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ASSOCIATION MEETING.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Fort Steele Mining Association, last Saturday evening. At which the wants of the district, with regard to roads, trails, and bridges for the ensuing year were fully discussed. It was decided that the Gold Commissioner should be communicated with, and a list forwarded to him; showing in the opinion of the association; how the appropriations for the year 1896. for this portion of the district, could be expended to the best advantage. The first of importance, was unamimously conceded to be the continuation of the St Marys trail. considerable money has been already spent on this work, and but very little benefit can be reaped from it until the the trail is pushed through to the watershed, tapping the mineral belt of Copper, Silver, Gold and lead, which extends for thirty miles along the summit of the Purcell range, in the vicinity of the head waters of the St Mary's river and its tributaries. In this region there are at present over 75 claims staked off, the owners of which being heavily handicapped in consequence of the difficulties in the way of getting in supplies, which would in a great measure be done away with if the trail was carried to completion through the twenty miles which intervenes between the present terminus and the summit.thereby affording communication with the Kootenay river, at Fort Steele.

No 2. A waggon road from Cranbrooke to the Moyea Lakes by way of Palmers bar, to enable the owners of the Moyea Lake group of mines to transport their ore to the Kootenay river for shipment, and also for the benefit of those parties interested in mining on the upper portion of the Moyea river and its branches. With regard to this road, it was recommended that the owners of the mines producing ore should bear the expense of construction, which should be refunded by the Government, on the completion of the work, and the delivery of a certain agreed number of tons of ore, ready for shipment, on the banks of the Kootenay river.

No 3. For the cutting out of fallen timber and placing bridges in proper repair on the Crow's Nest trail, this is a most important highway, being the cheif means of communication between this district, and the southern portion of Alberta. besides passing through the Coal fields of the Crow's Nest Coal Co.

No 4 Grading a waggon road from the Bridge across the St Marys to the top of the bench overlooking the river on the North side, to connect the Country surrounding the North Star and Sullivan groups of mines with the Kootenay river at Fort Steele during all seasons of the year, also for the convenience of the settlers in the vicinity of Cherry and Luke Creeks.

No 5. Grading hill on waggon road to the R.C. Mission.

No 6 Repairing the old pack trail bridge across Bull river, which is of great convenience to those miners and prospectors who have mining interests in the vicinity.

No 7 Repairing and extending the Wild Horse trail in consequence of the numerous valuable discoveries of Gold quartq made in that section of country during the last season.

No 8 Diverting trunk road in the vicinity of Bummers Flat, so as to do away with three miles of heavy hilly road.

No 9 Diverting the road on flat oppositeFort Steele. the property through which this road passes, having been laid out with lots and streets. the object is that the road should be made so as to coincide with the survey thereby affording a much better approach to the bridge.

No10 Continuation of Main waggon road from Bull river south, so as to connect with the road at Tobacco Plains, then there would be an uninterrupted highway from Golden on the C.P.R.R. to Kalispel on the Great Northern R.R. Other matters of interest were discussed, the Secretary being instructed to communicate with the Government and draw their attention to the inadequacy of the present draw in the bridge across the river at Fort Steele in view of the large traffic which may be expected on the river next season. the present arrangment beside being difficult to manage is altogether too narrow to accomodate the boats that will be engaged in carrying ore next summer, and if not attended to before the opening of navigation, the bridge may suffer serious injury or else one of the boats may meet with an accident while passing through the draw, if allowed to remain in its present condition. The Secretary was requested to write to the Attorney General with regard to the inconvenience suffered by the residents in this section through the absence of visits from a County Court Judge,surely the country is far enough advanced to entitle us to at least three visits a year, as matters are at present anyone becoming engaged in a law suitis obliged to go all the way to Donald,Kamloops,or Nelson, which makes it almost impossible for a poor man to defend his interests, should occasion arise, and consequently be placed at the mercy of his wealthier opponent. A committee was formed to draft a scheme as to the building of and maintaining a hospital, to report at the next meeting which is to be held on Saturday evening Jan 11th. A letter was also written to the Hon, J.A.Mara.M.P. asking for his co-operation in our attempt to obtain a weekly mail service during the winter. A standing committee was formed to discuss the mineral act and make suggestions as to amendments, their reports will be submitted from time to time to the general meetings and if approved of, will be forwarded to Col.Baker our Representative, for his consideration.

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All possible information will be furnished by the Association upon application to
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Mr.A.B.Grace. Prospector Office, Fort Steele.
Dear Sir. For public information I wish to state that if a Plaint is entered in the County Court, which should be heard in Fort Steele. a Court Judge will come to Fort Steele for the purpose of hearing such case. I was notified to this effect by Mr.J.F.Armstrong, the Registrar.
Yours Truly C.W.Edwards.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

The importance of British Columbia recognized. Colonel Prior, who has recently been appointed, Comptroller of Inland Revenue is one of our most popular and useful representatives at Ottawa, He is one of the largest shareholders in the Crow's Nest Pass R.R. So now East Kootenay can depend upon her interests being carefully looked after by the Hon,Col,Prior, and our energetic representative John.A.Cora,M.P. Fort Steele joins the other portions of the Province in wishing Col, Prior a long term of usefulness as a Dominion Minister.

On Sunday next, the 5th of Jan, Divine Service will be held in the little School Room around the corner. 7 1/2 O'clock.all are invited to attend.

The death of Gabriel Benoit, a pupil of the Kootenay Induatrial School. We regret to have to record the death of Gabriel Benoit one of the pupils of the Industrial School, on Saturday last with an number of other pupils left the School in great spirits for a days hunting, going towards Cranbrook, failing to return to the Missionin the evening a search party was sent out, and his body was found about four miles from the mission, it is supposed he died of heart failure. Gabriel was one of the oldest pupils at the school, and gave promise of being most useful when he grew up to manhood, He was much loved by his classmates and had the confidence of his teachers. He was buried at the St,Eugene Mission, on Monday last.

THE BACHELORS DANCE.

On new years night, the gay and festive Bachelors of Fort Steele . gave a dance and supper to their friends, married and single. About nine O'clock, the elite of the town assembled at the Steele House, where the Bachelors held forth, and were entertained as only old Bachelors can entertain their friends. it was a gay and festive party, and the way the old Bach's had of making their friends feel at home and enjoy themselves was all their own. Invitations were sent to all, and about thirty couple were present. even his Nibs, the Editor was there in all his glory. with a slight intermission for supper the dance was continued until the early morn. The supper was furnished by the Steele House cuisine, and was very elaborate and all enjoyed it to the fullest. among the Guests present was Mr, & Mrs.N.A.Wallinger. Mr. & Mrs.Levett. Mr. & Mrs.Frizzell. Mr.& Mrs. Broulette. Mr.& Mrs.Barnes.Mr.& Mrs.Mathers. Mrs.Huckel. Mrs.Forsyth. Mrs.Maclean.Mrs.Henry. Mrs.Durick. Miss.Wallinger. Miss.Bell Miss.Arnold Miss. Frizzell. Messers, Norbury.Baker.Edwards. Frizzel.Cummins.Sucksmith.Leach.Carlin.Morin. Cameron.Olson.Little.Willmott.Ryan.McTavish.and many others. The Music was furnished by the Fort Steele string band . It was a most enjoyable evening, and all were well pleased with the old Bachelors and their dance.

PLACER GROUND SOLD.

The bond given by R.L.T.Galbraith, on the Cariboo placer ground, to the International Co, of Bozman Montana. was taken up and paid for by them
. The Company are still running a tunnel for the old channel.

The PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Public School will open again after the Holidays, on Monday next the 6th of January, at 9 1/2 O'clock. a punctual attendance of the pupils is requested.

There was a special service held at the Church last Sunday, there was a large attendance , the Sermon had special referance to the season. the collection will be devoted to the purchase of a large Bible and Prayer book for the use of the Church.

Mess ers Carlin and Morin, went to Golden on last Thursday.

HE HAS GOT WATER.

Mr.Lewis has been sinking a well, and at a depth of 86 feet has reached water.This well is of great benefit to Fort Steele, as it has solved the question of water on the bench. a kind friend it is said will furnish him with a pump.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made by the British Columbia Southern Railway Company to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session. for an act extending the time within which the company may complete its undertaking.
Dated Dec 10th A.D. x1895.
J. A. Gemmil. Secretary.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of BRITISH COLUMBIA at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and working deep tunnels, drifts, or shafts for the purpose of exploring for, discovering, working, getting, acquiring and recovering minerals situate in blind veins ledges or lodes in the Districts of East and West Kootenay, Yale and Cariboo. in the Province of British Columbia. and for entering upon and acquiring lands for such purposes, and for collecting tolls for the use of such tunnels or workings by any other persons or companies engaged in mining.
and for acquiring suchwater powers or privileges as may be necessary or convenient therefor. together with such other powers or privileges, rights or incidents, as may be necessary for or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects or of any of them.
D, 28th, 95. A.E.Humphreys. Applicant.

COMMUNICATION.

The following letter has been received by the President of the Fort Steele Mining Association in answer to the Petition sent to the Minister of Public Works for the improvment of the Kootenay river. Office of Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, Ca. Dec 10th 1895. J.A.Mara. M.P. Kamloops B.C. Dear Sir. I have received your favor of the 2nd inst, conveying a petition praying that an appropriation may be granted for the removal of obstructions in the Kootenay river. The matter will be duly submitted to the council. Yours Sincerely. J.A.Ouimet.

TRANSPORTATION.

have received a communication from Cap't B.W. Jones, stating that his tender for the transportation of 3.000 tons of ore. had been accepted by the Executive Committee of the North Star mine . Mr.Jones also stated that he would at once commence the construction of a large steamboat and have it completed by the time that navigation opened in the spring. Mr.Jone's contract is for the transportation of 3.000 tons of ore from Fort Steele to Jennings, Montana. This is an important undertaking and to the interest of East Kootenay , it will give employment to a large number of men, and bring into prominence one of the principal mines of the district, and attract the attention of mining Capital to Fort Steele and vicinity.

Everybody was pleased with the Services last Sunday evening, there was a good attendance.

the holliday visitors have returned, they all report that they had a good time.

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How to get a Weekly Mail.

There is an old adage, That the Lord helps those that helps themselves; Now if the people of Fort Steele want a more timely mail service. they must put their shoulders to the wheel and push the matter to a finish. It is customary for an application for increased mail facilities to be addressed to the Dominion Representative of the district. As a matter of courtsey to the Representative, "who is supposed to know the wants of his constituents" the Government, or the Postal Authorities, upon his representation of the facts in the matter, concede that it is a necessity, and grant the requst. Low in the matter of a weekly mail for Fort Steele, all that is required of us is to state the actual condition of affairs to our M.P. in just and forcible language, who will the place the matter before the proper authorities, and our request will surely be granted.

PLACER MINING.

Some time last fall, a shaft was sank to a depth of forty feet, on the property of the International Placer mining Co.on Wild Horse creek. finding gravel that paid as high as 75 ¢ to the pan, but as considerable water was encountered the company resolved to run a tunnel and tap what was supposed to be the old channel, at a depth of thirty feet below the bottom of the shaft. and are now in 212 feet, having run through a bed of gravel 90 feet in width.and some 70 feet in depth, this gravel would pay well worked by hydraulic mining. the tunnel is now in what is thought to be the rim rock and will be continued until the abandoned shaft is reached. we then may expect to hear of another excitement in placer mining in the old Wild Horse camp.

1896. THE NEW YEAR. 1896.

Many of the Notables, as well as the Youthful of the burg, assembled to watch the departure of the old, and welcome the coming of the New Year. As the midnight hour approached huge bonfires were lighted, then the sharp crack of the rifle, the noisy shot gun and the deep tones of the anvils announced that 1895 had departed, and 1896 had commenced its regime. then came a war-whoop that made the town ring, and with a cry of " set em up again," the boys started a noisy revelry that lasted until early morn. the boys were out for fun and a good time, and they surely succeeded, good humor prevailed, and the coming of 1896 will be remembered a long time in Steele.

As the Chinaman seen it.

Me no sabby Canada new year, flour, flive men takie me lup, takie bled alle samme puttie ulp hligh samme blirdie flyee, alle amsamme me tinkee gloi ng to killie me, Dam me no likee, me no samme as them, me Chinaman.

ORGANIZED.

A new Company under the name of the International Placer Co has been recently organized in Bozman Montanar. and most of the members of the company are experienced mining men with plenty of capital, the following is a list of the directors. Col.O.P.Chism,President. Samuel.Schwab,Vice President. R.B.Chisholm,Sec,andTreasurer. Sam.Schwab, General Manager. Col.Chisholm is one of the principal shareholders in the Centennial and Eureka mines of Tentic. Utah.C.S.Hartman. another shareholder is a U.S.Congressman. This company is working placer ground on Wild Horse creek in this district.

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