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RICH ORE FROM THE SULLIVAN

Assays Show Greater Values Than Ever.

"Two samples of ore taken from the bottom of the shaft of the Sullivan group at a depth of 115 feet near Fort Steele, B. C., have been received at the company's office in this city, and were assayed on the 12th inst by C. M. Fassett says the Spokesman-Review. The values are among the best yet had from the mine. No. 1 ran 63 per cent lead and a fraction over 34 ounces in silver; total value per ton $71.24 No. 2 carried 62 per cent lead and 33.6 ounces in silver; total value $69.44 per ton. The silver values have nearly doubled since the shaft was started."

F. P. Hogan, manager of the property will be in Fort Steele in the course of a few days.

They Will Work Tracy Creek Claims

Word has been received from Spokane that J. H. Conklin will be here shortly to commence work on the John L. J. H. C and Hartwell claims on Tracy creek. The claims are the property of the Tracy Creek Mining Company, which is composed of many of the best men in Spokane well known in financial circles. M. M. Cowley of the Traders Bank is president, Thomas G. Ryan, vice-president; Alonzo M. Murphey, treasurer; W. W. Tolman, secretary and C. L. Knox, general manager.

R. O. Jennings of this city reported on the property last winter, and a few weeks ago C. L. Knox came up to verify the report. He found it even better than was indicated in the original report.

The amount of work so far done is inconsiderable but from what can be learned the showing is a remarkable one.

Good Showing On Old Abe.

Bull River is just now claiming considerable attention, largely on account of the rich ore which has been found in the claims upon which any considerable amount of development has been done. The latest candidate for favor is Old Abe upon which a strike of considerable importance has been made. While stripping the ledge galena was encountered assays from which gave a value of 67 per cent lead and 32 ounces in silver. R. O. Jennings the owner of the property says: The lead is a large one, only one wall of which has yet been found. The work at present being done is cross cutting the ledge on the surface to determine its extent. I am hoping it may develop into a big silver lead property. The claim is only 4½ miles from the Kootenay river."

Went to See The Big Chief.

C. F. Hannington, C. E., went up a few days ago to see the Big Chief. He returned more enthusiastic than ever. He says the lower tunnel is now in 65 feet and every piece of quartz in the four foot face shows free gold, and seems to improve with every shot.

Fort Steele as Viewed By a Vancouver Man.

R. E. Gosnell who is writing a series of articles in the Vancouver World. Pen pictures of British Columbia has the following to say of Fort Steele:

"It is situated at the junction of St. Mary's river, Kootenay river and Wild Horse creek. In very early days thousands of men mined there and color of gold can be got every where in the main streets. It is situated on a commanding bench above the flats, where the three rivers referred to intersect. Fort Steele is named after Major Steele, who had a contingent of Mounted Police there in 1887 at a time when the Indians promised to give trouble. To this point is built the old Dewdney trail, which is still traveled and one of the best evidences of the pluck and enterprise of the colony in early days under Gov. Douglas' administration. Scenically it is beautifully situated—one side it is right in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains. Below it is the trisected valley, filled with gold-washed gravel with here and there timber and good agriculture land."

Egan is Fairly In It.

The Winnipeg Tribune says: "It is reported that Mr. E. C. Egan has struck it rich in the East Kootenay. He is said to have rebonded his Big Chief mine for $100,000 to an English syndicate, and he expects the sale to go through. The assays of its ore show from $10.95 to $449.57 per ton. The British Columbia Government are to be asked to construct a road from a point on the Wild Horse creek up the Boulder, a distance of six miles, which will be a great advantage to Mr. Egan's property.

ESTELLA GROUP.

Another Strike of High Grade Ore.

Word was received Thursday that a strike of considerable importance had been made in the Estella one of the well known Tracy creek properties. Four feet of high grade ore was encountered in the bottom of the forty foot shaft. Two feet of the ore is solid the balance is of concentrating grade. The ore is galena associated with copper the assay values of which are very high. About 600 feet from the shaft another lead has been encountered which bids fair with development to equal the lead upon which the discovery was made. There is six feet of solid galena in the surface with a small mixture of copper. One of the peculiarities of the claims in that section is, that galena predominates at the surface while with depth the copper values increase.

The Estella has had more work done on it than any other claim in the district excepting the North Star and St. Eugene. A cross cut tunnel has been run in for over 700 to tap the main ledge besides there is a shaft sunk in ore to a depth of 40 feet, besides a number of other openings on the vein. Parties who have seen the property say it bids fair to make a big mine. In the same district are other claims which give great promise.

More About the Big Chief.

K. J. Highby visited the Big Chief mine on Thursday. He says it is a world beater and confirms the report that free gold is seen in almost every piece of quartz. The quartz is now being piled separately and not thrown over the dump. It is understood that visitors will not be permitted to go into the mine from this on. Two more men will be put to work at once and the development of the property will be prosecuted with vigor.

In Horse Shoe Canyon.

Messrs. Doyle and Hickman of Fort Steele recently relocated three claims in Horse Shoe Gulch, upon which has been found some splendid appearing ore. There are three ledges on the property, one of which is four feet wide, and all show pyrites of copper. The specimen left in THE PROSPECTOR office is high grade and as fine appearing peacock copper as was ever taken from the Silver King.

The property was located several years ago and the owner not thinking it of any particular value abandoned it. It is now liable to prove one of the great properties of the Fort Steele district.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFLETS.

Illinois coal operators have decided to form a defense fund of $1,000,000 to protect the members of the organization in case of future trouble with labor organizations. It is said that $600,000 has already been raised.

The Cairo correspondent of the London Times says: General Lord Kitchener intends to open the Soudan to all traders on completion of the railroad to Khartoum, and foreign goods will be admitted free of duty.

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold recently for $40,000, the highest sum ever paid. That sum is now bid for a seat.

Sarah Bernhardt is on the edge of bankruptcy.

The Austrian war office is alarmed over the mysterious disappearance of an essential part of the new gun which is being constructed for the army.

The public in Germany believes that Germany's interests in Samoa have been brutally and ruthlessly disregarded by Britain and the United States.

It is currently reported in railway circles in St. Paul that efforts have been made to purchase the entire system of the Northern Pacific railway within the Province of Manitoba, with a view to its ultimate amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific railway.

The Pekin correspondent of the London Times says: "The negotiations for the loan of £400,000 for the Tien-Tsin-Chin-Kiang railway, under Anglo-German control, have been successfully terminated.

Dr. Leander Jameson who led the raid into the Transvaal in the latter part of December 1895, will sail for South Africa next Saturday. It will be his first visit to South Africa since the raid.

A great coal strike is reported at Carmanair Point, B. C., and 640 acres of coal lands have been located.

Ex-Governor Rosswell P. Flower, of New York, died suddenly on Friday last.

The malting house and a portion of the Kalispel brewery was destroyed by fire a few days ago. Loss about $4,000. Fully insured.

What the Fire Committee Are Doing.

The committee appointed at the citizens' meeting last week met on Saturday. The work of ordering material etc. for the fire brigade had been left with the committee, and as a result they will order 200 feet of hose, four 12-foot and one 16-foot ladder, two nozzles and six axes. A small house for the storage of the material has been built. A hose cart has been ordered, and all things necessary have been attended to. Another citizens' meeting will be called and the report of the committee submitted.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Gov. Mackintosh Retires From the B. A. C.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

London, May 17.—Chas. H. Mackintosh formerly lieutenant-governor of the North West Territories, who returns to Canada on Saturday has retired from the directorate of the British American Corporation. He contemplates forming a company in Canada for the sale of and registration of the London and Globe, British American Corporation, Le Roi and other shares.

The Queen Lays a Corner Stone.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

London, May 17.—Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone of the Victoria and Albert Museum today. She drove through the streets which were lined with troops. From Buckingham Palace, the royal carriage being escorted by a detachment of the Life Guards.

Only Nine Days to Live.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Winnipeg, May 18.—The Galician murderers in Winnipeg jail have only nine days to live.

Insolvency Bill Withdrawn.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Ottawa, May 18.—Mr. Fortin withdrew his insolvency bill. The Premier at the time stated that if the provinces which have been without insolvency laws, have now passed such, the government would not under the circumstances favor Mr. Fortins bill this session.

Harbors Improved.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Ottawa, May 18.—Mr. McLearly moved that owing to the large expenditure on canals which constitutes a heavy charge on the revenues of the country, that of the harbor of Port Celborne and the harbor of Port Dalpeusic were improved and sufficient elevator facilities provided so that large lake carriers could enter, it would not only give the most rapid and cheapest route for products of the great west to tide water in the east, but as well utilize a waterway already provided at a large cost to the country as above stated.

Artillery for Africa.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

New York, May 17.—A London dispatch to an evening paper says: Three batteries of field artillery have been ordered to South Africa and will leave England next Monday. Their destination is the national arsenal in the Transvaal, near the Boer republic. Although the despatch of these troops is part of a plan to strengthen the British forces in South Africa, the hurry orders under which they move makes their departure significant. Their arrival in Natal will give England six strong batteries at that particular point, which is easy of access.

Peace Conference Meet.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

The Hague, May 17.—All of the delegates to the International Peace Conference have arrived. Today was spent in a general interchange of visits. The permanent president of the conference will be M. De Staal, Russian ambassador to Great Britain and the head of the Russian delegation.

(Later.) The Peace Conference called by the Czar of Russia opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon in a hall two miles from Hague.

Elected Officers.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

New Orleans, La. May 18.—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen re-elected grand master Morrissey. Other officers were also selected. Milwaukee was selected as the next meeting place.

The Queen's Chaplain Dead.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

London, May 17.—The Rev. Daniel Moore, chaplain in ordinary to the Queen since 1870, died today in his ninetieth year.

Dewey to Come Home.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

New York, May 18.—A depatch from Hong Kong says that Admiral Dewey notified Consul Wildman that he will arrive in Hong Kong on May 25.

Labor Strike in Paris.

Paris, May 18.—Owing to the refusal of the senate to vote increased pay bill, passed by the chamber, 800 postmen refused to work this morning. It is expected that the strike will extend to the whole force, numbering 3,000 men.

To Survey Cable.

Vancouver, B. C., May 18—Steamship Egeria is now in the harbor on the most important undertaking in her chequered career. She will early next week commence to survey a route for the Pacific cable, one of the largest marine and commercial undertakings in the history of the world.

An Earl Killed.

London, May 18.—The inquest upon the remains of the Earl of Strafford, who was killed by the Cambridge express train on Tuesday evening while returning from Westham Park, his country seat, resulted; the verdict being death by misadventure.

Will Fight to Death.

London, May 18.—No rumor of surrender or approaching surrender of Aguinaldo are current in this city. Filipinos here reiterate the latest cable despatches from Aguinaldo emphatically repudiating any intention to submit and contains the phrase: "We demand absolute independence or will fight to death".

Contrary Report.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Washington, May 18.—General Otis cables the war department: "Representatives of Aguinaldo are seeking terms of peace, and that the forces of the insurgents are scattering in the mountains.

Steamship on Fire.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

New York, May 18.—The North German Lloyd steamer, Barbarossa, which left her pier this morning for Southampton and Bremen, turned when near Sandy Hook and signalled that there was a fire down in her hold among her cargo, and that she wanted immediate assistance. The fire boats New York and Van Wyck were started down the bay at full speed. The Barbarossa stopped off Quarantine and the Chapman wrecking party went alongside.

McKinley Cables the Czar.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Washington, May 18.—The following cablegram addressed by President McKinley to the Emperor of Russia on the occasion of the opening of the disarmament conference: "On this day of good omen I send my heartfelt congratulations on the opening of the conference at The Hague, which had its origin in the enlightened and generous initiative of Your Majesty".

Firemen Go Out.

Buffalo, May 18, 1898.—The marine firemen of this port went on a sympathetic strike at noon today. As vessels arrive the firemen all quit work and say they will remain out until the dock laborers' trouble is settled.

IN THE TOILS.

Aguinaldo's Army Rapidly Dissolving.—He is Afraid to Surrender.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Manila, May 18.—4:50 p. m.—Two Spanish prisoners who have just arrived here from Nueva Ecika, say that Aguinaldo has lost prestige with the rebel army which is described as being completely demoralized, short of food and suffering from diseases. They are afraid of the Americans, and are rapidly dissolving into many bands of pillagers.

The prisoners add that Generals Pilar and Luna are the only influential Filipinos continuing resistance to the Americans.

Aguinaldo's personal retinue was recently relieved of its baggage and money while on the way from San Isidro to Cebarratan by mauraders.

The Chinese are being victimized everywhere by both rebels and looters. A prominent Filipino leader, who was friendly to Spain and joined in the compromise arrangement whereby the Spaniards hoped to conciliate the rebel leaders without sacrificing too much, is reported as saying that Aguinaldo sits indoors crying, and blames himself for the miserable condition of the country, and that he is afraid to surrender.

Washington, May 18.—Following is General Otis's cable:

Manila, May 18.—Representatives of the insurgent cabinet and Aguinaldo are in the mountains twelve miles north of San Isidore which they abandoned on the 15th inst. They will send in a commission tomorrow to seek terms of peace. The majority of their force confronting McArthur at San Fernando have retired to Tarlac, tearing up two miles of railway. This force is decreased to about twenty-five hundred men. Scouting parties and detachments are moving today in various directions. Kabbe with his column is at Kandava, Rio Grande. The great majority of the inhabitants of the provinces over which the troops have moved are anxious for peace, supported by members of the insurgent cabinet. The aspect of affairs at present is favorable.

Great satisfaction is expressed by the department officals with the news contained in the despatch from General Otis, and the belief expressed that the end of the insurrection is near at hand.

Peter Nelson Arrested for Robbery.

Peter Nelson was arrested by constable Barnes yesterday for robbing Wm. Dunlap of Cranbrook. Barnes worked all night and up to ten o'clock yesterday getting evidence sufficient to warrant him in making the arrest.

The robbery occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock Thursday night. Dunlap had between ten and twenty dollars, and was engaged in a friendly game of cards in the Central Hotel. Nelson did not participate in the game but when Dunlap went into the back yard Nelson followed him, and on his return Dunlap said he had been robbed and charged Nelson with the crime. Nelson will be brought before J. F. Armstrong, S. M., today at 10 o'clock. Some interesting developments are expected to be made.

Barnes says he does not propose to have the class of men to which Nelson is said to belong, carry on their business in this community.

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MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(FORM V.)

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Where located: About one and a half miles west from pack bridge on Bull River on north side of river near Burnt Bridge Creek.

Take notice that I, David Griffith, Free Miner's Certificate No. 15620 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 claims.

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

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NOTICE.

SOUTH EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

ASSESSMENT ACT AND REVENUE TAX ACT.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1899. All of the above taxes collectible within the district of East Kootenay Southern Division, assessed by me, are payable at my office Fort Steele. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

Four-fifths of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate.

Three-fourths of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one fourth of one per cent., when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent., when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars one and three fourths of one per cent.

Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1899.

Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate.

One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

Upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent., when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-fourth of one per cent., when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

Revenue Tax $3.00 per capita.

One per cent. on the assessed value of ore or mineral bearing substances, payable quarterly on the last day of the months of March, June, September and December of each year.

C. M. EDWARDS,
Assessor and Collector.

Fort Steele, B. C., January 6th, 1899. 1

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Take Notice, that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as brewers at the Town of Fort Steele under the firm name of the "Fort Steele Brewing Co." has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by the said L. Sick, under the same firm name, who assumes all the liabilities of the said partnership and to whom all debts due the said partnership must be paid.

Witness J. A. HARVEY. } FRED KAISER. L. SICK.

Dated at Fort Steele this 8th day of March, A. D., 1899. 10-14

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 between the old John Lewis pre-emption Lot 39 and Roger Moore's pre-emption, beginning at the south west corner and run south to Roger Moore's line, thence east 40 chains, thence north to Lewis south east post, thence back to place of commencement, 50 acres more or less.

JOHN LEVETT

Dated this April 8th, 1899. 15-19

NOTICE.

The partnership between N. A. Wallinger and E. A. Elton is dissolved by mutual consent dating from March 31, 1899.

N. A. WALLINGER.
E. A. ELTON.

Fort Steele, B. C., April 11, 1899.

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 unreserved Crown Land, situated two miles from the Kootenay river, in the district of South East Kootenay, and described as follows: Beginning at a post placed on the bank of Wild Horse creek near the old bridge, thence east 20 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west to the Wild Horse creek, containing 160 acres more or less.

H. L. AMME.

Dated at Fort Steele this 21st day of April, 1899. 16-20

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NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between William Carlin and James C. Durick has been dissolved as from this day. All liabilities will be paid by William Carlin. All parties indebted to the firm are required to pay the amount to William Carlin without delay.

WILLIAM CARLIN.
J. F. ARMSTRONG, Administrator of the estate of JAMES C. DURICK.

Fort Steele, 25th April, 1899. 17-21

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SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1899.

Ottawa Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 15.—It has seldom been the good fortune of the Canadian House of Commons to listen to, or of the Canadian people to read of, so inspiring and satisfactory a statement as that presented on Tuesday afternoon by the Minister of Finance, Hon. W. S. Fielding, when he brought down the Budget for 1899-1900. In all the lengthy exposition, bristling with figures and filled with tables and comparisons, there was not a minor note, not a line of qualification or shading. The entire speech was a declaration of prosperity and progress of rapid development in the country's resources, of steady growth in the national wealth, and of unparalled elasticity in the public revenues. That good crops and a natural revival of business had much to do with this, the Minister readily conceded, but with equal justice he unhesitatingly claimed that the progressive policy of the Government, taking advantage of and putting to the best possible use the exceptionally favorable circumstances prevailing, contributed its full quota.

THE REDUCED TARIFF.

Turning to the statistics for the year just closed Mr. Fielding quoted extensive figures collected from returns that have from time to time been made public in the press. The revenue for 1898 and 1899 had been $40,555,238 more than was estimated, and $2,725,459 more than the revenue of the previous years. The increase in custom's receipts had been very marked. The great majority of imports shared in the increase though of course there had been lots of decreases. Elaborating upon this particular feature of the year's trade the Minister paid special attention to the contention that there had been no real reduction of the tariff but that the old national policy tariff was still in force and that even the preferential clause was a fraud and a humbug. He stated to the House that in order to disprove this most conclusively he had the tariff of 1896 applied to the actual import of 1898 with the result that the duty would have amounted to $24,752,827; but the actual duty collected was $22,037,799, an actual saving of $2,715,028, through the reduction effected by the changes made in the tariff by the present Government.

WHAT WILL BE SAVED THIS YEAR.

Taking the imports for the completed nine months of the present fiscal year up to March 31st and applying the same test it has been found that instead of the duty amounting to $21,035,832 as it would have done under the tariff of 1896, the actual amount of duty paid was only $18,711,708 or a saving of $2,324,124, which is 11 per cent or about one-ninth of the old duty. At the same rate it was estimated that the completed fiscal year ending on the 30th of next month might be expected to show an actual reduction on duties paid of nearly $3,000,000—and yet it had been declared that the Liberals had made no reduction in the tariff.

THE BRITISH PREFERENCE.

As to the preference there had been two main criticisms of it, which to a large extent answered one another. When the preferential policy was first announced the Opposition had announced that the Government had no right to give Great Britain something for nothing, that they should have demanded preference for preference, and only give advantage to British goods coming into Canada on condition that a like advantage was given to Canadian goods going into Great Britain. When this contention had been disposed of, and the fact made clear that no such concession could ever be forced from Great Britain inasmuch as Canadian Governments had attempted it for years with absolutely no prospect of success, the contention was dropped and in place thereof it was claimed that the preference was all a humbug anyway that no real advantage was given to British goods at all. A very simple, practical and sufficient answer was given to this by Mr. Fielding who produced an invoice of goods imported by a Montreal merchant amounting in all to about $12,000, the consignment consisting of 91 packages of gloves, caps, woollen goods, laces, ribbons, linens, etc., a good representative assortment of dry goods, etc., upon which a total duty of $3,058.08 had been paid.

A SAMPLE OF ITS WORKING.

This same consignment under the tariff of 1896 would have paid $3,754 so that there was an actual saving of $695.12 on that one importation alone. If that is not a very substantial preference it would be in order for the Opposition to explain what they understand by the word "preference". Nor is the preference only on one side after all, for as the Minister very aptly remarked, "If there is not preference for Canadian goods on the statute books of Great Britain, there is a strong and very practical preference for our goods in the hearts of the British people" the result of which is becoming more and more manifest as the months go by. It had been claimed that the imports to Great Britain from Canada were not increasing, as they should be, but that while there was some increase it was owing to a general improvement of trade, and that the United States was more than reaping its share of that improvement. The trade returns however did not show this, for while the increases of the United States imports into Great Britain in 1898 over 1897 was 11 per cent, the increase of Canadian imports for the same period was 35 per cent. In the old days Canadian goods had to be labelled "American" for there was not only apathy, but antipathy, towards Canadian products; today however the Britisher calls for Canadian goods and the British importer asks the Canadian producer to see that his products are plainly marked "Made in Canada".

SIGNS OF THE GROWING TIMES.

The immense mass of figures collated by the Minister and laid before the House in lucid form in the course of his speech cannot be even touched upon within the limits of this letter. By means of a novel but very excellent series of diagrams which were distributed to the members it was shown at a glance what tremendous progress Canada has made in the last two years in imports and exports; in her shipping, both ocean going and coasting; in railway construction, and the amount of business done by the railways; in life and fire insurance; in bank deposits, and in the discount business carried on by the chartered banks. Every one of these showed phenomenal development, and the one table which showed a falling off as striking as the increases in the others was that which indicated the business failures in the country. These both in number and amount are annually decreasing; a very forcible indication of the reality of the improvement claimed.

LETTING WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

With such a showing of steady and ever-growing prosperity it might have been expected by some that the Government would have been prepared to propose further reductions in the tariff. The strange free trade wing of the Liberal party is natural anxious to advance towards their goal of unrestricted trade as rapidly as possible but the wisdom of moving slowly is fully appreciated by them. The Opposition would very specially welcome an announcement of proposed tariff changes for it would give them some appearance of excuse to complain of tariff tinkering. But the Government has decided to make no further reductions for a time at least. The present tariff has only been in full force for nine months, that is since last August, and the substantial reductions actually effected are clearly shown above. There is at present a confidence and stability in trade circles which has long been lacking, and it would not be the part of wisdom to unduly disturb this feeling again so soon. Then the International High Joint Commission will meet again in August, and may yet be able to come to some definite understanding upon trade matters. While that hope exists no unsettling of the present conditions is desirable. For these and other reasons the Government has concluded, to mark time for another term, satisfied with a year's record that promises a surplus of nearly $5,000,000, and at the same time gives the people in customs reductions some $3,000,000 in cold cash.

That Book Agent.

The Pastor. "Good morning, Bro. Roberts what makes you look so sad this morning?"

Bro. R. "I have come to say goodbye, Mr. Brown, for I am out of employment, and must go back to England."

The Pastor. "Go back to England to get employment, what nonsense! I can get lots of work for a young man like you in this country."

Bro. R. "Well I have hunted high and low and can get nothing, so what am I to do."

The Pastor. "I tell you what you can do, Bro. Roberts, take an agency for a good book, for there is money in canvassing."

Bro. R. "Do you think I would stoop to book canvassing?"

The Pastor. (somewhat warmly.) "Stoop to canvassing! Better men than you have canvassed. I put myself through College with a book prospectus, and I know many successful men who got their start in life as canvassers. My youngest son is canvassing now, and makes enough at the business to pay his way at the University. I induced a man who failed in business to take up canvassing, and he made enough money to start business again. I gave the same advice to a young mechanic, who was out of employment, and he is now a prosperous Publisher. Why some of the biggest men in history have been book agents!! Stoop to canvassing! you are very fortunate you can STEP UP to it. I advise you to write to the Bradley-Garretson Co. Limited of Toronto, Ont., for this firm publishes fast selling books, and I know many who are doing well in its employ."

Bro. R. "I am sorry for speaking as I did for I was certainly wrong. I will write The Bradley-Garretson Company and see what they have to offer, and will postpone my departure in the meantime."

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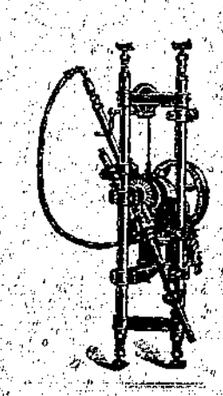

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1899.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Unless all signs fail Fort Steele will, during the coming summer, attract attention from all over Canada. This is no idle statement. The mineral resources of this district are, even now, subject of comment in all the mining centers, and the comment in every instance is favorable. It is true that a number of deals for mining properties are now being negotiated, and at least three of them are sure to go through.

The district is issuing from the chrysalis state and putting on the brilliant hues of prosperity, it is bound to come and those people residing here who have mineral claims will be on the ground floor. The Rossland district in the early days of its history could not compare in surface showings with the Fort Steele district. In fact the camp was turned down by mining experts sent up to look at the Le Roi, but those who were interested had an abiding faith, worth more to a district, in some instances, than expert testimony. The result has justified their faith, and today Rossland is the most promising mining camp in British Columbia.

The Fort Steele district will before long justify the faith of those who now have staid with it so many years, who have patiently waited for the time when railroads would penetrate the district and make it possible to market the product of their mines. The railroad is now in the district and it is high time that capital which is seeking investment in mines should be attracted here. The country should be more thoroughly advertised, mine owners should go on with development so that when capitalists do come the owners of claims will have something to show them.

Do not for a moment loose sight of the fact that the district in the nature of things must come to the front and that right speedily.

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The last issue of the Columbia Review comes out with its first page printed in red, all because incorporation had been granted. It is safe to say that the city itself was painted vermillion upon receipt of the news. Columbia is the rival of Grand Forks which has caused weeping and wailing in the latter city. The editor of the Review in a patronizing way says: "He has no hard feelings against the older municipality. It is tough on Grand Forks to be left in cold storage."

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Fort Steele is the natural center of a great mining district and as such is recognized all over the country. It was to Fort Steele that all trails and roads were made. It would seem that nothing, not even being side tracked by a railroad, could rob the town of its importance as the commercial center of East Kootenay.

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When the Canadian Press Association comes west they should be given a rousing reception. It is to be hoped that the Fort Steele district will not be overlooked. We can show them something in this section which will astonish them. For the most part have never heard of East Kootenay. An editorial excursion like the one proposed is the best advertisement a country can get.

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We have received a communication in which a number of pertinent questions are asked relative to certain bridges in Westport. We have not had time to look into the matter, and the communication will lay over until next week.

THE COUNTY COURT

The County Court was in session for two days during the past week, Judge Forin presiding. There were quite a number of cases on the docket which were quickly disposed of as follows:

Judgement against the defendents were entered up in the following cases:

Hamilton Copper Co., Bright & Johnson; Ames Holden & Co. Thomas Ryan. Calgary Brewing Co., Hulberg & Riley, vs. Bidgood.

Fort Steele Mercantile Company vs. Noble.

Turcott vs. Sarkington.

A commission was issued to examine witnesses outside of the Province in the case of McInnes vs the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

The case of White Fraser vs. the C. P. R. was referred to the registrar.

In the replevin case of Howard and Hayes vs. Wallace, the plaintiffs solictor stated that owing to the fact that there was no sheriffs officer in South East Kootenay, and that the expense attending the bringing the sheriff from Nelson would be so great that his client preferred to lose his rights.

In the Quinlivan case His Honor gave the prisoner the benefit of the doubt as to what his intentions were at the time of taking the poison, and declared him not guilty.

Need for a Deputy Sheriff.

A deputy sheriff should be appointed for Fort Steele and there should be no delay in making the appointment. As it is now people are put to great expense in levying an execution and in many cases those who have secured a judgment prefer to waive their legal rights by reason of having to pay in advance or gurrantee the travelling expenses of the sheriff from Nelson to towns in East Kootenay and return as was the case this week in the case of Howard and Hayes vs Wallace. In which case the plaintiffs preferred to stop proceedings and lose their claim rather than be obliged to pay a large sum for sheriffs expenses in endeavoring to realize. Another case occurred some time ago, when a judgment was obtained for $900. An execution was issued the sheriff seized the property, the goods sold for $400 the sheriffs fees were $215 and the man in whose favor the judgment was given secured $185. Therefore it is easily seen that no one who secures a judgment for a small amount can afford to levy on the property of a defendent debtor.

Judge Forin regretted that such a state of affairs existed, and thought a deputy sheriff could be appointed if attorneys and litigants would do some vigorous and persistent kicking. There are regular sittings of the court in Fort Steele, and now it is necessary to send to Nelson for the sheriff to serve the processes of the court. It is an ananioly not existent anywhere else in the district.

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" " Toronto	2:00 p.m.	Daily (except Sun.
" " Montreal	6:25 p.m.	" " "

Connections are made at Toronto for Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Boston, New York, London, Detroit, and other points, and at Montreal for New York, Boston, Halifax and all points south and east.

Through Time Table——West

Train leaves Fort Steele Junction	20:45	Mon., Wed. and Fri.
" " Cranbrook	6:00	Tues., Thurs. & Sats.
Steamer arrives Nelson	18:40	" " " "
Train leaves "	18:40	Daily.
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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1899.

Mining Notes.

According to the Nelson Tribune the Hall Mines' Smelter is treating between 65 and 70 tons of ore daily in the small furnace. The company is using Slocan ores merely to use the lead contents for collecting silver contents of low-grade Silver King ores.

New hoisting machinery will shortly be installed at the Arlington mine, Slocan district. About ten men will be employed at first and the number increased as the work will warrant.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Carlyle the workings of the Le Roi will be extended to a depth of 2,500 feet. This suggestion has been indorsed by the directorate. Mr. Carlyle is now in the east arranging for the machinery of sufficient capacity to carry the work to a depth of 2,500 feet.

A new vertical shaft will be sunk on the property.

Sir William Van Horne Impressed With Development in British Columbia.

Sir William Van Horne, who was in Seattle recently, was interviewed by a representative of the Post-Intelligencer. Among other things he said, when asked about a railroad to Alaska:

"I don't think there is any likelihood of the Canadian Pacific ever building into Alaska," he said, in answer to the question. "That country is too far away and the business would not justify the enormous outlay necessary to have overland railroad communication with the far Northwest. Our company believes in keeping up with the demands of the public, where it is evident that a railroad is needed, and will pay, but it is not given to throwing away money on fruitless enterprises such as that would probably be."

As to the local developments in British Columbia he continued: "Those are matters that I am not much acquainted with. Of course, I know that our road is being extended there to keep up with the requirements of the trade, but I am not acquainted with the details. There is, however, a condition of great development in British Columbia, it seems that our road is trying to keep up with the general industrial prosperity.

Telephones in the World.

According to statistics prepared by the government of Sweden and Norway there are in use in the world 1,228,163 telephones, the service covering a distance of 1,509,499 miles. An idea of the extraordinary use of the telephone in the United States is derived from the fact that the figures credit that country with more than half the instruments in use and the amount of mileage of the whole world. The number of instruments in the United States is placed at 772,627, while Germany has only 151,101; Great Britain and Ireland, 69,645; Sweden, 56,500; Canada, 33,500; Switzerland, 28,846; France, 27,736; Norway, 20,678.

Editors Come West.

The Canadian Press Association are arranging to take an excursion from Toronto to the Pacific coast. The excursion is expected to start between July 18 and August 1. The privileges of the trip will be confined strictly to members and their wives. Their will be side trips to Rossland and other points. East Kootenay is not mentioned in the itinerary unless it comes under the head of other points. The trip is expected to consume twenty-five days.

In Japan most of the horses are shod with straw. Even the clumsiest of cart horses wear shoes, which, in their cases, are tied around the ankle with straw rope, and are made of the ordinary rice straw, braided so as to form a sole for the foot about half an inch thick. These soles cost about a halfpenny a pair.

Railroad Rumbles.

Roderick J. Mackenzie, son of Wm. Mackenzie, of Mackenzie & Mann, authoritively states that the Dauphin road will be extended to Hudson's Bay within three years, though only a hundred miles will be built this year.

Replying to a question by Mr. McInnes the Minister of Railways stated that the C. P. R. had not submitted to the Governor-in-Council for approval a revision of its rates and tolls on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway and on its lines connecting with the said branch.

The work on the Kootenay valley railway is now progressing rapidly. Chief Engineer Knowlton says that the laying of steel will commence in a couple of weeks. There are over 2,000 men now employed in construction. The big bridge across the Kootenay at Bonner's Ferry is now well along towards completion. The other bridges will not be completed much ahead of tracklaying.

Vice-President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific has postponed his trip to Kootenay until the latter part of the month.

Post Office Ruling.

The Fernie Free Press: "A new postoffice ruling, new at least as regards the Fernie office has just been issued. It is to the effect that all parcels on which duty is collected, no matter how small, have to be sent on to Fort Steele, and the duty forwarded to that office. Why this is we can't say, but it is an unnecessary nuisance to have to send five or six cents in duty on a little parcel all the way to Fort Steele, to say nothing of the delay. Until just lately Postmaster Johnson has collected the duty on all dutiable mail matter coming to the Fernie office. Perhaps the change was made to help boom Fort Steele. Was it, Brother Grace?"

Fort Steele will boom without drawing on the Fernie Post office. The mails are not unduly burdened with dutiable packages from the colliery town.

Mining Men Coming.

Charles A. Marriner of Spokane, an old California mining man, is expected in town today. Mr. Marriner comes to see what we have, and his report on the country in general, if favorable, will be the means of bringing new capital into the district for investment. This is what is needed and Mr. Marriner should be given every facility for seeing the country.

Expects High Water.

The Libby News says: Should the present cold snap continue much longer, to be followed by a continued warm spell, there is no telling how high the water will get or how much of the Great Northern will be left. Those familiar with the conditions say it is getting to be a serious proposition and predictions are freely made that the present year will witness the highest water in the Kootenay river in the history of the white man.

More Gold in Alaska.

The San Francisco Examiner prints a story regarding new gold discoveries at Point Nemo, Alaska, which its advices declare exceed in richness those of the Klondike. The strike is on Snake river and tributaries, about 20 miles back from Cape Nemo and 120 miles from St. Michaels. A stampede is expected.

Dock Laborers Strike.

Glasgow, May 17.—The dock laborers employed by the Anchor and Allan Line have gone out on strike, and 1300 men are idle. All vessels are blocked. The dockers demand ten pence per hour instead of eight pence, the present rate.

Kootenay Notes.

The Athabasca mill near Nelson crushed 412 tons of ore in April, the total value of which was $9,751.13.

The Dominion Express Company has opened an office at Kuskanook.

There will be an excursion from Nelson to New Denver on the 24th inst.

The price paid for the Enterprise mine near Slocan lake, was $500,000 cash.

The Victoria block in Nelson was recently sold for $30,000.

There will be no formal celebration of the Queen's birthday in Fort Steele this year.

A series of articles now appearing in the Vancouver World "Pen Pictures of British Columbia". They are certainly interesting and instructive. The writer going into detail, not only of the mineral, but of the agricultural resources of the Province.

The Rev. A. D. Menzies, Presbyterian minister, of Kaslo, B. C., and Mary, eldest daughter of the late William Allen, of Kingston, Ont., were recently married in Calgary.

A Philadelphia dispatch says: The sixty-eight millions of silver dollars now in the vaults of the mint and postoffice buildings here, and which secure the issue of silver certificates, will be transferred to the recently completed vaults on the new mint site beginning tomorrow. The money is enclosed in 68,000 boxes $1,000 to the box. The silver weighs 2040 tons, and each wagon carrying three tons, 680 loads will be necessary. Allowing six loads per day, 113 consecutive days will elapse before the final transfer shall be made.

Dr. Grice Makes a Correction.

EDITOR PROSPECTOR,

Sir:—In the last issue of your paper you published a piece of news that was, no doubt, quite a surprise to the majority of the people of Fort Steele: I refer to your notice saying that I "now" have a diploma permitting me to practise dentistry in this province. This is tantamount to saying that up to the present I have been practising 'without' a diploma; illegally, etc, in doing so imposing on the public and breaking the laws of the country.

It is now a year since I passed my examination before the British Columbia Board of Dental Examiners at which time I received my permit to practise anywhere in the province.

On my arrival here last fall I remember two or three people asked me if I were licensed to practise in B. C. and I, of course answered in the affirmative; so you can imagine my feelings on reading that wretched notice. What spirit of animosity induced you to make such a misleading statement I cannot imagine for I hoped and believed I had been of some benefit to the community: that I had been the means of relieving suffering and alleviating physical ills, and now I find that I am practically stigmatised as a law-breaker through the culpable carelessness or stupidity of one who is in a position to make or mar a professional man's reputation.

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Wedding at the St. Eugene Mission.

On Monday the 15th inst. at the St. Eugene Mission church, Ignatus, an ex-pupil of the Kootenay Industrial School, and Eugenie, daughter of Chief Francis of the St. Mary's band, were united in marriage by the Rev. N. Coccola, O. M. I. After the ceremony the high contracting parties were entertained at breakfast by Sister Conrad of the Industrial school. The young couple were the recipients of numerous useful presents from the teachers of the school, Rev. Father Coccola, Indian Agent Galbraith and others.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty 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 Kootenay river in the District of South East Kootenay, Province of British Columbia and described as follows: Beginning at the south east corner of Lot 3553; thence east 20.00 twenty chains more or less to Kootenay river; thence following bank of Kootenay river in a northerly and westerly direction to the north east corner of Lot 3553, Group 1. Containing in all eighty acres more or less.

JOHN BELL.

Fort Steele, March 16, 1899. 12-20

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ANDREW B. GRACE.

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Panning Gold.

The primitive mode of hand washing is by the "pan"—a shallow dish of sheet steel about 18 inches across and three inches deep, with a flat bottom and flaring sides. The much used expression "pan out" has its origin in the early gold mining days when, after washing down to the last fine particles, the results in the pan were eagerly looked for. Inasmuch as there are about a hundred pans to the cubic yard, it will be seen that a penny's worth of gold to the pan would be valuable ground when worked by modern wholesale methods.

Panning gold is a rapid and simple operation to an experienced miner, but to the novice it is slow and laborious. By a few gyratory movements with the lip of the pan under water the bulk of the gravel is quickly washed over the edge of the pan while the gold settles to the bottom. The process is then continued, with repeated lappings of the water carrying off a little sand and gravel each time, until there remains only a small quantity of the heavy magnetic black sand always found in gold bearing gravel. In this sand the occasional gleam of a golden "color" is seen, and then comes the interesting and delicate part of the operation. Every grain of black sand must be carefully washed away, leaving the grains of gold perfectly clean.

The determination of values can be made only by weighing the results of a large number of pans, or from a definite volume of material, but the number of "colors" to a pan is often used to indicate values. A "color" is a particle of gold apparent to the eye, and as the visible particles vary in size from a pin point upwards, they can have no definite value.

Next following the pan is the "rocker." This is the panning operation performed continuously in a wooden box mounted on rockers, and fitted with a sieve and shelves below which serve as sluice boxes for catching the gold. Many wandering miners make a living by "rocking" out the surface gravel in selected spots along river bars and in favored points in valley bottoms.—A. W. Robinson, in Cassier's Magazine for May.

Gold Mines in Ireland.

Golden County Wicklow is a topic revived from the presence there of a prospector for that the most precious, and also other metals, copper and lead. It is notorious that from the earliest period gold has been found from time to time in the Wicklow valleys. About 20 years ago a Mr. Acheson, who was connected with a well known firm of poplin manufacturers in Dublin, devoted a great deal of time in quest of gold in Wicklow. At one time the copper mine at Ballymurtagh promised to be a paying enterprise but it went through vicissitudes and at last inevitable liquidation. The rise in the price of copper has again turned attention to the ore in Wicklow, and it is stated that mining experts are ready to recommend another venture to capitalists. In fact, proposals have been made to take a lease of certain of the old mines.

Fernie Coke in Montana.

It is to be hoped that the trial shipments of Fernie coke which have lately been made to Butte may prove sufficiently profitable to justify the opening up of a regular trade, says the Mining Record. Butte requires for its smelters, so it is estimated, no less than 500 tons of coke daily—the output of 350 ovens. This being the case, if Fernie can only secure a portion of the coke supply trade of Montana's great smelting town, the coking ovens of the East Kootenay colliery center will be kept busy all the time. Everything points to a great future for the colliery trade of East Kootenay.

Of Interest to Miners.

The miner's inch is of California origin and is used very little elsewhere. The term is not a definite one, as various water companies have different methods of measuring the volume of water; for this reson the miner's inch varies from 1.36 to 1.73 per minute. The most common measurement is through an aperature 2 inches in height and of whatever lenght may be required and through a plank 1½ inches thick. The lower edge of the aperature should be two inches above the bottom of the box and the plank 5 inches high above the top of the aperture, thus making a 6-inch head, measuring from the upper edge of the plank—with which the surface of the water must be even—to the center of the 2-inch aperture. Each square inch of the aperture represents 1 miner's inch and is equal to 1½ cubic feet per minute.

The average cost of producing the great bulk of copper in the United States is 7 cents per pound, though at most mines the cost is greater. The lowest cost is said to be at the works of the Boston & Montana Co., where it is 5 cents, the next lowest being the Calumet & Hecla.

Every 550-pound stamp in a mill dropping ninety-five time a minute requires 1.83 H. P.; each 4-foot belt concentrator requires about ¾ H. P., and an 8x12 rock-breaker requires from 6 to 8 H. P., according to character of ore. Abundant power should always be provided in either hoist or mill.

Single edge bits on drills are always used in hand work, but this type of bit is not suitable for use on percussion drills in hard rock for the reason that the blow is so heavy that the edge cannot be made to stand. For this reason the bit is divided into several edges and the force of blow is thus distributed.

Interesting Notes.

Two of the Swiss guides who have been appointed to guide tourists through the Rocky Mountains have been located at Field. They went out the other day to get the lay of the land but the depth of snow drove them back.

It is said that American miners and prospectors are arriving in Cuba in large numbers and the report comes from Santiago that some of them from the western states have recently located six gold mines in the Holquin district. These mines are old Indian workings and are believed to be very rich. The country is being scoured from one end to the other in search of minerals. Official notice was given of the location of two copper mines in the Cobre district.

A London dispatch says the Midland railway has arranged to place another contract for 130 locomotives with American firms. The Great Northern railway, it is understood, will also order a large number of engines of the Mogul type from American builders.

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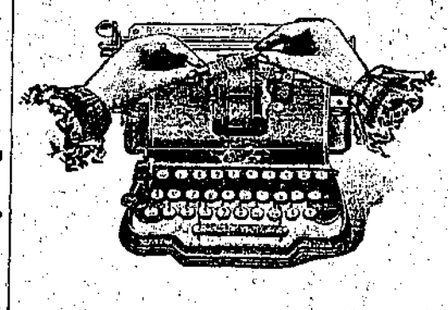

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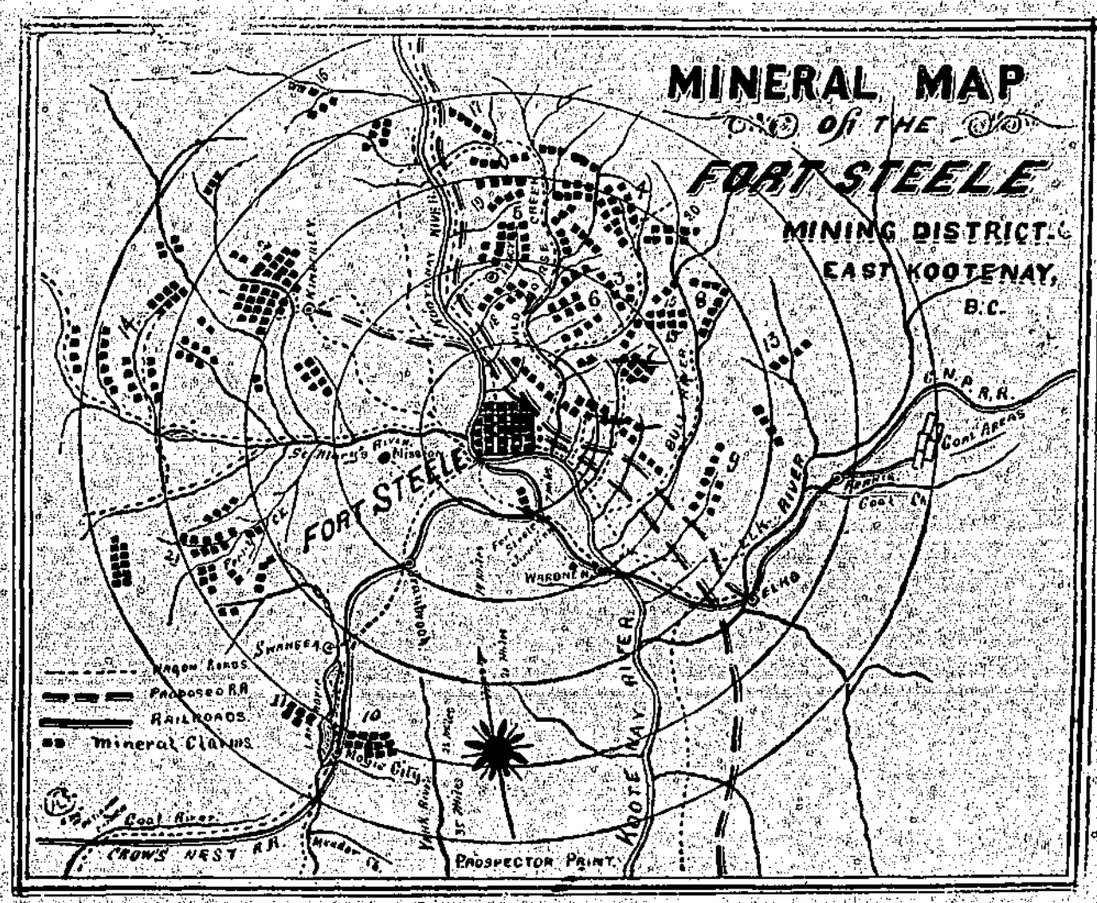

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

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E. J. Walsh, C. E., of Ottawa, will be in town in a few days. Mr. Walsh is interested in a number of mining claims in the district.

The Confederation Life Association issues an unconditional accumulative policy which is the most liberal life insurance contract issued. A. L. McDermot, agent.

There is now a large force of railway surveyors in Kalispell, Montana. No information as to their intentions can be obtained.

Belle Butler, of Cranbrook, will raffle a house and lot in that town on July 1st.

K. J. Highby came in from Sheep creek on Tuesday last. He says his budings at that point are now completed, and that the Windermere stage will stop there for dinner both going and coming.

Photograph Cameras at Cann's

Messrs O'Loughlin and Turner, of Winnipeg, arrived in Fort Steele via the Junction on Thursday. Both gentlemen represent commercial interests.

Have your life insured with the Confederation Life Association, the only company that issues an unconditional accumulative policy. A. L. McDermot is agent.

N. McLeod Curran, manager of the North Star mine, was in town on Wednesday.

Francis is making beautiful, high finish, up-to-date photos. Gallery near the English church, Fort Steele.

Harry Cummings, P. L. S., left on Wednesday to survey the Geneva mineral claim on Huckleberry Hill in the North Star district. The claim is owned by the Hasting's Syndicate.

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John R. Cosrigan, Q. C., of Cranbrook, was in attendance on court during the past week.

A. L. McDermot has been appointed agent for the Confederation Life Association of Toronto, for the district of South East Kootenay.

Joe Taenhauser will remove his watch hospital to the new building recently erected by him on Riverside avenue, first door south of Mrs. Amme's restaurant. He will continue to repair watches and clocks. Joe is an artist in his line.

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M. Brandenberg came in from Kalispell on Sunday last, bringing in with him twenty dozen chickens, which found a ready sale.

The river is rising rapidly and will be at a good steamboat stage in a few days.

The largest stock of spectacles in town at Cann's.

W. T. Kay, deputy collector of customs, was in town on Monday.

George Gilpin now rides one of the Columbia Chainless bicycles.

Now is the time to insure against mountain fever and typhoid. Only $3 a year and you get $15 a week. M. A. Beale, agent.

The Fort Steele Orchestra met for practice last Tuesday evening.

Specimens of the rich ore of South East Kootenay should be exhibited at the meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association to be held in July. Ores will be transported free, and could be gathered together with little cost. No opportunity to advertise the Fort Steele district should be neglected.

P. H. Macleod, W. S. Gurd, Tom Mishaw, M. McInnes, H. J. Caldwell, W. W. Dobley, Cranbrook; Colin A. Brown, Wm. Morrow, Rossland; Thomas E. Armistead, John Sherwood, Geo. Thompson, J. H. Conklin and wife, Spokane; John Bidgood, Fernie; J. Corrigan, N. McKillop, Montreal; J. C. Carruthers, J. Russel, Nelson; H. T. Kingsbury, Sandon; C. D. Blackwood, W. G. O'Loughlin, Winnipeg; C. A. Rae, Brandon, Manitoba; F. O. Kerr, Port Hill; Thos. Hutchinson, E. W. Turner, Toronto, were guests at the Hotel International during the week.

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HENRY KERSHAW.

Indian Agent Galbraith will leave on Monday evening for West Kootenay on official business.

The Rev. N. Coccola leaves on Tuesday on a missionary tour of West Kootenay.

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N. C. McKinstry returned from Spokane yesterday. While there he was instrumental in organizing a company to develop the Big Dipper, Celia and Dutchman mineral claims on Sullivan Hill in this district. The company is a strong one, composed of well known Spokane men. The incorporators are H. M. Casey, Cymis Happy, D. K. McDonald, Andrew Laidlaw, of Toronto; J. H. McClogan.

The company will be capitalized for $100,000, divided into shares the par value of which is to be 10 cents. Of the capitalization 250,000 shares is to be placed in the treasury for development purposes. The balance of the stock is to be pooled and none sold until the amount in the treasury has been exhausted.

The claims upon which the incorporation will be based are nearly adjoining the Sullivan on the west. They were located in 1893, and since that time about $1,000 has been expended in exploration. A number of openings have been made and in all of them there is a good showing.

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Railway News of the District.

So far this week there has been no railroad news to chronicle. It is learned that when THE PROSPECTOR fails to devote a portion of its space to local railway news there is grumbling and dissatisfaction. The people demand news of this character even though it is conjectural, but this week has been dull in railway circles neither Mr. Shaughnessy or Jim Hill having favored us with their confidence, and the surveyors of which there is an army in the field, are on to their jobs and wish to keep them, so this source of information has been cut off. To be sure it is easy to put this and that together and on paper have a railroad in Fort Steele inside of four months. In fact THE PROSPECTOR has repeatedly built airy lines of railway only to have them go flewy. There are plenty of them and in the shuffle Fort Steele will probably draw a prize.

It will be the aim of THE PROSPECTOR to keep its readers fully informed on all railway movements in this district and if possible occasionally furnish direct information received over our grape vine telegraph. Even if all our prognostications should prove not to be true, hope, which springs eternal, etc., will buoy us up to deal in glittering railway generalities in which we can equal Jim Hill himself. We have no excuses to offer for the paucity of railroad news this week. We have a corker on ice so look out for the next issue.

Grand Raffle.

House and lot in Cranbrook, good location for a family. Spring creek within 50 feet of the door, fine trout fishing. Don't miss the chance of your life to get a home for one dollar, you are liable to win. Drawing will take place July 1st, notice will be published where.

A terrible railway accident on the Philadelphia & Reading road about six miles south of Reading, occurred on the night of the 12th, whereby a number of people were killed and from 15 to 25 injured. A crowded excursion train crashed into the regular express.

So far there are only four special mining editions of Kootenay about to be published.

N. C. McKinstry returned yesterday from a prolonged visit in Spokane.

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