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ON THE MOYIE MINE.

A Rich Strike Reported. Eight Feet of Rich Silver-Lead Ore.

During the past week a report was circulated, that a 12 foot vein of galena had been struck on the Moyie mine. The facts as gleaned by a PROSPECTOR reporter are as follows: Mr. Ike Williams with a small force of men have been at work developing the property, and commenced work in what was called the Bossie tunnel. This tunnel was run two years ago by Wm. Bossie, who followed the hanging wall, and the vein had a width of four or five feet; at a place about 20 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, the lead was the full width of the tunnel and only one wall. Mr. Williams started work at this point a cross-drift, and at a distance of three feet struck the footwall, showing that at this point there was eight feet of solid ore. The Moyie claim is an extension of the famous St. Eugene group, and has lately been purchased by the Fort Steele Development Co., which is a strong English syndicate, with their head office in London.

Lone Star and Equator.

The Lone Star and Equator was lately bonded to A. P. Blandy, representing the Hall Mining Co., of Nelson. A contract was let to run 50 feet of tunnel, which was completed last week, and now another contract has been let for 50 feet more of tunnel.

Big Three.

It is reported that a rich strike of copper ore has been made on the Big Three claim, which is situated on Horse Shoe canyon, about eight miles from Fort Steele. This property is also under bond to the Hall Mining Co., and a contract was let for 150 feet of tunnel.

The Dibble Group of Mines.

One of the most valuable mineral deposits in this section of the country is known as the Dibble group, situated in a gulch of the Rocky mountains about ten miles from Fort Steele. It was discovered by James Dibble in the fall of 1890. The ore is a grey copper carrying gold, silver and copper. The country rock is porphyritic slate and Talcose schist. There are five claims in the group, on all of which is a good showing of mineral. This property was recently sold to the Slocan Silver-Lead Syndicate of Fort Steele; Hon. G. E. Foster, M. P., is president of the Company.

Recent reports from the mines shows that satisfactory progress has been made in the work since the opening of the season, and that a large quantity of ore had been got out, and that a shipment of 10 or 12 tons has been made. A mill run of some thirty tons was made last year that netted $103 to the ton. Mr. T. T. McVittie, P. L. S., has been engaged surveying the claims, and a crown grant will be applied for at once. It is reported that if the shipment of ten tons of ore carries as high a value as the first shipment did, the Company will proceed to put in machinery and work the property for all there is in it.

Nip and Tuck Placer Mines.

This property is situated on Wild Horse creek, about four miles from Fort Steele. Everything is working like a charm on this property, plenty of water and moving lots of gravel. J. M. Buxton, of Vancouver, is making a visit to the mine in the interest of the owners.

Blue Grouse.

The Langley Bros. are engaged running a 100 foot tunnel on this property. The ore is a quartz carrying copper and gold.

Transfer of Mining Property.

A. P. Blandy, Porcupine, Gopher, Silver Tip, Klondike, Schorcher, Buckskin and Horseshoe, to H. E. Croaisdale of Nelson, B. C.

Mons. Hanson; Hollander, Sunrise and Major Steele, to A. P. Blandy.

H. Melton: Herald, Homestake and St. John, to C. E. Noble.

Wait Wade; Stemwinder, to N. McLeod Curran for the North Star Mining Co.

Mining Notes.

The present showing on the numerous claims in the vicinity of Tracy, Wolf, Sheep and Wasa creeks is excellent, a large amount of development work having been done during the past season. It is now patent to all, that in a short time, this portion of the district will prove another monument to the mining industry of the Fort Steele mining division of East Kootenay.

The Keystone mineral claim situated on Maus creek, was located by W. VanArsdalen, and is one of the most promising claims in the district. It is a silver-lead proposition carrying considerable gold. The lead is about 6 feet in width, and is exposed on the surface for a distance of 3,000 feet. Assay returns give a value to the ore of 59 ozs in silver, and $24 in gold, with a high percentage in lead.

Development work has been performed on the Dominion and Pelican claims. The lead on these claims is about 12 feet in width, well defined walls and can be traced for 1500 feet on the surface. Assay returns show a value of $187.

Mr. Joseph Walsh has taken an outfit to Perry creek to work on the Little May claim.

Perry Creek Gold Fields.

The Perry creek placers were discovered in the year 1875; the diggings then extended about two miles below the old town, and about eight miles above. At this time the old time miners, with their crude appliances, removed an unusual amount of gravel, and during the ensuing three years a large amount of gold was taken out.

It was during the year 1895 that the first quartz location was made by Mr. John Sherwood. Very little attention was paid to this discovery until July of the following year, when new prospectors discovered that there were four or five distinct ledges of gold quartz running through these claims, and that they could be traced for many miles. "This statement has been verified this year by the Provincial Mineralogist, Mr. Robinson, who states that the ledges are true fissure viens, and can be traced for eleven miles."

BADGER AND RED MOUNTAIN.

Mr. Sherwood has performed a large amount of development work on these claims; and has shown by his work, the faith he has in Perry Creek. The surface deposits being composed chiefly of decomposed rock and carbonates, the mineral bearing quartz itself being a very soft formation as far as uncovered; the formation seems to be granite and augite. The trend of the main lead has a bearing of about 20 degrees east of north, and seems to cross the creek about two miles above the old shaft. Mr. Sherwood has run over two hundred and fifty feet of tunnels and drifts on these claims. The ledge has an average width of 5 to 6 feet, gradually spreading out as depth is obtained. Assay returns show values from $20 to $180 in gold, and there is no portion of the ledge matter that does not carry gold in paying quantities. We learn that it is the intention of Mr. Sherwood to commence a long tunnel, some 1200 feet in length next season; this will give a depth of 750 feet on the lead.

Presbyterian Sabbath School Picnic.

A grand picnic under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sabbath School teachers was held in a nice, convenient place near the hospital, on Saturday last. The children attending the Presbyterian Sabbath School were joined by children from other Sabbath Schools, and all started from the Opera House at 2 p. m. They marched up to the ground selected for the picnic, and sung and hurrahed as they went. Arriving at the place, they engaged in various games and amusements. Two grand swings had been put up, and the children took full advantage of these. Races were entered into very heartily, and the Rev. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Titus acted as umpires. The prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd) given through the kindness of Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Creighton were very valuable and pleased the children immensely. Baseball and tug-of-war gave the boys fun, whilst the girls kept merry over the skipping rope, and such games as "Drop the Handkerchief," "The Old Witch" 'Family Coach,' the last giving much valuable temperance teaching. About 5 o'clock, a splendid tea with delicacies suitable to all tastes was served—the repast being provided by the ladies of the church with other lady helpers. A hymn was sung by the children, and blessing asked by Mr. Duncan, and forthwith the viands disappeared, the fresh air and recreation having greatly improved the appetites of the children. After they had been supplied, a second table was served to the adults, and they, too, did ample justice to the good things of this life. Games were again indulged in, and all present enjoyed themselves most heartily. Quite a sensation was caused by the ladies themselves drawing up in line for a race, and a most determined struggle was witnessed, Miss Kershaw coming in first and Mrs. Gilpin second. A picnic is a rare occurrence in East Kootenay, and probably this picnic is the first real Sabbath School picnic, but the experiment was completely successful, the success being in a great measure due to the able management of the committee, and the admirable behaviour of the children, and the mosquitoes were conspicuous by their absence. Before leaving, the children gave hearty cheers for the committee of management, and all who had helped to make the picnic a great success.

Raid on Gamblers.

Constable Barnes, on Tuesday night, made a raid on the gambling fraternity located at a hotel in Cranbrook. Three arrests were made, together with the tools used in the various games. Three convictions, and a donation $60 to the Queen's treasury, ended the affair.

OVER THE SIXTY CENT MARK.

Bar Silver Has Again Risen in New York.

New York, Aug. 21.—Silver certificates, 59¾@59⅞c.

Bar silver, 60¼c.

Mexican dollars, 46½c.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Silver bars 59¾c.

Mexican dollars, 46@46½c.

London, Aug. 24.—6 p.m.-Bar silver, Flat, 27¾d per ounce. The decline was due to the absence of a demand for Spain.

The Political Situation.

The members elect of the new government party held a caucus at Vancouver on Friday last, at which the future programme was discussed. There was perfect harmony at the meeting. All but three members, namely, Messrs. Cotton (who was detained in Victoria by official business), Neill and Prentice, were present. It was formally decided that Mr. Semlin should remain leader, and there was a general conclusion that the House should be called together before any dissolution takes place. The time of the holding of the next session has not been set, but some weeks must elapse, in order that the new ministers may obtain a good insight into the condition of their offices, and be able to report to the House thereon.

It is a well understood fact that a number of members elected in opposition to the candidates of the new government party, are ready to "flop." But they want "terms" from the government. One of these proposed floppers represents a constituency not a million miles removed from the boundaries of this district. We shall hope to see the new government strong enough to resist these overtures, for to accede to them would mean the most deplorable weakness, and would seriously shake the confidence of the electorate. The people of British Columbia are in a humor just now to give the new government a fair trial, and another appeal to the people would return them with a majority of from 12 to 15,—quite sufficient to make the government strong enough to inaugurate and carry forward the bold and energetic policy of reform that is now needed. But to try and patch up a working majority by making "terms" with renegades from the other side, must result disasterously alike to the government and the province.

Railway promoters, it is reported, have already begun to buzz like bees around the new ministers and their supporters. But we must have no repitition of the shameful dickering of the last government.

Fort Steele.

It would be difficult to estimate the wealth contained in the mountains in the vicinity of the town of Fort Steele. From the Rocky mountains on the east, the Purcell range on the west, the International boundary line on the south, and 150 miles north, there is no portion of this vast area where mineral has not been found.

At present this vast stretch of country is tributary to Fort Steele. It is the terminus of the Upper Columbia Navigation Co., also the stage line from Golden; both companies connecting at this point with the C.P.R. It is head of navigation on the Kootenay river; having direct communication with the Great Northern Railway at Jennings, Mont.

From the present outlook of affairs this district will soon be the scene of extensive mining operations; the records show that a larger amount of assessment work has been done this year than in all previous years.

Fresh discoveries are being made, which go to show and prove that the mineral resources of this district are unlimited. Fort Steele has natural advantages which cannot be overlooked, as a site for reduction works, stamp mills, concentrators and machine shops of all kinds. This fact has been established beyond all contravention.

Is the Sultan Dead?

New York, Aug. 24—A dispatch to the Herald from Tangiers says:

In order effectually to check the rumors of the sultan's death and divert the public attention it is assiduously reported that the sultan has left Marrakesh for Fez, there to receive the embassies' official visits, returning after the uprising has been quelled.

Meanwhile the grand vizier is alarmed at the increasing influence of Germany and at the Italian demands and is preparing to dispatch a Moorish embassy to Europe, probably London and Rome, to settle outstanding claims.

The Spanish gunboat General Valdes arrived this morning with government orders for the Spanish minister. There is great excitement at the Italian consulate. Mohammed Tores is becoming threatening and the Italians are defiant. If there is no answer to the ultimatum a warship will start at once for Spezzia.

There is absolutely no definite news concerning the sultan and the public mind is undecided whether he is dead or alive.

Will Go to the Country.

Victoria, Aug. 24—There is a report gaining currency that it is the intention of the Semlin Government to ask for a new election to be held between the 8th and 15th of October, in place of meeting the Legislature recently elected. This, it is said, is the reason that no announcement is made of the by-elections which, in the ordinary course would probably follow the acceptance of office by the the new Ministry.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

VENOSTA.

J. M. Simpson, Swansea
H. J. Turner, "
D. Todd Lees, Vancover.
E. H. Small, Moyie City.
J. M. Buxton, Vancouver.
Col. Henderson, Moyie.

DALGARDNO.

W. Dixon, Hamilton.
C. O'Brien, Coal Creek.
A. C. Bach, Montreal.
J. M. Coombes, Winnipeg.
John McMahon, Moyie City.
Jas. R. Barnhart, McLeod.
James Hunt, Winnipeg.
F. H. Kean, Tracy.
D. F. Dickson, Winnipeg.

INTERNATIONAL.

Jas. Burridge, Winnipeg.
A. B. Simmons, Galt.
D. A. McKay, Pictou.
C. E. Noble, Palmer's Bar.
H. Melton, "
C. R. McLaughlin, Winnipeg.

The New Chief Justice.

Mr. Joseph McColl has been promoted to the Chief Justiceship of British Columbia.

A new puisne judge will not be appointed for sometime yet.

Hon. John Angus McColl is the third son of the Rev. Angus McColl, D.D., of Chatham, Ont., a retired clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, by his wife, Alice, daughter of John Ross, late of Toronto. Born in 1854, he was educated at the High School, Chatham, and by private tutors, and was called to the Ontario bar in 1879. After practising at Brussels and Goderich, he removed to Winnipeg where he became a member of the firm of Bain, Blanchard & McColl. He subsequently, in 1882, removed to British Columbia, taking up his residence at New Westminster, where he almost at once secured a large practice. He was elected a bencher of the Law Society, and in 1892 was created a Q. C., by the Earl of Derby, Governor-General. At the time of his appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Oct. 14th., 1896, he was regarded as one of the leaders of the Bar of British Columbia. He is an adherent of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1884 married Helen Janet, daughter of the late John A. Barlow, formerly of Toronto.

Canadian Peer Dead.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 24.—Col. Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowsky, K. C. M. G., A. D. C. to her majesty, the queen, died here today at the age of 82.

Prince of Wales is Better.

London.—The Lancet, referring to the recent injury to the prince of Wales' knee, discourages the fear that the prince will be permanently lame, and says:—

"The present condition of the prince's knee augurs well for the future mobility of the joint. The royal yacht Osborne left Cowes to-day for a channel trip, during which she will visit several towns, where the doctors propose carriage exercise. Four sailors have been drilled carefully as bearers to carry his royal highness ashore without injuring him. It will be a month before the prince will be able to walk."

In Need of More Stability.

London.—Discussing the rumor that Secretary of War Alger will take refuge in the senate to escape responsibility for his blunders in the war office, and that Senator McMillian will become ambassador in London, the Times expresses the opinion that if America becomes a colonizing power she will be compelled to abandon this fluctuating style of administration in favor of trained military and civil administrators, not likely to removal with each presidental change, and not too dependant on politics for their selection and promotion. It will be equally important to cultivate permanence of diplomatic representation abroad.

Schley Goes to Washington.

Westport, Conn.,—Rear-Admiral Schley, who has been indisposed at the residence of his son-in-law at Saugatuck, is feeling much better. He purposes going to Washington tomorrow.

Information Wanted.

Information wanted of Ned O'Grady who left Ottawa a year ago to work on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. He was last heard of the 15th of June, he had just come out of the Hospital then. Any information of him will be thankfully received by his brother,

THOMAS O'GRADY,
Ottawa, Percy Street South.

NOTICE.

Hereafter the Royal Mail & Express Co. will have their office at M. A. Beales, Riverside Avenue, Fort Steele.

Three Hundred Miners Drowned.

London, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Daily News says that 300 miners were drowned by the flooding of the Kasamir coal mines at Nience, near Schnowiz Silesia, three days ago.

Land Purchase.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, for permission to purchase 320 acres of unsurveyed and unreserved Crown Lands in East Kootenay, B. C.. Commencing at a post planted at the north west corner of Lot No. 2805, G 1, thence running south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to the place of commencement.

O. LAGRAS.

Fort Steele, June the 28th, 1898 28-36

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, B. C. for permission to purchase the following described parcel of land situate on Mark creek, South East Kootenay District, B. C. Commencing at the north west corner of Lot 1358, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to the post of beginning. Containing in all 160 acres.

Located this 23rd day of July, 1898.

By CHAS. ESTMERE. 31-39

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, B. C. for permission to purchase the following described parcel of land. Commencing at the north west corner of Lot 1358, G. 1, thence west 30 chains more or less to the north east corner of Lot 2371, G. 1, thence south 40 chains to the south east corner of Lot 2371, G. 1, thence east 30 chains more or less to south west corner of Lot 1358, thence north 40 chains to post of beginning. Containing in all 120 acres more or less.

Located July 16th, 1898.

By A. F. HOWARD
Per R. O. JENNINGS Agent.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, B. C. for permission to purchase the following described piece of land. Commencing at a post placed near the North Star wagon road on south side of Mark creek, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to post of beginning. The above parcel of land is known on the Government Records as Lot 2371, G. 1, East Kootenay District, B. C.

Located July 16th, 1898.

By A. F. HOWARD
Per R. O. JENNINGS Agent.

NOTICE.

I, the undersigned, hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria for permission to purchase 160 acres of land described af follows: Situated between lot 2898 and lot 3036. Commencing at the north east corner of lot 3036 G. 1, thence running north 40 chains to south east corner of lot 2898 G. 1, thence west 40 chains to south west corner of above lot 2898 G. 1, thence 40 chains south to north west corner of lot 3036 G. 1, thence 40 chains east to point of commencement.

ALEX. A. CAMERON.

Dated August 15, 1898. 34-42

Liquor License.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner of this District for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises to be known as The Royal Hotel, situated at Cranbrook in the Mining Division of East Kootenay.

W. J. WOODWORD.

Dated 1st August, 1898. 32-36

NOTICE.

Take notice that thirty days after date we *shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a* transfer of license for the East Kootenay Hotel at Moyie City, from Joseph Williamhurst to McMahon Bros.

Signed McMAHON BROS.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 1898. 30-35

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date an application will be made to the Gold Commissioner for a license to retail liquor on the premises of the 'North Star Hotel' at Kimberley, B. C.

CHAS. ESTMERE

Dated this 4th day of August, 1898. 32-36

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner at Fort Steele, for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the "Royal Hotel" at Kimberley, East Kootenay, B. C.

C. E. FINCH

Dated this 3rd day of August, 1898. 32-36

NOTICE.

We are prepared to winter horses three miles below Elko, at Sheep Mountain. Good water and pasture, 600 acres under fence Terms reasonable.

WALDO & INGHAM.

NOTICE.

All accounts due the E. J. Schagel Lumber Company must be settled within the next ten days.

E. J. SCHAGEL CO.

TO RENT

New hotel on the most prominent corner in Fort Steele. Sixteen bedrooms, large office, dining room and kitchen.

Apply at St. Mary's Inn or write to Mrs. Wm. Titus, Fort Steele, B. C.

NOTICE.

As I am going away on business that will necessitate my absence for about a month. I wish to give notice to my customers that Mrs. Ship will conduct the business during my absence.

MRS. GOODNOUGH.

W. E. JOHNSON A. C. ROBERSON

JOHNSON & ROBERSON

MINING BROKERS.

Fort Steele, B. C.

S. C. B. C.

RE

ELECTION PETITION

WILLIAM BAILLIE PETITIONER,

vs.

JAMES BAKER RESPONDENT.

PETITION

This Petition is presented by David Stevenson Wallbridge, of Room 7, in the McKinnon Block, on the corner of Hastings street and Granville street, in the City of Vancouver, B. C., Solicitor for the Petitioner.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

"PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT."

Election of a member for the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the South Riding of the Electoral District of East Kootenay holden on the 25th day of June, and the 9th day of July, A. D. 1898.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. To Wit: The petition of William Baillie of Fort Steele in the South Riding of the Electoral District of East Kootenay—Journalist, whose name is subscribed, showeth as follows:

1. Your Petitioner, is a person who was duly qualified and had a right to vote and who did vote at the above mentioned Election.

2. Your Petitioner states that the Election was holden on the 25th day of June, and the 9th day of July, A. D. 1898, when James Baker and your Petitioner were the candidates, and the Returning Officer has returned the said James Baker as being duly elected.

3. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was by himself, by his agents, and by other persons on his behalf, before during, at and after the said Election, guilty of bribery, treating, personation and undue influence as defined by the "Provincial Elections Act," and other Acts of the Legislature of British Columbia, or recognized as such by the common law of Parliament, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

4. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents, and by other persons on his behalf, directly and indirectly, before, during, at and after the said Election, guilty of giving and lending, and agreeing to give and lend, and offering and promising, and promising to procure and endeavouring to procure money and other valuable consideration to and for voters and persons entitled to vote at the said Election and to and for persons on behalf of voters and persons entitled to vote at the said Election and to and for other persons in order to induce such voters to vote or to refrain from voting at the said Election, and of corruptly doing the said acts and every of them on account of voters having voted or refrained from voting at the said Election, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the Electoral District of East Kootenay and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void

5. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was by himself, by his agents and other persons on his behalf, directly and indirectly, before, during, at and after the said Election, guilty of giving and procuring and agreeing to give and procure, and of offering and promising and of promising to procure, and to endeavor to procure offices, places and employment to and for voters and persons entitled to vote at the said Election, and to and for other persons in order to induce such persons to vote or refrain from voting at the said Election, and of corruptly doing the said acts and each of them on account of such voters having voted or refrained from voting at the said Election, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said south Riding of the Electoral District of East Kootenay and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

6. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, directly and indirectly, before, during at and after the said Election, guilty of making gifts, loans, offers, promises, procurements and agreements as aforesaid to and for divers persons in order to induce the said persons to procure and to endeavor to procure the return of the said James Baker and of other persons to serve in the Legislature, and to procure and endeavor to procure the votes of voters at the said Election, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the Electoral District of East Kootenay and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

7. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was by himself, by his agents and other persons on his behalf before, during, at and after the said Election, upon or in consequence of such gifts, loans, offers, promises, procurements and agreements as aforesaid, guilty of procuring and of engaging and promising and endeavoring to procure the return of said James Baker, and of other persons to serve in the Legislature and the vote of voters at the said Election whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as a member for the said South Riding of the the Electoral District of East Kootenay and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

8. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf before, during, at and after the said Election guilty of advancing and of paying and of causing to be paid money to and for the use of other persons, with the intent that such money or part thereof should be expended in bribery and corrupt practices at the said Election, and of knowingly paying or causing to be paid, money to persons in discharge, and repayment of moneys wholly or in part expended in bribery and corrupt practices at the said election, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the said Electoral District of East Kootenay and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

9. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, directly and indirectly, before and during the said Election, guilty of receiving, agreeing and contracting for money, gifts, loans, valuable considerations, offices, places and employment for himself or themselves, and for other persons for voting and for agreeing to vote, or for refraining or agreeing to refrain from voting, at the said Election, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

10. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, after the said Election, guilty of receiving money and valuable considerations for having voted or refrained from voting, or for having induced other persons to vote, or refrain from voting, at the said Election, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the said Electoral District of East Kootenay and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

11. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, directly and indirectly, before, during, at and after the said Election, guilty of corruptly giving and providing and causing to be given and provided, and being accessory to the giving and the providing and of paying wholly and in part expenses incurred for meat, drink, refreshment and provision to and for persons in order to be elected and for being elected, and for the purpose o corruptly influencing such persons and others to give or to refrain from giving their votes at said Election, or on account of such persons having voted or refrained from voting, or being about to vote or refrain from voting at such Election, and of giving and of causing to be given to voters on nomination day and on polling day on account of such voters having voted and of being about to vote, meat, drink and entertainment by way of refreshment and money and tickets to enable such voters to procure refreshment whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the said Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said Election and the return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

12. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents, and by other persons on his behalf, directly and indirectly before, during, at and after the said Election guilty of intimidation and intimidating persons entitled to vote at the said Election to induce or compel such persons to vote or to refrain from voting at the said election, or on account of such persons having *voted or retrained from voting at the said Election*, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the said Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

13. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, before, during and after the said Election, guilty of paying money on account of the conveyance of electors to the poll, both to such electors themselves and to other persons on their behalf, and also of paying money and giving valuable consideration to electors for and in respect of their travelling expenses for such purpose, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the said Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said Election and the return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

14. *And your Petitioner says that the said* James Baker did, by himself and by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, before, during and after the said Election, contribute to, form and raise a central fund for the purpose, among other things, of paying the travelling and other expenses of persons entitled to vote at said Election, and for the purpose of purchasing railway and other tickets to be used in conveying such voters to or from the polls at the said Election, and that such fund being so formed as aforesaid, the said James Baker did, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, before, during, and at the said Election, forward money and tickets from said central fund to such voters or to others on their behalf, for the purpose of and thereby and therewith paying and satisfying the travelling expenses of such voters in travelling to and from said Election and from places both inside and outside of said Electoral District, and such money and tickets were used for the purposes aforesaid and otherwise, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the said Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said Election and the return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

15. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, his agents and by other persons on his behalf, before, during, at and after the said Election, guilty of corruptly aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring and compelling the commission at said Election of the offence of personating and of inducing persons to take false oaths in matters wherein oaths are required under the "Provincial Elections Act," whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the said Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

16. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, before, during, and at the said Election, guilty of voting and inducing and procuring persons to vote at the said Election, knowing that such persons were not entitled to vote thereat, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

17. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was, by himself, by his agents and by other persons on his behalf, before, during, at and after the said Election, guilty of corrupt practices, as defined by the "Provincial Elections Act" and other Acts of the Legislature, whereby the said James Baker was and is incapacitated from serving as member for the said South Riding of the said Electoral District of East Kootenay, and the said Election and return of the said James Baker were and are wholly null and void.

18. *And your Petitioner says that corrupt* practices, as defined by the "Provincial Elections Act," and by other Acts of the Legislature, and as known to the Common Law of Parliament, were committed by the agents of the said James Baker and other persons on his behalf, before, during, at and after the said Election by and with the actual knowledge and consent of the said James Baker whereby and in consequence whereof the said James Baker was and is disqualified, and was and is incapable of being elected or sitting in the said Legislature, and of holding any municipal office, and of holding any judicial office, and of being appointed and of acting as a Justice of the Peace.

19. And your Petitioner says that the said James Baker was before, during, at and after the said Election, by himself personally guilty of corrupt practices as defined by the "Provincial Elections Act" and other Acts of the Legislature, and as known to the Common Law of Parliament, whereby and in consequence *whereof the said James Baker was and is incapable* of being elected to or sitting in the said Legislature, and of holding any municipal office, or of holding any judicial office, and of being appointed and of acting as a Justice of the Peace.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays:

1. That it may be determined that the said James Baker was not duly elected or returned and that the said Election was void.

2. That it may be declared and found that the said James Baker was and is guilty of the said several corrupt and illegal acts and practices hereinbefore charged as having been committed before, during, at and after the said Election by himself and by his agents and other persons on his behalf, by and with the actual knowledge and consent of the said James Baker.

3. That in consequence thereof the said James Baker may be adjudged disqualified and incapable of being elected to or sitting in the Legislature, and of holding any municipal office and of holding any judicial office and of being appointed and of acting as a Justice of the Peace.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, etc.

(Signed) WM. BAILLIE.

I, Wm. Baillie, the above named Petitioner, do hereby appoint Mr. David Stevenson Wallbridge of Room 7 McKinnon Block, on the corner of Hastings street and Granville street, in the City of Vancouver, B. C., Solicitor, to act as my agent in this matter, and all notices addressed to me herein may be left with or at the said address, at his office aforesaid, or at number 21 Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of July, 1898.

(Signed) WM. BAILLIE.

Published in accordance with the provisions of Section 215 of the Provincial Elections Act.

Fort Steele, Aug. 19, 1898.

C. M. EDWARDS,
Returning Officer.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Quantrell Mining Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Huckleberry Hill, 20 miles west of Fort Steele.

Take notice that I, R. O. Jennings, agent for Frederick John Smith of Glasgow, Scotland Free Miner's Certificate No. 16158 A, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

R. O. JENNINGS.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1898

NOTICE.

Stonewall Jackson Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Huckleberry Hill, 20 miles west of Fort Steele.

Take notice that I, R. O. Jennings, agent for Frederick John Smith of Glasgow, Scotland Free Miner's Certificate No. 16158 A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

R. O. JENNINGS.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1898

NOTICE.

Midget Fraction Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Huckleberry Hill, 20 miles west of Fort Steele.

Take notice that I, R. O. Jennings, agent for Frederick John Smith of Glasgow, Scotland, Free Miner's Certificate No. 16158 A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

R. O. JENNINGS.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1898

NOTICE.

Utopia No. 2 Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Huckleberry Hill, 20 miles west of Fort Steele

Take notice that I, R. O. Jennings, agent for Frederick John Smith of Glasgow Scotland Free Miner's Certificate No. 16158 A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

R. O. JENNINGS.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1898.

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1898.

Ottawa Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—The avidity with which the sleepless pursuers of the Minister of Interior have seized on the stories published in the American papers of the mis-doings of Government officials in the Yukon, is a curious commentary upon their oft-repeated contempt for everything American. Had these Puget Sound newspapers spoken in terms of praise of the administration and commended the officials for their action, we should instantly have been told that the Siftonian satellites were selling the country to the alien, but because it appears possible for the moment to make political capital out of every story detrimental to the administration, they are eagerly copied under bold headlines. Of course it would not do to wait until it were possible to verify or refute these statements because the chances are too much in favor of refutation, that a splendid opportunity would be irretriveably lost, of be-smirching the Government. Already there are unbiased witnesses coming out, who are in a position from personal knowledge to speak of the actual situation, and these witnesses give unqualified denial to the great bulk of the sensational stories.

The now famous "grab" of Crown Attorney Wade and Mining Inspector McGregor, appears in a different light entirely when honestly stated. These officials heard of the strike on Monte Cristo island, not as at first alleged, from miners coming in to register claims, but on the street as ordinary citizens. With many others they went to the scene, they took chances with the crowd and staked claims upon the same conditions. When every mounted policeman, and indeed every official, apparently, has a personal interest in the country, it would be difficult to understand why such a straight set is made upon these two men were it not for the fact that they happen to be appointees of the present Government.

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES.

While it may be admitted that the question eligibility of an official to hold a claim involves a principal liable to give rise to honest difference of opinion, it will be recognised by every unprejudiced man that the circumstances of the present case place it in a class by itself which precludes it being judged by ordinary rules. The men who have been sent into the Yukon to adminster the various departments of the Government, are subject to hardships and other untoward conditions, which, if entirely compensated by salary, would demand a sum entirely beyond the power of any government to grant. It is not only reasonable but absolutely necessary that they should not be hampered by mere sentimental restrictions. The simple fact that an official holds a claim cannot be considered reprehensible by any rule of logic; it is only when advantage is taken of his official knowledge or position, that his conduct is open to criticism. So far there is no evidence that any official comes within this qualification, and until such evidence is forthcoming the said officials have the Britisher's right of being considered innocent until proved guilty.

ANOTHER YARN DISPOSED OF.

Another complaint that has been widely circulated by the Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco papers, is, that the mail clerks at Dawson City will not deliver mails unless they are well bribed This is emphatically denied, the foundation of the story, apparently being, that a few miners anxious to get back to their diggings, and unwilling to wait their turn, had induced the clerks to hunt up their mail in the middle of the night and in return made them some compensation. The man must be hypocritical indeed, who would object to this.

Again it is charged that exorbitant fees have been exacted for transportation down the Mile Canyon, the White Horse rapids etc. It is unnecessary here to further investigate this charge as the boatmen at these points are private individuals, in no way, shape or form under Government control; and moreover both points can be passed by portaging. If the traveler wishes to save his time and trouble by navigating these dangerous waters he has to pay what these boatmen wish to charge. The complaint that a fare is charged by the ferry operated on the Klondike river is too puerilo to notice, for it has yet to be claimed that such a charge is exorbitant.

THE MACDONALD LEASE.

There as one other charge of which much has been made and has it concerns a direct act of Government is worthy of some attention. We refer to the leasing of the water front at Dawson City to Mr. McDonald at $1.00 a foot. The fact is that when the lease was granted the privilege was of little value; the land on the small plain on which Dawson City now stands was very little in demand and those who were there thought Macdonald was paying a big price. If he had not taken it squatters would have pre-empted the territory and no revenue at all would have accrued to the Crown. It is only because Mr. Macdonald has had a successful venture and is making money out of his enterprise, that the world ever heard of the transaction at all.

No doubt there are other charges which we have not noticed, but for the present at any rate it may safely be affirmed that their is as little evidence to substantiate them as those dealt with. While two blacks never make a white it would be worth while to remember that almost without exception every member of the late administration held numerous choice claims in the gold regions of the Pacific province, and it is no secret that these were secured through information obtained from official reports received at Ottawa from the Government surveyors. The present Conservative leaders, and a score besides, were in the business, and we fail to remember that there was one word of condemnation meted out to them, nor to this day has there been the slightest suggestion from their party associates that they be made to disgorge. Whatever may be the truth of the charges now under consideration it may be unhesitatingly declared that should wrong doing be established swift retribution will follow.

REDUCED FREIGHT RATES.

The announcement of the C.P. R. reduction in grain and freight rates of 1½ cents per 100 lbs., from the first of the present month, is a reminder of the advantageous conditions received by the Government when making the Crow's Nest railway contract with the C. P. R. This was one of the concessions then demanded but ridiculed at the time by Opposition speakers and writers. Further reductions are to follow and whatever the other fellow may say, the farmer, who has been under the heel of exorbitant freight charges so long, has a practical opportunity of testing their value. The claim that the Liberal Government is the farmers friend has another justification.

PLENTY OF WORK.

According to the latest reports that have reached the East there is a big scarcity of labor in the prairie harvest fields. It is claimed that between 5000 and 6000 additional men are required and that the railroad are experiencing much difficulty in obtaining that number.

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Wide spread attention is being attracted to the proposal to hold a World's Fair in Canada at the commencement of the twentieth century. The project is an immense one, and the Toronto papers are performing valuable public service in securing the candid opinions of experienced public men thereon, for, to be successful, it would require to be carried out upon a scale greater then anything ever before attempted in the Dominion. The advantages to be expected from the scheme would be the splendid advertising that Canada would receive throughout the world, and the excellent facilities that would be offered to tens of thousands from other countries to visit the Dominion, and personally judge for themselves of its unrivalled opportunites and resources.

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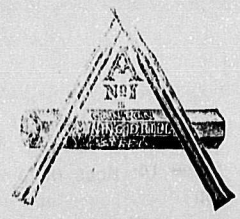

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1898.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

To Mr. J. Fred Hume, M.P.P. for the Nelson division of West Kootenay, has been given the portfolio of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines It is intended that the Government as now composed, of Mr. C. A. Semlin, Lands and Works; Joseph Martin, Attorney-General; F. C. Cotton, Finance; R. E. Kechnie, member of the Executive Council, shall meet the Legislature at its next session, (which will no doubt be brought on much earlier than usual), and test the feelings of the members.

The meeting of the Legislature will be looked forward to with great interest. As the members now stand, nineteen of those elected were returned as straight supporters of the newly formed government; that is just one-half of the membership of the House. On the other side, there are three members, Messrs. Henderson, for New Westminister City; McBride, for Dewdney, and Neilson for North East Kootenay, who were elected as Independents; but as they were all opposed by straight supporter of the present Government, it is to be presumed that there leanings would have been in favor of the Turner administration had that party been successful. It is mentioned as possible that one of these "Independents" will be elected to the Speakership, but the objection arises here, that all of these are new members without parliamentary experience to fit them for the important duties of the chair. So far there does not appear to be the slightest tendency to a fusion of the two parties, and as neither side has a working majority, the outlook is for an early dissolution of the House, and a fresh appeal to the electorate.

Of course before the meeting of the House, there may be some important changes in the membership, occasioned by the result of the election petition trials. The law respecting the trial of controverted elections in this Province, is extremely defective, as is seen by the nature of the preliminary objections already raised. It is said, for instance, that the deposits of $2,000 in each case to cover costs, should have been made in the Bank of England instead of with the Registrar of the Court; and also that there being no Chief Justice at present appointed, the petition must fall to the ground for purely technical reasons. It is possible, of course, that these points may be fatal to the cause, but it is scarcely likely, and as several of these cases are to come up for hearing on these points at Victoria, the public will not be long in doubt over the matter.

We can see nothing ahead at present but a new general election. It is necessary that the Government should be backed up by a strong working majority in order to effect the important reforms in the administration of the affairs of the Province which are so necessary. The Government should have at least 10 or 12 majority, in order to be quite independent of little cabals or combinations which might be got together to dictate terms to the Government. That the Ministry should be at the mercy at any time of three or four of its supporters, would simply mean a weak administration, and that is what must at all hazard be avoided in the present juncture. There is no doubt that a fresh appeal to the electors would result in the new Goverment being returned with a backing of abundant strength.

Ex-Premier Turner takes the dismissal of himself and colleagues from office very hard. He continues to abuse the Lieut. Governor of arbitary action, and while His Honor did act with unexpected precipitancy, still it was the best thing that could have happened Mr. Turner. He was clearly defeated at the polls, not only by the return of members, but by a popular majority of some thousands of the electors. Had the House been called together he would have been without a majority, and must therefore have been beat on the first test vote. This would have caused expense and delay, which the Lieutenant-Governors action has prevented, and matters are in a decidely better position than if his honor had failed to act.

COMMISSION HAS ORGANIZED.

American and British Delegates Have Done no Other Work Yet.

Quebec, Aug. 23—At noon today the first meeting of the international commission was called to order at the parliament building. Nothing was done beyond the preliminary work of organization. This was followed by an informal reception by the city officials and an address of welcome delivered by the mayor.

An informal meeting of the commissioners was held last evening, but nothing definite as to the work of the commission was decided upon.

Mr. Dingley has not yet arrived, but is expected early.

Senator Gray came in from Montreal late last night.

Quebec, Aug. 24—It has been determined by the members of the joint arbitration commission that nothing in detail of the commission's work will be given to the press until after its work is finished. The reason for this is to prevent so far as possible the demands for hearings before the commission. Both the Americans and Canadians have agreed to the amount of data and official information upon all questions to be considered, and whatever additional information is desired will be obtained from available sources. For these reasons it is thought a general discussion of the work in the press would tend to bring to Quebec daily delegations of persons anxious to be heard, and result in great annoyance and delay. On the most important questions expert testimony will be heard, and where local interests are to be seriously affected a single representative of the interests may be heard. Beyond this the commissioners say they will be unable to grant any requests for hearings. Briefs and documents on all questions will be received and considered.

INTO THE SLOCAN.

British Company Organized to Carry Out the Plan.

Vancouver, B. C., August 23—Advices received here from London state that the Kootenay Railway & Navigation Company, Limited, has been formed to consolidate into one system the Kaslo & Slocan railroad and the International Navigation & Trading Company, Limited, and to connect these directly with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads by a line owned and controlled by the company. The capital is £500,000 and the present issue consists of 5 per cent debentures to the amount of £480,000. The chairman of the new company is H. W. Foster, M. P., while the other directors are Frederic Lubbeck, a director of the Bank of British North America; A. C. Mitchell Innes, director of the British Columbia Electric Railway, and George Alexander, president of the International Navigation & Trading Company. The new company secures the undertaking of the Bedlington & Nelson railroad and the whole of the undertaking of the proposed American company now being formed to construct a railroad from the International boundary to Bonner's Ferry, at which point it will connect with the Great Northern.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

When tariff laws do so much for Canada as Herrick Duggan's skill, it will be as impossible for Americans to take logs, as it now is for them to take challenge cups out of this country.

When Britain begins by firing Lord Salisbury, China may end up by firing Li Hung Chang.

Uncle Sam may take Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines away from Spain, but he is not smart enough to take the Seawanhaka Cup away from Canada while G. Herrick Duggan is on guard.

King Alphonso's Government has sent Cervera $50,000 for his officers. Cervera had better keep the $50,000 and let his officers go back to Spain and accept his share of the lead in the volleys which are being reserved for the admiral of Santiago.

SWINDLED BY ORIENTALS.

British Columbia Customs Official Exposes a Simple Scheme.

Vancouver, B. C.—Eldredge, recently appointed appraiser at Vancouver, has unearthed a conspiracy to defraud the customs, which has been in existence for years. While searching the recent records of the customs department here Eldredge found that by using a double set of invoices, Japanese and Chinese merchants had defrauded the government out of thousands of dollars, their operations have extended over a period of six years The modus operandi was simple. Mongolians in the east who sent out goods to their countrymen in the west prepared two invoices, one for the use of the merchant and the other to be used at the customs department. The latter invariably misrepresented the value of the goods.

Cecil Rhodes Was Elected.

Cape Town, South Africa.—In the Cape Colony assembly general elections are now in progress. Cecil Rhodes and Mr. Cotes, candidates for the Progressive party, opposed to the Afrikanderband, which is largely representative of President Kruger's interests in South Africa, have been elected by overwhelming majorities in Little Namagualand, a maritime district in the northwest of the Colony.

NOTICE.

THE TRAMWAY COMPANY INCORPORATION ACT, 1895.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly for the Province of British Columbia for an Act, authorizing the Incorporation of a Company to construct and operate a line of railway, commencing at some point on the British Columbia Southern Railway, (known as the Crow's Nest Pass Railway between Elk River and the town of Wardner, thence northerly, between the base of the Rocky Mountains and the Kootenay River, to Canal Flat, thence along the west side of the Columbia Lakes to Toby creek, thence westerly along Toby and Grizzly Creeks to the foot of Upper Kootenay Lake, thence along the Lardeau River and Trout Lake to the Upper Arrow Lakes, connecting at some point between Revelstoke and Arrow Lake with the Revelstoke and Arrow Lake Branch Railway, and in addition thereto to construct and operate a Branch Railway, running from some point between Wild Horse and Lewis Creeks to the North Star Mine, with power to operate the said Railways either by means of Steam or Electrical power, also with power to construct and operate a telegraph or telephone line in connection with such Railway and with all other usual powers, rights and privileges.

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The Railway Situation.

EDITOR, PROSPECTOR,

B. C. STATUTES, 1888, CHAPTER 44 SECTION 3.

"The company may lay out, construct and operate a railway from some point on or near the junction of Summit Creek with Michel Creek, in the Kootenay District: from thence by way of Elk River to the Upper Kootenay River; thence by way of Cranbrook and the Moyie Pass and Goat River to a point on the Lower Kootenay at or near its junction with Goat River."

B. C. STATUTES, 1894, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 3.

"The Central section to consist of that portion of the railway commencing at a point on the Elk River, near the junction of the Elk River with the Kootenay River, thence in a northerly direction to a point at or near Cranbrook; thence by the Moyie Pass to the Lower Kootenay River, or by the alternative route from Cranbrook by way of St. Mary's River to Pilot Bay on Kootenay Lake or to the Lardo River."

I quote the first paragraph above from the original charter of the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Railway in order to justify a statement made by me a few weeks ago on a public platform, and to show how, by the insertion of a few words in the second clause of the above section of the original act, the future of Fort Steele might have been insured. Had that clause read. "from thence by way of Elk river to the Upper Kootenay river at or near Fort Steele," there would now be no conflict with the C.P.R. or with any rival town, and no doubts as to her future. The charter when sold would have been sold with that condition attached, and the C.P. R. would have accepted the situation and would have been by this time running their trains into Fort Steele.

But if it be said that subsequent developments had not in 1888 given Fort Steele its name or the importance which its situation now has, I reply that since 1888 the charter was amended at four several session up to that of 1894, (as quoted). I was in the house myself at that date and had I understood the situation as I do now I would gladly have seen that the interests of our town, which must have been at that time of some importance, were properly protected.

However without further indulging in a melancholy retrospect of what "might have been" let us face the situation as it now is and consider what is or what can be done.

Evidently the promise said to have been given you by Mr. Haney through Mr. Nash, is not to be—in fact, cannot now be fulfilled, for the rails have already reached Cranbrook; and just as evidently the Government of the Dominion is dilatory in extending us the aid we have been expecting from that quarter. We must therefore take up the task, and assume at once the duty of helping ourselves. It is said that "the gods help those who help themselves"; and I have no doubt that if we set about this duty in earnest we shall eventually be helped by both the C. P. R. and the Government.

What then can be done? Let me suggest that a company be organised first of all under the Tramway Act of 1895, to connect with the C. N. R. by means of an electric tramway. I would suggest that this company secure power to connect in the same way with the North Star and Sullivan groups, with the Dibble, with upper Wild Horse and Bull river, and with Four mile, Six-mile and Tracy creeks. Fort Steele is the natural converging point for all these mines, and if we but pull together we are sure to win. And as a necessary completment to this scheme, a concentrating mill and smelter should be erected near the mouth of Wild Horse or St. Mary's river. The details of how all this may be accomplished need not now be gone into. Suffice it that "where there is a will there is a way", and that the first work that should be undertaking, and that at once, should be the connection with the railway. And this connection need not be made at the nearest point, but at the best point, a few miles farther down and before the uphill grade to Isadors canyon is begun. We should thus get a grade as easy as anything on the main line and which might at anytime be converted into a steam road, and be continued on up to the North Star mine.

The C. P. R. will not refuse us this connection or decline to handle our freight as we want it. Perhaps if we were to do the grading of this branch they would gladly put on the rails and the rolling stock. Let us try them. Conciliatoc is better than hostility.

HUGH WATT, M. D.
Fort Steele.

British Columbia Quiescent.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 23—At a meeting of salmon canners today it was decided not to ask the dominion government to extend the sockeye season. The meeting also decided to petition the minister of marine and fisheries to open the cohoe fishing season September 15, ten days earlier than usual. The canners stated that the season's salmon pack would not be greater than 190,000 cases. Last year it went over 800,000.

The provincial government has decided not to send any representatives to Quebec to watch British Columbia interests at the International conference. The government will, however, prepare a memorandum for submission to the British members of the conference, setting forth the views of the government on all questions and points on which it asks for action for the perservation of provincial interests.

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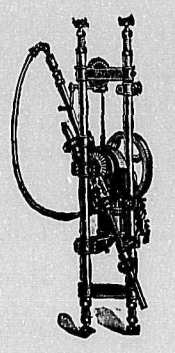

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Moyie City to Goat River Summit	26
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Indian Mints To Re-Open.

That India will shortly re-open her mints to the free coinage of silver is no longer regarded as improbable, but rather as an actual necessity as far India is concerned. The fiscal condition of India is most deplorable. There is no money among the common people and among the business men the pressure has become unendurable. Interest is so high that it is beyond the capacity of the merchants to pay it, and then values are so uncertain that no security that ordinary men can offer is acceptable. The mighty stringency has already had a demoralizing effect upon the people. Prices are so low for staples and payment so uncertain, that many native farmers have ceased cultivating the soil.

The plan to close the mints and force the country to a gold standard originated in London, and in England has never been endorsed except by government officials—mostly English—in the military and civil service. They wanted their monthly pay in gold after silver had fallen so much that to send their salaries to their families in England entailed a heavy discount. It was this class in the government of India which, without consulting the merchants and bankers of that country, prepared and forwarded the refusal of the Indian government to second the efforts of France and United States in restoring silver to its old place as a standard money. The project of those officers was to borrow enough gold from Great Britain to make a fund upon which to establish the gold standard, on what they called a firm basis. But with the mighty drain of gold to America to pay for the food and cotton of last year, and because of the uncertainty of India being able to keep the gold, even if it were to be forwarded to her, the banking power of England became alarmed at the prospect, and recoiled from the proposition to ship away $100,000,000 to the debt overwhelmed country. That settled the matter, and ever since it has been but a question of time when the mints will have to be opened.

Another Railway.

It is now stated that the Nelson & Bedlington railway will be constructed within a few months. It was presumed when the Great Northern acquired the Corbin system that this road would not be built. It is now learned that while the interests of the Great Northern in this road are large they are secondary to George Alexander, Harry Foster, a member of the British Parliament and their associates. The Nelson & Bedlington railway company has a trackage agreement with the Great Northern by which they can reach Spokane. Bids for the construction of the line will be opened at Bonner's Ferry.

The line is to be about 53 miles in length, running from Bonner's Ferry along the banks of the Kootenay river, crossing the boundary line and striking lower Kootenay lake at a point somewhere south of Pilot Bay. It will cross the Crow's Nest Pass extension of the Canadian Pacific railway and will be through a rich country. It is expected that boats will be run on the lake and a connection made with the Kaslo & Slocan railway for reaching the richer portions of the heart of Kootenay. The intention is to make connection so as to enable passengers leaving Spokane in the morning to be landed in Sandon and other Kootenay points the same night.

While there are no hard grades on the line there is considerable rock and bridge work, which will make the construction expensive. In building the bridges required over 4,000,000 feet of lumber will be used.

Britain Likes It.

London, Aug. 19.—The morning papers comment upon the proposed immense increase in the American navy. The Standard says: Such a fleet operating from Manila as a base would be able to exercise considerable influence upon the progress of events in Chinese waters, and added to English China squadron and the Japanese navy, would make a mighty armament indeed. The Standard suggests that this consideration may give Russia a pause.

The Daily Mail says: The new programme is startling in its immensity. The American navy jumps to fourth place among the world's fleets. It will not long remain fourth nor will it be long before they have a policy in China.

See The Significance.

Berlin, Aug. 19.—A Hamburgische correspondent regards the appointment of Colonel Hay to the post of secretary of state of the United States as of far reaching importance and as indicating the solidarity of an Anglo-American understanding and co-operation in far eastern affairs.

Ottawa Letter.

THEY DON'T KNOW US.

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To us who are familiar with the actual condition of affairs, here, the ludicrous ignorance existing abroad is scarcely conceivable. We are producing, in yearly increasing quantities, vast stores of natural products, particularly agricultural and mineral, for which new markets must be found. If a World's Fair would assist in opening up those markets, supplementing the untiring efforts of the Federal and Provincial authorities, it will be well worth the time trouble and cost; if, however, the proposed exhibition is simply to offer facilities to foreign exhibitors to display their goods, Canadian interest will only derive a minimum of benefit. That every dollar, judiciously spent in placing the resources of the Dominion before the purchasing nations is a gilt-edge investment, no one will question, and our Governments to-day are alive to its importance. This more ambitious project of bringing the purchaser here, is a departure from the old lines, and in view of all that is involved therein, must be most cautiously entered upon.

The outcome of the present discussion will be watched with great interest throughout the Dominion, and if it is decided to go ahead and make the experiment, Canadians, from Halifax to Victoria, may be relied upon to stand shoulder to shoulder in making the exhibition a magnificient national success.

A STATESMAN NOT NECESSARY.

The press comments upon the appointment of Lord Minto as our next Governor-General, have included the mild criticism that he has had little experience in statecraft. The trouble our Conservative friends had with Lord Aberdeen was that he was too experienced a statesman, and knew when to veto an attempt to abuse the constitution. Just now Canada is in no need of imported statesmen, the native brand holding the reins of government is proving most thoroughly satisfactory.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Fort Steele should send a rare collection of rich minerals to the exhibition at New Westminster.

If you want a shave—A clean and cool and refreshing shave—go to Grez's Barber shop, next door to the International Hotel.*

T. T. McVittie, P.L.S., who has been surveying the Dibble group, has returned to Steele.

K. J. Highby brought in some fine specimens of rich ore from Wild Horse creek.

Millinery Goods at cost for the next 10 days at Mrs. Goodnough

The public school opened with an attendance of 57 pupils.

Fresh and new fruit at Mrs. Sprague's. *

The steamer North Star arrived on Monday with a large cargo of general merchandise.

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Miners and prospectors will take notice that a mineral exhibit will constitute one of the attractions at the Provincial Exhibition. Bring in your specimens and we will have them properly marked and sent to the exhibition.

Cann & Co. have put in an Acetylene Gas Plant in their store here. They are prepared to furnish these lights to hotels, stores etc. on the most favorable terms. *

When you come to town, call in at the PROSPECTOR office and tell us all about your mineral claim.

Subscriptions in aid of the building fund of the Presbyterian Church will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Dr. Hugh Watt, congregational treasurer, and Mrs. McInnes, treasurer Ladies' Aid Society. *

A large number of prospectors have gone up Wild Horse creek during the past week.

Now is your chance to buy Furniture. J. T. McIntire. *

T. T. McVittie, P.L.S., has made a survey of the Dibble group of mines.

Mrs. Harry Reineman returned Monday, via steamer North Star, from a visit to Portland.

Mrs. J. Wolf was a passenger on the North Star.

Mrs. Goodenough returned from a business trip to the East on Monday.

A new and rich strike of galena has been made in the vicinity of Boulder creek by Mr. Lewis.

Reports from Windermere are to the effect that mining properties are showing up well.

Harry Cummins is surveying a claim on Lewis creek for N. Hanson.

Our public school has a daily attendance of 57 pupils.

James Cronin, manager of the St. Eugene mine, was in town on Monday.

John McMahon, of Moyie City, was in town on Monday.

Col. Baker arrived in Cranbrook on Tuesday.

It is reported that Col. Baker will not run if a new general election is held this fall.

Col. Baker says that a new general election will be held, possibly, in October.

F. C. Norbury, of Fish Lake, is in town.

A meeting of the Fort Steele Liberal Association will be held this evening.

The new restaurant building on Riverside Avenue is rapidly approaching completion.

We learn that several town lots were sold during the past week.

The Rev. Charles W. Gordon, secretary, British Canadian North West Missions, is visiting along the Crow's Nest railway, and in East and West Kootenay. His purpose is to visit the missions and presbytery and existing organizations and report. What he wants is accurate and interesting information that will be helpful in stirring up the people of the Mother Land on behalf of this and other districts. Take note that he will preach at the Presbyterian service on Sabbath first, at 11 o'clock forenoon, when a large attendance is expected to hear the brilliant preacher and lecturer.

Tom Bevens, of the Bull River Hotel, was in town on Thursday.

The PROSPECTOR staff captured 180 trout last Sunday.

Thomas McNaught, editor of the Golden Miner is paying Fort Steele a visit.

The local hunters are now sure that chickens and duck are ripe.

The following "talent" money for the Presbyterian church has been received by the treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society: Mrs. Mather, $19.00; Mrs. Martin, $5.00; Mrs. Dimick, $5.00; Mrs. Binmore, $9.00. Besides $40.00 by ice-cream social held on 1st July. Others are still to hear from.

Divine service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4th, at Cranbrook, at 11 a.m., and at Fort Steele, St. John's Church, at 7:30 p.m. by the pastor C. Ault Procunier.

Major Archie McLeod of Palmers Bar was in town on Tuesday.

A GRAND DRAW.

For a Good Five Hundred Dollar Lot On the Front Street.

Ticket holders in the grand draw please notice that on Saturday, Sept. 17th, 1898, this excellent business lot will be drawn for at 6 o'clock in the evening in Henry Kershaw's billiard room, Riverside Avenue. A few tickets are still unsold, if therefore you intend to try your luck and take a chance at this valuable lot, kindly secure your tickets at once. Any person not having paid for their tickets on or before Thursday, Sept. 15th such tickets will be cancelled to the present holders and resold. This must be done in order to avoid any mistake. The winner of the successful number will receive a title deed free of expense from yours truly,

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Presbyterian Church will hold service tomorrow forenoon at 11 o'clock. All welcome.

Sabbath School and Bible Class will meet at 3 p. m. as usual.

Unlucky Augusti.

London.—The Singapore correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphes that General Augusti had his arm broken while on his way from Hong Kong to Singapore during the progress of a typhoon. General Augusti will proceed to Spain on a German military boat.

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Lieut-Governor and the Ex-Premier.

The sensation of the week at Victoria has been the publication in the official gazette of the whole of the correspondence between the Lieut-Governor and ex-Premier Turner, previous to the latters dismissal. Some of it is racy reading, and there are very direct and damaging charges coming from both sides.

Turner shows up in some respects in a most pitiful light. Next week we will give a condensation of this charming official correspondence.

Col. Baker at Cranbrook.

Col. Baker, ex-minister of mines, arrived in Cranbrook on Tuesday afternoon. Some unkind people will have it that the Colonel is here to repair his political fences, but this is not so, for if our information is correct the Colonel is out of politics. We learn that if the Col. is defeated in his application to set aside the election protest that has been filed against him, he will resign, and make an extended visit to the Old Country. "Who said, Amen?"

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NOTICE is hereby given that I will apply to the Gold Commissioner for a transfer of my retail liquor license from the Kootenay Hotel at Crow's Nest Landing, to the Kootenay Hotel at Tobacco Plains.

John Mott.

Dated Aug. 29, 1898. 36-40

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a transfer of license from W. J. Woodford to me T. J. Wellman, said license is to retail liquor at the Royal Hotel, situated at Cranbrook, B. C.

T. J. WELLMAN.

Dated 26th day of August, 1898. 35-39

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to retail liquor on the premises known as the Hotel Kimberley, located at the town of Kimberley, B. C.

J. D. SEARS.

Dated 22nd day of August, 1898. 35-39