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New Advertisements To-day.

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THE BURTON AND WINSTAY.

Another Tunnel to be Run on the Property.

It is a good indication when companies like the British American corporation acquire properties in a district. Several months ago they secured a bond on the Burton, Winstay and Mackintosh claims in the Mackintosh camp on Burton creek, about four miles west of Elk. The development of the property consists of one tunnel now in 135 feet. A contract will shortly be let to run another tunnel to tap the ledge 120 feet below. The ore in the tunnel is said to be copper carbonates, the face of the tunnel being filled with ore of which about two feet is solid.

For shipping facilities this group of mines is particularly favored being about one mile from the C. P. R. while the north and south railway will run within one-half mile of the property. A wagon road is now being built from Elk to the mines.

Mines on Wolf Creek.

The Planet group of mines consisting of the Venus, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter, located on Wolf creek, is owned by Adam's, Ross and Olsen. The claims so far as prospected are giving satisfactory results. The work so far accomplished consists of surface development openings at different points, stripping the ledge etc. or about 100 feet in all. Assays have been made showing a value of \$44 to the ton in copper, silver and gold. The owners are satisfied that the work outlined they will be able to show up a mine before long. Work will be continued all summer.

The claims are about four miles from Tracy creek and three miles from the Windermere stage road, from which point there is good wagon road to the mine. The owners of the Planet group are owners of the Star of the Rockies and Queen of the Rockies, adjoining claims.

Developing Claims On Wolf Creek.

There is considerable work being done on Wolf creek. Peter Jensen was in town on Thursday from his claims. He says there are splendid showings in that vicinity and much development, that section is bound to assume considerable importance. The claims owned by Mr. Jensen and his associates are the Fisher, Liver, Jennings, Cranby and East Kootenay. They were located in 1895 and during that time \$1,600 worth of work has been done on the property. The ledge is from 20 to 25 feet in width and well mineralized. On the claim there is one foot of lean galena about ten feet from the foot wall.

The claims have been thoroughly prospected and the owners will now go ahead to determine further the value of the claims. The tunnel and cut is now in 42 feet.

The claims are not far from the Wasa group owned by N. Hanson.

Mann & Mackenzie Mines.

An Ottawa despatch says—speaking of the report published that Mackenzie & Mann are preparing to make a flotation of all or a large part of their British Columbia mines in one company either on the Montreal or the London markets, Mr. D. D. Mann says that this was strictly correct. He said that a

certain portion of their mines will be floated, but it has not been decided on which market, nor will the mines be floated in block as stated. The North Star group at Fort Steele will be floated as a separate group and bonded at \$1,500,000. The Boundary properties will form another group, bonded at \$5,000,000, making a combined total capitalization of the different companies of \$6,500,000 and not \$10,000,000 for one company, as stated in the dispatch. The decision to float the properties is of a recent date and the details of the scheme have yet to be worked out.

Minnie M. and Tiger.

The prospectus of the Lewis Creek Mining Company has been issued. The incorporation is based upon the ownership of two claims on Lewis creek, the Minnie M. and Tiger well known properties. According to the prospectus the development work has thus far been confined to the "Minnie M." near the "Tiger" line. This work consists of a number of open cuts on the surface and two tunnels, one of which is in forty feet on the ledge, showing fine ore its entire length. The second tunnel begins lower down the mountain and runs at a right angle with the upper tunnel and is about 120 feet in length. When the ledge is reached at about 20 feet further a depth of over 100 feet will have been attained. This ledge is more than four feet in width at present, traversing a slate formation, and the indications are that the ledge lies between slate and quartzite. The character of the quartz matter is such that leads to the belief that a little further development will disclose a contact ledge. This ledge matter is concentrating and also has a solid galena streak of six inches on the foot wall. The course of the ledge is nearly east and west with a dip of about 45 degrees to the north. This property can be easily and cheaply worked.

The Chickamun Stone Will Be a Mine.

John A. Fink went down to the Chickamun Stone on Monday last. He says that with the present force great progress is being made. The tunnel is now in 191 feet. The future workings of the mine will be conducted on an extensive scale, and no ore aside from that removed in the course of development will be taken out. In a short time another tunnel 100 feet lower down the hill will be started, and air shafts will be sunk at convenient intervals. There seems to be no doubts in the minds of the owners that the Chickamun Stone will be a mine of more than ordinary merit. As development goes on large areas of stopping ground will be made available when it is decided to take out the ore; the policy being to keep development as long way ahead, in order that when it is decided to take out ore shipments will be continuous. The vigorous work now going on is a certain indication that the property is all right.

There are now two cars of sorted ore on the dump taken out in the course of development.

Bridge Needed.

The north fork of the St. Mary's has been impassable for nearly two months on account of high water. A bridge across this stream is what is needed, and the Government should build it, as it is prospectors and miners are compelled to go to Pilot Bay for supplies, when Fort Steele is the natural supply point.

THE ST. MARY'S COUNTRY.

As Viewed By a Mining Man.

George A. Sonnemann the well known mining engineer, returned on Sunday last from the Upper St. Mary's where he had been to examine the properties of the Pyramid Mother Lode Company. Mr. Sonnemann declined to talk on the subject of his trip, but gave in brief his impressions of that country. He says: "There are a large number of strong ledges traversing the country many of which, judging from the surface indications, will prove permanent. So far work has been of the most superficial character not enough for one to hazard an opinion as to the outcome. Although with development the district may assume importance and probably will. It is certainly a district of great possibilities but it will require a large amount of development to determine the value of the ledges. I was much impressed with what I seen and think highly of that section, the geological conditions being such as to warrant the belief that the veins are permanent. It is an ideal country for the prospector."

Mr. Sonnemann returned to Spokane on Monday but will come back to Fort Steele within a month.

Another Property Sold.

The Owen Sound Boy fraction lying between the Nero and Hamlet claims on Sullivan Hill was sold on Wednesday by W. A. Chisholm to Chas. Estmere. Consideration understood to be about \$2,000 cash.

Fine Ore on the Bill Nye.

The Bill Nye mineral located at the head of Trail creek a tributary of Wild Horse, owned by Charles Reynolds, A. Greenley and W. M. Violet, is at present causing considerable comment from the fact that recent work has uncovered a valuable lead. The ore is silver-lead. The tunnel has been driven in 52 feet. Ore is shot through the quartz the full width of the tunnel, and the pay chute is 16 inches of solid galena. The lead has been uncovered in many places, and from this it is evident that there are two or three different leads traversing the claim.

The Le Page and Sunny South extensions of the Bill Nye are owned by the same parties.

Ores For Exhibition Purposes.

While our people are getting together an exhibit for the Paris Exposition one should also be secured for the Spokane Industrial Exposition. Fully as much good will be accomplished by sending the ore to Spokane as to Paris, and will better attract the attention, not of mine promoters but of practical mining men.

The exhibits heretofore sent to Spokane from the Fort Steele district have attracted general attention. The Spokane Exposition will draw mining men from all over the country who will, by the display made form some idea as to the different districts. By all means send an exhibit to Spokane.

Mining Notes.

R. A. Kimpton of Windermere sent a carload of ore from the Delphine mine to the Trail smelter a few weeks ago. The returns recently received showed that it netted Mr. Kimpton over \$80 a ton.

J. W. Wheeler was in town early in the week. He says the name of the group of fourteen claims sold to P. C. Stoess, C. F.

Lucas and others a few days ago was the Star group and not the Morning. The gentlemen who are interested in the deal are well known business and professional men of Spokane.

C. M. Keep has gone to the Tontine group of mines taking several men with him to develop that property. Mr. Keep believes he has a world beater in the Tontine.

Charles Thies of Spokane arrived in the city on Tuesday. Mr. Thies will look over his mining interests while in this section.

It is reported that a new strike has been made on the North Star at the 200-foot level. An ore body is said to have been uncovered on the Kimberly Consolidated, the southern extension of the North Star.

J. Goodrich of the firm of Bolster & Goodrich, Spokane arrived in town on Saturday last, and on Sunday went up to examine and report upon the Kootenay King claim, in Victoria Gulch, in the interests of the new owners. He expressed himself as being much pleased with the property. He further said that the company would be floated, and work started on the property within sixty days. Mr. Goodrich returned to Spokane on Monday.

Mr. Kellogg, superintendent of the North Star mine went up to the Dibble Group on Tuesday last, to look over the ground and decide upon some plan for the further development of the property.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the B. C. Assay and Chemical Supply Company Limited of Vancouver. This company have taken over the business formerly conducted by MacFarlane & Co. The new company has much enlarged the business and is prepared to compete in every way for the trade in the class of goods sold by the company. Assayers will find it to their advantage to correspond with the company.

There are several prospects on Sheep mountain on Elk river, which from surface indications bid fair to be good properties. Little work has been done but the surface showings are such that owners will go ahead with development. The Happy Frank is one of the claims which is specially mentioned.

Superintendent Kellogg of the North Star mine was in town on Thursday, having returned from a visit to the Dibble group of mines. He declined to talk either of his visit or of the North Star. His excuse for declining to talk on the great silver-lead property being that he had not been there for some time.

St. Eugene Concentrator.

The framework for the first story of the St. Eugene concentrator was raised this week, and carpenters are now at work boarding it in, says the Moyie Leader. The building is now being pushed to completion with all possible speed. The clearing of the right-of-way for the tram has been finished, and the flume is well under way.

Canadian Pacific Officials Boosted.

Mr. Charles Drinkwater, secretary of the Canadian Pacific railway company, has been given the second position of assistant to the president, and Mr. A. R. G. Henard, late of the President's office, has been given a well merited promotion, as he will hereafter be assistant secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFLETS.

Shamrock Beats the Britannia Again.

Attempt to Blow up Elevated Railway Structure in New York. Secretary Alger Has Resigned the War Portfolio. Governor McKinney Makes a Statement Which May Cause Premier Samlin to Resign. Admiral Dewey at Trieste. \$300,000 Fire in Brooklyn.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Winnipeg, July 21.—Admiral Dewey has arrived at Trieste, Austria.

Canadians won at cricket in Chicago.

Yellow fever has been stamped out at Santiago.

A lumber combine has been formed by British Columbia mills.

The Toronto Globe severely scored the Senate for its partisan action.

Canadians are well up in the shooting at Bisley for the Queen's prize.

At Brooklyn an elevator and two store houses were burned, entailing a loss of \$300,000.

Contradictory stories abound as to the various phases of the Dreyfus case.

Cars were running in Brooklyn but were not carrying many passengers.

S. E. Genard of the Yukon council places the season's royalties at \$800,000.

General Horace Porter and Gen. J. S. Wilson are mentioned as Alger's successors.

Missionaries in China are in danger from the threatening assaults of natives.

Emancipation Day will be celebrated at Chatham by Western Ontario colored people.

Abbie Phillips of Swampscott, Mass., who is worth \$2,000,000, married her father's coachman.

Chamberlain believes that the franchise bill in the Transvaal has two many conditions attached.

An explosion on the steamer Athabasca at Owen Sound did serious damage to freight.

The late Czarwitsch's adjutant being upraised by the Czar for neglect of his frail charge, commits suicide.

W. C. Whitney has left to meet Admiral Dewey to secure his name as democratic nominee for president.

British and American delegates at The Hague voted for expansive bullets and no restriction on war material.

Many Atlin miners are leaving for the Yukon.

Miss Ansell was hanged at Salisbury, England.

Earthquakes have done much damage near Rome.

San Salvador is in a state of siege by revolutionists.

Twelve persons died on a trail across the Alaskan mountains.

Terrific rains have flooded Manila and the country adjoining.

The arbitration scheme at the Hague will be passed entirely today.

The Shamrock badly defeated the Britannia in the second trial race.

A Canadian cricket club has started a series of matches in Chicago.

An attempt was made to blow up an elevated railway structure in New York. Police think it was the strikers.

Miss Sills, Bellevue, and her nurse were drowned in Moon river, Muskoka.

Secretary Alger has resigned a company.

the portfolio of war in the United States administration.

By an explosion of a Saratoga bicycle, \$200,000 damage was done.

A party of ten persons were drowned in a cloudburst northwestern Iowa.

In the fourth cricket match all England vs. Australia, the result was a draw.

W. Graham, ex-secretary Chicago school board, is a self confessed defaulter for \$31,500.

The Duke of Westminster presented £10,000, the winnings of Flying Fox, to the Royal Alexander hospital.

Governor McInnes has made a statement in Atlin which may compel Premier Samlin to resign.

Striking carmen showered bricks on policemen and non-union employees in certain districts of New York.

Gilchrist, a Canadian, carried off the premier prize at Bisley.

Fleming of Brandon, Man., won second place and £10.

BONDED FOR \$100,000.

The Red Line Group Near Windermere Under Bond to the British American Corporation.

For some time past rumors have been afloat that a deal for the sale of the Red Line group of mines, in the Windermere country, to the British American Corporation, has been pending. The presence in town of Messrs. Starbird, Collett and Roberson the owners of the property have strengthened these rumors. Now it is definitely ascertained that the corporation has taken a bond on the property for \$100,000, the first payment a substantial one, being made on Thursday.

The Red Line group of mines is not unfamiliar to the people of East Kootenay. It is situated on McDonald creek between 30 and 40 miles from Windermere. There has been considerable development done on this property, and of such a character as to best show in the veins. The lead can be traced over the three claims comprising the group. So far in the workings it is 26 feet wide and the hanging wall not yet reached. The ore is copper and iron sulphides. Assays showing \$1,000 in silver have been made although the average is from \$50 to \$70 per ton.

There are three claims in the group the Red Line No 1, Red Line No 2 and Iron Cap. On the Iron Cap 100 feet west of the Red Line lead is a large galena lead. The formation is lime slate and quartzite.

Messrs. Collett, Starbird and Roberson are to be congratulated upon their success in disposing of the property at such an advantageous figure.

Badly Burned.

The little daughter of H. W. Barnes was seriously burned on Sunday. The children were playing with matches when the little girl's clothing became ignited, and before the fire could be extinguished she was badly burned on one side. The little girl was brought to town Thursday and is being attended by Dr. Corsica, and under his care will surely recover.

The Westinghouse company has acquired 100 acres of land close to Manchester, and will immediately erect works covering 40 acres, practically duplicating its Pittsburg plant. The works will be capable of employing 5,000 hands. Lord Kelvin will be electrical adviser of the company.

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

The Copper King Mineral claim, situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Bull River, about one-half mile above the Pack Bridge.

The Copper Queen Mineral Claim, situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Bull River, about one-half mile above the Pack Bridge, and adjoining the Copper King mineral claim.

Take notice that I, Jacob P. Pink, Free Miner's Certificate No. 119500, 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 claims.

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

JACOB P. PINK.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1899. 27-25

MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Chief Mineral Claim situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On the north side of Boulder Creek, East Kootenay, about two miles from the mouth.

Golden Coin Mineral Claim, situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Boulder Creek, East Kootenay, adjoining the Big Chief Mineral Claim.

James Mineral Claim, situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Boulder Creek, East Kootenay, adjoining the Big Chief Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, William R. Ross, F. M. C. No. 15673, agent for K. J. Higby, F. M. C. No. 10925; Walter VanArsdalen, F. M. C. No. 10633 and H. L. Amme, F. M. C. No. 3389, owners of the above mineral claims, known as the Big Chief Group, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants 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 22nd day of June, 1899.

W. R. ROSS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, with whom plans have been deposited, for permission to erect a bridge, with a suitable draw span, over the Upper Columbia River, at a point known as the Salmon Beds.

F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 19th June, 1899. 21-20

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NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT FORT STEELE.

(No. 98 of 1899.)

In the matter of John Lewis, deceased, and in the matter of "The Official Administrators Act," Dated 27th day of June, A. D. 1899.

Upon reading the affidavits of Maude E. Crease and James P. Armstrong, Official Administrators for the County of Kootenay, shall be administrators of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of John Lewis, deceased, and that this order be published in two consecutive weekly issues of the "Prospector," a newspaper published at Fort Steele in the County of Kootenay.

(Sgd.) J. A. Forin, J. C. Creators and other claimants should file their claims with J. P. Armstrong, Official Administrator, Fort Steele, B. C.

T. H. TAYLOR, C. E.

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NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that, thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C. for permission to purchase the following piece of unoccupied and unreserved Crown lands situated on Wild Horse creek adjoining the "Cummins" block 807, Group 1, about two miles from Fort Steele, "beginning at the southwest corner; thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence following bank of Wild Horse creek for the west line to point of commencement. Containing in all 320 acres or more or less.

H. L. AMME.
Dated at Fort Steele, B. C., this 27th day of May, 1899. 23-27

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SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1899.

A REMINISCENCE 1865.

The Town of Fisherville Totally Destroyed by Fire—Graphic Account of Scenes and Incidents.

By request we reproduce an account of the great fire which destroyed the town of Fisherville on the Wild Horse. The account was written by William Young, the first recorder of the camp, for the Walla Walla Statesman; that paper being the only one which circulated in the district at that time. Walla Walla was the point from which all supplies came into the country. The news from Wild Horse was eagerly read:

GREAT FIRE IN FISHERVILLE.

Wild Horse Creek East Kootenay, and Loss of Life.

"One of the most extensive, destructive and deplorable conflagrations which it has fallen to our lot to record for many years, broke out about 3 o'clock this morning in the fine saloon formerly occupied by Mr. John Hunt and well known to many of our readers as the "Snug", and which was at the time unoccupied. The flames rapidly spread and ignited the roof and south wall of the "Empire Restaurant" adjoining, owned and occupied by our respected townsman Phos Leo, who was awakened by the flames rushing into his bedroom and who narrowly escaped with his life in his shirt, leaving all his property a prey to the devouring element. A very beautiful young imported spaniel of the King Charles breed, who was tied by the neck to the leg of a table, was burned to death and his piteous howlings when enveloped by the merciless flames added horrors to the scene. The fire soon spread to the adjoining buildings and in a few short hours that magnificent row of buildings in the upper town which have long been the pride and boast of our citizens, lay a heap of smouldering ruins, nor is the calamity yet ended, in spite of all endeavors the fire is yet spreading and threatens to destroy that noble and imposing structure known as Fort Sumter. Our noble firemen, as usual were at their post, but owing to the fact of their having lately generously devoted their pipe and hose to mining purposes and the ditch being dry owing to the break caused by the late floods, their efforts were necessarily limited. Jeremiah Coughrane however signally distinguished himself on the occasion and Robert C. Dore rushed up to the Invicta ditch and generously turned on at least ten inches of water, free of expense, on the ruins which though too late to be of service showed a generous sympathy on his part which will be long remembered.

The cause of the fire is a mystery and will probably remain so. Public opinion is mainly divided between spontaneous combustion and chain lightning, although some stoutly maintain that it was the work of an incendiary. The loss so far is roughly estimated at \$37,500. The following are the principal sufferers:

Teos. Lee, restaurant, \$7,500
Dr. Mitchell, drug store, 14,000
John Hunt, saloon, 3,000
V. Chevrefils, grocery, 2,500
Uncle B. Stevens restaurant, 4,250
Butcher, 25
Martin Saloon, 2,800

Among those who have lost to a more trifling amount to whom nevertheless the loss is irreparable and who have enlisted our deepest sympathy, we may mention:

William Corbett 2 white shirts and collars. Robert C. Dore 1 shirt at the wash. Dan Lyons 14 shirts, 20 pair drawers. Frank 1 pair pants, 2 pair socks. 10 a.m. the fire is still extending its ravages.

The writer of the above after leaving Kootenay settled in Cal.

ifornia where he died some years ago. He was the most popular recorder we ever had in the district and was an efficient and zealous officer.

Of Interest to Miners.

While casually walking along a ground sluice of a mine in Sierra county, Cal., recently, a visitor picked up a nugget of gold weighing a pound.

All lengthy tunnels should have an air shaft connecting with the surface, which will also afford a means of escape for men in case of accident.

The first recorded labor "strike" was 2211 years ago—812 B. C.—when flute players under Numa Pompilius of Rome refused to play at a banquet unless paid what they thought their services were worth. Later on Nero posed as a friend of labor and stirred up considerable strife. Trajan, 52 A. D., opposed the labor unions and had a stormy reign. There is nothing modern about strikes any more than about trust. Most of what is said regarding both was said 2000 years ago. In all ages has existed a natural desire to get all possible for any article, whether labor, skill or manufactured product.

It is understood that W. S. Stratton was the original discoverer of the Independence, Colo., mine, though it was not the first discovery in the Cripple creek district. Prior to this Cripple creek discovery, Mr. Stratton was a carpenter, prospector and miner. He was never a doctor so far as known. It is claimed that the Independence was sold at \$11,000,000. Mr. Stratton receiving part cash and the balance in stock in the corporation taking over the property. No positive statement can be here made as to the value or amount of ore blocked out in reserve in the mine.

Although much fault is found with those who work out the richest portions of a mineral deposit, leaving the low grade material for those who come later, there are few who would not do likewise if placed in similar position.

Why Prospectors Want to Sell.

The Mining & Scientific press says: "Of the mines that pay comparatively few would ever become valuable without the aid of capital, and this primary requisite the claim owner generally lacks. He may have muscle and grit and may be willing to work faithfully to the end, but at best his efforts will develop the mine superficially. Those who are fortunate enough to own a claim so favorably located that the development can be accomplished by means of tunnels have an easier road to fortune than those who must sink a shaft for the same purpose. In either case cash is necessary for the purchase of tools and supplies. The facility with which a mine may be opened depends wholly upon its situation. Those ideal locations, where the vein may be opened by adits with a thousand feet of backs, where there is an abundance of fine timber to be had for merely cutting it, where a splendid water power is situated at the foot of the hill, and where every ton of ore is rich, are not often found. Good prospects, which have developed into great mines, in many cases have been situated in regions difficult of access, timberless and devoid of water, at least for power, and with every conceivable disadvantage surrounding them. These mines required capital to equip and develop them, and the result has been satisfactory to the investor. The prospector who fortunately finds a vein of ore from which he can ship with profit at once, needs no capital, indeed capital immediately seeks him and endeavors to purchase his claim, usually at a price considerably below what the finder thinks it worth. The other prospector who found a

vein of low grade ore is helpless without financial aid, and realizing his helplessness, while firmly believing in the value of his property, he looks to those having capital to invest in his mine. In consideration of these facts, the question so often put to the prospector, "Why do you wish to sell your mine if it is so good a thing?" is as absurd as it would be to ask the owner of a high grade property, "Why do you not sell your mine since it is so good?"

United States Laws Regarding Aliens.

Answering several queries on the subject of the right of aliens to purchase and locate mineral lands of the United States: The United States statutes plainly state (2319): "All valuable mineral deposits in lands belonging to the United States, both surveyed and unsurveyed, are hereby declared to be free and open to exploration and purchase, and the lands in which they are found to occupation and purchase, (from the United States), by citizens of the United States and those who have declared their intention to become, under the regulations prescribed by law, and according to the local customs and rules of miners in the several mining districts, so long as the same are applicable and inconsistent with the laws of the United States." Any state law giving aliens the right to locate, take or hold or purchase from the United States the lands of the public domain is in conflict with the United States statutes. A citizen cannot locate land for an alien corporation. The landowner says concerning this: "A mineral entry made by an alien is not void, but voidable, and while of record, the land covered thereby is segregated from the public domain. This simply means that a location made by an alien may be successfully contested by a citizen of the United States."—Mining and Scientific Press.

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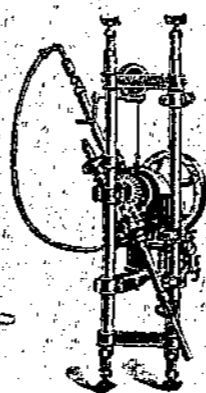
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The Prospector

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1909.

ALL RAIL TO THE COAST.

It is reported that Mr. Watson, chief of the surveying party of the north and south railroad has gone to Victoria to see the promoters of the scheme. So much has been said and so little done by the company that the belief is prevalent that the funds to go ahead with the work are not forthcoming. There has been much mystery about the whole business and the conclusion arrived at is, that the Canadian Pacific will eventually build the road. In fact, it is asserted that the C. P. R. through its agents in London, are negotiating to buy the charter of the company. This seems to be borne out by the fact that they are planning to survey from Argenta on Kootenay Lake into the Windermere country. If true, this line, when completed, will make connections with the Duncan-Lardo railway giving an all rail route to the main line at Revelstoke. The connecting link therefore will be a line from Elko to Windermere through Fort Steele. A reference to the map will show this scheme to be within the range of probability. The company now have a road to Arrowhead from Revelstoke and have a line under construction from Arrowhead to Argenta, a line from Argenta to the Windermere country to connect with a line up the valley of the Kootenay, seems to be the legitimate outcome and under these circumstances the Canadian Pacific will be the principal factor in building railroads in East Kootenay.

Railroad news is scarce this week. There are all sorts of rumors about. It is said that E. C. Egan has a contract for seven miles of the North Star road, others say the company will build it, still others, that it will be built by day labor. As to all of this Mr. Macleod has not informed us, perhaps for the reason that we have not asked him, and he would no doubt refuse the information even if he were asked. So like everyone else we must remain in ignorance, although it is within the province of a newspaper to presume to know everything.

By this time Uncle Sam must have a lively appreciation of the difficulties Spain encountered in dealing with the Cuban and Filipino insurrection.

A glue trust with a capital of \$25,000,000 has been organized in New York. This is the stickiest trust yet recorded.

The Cascade Record says: Although the Kootenays have a population of over 25,000, Sir

Wilfred Laurier states definitely that the new redistribution bill will not afford relief. Consequently, our triple constituency—Yale—Cariboo—Kootenay—must be satisfied with one member till after the next census.

It was a Palouse poet who, suffering from the heat and its attendant tortures, perpetrated the following:

"If this weather long continues,
A funeral there'll be;
The hucks will with my friends be
filled
The corpse it will be me!"

The work on the North Star branch was commenced on Wednesday not far from where the Fort Steele wagon road crosses the track. So all question as to its being built seems to be definitely settled. We regret exceedingly that the survey from the junction via Fort Steele was never completed. This was an oversight on the part of "our people" in not attending to the matter sooner. However it seems to make no difference, Fort Steele is forging right ahead, new buildings are being erected, one of the largest banking institutions in Canada will shortly open a branch here, the merchants report increased business, and the feeling is general that we will eventually get a railroad, with a possibility of two, so that there will be no need to borrow trouble. Fort Steele is all right.

New York is the greatest ice market on earth. If all the ice brought to and made in New York in one year it would give every man, woman and child in the city a lump, weighing 2000 pounds.

The advice of a veteran mining man to a tyro in mining, was: "My boy, if you think you have a mine you want to mine, don't stay in town and tell people what you think you have, but go ahead and demonstrate that you have or have not a mine; ante mortem examinations don't go with mining investors."

The new army post at Spokane has been named Fort Wright, in honor of Colonel George Wright the celebrated Indian fighter, who defeated the allied bands of Indians near Spokane in 1858.

W. A. Carlyle, superintendent of the B. A. C. properties will be resident director of the company's properties in the place of Hon. C. H. Mackintosh.

One of the best posted mining men said a few days ago: "There is more development going on in the Fort Steele district at the present time than ever before in its history. The development is of such a character as will in a short time show to the world that there are mines in the mountains about here."

Mosquitoes have had their innings for the past few days and have been a torment to man and beast.

Joe Martin is in California and the newspapers have less to say about that irascible gentleman.

Guarantees to strolling players is not a good scheme, as several gentlemen found out recently when they had to dig up enough to make a ten dollar bill look sick.

Through the efforts of the board of trade of Cranbrook that town is to have a daily mail service, the necessary instructions having been issued by the postal department. It is now in order to apply for a daily mail service for Fort Steele.

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Kootenay River.

According to the report of the Engineering and Mining Journal the lode mines of British Columbia have paid dividends to date to the extent of \$2,126,463. This does not represent the actual amount of dividends, but is all the returns they have received. Take the Poorman mine for instance. For eight or ten years the owners got out ore in summer and reduced it in winter. Each year they would make a profit of about \$20,000. The Poorman is not on the Engineering and Mining Journal's list. Toronto World.

Smelter For Kaslo, B. C.

It is quite possible that Kaslo will have a smelter, in the near future, as a company known as the Smelting Corporation, Limited, has been organized and incorporated in England, and is authorized to do business in

British Columbia, says the Toronto World. The head office of the company is to be at Kaslo, and the company office is to be at 11 and 12 Clements-lane, London, England. The capital of the company is £900,000, divided into 900,000 shares of £1 per share. Arthur McQuarrie of Kaslo is named as the attorney for the company in British Columbia.

Barbarian Brown Wants Judgment.

A Victoria dispatch says:—United States Consul Smith is said to have forwarded to the American government a memorial from R. E. L. Brown, an American mining engineer, requesting the government's intervention to secure Brown's claim against the Transvaal government for damages arising out of the well known Witfontein case, in which Brown secured a judgment for \$1,812,000.

The Lyceum Theatrical Aggregation.

The Lyceum company gave one performance at the Opera House on Saturday evening last. The general verdict was, rank the worst barn-storming outfit which has ever visited Fort Steele. The principal sufferers were the audience. The poor playing and heat were too much. There were other sufferers, viz., the gentlemen who guaranteed \$150 when only \$75 was taken in, count noses as they would the figures would not lie. Between the two acts of the play there was a distressing wait of nearly half an hour. During this time the committee and the manager were chewing the rag, the gentleman finally gave his cheque for the amount. On Monday the boys were liquidating, each feeling that he had been bamboozled, to be exact, \$8,524. The next time any alleged theatrical aggregation asks for a guarantee they will be told to go to.

Developing the Howe Group.

Daniel Howe came down from St. Mary's lake on Thursday where he has been developing the Howe group of mines, located south of the lake. Mr. Howe says the company of which J. D. Farrell is president, Thomas O'Loughlin, vice-president, and J. J. Fitzgerald, secretary, treasurer, purpose to do extensive development. The lead on the surface is about 40 feet. A tunnel has been driven on the vein for 55 feet, this will be continued 50 feet further and a cross-cut run to determine the width of the vein at that point having obtained a vertical depth of nearly 100 feet. The ore is silver-lead and carries excellent values, one assay showing \$24.50 in silver, and \$56 in lead, or total value of \$80.80 per ton. The pay chute is about four feet wide. There are several tons of shipping ore give values of from \$25 to \$43 per ton in gold and copper. Two shifts have been placed at work.

The owners of the Lone Star and Blue Grouse properties which are situated between the Rath and Slocan Star mines, will shortly commence work on a 1000 foot tunnel to tap the lead of the Slocan Star which runs through these properties.

There is persistent rumor current that the Payne mine will commence operations again at once with 150 men. The owners expect to get over the eight hour difficulty by working under the contract system.

From "The Kootenian".

It is understood that a strong eastern syndicate is endeavoring to secure the Dolphin mine on the north fork of Toby creek.

C. P. R. surveyors are expected here in the very near future in connection with the preliminary survey from Crow's Nest to connect with the Arrow lake branch via Toby creek.

It is understood that Patsy Clark, formerly one of the owners of the War Eagle mine, Rossland, expects to handle several of the Windermere propositions.

Fort Steele at the Paris Exposition.

The specimens for the Paris Exposition must be in by August 15. So far not one specimen has been received. The time is short and it is certainly desirable that the Fort Steele district should be well represented. In no other section of the Province is there such apathy. Elsewhere boards of trade are taking an active interest in securing specimens of what their districts can produce. No other district in British Columbia can show such a variety of ore as East Kootenay and our people should get down to business and have no further delay. Unless something is done at once East Kootenay will not be represented at the Exposition, unless it be that part between Windermere and Golden. The people of the latter place are doing their best, and purpose to make a fine exhibit. Mine owners and prospectors are earnestly requested to bring or send in specimens at once.

The Columbia hotel at Columbia, B. C. was totally destroyed by fire on the morning of the 17th. Loss \$10,000.

The Supreme Court of Colorado has declared the eight hour law unconstitutional.

William Allison French and H. C. Pigott have sold their interests in the Pigott-French-Greenberg company to George H. Wright for \$10,000. The Pigott-French-Greenberg Company was one of the big job printing concerns in Spokane.

General Mining Notes.

The Last Chance mine on Toad mountain near Nelson will start up again. There is water in the shaft which will have to be pumped out before mining can be resumed. This will be done at once and then a force of men will be put to work.

The Rambler & Cariboo Consolidated Gold & Silver Mining Company will disincorporate the present Washington company and organize under the laws of British Columbia.

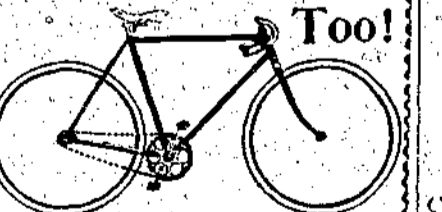
The ore shipments from Rossland last week were 1879 tons, and for the year up to July 15 70,176 tons.

The Canadian Mining Institute whose members will visit Kootenay in September, have, at the request of the Greenwood board of trade, consented to make a side trip to that camp.

E. J. Whatback while doing assessment work last week on his claim on John A. Manly's ranch half a mile from the limits of the town of Grand Forks, struck a body of solid ore at a depth of thirty feet. Assays give values of from \$25 to \$43 per ton in gold and copper.

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Ottawa Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, July 18.—The Government has decided upon an important amendment to the Intercolonial—Grand Trunk Railway agreement, which will entirely remove whatever appearance of justification there may have been for the Opposition criticism that the proposed 99 years lease would give the Grand Trunk and its American connections practical control of the business of the Intercolonial for that period, to the detriment of all Canadian routes. As was pointed out last week the real source from which the objection emanated laid it open to considerable suspicion, but even that apparent ground for objection—more imaginary than real—will now be removed. The proposed amendment will empower the Government to terminate the freight transfer arrangements at any time by giving twelve months notice to the company, though it does not give the same power to the railway. It may not be altogether desirable to give a Government power to terminate an arrangement which has been so generally recognized as greatly to the advantage of the country, inasmuch as it will always leave a weak government open to the influence of the lobbyist at any time competing interests may desire to upset the arrangements. Unfortunately Canadian Parliamentary history contains too many instances of the pernicious influence of the lobbyist and the trend of legislation should be to lessen the power rather than the reverse. However there is no immediate danger at least while the present Government is in power, and it is wiser to make a partial concession than run the risk of having the entire agreement thrown out by the action of the too susceptible Senate.

CALL OFF YOUR DOGS.

The manner in which the civil servants in the Yukon have been relentlessly hounded for the last two years is probably unexampled in the history of this or any other civilized community, and the comment of a correspondent in the Toronto Globe writing from Dawson May 27 will commend itself to all lovers of British fair play. The writer says:—"The policy of the Nugget paper seems to be to keep up the agitation against the officials as long as possible. To my mind the Government will make a mistake if any further notice is taken of these alien maligners. Ever since Mr. Ogilvie came in, agitators of this class have been pandering to, so much so that every official has been placed almost at the mercy of a most damnable crowd of blackmailers. Anyone having a grudge against an official could always get the ear of the Commissioner, so zealous has been his efforts to carry out the wishes of the Minister for clean and honest government. No one is above suspicion, and this is somewhat galling to those officials who have conscientiously performed their duty. It is time for this to stop. The officials here now are doing everything in their power to carry out the regulations, and in the days that are gone the very worst feature was not the corruption amongst the officials but the dishonesty of the community, with which they had to deal. Those Americans are much used to 'sharp practices' at home that they cannot understand how a man can be a Government official without being corrupt. They are always the worst loaders to officialdom I have ever come across. They are always looking for a 'graft' and if they do not get what they want they are sure some one else must have 'grafted' better than themselves.

As I said before, the officials are striving to do their duty honestly. The head officials are simply slaves. They have no official hours, their days work is never done until bedtime, and all this is done to serve the people. Yet the Nugget maligns them. Naturally they do not like this eternal suspicion. Their lot is not what it might be, but they probably would not complain, provided they knew that their efforts to serve the Government and the people were appreciated.

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS.

Although the reduced postal rates have only been in operation six months, there are already indications not only of the benefits accruing to the community at large, which were never seriously questioned, but also of the accuracy of the Postmaster General's predictions that the increase in business which would follow, would very materially reduce the threatened excess of expenditure over receipts, if indeed it did not wipe it out altogether. The Toronto World, a thick and thin Conservative journal, thus refers to the working of the new rates under the caption: "Two-cent postage a success." It will undoubtedly be found after a year or two's trial, that a two-cent rate for letters will produce as large a revenue as the former three-cent rate. The receipts under the new tariff have already exceeded the estimate of the Postmaster General, and the probabilities are that the deficit caused by the reduction will be completely wiped out in the course of a couple of years.

OUR DEEPENED WATERWAYS.

The opening of the Soulanges canal next month will complete the deep waterway down the St. Lawrence river, and reduce the cost of carrying wheat from the western fields to the sea port just about one-half. The value of this to Canadian shipping interests cannot be over estimated, for as one Chicago paper declares "the cost of transporting lake freight to tide water will be reduced beyond the possibility of profitable competition by any other existing route." It is generally recognized in the markets of the world that the price of wheat is fixed at Liverpool and consequently all that is saved on the cost of transportation goes into the producers' pocket. The statement is made that the added returns to the farmers of Northwest for the single item of wheat alone would annually amount to \$4,000,000 of which our own farmers would secure their share. The wisdom of the Government therefore, in hurrying on the work which has dragged along for so many years under their predecessors needs no argument to establish.

AND NOT DEAD YET.

A Kansas paper tells of a Santa Fe section foreman who sent in the following report to the road master:—"MacWhorter's bull struck at the long siding and killed. We found him alongside the track and he was not quite dead then, I borrowed a gun and shot him three times, killing him again. Dennis Sullivan then struck him another blow on the head and finished him. The bull is now dead." Commenting upon this exciting anecdote the Toronto Globe remarks:—"This resembles the terrible carnage that has attended the attacks on Mr. Sifton. Sir Hibbert killed him when he collided with him in his first speech. Sir Charles killed him again at Sherbrooke, and Sir Hibbert finished him on Tuesday night. There is a slight difference in the two cases however,—Mr. Sifton is still alive."

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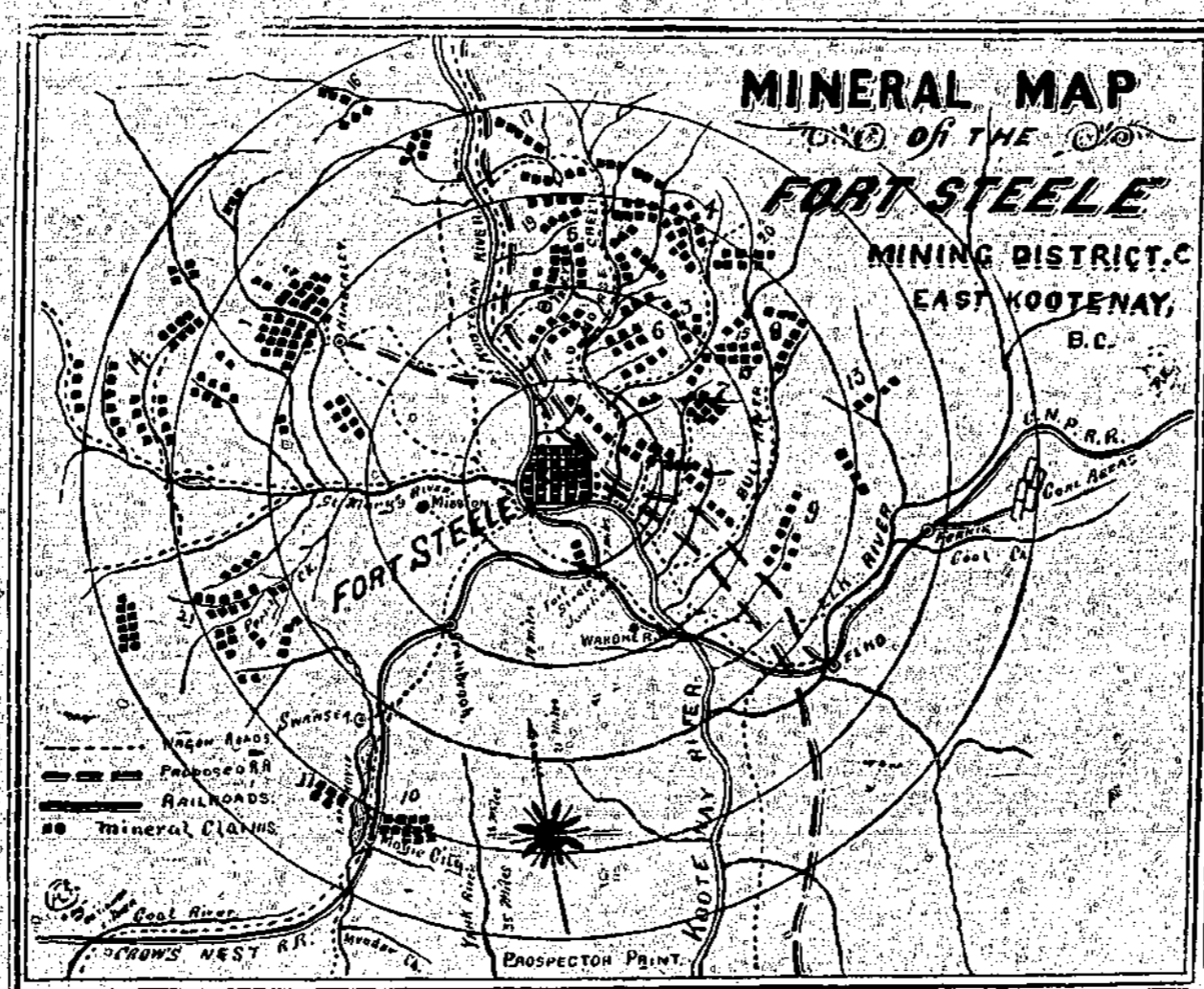
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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

R. C. Longley came down from Pyramid basin on Sunday, returning on Monday.

General Arthur cigars and Will's navy cut at Keepe's.

Charles Bieleberg went to Tracy creek on Wednesday to size up the mining situation in that camp.

If your watches or clock are afflicted with any chronic ailment take them to the Watch Hospital opposite the Post Office. A cure is guaranteed in almost every instance, and during convalescence the best of care will be given.

Ellis Haslam and C. E. Adams who have been in the barber business for the past eighteen months, left for Salem, Oregon, on Wednesday last.

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R. O. Jennings and Professor Smith left for Windermere on Tuesday morning.

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R. Mulford mining engineer of New York arrived from Windermere on Tuesday evening.

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H. F. Collett and Thomas Starbird arrived from Windermere on Tuesday evening.

New wall paper at Cann's.

Sugar Dixon the well known commercial traveller was in town during the week on one of his periodical round-ups.

Al. Jones formerly of Fort Steele was in town on Wednesday.

The License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday last, and granted a hotel license to A. T. Chadwick of Marysville.

R. E. Beattie one of the license commissioners was in town on Wednesday.

It is rumored that the C. P. R. mill near Elko will be removed to a point below Wardner.

George Hoggarth of Elko has the lumber on the ground for his big new hotel.

Charles Estmere the bustling agent of the Kimberley townsite company was in town on Tuesday. Mr. Estmere says there is considerable activity in Kimberley these days.

E. H. Thurston was in the city on Thursday last.

T. G. Proctor of Nelson was in town on Monday last.

W. R. Ross went to Rossland on Thursday.

The forest fire in the vicinity of Cherry creek is still raging and has, during the past week, spread over a large tract of territory.

It is learned that R. L. T. Garbrath will erect an office building on Riverside avenue, in a short time. The lumber is now on the ground. Tenants are ready to take possession.

Hotel Arrivals.

WINDSOR.—Alex. Polson, Tacoma; Thomas Long, F. W. G. Fitzgerald, P. B. Wallace, Toronto; F. E. Hollingworth, Butte; J. Houghton, Sullivan; W. T. Keary, J. G. Parker, C. Maggs, M. E. Hughes, Cranbrook; Louis Christoph, Kimberley; T. G. Proctor, Nelson; George Hoggarth, Elko; A. Kolberg, R. K. Holbrook, Cranston; J. S. Bessell, Union City, Pa.; Robert Mulford, New York; H. F. Collett, Windermere; N. Sutherland, Black Hills; J. J. McKay, Vancouver; John Chapman, Spokane; Prof. M. Budyk, Montreal; W. B. McLellan, Jaffray; Gus. Johnson, Saulton.

INTERNATIONAL.—J. Goodrich Spokane; R. C. Longley, Russell Basin; N. M. McIntyre, Alaska; E. Oliver, Montreal; George A. Sommerville, Spokane; J. A. S. Law, R. La Ronde, Cranbrook; Chas. Estmere, Kimberley; Harold Nation, London, Eng.; A. C. Cannon, B. Lawrence, Toronto; Samuel Loratt, Pilot Bay; H. L. Turner, Nelson.

Mining Around Windermere.

The news received from Windermere during the past week is most satisfactory. There is a vast amount of work being done, and of such a character as to give the greatest encouragement to claim owners. As development proceeds the greater values are obtained and with depth the ore bodies in most of the claims are widening out. All the conditions are favorable for cheap mining soon as transportation facilities reduce the expense of getting the ore to the smelter.

It is only within the past few weeks that work could be profitably undertaken as it has been next to impossible to get into the mountains, but now nearly all of the well known properties are being worked and put in such shape that development can go on all winter.

The returns from the shipment of Delphine ore made by R. A. Kimpton have been received, it netted Mr. Kimpton over \$83 to the ton. It is learned that the smelter gave a freight and treatment rate of \$12 which gives \$95 as the gross value of the ore at the steamboat landing. The ledge on the Delphine has been stripped for a distance of 800 feet, showing the pay chute to be of varying width and one of the same character as in the shaft.

Work has been resumed on the Swansea and in a number of other claims on the east side of the lake. The principal interest however is centered in the mineral belt on Toby, Horse Thief and other creeks in the Selkirk's northwest of Windermere.

Distinguished Visitors.

Wm. Whyte, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific; Robert Jaffray, president of the Crow's Nest Coal Company; Hon. Geo. A. Cox, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Mr. Chipman, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company at Winnipeg, and several other distinguished gentlemen were in Cranbrook during the week.

A glue trust has been formed in New York, which threatens to invade the Canadian market. It has \$25,000,000 capital.

Thousands of tons of iron ore have been purchased in Newfoundland by local capitalists for shipment to Philadelphia to be manufactured into steel.

The French warships continue to persecute the settlers along the treaty coast of Newfoundland. Ten colonial vessels were driven out of Port au Port harbor by them in a week.

Notice.

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