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THE MINES OF EAST KOOTENAY ARE RICH IN SILVER AND GOLD.

# The Prospector.

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Resolution.

The following resolution speaks for itself.

J.A.Mara.Esq.M.P.

Sir.

I have the honour to inform you,of the following resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the Fort Steele Mining Association. That it should be represented to the Dominion Government,through Mr.J.A.Mara.M.P. the member for the District. That it has become a matter of vital importance towards the development of the mining interests of both East and West Kootenay,that some immediate measures should be taken to assist the B.C.Southern R.R. to commence practical operations,so that they can push the work to completion as soon as possible,for in consequence of the great demand that would immediately arise,for the unrivalled steam and coking coals of the Crow's Nest Pass, for use,not only by the Smelters that are in present operation,but in numbers of others that would be erected,as soon as Railway transportation is brought within reasonable distance, it would be a perfectly safe action on the part of the Government to guarantee the interest on the bonds,and thus enable the Company to raise the necessary capital. There is no doubt that as soon as the road is finished,East and West Kootenay will become two of the chief revenue producing Districts of the Province.The output of the North Star alone,which is now generally acknoweledged to be one of the largest mines on the Continent,would be increased to an enormous extent. and thriving mining camps would spring up all over the country.

I remain Your obedient Servant.

Thomas.McVittie.Sec, of the Fort Steele Mining Association.

## THE TARIFF ON LEAD.

There is considerable talk at present,as to what the new tariff on Lead will be;As we understand the tenor of the proposed bill before Congress, it is to make the new tariff,60% of the McKinlay tariff. This will place the duty on Lead in the vicinity of $ 18. per ton. This amount while working a hardship to some extent,will not stop active operations in mines that are shipping mineral.

## THE OUTLOOK.

The present indications are that the Mining industries of the District,will be increased to a large extent during the coming season. It is an assured fact, that at least four large companies will work the placer ground on Wild Horse creek,and will commence operations as soon as possible. Prospectors,and Miners have been working during the winter,putting their property in condition for inspection. And if investors will come and see our mines,examine and sample them, they will surely invest,as we have as rich,and as good mineral prospects as there is in any country.

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## THE NEW BOAT.

We have received from Cap't,B.W.Jones,a description of the new Steamboat,now under construction at Jennings,for the Upper Kootenay Navigation Co,. This Steamboat will be built especially for the navigation of a swift,and shallow river like the Kootenay.and is intended,principally for carrying heavy cargoes of ore down stream; Puget Sound fir will be used in the construction of the hull,to insure the greatest strength,for the minimum weight of material.The length of the hull is 116 feet,Beam,26 feet, depth of hold 4 feet,. The Propeling power,will be supplied by two horizontal marine engines,10 X 72. The Boiler is 19 feet in length,42 inches in diameter,and the will have a working pressure of 190 pounds.The stern wheel will be 14 feet in diameter.The boat is to be fitted out with modern improvements, the dining room will be on the main deck,the cabin and staterooms on the upper deck,And though the boat is made for a freight boat,it is the intention of the Company that the passenger service of the boats shall be conducted ,so that it will be a pleasure to take a trip up the Kootenay during the summer. The draught of the boat will be 10 inches when light,and 20 to 24 inches with 100 tons of ore on board. Cap't,H.S.DePuy,will command the new boat, and will have a crew of 10 men. The Pioneer steamer Annerly will be handled by Cap't,B.W.Jones,with a crew of seven men.The Company expect to make two trips a week ,with each boat,from Jennings to Fort Steele.which will give to Fort Steele increased communications with the outside world.

## OUR MINERAL WEALTH.

There is a vast quantity of useful minerals in British Columbia,which are so profusely distributed above the water levels of the valleys,that there is very little prospects of any extensive operations below that level,for a period of years. at least so far as the general production of mineral is concerned. But few properties have reached a depth below the water level,as to require the use of machinery for drainage purposes,and but few of the Silver and Lead properties are troubled with water,the majority of the mines are drained by natural means. This circumstance renders mining in this District,comparatively easy and cheap,and simplifies it so much,as to enable men,who are not practical miners,to work and develope their mines. Our mines can be opened,and conducted with a small capital. All that is required to make mines of this district,prosperous,is the erection of places of treatment in the vicinity,or cheap transportation.with cheap home treatment for the products of our mines, East Kootenay, would take a prominent place in the mineral industries of the World.

## MINING ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The Fort Steele Mining Association,will hold its next regular meeting on the Evening of the 29th of February. All members are requested to be present, as the annual election of officers occurs at that time.and as other matters of importance will come before the Association.

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All possible information,will be furnished by the Association,upon application to,
Thomas.McVittie,Sec,Fort Steele B.C.

The following letter,has been forwarded to Col. James.Baker. By the Fort Steele Mining Association.

Sir. The Fort Steele Mining Association, wish to draw Your attention to the fact, that it has become a matter of absolute necessity ,for some steps to be taken immediately,for at least the erection of a building in which sick or injured men can be received,for as we are at present situated,the nearest hospital is at Golden;and it would be a matter of utter impossibility to convey a badly injured man to that institution.It would be easier during the summer to reach Spokane,or even Nelson.There are at present in the neighbourhood of one hundred men employed in the mines in this vicinity,and during the coming season this number will in all probability be greatly increased.These men are subject to serious accident at all times,and some measures must be taken to provide against such a casualty,for now there is absolutely no means of accomodating the victims of such an accident, there being no room in the hotels,and no private building which could be used for the purpose.The Association venture to suggest that the Government should besides supplying the necessary surgical instruments and a supply of drugs for the first year,make an appropriation of $500,towards the construction of a cottage hospital,containing an operating room,two wards and a spare room, The residents of the District subscribing another $500,this would enable us to tide over the coming season,and then if the progress of the country will warrant further expenditure the hospital can be enlarged and its affairs be placed on a proper basis.In the meantime we consider that under the circumstances we are not asking too much,considering the Revenue which the Government receives from this portion of the District;The department ought to bear in mind that the Northern end of the District gets credit for receipts which properly speaking belongs to the Southern portion,namely the land payments and the mining lease rents of this section, and in all probability the next year will see such an influx of miners and prospectors that the revenue receipts will be nearly doubled. It is also well to bear in mind that there will be in all liklihood,cases of destitute or pauper patients,which will have to be attended to any way,and will be a source of greater expense to the Government, unless some provision is made with regard to a hospital in which they can be treated.

I have the honour to remain Your obedient servant.
Thomas.McVittie,Secretary.
Fort Steele Min'g Ass$^{n}$

PICKED UP ROUND TOWN.

Dont forget the Mining Association meeting to night.

It looks as if the snow is a thing of the past, Robins and Blackbirds have made their appearance, and to all appearances we shall have an early spring.

Messers,Dempsey & Grassick,are building a cottage at Westport,for Miss.Wallinger.

The Mathers saw mill starts up next week.

R.D.Mathers is building a new Ferry Boat at Dalgardno-ville.

George.Geary,came in with the mail last trip,He will be with us every two weeks. He reports no sleighing from Sinclair Grade,to Canal Flats.

The North Star Co, have had to build another ore shed, at the landing.

Divine Service,in the School Room,at 7 1/2 O'clock on Sunday Evening. Subject,suited to the Lenten season.

F.P.Norbury, is building a new residence at Fish Lakes.

The season of Lent, began on the 19th inst, Ash Wednesday.

The Bells of Shandon,
They sound so grand on
The banks of the Lee.

So wrote good old Father Prout. And we hope to hear the sound of a bell shortly in our midst,as Mrs,Huckle,is preparing an entertainment for the purpose of raising funds to purchase one. Let the entertainment be well patronized.

Mr.John,Beckwith, having sold his house,to an intending benedict,gave a farewell party, to a few friends last evening,a pleasant time washad by all.

Mr,Wm.Gillis,will soon commence the building of a rustic cottage on Riverside Avenue.

We learn that Mr.A.Morin,will take the Dalgardno House on the 1st of the month.

Send 5¢ in stamps and get a correct map of the North Star & Sullivan group of mines.Address The Prospector, Fort Steele B.C.

## MORE MINERAL LAND TO BE THROWN OPEN.

A treaty with the Blackfeet Indians, will throw open to miners and prospecters, mineral lands of great value on the main range of the Rocky Mountains. For many years prospectors have penetrated the mountains, and on returning, have reported the existence of large and valueable ore bearing ledges in that section. It was in this region that large pieces of stream tin were found in 1876. and more recently copper ores, rich in gold.

B.W.Jones, and John.Wightman, came in over the new sleigh road from Kalispel. They report that the sleighing, as far as Bull River, good. Mr, Jones, reports that the new boat is progressing rapidly. also that the Steamer Annerly will start about the middle of April. Mr.Wightman, came to have a look at the country, and was favorably impressed with our town, and talks of coming back in April, and engage in business.

## OUR MINES.

### THE DARDENELLES.

The tunnel, on this property is in 130 feet, and the lead, is showing up nicely, it is about five feet in width. An assay was made on some quartz above the main pay streak, the returns showed 1, 9/10ozs, in gold, and 23 ozs, in silver. or a total value of $ 52.90. to the ton.

### THE NORTH STAR.

The North Star, still continues to take out 30 tons of ore per day. The sleighing on the road to the mine, is not good. Some of the teams are hauling, and fifty tons were taken to the landing on Friday.

### THE St, EUGENE MINE.

It is reported, that one of the best mining men in our District, and one of long practical mining experience, and who knows what he is talking about, Say's, that if the St, Eugene Co, wish to go ahead and put out ore, the shipment for 1896. can be made equal to that of the North Star. This shows that we have another mine that is of vast magnitude as an ore producer.

### THE MIDNIGHT.

Mr. Watson, reports that work on this property is being pushed as fast as possible, that there is a good showing, considerable Galena in sight. That the owners will shortly apply for a Crown Grant.

### INTERNATIONAL PLACER Co.

The tunnel on the above named property is in 230 feet, in running this distance a ledge of quartz was cut some 24 feet in width, carrying a small amount of Copper and Gold. The Company expect to reach the old channel in about 160 feet.

### THE DIBBLE GROUP.

The contractors engaged in running a tunnel on this property are in 113 feet. two leads have been crossed out, the first was about three feet in width, the second is a small one, about 12 inches, and is very rich. the ore is Gray Copper and Chlorides. There is four leads on this property, the Contractors expect to reach the third lead in ten or twelve feet.

The North Star Co have bought the Daffodil, from C,E.Edwards. consideration is not known.

### THE SULLIVAN GROUP.

Messers, Smith & Slever. are sinking on the Hamlet, the Shaft is down some thirty feet, with a large showing of ore. There is a large amount of Galena in sight, and it is the opinion of many, that when this group of mines are developed, that it will prove to be as large a mine as its neighbour the North Star.

### THE INVICTA GOLD MINING CO.

This company has contracted with a California firm for the purchase of three new giants, and a large amount of pipe. these are expected at the mine early in the spring. The company last fall, completed a dam 60 feet in height, there are three water ditches on this property, the largest carrying 1500 inches of water. The company at Fort Steele, is represented by Mr.David.Griffiths, who has been in this vicinity since the sixties.

### THE NIP AND TUCK CLAIM.

This claim has been leased by Mr, J.M.Buxton, of Vancouver, and has paid well for a number of years, It is reported that a new hydraulic mining plant will be put in at an early day.

### THE LITTLE AND BIG CHIEF.

The owners of these claims, have a group of four claims, in close proximity to the North Star. as soon as possible after the snow is off the mountain, the owners will proceed to develope the property. the Big Chief is an extension of the Midnight on the North, The Eureka is North of the Chief, and there is a showing of mineral on these claims.

### THE FUTURE.

The Spokane Review, say's there is a great mining possibilities for British Columbia. New Districts are being opened up, and the older Districts developed. And it might be truthfully said, that from the summit of the Rocky Mountains, to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. the hills and mountains are filled with mineral. Only waiting the time, when the tireless prospector shall penetrate the wilds, Scale the mountain peaks, and open up the treasure vaults of nature which so long have held out against the encroachment of man.

### MINERAL QUOTATIONS.

Silver, 67,1/2. Copper, $ 10. Lead, $ 2.90.

### THE PROSPECTOR.

That unique type of modern civilization, The Prospector. His speculating eye scanned the mountains, and he guessed there might be something in them. With him conjecture was conviction. To him, no matter that the foot of man had never trod those solemn fastnesses; no matter that the wild beast prowled upon his footsteps or hid beside the jungle path to waylay the audacious intruder who dared invade his ancient heritage; no matter that the tornado swept through the mountain tops and hurled the fell avalanche down the steep canyon's side. Fear, Falter, Fail, were words he never learned; they had no place in his vocabulary. With trusty rifle on his shoulder and his scant store of flour and bacon swung upon his back, he made the wilderness his home, the fragrant boughs his bed, and the spreading branches of some friendly tree his shelter. Seated beside some mountain stream he sought the yellow gold among the pebbles, and urged ever forward by some seductive genii of the mountains, he kept on and on until the stream, shrunken to a rivulet, disclosed its sources beneath some towering glacier. Success finally rewards his search, and his brawny arm plies the pick until the mountain sides confess a royal mine. Ex, M.W.M.A.

## TAX NOTICE.

SOUTHERN DIVISION OF EAST KOOTENAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,That in accordance with the Statutes,Revenue Tax,and all other taxes levied under the assessment act;are now due for the year 1896, and payable at my office in Fort Steele. If paid on,or before June 30th 1896.

One half of one per cent on Real Property,
Two per cent on assessed value of Wild Land.
One third of one per cent on Personal Property.

If paid after June 30th 1896.

Two thirds of one per cent on Real Property,
Two and one half per cent on assessed value of Wild Land,
One half of one per cent on Personal Property.
Revenue Tax of $3 for every male person over the age of 18 years.
All persons,who are in arrears of taxes due up to the 31st of Dec 1895,are requested to pay the same,or costs will be incurred at an early date. C.M.Edwards,Collector & Assessor.
Southern Division of East Kootenay,Fort Steele.

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