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

LOCAL NEWS.

FORT STEELE WEATHER REPORT

TEMPERATURE.

FEB.	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
25	44. 9	16. 0
26	36. 0	9. 0
27	34. 3	15. 9
28	38. 0	26. 1
MAR. 1	35. 0	12. 9
2	37. 5	— 6. 0
3	39. 0	— 7. 8

Broke for fresh fall of snow, which was followed by keen, clear atmosphere.

Observer—Dr. Charles McLean.

A. C. Robinson, went to Perry creek, on Monday.

The streets of Fort Steele are covered with the beautiful.

The Steele House annex is rapidly approaching completion.

Mr. Neil Curran, of the North Star mine was in town Monday.

There seems to be no limit to the ore productions of Kootenay.

N. Hanson's teams are busy hauling lumber to Fort Steele.

Location Notices, and Bills of Sale, at this office.

George Geary of Windermere is in town.

The Rev. M. Coccalo, O. M. I., left on Monday for a short visit to Golden.

We learn that Frank Micham has taken up a ranch on Sand Creek..

Mr. Carl Neitzel returned from a trip to the North Star mine on Wednesday.

Demar's three four horse teams came in from the Plains on Monday, loaded with hay.

D. Griffith, come down from Wild Horse during the early part of the week.

Messr's Drew and Hayes of Calgary, have rented the Carter Hotel for the season.

Mr. Cecil Dixon, representing Turner & Co, wholesale grocers of Winnipeg, arrived per special conveyance on Wednesday.

George Watson, has applied for a license for the Grand Central Hotel, which he proposes to run as a first class house.

James Durick, left for Kalispell on Monday. He will take in Spokane, Portland, Victoria and Vancouver before he returns.

Mr. Jack Corrigan, has gone to Kalispell to purchase an outfit with which he intends to repair mens solos.

Messr's Brown, Amory and Micham, are building a landing for the accommodation of the steamboats.

C. F. Smith, went to the Sullivan group, on Monday, to make the necessary arrangements for working the Gem and Stoney mineral claims.

The P. O. Inspector carefully inspected the Post Offices at Wild Horse, St. Eugene Mission and Fort Steele during his stay, and found everything in good condition, and the postmasters of the three offices careful and efficient.

Schilling's Best tea is in packages, sealed air-tight to keep, full weight, and right. It is cheap besides.

If you don't like it, your grocer returns your money in full—we pay him to do it.

A Schilling & Company
San Francisco 885

Mr. T. Starbird, of Baker City Oregon, came in from Kalispell, on Friday. We learn that Mr. Starbird is an experienced miner and a thorough mill man.

Messr's Hendley and Brander came in from Kalispell on Wednesday.

J. M. McDonald, better known as Lardeau Jack, a pioneer prospector from West Kootenay, arrived in town on Monday, he will prospect in the Fort Steele district this season.

W. J. Rooke Cowell, B. A., F. G. S., Mining Engineer, arrived in Fort Steele on Friday. We understand that Mr. Cowell will make arrangements for the closing of several mining deals, for parties in Victoria and other places.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Sabbath school next Sunday at 2 o'clock, and an Episcopal service in the evening.

WELCOME NEWS.

Increased Transportation Facilities For the Fort Steele District.

A Bi-Weekly Stage Route From Golden to Fort Steele.

We have been informed that it is the intention of the International and Upper Columbia Navigation Companies, to establish daily communication between Fort Steele and Jennings during the coming summer. A new boat has been contracted for, her capacity will be 100 tons and is to be the lightest draught steamer on the Kootenay river. We understand that the boats will leave Fort Steele daily at 6 a.m. for Jennings Montana.

A NEW STAGE LINE.

A large passenger travel is expected up the Columbia river this season.

In order to accommodate the large passenger travel, which is expected from the North during the coming season. The Upper Columbia Company have decided to place a bi-weekly stage on the Fort Steele route, in connection with the steamboats from Golden on the Columbia river. The time table will be as follows:

Leave Golden, 4 a.m., Tuesdays and Fridays. Arrive at Golden, 4 p.m., Thursdays and Sundays. Leave Fort Steele 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Fridays. Arrive at Fort Steele, 6 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays.

East Kootenay is the most talked of District in British Columbia, and in order to accommodate the travelling public, with the utmost dispatch and regularity, the above companies have decided to increase this service as much as possible. This is a move that is to the interest of the southern portion of the East Kootenay district, and will give the people of Fort Steele, and intermediate points rapid means of communication and transportation, with all parts of Canada and the United States. And will be the direct means of increasing the development of the vast mineral resources of the Fort Steele district. The company are to be commended for their efforts in giving to this district rapid means of communication with the outside world.

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Mining News.

A special report to The Prospector, from Spokane, says, The Sullivan group of mines, has been stocked for $2,500,000 the par value of the stock is $1. 500,000 shares are set aside as treasury stock, to be used for developing the mines. It is also reported that work will be commenced as soon as the necessary machinery can be placed on the ground.

C. F. Smith, manager for the syndicate which recently bonded the Stoney and Gem mines, is looking over the property and making arrangements to put on a force to work the property, also to erect suitable buildings for the men. Messr's Williams, Harris and Smith, are expected at Fort Steele at an early day.

Karl Neitzel, has just returned from the North Star mining district, and reports everything looking favorable in that camp. The Company, is pushing the lower tunnel ahead to strike the vein, and the work is progressing slowly on account af the extremely hard rock in the face of the tunnel. The North Star district, "Mr. Neitzel" thinks, has a great future, on account of the immense ore deposits, and the very favorable character of the same for smelting purposes. The ore is a carbonates carrying a high percentage of iron and lead, the silver occurs in a chloride and native state, and carries an appreciative amount of gold

Mr. Neitzel, could not express himself on the character of the ore deposit, the limited time, and depth of snow, made it impossible to form an opinion as to the character of the vein. The Company have 3000 tons of sacked ore at the landing ready for shipment to the smelter, and over 3000 tons on the dump at the mine. The wagon road after the last snow fall, is in excellent condition, and enables the companies teams to haul 11 tons to the load, from the mine to the landing.

Mr. Neitzel, was much pleased with the courteous treatment he received from the officers and employees of the company during his visit to the mine.

ST. EUGENE MISSION.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten Season, was duly observed at St. Eugene Mission, where a large congregation gathered to listen to the discourse of the Rev. Father Ouilette O.M.I., which was very appropriate to the occasion.

It is proposed to build a bell tower on the Mission Church at the Shuswap reserve Windermere

During the stay of P.O. Inspector Fletcher, he visited the Industrial School, and was much pleased with his visit, the afternoon was spent in songs, recitations and readings by the pupils, who acquited themselves very creditably, and before leaving, Mr. Fletcher in a few well chosen words expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present and to bear testimony to the good work being done at the school, which he said reflected great credit on the Rev. Principal and his very efficient staff.

GREECE HAS OBTAINED CRETE.

Formal Annexation of the Island Is Only a Matter of Time.

Canea—The occupation of Canea was carried out by the foreign fleets with the consent of Turkish officials and is not in any way likely to add to the complications at Constantinople. The commander of the Greek fleet was also formally notified of the joint occupation of this place.

The Turkish authorities are demoralized and are simply following out the recommendations they receive from foreign admirals, who are acting in accord and consult upon every step taken. It is thought certain that the next departure will be the establishment of a provisional Christian government of Crete, pending the consent of the powers to the annexation of the island of Greece, although it does not seem as if that country was willing to wait any longer for the necessary permission and intends to administer all parts of the island not occupied by foreign marines.

WHAT THE OUTSIDE WORLD THINK OF THE FORT STEELE DISTRICT.

In our interview with Mr. E. A. Elton the representative of C. F. Venosta & Co. who has just returned from a business trip to the East, where he has been interesting outside parties in the development of this country in its mining aspect, and to secure connections in the various business centers. We have gained a great deal of knowledge as to the way that outsiders look at us and our country. In all towns visited amongst them being Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto Ottawa, Montreal & Chicago. A decided interest was awakened and a great many questions answered. Although no ore in particular was in special demand. All, seemed to appreciate the difficulty of transportation and the consequental preference for free milling gold rock is on account of its easy manipulation. On a suggestion being made of the advisability of placing exhibits of ore in prominent places, the idea was received with enthusiasm and the outcome is that Mr. Elton has promised come 30 collections which will be handled by prominent brokers to the best advantage in the principle cities. The exhibits will be handsomely mounted in glass cases adjacent to or in offices where inquirers can get all information as to East Kootenay properties. It is to be hoped that owners of mines will come forward at an early date, to make the task easy by bringing in good sized samples of ore eight inches in diameter as it will be a good advertisement for them. Every sample will be ticketed upon which will be the name of the claim, a short description with average assay value. The C. P. R., the Great Northern and the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Co. have taken the matter up and have promised to handle the specimens at very reduced rates. The trip was an unqualified success and has brought our mines prominently before the Eastern public and created a large amount of interest owing to East Kootenay being now drawn into prominence by the near approach of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. At the same time great surprise was expressed at the high prices asked when compared to the prices required in the Rat Portage, Rainy River and Lake of the Woods districts which is rapidly coming to the front and it is certain that if we wish to make quick deals it must be at a greatly reduced prices for property. There is no doubt that a well developed property can and will always obtain a good purse but when men ask from $5,000—$20,000 for claims with but $200–$500 worth of work done on them it is likely that they will want a long time before summing a purchaser. It is to be hoped for the welfare of this country that claim owners will be more moderate in their demands for their property as capitalists are not fools and there is more than one mining district. In this respect if East Kootenay wishes to take The place amongst competitors for mining honors to which she is justly entitled by her great and varied mineral wealth, and coal to smelt our gold, silver, copper, lead & Iron ores. It behoves every prospector to make sure that he is only asking a fair price for his property and not a supposed value of what the claim might be worth.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Railway projects of all sorts are in the air, and a number of them will remain there.

There is gold in the mountain, there is silver in the hills, and the prospector, that will prospect and attend to his business faithfully is sure to get there, and be rewarded.

We have a gun club, but they dont shoot, why not call a meeting of the club and fix matters so that we can have a try at the Blue Rocks.

We are at a stage in the history of this district when energetic and rapid means of communication and transportation are absolutely necessary to bring about the proper development of our immense mineral resources, and we must use all the means possible to obtain these results.

Let anyone pause and think of the future of this district, of the vast number of mining claims located, and of the vast mineral resources in the various stages of development, and he will no longer doubt that the Fort Steele mining district is on the eve of wonderful progress and great prosperity.

The Prospector, is published in the interest of the mining industry of East Kootenay, and at all times will give a correct report as to the mineral situation and mines all over the district, we are not here to boom any one mine, but to give correct reports on each and all properties.

The mining situation in this district is rapidly improving, we learn that as soon as the season will permit work on the Sullivan group will commence, also on the adjoining property, the Stoney and Gem. Correspondence in regard to the sale and bonding of other claims is going on, and business men are preparing for the coming seasons trade. All indicates that the good times are not far distant.

In the year 1863 gold was discovered on Finlay creek, in 1864 the bar diggings on Wild Horse was discovered. The exodus from California and Montana to the new diggings was estimated at between three and four thousand Gold was found in many other rivers in the district. The workings were the shallow placers and river bars, which on most of these rivers and creeks have been worked continuously since that time, and millions of dollars has been the result of all this labor. At present several companies on Wild Horse creek are seeking the bed of the old channel, or river, which has been reached below the present water course, and the prospects so far obtained are very satisfactory, paying as high as seven dollars to the cubic yard. It is generally believed that these deposits have been placed by the action of ancient rivers which had nearly the same course as the present streams.

In East Kootenay there are a class of men who endure toil and hardship in their efforts to discover the hidden treasure. They are the pioneer prospectors, and without them our mineral wealth would remain hidden. They should have their reward, but it too often happens that they place such extravagant value on their findings that it frightens capital away. This not only prevents the prospector from realizing a return from his labor, but it tends to retard the active development of the district. The wise thing for the prospector to do is to place a fair valuation on his claim, which will bear inspection, and the result in the end will be to his advantage. On the other hand capitalists should not haggle over a fair price when a really good proposition is laid before them.

A New York paper has a London telegram stating that the mints may re-open in India. If such a thing should come to pass it would elevate the price of silver about 16 cents an ounce and cause a boom on top of the one now in the door of the Slocan that would make the world quiver from pole to pole.

The Ledge.

DUTY ON LEAD ORE.

The question of the duty on lead ore finding its way into the United States from both Canada and Mexico is one which will probably come up during the coming session of congress. A representative of one of the large Colorado smelters says:

"I contend that the duty on lead ores should be three-quarters of a cent a pound, whether such ores are more or less valuable for lead or silver, and that the duty on refined lead or on a base bullion should be double, or 1½ cents per pound.

"The clause in the present law which fixes a duty of three-quarters of a cent per pound on all ore when more valuable for lead than silver is wrong, is prohibitive, unjust, and in the nature of a discrimmination against the poorer mine. Further, it assesses a duty upon the gangue of the ore, which is of no value whatever and has no bearing upon the production of the American mines, since the lead is the metal which has to pay the duty. It should take the same duty whether the lead is more or less valuable for lead or silver. In the last few years the national lead trust (so called) has succeeded in keeping the price of the domestic lead at seaboard points from 30 to 40 cents per 100 pounds below the cost of foreign lead, laid down, duty paid. They have done it by importing considerable quantities of foreign lead at times when the domestic price was advancing too high, warehousing the same in New York for its effect upon the domestic price, which, being accomplished, they have either withdrawn the lead and consumed it or re-exported it, as would prove most advantageous to the trust. The consequence is that the duty on foreign refined lead should be put at such a figure as would tend to limit this particular transaction and so would permit American smelters, in times when the domestic market is being manipulated, to smelt foreign ores in bond and export the resulting refined lead necessary to their operation and make use the refined metal to checkmate the operations of the lead trust. It will result in a more evenly-balanced market than we have had for years, in a better protection to the American miner, and a higher seaboard price for domestic lead.—Exchange.

Application will be made to Dominion parliament to incorporate the British Pacific Railway Company, to construct a road from Victoria to Winnipeg, with a branch to Hudson Bay.

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 [20.0] twenty acres more or less.

James C. Durick.

Dated this 26th day of Dec, 1896.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 10th the Fire Wardens will begin the inspection of buildings; under the Fire ordinances established by law.

The average prospector is altogether too superficial in his work; finding a vein of certain mineral bearing formation he is content to pick-prospect it in one or two of the largest outcrops. If at this point the blossom rock is barren, or spoon, pan or other simple test gives no satisfactory return, however promising and "lively" the country formation, enclosing rocks or vein may be, it is considered "no good," and the field is abandoned. The apex of a shoot or chamber, when outcropping, may often be covered with less than a saddle blanket, wedge shaped, with the point upward, and blind on either side. A week at the longest of desultory pick work with no good returns, in an extensive virgin territory, convinces the novice that the El Dorado is just "over the divide." There will be more finds recorded when the prospector, having discovered a fruitful territory, if it is in human possibility, camps right there for the season, and, if necessary, when the lode is blind, trenches to find the source of "float," and cross-cuts every 20 or thirty feet along the line of the lode claim. Stay with it; persistency will win. The prevalant fault of the old timer is apt to be that he is too positive, too bigoted, and is generally married to certain (to him) favorite formations, and will have no good in others. To illustrate: The Montana miner insists on "granite" as a necessity in the country formation; the Californian, in "contact," or in close proximity "slate" is a prime factor in a gold belt, etc. They do not appear to consider that nearly all kinds of rock are combinations of two or more minerals, and many kinds of their favorite formation, a few "fruitful," many "hungry." Nor do they realize generally, how the deposition of mineral is affected by proximity of other rocks Everyday experience and discoveries verify the trite but true saying that "silver is in veins, and gold is where you find it."

Scientific Press.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey of Victoria are spending a few days in town with their sons W. B., George and Marcus. Mr. Bailey came to British Columbia many years ago and may be justly regarded as one of the old-timers that have helped to make the province what it now is. Although well advanced in years Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are still hale and we trust have many years of life's enjoyment before them.

The above item is from the Ashcroft Mining Journal and the parties referred to are the parents of our respected school teacher Miss Bailey.

A TOUGH YARN.

St. Paul—A meteor is reported to have fallen in the smoke stack of the Great Northern pumping house at Willmar, Minn. It choked up the stack and caused an explosion in the furnace, which did a little damage. Remnants of the meteor showed soft red and yellow sand.

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 $35.44 for costs, the sum of $3.50 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 (⅛) 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.

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 incorporating the Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited for the purpose of supplying power, Light and heat by compressed air and electricity to the inhabitants, cities, towns, mines, smelters and tramways in the East and West Divisions of Kootenay District, also to construct, maintain and operate tramway and telephone systems in the said East and West Divisions of Kootenay District and to extend the said systems to other districts contigeous thereto, and to erect and maintain all necessary works, buildings, flumes, dams, raceways, poles, lay pipes and stretch wires for the conveyance and supply of compressed air and electricity as aforesaid and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the said Company and also for the purpose of generating power, light and heat as aforesaid to appropriate and use so much water from Kootenay river and its tributaries and the Columbia and its tributaries as the Company may see fit and to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or of any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria, this 24th day of November, A.D. 1896.

FRANK HIGGINS,
Solicitor for Applicants.

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.

FORT STEELE MINING ASSOCIATION.

Thomas McVittie.		President.
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

C. F. Venosta, Sec., Fort Steele B.C.

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IN EAST KOOTENAY.

Description of This Mining Country.

By a Well-Known Resident—Old Placer Beds and Galena Mines.

Mr. E. A. Elton, of Fort Steele East Kootenay, B. C., passed through the city yesterday en route homeward for Ottawa, where he has been on a mission to the government to obtain better mail service for his district, and incidentally to press the needs of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Mr. Elton has been a resident of the East Kootenay for a number of years, and is exceptionally well posted on the formation of the country, its products, the mines already in operation and what they promise.

A reporter, who fortunately ran across Mr. Elton, ventured an assertion that the gold boom in East Kootenay in the sixties, had burst owing to the exhaustion of the mines.

"That is true in a sense," replied Mr. Elton, "but what was placer mining? If a man could wash out $20 a day he could make money, but as soon as he failed to get that much it became necessary for him to move. There are three companies re-working all the old placer mines by hydraulic process, and are making good money at it."

"Wouldn't the existence of placer mines indicate the presence of free milling gold ore somewhere?"

"In some cases it might not but in this case it did, and what is more the source of the placer gold has been discovered. Following up a small stream called Perry creek which enters the St. Mary's a prospector named Sherwood discovered several large ledges of free milling gold quartz ore. There are three separate leads which can be traced a distance of eight miles, the principal ledge being five feet in width of free milling ore assaying from $56 to $200 in gold."

"This will be an additional inducement for the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway?"

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"What then would you consider as the strongest argument in favor of the Crow's Nest Pass railway?"

"That we have one of the richest mining countries in the world within 150 miles of the prairie and on the route leading to the West Kootenay mines is a strong argument, but there are others. Such a road would pay because it would pass for its whole length through rich country. Right in the Crow's Nest Pass itself we find really immence bodies of coal, comprising large seams of bituminous anthracite and comiel Riding along the Crow's Nest trail, which follows the bottoms adjoining Elk river, the coal can be seen for miles as it crops out between alternate ledges of sandstone high up on the mountain side, some of the seams being over 30 feet in thickness. From Coal creek summit down to Michel creek, a distance of over 100 miles, coal can be seen in places all the way. South of the proposed route about ten miles are found large quantities of coal oil pronounced by experts to be of superior qualities, while at the entrance of the Kootenay valley numerous veins of high grade copper ore have been located.

HELP FOR INDIA.

Congress to Provide a Ship to Carry Grain.

Washington—At the opening of the senate today Perkins of California, secured immediate consideration for a joint resolution directing the secretary of the navy to employ a naval vessel or chartered ship to carry grain to famine stricken people of India.

The resolution recites that famine and plague are causing great distress and loss of thousands of lives in India. The famine can be in any part stayed by supplying the surplus products of other localities to the distressed districts and many western states have contributed grain. The resolution therefore directs the secretary of the navy to furnish a suitable naval vessel for the authorities at San Francisco or charter a vessel of 1,500 to 3,000 tons for the shipment of contributions. An appropriation necessary for the expenses is provided.

There was no discussion and the resolution passed unanimously.

Allen of Nebraska, offered a resolution directing the civil service commission to report on the recent discharges at South Omaha, Neb., in the cattle inspection service. The resolution went over until Monday. A joint resolution directing the committee on public lands to enquire into the Perrine land grant of Florida, was agreed to. Morgan was about to call up his resolution, introduced yesterday, for abrogation of the Clayton Bulwer treaty, but on Sherman's motion, the senate went into executive session, the open session having lasted but twenty minutes.

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PREMIER'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

Tax on Workmen Will Probably Be Repealed—Anti-Corbin Man on the Warpath.

A RIVAL RAILROAD IS WANTED.

Victoria, B. C.—Such a chance as have the present provincial legislators of making themselves solid with the people is not often the fortune of an administration, and if Premier Turner displays enough statesmanship to grasp the situation and turn it to account he will be backed up by an overwhelming majority of the people. This is clearly the conclusion to arrive at after sizing up the results of the opening week of the provincial legislature.

The province has a mining development that, while growing at a rapid rate, has forced the attention of capital in this direction and now it only required wise legislation without undue restrictions to assist that development. a false move, however, on the part of the law makers may check or have disasterous results, and so now as never before a cool head and wise discretion are needed on the part of the government. It is no secret that less than a year ago there was dissention in the government ranks over the refusal of the cabinet to entertain the scheme which was put before them to aid in constructing the proposed British Pacific railway, which was intended to make Victoria the terminus of a transcontinental line to run the length of the island, bridge the Seymour narrows and extend through the northern portion of the provincial mainland. This refusal gave offence to a strong wing of the government's followers, headed by R. P. Rithet, and a split seemed inevitable. A truce, however, was patched up, but just before the present session it was freely predicted by their opponents that the government was doomed unless something was done to heal up the differences. Since last session, mining in the Kootenay country especially, has prospered as it never did before, mineral has been discovered in other districts all over the province, and a general cry of "more railways" has been raised, except from those favored localities already possessing them. Consequently when the government in the speech from the throne at the opening of this session announced a railway policy to provide transportation facilities to develop the mining wealth of the province, it met with general approval, and those who were ready to criticise have withheld their judgement until that policy may be definitely known.

ANOTHER HELPING HAND.

There is another circumstance that is fighting for the government just now and accounts in some measure for the mild strictures passed on them by the opposition on the debate on the speech. That debate it must be understood always gives full rein to the opposition to attack the whole range of the government policy and is generally taken advantage of fully. But the Dominion general elections last summer put a different face on things. Before that, provincial politics here have been entirely divorced from federal politics and it has been a question of government and opposition, not conservative and liberal, for supporters of both sides in Dominion affairs are to be found mixed up on the government and opposition sides in the provincial arena The indications are that the actions taken by the liberals even in the last civic elections that when next year the provincial elections are fought out they will be on federal lines, and consequently many of the members now in the provincial house are not at all anxious to precipitate a government defeat before their natural term of life of four years is ended.

Besides the railway policy, mining is bound to take up a large share of attention this season, and diversified opinions have already been expressed by members as to the best means for the province to benefit by its mineral development.

EXPORT DUTY ON ORE.

The first who expressed an opinion in the house was Stoddart of Lillooet, who boldly proposes that the dominion should be asked to place an export duty on ore, so as to force the erection of smelters on the Canadian side of the line, instead of allowing raw ore to be exported to United States smelters. He is not the only one who takes this view, and, indeed, several years ago, when a motion to the effect spoken of by Mr. Stoddart was brought up in the house, the late Hon. John Robson, then premier, expressed himself in sympathy with it, but felt that the time had not then come for such a movement. Other members differ from Mr. Stoddart and believe that when the Crow's Nest railway is built, and coke can be taken to Kootenay cheaply, then the question will right itself and smelters grow up, just as have the Trail and Nelson smelters.

On one point the whole house is unanimous, and that is to do away with the necessity of men who simply work in mines having to take out a miners license. So general is the wish to see the tax done away with that the government formally promised in the house on Friday to repeal it.

THE ATTACK ON CORBIN.

The sensation of the week was the attack by J. M. Kellie, member for Northwest Kootenay, on "King Corbin" as he styled him and already the nickname "King of Kootenay" seems liable to stick to the railway magnate. Mr Kellie went for him "baldheaded" to use one of his own picturesque expressions, and graphically described Mr. Corbin as stalking around the country like a highway robber, grasping the unfortunate miner by the throat and denuding the mining claims of timber, against the law. Mr. Kellie is "out for blood," as he expressed himself in private conversation, "and I won't stop till I have King Corbin by the throat just as he has the miner now," he went on. Consequently there is likely to be some more fun over the business before the session ends.

Rossland, Nelson and Three Forks are all asking for incorporation as towns, and though there are deputations down to watch the bills, there is not likely to be opposition to either Nelson or Rossland.

There is found to be a fight over the application for a private bill to build a railway from the coast through the southern portion of the province, by way of the Fraser valley, into the Kootenay country. It is practically in opposition to the Canadian Pacific railway, and a deputation of members of the dominion house are now in Ottawa assisting Dr. Mutrie, one of the chief promoters, in attempting to secure financial aid from the federal treasury as well. The Canadian Pacific railway, no doubt to take away some of the irritation against them on the coast on account of their high rates, have recently made quite a reduction in their charges for freight from Vancouver to the interior, so that some good has resulted in any event.

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TALE OF ANOTHER MASSACRE.

Dallas, Texas, Special.

One of the largest Cuban expeditions that has sailed from the gulf coast squared away to-night for the Queen of the Antilles from Pass Caballo, midway between Corpus Christi and Galveston. The expedition consisted of 200 thoroughly armed frontiersmen, mostly from Colorado, but many from north and west Texas, and New Mexico. The Colorado and New Mexican contingents are part of Colonel Robert's organization that has been getting together in the southwest during the last few days. The men forming the expedition have been sent to south Texas points in squads of five to 20, many of them having passed through Houston and Galveston without suspicion as to their identity being assured. They have been sent out from Dallas and Fort Worth and a few from Greenville and Texarkana by Cuban sympathizers. The vessel on which they sail tonight is owned by wealthy private parties, non-residents of Texas. It lay for several days last week near the port of Brazos de Santiago, at a point north of the bar, from which it quietly slipped out last Friday night, reaching Pass Caballo on Saturday.

During the last 30 days arms have been shipped as hollowware, white lead, hospital supplies and musical instruments. In all 40,000 rounds of mixed ammunition for rifles, shotguns and revolvers, which had been quietly gathered in north Texas points, the bulk of it at Dallas, and some at Fort Worth, and some of the biggest firms in St Louis have been shipping to these cities under the direction of Cuban sympathizers and forwarded in such packages as not to arouse suspicion as to their contents.

The expedition hopes to join Colonel Rogers' command of Americans in Cuba or General Garcia's. The point where it will land has been selected in advance and is only known to the officers of the ship and the promoters of the expedition. The crew consists of 20 thoroughly experienced sailors, at the head of whom is Captain Miller, who has spent a great deal of time during the last two or three weeks in Galveston, Dallas and Houston. One of the crew is Bob Allen, the assistant gunner who helped Mike Welch work the Hotchkiss gun during the fight on the south coast of Cuba when the Three Friends failed to land its expedition and had to put back. Another of Captain Miller's daring men is Tom McDonald, a member of the crew of the Three Friends. All three of the men are under bonds for the alleged piracy case growing out of the naval engagement. They have been in Texas for over two weeks assisting in getting up the expedition, which was set on foot about 30 days ago by Cuban sympathizers in Dallas.

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