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A chiel's amang you takin notes,
And faith he'l prent them.

LOGAL NEWS.

FORT STEELE WEATHER REPORT

TEMPERATURE.

MAR.	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
4	30. 1	7. 0
5	20. 1	8. 3
6	27. 4	—9. 1
7	26. 1	—19. 1
8	32. 4	—14. 3
9	35. 0	3. 6
10	35. 3	15. 5

Unsettled, Snow showers and drifting principally from the South.

Observer—Dr. Charles McLean.

A weekly mail from Golden is now assured.

Two teams came in from Kalispell on Tuesday.

Mining property is rapidly changing hands in this district.

H. L. Ammie returned to the North Star on Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph Walsh came in from Perry creek on Sunday.

Mr. Mitchell of the Invicta Co. was in town on Sunday.

R. O. Jennings will leave for Spokane today.

R. L. T. Galbraith went to the Mission on Thursday.

The Grand Central Hotel will soon open.

Captain Armstrong will be in on Sunday's stage.

H. L. Cummins, came in from Wasa on Monday.

Mr. T. Starbird, visited the North Star mine on Monday.

C. F. Smith came down from the Sullivan group Sunday last, on business.

The fire Wardens, were around inspecting the buildings on Wednesday.

Capt. Tom Flowers will have a Ferry at Elk river early this season.

Alex. Watson will go to Golden the 1st of the week, in connection with a mining deal.

Mr. O. S. Frizzell will go to Spokane during the coming week.

A number of Perry creek claims changed hands during the week.

Mr. Harding a Solicitor from Kamloops will open an office here shortly.

Captain Macdonald of Fort Macleod is expected here in May.

Messr's Macleod & Boesen has the contract for fitting up the Grand Central Hotel.

Wm. Bossie, has taken a contract to sink a shaft on Wild Horse creek.

Messrs Jackson, Watson, McGowen and Drew went to Wasa on Wednesday.

W. J. R. Cowell, of Victoria, has bought over $30.000 worth of mining property in this district. Mr. Cowell, returned to Victoria on Monday.

We want your tea-trade for the rest of your life.

Do you see now how we can afford to say: "Get every sort of *Schilling's Best* of your grocer, and get your money back on what you don't like"?

A Schilling & Company
San Francisco 256

Several large mining deals have been consummated during the past week.

Many prominent officials of the province have secured mining property in this district.

T. McVittie P. L. S. & C. E., is busily engaged in making a large new map of the district.

Mr. Robert Wingate a leading banker from Tacoma, Wash. will be here in May and will likely invest in our mines.

The Steamer "Halys" belonging to Captain Miller, has been sold to Mr. Kane of Kaslo who will run between Kaslo and Bonners Ferry.

The old Hymn "I want to be an angle!" is now changed to "I want to be a farmer in East Kootenay, as hay is $35,00 per ton and straw $12,00 per load.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Mr. Galbraith conducted service last Sabbath evening.

Next Sabbath services will be held as follows: in the afternoon at 2 o'clock Sabbath school, at 3 o'clock an Episcopal service. In the evening Mr. Patmore will conduct the Presbyterian service His subject will be "Lots Wife."

Crow's Nest.

The Railway Sure To Go On This Year.

LOCATING A LUMBER MILL

At Fort Steele for Turning Out Bridge Timbers.

Golden, British Columbia—A gentleman representing a large eastern lumber company has just left here for Fort Steele for the purpose of locating a site for a large saw mill for the turning out of lumber for bridge and railway construction generally. He said his company had been advised by certain members of the Government that the Crow's Nest Pass Railway was going through this year for certain. It most likely will be built by the Government, but in any case it is bound to go through.—Exchange.

IMPROVE THE KOOTENAY.

A Daily Boat Line From Fort Steele to Jennings.

As the tidal wave of improvement that seems to have come upon this district, "a weekly mail, a bi-weekly stage from Golden, and a daily boat line between Fort Steele and Jennings Montana." We trust that the government will see the absolute necessity of improving the Kootenay river. It will take three possibly four large steamboats to transport the large amount of ore that the North Star Co. have out, to a railway, credit is due the steamboat company for their promptness in recognising the importance of increasing their service, and it is time that the "powers that be" become "the powers that see" and help forward the mining industry of this portion of East Kootenay. It would also be wise for the government to foster and help this growing commercial industry, for, until railway communications are established, there will be no other means of transporting ore, and a few thousand dollars expended on the river this season, will give the district eight months of navigation.

Mining News.

Several large mining deals have been consummated during the past week. Many small transfers have also been made.

THE EUREKA GROUP SOLD.

Mr. W. J. Rooke Cowell, of Victoria, has purchased the Eureka, Big Chief, Little Chief and Geneva claims for $8,000 cash. These claims are situated on Huckleberry Hill, and have a good showing of mineral, the Big Chief is the extension of the Midnight on the north.

VERMONT BOY GROUP SOLD

Mr. Cowell, has also purchased the Vermont group, paying $5,000 in cash for the property, these claims lie north of the Eureka group, and north of Mark creek.

MAMMOTH & WASA BONDED

Mr. Cowell, also bonded the Mammoth and Wasa claims for $15,000. We learn that five per cent is cash.

Mr. Jackson, representing the East Kootenay Development Co, has secured several valuable properties on Bull and Elk river.

Mr. Wm, Forsyth, has sold a half interest in the Old Bailley.

The following list of mineral claims have been sold or bonded.

Hope	$ 2,000	½ INT.
Shylock, Hamlet	30,000	¾ "
Waterfall	75	¼ "
Alberta No 2	230	
St. Eugene, Peter, Loretta	12,000	½ "
Snow Shoe, Hoo doo, Dandy and Sour Dough	30,000	
Gem No 1	100	¼ "
Alberta No 1	115	½ "
Shakespere, Dandy	6,900	"
Dardenelles	6,900	
Elkhorn, Pearl	6,000	
Quantrell, Utopia, StonewallJackson	6,000	
Vermont group	5,000	
Big Horn, Little Horn	30,000	
French group	300	½ "
Banker, Cashier, Teller, Apex	500	½ "
Stoney, Gem	25,000	
Alberta	10,000	
Old Bailley	200	½ "
Almadan	300	
Gold Crown, Buck Horn, Big Horn	200	¼ "
Homestake	500	¼ "
Eureka group	8,000	
Midget	2,000	
Mammoth, Wasa	15,000	
Gold Crown, Buck Horn, Big Horn	200	¼ "
Del Norte, Great Northern, Fred Dubois	35,000	

24 mining claims have been recorded as sold, with $1 as the consideration, the value of these claims will amount to over $100,000.

The mining claims sold and bonded in this district numbers over fifty, and the amount involved will reach the sum of $600,000 this is a grand showing for the district, when we take into consideration, the fact, that the Fort Steele district has but recently been brought to the notice as a mineral country. But the fact is patent to all, that there is a vast amount of discovered, and undiscovered mineral wealth in this district, and with increased facilities for the transportation of ore, our mines will be rapidly developed, and with the advent of the Crow's Nest railway, this district will become one of the largest producers on the continent.

ATTENTION MINE OWNERS.

If you have a good mine, let the outside world know it. If you make a sale let it be known. It is a duty that you owe to yourself, and the district, to make these facts known. The Prospector, is here to publish a full and complete description of your mine or prospect. Don't fail to drop in and furnish us with the necessary data.

WHERE TO GO.

If you want a silver-lead proposition, get a claim near the North Star or Sullivan group.

If you want a gold property, try Wild Horse or Perry creeks.

If you want copper, you will find it on Elk or Bull rivers.

If you want a good mine, why! get one in the Fort Steele Mining District.

NOTICE.

To Prospectors and Owners of Claims.

The manager of the Prospector being desirous of having a collection of minerals, "for exhibition," and to advertise the mines of the district, we request all mine and claim owners to furnish us with samples of ore, in return we will furnish proper means of labeling them, and a prominent place for exhibiting them to the visiting public.—Manager.

We have been assured that our member, Hon. Hewett Bostock will do everything in his power to obtain from the government the necessary funds for the improvement of the river. Navigation will open about the first of May, and the work of improving should be commenced before high water and we trust that our member will see the importance of immediate action. With increased transportation facilities, the Fort Steele district will rival any mining camp on this continent.

A poetic wave seems to have struck our Legislators, the member for East Kootenay leads of with the following in an attack on Dr. Walkem the member for Nanaimo.

If Col. Baker had the job of writing his (Walkem's) epitaph, it would be this doggerel:

"Here lies William Wymond Walkem.
Why, man! the women he'd out talk 'em.
If he passed to realms above,
Farewell to amity and love;
But if he has gone to a lower level,
I cannot congratulate the devil

And the member for Cassiar, goes the member for East Kootenay one better, and said he would favor him wich a little verse:

Here is to the Baker who don't knead dough,
Who thinks every word he says must go;
He tries to rule like a Russian Czar,
But he'll find himself baulked by Cassiar.

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OUR CLAIMS ON THE DOMINION.

An article appeared in the Ottawa Citizen of the 16th Feb., which calls for notice. It refers to the visit of Senator McInnes and his associates to ask for the construction of a railway from the Coast to Kootenay, and says that they "represent a movement which threatens danger." It then tells us that the government is committed to the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railroad, which will cost $8,000,000 and "is to be built so that the Northwest territory may secure the supply of the trade of the twenty thousand miners and others in the southeast part of British Columbia," and it seems astonished that any one should ask a railway "to enable British Columbia to participate in the supplying of the Kootenay mining region." Then it tells us that Mr. Foster four years ago, when prime minister, "informed parliament that the period of large subsidies to railways had about closed," and winds up its jeremiad by asking "Where do these British Columbia gentlemen imagine the money is to come from?" This sort of an article from a paper which was closely identified with Sir John Macdonald's policy of Canadian development discloses a a reactionary tendency, that is, to say the least, a surprise. It will be noted that the Ottawa paper very frankly admits that the Crow's Nest Pass Railway is primarily, so far as trade matters are concerned, a work for the advantage of the Northwest Territories and Ontario, but this is as far as it goes It is guilty of the phenomenal absurdity of supposing that any one will ask the Dominion government or that any government should ask parliament to spend $8,000,000 to construct a railway for the sake of serving 20,000 people, who have already the Canadian Pacific on the north and the American railways to the south, with a very excellent system of water communication between the different parts of the mining districts. If this were all there is to Southeast British Columbia every voice in this Province would be raised against the expenditure of $8,000,000 on the Crow's Nest Pass or any other railroad, and no man would have the hardihood to petition for aid for a road from the Coast to Kootenay. In the first place the "twenty thousand miners and others" is a gross underestimate of the people whose trade the proposed road will secure to the Northwest and Ontario. In the two towns of Rossland and Trail there are half that many people already, and this is only one corner of Kootenay. Before the Crow's Nest Pass road can be built, there will be more than 20,000 people in Rossland alone, and he would be a rash man who would attempt to limit the number of other progressive mining camps and towns which by this time will count their population by thousands. The trade by which the proposed road is intended to divert from American to Canadian sources of supply is not simply that of 20,000 people, but that of a community which by the time the road is ready to do business is likely to contain, at the present rate of progress, more than 100,000 people.

But this is not the sole reason why the road ought to be built. A railway through the country from Lethbridge to, say, Grand Forks will open a mineralized country of remarkable promise, besides giving the smelters, now and to be erected in Kootenay, access to the coal lands, which is essential to their complete success. This branch of the subject has been gone over time and again and the only surprise is that the Citizen has seen fit to ignore all that has been said about it.

The considerations above mentioned place the request of the British Columbia delegation in a very different light from that in which the Ottawa paper regards it. We think that this is already very well understood by the ministers and it is hardly necessary to add anything further in regard to it. Yet it may be well to say for information of our contempory and all others who take a similar view that a railway from the eastern border of British Columbia to the Coast along the general route favored by the delegation referred to, would open up a district of very great value from a mining standpoint and of much importance agriculturally. We are not now advocating the construction of such a line by the Dominion government, but are simply protesting against a misrepresentation of the merits of such a project.

What Mr. Foster may have said or may not have said four years ago hardly cuts very much of a figure now. He himself would be the first to repudiate the pretence that the course of the government, in view of the great mining development which this Province has seen since he made the declaration referred to, should be governed by what appeared at that time politic. Mr. Foster has shown his faith in Kootenay in a practical way, and we do not believe that he will be found protesting in parliament against any well-considered plan for the opening of the country by railways.

"Where do these gentlemen from British Columbia think the money is coming from?" We will answer the question for the gentlemen from British Columbia. They do not expect it to come out of the pockets of the people of Ontario, or Quebec, or of the Maritime Provinces, or of the Northwest. Let the Government of Canada promise the aid necessary to open British Columbia by railways, and this Province will repay the money into the treasury almost as rapidly as it is advanced. We are now paying to the federal revenue hundreds of thousands of dollars annually more than we are receiving. Open the Province with railways. Give capitalists a chance to get at our mines of precious metals; settlers a chance to occupy our fertile valleys and cattleraisers to utilize our splendid pasture lands, and the excess of our contributions will be counted by millions annually. The Citizen seems to have outlived the "splendid audacity" of the great leader of its party, who, if he were alive to day, would be the first to recognize the glorious possibilities of the Pacific Province.

The Colonist.

COAST LINE SHELVED.

Dominion Government Funds Will be Exhusted in Crows Nest Pass, Protection Asked by Everybody.

Quebec Preparing to Deal With Premier Laurier for Treachery.

Ottawa, Feb. 23. An important meeting of the Cabinet has been called for Thursday to consider the building of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. The Canadian Pacific are putting forward great efforts to get the work of construction and they are being opposed by those who favor the road being built by the Government. The Cabinet is about evenly divided on the subject. Those who oppose the C. P. R. are backed by a resolution passed by the City Council of Toronto. Other resolutions of a similar kind will follow.

There appears to be no likelihood of assistance to a railway from the Kootenay to the Coast being granted, the Government apparently not regarding the project as of importance equal to that of the Crow's Nest road, and if the line through the pass is assisted or built by the Government there will be no more money available for railways in British Columbia at present.

The whole cry before the tariff commission today was in favor of protection. The manufacturers in almost every instance asked to be left alone: They have all they can do to exist with the present protection.

News Advertiser.

THE COAST LINE SHELVED

The Editor

Fort Steele Prospector,

Fort Steele, B. C.

Sir:—

The above heading will doubtless amaze and disgust you as much as it did the residents of all the other parts of British Columbia. Such a glaring breach of faith of the newly elected "Liberal" government shows two things. 1st: That the interests of British Columbia in *their own* province are to be disregarded and completely sacrificed to those of the eastern Provinces of Canada, a state of affairs which we British Columbians will not submit to for a moment. Better disolve partnership with the East and paddle our own canoe! 2nd: It shows how very powerful (too powerful!) the influence of the C. P. R. is in the East. For it is already quite plain to us Westerners that the Conservative government having *given* the latter corporation a monopoly in the greater half of Canada, the Liberal (very liberal!) government are going to give them the rest, and thus complete the disaster.

Let us we may as well!-therefore at once add the title of Governor General and Premier of Canada to VanHorn's present title as President of the C. P. R. The *competition* railway from the Crow's Nest Pass to the coast is to be *shelved*, the railway which was to connect all the mining districts of British Columbia together, and with the Coast-is it? I trust not; and I hope East Kootenay will put its shoulder to the wheel as well as all the other districts of British Columbia and see that the road is built, and *at once!* and if the Dominion government and the rest do not think we have anything to say in the matter, let us make it quite clear to them that while they may build all the roads they like East of the Rockies *we* will look after the railways west of them.

Open competition B. C.

FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

As foreshadowed several days ago, a mining act will be introduced this session. The attorney-general has already given notice of it. Such an act has become necessary on account of the large number of mineral claims that have been taken up in the province. It is reported that the local government will shortly acquire all the mineral and other crown lands in the province, but official confirmation of this is not yet forthcoming.

Keep your eye on the Fort Steele Mining District.

Notice Taxpayers

ASSESSMENT ACT AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX,

FORT STEELE DIVISION OF EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897.

All of the above named taxes collectable within the Fort Steele Division of East Kootenay District are payable at my office, in Fort Steele.

Assessed taxes are collectable at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before June 30th 1897.

Three-fifths 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.

On so much of the incomes of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates namely: Upon such excess of income when the sum 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 quarter of one per cent: when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July 1897.

Four-fifths of one per cent on Real property.

Three per cent on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent on Personal property.

On so much of the incomes 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-quarter 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-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial Revenue Tax $3.00 per capita.

C. M. EDWARDS,
Assessor and Collector.

Fort Steele Feb. 23rd, 1897. 34

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of unoccupied Crown lands situated on Perry creek East Kootenay, about 9 miles above the old town, commencing at the west corner post running 40 chains east thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west thence 40 chains south to the place of commencement.

Dated December 19th, 1896.

W. J. WELLER.
A. DOYLE.

NOTICE.

Take Notice. Sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase a certain parcel of surveyed land known as Lot 43 in group 1, and situated on Findlay Creek about 8 miles from its mouth.

F.H.BACON.

Dated, Golden, B.C. 9th, day January, 1897.

SHERIFFS SALE.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias against goods issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, at the suit of William Georgeson, Assignee and Trustee for the benefit of the Creditors of Carlin & Lake, against A. L. Hogg, and to me directed, I was directed to make out of the goods and chattels of the defendant A. L. Hogg, the sum of $657.75 for debt, the sum of $35.11 for costs, the sum of $4.50 for cost of execution, together with interest on the said sum and Sheriffs fees, poundage and incidental expenses.

I have seized and taken in execution the following property.

All the Estate, right, Title and interest of the Defendent, A. L. Hogg, in the following Mineral claim. One eighth (1/8) undivided interest in the Lake Shore Mineral claim situate on the Moyea Lake, district of Kootenay.

Now Notice is hereby given that I will offer for sale by public auction the said property, on Saturday the sixth day of March, 1897, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Mining Recorders Office at Fort Steele, in the District of Kootenay, unless in the meantime the money aforesaid is paid and satisfied.

Dated at Donald in the District of Kootenay, this 6 February, 1897.

S. REDGRAVE.
Sheriff of Kootenay.

The above advertised sale, has been postponed until April 6th, 1897.

S. REDGRAVE.
Sheriff of Kootenay.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, for permission to purchase that fraction of land lying north of lot 51 group 1, west of lot 55 group 1, and between said lots and the Kootenay River, near Fort Steele in East Kootenay District B. C. Containing in all about [illegible] twenty acres more or less.

James C. Durick.

Dated this 26th day of Dec. 1896.

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THE PROSPECTOR.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land, situate in the district of East Kootenay and described as follows: Beginning at a post planted on the southern boundary of Lot No 325 [40.00] chains east from the S.W. corner of said lot, thence south (40.00) forty chains, thence east (40.00) forty chains, thence north (40.00) forty chains to the one mile post on southern boundary of Lot 325, thence west (40.00) forty chains following southern boundary of said lot to place of beginning.

R.L.T.Galbraith.

Dated Feb. 9th, 1897. 32

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land situate in the district of East Kootenay, and described as follows: Beginning at a post planted on the west bank of the Kootenay river (40.00) forty chains south from the southern boundary of Lot 325, thence west (40.00) forty chains, thence south (40.00) forty chains, thence east (40.00) forty chains, thence following western bank of Kootenay river to place of beginning.

J.E.Humphreys.

Dated Feb. 9th, 1897. 32

NOTICE.

The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act, authorizing it to issue bonds to the extent of Thirty Thousand dollars per mile of its railway including an extension from its Eastern terminus in an Easterly direction to Macleod or a point on the line of the Calgary and Macleod Railway and thence Easterly to Lethbridge, and to make such agreements for conveying or leasing the Company's railway and its rights and powers as is usually given to Railway Companies in their Acts of Incorporation, and for other purposes.

Gemmill & May,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Ottawa, Jan. 20, 1897. 32

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, for permission to purchase a certain parcel of surveyed land known as lot No. 758, group 1, situate on Findlay Creek, East Kootenay.

C. SWEENY.

Dated at Golden, Feb. 23rd, 1897. 34

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situate in East Kootenay and described as follows: Beginning at a post planted on the West bank of the Kootenay River about one mile above the mouth of Bull River. Thence 40 chains North thence 40 chains West thence 40 chains South thence 40 chains East to post No 1.

T. H. L. FENWICK.

February 20th, 1897. 34

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a Company to construct and operate a railway from a point at or near the Town of Lethbridge, in Alberta, in the North West Territories of Canada: thence extending westerly through Crow's Nest Pass to the Columbia river in the Province of British Columbia: thence westerly to a point in said Province on or near the Fraser River or the Straits of Georgia, or any arm or inlet of the same at tide-water or seaboard with power to build, acquire, maintain and operate steam and other vessels to be used in connection with the said railway, also to purchase and use water to generate electrical power and to sell and lease such power.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, 17th December, 1896.

ARCHER MARTIN.
Solicitor for Applicants.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situated on Perry creek East Kootenay, 20 chains south and 20 chains west of the south west corner post of Weller & Doyle's application for purchase, the same being unreserved and unoccupied Crown lands, commencing at the North East corner post running 40 chains south thence 40 chains east thence 40 chains north thence 40 chains to the place of commencement.

Dated December 19th 1896.

J. C. DURICK.

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O. S. Frizzell,	Vice	" "
N. A. Wallinger,	"	" "
E. C. Smith,	"	" "
C. F. Venosta,		Secretary.

The regular meetings of the association will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday in every month.

All possible information will be furnished by the Association, upon application to

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Editor of the Prospector.

Dear Sir:—

In your issue of March 6th, occurs an interview, in which you refer to the high prices asked for mineral claims in the East Kootenay district, as compared with the prices of claims in the Rat Portage and Rainy Lake districts. Pardon me, if I allow common sense to ask a question; if the gentleman interviewed, found mining business so very favorable "for the buyers" in the Rat Portage and Rainy River district, "why! did he not for one stop there. If mining property can be bought so very reasonable in the said Rat Portage and Rainy River districts, why: does the Rat Portage Gold Mining Company Limited, require a capital of $1,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring the Master Jack mine, a mining location containing 37 acres, which is situated on the East arm of Blind-fold Lake, about one mile from the Lake of the Woods, the only development done on the claim, being a shaft sunk to the depth of 75 feet."

A good prospect is cheap even if you pay a fair price for it, where as a poor one is not worth the price of recording the same.

I'm afraid, it is easy for a gentleman to talk, and advise, what a prospector should ask for his property, but please reverse the conditions, allow a tin horn investor, to become the owner of a cheap prospect, and you would soon see how rapidly a cheap prospect, can become valuable, and what a large money valuation he will now require to place this now valuable property on the market.

I am sorry to say, if the mineral resources of this district, or the markets of the world, would have to depend for their raw material upon those who sit in their easy office chairs, and scheme how to get the highest commissions out of the prospector or investor. I think that even cheap prospects would not burden the markets. The value of quartz claims in the eyes of adventurous prospectors, depends largely upon the surrounding conditions, of which float, and good placer deposits below his prospect, and being on the same vein of a producing mine, are the main factors, if these factors are present, the price asked for the prospect is comparatively high, and the chance for finding a paying mine equally as high. In the Fort Steele district, where we have gulches, and creeks, that have produced, since their discovery, the vast amount of $22,000,000 in placer gold, and where our prospectors urged on by great expectations, have hunted and prospected for years to find the source from whence all this great wealth came, and for years were ridiculated, and laughed at by the "Hay Diggers," and there were times that even their own strong hearts seemed to fail them; but hope, and a strong reliance upon the fact, that, there was immense wealth hidden in the hills spurred these brave and hardy men to increased exertions in their search for the hidden treasure, but where was those ledges which supplied the gulches and creeks with the yellow metal? All this labor, all these privations seemed to be in vain, until recent years, some few men found pay quartz in place, and in sufficient quantities which in their opinion, was to bring them wealth, and the comforts of life, and lifted the barrier that kept them away from a happy home, a dear home of their own.

A bitter experience has convinced them that a "hay-making" investor is no good in any country, that a "bona fide" eastern investor does not come out to help these prospectors eat their freshly baked bannocks from any philanthropic sentiment, but that he comes out on strict business principles, to investigate what the prospector has for sale; the investor and his confidential expert are not troubling themselves about the price the prospector asks for his property, the only factors to be taken into consideration, are, what are the chances of the prospect becoming a producing mine, what are the most favorable terms can the property be acquired, will the prospector take a bond, or want a cash sale. To get hold of a prospect on the most favorable terms, is of course the object of every conservative investor, if the prospect or claim has the ear marks of a mine, the experienced investor will buy it, even if he has to pay a large price, and in conclusion allow me to say that the days are past, when a "Rocky Mountain Mirage" whose only future exists in the enthusiastically written productions of a Wild Cat Mining and Development Company can be sold at any price.

Old Timer.

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EXTENDING TO FORT STEELE.

Operations of the Le Roi People Are Broadening.

The Le Roi people have decided to extend their operations into the Fort Steele district of East Kootenay. A number of the officers and large stockholders of that mine have bought the Sullivan group of mines in that district, have organized a company called the Sullivan Group Mining Company, and will push development as soon as the upper Kootenay shall be opened to navigation in the spring. The incorporation papers were sent to Olympia yesterday. The capitalization is $2,500,000, the same as the Le Roi their par value of $1, while in the Le Roi their par value is $5. Officers have not yet been elected, but the trustees are George Turner, W. M. Ridpath, Frank Hogan, R. B. Blake F. T. Post, Colonel W. D. Turner Colonel I. N. Peyton, J. W. Cleaver and A. L. Davis. Other owners are E. D. Saunders, E. W. Smith, Major Armstrong, L. F. Williams and D. W. Henley.

The claims owned by the company are the Hope, the Hamlet and the Shylock. They are about 20 miles from Fort Steele, and two miles from the famous North Star mine. They were located three years ago by Sullivan, Smith, Cleaver and Burchett Colonel Ridpath, who made a close examination of the claims last fall, and supreintended surface development, said yesterday:

"It is the most remarkable surface showing I have ever seen, and I do not ever except the Le Roi. The croppings show 15 to 25 feet of solid galena ore, and assays from the surface run all the way from $20 to $60 per ton. At one point a butte of rock stands above the surface for 20 feet. It is 300 feet long and 150 feet across, and wherever cut shows a large per cent of galena ore. It is thought that the entire butte will be found to be concentrating ore. We have galena boulders on the surface that will weigh a ton each."

The owners of the North Star have constructed a wagon road from their boat landing on the Kootenay to the mine, and this road runs within two miles of the Sullivan group. Colonel Ridpath says the projected line of the Crow's Nest pass road will run within 10 miles of these mines, and that a spur can be built in with comparatively little expense. The country is unusually level and open for a mountainous region, and over a great part of it one can drive with a wagon.

Three steamers ply upon that part of the Kootenay river, and it is the intention of the company to send in machinery as soon as navigation opens and push development work on its properties.—Exchange.

Eastern papers are sending up a howl of virtuous indignation upon the methods adopted by some mining companies in making their capitalization high, and the $1 a line smile that covers the business managers countenance when he receives a full page ad from these same companies is quite the reverse. But as Uncle Isiac, says "Pishness is Pishness."

A charter is sought for a railway line from Kaslo, in West Kootenay, to Lardo, thence to Upper Kootenay Lake to the Duncan River and the head waters of that stream.

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HANDS OFF KOOTENAY.

Mr. Jas. D. Lewis of Toronto has a most sensible letter in a recent issue of the new Mining Journal, the Canadian Miner, published in that city, from which THE HERALD takes the liberty of making the following extract. Speaking of the proposed fee of $1000 for a charter to incorporate as a mining company Mr. Lewis says: Prospectors as a rule, have very little money. All the capital they have is their strong arms and a certain amount of knowledge, and they get a "grubstake" or credit from some storekeeper for food and necessaries and start out on foot with a donkey to carry their pack. They sleep on the ground, and even do not have a shanty, until they have a claim. They then go to work and develop it, or partially develop it. They run out of funds, or their credit is cut off, and they can go no further. Some mining man comes along, who is both a mining man and a promoter. He sees the claim, and the result is the prospector and promoter make a bargain. The promoter goes away, and finds money in the United States, or England, and brings it to that prospector, and thousands of dollars are expended on that mine, and many men are employed, and finally expensive machinery is bought and brought into the wilderness, and the country gets the benefit of the wealth brought in and runs no risk. If the mine pays, it expends thousands of dollars every year for wages, supplies, etc., and the province gets the benefit of it. Let them put that tax of $1000 on something else, but do not let them kill the goose that lays the golden egg; for that is surely what they will do if they put such a veto on a charter. British Columbia has been and is a poor country. It has not the wealth within itself to open up mining, and must go abroad for the money. What they want to do, is to give every latitude to people to come in and bring their money; make the laws liberal, and make a nominal charge for their charge for their charter of, say, $25 at the most. It is a new country, and it does not want to copy after Old Country methods. It was the freedom miners had in the United States that encouraged men to go into all parts of the country and open up the mines. You do not want to lay any heavy burdens on people's shoulders, nor put any obstacles in their way when these people are running all the risks, and taking all the chances, and enduring all the hardships, and asking you for nothing in return, but simply to be let alone, and not worried with fool laws, and burdened with taxation, no matter what the nature of the tax may be. You have a boom on now. Keep it. It is not an easy thing to get, and it is an easy thing to lose. To all of which THE HERALD responds a hearty Amen.

If the united wisdom of this province now in council assembled at Victoria want to change the present mining laws, let them make such changes as will tend to the greater development of our mining resources. A more rigid system of inspection of claims would do everything that this fee for incorporation is intended to do in the way of preventing wild cat companies from deluding the public and at the same time greatly increase the amount of actual development work done. The practical evasion of that part of the mining regulations under the present system is too notorious to need mention. Such a system of inspection would be at once acceptable to our miners, and is being demanded by the outside public, a recent article in the Toronto World, which has become the authority on British Columbian mining matters in Eastern Canada, having demanded it. Another change, which our miners and prospectors would like to see, would be the abolition of the option to pay an assessment tax, instead of doing the assessment work, another change, which would help a good deal towards the development of this hidden wealth of the country. Considering that Kootenay is furnishing about one fifth of the total population of British Columbia, THE HERALD thinks it is about time our legislators came here to find out what changes are required in the laws governing our only industry. If they will not do that, then we ask of them is for goodness sake to leave the mining laws severely alone. Even from the Victoria point of view of Kootenay, as a milch cow, out of which she had better drain all that is coming, while there is a chance to do so, the establishment of such a fee as they propose would be a mistake. Kootenay nearly doubled its contribution to the provincial revenue in the twelve months between June 1895 and 1896. It contributed two-thirds of the increase, and one-eighth of the total amount of the whole revenue. And this only in the beginning of its development. It must be quite obvious, one would think, even in Victoria, that Kootenay, if let alone, will eventually be equal to the task of pulling this province out of its financial difficulties single-handed. Kootenay has no objection to the task. All we ask is that we shall be allowed to go to work our own way, and not be hampered by conditions imposed on us by people who are not properly au fait with the situation. It is proverbially dangerous for irresponsible parties to monkey with the band wagon.—Revelstoke Herald.

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