R L & Galbraith

THE WEEKLY CIRCULATION IS 375. COPIES.

The Prospector.

Vol, 1. FORT STEELE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29th 1896. No 17.

Fort Steele Mining Association.

The annual meeting of the Fort Steele Mining Association, was held in the School House last Saturday Evening. After the usual business routine The election of officers for the ensueing year was proceeded with, all being elected by acclamation, balloting not being necessary.

R.L.T.Galbraith.	President.
O.S.Frizzel.	Vice ,, ,,
N.A.Wallinger.	,, ,, ,,
Robert.Dempsey.	,, ,, ,,
William.Carlin.	Treasurer.
Thomas.McVittie.	Secretary.

Board of Directors,
John. Grassick. A.B.Grace. H.W.Barnes.

There was an unamimous expression of approval of the work done by the Association during the past year, for there was no doubt but that the efforts put forth had tended greatly towards the advancement of the Mining interests of the country. Not only in drawing the attention of outside Capital to our mining resources, but in bringing to the notice of the Legislature, the wants and requirments of this section of the Province. which is rapidly taking a front rank, as an ore producing District, and in consequence is entittled to more attention, than it has received in the past.
The hope was expressed, that more of those men, who are interested in the mines of the district, would come forward and give their aid towards the welfare of the Association, so that it may be in a position to guard the interests of the genuine miner and prospector, and enable him to place his prospects before the world in a proper light.

SILVER.

Native silver, occurs in various forms; and it is often difficult to decide by sight whether a mineral is pure, or contains silver admixture. It is found in mines where silver ores occur, in the regular form of crystals, but chiefly in irregular and formless aggregations. It appears in copper, ramifying the copper in all directions, in the form of fine threads of silver. Native silver has been found in large masses, in irregular concretions, in crystals, and in bundles of fine fibres like hair, growing from a common centre, or like wire twisted into nets; in plates, and in shapeless masses. This ore, in its pure form contains from 60 to 80 per cent silver, according to its purity; it is easily smelted, and yields metallic silver with but little trouble. Antimonial silvegin a crystallized ore, is of a white colour, hard, and very brittle, this ore when pure contains 80 per cent silver, and 20 per cent. antimony. We have seen specimens of wire silver, that came from mines in this district, that to all appearances would contain 70 to 80 per cent, silver.

Do you read the Prospector? Subscribe for it.

WHY WE KICK.

Situated as we are, in a narrow valley, with at present only one means of transportation, and that by water. The residents of Fort Steele, The Mine Owners, and Miners of this vicinity; forwarded to the Minister of Public Works, a petition, for the improvement of the Upper Kootenay, that is that portion of the river between the International Boundary, and Fort Steele. The necessities of this portion of the District, was represented in a just and forcible manner. The possibilities for the future were shown to be large, in fact, the future prosperity of the District depended to a great extent upon the wants that the petitioners had prayed for. It was shown that a small amount of money expended at this time would be of immense benefit to us, that there would be a large amount of ore mined and ready for shipment, that if the river was improved it would insure to Fort Steele at least eight months of navigation. That there was only five gravel bars, that obstructed navigation to such an extent that steamboats could not ascend the river at a low stage of water; and the attention of the department, was called to the fact, that an immense impetus would be given to the mining interests, were immediate steps taken to remove these obstructions. And now it is the same old story, the Government persists in refusing to improve the Kootenay; and the more favoured Columbia get nearly $5.000. for improvements. It is plain to be seen, that this portion of the District is not in it, as a matter of fact we are too previous; we must wait, and keep waiting until the powers that be, become powers that see. Five thousand tons of ore, Rich ore, mined, and awaiting shipment, is too small an object for this paternal Government to see. As soon as navigation opens the Upper Kootenay Navigation Co, will place two steamboats on the river. The Upper Columbia Co. will have two more, making a fleet of four large steamboats, which will ply on the Upper Kootenay during the coming season. This will be the only means of handling the large amount of ore that is mined at the present time, and what will be mined during the Spring and Summer. The working of these mines, and shipment of this large amount of ore, is a source of revenue to the Government; and the development of our mineral resources, an additional revenue. And now, with an era of increased prosperity dawning upon this district. This fostering Government, This most benign and parental Government, This Government endowed with short sightedness to an alarming degree; cannot see the necessity of assisting this revenue producing district to the extent of removeing obstructions from the only navigable waters in the southern part of this district.

A CONUMDRUM.

How can a steamboat 26 feet in width, pass through a draw in a bridge only 25 feet in width.

THE PROSPECTOR.

IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE PROSPECTOR Co.

A.B.Grace, Manager.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, $ 1.50. Per Annum.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS, DIRECTED TO THE PROSPECTOR Co, Fort Steele B.C.

PROFESSIONAL.

Chas.Maclean.	Physician & Surgeon.
Thomas.McVittie.	P.L.S. & C.E.
H.L.Cummins.	P.L.S. & C.E.
W.J.Rooke.Cowell.	M.A. B.Sc. F.C.S.
N.Arnold.Wallinger.	Metallurgist & Assayer.

FORT STEELE MINING ASSOCIATION.

R.L.T.Galbraith.	President.
O.S.Frizzell.	Vice ,, ,,
N.A.Wallinger.	,, ,, ,,
Robert.Dempsey.	,, ,, ,,
Wm.Carlin.	Treasurer.
Thomas.McVittie.	Secretary.

DIRECTORS.

John.Grassick. A.B.Grace. H.W.Barnes.

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

The next regular meeting of the Fort Steele Mining Association, will be held on Saturday Evening March 7th.

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Indian Agent Galbraith,made his usual monthly visit,to the above institution;and reports everything in a satisfactory condition,the pupils are making excellent progress with their studies,and are contented and happy.

The Rev'd, J.Audic. O.M.I. preached to a large congregation on Sunday last at St Eugene Mission. His subject referred Particularly to lent, its duties,and obligations.

DIVINE SERVICE.

On Sunday, Divine Service will be held in the School Room,at 7 1/2 O'clock. Subject, "The Ear."

A large congregation listened to Mr.Galbraith discourse on the Evening of the 23rd,on "Social Warnings." we are pleased to see the interest taken in these services.

CAPITAL COMING.

We have it on good authority,that an number of English Capitalists will visit the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay;with the intention of looking over the situation,for investment. Those having good properties for sale, should put them in shape for examination;and give a full and complete description of the property, to the Secretary of the Mining Association,so that,those coming may be directed to them.

COMING.

J.F.Armstrong,S.M. and Government agent, will visit Fort Steele,about the first week in April. He comes to arrange about the work to be done in this section of the District. He will remain with us for some time . it is needless to say,that He will meet with a cordial welcome.

WHERE THE TAXPAYERS MONEY GOES.

The cost of our bridges. From the report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works; We find that the bridge at Canal Flats,cost $9.311. the bridge at Fort Steele cost $17.062. the St,Mary's cost $4.210. We shall have more to say about this expenditure, by and bye.

RATS AND CATS.

A party,signing himself F.H.Alymer,in the Golden Era,asks,who said,"Rats." Now we have a gentleman in our midst who wants to know who said"Cats". Between Fred of Golden,and our Friend at Steele. Honours are Easy.

THE BELL BALL.

A social Dance,will be given by the Ladies of Fort Steele, on the Evening of March 13th. The admission,and supper .$1. The proceeds of the sale of tickets , will be devoted to the purchase of a Bell for the School House.

A FAREWELL PARTY.

Miss.Hazel.Galbraith,gave a farewell party to her little friend and schoolmate Miss.Mabel.Mather, Miss.Mabel.will reside in the future at Dalgardno City.many warm friends regret her departure.

BIRTHbDAY PARTY.

Miss,May.Jennings,gave a birth day party to a number of friends on Friday Evening,a very pleasant time was had by all the little folks present.

S O L D.

C.M.Edwards has sold his band of cattle to Messers,Robson & Sucksmith, who will shortly open a butcher shop in our town. we learn,that they have made an offer for Mr,Alexander's cattle,now running near Cranbrooke. We wish our friends success in their new venture.

The harbingers of Spring. A large flock of Wild Geese went north yesterday.That is all right, but where was the Gun Club.

We are now having the usual March weather.First it blows,and then it snows,and then it begins to rain. Then it blows,and then it snows,and then it rains again.

M.Phillipps,S.M. came in from Tobacco Plains,on Thursday, He will remain with us for a few days attending to his official duties. He reports the road good for sleighing most of the way, or as far as Bull river.

A number of canoes in charge of Cap't Monteith, will leave the Plains for this port next week.

THE DEPARTURE. OF Mr. & Mrs,Mather.

The departure of Mr, and Mrs.Mather,for Dalgardno City,Has caused a feeling of regret to pervade our little burg. Mr,Mather,has been in the hotel business here,for the last two years, and has made many warm friends.Who regret sincerely their departure.Mr, & Mrs,Mather has the best wishes of the residents of this place,for their future happiness and prosperity. Our"Bob" as he is familiarly known among his friends,will again take up the noble and honest calling of a granger;and we heartily wish him success.

During the past week,our little town has had a series of festivities;a number of the residents vieing with one another, to do honour,and show their esteem for Mr. & Mrs.Mather. On Monday Evening, a nice surprise was arranged for them by Mrs Huckle,and Miss,Bailey.at the residence of Mr,R.O.Jennings,where a number of friends were invited to meet them. and the Evening was spent with music and other amusements.

On Tuesday evening,a dance was given them by a number of friends;at the Dalgardno House.The music was under the direction of Prof. Farquharson,assisted by Miss.Bailey.

On Wednesday,Mr.and Mrs.Levett,invited a number of friends to meet Mr.and Mrs.Mather at the Steele House,where an enjoyable evening was spent.

On Friday evening, Mr,and Mrs.Barnes,had a social gathering ,in honour of Mr,and Mrs,Mather, where the evening passed quickly,dancing,and music,and a general good time was had by all.

On Tuesday, Mr,and Mrs.Mather,invited a large number of the residents of Steele to dinner at the Dalgardno House.ample justice was done to the spread,which was elaborate and bounteous.

A BAD ROAD.

The hill leading from the bottom at Westport to Cranbrooke,is in a dangerous condition for travel,the water having made a deep cut in it for some distance,teams passing that way,should be on the lookout.

WILL LOCATE.

Mr,Arnold,came through from Golden with a fine team of horses,which he purchased at Calgary. He will locate at Westport.

Mr.Winterbottom,is visiting the Fort,he is looking up a location.

THE DALGARDNO.

The Dalgardno,closed on Wednesday last,on account of a change in the management. The house will be renovated.and placed in a first class condition for the accommodation of the public during the coming season. Mr.A.Morin,will take the management of the house on the first of the month. He has had considerable experience in that line,and under the new regime,the popularity of the hotel is sure to increase.the dining room,will be placed in charge of Mr,DeRosier.

Mr.Cowell,has rented the residence of Mr,Sucksmith,and will move in at once.

A new manager,to take charge of the Inviota Co placer mine,is on his way to Fort Steele.

She is the belle of the ball; Who ? Just come to the Ball at the Dalgardno House on the evening of the 13th of March,and you will see.

THE DEANE.

Mr.R.O.Jennings, has a number of men working on this property. They have stripped , and uncovered the iron cap for a distance of 24 feet, and are now sinking,they are down 12 feet,and have a good showing of Carbonates,and considerable Galena;The Deane,is situated North East of the North Star,and about 1600 feet from the present workings of that company.Mr.Jennings expects to be in solid ore in a short time. We learn that Mr.Jennings.will leave for Spokane, on Monday to make arrangements for the future development of the mine,which is considered to be as good as any claim on the hill.

THE MIDNIGHT.

Messers.Watson and Usher,are in on this property 85 feet,the formation is identical with that of North Star,they have a large amount of Carbonates,and considerableGalena in the tunnel, and the indications are,that they are close to the foot wall. considerable Galena,and Carbonates have been taken out,while running the tunnel; masses of Galena weighing several tons have been found.this property is directly North of the Star and on the lead. We understand that the North Star company are trying to get this claim,The owners will apply for a Crown Grant at an early day.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS REPORT.

The Manitoba Free Press, of the 13th of Feb,has the following article.

Messers,McKenzie & Mann, will be in the city a couple of days,and will then proceed to British Columbia,where they have extensive mining interests.They will make arrangements for taking the silver and lead quartz which they are obtaining from their properties,to a smelter.Mr.Mann said that the mines in the Kootenay district,opened last fall,had not proved profitable,and operations were discontinued.

We cannot understand what property Mr Mann referred to when he said the mines opened last fall in the Kootenay district,had not proved profitable. He surely did not mean the NORTH STAR which is one of the largest,mines on the continent;and can be worked to advantage and with profit.and then the Free Press,states that operations were discontinued. The company has worked some 30 men all winter,and taken out in the neighbourhood of 4.000. tons of ore.and with a small increase of the working force,it is possible to take out 100 tons daily. And then we dont ship ore from unprofitable mines. Contracts have been let for the transportation of 3.000. tons to the Upper Kootenay Navigation Co; and it is reported that the Upper Columbia Co has a contract. This fact alone shows that the North Star is a profitable mine. To us, the Free Press article is a mistake, the Free Prees reporter did not grasp the situation as it was intended,or Mr Mann did not make himself understood as to what mines he referred to.

As to the profitable, or unprofitable mines in the Kootenay district,East or West,we will say, that to one mine that is unprofitable,we have a hundred that is profitable in the Kootenay district.

OUR POSITION.

The Prospector, is published in the interest of the mining industry of East Kootenay.and we shall at all times give a correct report on any and all the mines in this vicinity,and as far as possible the whole district. We are not here to boom any mine, but to give the true facts in all cases.We shall correct any mistakes made by us.

TAX NOTICE.

SOUTHERN DIVISION OF EAST KOOTENAY.

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

One half of one per cent on rear property.
Two per cent on assessed value of wild land.
One third of one per cent on personal property.

If paid after June 30th 1896.

Two thirds of one per cent on real property.
Two and one half per cent on assessed value of wild land.
One half of one per cent on personal property.

Revenue tax of $3 for every male person over the age of 18 years.
All persons who are in arrears of taxes due up to the 31st of Dec 1895 are requested to pay the same or costs will be incurred at an early date.

C.M.Edwards, Collector & Assessor.
Southern Division of East Kootenay. Fort Steele, B.C.

CARLIN & DURICK.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

AGENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA GIANT POWDER COMPANY.

MINING SUPPLIES,

AGENTS FOR SLATER & SONS, CELEBRATED SHOES.

UPPER COLUMBIA Navigation and Tramway Co.

EXPRESS THROUGH RATE 10¢ PER POUND,

FREIGHT GOLDEN TO FORT STEELE,
Class A $3.00.
Class B $2.50.
Class C $2.00.
Class D $1.50.

T.H.B.Cochrane, Pres. F.P.Armstrong, Manager.

THE STEELE HOUSE.

THE OLDEST AND BEST HOTEL IN FORT STEELE.
Strictly First Class.

FREE SAMPLE ROOM FOR COMMERCIAL MEN.
Chas. Levett, Prop.

COWELL & WALLINGER.

ASSAYERS & METALLURGISTS.

Fort Steele B.C.

COBB & BRADSHER.

GENERAL BLACKSMITHING,

AND WOODWORKING.

HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY.

DEMPSEY & GRASSICK.

CONTRACTORS & BUILDERS.

Fort Steele B.C.

THE AMERICAN STORE.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

GIANT POWDER, MINING SUPPLIES & HARDWARE,

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS.

B.W.JONES.

Fort Steele B.C. Jennings Montana.

THE UPPER KOOTENAY NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAMER .ANNERLY,

JENNINGS MONTANA, TO FORT STEELE B.C.

FOR EXPRESS, AND FREIGHT RATES APPLY TO

B.W.JONES, Jennings Montana.

DALGARDNO HOUSE.

THE LARGEST AND MOST COMMODIOUS HOUSE IN STEELE.

BOARD BY THE DAY OR WEEK.

A. MORIN, Prop, Fort Steele B.C.

THE MOUNTAIN HOUSE.
Fort Steele B.C.

GOOD ENOUGH FOR MOST ANYBODY.

H.J.EDSON, Prop.

THE MISSION STORE.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR FURS.

T. LOVE Prop.

THE COLUMBIA LAUNDRY.

WASHING & MENDING.

Mrs. LEWIS.

JAMES. HIGHWARDEN.
Tonsorial Artist,

SHAVING & HAIRCUTTING.

Everything neat and clean.

PROSPECTOR.