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And faith he'l prent them.

LOCAL NEWS.

FORT STEELE WEATHER REPORT

TEMPERATURE.

MAR.	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
25	45. 3	34. 9
26	47. 4	29. 5
27	44. 0	32. 1
28	42. 6	31. 4
29	40. 0	32. 3
30	44. 7	19. 9
31	51. 2	18. 5

Variable, snow ending in heavy rain on 28th, succeeded by fine days.

Observer—Dr. Charles McLean.

All Fool's day—Thursday last.

The attendance at the Public school is steadily increasing.

We had a fall of the beautiful on Thursday.

The genial Joe Laidlaw is in from McGinty.

Mr. Joe. Malby has taken up a mill site on Bull river.

Editor Grace is on his way to St. Paul Min., to purchase a new dress for the *Prospector*.

The Hon. Mr. Richards an Ex-Governor of the Province, died recently at Victoria.

The Public school now opens at 9 a.m. every morning. Parents please note.

Mrs. Levett will shortly open her new Hotel, and her many friends wish her success.

The North Star employees are having a holiday—and are visiting Fort Steele.

Mr. A. Downey and wife formerly of Regina, came in on Tuesdays stage from the south.

Mr. R. O. Jennings, who arrived home on Tuesday, closed two deals while in Spokane.

Alexander Watson returned from a visit to Golden and Calgary looking well after his trip.

Mr. Santo came in from Kalispell on Tuesday, and is now behind the counter of the American store.

Mr. Weightman the well known livery stable keeper of Kalispell brought in five passengers on Tuesday.

Mr. Ryan from Calgary, a Hotel man of many years experience is looking for an opening in our burg.

We learn that Recorder Goldie of Windermere intends presenting a Bell to the Shuswap Church.

Three teams arrived from Golden on Thursday loaded with supplies for the Grand Central Hotel.

Dr. Reddie of Spokane, who has made some fortunate investments in West Kootenay mines, came in on Tuesday to look over our district.

Mr. H. Abbott, western superintendant of the C. P. R. has resigned his position, but will remain a resident of the province.

Your grocer will sell you *Schilling's Best* tea, and return your money in full if you don't like it.

He is our agent to this extent; and we want no better business.

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San Francisco

Mr. J. Durick of the firm of Carlin & Durick, arrived home on Tuesday from a visit to the Coast cities and the neighboring state. He came in by way of Golden. Mr. Burns was his travelling companion.

The attention of mine owners is called to the fact that printed forms specially prepared for the convenience of parties wishing to list their claims in the B. C. Directory of Mines may be obtained on application to Thos. T. McVittie, C. E., Fort Steele.

Mr. Ed. Martin, the popular driver of Uncle Sam's mail between Kalispell and Tobacco Plains, brought in Dr. Watt and Mr. C. M. Keep on Friday of last week. This was his first trip to Fort Steele, which may be the forerunner of many more.

Mr. C. M. Keep, who has been engaged in the banking business in Oregon for a number of years, arrived in town last Friday. Mr. Keep expects to embark in business in East Kootenay, and thinks the change of climate from the Willamette valley will be very beneficial to him.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Mr. T. W. Patmore preached last Sabbath evening in the school house, from the text, "Whose son art thou young man?" Next Sabbath Episcopal service will be held in the evening. All are cordially invited to attend the evening services.

Dr. Hugh Watt, ex-member for the district of Cariboo, and for nearly ten years, surgeon to the Royal Cariboo Hospital at Barkerville, came in from the east on Friday of last week. He has taken the practise of Dr. Chas. Maclean, who is leaving us. Dr. Watt also represents a company of eastern capitalists, who desire to make investments in East Kootenay. It will not be out of place to say here, that the Doctor has informed us that early in the season he will be joined by a young Canadian Surgeon, and that they will then open a Hospital—in a small way at first perhaps—but which, it is hoped, will become one of the most useful institutions in the district. The Doctor is highly pleased with Fort Steele and its surroundings. For the present he is occupying the Sprague house, south of the Mountain House.

THE NORTH STAR SOLD.

There is a report that the North Star Co. have sold their mine to a large English syndicate.

B.C. DIRECTORY OF MINES.

Mr. Thos. McVittie, C. E., has favoured us with a copy of the first number of a new quarterly issued by the "Mining Record" company and edited by Mr. Alex. Begg. It contains a synopsis of the laws relating to mineral and placer claims, lists of the various Government officials, Banks, Post and Telegraph offices, Railway, Steamer and Stage routes, hotels, mining companies and stock quotations, &c. &c. This is unquestionably a most useful manual and it should obtain a large circulation in as well as beyond the limits of the province.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

By request I hereby call a mass meeting of the Fort Steele Mining Division for the purpose of discussing a Memorial, which it is proposed to present to the B. C. Government concerning the reserve placed on lands in the south eastern part of the district.

Thos. T. McVittie.

A TELEGRAPH LINE.

The Golden *Era* has been furnished with an estimate showing that the cost of a telegraph line between Golden and Fort Steele would be about $14,000. This sum, it seems to us, could easily be raised provided a private company incorporated under chapter 55 of the statutes of 1895, were to undertake the construction of this line. But why should not the C. P. R. Co. extend its telegraph system at once southward to Fort Steele? If that company cannot or will not, let it be done by the Dominion Government placing in the estimates this session a sum for that purpose, as was done in the case of the line from Ashcroft to Lillooet village, constructed last year. In any case there is no question that, in the present stage of mining development in East Kootenay, telegraph connection is a matter of prime importance; and such steps as are possible should be taken without delay.

MASS MEETING.

The following are the minutes of the Mass Meeting held in the School house on Saturday last, under auspices of the Fort Steele Mining Association:

After the "Memorial," as drawn up by a committee, and published on page 3, had been read; its various phrases and paragraphs were discussed, the following gentlemen making speeches:—

R. L. T. Galbraith, T. W. Jackson, J. Fitzgerald, Dr. Watt, C. Neitzel. Moved by F. P. Norbury, seconded by R. L. T. Galbraith, that the "Memorial" be sent without amendment to H. Bostock Esq., Senator Jas. Reid, and the Governor General, carried.

Moved by A. B. Grace, seconded by A. Clark, that Photographs of the North Star Ore be attached to each copy of memorial, carried.

Moved by J. Grassick, seconded by A. B. Grace, that the expense be defrayed by the Fort Steele Mining Association, carried.

Moved by R. L. T. Galbraith, seconded by W. Carlin that a committee composed of T. T. McVittie, Dr. Watt, T. W. Jackson, C. Neitzel and A. Clark be appointed, to draw up a memorial to petition the Provincial Government with regard to legislation re coal lands, carried.

Moved by F. P. Norbury, seconded by R. D. Mather that the petition include inquiries for information regarding boundaries of Reserved lands for B. C. Southern Railway, carried.

NOTICE.

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W. J. R. COWELL

Dated this 1st day of April, 1897.

ROSSLAND.

A milling and concentrating test, has been made of the Le Roi ores the result of which has been so satisfactory that Captain Hall who conducted the test, declares, "we have now established the fact that these ores will concentrate and in doing so we have inaugurated a new era of prosperity for Rossland." Sixty-five per cent of the gold in the ore was saved on the plates and the concentration was six tons into one.

It is said the Oregon R. & N. Co. are anxious to build into Kootenay.

Joe. Chenie arrived from Kalispell with a load of merchandise for the American store.

Mr. Malcolm McInnes, a cattle dealer from Calgary arrived on Thursday.

PROSPECTORS AND MINE OWNERS.

Will prospectors and mine owners kindly contribute a sample of their ore to the *Prospector's* cabinet of minerals where it will be properly labeled and placed on exhibition.

CAUTION. Ordinary laborers and wage-earning miners are cautioned against crowding into this district too soon. The snow is still too deep on the mountains for prospecting, and there is but little work going on yet whereby such classes could earn a living. Indeed there should be no crowding in at any season of those merely looking for work. No one should think of coming into an isolated district, such as this is at present, unless he has sufficient money to pay his way while waiting for work, or if disappointed in that to pay his way out again.

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Mining News.

WE HAVE PAY MINES.

The Fort Steele Mining District as a Producer.

Mines Ready to Become Producers As Soon As a Railway is Assured.

The North Star mine produced, and shipped during the year 1896, nearly 4,500 tons of ore, which had a valuation of $225,000. At the present time the company has 3000 tons of rich carbonates and galena at their landing on the Kootenay river, and 3000 more on the dump—6000 tons that will average $60 per ton, or a gross valuation of $360,000. The North Star mine, working a sufficient force, can take out and ship 100 tons daily, and there is no doubt that with reduction works, in close proximity, the mine would become the largest producer in the province.

The Sullivan group has a vast amount of mineral in sight, and by the time the road can be constructed, will have a large amount of ore ready for shipment.

There are 70 or 80 claims located on Huckleberry Hill and the Sullivan mountain, and many of these can become producers in a few months.

On Tracy creek there are several claims that have enough mineral in sight to justify shipment.

On Elk and Bull rivers are several copper properties that can ship ore.

The Dibble group have about 500 sacks of ore ready for shipment.

The St. Eugene mine has about 6000 tons of galena on the dump ready for shipment, which has a gross valuation of $300,000.

The Moyea and Lake Shore mine can ship ore when transportation is afforded.

On Perry creek there are many claims, that will become producers of the yellow metal, when the necessary means of transportation enables the owners to get in the proper machinery to work the ore.

There is no doubt that at least 200 mines in this district, will become producers upon the advent of the Crow's Nest Railway.

PERRY CREEK GOLD BELT

The Gold belt, or gold propositions of Perry creek present some very interesting features. What is called the belt extends along the west side of the creek, for a distance of at least seven miles. There is ample evidence that the formation is of eruptive origin. Gold can be panned from any and all of the different leads. All the veins in the locality are among a system of dykes cutting the formation. Pay ore is found near the surface and extraction is not only cheap but can be made cheaper with the aid of natural advantages.

PLACER MINING.

Placers on Wild Horse creek have been successfully worked since 1864, at first with "rockers" and pick and shovel; but for a number of years they have been successfully developed in the most systematic manner. In this way they return to their owners large profits. The ground will last a century at the present rate of development.

Among the new placer enterprises this year will be the resumption of work by the Perry Creek Mining Co. Perry creek has paid well in the past, and there is no reason to doubt that it will pay better in the future.

A SURE THING!

The chances of heavy returns from Mining in the Fort Steele district are simply astounding, considering the fact that the district is, comparatively speaking, new, and but little known.

The whole region from Elk river north, to the division line, (Wild Horse, Lost, Wasa, Tracy, Perry, Weaver, Wolf, Maus, Mark and Hell Roaring creeks; St. Mary's and Moyea rivers;) is a vast mineral bearing district, which invites investment with the most alluring prospects. For the placer mines there are miles of favorable ground answering every condition for cheap and profitable working.

WORTH INVESTIGATING.

It is quite worth the while of practical men with the necessary capital, to come personally to the Fort Steele district and investigate for themselves, and use their own judgment as to how much money they will invest, and how they will invest it. That the geological indications are most favorable for the finding of gold and other metals is fully confirmed by actual development, and can be duplicated at many points in the district.

Never in the history of mining has the mineral industry of an individual district attracted such universal attention as is now being devoted to the Fort Steele district. The whole of Canada and the United States, are thoroughly aroused and alive to the future importance of the coming mining district of the American Continent, that is destined to bring more wealth to Canada than can come through any other channel of legitimate industry.

IMPROVE THE KOOTENAY.

Of what use are the steamboats unless the river channels are made navigable? It is of great importance, therefore, to this district, that the obstructions to the Kootenay river navigation which can be removed should receive the attention of the Government. These obstructions can be removed at a comparatively small cost, and if the work was done at once, it would give an immense impetus to the mining industry of the Fort Steele district. We commend the matter to the attention of our member, Mr. Hewett Bostock; who has proved himself to be active and progressive in affairs relative to this district.

IT IS NO LONGER 16 TO 1.

Queen Victoria in the 60 years of her reign has had to do with 17 presidents of the United States. Martin VanBuren had been in office three months when she succeeded to the throne.

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E. J. WALSH.

Dated Fort Steele, March 20 th. 1897. 37

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Grand Central Hotel.

George Watson.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1897.

NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Kootenay will be holden at Fort Steele at the Mining Recorder's office on Saturday the 12th day of June at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Summonses for the said Court can be procured from the Registrar at Donald.

By order of the Judge,

J. F. Armstrong.

Registrar of the County Court of Kootenay holden at Fort Steele. 39

NOTICE.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DUPLICATE OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO PART (1.05 acres) OF LOT 296, IN GROUP ONE (1), KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention at the expiration on one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title of Walt Wade to the above lands dated the 22nd day of October 1894 and numbered 1871 A.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, March 17th, 1897.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General of Titles. 39

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Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, March 17th, 1897.

S. Y. WOOTTON
Registrar General of Titles. 39

Hugh Watt, M. D., C. M.

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PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

The New Coalition Ministry.

The special correspondent of the Vancouver World writes as follows under date

Victoria, March 5.—"What has become of that vigorous Opposition party which everybody was told was going to arise shortly in the Province? We hear nothing about it now, but in its place are vague statements that Mr. Bostock, or perhaps Mr. Maxwell, will lead the Opposition at the next general election. We may take it for granted that Dominion politics will amply engage the attention of these gentlemen during the next five years. But while the Oppositionists are slow to say anything more about the great on slaught they at one time proudly declared they were going to make upon the Turner Government there are not wanting men who are for coalition. Coalition in British Columbia politics has generally spelt failure, but as an interesting piece of news here is a ministry slated by a man from Kootenay who, however, concedes that he is not in the swim.

Premier Mr. Turner; Provincial Secretary, Mr. Cotton; Commissioner Lands and Works, Mr. Sword; Attorney-General, Mr. Eberts; President of the Council, Mr. Semlin."

After such an effort to "slate" a coalition Ministry for the province the "man from Kootenay" should certainly "take to the woods" and stay there.

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 $957.75 for debt, the sum of $35.44 for costs, the sum of $8.50 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.

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

S. REDGRAVE,
Sheriff of Kootenay.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, for permission to purchase that fraction of land lying north of lot 51 group 1, west of lot 55 group 1, and between said lots and the Kootenay River, near Fort Steele in East Kootenay District B. C. Containing in all about [20.0] twenty acres more or less.

James C. Durick.

Dated this 26th day of Dec. 1896.

READ

THE PROSPECTOR.

NOTICE.

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

R.L.T. Galbraith.

Dated Feb. 9th, 1897. 32

NOTICE.

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

J.E. Humphreys.

Dated Feb. 9th, 1897. 32

NOTICE.

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

Gemmill & May.
Solicitors for Applicants.

Ottawa, Jan. 20, 1897. 32

NOTICE.

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

C. SWEENY.

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

NOTICE.

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

T. H. L. FENWICK.

February 20th, 1897. 34

NOTICE.

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

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

ARCHER MARTIN,
Solicitor for Applicants.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situate 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

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ROUSING MEETING OF FORT STEELE CITIZENS.

Resolutions and Speeches Favoring the Immediate Construction of the Road.

The Largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in Southern Kootenay was held in the school House at Fort Steele on Saturday evening, March 27th. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many were unable to obtain admission to the room, and stood at the windows on the outside. T. T. McVittie President of the "Fort Steele Mining Association," under whose auspices the meeting was called, occupied the chair. N. A. Wallinger was elected Secretary. The chairman on opening the meeting stated that the necessity for immediate action on the part of the residents of the Fort Steele district in the matter of Railway communications for the district, was brought very forcibly to the notice of the public, by a small meeting held to consider some amendments to the mining laws. Every other section of the Dominion of Canada, having met and passed a series of resolutions respecting the proposed road, "we who are more directly interested in its construction than any other portion of Canada" should place ourselves on record, pro & con relative to the undertaking. The result of the meeting, was the appointment of a sub committee of the Association to draft a series of resolutions which would be submitted to the meeting, upon which they could take action, if the meeting saw fit, the resolutions would assume the form of a memorial to be presented to both Houses of parliament, and the Governor-General in Council. He now called upon the Secretary to read the resolutions, which were as follows:—

To The Honorable
The House of Commons
in Parliament Assembled.

Gentlemen:—

The petition of your memorialists, the residents of the Fort Steele mining division, in mass meeting assembled, humbly and respectfully sheweth as follows:

That Fort Steele and its vicinity is one of the oldest mining districts in British Columbia.

That within a radius of twenty miles of the present town of Fort Steele, upwards of Twenty-five millions of dollars of gold has been taken out in placer mining alone, before the improved system of mining by hydraulics.

That the area directly tributary to this district comprises aproximately five millions of acres of territory which has been found to be phenominally rich in ore-bearing quartz and placer properties.

That up to the present time development work on mining properties has been confined to comparatively few, owing to the fact of limited shipping facilities.

That the full capacity of the line of steamers, which is the only means of shipping ore out of the district, is taxed to the utmost carrying the output of one producing mine to the American Smelters.

That within this mining division every variety of mineral is found, both free milling and smelting ores, and also superior anthracite, cannel, bituminous, with coking coal. And immediately adjacent are large timber areas and coal oil deposits unoccupied and undeveloped.

That development work has been prosecuted on several properties and their richness can be the better determined from the fact, that as compared with the celebrated Cripple Creek mines in Colorado, the showing per foot developed is: Cripple creek $21.00 and Fort Steele $212.00 per foot.

That up to the present time upwards of Four hundred mineral claims have been recorded and of those recorded, three hundred and sixty five records of improvement have been made in this division,—a fact demonstrating the faith had by the locators in the value of their properties.

That notwithstanding the number of mines located and improvements made, owing to lack of shipping facilities and means of transportation, one producing mine controls every means of taking a ton of ore out of the district.

That owing to the lack of railway transportation, the mining industries of this district are almost totally paralysed.

That the principal means of ingress and egress in a shipping sense is through American channels and as a consequence the trade of the district is to a great extent lost to Canada

That the construction of a railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, as far as the town of Nelson in West Kootenay, to connect with the Eastern system of railways would immediately have the effect of the fuller development of the mines already located, making a large number of them producing and shipping mines, and would as well create a tremendous influx of capital from older Canada, Great Britain and the Eastern United States, to take advantage of the opportunities for legitimate investment. The construction of the railway would make the whole of Southern Kootenay directly tributary to Canada and Canadian markets, and with the great increase of population which must inevitably follow, the beneficial effects to the Dominion of Canada, as a whole can scarcely be estimated.

That at the present time, the coke and fuel supplies for the smelters of West Kootenay are drawn from unnatural sources at heavy cost; whereas by the construction of the railway through the Crow's Nest Pass such supplies would be within a few miles of their doors, and at a cost which would allow the operating and smelting of the ores of many mines there, which do not at present pay to work.

Therefore your Memorialists respectfully and humbly pray.

That the Government of Canada will enact such legislation at the present session of the Parliament of Canada as will ensure the immediate construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, and whether the said railway is undertaken as a government work or is built as a subsidised line. That the interests of the people of Canada, as regards freight and passenger rates, be properly safeguarded, and that in so far as is consistent with the policy of the Government and with the interests of Canada as a whole, every opportunity should be allowed for the use of the said line by other Railways so as to ensure competition of rates.

And as in duty bound your Memorialists will ever pray.

Signed by direction of the mass meeting.

N. A. WALLINGER, Secretary. — T. T. McVITTIE, Chairman

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MANY LARGE SALES REPORTED.

Considerable Development Work Being Done.

"There is a large number of people going into the Fort Steele district even now, and I look for great activity in that section the coming summer," said R. O. Jennings of Fort Steele yesterday. "The district is looking extremely well. There have been a number of sales of mining property reported within the last few weeks, and most of them were for cash. The Eureka group between the Sullivan group and the North Star, was sold for $8,000 cash. The Wasa group brought $15,000, with $2,000 cash paid down. These sales were made to Victoria people.

"The North Star people have 3000 tons of carbonates at the landing for shipment. In all, this company has 4000 tons ready for shipment.

"The Invicta Hydraulic Company is sinking another shaft in its placer ground on Wild Horse creek. This company has done an enormous amount of work, the results of which are not known.

The owners of the Dardanelles, a quartz claim on Wild Horse, have opened up a splendid ledge. The tunnel is in 200 feet and shows a four-foot lead.

"There is a large amount of development work going on at Perry creek, southwest of Fort Steele a few miles. A great many claims have been located in this section and the showing so far is excellent. On one claim a shaft 45 feet was sunk and a crosscut of the ledge showed it to be 10 feet wide. It was easy mining; in sinking the shaft no powder was used.

"A large number of men are at work on the Sherwood group developing the property.

"The district is favorably situated for developing the mines by tunnel, and there is water in abundance. The St. Eugene mine on Moyea lake is showing up finely with development, and from all that can be learned it will make a great property.

"A number of new buildings are going up at Fort Steele, but at present there is not hotel accommodation enough for the people who are going in. It is early in the season to visit the district, as there is lots of snow, and the spring will probably be late."—Spokesman Review.

RAILROAD RUMORS.

The C. P. R. Will Build the Crow's Nest Pass.

"The Crow's Nest Pass railway will be built this summer, and it will be built by the Canadian Pacific, too," said a man today, who from his close relationship with the company, is in a position to speak authoritively.

"Unless the present plans miscarry, work will begin inside of a week at the Lethbridge end of the line, and the road will stay not till the last rail is laid.

"The contract has already been let, and in the next few weeks you may expect to see requests for tenders on the subcontracts.

"The decision of the road to build at once was hastened by the breaking up of the steel rail trust, when rails fell from $17 to about $11. The C. P. R., has contracted for 99,000 tons of steel. As there is some heavy mountain work to be done, 75 pound rails will be used, and the recent purchase will just about be enough to lay the 308 miles of track on the line, as well as to provide side tracks, spurs, etc.

"A contract has also been quietly let at Golden for a big lot of ties to be used on the road.

"When will the new line be done? As to that I cannot say positively. You may depend upon it though, that work will be rushed just as fast as possible; for now that the company has decided to build the road, it is going to get the trains running just as soon as it can.

"If the company so decide, work can be commenced at Nelson, Fort Steele and Lethbridge at the same time. And the road may be completed by fall."—Trail Creek News.

THE CROW'S NEST ROAD.

From the C. P. R. Annual Report.

The directors feel that they cannot too strongly urge the immediate construction of a line from Lethbridge to a connection with your Columbia & Kootenay railway at Nelson, a distance of 325 miles, and anticipating your approval, they have already taken steps towards commencement of the work on the opening of spring. The unfavorable conditions which have prevailed for the last three years have prevented any effective action towards providing for the traffic of the mining country, but the directors feel now that the improved position and prospects of the company, together with the magnitude of the interests at stake, will fully warrant this important step. The interests of the country at large are so much concerned in this question that your directors confidently expect reasonable assistance at the hands of the Dominion Government.—News-Advertiser.

"IN ON IT."

The appellate court at Victoria has decided the celebrated Monitor mining case in favor of Wells, the appellant, and against Petty, the respondent. The case is a particularly interesting one, as it involves a question of ownership. It seems that in May, 1895, Petty determined to prospect the hills near Three Forks. He met Wells, who told him that he had found some float and informed him where he thought he would find the ledge. It is said that before Petty started out he told Wells: "If I find the ledge, you are in on it."

The ledge was found and the Monitor mine located, which could not now be bought for $75,000. As the mine was becoming valuable, Wells brought suit for one-half interest. The facts as to the conversation were not disputed. The supreme court judge declared his inability to decide what "in on it" meant, stating that it was too indefinite, conceding, however, that there was some sort of contract in which the plaintiff was entitled to something. The case was dismissed with the costs against the plaintiff. Wells appealed to the full court, which has just decided that the words "in on it" mean that Wells was entitled to one-half the claim.—The Ledge.

PROVINCIAL ITEMS.

Culled From Our Exchanges.

CARIBOO.

Old timers hereabouts will remember Mr. John Bowron who has been for many years Gold Commissioner of Cariboo. Having lost his first wife about two years ago, he was married 9th March in Victoria to Miss Elizabeth Watson, sister of Mrs. I. B. Nason late of Cariboo.

We regret to learn that the fine new residence on the ranch of the late J. T. Hawks near Soda creek was recently destroyed by fire.

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REVELSTOKE.

The *Herald* claims that Revelstoke is "the coming business centre of North Kootenay."

It is expected that a branch of Molsons Bank will shortly be opened at Revelstoke.

LILLOOET.

A correspondent of the Mining Journal declares that Lillooet is on the eve of a boom that will lift the village into the dignity of a town or city. Good! The more lively mining towns we have in B. C. the better will all the well-wishers of the province be pleased. No jealousy among any but a friendly rivalry between all should be the spirit of the day.

NELSON.

Nelson, Rossland and Grand Forks have by act of the Legislature been constituted cities. The *Tribune* is of course pleased, and strongly condemns the amendment to the act proposed by Rogers of Cariboo, one of the Barnard members for that Constituency, which would have compelled the new city to purchase the nearly useless water works system owned by Frank Barnard at two or three times its value.

Kellie the member for the north riding of West Kootenay threatens to introduce a bill to cancel the land grant to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway. The *Tribune* suggests as a more sensible proceeding first to move for a committee of inquiry into the matter.

VICTORIA.

The East Kootenay Railway Company's Bill has received its second reading in the House, as has also the Bill of the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company.

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