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FORT STEELE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Supply Point of the Fort Steele District and East Kootenay.

Fort Steele is the geographical centre of this district, also the commercial centre. In the past the entire business of this district was done at Steele. At the present time Fort Steele commands the commercial interests of South Eastern Kootenay. More capital is invested at this point than all the rest of the district combined. It is the distributing point in this region. Fort Steele has a larger population than all other towns in the district combined. As a residential town it has more natural resources, is superior to any other point in the district, and is beautifully located on the Kootenay river.

Other towns may tell of what they will have in years to come, but the following list shows what Fort Steele has at this time:

HOTELS.

Dalgardno.
International.
Oriental.
Venosta.
Cœur d'Alene.
Central.
Fort Steele House.
Sunnyside House.
St. Mary's Inn.
Levitt House.
Mountain House.

RESTAURANTS.

Mrs. Sprague's.
Monte Carlo.
Central Cafe.
Kershaw's.

GENERAL SUPPLY AND MERCHANDISE.

Fort Steele Mercantile Co.
Carlin & Durick.
Gilpin & Lindsay.
Washburn & Purveyance.

HARDWARE.

F. McBride.

BLACKSMITHS.

J. J. Quinlivan.
Jones & Barr.

TIN SHOPS AND METAL WORKS.

T. C. Armstrong.
F. C. McBride.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS, AND PIANOS AND ORGANS.

C. J. Cann.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

J. W. Wolf.
J. Corrigan.

TAILOR.

M. Cohen.

LAUNDRIES.

Mrs. Lewis.
Three Chinese.

MEAT MARKETS.

M. McInnes.
Fort Steele Meat Market.

FURNITURE.

T. L. McIntyre.

PAINTS AND OILS.

King & Co.

PAINTERS AND DECORATORS.

Morris Bros.
Underhill & Co.

MINING BROKERS.

A. W. McVittie.
N. A. Wallinger.
Ross & Herchmer.
J. A. Harvey.
C. F. Venosta.
Elton & Co.
T. Ede.
W. E. Johnson & Co.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.

Spokane and Fort Steele Telegraph Co.
Canada Western Telegraph and Telephone Co.

JEWELERS.

D. L. Bettschen.
J. Taenhouser.

BAKERY.

German Bakery.
Kershaw's.

ASSAY OFFICES.

Stewart & Co.
Ronan & Leech.

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.

Mrs. Goodnough.
Mrs. Highwarden.

DRUG STORES.

Pioneer Drug Hall.
Tai Yee, Druggist.

STAGE LINES.

Golden & Fort Steele.
Kalispell & Fort Steele.
Wardner & Fort Steele.
Moyie, Swansea & Fort Steele.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

Fort Steele Cigar Store.

FRUIT AND CONFECTIONERY.

Mrs. Sprague.
F. Karatopsky.
Kershaw's.

WOOD YARD.

Fort Steele Wood Yard.

BREWERIES.

Fort Steele Brewing Co.

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

Grassick & Dempsey.
D. Bale & Son.
J. J. Lamont.
Cake & Co.
A. McCloud.
F. Bosen.

ARCHITECT.

A. C. Nelson.

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THE PROSPECTOR.

BARRISTERS.

J. A. Harvey.
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J. Morley.
T. Ede.

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.

Ross & Herchmer.
C. F. Venosta.
Fort Steele Townsite Co.
Tracy Townsite Co.
T. Ede.
Elton & Co.

LIVERY AND BOARDING STABLES

George Geary.
Mountain House Stables.
Fort Steele House Stables.

BARBERS.

Highwarden & Son.
A. Grez.

MINING HEADQUARTERS.

Invicta Gold Mining Co.
Lilly May Mining Co.
Brewery Creek Placer Mining Co.
Kootenay Chief Mining Co.
Estella Mining Co.
Colossal Group Mining Co.
Moyie Placer Mining Co.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEALERS.

Fort Steele Mercantile Co.
H. Parson.

LUMBER.

E. J. Schagel Lumber Co.
N. Hanson.

SURVEYORS.

T. T. McVittie.
A. W. McVittie.
Chas. Estmere.
T. H. Taylor.

NAVIGATION.

Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Co.
International Steamboat and Navigation Co.
Kootenay River Navigation Co.

PHYSICIAN.

Dr. Hugh Watt.

CHURCHES.

Church of England.
Presbyterian.
Catholic.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Public School.
Kootenay Club.
Fort Steele Water Works.
Provincial Government Offices.
Gold Commissioner's Office.
Recorder's Office.
Custom House.
Indian Agency.
Board of Trade
Fort Steele Mining Association.
Fire Brigade.
Fort Steele Brass Band.
Fort Steele Jubilee Hospital.
Fort Steele Exchange and Safe Deposit Co.

Two brick yards are located at Fort Steele.

County Court holds its sittings at Fort Steele.

There are one hundred and twenty-two residences at Fort Steele.

The above facts show conclusively where the commercial center of the district is. There is no necessity of our saying in 1899 we will have this or that. We leave that part of the business to less favored towns. What we do claim is that Fort Steele has at this time more business houses within its borders, that it has double the number of residences, and has a larger population than all other portions of the district combined; that Fort Steele is the geographical centre, the commercial centre, and the centre of population of the district.

CUT IN TWO.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of the Vancouver World, which appears in another column. That journal, owing to the fact that it now possesses the latest and most approved appliances for producing its several editions—daily and twice a week issues—announces a reduction in its subscription terms, which practically amounts to a cut in two, on previous rates. The World being an up-to-date newspaper is always enterprising and the step now taken cannot fail to make it an acceptable purveyor of news and welcome visitor to its numerous patrons. The type from which it is printed is set by machinery—there being four Linotype machines in operation in the composing room. The printing press is a Web one, turning out complete copies at the rate of 150 a minute or 9,000 copies per hour from stereotyped plates and off a large roll of news print paper. This is the only newspaper printed outside of Toronto, in the west, on a press of its construction and with such rapidity. It is a sight well worth seeing, and when in Vancouver make it your business to give The World office a call. All will be welcome and the whole process will be fully explained. Read the advertisement.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Service will be held every Sunday evening in St. John's Church at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School at 3 o'clock. Strangers welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Service in connection with the Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday in the Opera House at 7:30 p. m. All welcome.

Sabbath School and Bible Class will meet at 3 p. m. in the Opera House.

A Challenge.

Moyie City, April 1, 1897.—I hereby challenge Mr. Henry Broulette to run me any distance under 300 yards for any amount that he may mention, the principles to make conditions.

W. J. IRVING.

Emphatically True.

The Cranbrook Herald lays great stress on the point that people going from one part of the district to another must pass through Cranbrook. When the Herald gets older, it will view the fact of the people passing through that town in a more serious light. The Herald, however, has not sacrificed truth in presenting the proposition. Cranbrook is a splendid town—to pass through.—*Wardner International.*

Mining News.

Reports from all over the Fort Steele district tend to confirm the opinion so frequently expressed in THE PROSPECTOR that the mineral resources of the district are enormous. We have an immense scope of country, with countless veins of gold, silver and copper, and limitless deposits of fluxing materials for smelting purposes. So general has become the interest in the Fort Steele district that a large influx of capital may be expected here this summer. Even the most prudent and cautious of experts are forced to the conclusion that this district is destined to become one of the largest and most profitable fields of mining enterprises in the world. There is no doubt that the district will be properly and honestly developed, and the near future will give adequate means of transportation.

Margaret Claim.

The Margaret claim is situate on Four-Mile creek, about six miles from Fort Steele, and is owned by S. L. Boyer and others. The ledge matter is similar to that found in the region north of Steele, and carries gold, silver and copper. The vein on the surface is 10 feet wide, with several small feeders cross-cutting the main lead. Considerable work has been done on this property, and at present two shifts are working. Grey copper, copper pyrites and bromide of copper are found in the ore, which has a value of $43 to $45 per ton. Assay returns show 19¾ per cent copper.

The Babylon.

The Babylon was located last August by H. W. Melton and is situated on Palmer's Bar creek. The ledge matter is about 70 feet in width, with several streaks of rich ore running through it. There is one streak of flake galena two feet in width, carrying 65 per cent lead and about 4 ozs. in silver. Another lead carries gold, tellurides, chlorides of silver, and copper, and can be traced the full length of the claim. The hanging wall is syenite and the foot wall trap-rock and diorite. A tunnel is now in 35 feet, with a depth from the surface of 18 feet.

Try-Again Mineral Claims.

Try-Again mineral claim was located last year by W. J. Watkins and A. Lee, and is situated about one and one-half miles up Four-Mile creek. There is a good showing of ore on the surface. The lead can easily be traced for a distance of 300 feet and is capped by a slide of syenite. A tunnel is now in some 20 feet, with a full breast of ore in the face. Assay returns give $5.65 in gold, 4 ozs. in silver, and 18 per cent copper.

HUGE DEAL.

English Syndicate Backed by Rothschilds Wants North Star Mine at Fort Steele—Three Million is the Price.

One of the largest mining deals of the year is reported to be in progress of negotiation at Fort Steele in the East Kootenay district. A large English syndicate backed by the Rothschilds, is negotiating for the purchase of the famous North Star mine on a basis of $3,000,000. One of the principal owners of the mine D. D. Mann, has been given the authority to sell by the other owners, and it is reported that negotiations are progressing favorably.

The North Star is one of the oldest locations in the Fort Steele district and there are millions of dollars worth of ore in sight. It has been under development for a number of years and only the lack of adequate transportation facilities has prevented the property from taking a foremost rank among the silver mines of the world.—*Spokane Chronicle.*

From private sources it is reported that the main ledge or vein has been struck on the North Star mine. The new discovery is said to have been made at a depth of 100 feet, and the vein is 10 feet in width and of a higher grade than on the surface.

Sold.

We learn that a small fraction lying between the O. K. and Dreadnaught, on the North Star mountain, has been sold to Spokane parties.

Little May.

This property is situated on Perry creek, and the owners have been actively engaged in developing the property during the past winter. A tunnel has been run a distance of 62 feet. The ore is a free gold quartz. The owners, Walsh Bros., will resume work as soon as the necessary supplies can be got in.

NOTICE.

A mass meeting of the electors of South East Kootenay will be held at the Opera House in Fort Steele on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1898, for the purpose of placing in nomination a suitable person to represent this constituency in the local Legislature.

It is earnestly desired that every portion of the riding shall be represented.

A cordial invitation is extended to the electors in Moyie City, Swansea, Cranbrook, Wardner, Tracy, Wasa, Canal Flat and Elk River.

No party lines to be drawn. The idea is to nominate an independent candidate, one fully conversant with the requirements of the district; a man that will devote himself to the interests of the district, *and not a part.*

This meeting is called not in the interest of any political party, but as a representative meeting of the district at large.

It is desirable that every elector in the riding attend this meeting. Per order

COM. OF ARRANGEMENTS.

KILLED THE BILL.

Yukon Railway Measure Thrown Out by a Large Majority.

[Special despatch to The Prospector.]

Ottawa, April 5.—The senate last night rejected the Yukon Railway bill by a vote of 52 to 14.

CORBIN WINS A BIG VICTORY.

Application for Charter for the Kettle River Railway Passes Committee.

(Special Despatch to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Ottawa, April 5.—For the first time in many years the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. was defeated in the house committee in a straight fight which lasted for several weeks.

This is where Mr. Corbin's railway charter to Boundary Creek district was carried on a vote of 54 for to 48 against, making a majority of six for the bill.

Hon. Mr. Blair suggested an amendment to the bill, which was accepted, that the government would control rates on ores so as to keep them in Canada, if they could be smelted there, instead of taking them south.

The company will build a broad guage road. E. V. Bodwell, of Victoria, made a good fight for the bill, and was ably assisted by Mr. Bostock.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

DALGARDNO.

J. Usher, Elk River.
D. McMillan, Sandon.
N. Sandquest, Wardner.
G. Magrey, "
J. Berkman, "
J. Repstein, "
D. McTavish, "
Geo. Guyett, Moyie City.
E. H. Fletcher, Victoria.
John Lyle, Brantford.
Fred Ince, Pincher Creek.
R. Cairn, New York.
M. McIntosh, N. W. T.
D. McDougal, Macleod.

INTERNATIONAL.

W. B. Govereau.
John Seahever, Nelson.
Capt. Bates, Swansea.
E. S. Peacock, Winnipeg.
C. F. Smith, "
W. H. Green, "
C. T. Martin, Port Perry.
Scott McDonald, Winnipeg.
J. Haverty, "
A. Robertson, Moyie City.

VENOSTA.

Frank McMahan.
C. J. Mills, Great Falls.
M. McCarthy.
T. H. Gowatt, Bayfield.

War Close at Hand.

(Special despatch to THE PROSPECTOR.)

New York, April 5.—Every indication that hostilities will occur between Spain and the United States.

The British press agrees that there is little hope of peaceful settlement.

The crisis between Spain and the United States is taking the first place in public interest.

The full senate committee on foreign relations recommend that armed intervention by the United States is necessary to secure the independence of Cuba.

McKinley's Demands Rejected.

London, April 4.—The Daily Mail's second edition says that at the conference at Madrid Senor Sagasta, the premier, read to Minister Woodford Spain's reply. The chief demands of the United States are rejected, the feeling being that they are inconsistent with the dignity and honor of any nation. The note has been telegraphed to the various European powers.

Queen Victoria Appealed to.

[Special despatch to The Prospector.]

London, March 5—The Queen Regent of Spain has sent an autograph letter to Queen of England, the New York World correspondent learns from a high source, imploring help. Queen Maria Christina begs that Queen Victoria will use her influence to prevail upon the British government to support Austria and France in an attempt to secure European mediation.

This extraordinary step has been taken by the Queen Regent because of the cold reception accorded by the British government to the representations of the Spanish ambassador respecting mediation. Queen Victoria immediately forwarded a copy of the Queen Regent's letter to Lord Salisbury, whose policy will not in any way be affected by it. England will tolerate no policy of bolstering up Spanish rule in Cuba. The opinion prevails that the government will be pressed from the Liberal benches of the house of commons to recognize the independence of Cuba as soon as the United States.

We learn that Postoffice Inspector Fletcher will establish a postal savings bank at Fort Steele next week.

Placer mining on Brewery creek has commenced. The Kootenay Chief has a large number of men employed.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Pyramid and Harpham Mineral Claims situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Pyramid Creek, St. Mary's River, about forty miles west of Fort Steele.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for the Pyramid Kootenay Mining Co., Limited (Foreign), Free Miner's Certificate No. 1081A 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.

A. S. FARWELL.

Dated this 6th day of October, 1897. 24-tf

NOTICE.

Wolmer, Warren, Brooks, and Mt. Chief Mineral Claims situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Pyramid Creek, St. Mary's River, about forty miles west of Fort Steele.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for the Pyramid Kootenay Mining Co., Limited (Foreign), Free Miner's Certificate No. 1081A 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.

A. S. FARWELL.

Dated this 23d day of September, 1897. 24-tf

NOTICE.

Granite, Stille, Milton, and Albert Mineral Claims situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Pyramid Creek, St. Mary's River, about forty miles west of Fort Steele.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for the Pyramid Kootenay Mining Co., Limited (Foreign), Free Miner's Certificate No. 1081A 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.

A. S. FARWELL.

Dated this 23d day of September, 1897. 24-tf

NOTICE.

Walsingham, Bailey, Kerin, and Comstock Mineral Claims, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Pyramid Creek, St. Mary's River, about forty miles west of Fort Steele.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for the Pyramid-Kootenay Mining Co., Limited (Foreign), Free Miner's Certificate No. 1081A 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.

A. S. FARWELL.

Dated this 30th day of September, 1897. 24-tf

Land Purchase.

NOTICE.

Take notice that sixty days after date I will apply to the Land Commissioner at Fort Steele, B. C. to purchase the following unoccupied and unreserved Crown lands from the Government: Commencing at a post planted at the south west corner of lot 2379, Group 1, Kootenay; thence north 80 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 80 chains to the St. Mary's River; thence following the course of the said river down stream to the place of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

SIMON R. LANE.

Dated this 25th day of March, A. D. 1898. 14-22

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that within sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, B. C. for permission to purchase the following described lands situated about three miles east of the mouth of Palmers Bar creek in East Kootenay, B. C. Commencing at a point known as the south east corner of Harry Mittons application for pre-emption, thence 40 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 80 chains south to the post of beginning.

A. W. BLEASDELL.

Located March 18th, 1898. 14-22

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land in East Kootenay District and described as follows: Commencing at a post placed at the north east corner of my pre-emption claim, thence east 40 chains to the south east corner of Lot 36, G. 1, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of commencement.

WILLIAM McKENZIE.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1898. 9-17

NOTICE.

Application will be made to the Land Commissioner for the purchase of 320 acres of land commencing at a south east corner post placed near the mouth of Gold Creek, East Kootenay. Then running north one mile along the Kootenay River, then west one half mile, then south one mile, then along the bank of Gold Creek to south east corner post and point of commencement.

Dated 25th January, 1898.

8-16 FRANK R. RICKWARD

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I shall make application to purchase 160 acres of land at Palmer's Bar creek described as follows: commencing at the initial post planted twenty chains north of Dr. Hugh Watt's initial post and marked "north-west post;" thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to the said initial post, excluding the right of way for railway.

A. E. B. WATT

Fort Steele, 11th February, 1898. 8-16

NOTICE.

I, Wm. B. McLean, do hereby give notice that sixty days after date I will apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase six hundred and forty acres of land situated in the Southern Division of the District of East Kootenay and described as follows. Commencing at a post planted on the west bank of the Elk River about four miles above Coal creek, thence west eighty chains, thence south eighty chains, thence east to the Elk River, thence following the bank up the said river to the place of commencement.

Coal Creek, March 16th, 1898. 13-21

READ.

THE PROSPECTOR.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of unsurveyed, unoccupied and unreserved land in the district of East Kootenay. 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 place of commencement.

R. BUNYAN.

Irish Creek, March 23rd, 1898. 13-21

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I shall apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land, more or less, situated on St. Joseph's Prairie creek, commencing at a post situate 20 chains east of the north west corner of Lot 33, Group 1. Thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to the point of commencement.

HUGH WATT.

April 1st, 1898. 15-23

Liquor License.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail on the premises known as the Central Hotel at Fort Steele.

H. W. DREW.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1898. 12-16

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 Venosta at Fort Steele

H. REINEMAN.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1898. 14-18

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 Estella Hotel at the town of Tracy.

AL MUTZ.

Dated February 26th, 1898. 10-

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail on the premises known as the Summit Hotel situated at the summit of Goat River, in the Fort Steele district.

HAROLD POLLARD.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1898. 10-14

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date I will apply to the Government Agent at Fort Steele, for a license to sell liquor by retail at the Yukon Restaurant, Coal creek, in the Province of British Columbia.

ALEX McKINNON.

Dated at Fort Steele this 1st day of March, 1898. 10-14

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days from date hereof I intend to apply to the Government Agent and Stipendiary Magistrate for the southern division of East Kootenay District for a license to sell by retail spirituous liquors, wine, ale and beer, on premises erected by me at Michell Prairie to be known as the "Prairie Hotel."

JOHN JOHNSTON.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1898. 10-14

TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSMENT TAX AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX.

EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT SOUTHERN DIVISION

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 1898. All of the above taxes collectible within East Kootenay District Southern Division are payable at my office Fort Steele. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before the 30th June, 1898:—

Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.

Two and a half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.

One half of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income 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 the 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 a half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July, 1898:—

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 the income 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 aud three-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita.

(Signed) C. M. EDWARDS.

Assessor and Collector.

Fort Steele, B. C., 16th March, 1898 12-16

$200 REWARD.

A reward of two hundred dollars will be given for the arrest of Fred Carson charged with manslaughter of John Maki at Michel Creek, South East Kootenay, B. C. on the 9th February, 1898.

DESCRIPTION.

Age about 30. Height about 5 feet 10 inches. Weight about 170 pounds. Complexion ruddy, reddish brown moustache, rest of face shaven, eyes sunken, features sharp, addicted to morphine, temporarily lame from recent accident. Is a professional gambler and frequenter of houses of ill-fame. Has been a brakesman. Wore when last seen a light grey golf cap full in front over peak, grey Norfolk jacket with pleats and belt, long brown overcoat, high arctic overshoes.

J. F. ARMSTRONG,
Provincial Government Agent,
Fort Steele, B. C.

NOTICE.

The Dorval Mineral Claim, situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Huckleberry Hill, near Mark Creek.

Take notice that I, Neil McLeod Curran, Free Miner's Certificate No. 96007, agent for D. D. Mann, of Montreal, Quebec, Free Miner's Certificate No. 96006 intend sixty days from 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.

NEIL McLEOD CURRAN.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1897.

NOTICE.

The Maverick mineral claim, situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Huckleberry Hill, near Mark Creek.

Take notice that I, Neil McLeod Curran, of Fort Steele, British Columbia, Free Miner's Certificate No. 96,007, 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.

NEIL McLEOD CURRAN.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1897.

NOTICE.

The Good Luck Mineral Claim situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where Located:—On Huckleberry Hill near Mark Creek.

Take notice that I, Neil McLeod Curran, Free Miner's Certificate No. 96007, agent for P. C. Andrews of Toronto, Ontario, Free Miner's Certificate No. 90471, 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.

NEIL McLEOD CURRAN,

Dated this 30th day of October, 1897.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after the publication of this notice I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for the district of East Kootenay for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Lake Shore Hotel at Moyie City.

THOMAS RADER.

Dated this April 4, 1898. 15-19

MILLINERY and DRESSMAKING

MRS. J. GOODNOUGH

PARLORS, RIVERSIDE AVENUE.

Fort Steele, B. C.

CUT IN TWO.

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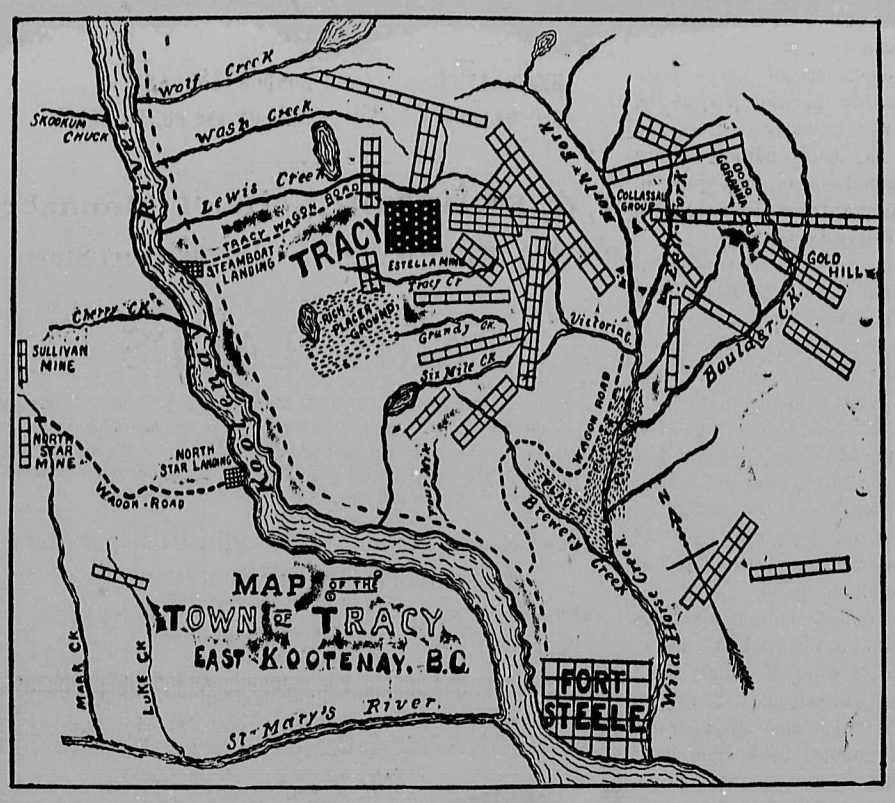

The new town of Tracy is 16 miles north of Fort Steele. It is the center and natural supply point of the mines on Wasa, Lewis, Sheep, Wolf, Trail, Grundy, Tracy and the head of Wild Horse creeks, all within from one to five miles of the new town.

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The administration of the provincial assets and franchises for the benefit of the whole people and not to enrich monopolies or favored individuals.

The management of all public services by the municipalities or by the province itself so far as may be practicable.

An equitable expansion of revenue and contraction of expenditure so as to bring the expenditure within the provincial income as soon as possible.

Less frequent borrowing abroad. The outflow of interest on foreign loans to be stopped at the earliest possible date. The citizens of the province should be the creditors of the province, through provincial savings banks and otherwise.

LAND GRANTS.

The resumption by the province of all land grants to railway companies and their sale to actual settlers under the general laws relating to crown lands; the proceeds of such sales, less costs of administration, to be handed over to the beneficiary companies.

NOTE—This (which is not confiscation) will include the lands held by the E. & N. Railway, but not those in the grant for the construction of the C. P. R. main line. Although the administration of these lands has been greatly improved by the recently announced arrangements, our government should not cease its efforts until all the lands in the railway belt are opened for purchase on precisely the same terms, by the same officials, and under the same system of surveys as provincial lands.

CROWN LANDS.

The disposal of agricultural crown lands on easy terms and on conditions of residence and improvement. No speculative purchase or holding of such lands in large areas.

Townsites on railways, navigable streams, adjacent to water falls or on our coast line, to be chosen, platted and sold by the governmtnt for the public benefit.

No absolute alienation of timber, grazing or mineral lands.

The gradual introduction of the principle of citizenship as necessary to the acquirement of mining and timber rights.

In brief, the lands of the province, the timber of the province, the minerals of the province for the citizens of the province.

SURVEYS.

In the surveying of the crown lands under government auspices, these points to be kept in view:

(1.) To designate the lands suitable for agriculture, fruit growing, hay meadows, etc.

(2.) The kind quality and extent of timber supply.

(3.) Lands needing irrigation, their extent, the source and amount of water supply.

FORESTRY.

An effective system to be adopted and wisely enforced for the conservation of our forest wealth; the preservation unimpaired of the timbered sources of our great rivers; and, in suitable areas, the reforesting of denuded timber lands.

REPRESENTATION IN THE HOUSE.

The removal of existing inequalities in the representation and the readjustment of the constituencies before the general election on the basis of population and territorial extent.

All districts to be sub-divided into ridings, and only one member to be elected for each riding.

The upholding of provincial rights, but no antagonism between province and Dominion and no introduction of Dominion issues into provincial politics.

Ministers of the crown and their supporters in the House to be debarred from acting as directors of speculative mining or other companies seeking public franchises.

MUNICIPAL SYSTEM.

The organization under a modified municipal system of all districts or ridings, the electors in which shall choose councillors, who shall have jurisdiction in and a certain limited power of taxation for:

(a.) Public schools.

(b.) Local roads, trails and bridges.

(c.) Licenses—Trade, hotel and saloon.

These councillors shall also collectively advise the government agent in the expenditure of provincial funds on trunk and development roads or otherwise, and generally in all matters affecting the public interests in the district.

Municipalities thus constituted to have no power of borrowing.

SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The province to aid all public and high schools by a graduated per capita grant based on average attendance.

To set aside certain of the crown lands for educational purposes, in aid of Higher Scientific, Industrial or Technical Schools or Colleges. The training given in the public and high schools to be more thoroughly practical and such as to aid the student in after life in the pursuit of agriculture, mining, mechanics or other industrial arts.

The organization of a thoroughly equipped Mining and Technical School in one of the great mining centres of the interior.

ELECTION LAW.

The improvement of the election and registration laws so as to ensure:

(1.) An absolutely secret ballot.

(2.) The free expression of the electorate unaffected by sinister influence from any source.

(3.) The immediate repeal of the clause requiring a forfeitable deposit of $200 or any other sum by candidates.

(4.) To make it the duty of the district assessors and collectors in their annual rounds to enroll all persons entitled to vote.

(This method of enrolment will be found far superior to the present haphazard system and will ensure a full and always fresh representation of the electorate.)

The selection of candidates for the Legislature on the grounds of educational fitness, experience and practical knowledge of the natural conditions and resources of the province, and of a certain number of years' residence therein.

TAXATION.

Land values only, not improvements to be taxable.

The repeal of the poll tax in so far as it relates to persons paying other (property or income) taxes.

The exaction of mining licenses from those only who, wholly or partially in their own behalf, are actually engaged in mining or prospecting, and from aliens working for wages in the mines or in prospecting.

The enactment of a law by which the object of the mortgage tax shall be attained without injustice to the borrower.

The imposition of a license tax on all desiring the inestimable privilege of employing Chinese labor.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The reconstruction and delimitation of the outside civil service.

A thoroughly economical but efficient administration of the departments.

Appointments and advances in all grades of the civil service to be made by a commission and only on the basis of proved merit and capacity.

Civil servants to be debarred from taking an active part in either provincial or Dominion elections.

The establishment of a land registry office in every electoral district or judicial county.

AID TO RAILWAYS.

Aid given to railways in future, whether by land reservation, guarantee or cash payment, to carry with it the right to an equivalent in stock, and representation on the board of management, with control of rates.

(NOTE—Under the Dominion railway act the province cannot, except in the case of isolated roads, enforce the principle of government ownership, operation and control of railways within its boundaries; but that principle should be adopted by the Dominion, and the sooner the better.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES.

Government aid to hospitals and charities to be given on the basis of a combined fixed and per capita allowance and to carry with it the right and duty of government supervision and inspection. The managing trustees of such hospitals and charities to be elected by subscribers to their funds; but the government or contributing municipality may each appoint one member on the board.

The act relating to the provincial board of health to be remodelled and improved, and the board to be made more representative of the whole province instead of the coast only.

ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION.

The Legislature, so far as its powers and influence go, to aim at the total exclusion of Oriental labor immigration.

For the present the Dominion government to be importuned to increase largely the entry tax on Chinese immigrants, and pay at least three-fourths of collections into the provincial treasury.

For sanitary reasons the Dominion government to be urged to require the guaranteeing for a fixed period at the port of embarkation of all Oriental immigrants destined for this country. (See my resolution on that subject in session of 1894.)

JUDICIAL.

A better adaptation of our judicial system—superior as well as county court—to the needs and conditions of the province.

The enactment of a law which shall at the same time facilitate the collection of minor debts and discourage the giving of credit. (It is a degradation of our courts to turn them into mere collecting agencies.)

No appointments to the magistracy excepting after an examination, which shall be at the same time a test of educational fitness and knowledge of statutory law and procedure.

HUGH WATT, M. D.

Fort Steele, B. C., March, 1898.

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1898.

WHILE it is popular to applaud the official performances of the member from this riding when it is to the interest of the district, when the member has done his duty to the constituency faithfully, that sense of justice that impels us to give Colonel Baker credit for what he has done "for the district," also leads us to the defense of the rights of the electors of this district when unjustly assailed by the member, by his over-acts in favor of his associates, by his indiscriminate favoring and giving to his colleagues the richest and choicest possessions in the district. That sense of justice that would impel us to resist conditions that have robbed the elector of his rights to take up land; conditions that have been made to further the ends of an association of greedy speculators; conditions that have given to corporations large tracts of valuable farming land; conditions that have taken from the workingman, the farmer, his right to pre-empt these lands, which are now held for speculation. These are the conditions that lead us to the defence of the rights of the community at large. Fair-minded men will resist the encroachment of railway corporations that take away the rights of the people, and condemn the legislative power that deliberately assists in the giving away of their valuable lands.

The present local government has made a record of indiscriminate pandering to the interests of grasping corporations. Colonel Baker, as the member representing this constituency, has assisted in despoiling the district of large tracts granted to the B. C. Southern Railway, and has assisted in tying up and keeping from the people valuable tracts of land that should be a source of income to the government. We maintain that not a foot of land should be granted to a railway company by the government. It is little less than robbery to take from the people these valuable tracts of farming land and give them to unscrupulous speculators.

Colonel Baker has again applied to the electors of this riding for the honor of representing them in the local House, basing his application on the grounds that he has listened to the requirements of the district; that he is now, and always was, solicitous as to the welfare of the people. With tears in his eyes he will tell what he has done, the number of bridges and railways that he has caused to be constructed, trails and roads built, and what he will do; how profoundly interested he feels in the people, how his heart beats for them, and how, when returned, he will devote all his energies to making them contented, happy and rich.

The position taken by the Provincial Secretary "would be ridiculous if it were not so cussedly absurd." The genial voter will not be hypnotized by the smoothness of the Colonel's methods; will not be duped with the softest kind of guff, and will not vote for him.

The people of this district will nominate a candidate that will represent the people; one that will know exactly what the requirements of the district are. He will devote all his talents to the interests of the district; he will be a man for and of the people, selected and elected by the people.

Fort Steele Hospital.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Hospital at Fort Steele is as follows:

Receipts and expenditures from Aug. 16, 1897, to March 31, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Miss Bailey	$ 176 85
Miss Frizzell	181 00
Mrs. Levett	106 00
Mrs. Bleasdell	86 00
Mrs. Binmore	136 00
R. L. T. Galbraith	100 00
Receipts from ball	95 65
Mrs. Armstrong	5 00
Collection boxes	6 45
Church collection	9 15
From patients	105 70
Total	$1,007 80

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of building	$ 755 61
Furniture	91 10
General expenses—Medicine, board, nursing	140 13
Total	$ 986 84
Balance in bank	$ 20 96

ACCOUNTS UNPAID.

Carlin & Durick	$ 111 93
Wood	3 50
R. L. T. Galbraith, loan	66 00
Kershaw	2 65
Tinsmith	3 50
Total	$ 187 58
Balance due for nursing	22 50
Amount due Dr. Watt, 48 days	48 00
	$ 258 08
Outstanding credits	$ 51 42
Balance in bank	20 96
	$ 72 38
Hospital debt	$ 185 70

This statement has been published to show the public how the accounts of the Fort Steele Hospital stand up to date, and the Board of Directors hereby make an appeal for support. Everybody who has the interest of the institution at heart is asked to buy a ticket for the ball to be held on Monday evening, April 11, 1898.

East Kootenay Ore in London.

The following letter has been received from Mr. A. E. Watts, of Liverpool, who spent last year in the Fort Steele district. Mr. Watts has secured several fine properties near Moyie Lake, upon which considerable work was done. He is also interested in placer mining and a new townsite in that vicinity:

"Liverpool, England, March 7, 1898.—It may interest you to know that I have formed a development syndicate in London, and a host of people want to come out with me. I am doing my best for the Fort Steele district and East Kootenay. Your district will surely come to the front this season. I may say that the collection of specimens I made in East Kootenay have been on exhibition in the window of the C. P. Ry. Co., King William's street, London, and thousands of people have become interested in seeing them. I am sending them by request to Lord Strathcona, the High Commissioner for Canada, who will send them to the 'School of Mines,' then to the Imperial institute.

"I remain, yours truly,

"A. E. WATTS.

"Chiselhurst, Waterloo, Liverpool, England."

The No. 2 Post.

The Rossland Times makes the following sensible suggestion:

"The location of mineral claims will surely come up for discussion this session, and when it does the Times would like to call the attention of the members for West Kootenay to one little item that has hitherto escaped notice, namely, make it compulsory for the writing on the No. 1 and No. 2 posts to be done on the face looking towards the claim being staked, i. e., the inner face. At present locators are using each and any of the four faces on the post. When the direction of the location line is not given—and it very seldom is given on the No. 2 post—the prevailing style is most confusing. Let us have a rule that all shall follow, and the finding of the ground staked will be rendered much easier than now. If the outer face of the post be more convenient, let it be the outer face, only let us have uniformity."

Will Get Mixed Up.

"Confusion sometimes arises when the same writer does editorial work for several newspapers whose locations are separated by several hundred miles," says an exchange. We wonder if the writer of the above was refering to the Government organs in the Kootenays.

The Place to Get Supplies.

Fort Steele is in a better position to accommodate and outfit parties intending to prospect in this district than any other place or town in East Kootenay. As a matter of fact mine owners and prospectors will save time and money by outfitting at Fort Steele.

The routes into this district all centre at Steele, and all trails and roads radiate to and from Fort Steele.

There are more general merchandise stores in Steele than all the rest of East Kootenay, and supplies can be obtained without delay and in any quantity, and no one need fear that they will be overcharged, as prices on supplies are reasonable.

Parties outfitting here would lose very little time, select their point of destination and get into the mountains without delay.

Millions for Defence.

Washington, March 31.—The naval appropriation bill, as reported to the house today, carried $35,686,058, an increase over last year of $3,764,432 and over the current estimates of $2,514,824. For increase of the navy the bill allows to be constructed by contract three seagoing coast line battleships, designed to carry the heaviest guns, displacement 11,000 tons, with the highest practicable speed for their class, with cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding $3,000,000 each, one to be named the Maine; six torpedo boats and six torpedo boat destroyers to cost not exceeding $2,340,000, and one gunboat to take the place of the Michigan, the cost exclusive of armament not over $260,000, to be built on the great lakes. One of these seagoing battleships is to be built on the Pacific coast. Contracts for construction of all of these vessels are to be made within sixty days of the enactment of the bill.

BOARD OF INQUIRY REPORT.

Established That Explosion Came From the Outside.

The summary of the report is as follows: When the Maine arrived at Havana she was conducted by a regular government pilot to buoy No. 4, to which she was moored in from five and one-half to six fathoms.

The state of discipline on board and the condition of her magazines, boilers, coal bunkers, and storage compartments are passed in review, with the result that excellent order prevailed and no cause for internal explosion existed in any quarter.

At 8 o'clock on the evening of February 15th everything had been reported secure and all was quiet. At 40 minutes past 9 o'clock the vessel was suddenly destroyed.

There were two distinct explosions, with brief intervals between them. The first lifted the forward part of the ship very perceptibly; the second, which was more prolonged, is attributed by the court to a partial explosion of two or more forward magazines.

The evidence of divers establishes that the after part of the ship was practically intact, and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part of the ship was completely demolished.

Upon evidence of concurrent external cause, the findings of the court is as follows:

At frame 17, the outer shell of the ship, from a point 11½ feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel, when in a normal position, had been forced up, so as to be about four feet above the surface of the water, therefore about 34 feet above where it would be had she sunk uninjured.

The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed "V" shape, the after wing of which, about 15 feet broad and 32 feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25), is doubled back upon itself against a continuation of the same plating extending forward.

At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken into and bent into a similar angle formed for outside plates. This break is about six feet above the surface of the water and about 30 feet above its normal position.

In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18 and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

The conclusions of the court are:

That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to any fault or negligence on the part of any officers or members of her crew.

That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines; and

That no evidence is obtainable fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed that the findings of the court of inquiry and the views of the government thereon be communicated to the government of Her Majesty the Queen, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by the honor and friendly relations of the two governments.

It is the duty of the executive to advise congress of the result and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked.

(Signed) WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Executive Mansion, March 28, 1898.

Irrigation Ditch.

Contractor Bale is rapidly completing the irrigation ditch at St. Eugene Mission. A number of men have been at work during the winter. The head gates are now being placed in position, and it is expected that in six weeks the ditch will be completed.

Additional Mail Service.

Post Office Inspector Fletcher came in on the Golden stage on Thursday evening. We learn that Mr. Fletcher is here for the purpose of establishing a weekly mail service to Moyie City, Swansea and Cranbrook, also the appointing of a postmaster for the above towns. It is reported that the new service will connect at Moyie City with the weekly service from Nelson, thus establishing a through route from Fort Steele to all points in West Kootenay.

Remember the masquerade ball on April 11th. It is going to be a grand affair.

A man named Malcolm McQuaiz died of pneumonia at the Cœur d'Alene Hotel on Wednesday.

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THAT REPORT.

A Prominent Mining Man Comments on the Minister of Mines' Report.

As a splendid attempt of studied indifference to the mining interests of East Kootenay, the report of the Minister of Mines is worthy of admiration; as a means for the diffusion of knowledge of our mining capabilities and a statement of last year's development and progress, it merits the contempt and scorn of all those interested in mining; while, looking at it from Col. Baker's own standpoint, *i. e.* to coerce attention to this district in order to assist the sale of the produce of the coal fields and enhance their values, one would be led to the conclusion that the author of the report was losing every business faculty, and rapidly becoming a candidate for a lunatic asylum.

If Col. Baker takes so little interest in this district and its mineral development himself, the least he could do would be to get an unbiased report from some person of standing in the district, whereby justice might be done and external interest directed to this section.

He points out that "very few discoveries were made," the most important being those of Capt. Petty, on Pyramid creek. On these prospects he reports personally, and such is his description that one unacquainted with the country would be led to suppose that there were a dozen claims, most of which, presumably, were located by a lunatic, judging by the bold statements therein set forth, and which, by the way, constitute a very poor opinion of the rest of the country, if they are the most important.

The true facts are that last year saw the opening up of one of the largest copper-gold regions that has ever been discovered, and this we say advisedly, as over 1,642 claims were located last year. From White Grouse mountain across the forks of the St. Mary's, adjacent and parallel to the mineral belts containing the North Star and Sullivan groups, trending northerly to Cherry, Skookum Chuck and Findlay creeks, is a mineral zone that will surprise any one who looks over the ground. Almost all the ores of copper occur here, as also lead sulphide, arsenopyite, mayuetite, pyrrhotite, graphite, etc.

The ledges generally are wide, easily traceable, free on the walls, apparently of great strength, and often iron capped, the country rock including mica and talc, slates and shists, syenite, hornblend, orthoclase, gneiss, diorite, etc.

The oftener one reads the report the less one likes it. The total elimination of the northern part of the district is, to say the least of it, insidious (it might even be called criminal), and although Southern East Kootenay is mentioned, it might just as well be left out, as nine-tenths of the facts are omitted, and in the other tenth a great deal is left to the imagination.

The innumerable gold-bearing ledges on Perry creek are passed over with a slight reference to an experimental mill, put up by an experimental man and run by an experimental amalgamator. To dismiss thus summarily and thereby condemning such a *promising camp is unwarrantable*, and is exactly on a par with the assumption without enquiry that few discoveries were made.

Wild Horse creek, with its large and increasing bodies of high-grade grey copper ores, is not even mentioned; such groups as the Coronado, Colossal and Dodo bring presumably outcrops of imagination; while Tracy, Lewis, Sheep, Wasa, Wolf, Six-Mile and Four-Mile creeks discoveries are severely left alone.

Why this should be is not apparent, and we feel more than dissatisfied when we remember the excitement caused by the discoveries on Luke creek, St. Mary's prairie, Elk and Bull rivers, not taking into consideration the numerous discoveries and extensions in the vicinity of Moyie.

It might possibly be that Col. Baker has too much work to do on account of the many positions he holds, but it is no excuse, as, if he finds that he cannot do justice to all, he is bound to resign that or those positions to which he is least fitted. As to this country the mining interests are of paramount importance, and we maintain that we have not received that attention to which we are entitled as his constituency, nor have we been accorded the slightest justice in this iniquitous report and we feel bound to put on record our deep dissatisfaction.

A MINING MAN,
Interested in East Kootenay.

That Report.

The annual report of the Minister of Mines is a matter of interest to the district, and is generally considered an interesting document, giving full information about the development work and discoveries in all parts of the Province. East Kootenay has not received credit for what has been done in the past year, and no reference is made as to the future. The only prominent item is the free advertisement of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. The Miners' Association should take the matter in hand and see that the district in the future is represented by a man who will serve his constituency loyally and faithfully.

"Valuable Information."

"This office is under obligations to the Hon. James Baker, Minister of Mines, for the annual report on the mining industry in British Columbia. It is a complete work, and is full of valuable information."—*Wardner International.*

We are pleased to note that there is at least one man (the editor of the *International*) in East Kootenay that is satisfied with the Minister of Mines' report. We can admit that it is "a complete work, and full of valuable information," but we would like the *International* or Colonel Baker to inform us where the "valuable information" relative to Colonel Baker's constituency (East Kootenay) comes in.

The Cession of China.

London, March 24—The Peking correspondent of the 'Times' says: "China, on Wednesday, agreed to all the Russian demands. The following are the concessions: A lease of Port Arthur for 25 years, as a fortified naval base; a lease of Tai-Lien-Wan for 25 years, as an open port, and as the terminus of the Trans-Manchurian Railway, with a right of fortification; and the right for the Russians to construct a railway from Petuna in Manchuria, on the Sugar River, to Tal-Lien-Wan and Port Arthur, on the same terms as stipulated in the case of the Trans-Manchurian Railway. China has the empty satisfaction of retaining nominal sovereign rights, which, however, she is powerless to assert, the lease being equivalent to a cession."

ENGLAND MUST ACT.

The "Times," referring editorially to the despatch from its Peking correspondent, says: "The news is so serious that it may compel England to take immediate action. If the Russian demands are allowed to prevail, we shall be obliged to recognize the fact that China is about to be rapidly reduced to the position of the Khanates of Central Asia, first terrorised and paralysed, and ultimately swallowed up by Russia.

RUSSIA FOLLOWING UP.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says: "All classes of the Russian Army Reserve have been warned to hold themselves in readiness to be summoned to service, and, on account of the difficulties in Corea, it has been decided to despatch to Eastern Asia a corps of 5,000 of the First Line of Reserves.

A DISTURBED PLENIPOTENTIARY

Sir Chipi Chen, the Chinese Minister, paid a hurried visit to the Foreign Office this evening, and remained three-quarters of an hour.

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Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall apply to every person resident within this Province, whether such residence be permanent or temporary, and shall apply to all races and nationalities, including Indians and persons of Indian blood, Chinese and Japanese.

SEC. 8. The birth of any child born within this Province shall within sixty days after the date of such birth, be registered in the office of the District Registrar of the district for the purposes of this Act within which such child is born.

SEC. 9. Such registration shall be effected by the making and filing in the office of such District Registrar within the said period of sixty days, as a declaration in the form given in Schedule D in this Act by—

(a) The father of such child, if within such district at the time of the birth of the child.

(b) The mother of such child, if the father be dead, incapable or without the district, or the child be born out of wedlock.

(c) The occupier of the house or tenement in which such child was born, if the mother of such child be dead or incapable of making the declaration and the father be dead, incapable or without the district or is unknown.

2. Any person upon whom pursuant to the provisions of this Act it shall be encumbent to make and file any such declaration shall, upon any neglect or refusal to make and file the same within the period and in the manner aforesaid, be guilty of an offence against this Act.

3. Any person wilfully making any statement in any such declaration knowing the same to be false shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

SEC. 10. Every nurse present at the birth of any child within the Province shall within ten days after the day of such birth deliver or forward by post, prepaid, to the District Registrar of the district for the purposes of this Act within which such birth takes place, a notice in the form given in Schedule E hereto; and any such person refusing or neglecting to forward such notice within the time and in manner aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

SEC. 15. Every clergyman minister or other person authorized as aforesaid shall four times in each year, namely, on the fifteenth days of March, June, September and December in each year, deliver or forward by registered post, prepaid, to the District Registrar of the district for the purposes of this Act within which such clergyman, minister or other person authorized as aforesaid resides, the records of all marriages celebrated by such clergyman, minister or other person authorized as aforesaid within the period of three months then last past.

SEC. 17. The occupier of the house and tenement in which a death shall take place, or if the occupier be the person who shall have died, then some one of the persons residing in the house or tenement in which the death took place, or if such death shall not have taken place within a house then any person present at the death or having knowledge of the circumstances attending the same, or the coroner who may have attended any inquest held on such person, shall before the interment of the body supply to the District Registrar of the district for the purposes of this Act in which such death took place, according to his or her knowledge or belief, all the particulars required to be registered touching such death by the form provided in Schedule B to this act; provided always that in any case of death, wheresoever the same may occur, any undertaker who shall take charge of the body with a view to the interment thereof may, if he has a personal knowledge of the facts, supply to the said particulars to the said District Registrar and such District Registrar shall accept such registration and issue the certificate in Section 19 of this Act, c. a. 1888, c. 9, s. 13, and c. 4, s. 5.

SEC. 20. No clergyman, minister or other person shall bury or perform any funeral or religious service for the burial of any dead body unless he has received a certificate under the hand of the District Registrar of the district for the purposes of this Act in which the death took place, that the particulars of such death have been duly registered, except in cases where the clergyman or other person so officiating believes that sufficient reason exists rendering it impossible for the particulars of the death to be registered, or that the same have been registered but it has been impossible to obtain such certificate before interment, in which case it shall be the duty of the clergyman, minister, or other person performing the funeral or religious service for the burial to make a return thereof, according to Schedule B of this Act, to the District Registrar of the said district in which the death took place within seven days after such burial, and no undertaker or other person shall bury or assist in burying any dead body except under the same conditions as in this section are imposed upon a clergyman, minister or other person, c. a. 1888, c. 9, s. 16.

SEC. 28. Any person guilty of an offence against this Act shall upon summary conviction before a Justice of the Peace be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars and not exceeding one hundred dollars.

C. M. EDWARDS,
District Registrar.

A New Townsite.

T. G. Procter, of the Kootenay Valley Co., intends leaving Kaslo shortly for East Kootenay, to superintend the laying out of a new townsite at a point where the Crow's Nest Railway crosses Elk River. The new townsite is in close proximity to the Crow's Nest coal mines, and has also in the vicinity an abundant supply of limestone for fluxing purposes. It has also unexcelled water power for generating electricity, and will make a first class smelter site.—*Kootenain.*

AMITY NOT EXPECTED THERE

Meeting Monday of Canadian Pacific and American Roads.

Chicago, March 24—It is expected that the next meeting of the Canadian Pacific and the American roads will be held in Montreal early next week, possibly on Monday. The outlook is not considered favorable for an amicable settlement of the dispute. The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific are evidently of the opinion that the time for the Canadian Pacific differentials to be wiped off the list has come and they will not be parties in any agreement that does not provide for this. On the other hand, the Canadian Pacific is not at all likely to become a party to an agreement that does not recognize the differentials.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Joe Laidlaw has been appointed an agent for Colonel Baker during the coming election campaign.

A fine merchants' lunch at the Venosta Restaurant every day at 12 o'clock. *

Some twenty local Americans have taken out their naturalization papers and became British subjects during the past month.

A few new novelties in silk waist patterns at Mrs. E. J. Highwardens. *

Dr. Watt went to Wardner on Tuesday.

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

A block of real estate changed hands during the past week.

If you want to make money buy lots in Tracy. *

The telephone company are placing their poles on Riverside avenue.

Reduced prices on all winter goods, it will pay you to call at Gilpin & Lindsay. *

Three teams came in from Kalispell on Monday.

Millinery at cost, don't miss the chance. At Gilpin & Lindsay's. *

Mr. D. McMillan, of Sandon, visited Fort Steele during the early part of the week. Mr. McMillan speaks very highly of Steele and her prospects.

Col. Baker's political agents are kept very busy trying to bolster up a hopeless cause.

The Fort Steele district will elect a member chosen from the district at large, without regard to party lines.

Weary Willie has been talking to his papa. Nice boy; clean boy. Papa and son will soon take a swim in the Kootenay and advertise the fact in the Toronto papers.

Grand fishing tackle opening on Saturday at the Pioneer Drug Hall. *

Question—Why will Tracy make the best mining camp in East Kootenay?

Answer—Because it has more high-grade ore, larger ledges and more of them than any other camp in British Columbia.

Because the townsite is owned by progressive, enterprising business men, who will offer good advantages to investors or people that want to commence business.

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Every rich mining strike made in this district puts value into Fort Steele real estate. The prudent man will buy town lots now and profit by his foresight. The man who lacks foresight will wait until real estate takes on a "boom," will then follow the craze and probably pay a much higher price for the property. Get in on the ground floor and make money.

Don't pledge yourself. Wait for the independent candidate.

R. L. T. Galbraith and T. T. McVittie visited the Mission on Wednesday.

Bishop Darte will visit Fort Steele during the latter part of this month.

The Independent candidate will be pledged to the interests of the whole district, not a part.

Don't fail to attend the mass meeting on the 19th day of April and select an Independent candidate.

The telephone line is in operation between Swansea and Fort Steele.

Who is the Independent candidate?

The electors of the riding will select the Independent candidate.

Divine service will be held next Friday evening at St. John's church at 7:30 o'clock.

Don't forget to purchase a ticket for the masquerade ball.

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Frank McMahon, of Moyie City, was a visitor in Steele during the past week.

Telegraph wires are being rapidly placed in position on Riverside avenue.

Next Sunday being Easter day, Divine service will be held in St. John's church in the morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The new Roman Catholic church at the Mission was dedicated last Sunday by Fathers Coccola and Wilmett. Indians from different points were present and the ceremonies were very impressive. The church is one of the finest in East Kootenay and cost $9,000. This Sunday (Easter) the Indian brass band will assist at the services, and it is expected that there will be at least 500 Indians present.

An unknown man fell off his mule and was severely injured by a kick on Wednesday. The accident happened across the river.

We have to record the death of "Moise," chief of the Columbia Lake Kootenays. Moise was one of the best Indians in the tribe, always a friend of the whites and was universally respected by the Indians. He was buried at St. Eugene's Mission and had a very large funeral.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail on the premises known as the Woodbine Hotel, at Logging camp, East Kootenay, B. C.

NELSE BEAULIEN.

Dated this 4th day of April, 1898. 15-19

NOTICE.

Take notice that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail on the premises known as the International Hotel at Fort Steele, B. C.

R. G. SHIER.

Dated 9th day of April, 1898. 15-19

NOTICE.

Take notice that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail on the premises known as the Elk Hotel, situate on Elk River, B. C.

GEORGE HOGGARTH.

Dated this 9th of April, 1898. 15-19

Two teams come in from Kalispell on Wednesday.

The Fort Steele Band Orchestra will furnish music for the dance on Monday evening.

E. A. Elton returned on Thursday from a business trip to the east.

At the masquerade on Monday night, dancers will be required to be masked until 11 o'clock.

The several committees in charge of the Kootenay Club met on Wednesday evening. The report is that the Club is in a flourishing condition.

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