of carrying an order to the Toronto company for 'Double quick into action.' The order was received with much satisfaction. The company rushed forward until within 1000 yards of the enemy's position, when it opened a hot fire on the kopje and completely subdued the Boer fire. The British artillery shelled the position with wonderful accuracy, while Lieutenant Ryan with mounted infantry worked around and completely uncovered the fire of the Boers, who had been ensconsed in the bushes.

"Meanwhile Colonel Pilcher with the Queenslanders, taking advantage of every cover, made a direct attack, the Australians moving slowly but surely and only shouting when they saw the enemy retiring under their steady fire. The Queenslanders behaved with great coolness, laughing even at the moment of greatest peril."

During the advance the Boer fire suddenly ceased. Thirty-five Boers hoisted a white flag and surrendered. A portion of the Torontos leaped across the front of the guns and entered the laagers. The Boers had fled. Fourteen tents, three wagons, a large stock of rifles, ammunition forage, saddles and camp equipment and numerous incriminating papers were captured.

The Boers lost six killed and 12 wounded. The Torontos stood the galling fire with admirable patience, never wasting a shot.

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The Hon. George A. Cox, president of the institution is one of the most progressive men in Canada, and to his sagacity and foresight much of the success of the bank is due.

It was due to representations of J. W. H. Smythe, the local manager, that it was decided to locate a branch in Fort Steele, and the result has proved that his judgement was not misplaced. The local force consists of J. W. H. Smythe, manager; J. M. Hedley, accountant, and F. L. Le Pan, junior accountant. The banking room is one of the most complete in East Kootenay. While not so large as some it is wonderfully convenient.

A chartered bank in any community is an evidence of prosperity, and as time rolls on and the mines are developed the Fort Steele branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will do the largest business in the district.

John Bull Group.

The John Bull group of mines at the head of Sheep creek, over the divide from the north fork of Wild Horse, attracted considerable attention last fall from the rich ore which was uncovered, but little work however was done to demonstrate the value of the property. Mr. Larson secured control before leaving the country, and said that work would be carried on next season.

Christmas Tree.

On Tuesday evening of last week the children connected with St. John's Sunday school were given a Christmas tree in the church. The tree was loaded down with presents, and every child received one. Much credit is due Mesdames Gilpin and Cann for their labors in connection with the affair which was a great success.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1900.

What Makes Men Drink.

The world of theory and practice is still in doubt on the question "What makes a man drink?" The answer of the frivolous would be "whiskey" or its allies. But what we want to know is whether the action of alcohol on the walls of the stomach or its fumes on the upper interior regions of the body is responsible for the state of coma that follows too frequent dramming.

Navy officers in China acquired a lasting reputation as drinkers by taking surreptitiously a tablespoonful of oil before starting on a drinking bout. The explanation has been made that the oil, floating on top of the liquor, prevented the fumes from rising and causing drunkenness? Can this be true? An old "rounder" in this city, who has drunk half the clubmen in town under the table, says give him a bowl of nuts and let him crack and eat one or two after each dram, and he will resist all the liquor influence that can be thrown at him.

Once a woman who had never touched liquor got absolutely and helplessly drunk while leaning over the stove stirring watermelon rind preserves. This led her husband to distill a brandy from the rind that excels any three stars in the market.

The Mines of Ophir.

Dr. Peters, an English explorer, claims to have discovered the mines of Ophir, from which Solomon is supposed to have obtained his gold. Dr. Peters expedition was mainly based on an old atlas published in Amsterdam in 1705 with French text, the author being unknown. In this atlas it was stated that near this place (south of the Zambesi and near the river Manzoro, now Mazoe) is the great mountain of Fura, very rich in gold which some people regard as a corruption of the word Ophir. This view was also held by the Portugese writer, Couto, who was quoted by Theodore Bent in his "Ruined Cities of Mashonaland." With regard to Fura, Couto said: "The richest mines of all are those of Massapa, from which the Queen of Sheba took the greater part of the gold which she sent to offer to the temple of Solomon, and it is Ophir, for the Kaffirs call it Fur and the Mons Afur." Dr. Peters states that no traveller has visited this region within the last 200 years. He has now rediscovered ancient ruins of Semitic origin, including fortifications, and what he regarded as a temple or storehouse. The whole region is practically uninhabited. He also claims to have found distinct traces of ancient gold workings there.

Good Advice.

In the rush which follows new discoveries in mining regions many things are done which would not occur in later years, when the excitement has subsided. Things go with a rush in stampede days; machinery is put in for which there is found no use; the character of the ore sometimes changes, and the outlook is not encouraging. Another strike in some other locality is reported and the old camp is deserted by all who can leave and its palmy days are over. In after years some one with more experience and better judgement sees great possibilities in the deserted mines and decaying mills and the life of the district is revived, when it is known that under the influence of advanced knowledge, improved methods and level-headed business management these were the only elements required to build up a substantial industry on the ruins of a stampede camp, which was a failure. *Mining & Scientific Press.*

Extracting Gold From Sea Water.

A gentleman named Henry James Snell of London, England, declares that he has invented an almost automatic method of extracting gold from sea water at a cost of $1.50 for every ten pounds of the gold gotten. He does not—so he says—use electricity nor precipitate anything, even sludge. He has not yet however applied his process—apparently because costly of utilizing on a sufficiently large and comprehensive scale to suit himself—being short of the needed capital. The means employed is nevertheless, according to Mr. Snell, so comparatively simple that he dares not patent it, as any man or woman could from the specification, "if in touch with sea water in any part of the world, produce gold with far less difficulty than they could common salt, and this without letting the inventor know of their operations." Meanwhile Mr. Snell declares that he will reveal his secret to any man of standing who will give a bond, forfeiting £10,000 in case of divulging the process without the inventor's consent. The suggestion seems like that of a patent experimenter with his head turned, but the full name and address of Mr. Snell are given in a paper with a daily circulation of a million, so he may perhaps find his man ready to give the bond required. Meanwhile hundreds, if not thousands of analytical chemists and mechanics have tried their hands and failed in getting the gold that there undoubtedly is in the waters of the sea.

The art of mining is so very old that we have no means of estimating and no ground even for conjecture where it began, says D. John A. Church in Cassier's Magazine. The place we may assume, with much probability to have been that part of Asia which the concurrent results of many lines of investigation indicate as the starting point of our race. Herodotus tells that Darius required from the Ethopians a tribute of two chenix, or three pints of unrefined gold, and from the conditions of the tribute exacted it is supposed the value of the gold was small, unrefined gold possibly meaning the black gold-bearing sand showing that they knew nothing of separating the clean metal, though they could wash off the clean sand. Job states that "the earth had dust of gold", and from the conditions of the silver and a place for the gold where they find it. These expressions indicate that one of the most learned writers of his time—900 or 1000 years B. C.—was not acquainted with the fact that gold also, as well as silver, occurs in veins, though this is by no means proof that such knowledge was not possessed in distant quarters which might have remained a local knowledge for centuries.

The methods of the Chinese of Darius' time were superior because they knew how to separate the gold from the black sand. The Africans seem early to have made use of metal tools in working soft ground, and remains of furnaces which appear to have been used in sharpening them have been found. In the copper district of Lake Superior stone implements only appear to have been used. The Bible mentions gold, copper, silver, tin, iron and lead as being known in the time of Moses, and the language of the most ancient people indicates that they were not rarities and that their discoveries must have dated back years before. The Japanese furnish pictures of an early time which give a very thorough idea of the extent of their knowledge of mining and working in metals.

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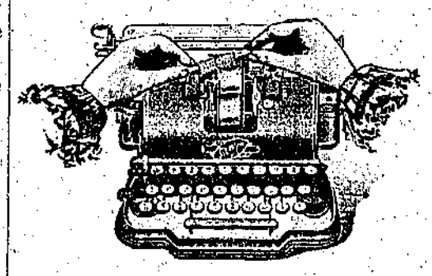

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Thomas T. McVittie and bride returned to Fort Steele several days ago and are now comfortable settled in their home on Riverside avenue.

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It is rumored that a fancy dress ball will shortly be given the proceeds of which will be sent to the Fort Steele men who volunteered for service in South Africa with the second Canadian contingent.

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M. A. BEALE,
Agent Imperial Insurance Co.

H. L. Amme left for Spokane on Thursday.

W. R. Ross accompanied by Mrs. Ross went to Rossland a few days ago.

It is reported that F. P. Norbury, owner of Fish Lake ranch, who has been in England for some time, will shortly return to Fort Steele.

J. E. Humphreys and Mr. Repellie, have been spending a few days is town.

It is learned that the Foresters and Masons will combine and build a hall.

The members of the Fort Steele Brass Band are talking of putting up a building 28 by 70 feet, to cost about $500. The matter will be fully decided at the next meeting of the band.

All changes of advertisement must be in not later than Wednesday to insure insertion in the following issue.

K. J. Highye of Sheep creek is in town.

It is learned that the post office at Wild Horse has been discontinued by order from the department.

The Fort Steele School.

Fort Steele, Jan. 4.

EDITOR, PROSPECTOR:

Some much needed repairs and improvements have been made at the school during the holidays. A new set of blackboards have been put in the primer room, a case for apparatus and shelves have been placed in the senior room, the seats in the senior room have been rearranged to accommodate more pupils. To meet this expense incurred a subscription was circulated, with the result that $31.50 has been subscribed to date. Fifty dollars is needed.

All persons whether above school age or not desiring to prepare for examinations, are invited to avail themselves of the advantages offered by the Fort Steele school.

School will open on Monday next.

I must mention the want of punctuality which several of the pupils have shown. This fault precludes not only any probability of advancement in the individual pupil, but also disorganizes the work of the school.

W. L. TOMPKINS,
Principal.

Hotel Arrivals.

WINDSOR:—Grant Boulanger, Luke Creek; Enos Campbell, Elko; L. McDermot, Cranbrook; Frank Sliger, J. C. Nelson, Dupont; H. White, Kimberly; R. H. Karatofsky, Greenwood; A. M. Johnson, Vancouver; F. McCabe, Wardner; W. M. Sprague, C. H. Scott, G. Tracy and wife, W. Haupt, Windermere; S. H. Hunter, Pincher Creek; T. Elf, J. H. Todd, Winnipeg; A. T. Caldwell, Rossland; J. E. Humphreys, Wolf Creek; P. B. Ick, Tobacco Plains; C. H. Wolf, Spokane; W. J. Whims, Spokane.

A Visitor From Kaslo.

J. S. T. Alexander, barrister from Kaslo, who has been staying at the Indian Agency on a visit for a few days, returned home on Thursday morning last. It is rumored that Mr. Alexander may take up his residence in East Kootenay where he will practice his profession. He is a nephew of Lord Collins, one of the justices of the High Court of Indication of London, England, a prominent member of the court of arbitration in the Venezuelan boundary commission.

Mining Notes.

At the Chickamon Stone work is still progressing, but nothing new has developed within the past few days.

At the Empire the work of development is still going on with good results. The ore is improving in quality with a consequent increased value.

A small force is engaged on the Estella in development.

Ten men are working on the Dupont, but with what results has not been ascertained.

A few men are pegging away on the Big Chief, but a large force will soon be employed.

At the Black Bear Manager Estmere is doing good work and showing up a better quality of ore. As development advances on the property, it is proving of great value.

During the month of November there was shipped from the Le Roi mine at Rossland 9,400 tons of ore, valued at $108,000.

The next general convention of the Western Federation of Miners of British Columbia will be held at Moyie on the first Monday in June.

The Perry creek gold fields will no doubt receive considerable attention during the coming season. Mine owners in that vicinity are much elated with the showing that has been made during the past year. At this time there is no reason to doubt that Perry creek will make great gold camp before the close of 1900.

RAILWAY SURVEY.

Preliminary Work to Commence at Once.

It is learned on undoubted authority that the preliminary surveys of the north and south railway will be commenced on Wednesday the 10th inst. The party will be in the field will be in charge of M. H. Macleod formerly superintendent of the Crow's Nest Pass railway from Macleod to Kootenay Landing.

This shows that the management of the C. P. R. recognize the importance of the branch being built at once.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, William Percy Henry, intend, sixty days from this date, to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and works, to purchase Lot 2371, Group 1, Kootenay District.

WILLIAM PERCY HENRY.

Fort Steele, B. C., Dec. 26, 1899. 1-9

NOTICE.

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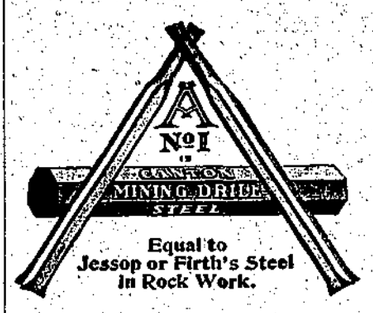

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