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

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## A BOOMING MEMBER.

**The Fine Italian Hand of Colonel Baker is Again Visible as a Townsite Boomer.**

On July 17th, 1897, the PROSPECTOR called the attention of the residents of Fort Steele to the fact that Col. Baker was using his position as a member of the government to boom his town of "Beautiful Cranbrook," and at before to the detriment of Fort Steele.

We learn to day, from a source which we deem perfectly reliable that once more Col. Baker is at the old game of townsite booming. It is only two weeks since the Colonel returned from England, hastily he rushed to "Beautiful Cranbrook", called together the select few, intimating that now was the time to down Fort Steele.

The Provincial House meets on Jan. 5th and I must be there, and I have every reason to think that our scheme will win. Let us get up a petition stating that "Cranbrook the Beautiful" is the only the town in the Fort Steele district, it is on the line of railway, in fact it is a divisional point, and the only town in East Kootenay. We will send one of our henchmen to Moyie city, another to my coal town of Fernie, and we will have it signed by the old and young, by the tall and short. Yes! by anyone who can hold a pen or pencil we shall be in a position to present our memorial to the new Government, and maybe I shall have the portfolio of Education; if so why "Beautiful Cranbrook" will surely get the Government offices.

THE PROSPECTOR cares nothing for Cranbrook or Colonel Baker, but is always found on the side of the people and against any such high handed proceedings.

These are the true facts. The member for East Kootenay is the fortunate owner of several thousands of acres of good farming land, known as Cranbrook, situated some 14 miles west of Fort Steele. The member for East Kootenay, (now sitting on the Opposition bench) was formerly a member of the late Turner government, when his company, the B. C. Southern Railway Co., acquired its charter from the Provincial Legislature. When the B. C. Southern charter passed into the hands of the C. P. R. company it was no secret that one of the conditions was, that "Beautiful Cranbrook" should be made a divisional point. We in Fort Steele did not demur when Col. Baker, in what he says was a business investment, corralled for himself and friends the choicest coal lands in the world, with every right pertaining thereunto. The people did not voice the question of the legality of the acquisition of this immense area, nor do we complain because he is, or was, the owner of "Beautiful Cranbrook", and might, because he was who he was, be in a position to make a good bargain for, the elected representative of East Kootenay.

Cranbrook at this moment has no standing as a town, save in the fact that it is a divisional point on the C. N. Railway, made so by an ironclad agreement between Col. Baker and the railway company. The population of Cranbrook does not exceed 200, and on these facts it is given out on the authority of the member that it shall be the Government headquarters for East Kootenay.

Cranbrook from a mining or mineral standpoint has no standing. We honestly make the assertion that in our opinion there is not twenty individuals, in the town that owns or is personally interested in mining. On the contrary fully 75 per cent of all the mining property in the district is owned, or controlled by the people of Fort Steele. It is a piece of unadulterated gaul on the part of the present member to intimate that his town of "Beautiful Cranbrook" can ever be more than what it is at this moment—a railway town with an attachment called a divisional point.

Fort Steele as a central point and as the largest and most prosperous town in South East Kootenay, has been for 35 years the residence of whatever government officials there were in the district. But it seems that it is not consistent with the policy of the Hon. James Baker that such a thing should continue, when there is a possibility of corn coming to the mill by this petty booming the of town in which he is interested. If such a change were in the interests of the district, then we would be the last to complain, or if we felt that there were the remotest chance that an injustice were being done Colonel Baker in thus charging him with prostituting his position as our representative for selfish purposes and personal gain, then THE PROSPECTOR would be silent. But, on the contrary, we know, notwithstanding his many denials to this constituency, that such was not and never had been his intentions, that this is another of the many disgraceful things to be charged to him.

We have claimed in this matter only fair justice to Fort Steele; the same sense of justice that we seek to see allotted to every other community in the district. Col. Baker was entrusted with the duty of seeing that fair justice was done, but he has played the traitor and outraged the sacred trust reposed in him. But the day of retribution is at hand. We hope to see him stripped of the fruits of that spoilation of the heritage of the people which he has attempted; also all of the legislative honors which has been bestowed upon him.

"Beautiful Cranbrook" is to have another boom; that is another attempt will be made to try and force the "Blooming Beautiful" upon the innocent tenderfoot. The 18-stall smelter equipped with the latest style jacket, and built on a principal that may be dropped or brought to the notice of a confiding public, is to be advertised. In connection with the smelter there will be new and approved sampling works, where you can have any and every thing sampled, beefstakes, ham and eggs, bald-headed butter, hot Scotch, Scotch cold, in fact you can sample and refine the regular bill of fare at two bits a head. The smelter is bound to come, so is the sampling works; we have competition and must offer better inducements. Anyone who can find a mineral claim—with raw ore in place—within 15 miles of the round tower, or rather within the limits of the ranch, will be entitled to one-half, and can have it cooked at the sampling and refining works. And the discoverer of two or more claims will receive a title to a half interest in the aforesaid smelter, with the privilege to select a tie-pass over the main line east or west, for there is no use of being a divisional point and owning a railway without proper passenger travel. The first sprouts of these phantom industries may not be apparent to the inquisitive, but they are all there in "Beautiful Cranbrook" just the same, for if you be in doubt there is the assuaging voice of the townsite agent to re-assure you.

### ASSESSED VALUATION OF CRANBROOK.

"Beautiful Cranbrook" comprises an area of 237 acres, which is sub-divided into 1,088 lots, having an assessed improved value of $72,130. Of these 1,088 lots, 160 have an improved value of $55,815, leaving a balance of 908 lots with an assessed value of $16,315. The amount of personal taxes are assessed at $12,500. To this should be added the sum of $12,000 which is assessed to Fort Steele merchants, which at the time of assessment could not be divided but was assessed as personal property in the district. Therefore the total valuation of Cranbrook is $96,630. The electorial vote of Cranbrook during the last election was 31. The total actual residental population is somewhere about 200.

### ASSESSED VALUATION OF FORT STEELE.

Fort Steele as the town was originally platted comprised 27 acres, sub-divided into 240 lots, which has an assessed valuation of $63,960. Since the laying out of the town an area comprising 509 lots has been plotted. The personal tax of Fort Steele is assessed at $82,350. From this should be deducted $12,000 that has been credited to merchants of Fort Steele doing business in Cranbrook, leaving a balance of $70,350. The total valuation of Fort Steele is $134,310. This does not include 509 lots which was lately plotted. The electorial vote of Fort Steele at the last election was 179. The total actual residental population is about 800.

### RECAPITULATION.

Fort Steele; 300 lots valued at $63,960, 509 lots lately plotted, estimated value unknown, personal property $70,350. Total $134,310.

Population about 800. Voting strength 176.

Cranbrook; 1088 lots valued at $72,130, personal property $24,500. Total 96,630.

Population about 200. Voting strength 31.

The above list proves conclusively what we have always claimed for Fort Steele. (1st.) that Fort Steele is the commercial center of the district. (2nd.) That Fort Steele is the center of population. (3rd.) That from actual surveys taken by the only P. L. S. who has made a survey of the district, that Fort Steele is the geographical center of the district.

### POLITICAL PROMISES.

Which were given before the election:

"If elected, the government will appropriate $3,500 for government buildings at Cranbrook, and at an early date remove the government officials to that town.

If elected, a bridge will be constructed at or near Wasa and a road built to Cranbrook.

If elected, I shall remember my friends.

If elected, every improvement made in the district shall be in the interest of Cranbrook.

Political promises as a rule, are made only to catch votes, and seldom kept; yet when the promises are made by an interested party, and for booming purposes, and a possibility of retaining corn in "Beautiful Cranbrook" some attempt, as a "side-booming to the town," is to be expected. The petition which has been so industriously circulated during the past week, proves conclusively that what we assert is correct.

As a town, the largest and most prosperous in the Fort Steele district, Fort Steele has nothing to fear, backed by its natural resources, its vast mining interests, its wealth and population, also its extensive commercial interests, it stands today the banner town of South East Kootenay. The citizens of Fort Steele in the future, will depend upon the natural channels of business that centers around this town.

At Cranbrook, the cry of the townsite boomer may be heard from the top of the round house, the smelter or the refining works, the asinine boomer has a voice similar in tone to that of an ass, but then the boomer is paid for his braying, and never stops longer than it is possible to reach from one divisional point to the next.

## RIGHT INTO FORT STEELE.

**The C. P. R. Will Build the Branch Line at Once.**

The Canadian Pacific Railway has at last announced its intention regarding the railway connection to be given to Fort Steele.

A branch line will leave the main line at a point near the Fort Steele Junction, following the meandering of the Kootenay river to Fort Steele. Thence by the direct route to Windermere, making connections with the proposed route from Arrow Lake to Windermere.

It is expected that the surveyors will commence running preliminary lines from Fort Steele within the next ten days. Three hundred men are expected at the Fort Steele Junction where a large camp is to be made, and actual work on the line to Fort Steele be commenced.

It is the intention of the company to continue this branch up the valley, on the west bank of the Kootenay, thence west to North Star and Sullivan mines.

The above news will be very satisfactory to the people of Fort Steele, who have had a natural anxiety to learn just what the intention of the railway company was with respect to this place. There was never any doubt felt here but that Fort Steele would have railway connections. The matter is now settled, and the people of this city, and the mining men of the district surrounding can lay their plans accordingly.

### Napoleonic Revival.

Paris.—The Matin this morning publishes an interview with a prominent Bonapartist purporting to give the grist of Prince Victor Napoleon's statements to his committee the other day at Brussels. This represents him as preparing assiduously for a coup, which he is fully resolved to execute. Prince Victor, however, is hostile to useless manifestations. His brother Prince Louis Napoleon will be found beside him "on the day of action." They are "closely united in warm and sincere affection."

## THE HOUSE OPENED.

**Legislation of a Most Important Character. The House Will Proceed to Work With no Loss of Time.**

Victoria, Jan. 5.—The Provincial Legislature will open this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The political air is full of excitement as to how the House will be divided on reply to the speech from the throne. It is generally conceded that the government will be able to work through, but it will be a close shave.

The House will go to work at once in spite of the precedent by which an adjournment has always been made until Monday.

### THE HOUSE OPENS.

Victoria, Jan. 5.—The legislative assembly opened today with the usual ceremonial. A military guard of honor attended the lieutenant-governor, who opened the house, delivering the speech from the throne in person. There were but four absentees, the principal among them being ex-Premier Turner, who is now en route from England.

The first business was the election of a speaker, Thomas Forster, member for the Delta of New Westminster district, being chosen for the position, Mr. Kellie moving and Colonel Baker acting leader of the opposition, seconding. The performance compared badly with the ceremonial of former years, although the crowd taxed the accomodation of the house to the utmost. The government has gained another supporter, Mr. Alex. Henderson, of New Westminster, having signified his intention of joining hands with them. This leaves the government, after the election of a speaker, with a majority of four. Old parliamentarians express the opinion that this is sufficient to carry on the business of the country, although enemies of the government prophesy an early defeat. Among the most important pronouncements of the government policy, indicated by the speech from the throne, is the abolition of the employment of Japanese in the coal mines, the reason given being that the better protection of the white laborers is necessary.

### TALK IN VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—Much talk is heard in town over the announcement in the speech from the throne at the opening of the legislature today that a bill will be introduced to exclude aliens from taking up or working placer mining claims within the province. The importance of this is in no way to be gainsaid as it will shut out United States citizens from the Atlin country completely and will preserve its richness for British subjects alone. At the present time Canadians are not allowed to take up mining claims in the United States.

### Feel Safe.

It is not at all surprising that the mining section of South East Kootenay are attracting the attention of conservative English capitalists. The field is a large one and English capitalists have been looking to Canada as a place to invest their money. That this is true is evidenced by the number of experts who have been sent out to investigate. English capital is being withdrawn from South Africa and Australia, and the investors will now place their money where they will be protected by British laws. They have reached the conclusion that British Columbia is the place they have been looking for, and that the Fort Steele district has a most promising showing of mineral, and that vast stores of ore of every description are hid in the mountains of East Kootenay.

### St. Eugene a Shipper.

From our Moyie correspondent we learn that the St. Eugene company will soon become a shipper; arrangements have been made to ship as soon as the side track is completed. The ore bin at Moyie is completed, and teams will commence hauling ore from the mine on Thursday. The ore will go to the Grant smelter at Denver, Col.; possibly some to Aurora, Ill. It is said that the smelter companies have made a rate of $20, which includes freight and treatment. The lead which the ore contains will pay for treatment, freight and mining, leaving the silver production as a net profit, as the ore contains about 50 ozs. in silver or a valuation of $20 net per ton.

Lake Shore. This company will in all probability ship to the Trail smelter in West Kootenay as soon as arrangements are completed.

### Estelle.

Development work still continues. The main tunnel is now in 702 feet. During the past week the water in the supply pipe froze, stopping the air blower. This difficulty will be overcome and in the future provided for, by a steam heating apparatus. An up-raise will be started very close to the 550 foot station. Mr. Polson is expected at Steele on or about the 1st. of February.

### Mabel.

Development work is being pushed on the Mabel claim, which is situated on Bull river. The tunnel is now in 20 feet, 15 feet of which is ledge matter. The ore is quartz carrying from 9 to 22 per cent copper, 30 ounces in silver and $8.50 cents in gold; total values will average about $45 to the ton.

### Bald Mountain Sold.

Dave Griffith has bought out George Doherty's interest in the Bald Mountain, which is situated on the west bank of Wild Horse Creek about three miles from Fort Steele.

### Transportation.

Better transportation facilities are all that is wanted to make the mining camps of the Fort Steele district the wonder of the world. It is only a question of a short time of actual development work to demonstrate fully the great richness of our mines, but until we have sufficient railways, development work on the mines is not prosecuted with the vigor which otherwise it would be.

We trust then that the government of Canada and our provincial authorities will encourage railway building in this province by every means in their power.

### Build More Railroads.

The Chinese government has practically decided to take steps at an early date to make considerable extension of railways in the empire. We trust that the Provincial Legislature will see their way clear to assist in building more railways in the Fort Steele district.

### Requested to Resign.

Mr. J. D. Sibbald, Gold Commissioner at Revelstoke has been requested to resign. His resignation will take place Jan. 15. Mr. H. W. Coursier is spoken of as his successor.

## Certificate of Improvements.

### NOTICE.

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

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

Take notice that I, J. A. Harvey agent for the Alberta and Kootenay Development Company Limited Liability, Free Miner's Certificate No. "7081 A" and Frederick J. Hazen, Free Miner's Certificate No. "5862 A" intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

49-8 J. A. HARVEY.

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

### NOTICE.

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

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

Take notice that I, Neil McLeod Curran, Free Miner's Certificate No. 15,729 A, Attorney for William MacKenzie, Free Miner's Certificate No. 15,281 A, and D. D. Mann, Free Miner's Certificate No. 15,654 A, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this twenty-ninth day of November, 1898.

48-6 NEIL McLEOD CURRAN, Attorney.

## Liquor License.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 20 days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a transfer of liquor license from the Coal Creek Hotel, Tobe Road, Fernie, to the Royal Hotel corner of Victoria Avenue and Cox Street, Fernie. From Alex Stewart to F. B. Smith.

FRANK B. SMITH.

Dated this Nov. 4th. 46-50

### NOTICE.

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

By order of the Board.

H. CAMPBELL, OSWALD, Secretary.

Montreal, 30th November, 1898. 51-2

### NOTICE.

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

Dated this 8th day of December, 1898.

McPHILLIPS & WILLIAMS,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

### NOTICE.

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

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

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

### NOTICE.

THE TRAMWAY COMPANY INCORPORATION ACT, 1865.

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

Dated at Fort Steele, August 17th 1898.

HARVEY & McCARTER,
Solicitors for Applicants. 35-

### NOTICE.

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

### NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT FORT STEELE.

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

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

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

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

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

J. F. ARMSTRONG,
42- Official Administrator.

### NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT FORT STEELE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 1898, it was ordered by Mr. Justice Forin, County Court Judge, that James F. Armstrong, Official Administrator of the County of Kootenay be Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credit of Fortunate Cenith deceased, intestate.

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

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

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

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

J. F. ARMSTRONG,
42- Official Administrator.

### TEACHER WANTED

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

R. L. T. GALBRAITH,
Secretary

### NOTICE.

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

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

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

Signed W. D. KERFOOT,
L. C. FULMER.
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### NOTICE.

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

Dated this 27th December, 1898.

1-5 JOHN BIDGOOD.

### MINERAL ACT 1896.

(FORM F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

### NOTICE.

BLUCHER—BELCHER and OLD BALDY MINERAL CLAIMS.

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

Where located:—

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

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

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

Take notice that I, William Roderick Ross, acting as agent for the Hastings British Columbia Exploration Syndicate, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 3259 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant for each of the above claims.

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

Dated this twenty-ninth day of December, 1898.

1-3 WM. R. ROSS, B. M. C. No. 15673 A.

### NOTICE.

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

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

BODWELL & DUFF,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

### NOTICE.

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

C. E. FINCH.

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


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**U. S. Syndicate Cornering Copper.**

The Boston dispatch says the boom in copper mining stocks which began a month ago has become a scramble for the active stocks at times of late, with a heavy volume of trading, and prices up several points. The reason for this is said to be in fact that a combination of New York capitalists aims to control the copper output of the country and has started in to buy up all the available stock of the leading companies, with the idea of pooling it on some basis not made known as yet, and probably not fully decided upon. Already a majority of the stock of some of the largest companies is in the control of the syndicate, and the whole deal is likely to be completed within the next 60 days. There are varying estimates of the capital of the proposed company, running all the way from $200,000,000 to $500,000,000. As a general rule, trusts, combinations or syndicates, as at present formed and conducted in the large commercial centers of this or any other country, are a detriment and an injustice to the people; but this particular one is an exception to the rule, and would be the means of giving the mining interests of British Columbia a boom, which in turn would be felt by all other lines of business throughout the Province.

**Gold Production.**

Every banker has his eye on the enormous gold production of the world. From figures at hand it appears that the world's gold production for 1897 was $240,000,000, coinage value, and that in less than ten years the annual yield has doubled and is now greater than the combined production of both gold and silver 10 years ago. The estimate of the gold production for 1898, based on the large returns already in, is $275,000,000. The money stock of gold Jan. 1st, 1894, in the whole world, was $3,965,900,000—the supply accumulated since gold began to be used as money. The five years' production since, including the estimate for 1898 will, Jan. 1st, 1899, be $1,997,000,000 coinage value, or 27 per cent. of the world as it stood just five years before. If the increase continues we have a bigger question than we now appreciate.

**Reciprocity in Coal.**

The belief is general in the Eastern States that the movement in behalf of lower duties on coal between the United States and Canada has taken on an entirely new phase and is no longer and effort on the part of the manufacturers of the Northeast, and on the Pacific coat to bring in coal from the British Provinces in the East, and from British Columbia for use in their furnaces; but it is primarily a movement on the part of the great bituminous coal producers of the United States to extend their trade with Canada. Strenuous efforts are now in progress on this line. The story runs that the control of the situation lies in the hands of Stephen B. Elkins, who owns bituminuous coal mines in Maryland and West Virginia, too far from the Canadian border for him to compete for the trade in that direction. It is said that he is exporting coal to Africa and other distant ports, that he sends some of his product to the Eastern States, and, therefore, is well satisfied with the tariff as it is. He is reported to have used his influence to prevent a change in the rate, saying that he would not consent unless the producers in the Middle West wanted it. That condition was fulfilled, and then he desired to wait until the Pacific coast had been heard from. A petition is in circulation on the coast for a reduction of duty, and it is generally supported by the manufacturers in this part of the country. Hence, the pressure on Elkins is being continued with the hope that he will give way and lower duties be secured. Canada is practically the chief market for the bituminous coal of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and the adjacent region. The mine owners there sell to Canada four tons of coal for every ton which is sold by Canadian mine owners to the United States. If British Columbia is excluded the difference is 20 to 1. If lower duties can be secured on this coal from the Middle West it will be of immense advantage to that part of the country, with no offsetting disadvantages of consequence. Hence there is a strong desire of having reciprocity in coal between the two countries, and the movement has reached such a stage that its friends are hopeful. The financial interests involved are enormous, and a great number of people are also concerned. These interests employ not less than 340,000 men representing 1,700,000 people, not including many thousands more included in the clerical forces.

**Prospecting for Minerals.**

In prospecting for minerals the first thing to be ascertained is, whether there are any minerals in that locality and of what description. The next question will be as to the precise spot in which it will be most likely to be found. Suppose we wish to find galena, which is known to be in the vicinity, we must, in order to insure success, know the accompanying formation—that is, the rock in which the galena is embedded. Knowledge of this character multiplies the chance of finding the mineral. In many cases we select the rock accompanying the mineral, or such a vein of dead mineral as has an extensive range, no matter how far, or high, or low it may be from the supposed vein, we judge the distance, and if the rock wherein the mineral is buried belongs to the stratified rocks we may expect to find the vein at no great distance in any direction, and if we know the vein stone or accompanying rock, we may rely upon finding the mineral, even though we do not find it in place where we open the vein, or touch the vein mineral. Where the vein runs parallel with the formation, as is the case in gold regions, there is not much difficulty in finding a vein, but where the mineral veins traverse the strata at angles more or less defined, the object is not so readily obtained. When fragments of ore or float are found on a hillside, it is evident that the vein must have a higher location for these fragments must have come down the hill. If fragments are found in a stream the vein that supplied them must be higher up the stream; and the farther up the lighter the material, as heavy minerals do not drift far as on account of their weight they are easily destroyed. Galena never drifts far in a stream, it is always found close to its source. If the current is strong enough to move the fragments of galena, it is soon ground into such a fine dust that it can be carried off by the most gentle current. Therefore, native metals, and sulphurets of metals are always found near their source, because they cannot move far without destruction.

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# The Prospector.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1899.

IT will be satisfactory to our readers to learn with definiteness a thing that has always been believed would be readily demonstrated in proper time, namely: that Fort Steele would have a railway right into town. There was during the past summer and fall a good deal of concern felt by some of our citizens regarding this matter,—or rather, perhaps, as to whether the railway company would seek an entrance into this city, but it was all along apparent to those who reflected a little on the subject that the company was interested in the business operations of Fort Steele. So far in the history of this district Fort Steele has been the attraction, the center of population, the mining center, and business center of the whole of South East Kootenay. From a recent letter from Nelson, received by a prominent citizen of Fort Steele, it is evident that a large amount of railway building will be commenced in the Kootenay valley at an early day. It is said that the Arrow Lake and Windermere road will be under construction shortly, and that this line will follow down the valley to Fort Steele, making a connection with the Crow's Nest railway within a short distance of Steele. There are several applications to be presented to the Provincial Legislature this session, asking for charters up and down the valley, and there are at least two charters that were granted several years ago, it may be possible that at least one of these may turn up and be found in the front rank of railway construction by the time that the snow has disappeared. As the matter now stands, the C. P. R. company are determined to hold the trade of South East Kootenay if possible, the railway and express companies are more than pleased with the present amount of traffic, and recognize the fact that the best business is yet to come. We may expect that within two weeks, signs of activity will be seen in this vicinity in relation to railway construction. The objective point from the north, as well as from the south is Fort Steele, the reason of this is the predominating advantage of location over all other points, and the conditions as they have been developing from day to day for months past show that these facts are to be realized, and that the progress of Steele during the coming year will be greater than ever. Thus then, the people of Fort Steele, and others all over the district, may go forward into the year 1899 with full confidence in the advancement of trade, and the fullest development of the mineral resources, which have become so well marked in the Fort Steele district.

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Though there is not much startling news in the weekly budget of news received this week, there is one delightful feature that seems to be animating the people throughout the length and breadth of Canada, and that is a spirit of buoyancy and hopefulness for the future. It means that times are good in Canada. And there is another feature that is very pleasant for the people of British Columbia to contemplate, and that is that the eyes of the whole Dominion seems to be turned towards the Pacific Province, and particularly to the Fort Steele district. There is a manifest disposition to attribute to British Columbia a large share of credit for the good times that are now being enjoyed, or at least for the spirit of buoyancy that now animates the whole Canadian people. They see in this province a new element of national existance,—a something hitherto unknown and unfelt in the Dominion,—a cementing influence,—something that makes the heart throb with consciousness of national importance. To the Canadian there is a rose-tinted future for his native land.

### Will Run Against Houston.

Nelson, B. C., Jan 5.—At the eleventh hour, George Neelands, a local merchant, has been induced to allow himself to be nominated for the position of mayor for the ensuing year, in opposition to John Houston, who now holds the office. There is a salary of $2000 attached to the office, and his mayorship is very anxious that he should continue to be the recipient of the little checks drawn with due regularity every month.

Rex Macdonald and Dr. Z. A. B. Hall will seek election as aldermen, and the contest promises to be a hot one.

### British Rights.

London.—The Times, commenting editorially this morning upon Lord Cromer's declarations to the Soudanese shiekhs at Omdurman, says:

"They constitute the plainest assertion of British sovereign rights in the Soudan yet made.

The Daily Chronicle says: "The speech means a protectorate and will be so interpreted in the continent."

The Standard says: "Offence will perhaps be taken at Constantinople at the conspicuous omission of the sultan's name, but it would be sheer perversity to complicate matters by a formal recognition of an influence which has forever ceased to have any validity in fact of moral right.

### Victoria's Prayer.

Paris.—Le Journal has from a personage belonging to the suite of the ex-Empress Eugenie the statement that upon the eve of her departure from England in the early days of the Fashodo incident, the ex-empress took leave of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, who said: "If war should break out between France and England, I would ask God to allow me to die before hostilities begin." Three days later, it is added, the secretary of the ex-empress communicated the words of Queen Victoria to the French foreign office.

### Salisbury to the Czar.

The reply of Lord Salisbury to the proposal of Emperor Nicholas for a disarmament conference of the powers, which is just published, promises the cordial cooperation of the British government, and ask for an indication of the heads of the discussion at the conference.

### A New Cabinet For Spain.

Madrid.—General Polavieja, former governor general of Cuba, and of the Philippine islands, and Senor Silvela, the conservative leader, have agreed upon the formation of a new cabinet and have been summoned by the queen regent.

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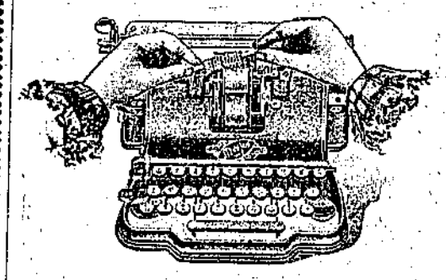

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### Norway and Sweden.

Christinia.—Norway and Sweden continue in a state of dissension that makes a war between the two countries not unlikely. The matter was aggravated the first of the year when Norway flew her flag minus the emblem which signifies her union with Sweden. The Norwegians thirst for independence and it is stated that the Radicals have already taken steps to secure this by secretly alienating the Norwegians in the joint army from Sweden. Both sides continue to strengthen their defences. Norway's chief grievance is a clause in the constitution which makes a minister who is alone responsible to the Swedish rikstag, the real director of the foreign affairs of both countries. The Swedish grievance is that Norway, while taking advantage of antiquated laws, contributes few more men to the Scandinavian army than she did in 1814, 25,000, while Sweden gives 100,000. Moderators suggest as a compromise that the Norwegian minister be given equal voice in foreign matters with the Swedish minister, and that Norway increase her quota to the army.

TROUBLE FAR FROM SETTLED.

New York.—August Reymert, special agent of the Krag-Jorgensen Arms company, arrived here today on the White Star line steamer Majestic. It is said that he had been to Norway and that he had filed with the government of Norway bids for the manufacture of four 21 centimetre breech-loading rifles. Mr. Reymert said that the trouble between Norway and Sweden was as far from being settled as ever.

### They Seized the Island.

New York.—A cablegram to the Herald from Madrid says: "An official dispatch states that the natives of Bababoc, the most south-eastern island of the Philippine group, which lies a few miles north of British North Borneo, have overthrown the Spanish administration and seized the island. They massacred many Europeans, including the Spanish Governor, a physician, and Lieutenant Bellamy. The latter is supposed to have been a British naval officer. A number of European women are held as captives by the insurgents. A gunboat bombarded the chief town of the island, but failed to compel the natives to surrender the women.

### Choate to Get It.

Washington.—The announcement was made today on the highest authority that Hon. Joseph H. Choate, of New York, will be named Ambassador to Great Britain. The nomination will not be sent to the Senate for a few days, but those near the President say this delay does not indicate any possibility of a change in his plans.

### Dervish Force Cut Down.

London.—Particulars regarding the recent battle on the Blue Nile have been received in a dispatch from Cairo to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Colonel Lewis, it appears, when he routed Emir Fedil the last remaining dervish chief, killed 500 of his followers and took 1500 prisoners. The emir, however, succeeded in escaping.

An official dispatch from Col. Lewis says that with a Soudanese regiment and a detachment of irregular troops he attacked Fedil while he was crossing the Nile at the cataract south of Roseirox (Reseres).

The colonel's force stormed the island on which Fedil took up his position, and some severe fighting followed, eventually Fedil fled with 300 followers across the river, where his force was dispersed with the Maxim guns.

On the British side Major Ferguson, six Egyptian officers and 18 men were wounded and 27 men were killed.

### Tolstoi May be Banished.

London.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News mentions a rumor from St. Petersburg that Count Leo Tolstoi will be banished for championing the cause of the dissenters, who have been persecuted into wholesale emigration from the Caucasian districts, mostly for Canada, whither one of Tolstoi sons is going to inspect land that has been acquired for the emigrants.

### Lord Curzon is Viceroy.

Calcutta.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston has formally assumed the vice-royalty of India. A large gathering at the government house witnessed the ceremony.

### Smelters Galore.

"It is stated that the C. P. R. will build four large smelters in British Columbia during the coming year, at a cost of $1,000,000. Moyie will likely get one of them."—*Moyie Leader.*

We believe it; for the Leader is truthful." The other three smelters will, in all probability, be located at the divisional point called "Cranbrook". And as Sir William Van Horne says:—"You may be sure that the C. P. R. company will spare no efforts to make Southern British Columbia what we all believe nature intended it to be, the greatest mining district in the world.

### The World Looks Up.

London.—The Spectator this week epitomizes the reviews of the passing year, which fill all today's newspapers, declaring that the dominant fact of 1898 has been the rise in the position of English-speaking peoples." It describes how Europe has been amazed and irritated by the expansion of America, though Europe has not dared to interfere. But, the Spectator says, the powers are apprehensive that the change may compel a defensive coalition of the military power of Europe. It also quotes one periodical as saying that the waves of European contempt for Great Britain have been succeeded by respect compelled by the stiffening of the general policy of the English speaking races, which "disregarded in 1897 are in 1898 regarded as the potential equals of the remainder of the world."

Though usually pessimistic, the Spectator concludes, in the spirit of Kipling's Recessional saying: "The English speaking people may govern half the world without graciousness or system, but if they try to govern it without justice or consideration for the rights of others their Dominion will some terrible day come crashing down."

### A Visionary Scheme.

There is no reason to believe that any change will be made in regard to the government offices. There is no possible fact that can justify such a change. The Government will wait until such time as the merits of the situation shows what town has the necessary qualification as a central point, and in which the best interests of the district at large will be served.

A petition emanating from Cranbrook, circulated by the citizens of Cranbrook, surely indicates that it is Cranbrook and no other town that is kicking. There is no doubt that "Cranbrook the Beautiful" must have one more boom. It is necessary for its existence. After the boom is over it will become what it was destined to be by the iron clad agreement of Col. Baker and the C. P. R., a railway town; simply this and nothing more. Railways don't make towns unless there is something substantial to assist in their development.

### Appointment.

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### Placer Gold—How Made.

It is the general belief among prospectors and others that where rich placer ground is found, that above and in the near vicinity, there must be very rich lodes. This conclusion is erronous, says B. F. Giffner, in Ores and Metals, as we shall see from observed facts. To say that no placer of gold is derived from lodes carrying gold would not be the exact facts. From observation and experience it has been demonstrated that where the richest placers exist, that near by the least number of gold mines have been found. The reason for this condition is obvious, because, first, there must be a prime condition in which, and on account of which, gold occurs.

Now, the source and prime condition of the gold must be the first consideration, and we must also be able to comprehend the cause of the transformation from the primary to the secondary gold in placers. The greater part of the auriferous sands found throughout the world are black or red ferrugneous colors, thus showing that iron in some form must be active element in the transformation. Now, let us see in what form iron exhibits itself in the primary rock from which the gold is derived. Pyrites accompanies gold in most all of the original rock in which gold is found; these pyrites are acted upon by the oxygen in the water and air. The water carries the gold down in the lower level until it comes in contact by its flow with something which must cause a redisposition of the gold in the gulch or valley below. The chemical conditions must be exactly right to cause the gold solution, and again must be right for the second deposition, which makes the placer gold. Ticino river in Italy furnishes no placer gold until its waters have swept through Lake Magorie, the gold bearing rocks being entirely above the lake, thus showing that the conditions necessary for the redisposition of the gold are not right until the solution has passed through the lake. The Rhine gives more placer gold near Strasburg than it does near Basle, though the latter place is nearer the mountain than the former. The Danube river sand carry no gold from Passer to Efferding, but in the plains below the latter place large quantities of placer gold have been taken out.

The same conditions exist in the river Ems. The sands of the upper river, where it flows through the mountains, contains no gold; but from the plains of Steyer to where the river flows into the Danube, gold has been washed from the auriferous sands for centuries.

In France where there are no workable lodes, placer gold is found in the Ceze and Gardon rivers. In this case the rivers flow through a basaltic rock from which the gold is derived. Near the village of Llors, S. A., at a depth of 20 feet large trunks of petrified trees have been found that are bespangled with gold. The same conditions exist in Alabama and Georgia, where the placer gold is found in the fluvial sand that I have mentioned above; and I could mention many others like the above in the Rocky Mountain placer diggings. It is evident that in America nearly all the placer grounds carry black protoxide of iron. Now, where did this black protoxide come from, as the form of iron is only secondary and the sulphides of iron the secondary condition? Now let us see what causes this chemical change.

Dr. Emmons and other eminent chemists have solved this problem by experimentation. They dissolve the gold into a terchloride and this solution is converted into gold again by first dropping a cube of pyrite into the solution and then by placing some chips of wood, dried grass or leaves into this solution, which causes the gold to percipitate onto the cube, thereby creating a veritable nugget. The black protoxide which which encases the grains which are frequently found in the auriferous gravels and sands, is but the excess of sulphur resulting from this chemical change. The general rule to be followed is this, that the finding of great placers is no evidence of rich lodes, but where rich placer gold is found it is evident only that the country from which the gold is derived is equally impregnated throughout, exposing a large surface area upon which the water and air have opportunity to act. Also, where this last condition exists, is also good evidence that the source from which the gold is derived is the center of the greatest disturbance. And while this eternal force has been exerted on the earth's crust it fractured the whole body of the mountain into infinitesmal number of crevices into which the gold was ejected; therefore the greater the exposed surface area, the more rapid the dissolving process. No gold nuggets are found in fissure veins. Nuggets are formed by a continual accretion to the nueclei and during the time required to form the nugget the sulphide nuecleus is being dissolved by the oxygen carried in the water, and eventually becomes entirely dissolved. From the foregoing it must be understood that nuggets grow as long as the conditions are right for the accumulation, hence it is that placer diggings have been worked over and over again with varying results. The accumulations will go on as long as conditions are right. In some places where we now have an arid climate, placer gold is found now, but there is always sufficient evidence in the rounded water worn gravel and sand to show that these arid conditions did not always exist. The form of the nugget is dependent upon its matrix in which the nugget was moulded during the time of its accretion. Nor must it be presumed that a nugget remained in its first bed until it was discovered. The great floods now and then may have disturbed it from time to time, until it would have assumed a globular form or irregular shape. The placer gold found in the bogs of Guiana, S. A., is in flat plates, lying immediately on the slate bed which is the bedrock. These slates are highly impregnated with pyrites, which is the ideal condition for the deposition of gold brought down from the mountains above. Thus it will be seen that placer gold grows by accumulation.

### University Extension.

A popular and highly successful form of what is known as university extension work is about to be undertaken in this province. This is carried on under the auspices of the University Association of Chicago and New York, and is the outcome of the University Congress held during the World's Fair. It has had wonderful success in the United States, where over 2,500 reading centers have been organized. The services of a gentleman well known in this province, Mr. R. E. Gosnell, late provincial librarian, have been secured to organize the reading centers in British Columbia, and under his direction there is no doubt that the movement will be highly successful. He will henceforth devote his time and energies to the work. The Times will later on be able to publish fuller particulars of what is contemplated and actually done under this system, but for the present it will be sufficient to give a few outlines.

The association have published a series of studies in subjects of wide and general interest, the readings in each subject and subdivision being prepared by university professors and specialists, some of them are of world-wide reputation. These studies include universal history, universal literature, political economy, political science sociology, religion and theology, and several of the sciences. The list will be extended from time to time to include other important studies of popular interest. The important feature of the system is that it proceeds on the principal of doing one thing at a time and doing it well. A reader may select any one of the subjects in which he is most interested and the course is so arranged that his readings will, if faithfully prosecuted, furnish him with a fundamental and yet comprehensive knowledge of it. It is not claimed that he will become an authority on or exhaust the subject, but he will be placed in a position of advantage in respect to his general reading and in further pursuing his studies. He will have laid a good foundation. Reading confers will be established in each community where practicable, resident instructors appointed to assist, and examinations held, as to the results of which certificates will be granted.

Apart from the intrinsic merits of the system itself, what will recommend it to the public is the fact that it has been designed so as to impart its benefits at a minimum cost. It will be surprising to know that the cost of a course in any given subject, including the text books, instruction, and all the rest, is only $3.75, with a further fee of fifty cents for a certificate of examination. It is therefore within the reach of all, rich or poor. Of course, such low fees are only possible on the basis of large popular classes, and owing to the popularity of the system the association has been able to carry it out on a self supporting basis.

Mr. Gosnell expects that the system will meet with special favor in British Columbia where the opportunities for securing higher education have been, so far, fewer than in the eastern provinces, and where access to reference libraries is practically out of the question, no other qualification being necessary than intelligence, ordinary educational acquirements and a desire to improve. He is particularly hopeful of the success of the political course, as it involves a course of reading of such universal interest and importance. In this, as in all other studies, the aim is to present without prejudice or bias an outline of the original history, development and principal tenets of the various schools of thought. Expensive or any other books of reference are unnecessary, as the text books provide extracts from the various authorities fully sufficient to supplement the text of the lessons. To those, of course, who can afford it aids in the way of reading the works of the best authors are highly advantageous, but the system affords a well selected digest, in all the studies, of the statements and opinions of standard authorities, a feature in itself of inestimable value.

It is the intention of Mr. Gosnell to prosecute the work vigorously, so as to take advantage of the winter season, during which it can be best carried on. He states that all that will be enacted of readers, to complete a course, is one half hour of solid reading each day.

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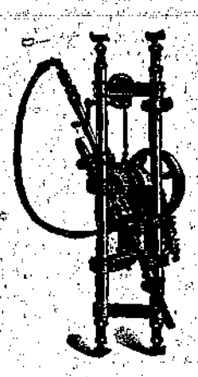

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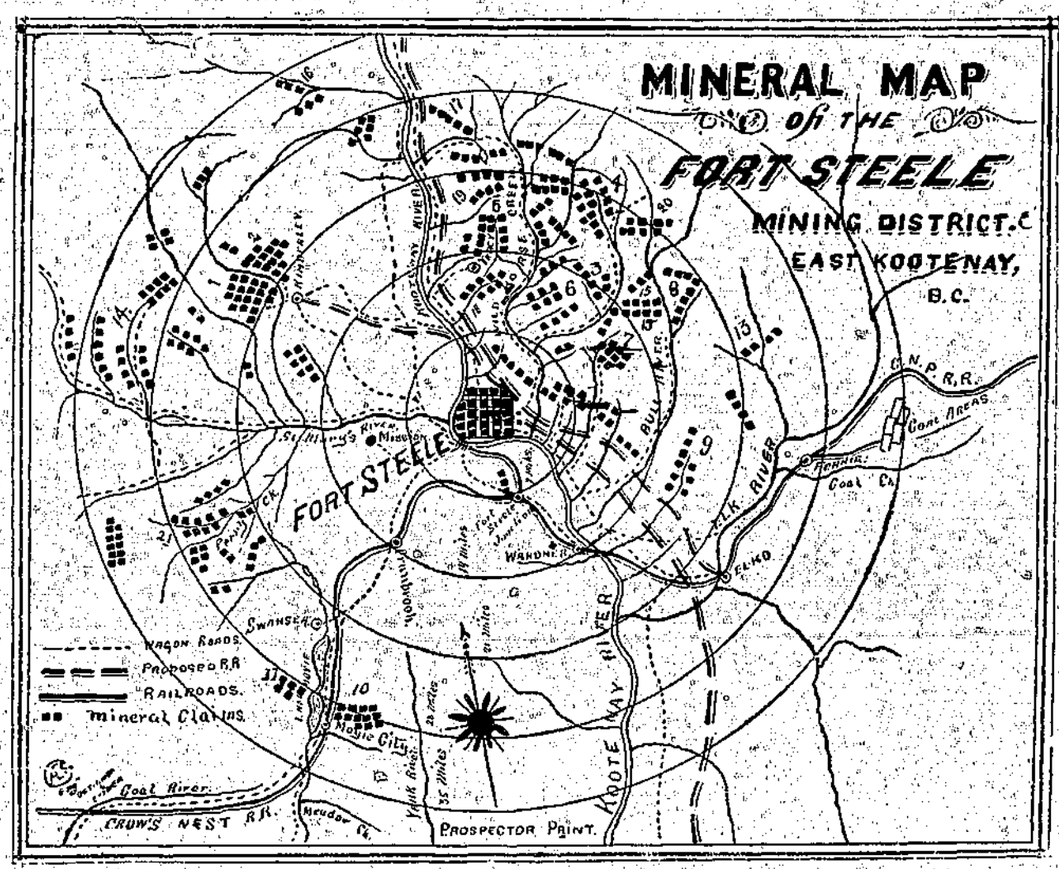


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## LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

A party of Great Northern surveyors have been engaged in looking over the situation near the head of the Stillwater valley. It is reported that the railway company are seeking a suitable route to reach the Kootenay valley.

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

The irrepressible Jim Wardner has a railway scheme on hand, he will cut ice in Alaska and ship it south. Jim has a great head for business. We would suggest the taking of a few warming pans to the far north, they would be useful.

Office Diaries for 1899 at Cann's Bookstore.

Mr. Phillipps, S. M., was a visitor at Fort Steele last Saturday.

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

The public School commenced its winter term on Monday.

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Dan McNeish is engaged cutting ice on the Kootenay river. He will harvest about 100 tons.

Millinery goods at cost. Mrs. Goodnough.

Several new houses are going up in Fort Steele, and more will follow. The aide of improvement is on the increase.

It is reported that some 300 railroad men have left Wardner and other places on the line to assist in extricating the regular passenger train from a series of snow drifts near Pincher.

Mr. James Greer of Calgary is now engaged in running the C. P. R. telegraph line into Fort Steele.

Two engines and a snow plough are off the track two miles east of Pincher.

There has been no trains over the main line of the C. P. R. for five days.

The Venosta hotel will be lighted with acetylene gas. Cann & Co. have the contract for putting in the gas apparatus.

When you come to town call at THE PROSPECTOR office and tell us all about your mineral claim.

Chocolate at Kershaw's, 25 cents per pound.

E. C. Smith, manager of the Sullivan mine, was in town on Tuesday.

Finest lemons in town at Kershaw's.

In the future all South East Kootenay prisoners when convicted will serve their sentence at Nelson.

O. J. Johnson of Moyie city was in town on Tuesday.

Chas. Farrell, manager of the Lake Shore mine, is registered at the Dalgardno.

The mails from the East are delayed on the Crow's Nest railway on account of a heavy fall of snow on the eastern side of the Crow's Nest Pass.

Harry Reineman has commenced harvesting ice; he will put in about 50 tons.

There will be in the vicinity of 1,500 tons of ice harvested at Fort Steele.

W. R. Ross left for Winnipeg on Wednesday on business.

Kershaw will sell apples cheap by the box. Call and see him *

D. L. Peck, D., P. L. S., who will have charge of the Kootenay river improvement outfit, has arrived at Fort Steele.

C. Smith returned from Cranbrook on Wednesday.

Remember Kershaw's for fruit and fine oranges.

The first vote taken in the local house stood Government 19, Opposition 13. This vote shows that the Government has a comfortable majority.

Try Kershaw's new butter, 30 cents per pound.

J. Quinlan, Toronto, A. P. Bremner, Moyelle, and J. McLean, of Calgary, are registered at the International.

Try Kershaw's new milk, 15 cents per quart.

Col. Baker has bobbed up most serenely as the Opposition leader in the local house.

Try Kershaw's silver skin onions, 6 cents per pound.

Harry Barnes has sold his stage line to George Geary.

Archie McVittie was circulating the Cranbrook petition at Moyie city last week.

Dave Griffiths came down from Wild Horse creek on Thursday.

The Bachelors of Fort Steele will give a dance on the evening of the 10th of February.

D. L. Peck, D., P. L. S., is registered at the Venosta.

Mrs. Brouilette is visiting her son Henry Brouilette.

"The Baker Quickstep" is set to the same music as the March entitled Baillie's Retreat.

Another new piece of music entitled "The New Road to Fort Steele" will be played from the Fort Steele Junction to Fort Steele and Windermere by the C. P. R. band.

The two-cent postage law is now in effect.

Mr. Griffen, assistant land commissioner for the C. P. R., is at Fort Steele.

### Fort Steele Hospital.

The Fort Steele hospital presents a most comfortable appearance, all necessary equipments having been installed. There are several patients in the hospital who are making rapid progress towards recovery.

### Round-Up.

Constable Barnes returned from a week's visit along the line of the C. N. R. between Wardner and Cranbrook. At Wardner there was a cutting affair and one case of stealing. At Cranbrook some fourteen or sixteen hobos and tin-horns were given a "tie-pass" to more congenial climes. Constable Barnes is determined to rid the district of irresponsible parties that have an inclination not to abide by the law.

### Fire at Cranbrook.

"Beautiful Cranbrook," was the scene of a large conflagration on Monday last. A representative citizen by the name of Wun Lung, was the owner of the largest Laundry in Cranbrook; unfortunately while under the influences of a large dose of "hop" his establishment caught on fire. The Cranbrook fire brigade, at once responded, owing to the fact that the laundry was located on Van Horne street, four miles from the smelter, rigs of all kinds were pressed into service to carry the bucket brigade to the scene of conflagration. Fire Marshal Hutchinson secured a horse and cutter of the 1899 class and started for the fire, the speed of the horse not being as rapid as the anxiety of the marshal to be the first at the fire, Hutchinson threw off his coat, jumped out of the cutter, and at a 2-4 pace, reached the building, seized an axe, threw it through a window breaking the glass, then attacked a wood pile and saved that. By this time the 10x10 building was burned to the ground. The fire marshal is to be congratulated on his heroic exertions, which were the means of completely saving the wood pile.

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### Fort Steele Brewery.

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### Sharkey Wins.

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C. M. HEARLE, Matron.

W. R. Ross, Esq. has been visiting director for the past two weeks and two patients have been admitted since Jan. 1st.

### Mr. William Neilson, M. P. P. Dead.

A telegram on Jan. 7th, from Almonte, Ontario, says that William Neilson member for North East Kootenay, had dropped dead there. Mr. Neilson was a native of Ontario, but for a number of years has been in charge of McKenzie & Ross' sawmill at Golden and Beaver.

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