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HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.

Arrangements in Progress for a Celebration the 24th May.

At a meeting of citizens held in the new school house on Tuesday evening, A. E. Elton in the chair, it was resolved to take steps to provide a fitting celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday on May 24th. The following were appointed a committee to prepare a programme of sports, etc., and to solicit subscriptions to defray the expenses: Messrs. Wm. Baillie, F. P. Norbury, R. Shier, A. J. Robertson, L. A. Martin, J. C. Durick and J. Laidlaw.

The committee held a meeting at THE PROSPECTOR office on Thursday morning and decided on the following

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS.

1.—Horse Race—Running; 600 yards: best 2 in 3 heats; 1st $25; 2nd $15; 3rd $10.
2.—Running High Jump; 1st $6; 2nd $4; 3rd $2.
3.—Running Long Jump; 1st $6; 2nd $4; 3rd $2.
4.—Bicycle Race; 1st $5; 2nd $3.
5.—Saddle Horse Race; 400 yds; 1st $15; 2nd $10.
6.—Men's Footrace; 100 yards; 1st $6; 2nd $4; 3rd $2.
7.—Wrestling on Horseback; Indians; 1st $10; 2nd $5.
8.—Putting the Shot; 1st $6; 2nd $4; 3rd $2.
9.—Men's Footrace; 300 yards; 1st $6; 2nd $4; 3rd $2.
10.—"Cigar" Horse Race; 1st $10; 2nd $5.
11.—Boys' Footrace; 100 yards; 1st $4; 2nd $3; 3rd $2.
12.—Fat Men's Race; 100 cigars.
13.—Rock Drilling Contest; 1st $50; 2nd $25.
14.—Tug of War; $15.

On Thursday evening an adjourned public meeting was held at which the above programme was approved. Arrangements are being made to run cheap excursions on the boats, stages, and Great Northern Railway from Spokane and Kalispell, particulars of which will be given in our next issue.

Wild Horse Bridge.

Although in receipt of no specific instructions from Victoria, Government Agent Armstrong has set a gang of men to work putting in the piles for the bridge across Wild Horse Creek opposite the Indian office. The bridge from bank to bank will be 316 feet long, 15 feet wide between the rails, and about 20 feet above water at the highest point. It is proposed to finish the work at least far enough so the bridge will be available during high water for pack horses and foot passengers, and if means can be obtained the whole work will be completed. The cost of the bridge complete will be about $1,000, and of the approaches about $500. Four men, under the foremanship of Edward Ward, are now employed with a team on the work.

Work on the Roads.

A gang of four men is at work improving the waggon road south to Wardner on the east side of Kootenay River. This road is to be taken on the top of the hill, instead of through the coulee as last year.

Another gang of four men is at work on the road to Moyie City.

When the bridge gang at the Wild Horse get through there, they will be set to work improving the St. Mary's road.

ST. EUGENE HOSPITAL.

The Formal Opening—An Institution that is Open to all.

There was a large number of people from Fort Steele and other places at the Mission on Sunday afternoon to witness the opening ceremonies in connection with the new St. Eugene Hospital. This fine hospital building was fully described in THE PROSPECTOR two weeks ago. Since that time the building has been very tastefully painted, and in the brilliant sunshine of Sunday presented a very attractive appearance.

The ceremony of blessing the hospital was performed by Rev. Father Coccola at three o'clock. The boys and girls of the Indian Industrial School were drawn up in line in front of the main entrance, as also were the Sisters of Charity who form the staff of nurses of the institution. Father Coccola was attended by Rev. Fathers Walsh and Ouilette, and two Indian boys in church robes bearing the censer. After the reading of the service the priests made a circuit of the building which was sprinkled on all sides with holy water.

While this ceremony was proceeding the Indian girls sang a hymn of praise, and on its completion the Industrial School Brass Band played.

Rev. Father Coccola then addressed those present. He said that it was in vain that any work however good was done unless it had the blessing of God, and in this work of caring for those who were ill and afflicted, God's blessing must be had if the work were to be successful. In the history of ancient Rome they read of great achievements in art and in war and in literature, but there was no record of such a thing as a hospital. But since Christianity came to the world it was different, and now the noblest efforts of men and women were made to alleviate the sufferings of their fellows. Therefore, let us ask God to bless the work. This hospital was a place where the sick, the injured by accident, the broken down, might come for relief. Man had made great progress in science, but what was the progress of man in comparison with the greatness and goodness of the works of God. It was God who held the thread of life in His hand, and it was the object of the Hospital with God's blessing to stretch out that thread further so that man might be permitted to do more good. The speaker thanked those present for the interest they had taken in the Hospital, and while he hoped that none of them might personally require the services of the Hospital, still if they did, at all times they would be welcome. The doors of the Hospital would remain always open to all who sought its shelter. He desired once more to thank them for their presence.

Dr. Watt, the Hospital physician, and Engineer Lamb of the Crow's Nest Railway, spoke a few words, and the Hospital was declared formally opened.

Refreshments were served in the large ward on the second floor of the building, Mrs. Binmore, Mrs. Greer, Miss Reid and Miss Durick being in charge of the tables. Rev. Father Walsh took a photograph of the assemblage in front of the building, which will be an interesting souvenir of the occasion.

In conversation with Rev. Father Coccola, he stated that several large rooms in the Hospital had been specially designed to accommodate families who might have occasion to occupy them. These rooms are not connected with any of the wards, and people desiring simply to recruit their health by a period of rest and the invigorating influences of the country air would find them very suitable.

The Imperial Bank.

Mr. A. R. B. Hearn, manager of the Imperial Bank at Revelstoke, is in the city, a guest at the Dalgardno. He is here with a view to the establishment of a branch of the Bank at Fort Steele. The Imperial is one of the solidest Banking institutions in Canada, and has branches from one end of the Dominion to the other. Its paid up capital is $2,000,000, and its reserve $1,200,000. The head office is in Toronto; D. R. Wilkie, General Manager. Directors: H. S. Howland, President; T. R. Merritt, Vice-President; Robert Jaffray, Wm. Ramsay, Hugh Ryan, T. S. Stayner and Elias Rogers. The establishment of this Bank at Fort Steele will be a great public advantage.

CROW'S NEST RAILWAY PLANS

Freight and Passenger Traffic to be Begun Before Construction Is Completed—Fort Steele Branch.

F. W. Peters, district freight agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, came in on horseback over the tote road from Kushkonook, reaching here on Wednesday. It was his first visit to the district, and his object was to become familiar with a part of the country which in the near future will play an important part in the operations of the company which he represents. He was most favorably impressed with what he saw on the way through. Rapid progress was being made in the railway work, and as the weather improved, the work would be hastened. Chief Engineer MacLeod had informed him that the rails would be laid without doubt to Kootenay Lake by November next. He had spoken to Mr MacLeod about the Fort Steele branch. The Chief Engineer said the work on this branch was very light, and when good weather came it could be put in with comparatively little expense and in a very short period of time.

The company proposes, said Mr. Peters, to carry freight through the Crow's Nest Pass to the end of track as the line progresses westward, and the people of Fort Steele and district would be able to take advantage of this in a few weeks, or as soon as the steel got within economical teaming distance. The rails should reach Kootenay River by July.

The rates will be based on mileage, so that in case, say, of through freight from the East, the charges would be identically the same as those charged to points on the main line the same distance from the point of shipment. As to passenger traffic, until the railway was completed and the regular service inaugurated, tickets would be sold only as far west as Macleod, but construction trains would always be on the move and passengers could use them, but of course they would have to take the chances of delay incident to travel under such circumstances. The company would do all it could, and at the earliest possible moment to give whatever accommodation was possible to the people of this district.

Mr. Peters expressed himself as delighted with the situation and prospects of Fort Steele. "You have," he said, "one of the most beautiful townsites in British Columbia, and with the development of your great mining interests, which the railway will assure you of, your prospects must be most satisfactory to the people here." Mr. Peters left on Thursday morning by the str. Farrell for Jennings, returning thence to Nelson.

Latest War News

BRITISH CONSUL MURDERED BY SPANIARDS.—AN IMPENDING NAVAL CONFLICT.—MOVEMENT OF THE FLEETS.—BOMBARDMENT OF MATANZAS.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 30.—Mr. Evans, the Colonial Secretary, refused today to allow an American vessel to ship 20 tons of lead for New York, defining it as contraband of war.

The cable to Santiago de Cuba is working 24 hours a day. Long cipher messages are sent and received. The Cubans who have just arrived by the steamer Remus assert that a strong anti-British feeling prevails in Santiago de Cuba. The street crowds a few nights ago cried: "Death to the English!" in front of the British consulate and threw stones at the consul, who has charge of the American relief work. He was threatened with personal violence. The authorities have placed a guard over the consulate.

Washington, May 5.—It is reported that the Spaniards killed the British consul at Santiago de Cuba yesterday.

London, April 30.—The Spanish ambassabor, having opened a fund here to increase the strength of the Spanish fleet, is regarded as a serious abuse of diplomatic principles and will be brought up in the House of Commons.

A dispatch from Madrid says the Spanish government officials are bewildered at the attitude of Great Britain. They believe the Government and people of Great Britain hold divergent opinions and the official acts of Great Britain are due to a secret compact with the United States.

PORTO RICO IN PERIL.

The United States Fleets will Bombard and Take Porto Rico.

New York, May 4.—A special to the *Herald* from Washington says:

Immediately following the receipt of official information announcing the departure of the Spanish fleet from St. Vincent sailing orders were issued the flying squadron under command of Commodore Schley.

These orders are the result of the discussion of the naval war board of the strategical considerations entering into the departure of the Spanish fleet. Naturally the greatest secrecy is observed but it is generally conceded that the probabilities point to an immediate junction of the armoured vessels under Commodore Schley and those commanded by Rear Admiral Sampson.

Hampton Roads, May 5.—The flying squadron under Schley sailed today, and it is reported that their destination is Porto Rico.

It is reported that Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet is already on its way to Porto Rico. A combined attack will be made by both fleets, it is probable that Porto Rico will be taken inside of 47 hours.

It is reported that the Spanish fleet left St. Vincent on the 29th inst for Porto Rico. It is said that Spanish warships were unable to get half the amount of coal required to fill their bunkers.

The United States fleet will secure Porto Rico and prevent the Spanish fleet from securing a base of supplies. The great naval battle will probably be fought at this point.

Washington, May 5.—Spanish warships are reported off the coast of South America waiting for the Oregon which left Montevideo on May 2nd.

BOMBARDMENT OF MATANZAS.

Destruction of Spanish Fortifications by United States Warships.

On Board the Flagship New York, off Havana, April 28, 10 a. m., via Key West.—The bombardment of Matanzas batteries is now a matter of history. The flagship has returned to her station of El Moro. As already briefly stated the bombardment accomplished its purpose in full and without any loss of life on the American side. It is believed the Spaniards must have sustained some loss of life, in addition to having their nearly completed earthworks and fortifications torn up by the explosion of shells. The capture of the city was not contemplated, the object being to stop the erection of fortifications. This engagement, the first in which the United States has engaged for about 30 years, occurred quite unexpectedly. The New York was lying about 20 miles east of Havana at 10:30 yesterday morning when Rear Admiral Sampson decided to steam to Matanzas. At the entrance of the harbor the monitor Puritan and cruiser Cincinnati met the flagship. A stiff wind was blowing and waves pouring high. At slow speed the flagship proceeded towards the harbor, the Puritan following half a mile astern and the Cincinnati about two miles westward. Rear Admiral Sampson and Captain M. Chadwick stood on the high bridge, carefully surveying the forts which had the temerity to fire on the United States torpedo boat Foote. When three miles from Punta Gorda, the extreme point of the western arm of the harbor, a long yellow streak was seen on shore. It looked like newly-erected earthworks. Closer inspection showed that without doubt the Spanish troops were busy erecting what seemed to be a sand battery and had already gotten several guns in position. Rear Admiral Sampson decided that this was detrimental to a pacific blockade. When the New York was 4,000 yards from Punta Gorda, "Commence firing," the bugler blew. Naval Cadet Boone, in charge of the "waist" 8-inch gun amidships on the portside, had the honor of firing the first shot at 12:06. Fully 50 pairs of glasses were levelled from the flagship at the shore. It seemed minutes before the yellow smoke cleared away; in reality it was less than five seconds. Then a little cloud of dust was seen to rise right from the earthworks. For the first attempt at 4,000 yards it was by no means a bad shot. With a deafening roar the the 8-inch gun of the forward turret let fly and landed high. The after turret came next with the same-sized projectile. A shout of delight went up from the flagship. A dense cloud rose slowly from the very centre of the earthworks, showing how true had been the aim. Then from the entire port side a fearful fusilade poured on shore, the four turret guns firing almost simultaneously, the 4-inch guns adding smaller hail. When the smoke blew away Punta Gorda was dotted with dust clouds that looked like mimiature geysers springing from the earth. Each showed where the shot struck. At this stage the guns of Quintas Da Recreo battery were observed firing at the flagship. This fort is eastward of the arm of the harbor, 7,000 yards from where the flagship was lying. It is provided with four eight-inch guns. The flagship's fire was at once directed at it. Up to this period the New York had been firing alone. Captain Harrington, of the Puritan, and Captain Chester, of the Cincinnati, had drawn up and were vigorously signalling permission to fire. When it was reported to Rear Admiral Sampson, he said: "All right; tell them to go ahead." So while the New York was commencing to fire on Quintas Da Recreo, the Puritan took up a position eastward and opened at the same point. The Cincinnati, westward, pounded a rapid-fire of broadsides into the earthworks of Punta Gorda. Occasionally shots from Quintas Da Recreo could be seen coming in the direction of the New York. All fell very short. About ten shots are believed to have been fired from this battery during the engagement. It is possible its guns were disabled, as two 10-inch shells were distinctly seen to land in the fort. For five minutes Quintas Da Recreo got the full benefit of the port broadside of the New York and Puritan. Leaving Quintas Da Recreo to the Puritan, the New York's port battery once more bore on the Punta Gorda earthworks. Then the Cincinnati and New York poured shot into the yellow earthworks and surrounding land until the smoke hid everything from view. What became of the soldiers seen at Punta Gorda is not known. Some declare that they saw them running to the brow of the hill, where a field battery was thought to be stationed.

NO WORD OF MANILLA.

Hopeless to Expect News for Two or Three Days—Outcome May be Vital.

Washington, April 30.—Interest yesterday was fixed on the Philippines, though it seemed almost hopeless to expect any news from that point, which is, for the present at least, the critical point of naval operations. Indeed, one high official well versed in the plans of the strategic board, declared that upon the result of the engagement which Commodore Dewey is expected to have had with the Spanish fleet today, or within a day or two, at least, might depend to an extent the outcome of the war.

Washington, May. 1.—Admiral Dewey's fleet, the Pacific squadron, had an engagement with the Spanish fleet at Manilla Harbor today, practically destroying it. American loss unknown, but supposed to be light. Two thousand Spaniards were killed and their fleet blown out of existence.

The Emperor of Austria has contributed $100,000 to Spain, and has allowed his soldiers to enlist in the Spanish army.

The actual invasion of Cuba takes place on Wednesday.

The report is current at Ottawa that in view of the hostile attitude of the Senate to the construction of a railway from the Pacific coast to the Yukon from some seaport on the Pacific coast in British Columbia, and until that body will evolve a policy of its own in respect to the matter, the Government will not divulge that which it intends to pursue in connection with the scheme.

A London cable to the Montreal *Star* says: I understand Lord Aberdeen, according to the latest advices, expects to remain in Canada till September, 1899, making a six years' term. The Government, therefore, feel there is no need for hurrying on the question of his successor.

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. 1081[A] intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

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. 1081[A] intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

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. 1081[A] intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

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. 1081[A] intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

A. S. FARWELL.

Dated this 30th dayof 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 land, more or less, situated on the north west corner of Lot 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.

EDWARD ELWELL.

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. DREA.

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.

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

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

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 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 and 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.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting under the style and firm of Henry W. Drew and George E. Hayes, as hotel keepers in the city of Fort Steele, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All accounts due to the late firm are payable to Henry W. Drew, who will settle all accounts due against the firm.

Dated at Fort Steele this 28th day of March, 1898.

Witness: HENRY W. DREW
JAMES GRIGOR. GEORGE E. HAYES.

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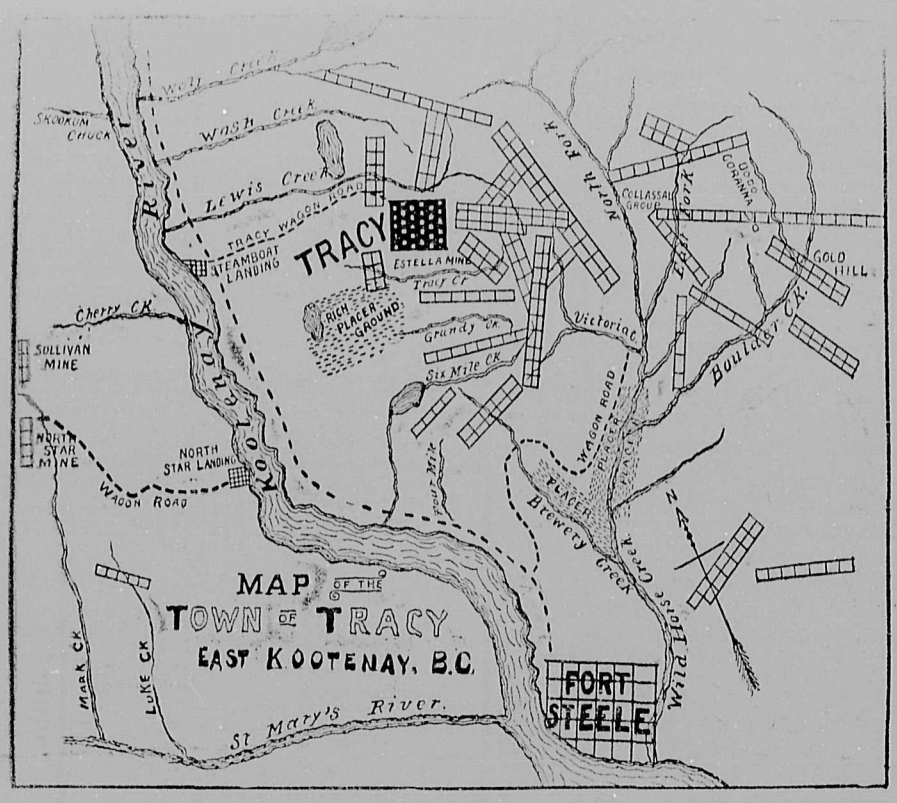

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1898.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF RAILWAY RATES

Frank Oliver Shows Why Railway Profits Are High While Railway Dividends Are Apparently Low.

During the debate on the Ontario and Rainy River Railway Bill, Frank Oliver, Member for Alberta, made a very useful speech, arguing that there could be no satisfactory control of the rates charged by railways, until it is made the law of the land that no railway could be bonded for a greater amount than the actual cost of the railway. His remarks are very interesting:

In proof of what I say, he went on, let me read a few figures. I have been looking into the returns of the Railway Department for the last year. I find in these returns that the Canadian Pacific Railway is credited with 3,436 miles of road; that the paid-up shares of that company are $65,000,000; that the perferential shares are $8,379,666; that bonds have been issued to the amount of $102,887,617; that the Dominion Government have granted aid to the amount of $25,080,000; that the Province of Manitoba has granted aid to the amount of $277,377; that the Province of British Columbia has granted aid to the amount of $37,500; that municipalities have granted aid to the amount of $497,500; that the total amount of money so invested in the Canadian Pacific Railway upon which the people of Canada have to pay interest directly or indirectly, is $202,110,760. I find that the total cost of the railway, 3,436 miles, as stated in the return, was $162,544,853, and that therefore the country is paying interest on $39,565,910 which is not represented in the construction of the road. As a matter of fact, Canada is not only bearing the interest on the total cost of the Canadian Pacific Railway, but is paying interest on about $40,000,000 more than the railway cost. More than that, I do not find it in the railway returns, but hon. gentlemen will bear me out when I say that over and above the cost as laid down must be considered the cost of the sections between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay and the first section of the road in British Columbia, both of which were constructed at the cost of the Dominion and handed over to the Canadian Pacific Railway as a part of the company's grant. The cost of those sections amounted to about $40,000,000. So that instead of paying interest on $40,000,000 more than the Canadian Pacific Railway cost, we are paying interest on $80,000,000; and then we wonder that the rates on the Canadian Pacific Railway are high, and we still hope to control those rates by merely inserting a clause in a new act providing that we shall have control of them! I hold that no clause inserted in the railway act now or at any future time has any right to control the earning power of that $80,000,000 any more than of the rest of the capital invested in the road. Admitting that we have the right of control, we are still $80,000,000 away from getting where we ought to be in the matter of rates over the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. Oliver then gave other instances of this same thing, notably the Calgary and Edmonton and the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railways, in both of which cases the bonds, paid-up stock, etc., amounted to double the sum actually spent in building those railways.

The point I make, continued Mr. Oliver, is this: That the question of railway rates in this country is tied up with the question of the bonding of the railroads, of the power to raise money upon the railroads; and that we must go to the root of the evil and cut off the right to bond these roads for more money than is actually used in construting them. Until we do that our legislation is only a matter of form; there is no substance to it. And in regard to this Rainy River road it is of the last degree of importance to both Eastern and Western Canada that we shall have the very lowest rates in order that we of the west may get our grain and products to the east at the lowest cost, and in order that those in the east shall be able to compete in the markets of the west with their rivals across the line; who are getting the benefit of the very lowest railway rates and to whom these lowest rates are given by virtue of the existence of this very Canadian Pacific, for which the people of Canada are paying interest on $80,000,000 more than it cost. In order to get that benefit of rates which will enable this eastern country to compete against such unfavorable influences, it is necessary that it should be provided in this charter we are discussing now, that we should not be compelled to pay interest on one dollar more than the road actually cost. In support of my contention I shall take the liberty of reading the amendment which I propose to move in committee. It is as follows:

"During the construction of the said railway, the company hereby incorporated shall from time to time deposit with the Minister of Railways as each mile is ready for traffic, a statement of the actual cost of the said mile of road, giving such particulars as to the several items of cost as shall be required from time to time by the Governor-in-Council.

"The railway company shall from time to time, as required by Order-in-Council, deposit with the Minister of Railways a statemen. of the earnings of the railway and the expense of carrying it on, including repairs and improvements, for each year or part of year, during which the railway is operated, in such form and giving such particulars as may be required from time to time by the Governor-in-Council.

"The Governor-in-Council may from time to time fix rates, terms and conditions for the carriage of freight and passengers over the railway of the company, or for the passage of cars or trains other than those of the company over the said railway.

"Provided that when the earnings of the railway over and above operating expenses, and cost of repairs and improvements, which improvements must be sanctioned by the Minister of Railways, amounts to over six per cent. on the actual cost of construction, less any aid granted by Canada, or by any province or municipality, the Governor-in-Council may make such reductions in the rates for the carriage of passengers and freight, or for the passage of cars or trains, other than those of the company, over its tracks, as may be necessary to bring the net earnings within six per cent. on the above mentioned net cost.

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1898.

THE CASSIAR OUTRAGE.

THE electoral crime in Cassiar is being developed. The storm of indignation that swept over this Province when the Provincial Government's scheme to create a specially privileged class of voters in Cassiar District became known, has forced the administration to a most abject retreat from the intended outrage. As we stated last week, the proposal was in direct opposition to the first principles of the Constitution, and only the desperate situation in which the Government found itself,—face to face with the absolute certainty of a crushing defeat at the approaching general elections,—could have moved them to attempt such an onslaught on the rights and privileges of the people

What they proposed to do was to allow people to register in Cassiar irrespective of the residence qualification which applies to all other parts of the Province. This would be tantamount to the disqualification of thousands of Provincial voters in the other districts. It was a most shameful proposal,—no honest man could have supported it,—and its withdrawal was forced because of a plain intimation by the members of the Legislature that the bill would be thrown out and the Government defeated by several of the ministerialists voting with the Opposition against it.

But the withdrawal of this clause is only a partial mitigation of the iniquity of the Redistribution Bill as regards Cassiar. The number of names on the voters' list at present is only 199, and to these 199 voters the Bill gives two representatives in the Legislature, or one member for less than 100 votes. There is no justification whatever for this extra member. The reason of it is apparent to everyone. The Government expects to win an additional supporter in Cassiar, and it therefore creates the new constituency there. There is no other reason for it under the sun, and the people see it, and will take the earliest opportunity of avenging themselves on a government that would be guilty of such an outrage.

In Cassiar the Government allows the owners of a paper railway charter to claim a half interest in any mineral discoveries made there. What would be the feeling in East Kootenay if such a thing were allowed? Yet Cassiar is as much a part of British Columbia as is East Kootenay, and the people properly own the minerals there as well as they do here.

More than half of the agricultural lands in South East Kootenay were given by the Provincial Government to the Canadian Pacific Railway as a bonus for building a railway in West Kootenay, and pretty near all the rest of the land was given by the Government as a bonus for a crazy canal project which was promptly abandoned after the land had been obtained.

Don't you think it is about time we had a change of government in this Province?

In Australia you can travel (first-class) 1,000 miles for 26 shillings, or about $6.50. In British Columbia it costs $50.00 to travel 1,000 miles. The reason of the difference is that in Australia the Government owns the railways, and the people are charged about what the service costs. In British Columbia the railways are owned by companies, and the profits made go to enrich foreign stock and bond holders.

RIDING FOR A FALL.

The latest information from Victoria is that the Government has got a bill through the Legislature granting a bonus of $1,600,000 to Messrs. Mann & Mackenzie to build the Yukon Railway. This is a railway outside of the boundaries of the Province. It is calculated to draw away capital and population from Kootenay and all the other interior parts of British Columbia. The object is to bolster up the coastwise trade of Victoria, and it is hostile in the highest degree to the interests of the whole interior of the Province.

The Government is evidently "riding for a fall." It is impossible now that the Yukon Railway can be built this summer, but the Government, knowing that its doom will be sealed by the elections that are soon to come off, is making its last desperate attack on the Treasury of the Province.

THE WORKINGMEN AND THE TRUCK ACT.

EDITOR PROSPECTOR—Sir: I wish to call the attention of all workingmen, and of all haters of oppression and wrong, to the Bill called the "Truck Act, 1898," introduced by Mr. Kellie. It is based word for word, for the most part, on the old Imperial Truck Act of 1831 (in force in this Province, but seldom enforced, more it is the shame), amalgamated with the still more stringent provisions of the Imperial Amending Act of 1887. It is aimed at the shameful tyranny and plunder done to workmen by owners, contractors, foremen and others, who compel their workmen to deal at their shops and board at their boarding houses. To such an extent is this abuse grown that it is said to be actually difficult round Rossland for a married man to get work. The mine owners insist on the men boarding at heir shacks, for the profit of running them. But the mere loss and robbery of the workman is the least of the evil. The workman is wholly in the boss's hands, and especially where a married man, a coal miner, say, once runs in debt at the boss's store. Then, with his whole living from day to day and from month to month entirely dependent, both wages and credit, on the grace of the boss, and no other employment perhaps within many miles, you have real slavery.

The treatment of their workmen by the contractors of the Victoria City Water Works is well known. Eighty men were crowded on bunks three and four deep in a stinking little shack full of holes all round, with their working overalls, reeking with the foul lake mud, hanging by the bunk side. They were charged $5 a week whether there a full week or not, even when they went home from Saturday to Monday, and were compelled to submit on pain of dismissal. Many a man brought home on Saturday but $2 or $2.25 for his family, all that the boss's extortion had left for a week's toil.

The Bill, following the Imperial Act, directs, in effect, that every workman shall be paid his wages in cash and in full, no matter what he owes his employer. There are a number of carefully limited exceptions, things for which a master, if the workman agrees in writing, may deduct from wages, but the price must be fair. Of course, the employer is always quite free to run a store or boarding house if he likes and the workman to deal there if he pleases, but he cannot be compelled to do so, nor dismissed if he does not. As regards board and lodging, the employer can, if the workman agrees in writing, deduct from wages a fair price for victuals consumed, if the works are over two miles from any incorporated city or town, otherwise not. He can no where compel his workmen to board with him. In case local justices should be influenced, the workmen may take out a summons before the local County Court Judge or any Supreme Court Judge in the same way as before the local J. P.'s.

The public, and especially the workmen of British Columbia, should closely follow the progress of the Bill. Its adversaries are not likely to defeat it direct, on account of the elections, but they will arrange to have it talked out, or to maul it in committee; and a very small change of its wording might easily deprive whole classes of workmen of the protection they most need.

L. H. FULLAGAR.

Victoria, April 16, 1898.

AN ALL NIGHT SESSION.

The Opposition in the Legislature Making a Stubborn Fight to Protect the Rights of the People Cassiar Clause Amended.

Victoria, April 27.—After sitting for 23 consecutive hours upon the Redistribution Bill, in Committee, the members of the Opposition left the Chamber in a body this morning, on account of the unfair rulings and tryannical conduct of certain of the Government supporters while in the chair. The supporters of the Government spent their time "in looking up May" for the purpose of checking the debate, instead of attempting to discuss the Bill before the Committee. The result of this was a series of arbitrary rulings from the Chair, which the Government stood ready to sustain, as soon as the sleeping supporters of the Government could be roused. The members of the Opposition stood this for several hours, but finally took issue with a ruling of Dr. Walkem while in the chair. Dr. Walkem put an amendment to the vote without allowing a chance for debate and declared the same lost, although there was a member on the floor speaking at the time. An appeal was taken, and the Government supporters were wakened up and sustained the Chair. The members of the Opposition then withdrew from the House, as a protest against the unfair treatment.

In their absence, the Bill was put through. The Third Section, respecting Vancouver, was laid over, and Dr. Walkem's amendment, to divide the City of Vancouver into four ridings, went with it. The Clause respecting the registeration of voters in Cassiar was struck out by Hon. Mr. Eberts.

The Committee reported progress on the Bill at 3 o'clock.

The all night sitting was caused by the announced desire of the Opposition to prevent the passage of the measure by any means in his power. Mr. Semlin, Leader of the Opposition, announced that, since the members of the Opposition had been defeated by a tyrannical majority and by an unprecedented application of the rules, they could have nothing further to do with the consideration of the Redistribution Bill. He said: "We have endeavored to render this Bill as unobjectionable as possible, but we have been defeated by a remarkable application of the rules, and I say that the Government must take the responsibility wholly of deciding the fate of the Bill." The members of the Opposition, with the exception of Messrs. Kellie, Foster and Higgins, then withdrew from the Chamber (the hour being shortly after noon), and the Committee proceeded with the consideration of the Bill.

One of the patients at St. Eugene Hosoital died of consumption this week and was buried in Fort Steele cemetery. Deceased's name was Macdonald, but little else was known of him.

Irrigation Work.

D. Bale, contractor for the new irrigation ditch on the St. Mary's River Indian Reservation, is making good progress with his work and expects to have it completed within a fortnight. The ditch is on the north side of the river, the take in point being about two miles east of the bridge at the Mission, and will be about three and one-half miles long. It will supply water for some 3,000 acres of as fine agricultural land as there is in the district, owned, of course by the Indians. Mr. Bale has put in a first-class piece of work.

Burglary.

The wholesale liquor warehouse of A. G. Parson in this city was entered by burglars on Monday night. H. L. McDermott, manager, was out that evening at the Band Concert, and did not return till about twelve. Evidently his movements had been watched. On his return he found the front door burst open. It is a strong double door, and great force must have been used, for an extra-heavy lock was completely smashed. Entering his sleeping apartment Mr. McDermott found things in great disorder. A leather valise had been ripped open and the contents were littered about. His trunk, bureau and desk had all been gone through, the burglars being evidently in search of money. Fortunately Mr. McDermott as usual had his cash under lock in a down-town safe, and the enterprising visitors got not a nickle. They took a couple of boxes of cigars, however, of the "Oscar Y. Amanda" brand, besides six bottles of Plymouth gin and some other liquors.

Accident to the North Star.

The accident which delayed the steamer North Star in arriving here occurred at the canyon five miles above Jennings, where two boats were wrecked last year. The swift current swung the head of the boat around and a big rock in the stream knocked a hole in her side. Captain Miller let the boat drift on a bar just below and the passengers were landed in small boats and walked back to Jennings. There was no excitement. The boat was repaired with no great loss in a few days. Three deck hands were rowing ashore in a skiff when one of them fouled a cable that had been used to tie the boat to a tree. The skiff capsized and a negro known as "Ginger" was drowned. The unfortunate man lived at Fort Steele for some time last summer. He was about 40 years old and well known in all the mining camps of Montana and Idaho. He was a cook by trade and lived in the Cœur d'Alenes for many years. The body was not recovered.

The "Echo" Launched.

On Wednesday of last week the steamer "Echo" was launched at Moyie City. The *Leader* reports the launching to have been most successful. The "Echo" made the trial trip from one end of the lake to the other, the machinery working in perfect order. Capt. Edward Ward was in charge at the wheel, and Engineer J. E. Musgrove manipulated the engines. The building of the "Echo" was begun last fall by Capt. I. B. Sanburn, but before its completion was purchased by G. Campbell and A. T. Clark of Moyie City and Chas. Theis of Fort Steele, who is also interested in the steamers North Star and J. D. Farrell on the Kootenay River. It is 50 feet in length and has a carrying capacity of 10 tons. It is equipped with all the requirements of a first-class boat, and the speed which she makes is a guarantee of its exceptionally good model. It will ply the lake between Moyie City and Swansea.

The Duty on Horses.

The Klondyke craze and the development of mining generally in the mountainous regions of British Columbia have given rise to a demand for horses greater than has been in the west for years past. The duty on horses coming in from the United States is 20 per cent., but so low is the valuation placed on horseflesh in the northwestern states that the duty is practically no bar to importations into this country. The Alberta horsemen consequently are agitating for an increase of the duty. They want a specific duty of $20 a head put on all horses coming into Canada. This would mean, for the lower grade of horses used in packing and transport generally in the mining regions, a practically prohibitory duty. But if the Canadian supply of horses is ample to provide all that are required at reasonable rates there is no reason why horse breeders should not have the protection they ask.

D. C. Corbin has given up all hope of securing a charter from the Dominion Government for the Kettle River Valley Railway, and is now devoting much time to a preparation of plans for building into the Boundary Creek country via Republic camp.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Sisters of Charity of the Mission wish to thank the ladies of Fort Steele for the active part they took at the opening of the St. Eugene Hospital, and their successful efforts to make all present enjoy themselves.

St. Eugene Mission, May 4th.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to applying to the Gold Commissioner of this district for a renewal of my license to sell liquor by retail at the Dalgardno Hotel, Fort Steele.

R. D. MATHER.

Fort Steele, May 4, 1898. 19-22

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Best Cuisine in East Kootenay HOME COMFORTS

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Restaurant open day and night

All the delicacies of the season

Special sample rooms for travelling men.

The Prospector.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1898.

SHOT IN SELF-DEFENCE.

A Railway Foreman Attacked by Dagos Kills One and Wounds Another.

(Moyie City Leader, April 30.)

Louis Lamont arrived here on Thursday evening from Kushkonook, the present western terminous of the Crow's Nest road. He reports being almost an eye-witness to a shooting affray which occurred near McLean's camp, about 11 miles at this side of Kushkonook last Monday morning in which one man was killed and another was badly wounded.

It seems that an Irishman, whose name we could not learn, was acting as foreman of a gang of Italians on a piece of work near that camp, when he became involved in a quarrel with two of his men and discharged them. The two discharged dagos went to the camp to get their time, but were unable to succeed for some unknown reason. They again returned to where they had been at work and renewed the quarrel with the foreman, and in the excitement one of them pulled a gun, which was immediately knocked out of his hand and picked up by the foreman. The two infuriated dagos then turned on the foreman, and the latter to defend himself shot one of the men twice through the head and the other through the hip. He then dropped his gun and fled for his life towards Kushkonook, pursued by three of the dagos armed with Winchester rifles. Great excitement prevailed among the dagos who had gathered around the wounded men, but they finally became reconciled. Medical assistance was summoned and the two unfortunate men were removed to the hospital at Kushkonook, where the one who was shot through the head died the next morning at four o'clock. The other man's wounds are not at all serious and he will soon recover. The man who did the killing gave himself up to the authorities when he reached Kushkonook. He claims the shooting was done in self-defence.

Since the above was in type later information denies that one of the men is dead. He was severely wounded in the jaw, but likely to recover.

Concert and Dance.

The Opera House on Monday evening last was well filled by citizens who had gone to listen to the concert of the Fort Steele Brass Band, and afterwards to take part in a social dance provided by the Band. The following programme was gone through with:

Festival Overture.....Ch. Latann
ORCHESTRA.
Recitation, (Papa's Letter) .....Selected
MISS S. KERSHAW.
Flute Duet, Song without words...Mendelssohn
MR. A. GREZ.
MISS E. FRIZZELL, Accompanist
Baritone solo, "He was a Prince".....F. Lynes
Mr. H. DUNDRET.
MRS. L. McMILLAN, Accompanist
Cornet solo, "The Post Fantasia".....Schaffer
MR. LINDSAY.
Ballad, "Alice Where Art Thou".....J. Ascher
MISS E. FRIZZELL.
MRS. L. McMILLAN, Accompanist
Medley selection.....
BRASS BAND.

The overture by the Orchestra, which was composed of seven pieces, and led by Albert Grez, was a very fine performance, showing remarkable precision in the execution of an exquisitely delicate theme. The musical duet of Mr. Grez and Miss Frizzell and the cornet solo of Mr. Lindsay were both excellent numbers, the performers in each case receiving a rapturous encore. In the ballad of "Alice, Where Art Thou?" Miss Frizzell found a piece well suited to a voice of peculiar sweetness and wide range. To the intelligent and well-rendered accompaniments by Mrs. McMillan all the vocalists at the concert are much indebted, and music lovers in Fort Steele will hail with delight this new addition to the musical talent of the city. The recitations of Miss Kershaw were greatly enjoyed, as they always are.

About 40 couples remained to the dance, which was continued till after midnight. The Fort Steele Brass Band is to be warmly congratulated on the progress it is making. There is no voluntary institution in the city that is more worthy of appreciation or that is more appreciated than the company of musicians which Mr. Grez so ably leads.

STEAMBOAT ARRIVALS.

Three of Them in One Day—Passenger and Freight Lists.

The steamers Gwendoline, North Star and J. D. Farrell all reached here from Jennings on Wednesday evening. Owing to the continued low stage of water they all experienced a great deal of trouble in getting over the bars, their paddle wheels showing the wear and tear they had been subjected to. Altogether about 117 tons of freight was brought up, the steamers being compelled to load light. Following are the passenger and freight lists.

NORTH STAR.

Passengers.—Mr. and Mrs. Thies, Spokane.

Freight.—80 packages household goods, Fort Steele Mercantile Co., 425 packages general merchandise; Sick & Kaiser, 179 packages brewing machinery; R. D. Mather 1 package, R. H. Karatofsky 1 package, Alex Polson 1 package, A. W. Bleasdell 2 packages, N. Goodenough 2 packages, Cann & Co. 2 packages, Jas Grier 1 package, Bell Butler 1 package, Wm. Forsyth 2 packages. Total, 70 tons.

FARRELL.

Passengers.—Mr. and Mrs. McCormack, Jennings; Miss Etta McCormack, Jennings; Mrs. T. Rooke, Kalispell; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Concklin Mullen, Idaho; P. McGrath, Spokane; Mrs. N. D. Crook, Mr. E. H. Erwin, Mrs. R. B. Scott, Miss L. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Ike Williams, Miss J. Williams, Miss Mabel Williams and Ike Williams, jr, Michigan; James Blight and Wm. R. Coch, Cornwall; J. W. Arthur, Spokane; James Martin, Sam Lumley, T. H. Allice; Miss Helen Verker, Rossland; Lewis Cutler, Mrs. H. A. Woodford.

Freight.—Ike Williams 55 packages household goods; Fort Steele Mercantile Co. 40, general merchandise and several hundred bales of hay; total 30 tons.

GWENDOLINE.

Passengers.—John Fink; T. G. Procter and J. E. McDonald, Nelson.

Freight.—Gilpin & Lindsay 481 packages, Carlin & Durick 5, Fort Steele Mercantile Co. 8, all general merchandise; total 17 tons.

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SIX ARC LAMPS.

Switch board, with all necessary imstruments.

The above dynamos are in perfect condition, and are offered for sale on account of the Company having changed their system from direct to alternating current. For further particulars apply to

Kootenay Electric Co., Ltd., Kaslo.

18-20

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend applying to the Gold Commissioner of Fort Steele District for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Bull Head Hotel, situated at Bull Head Prairie on the line of the Crow's Nest Railway in the said district.

OSCAR STENSTROM.

Bull Head Prairie, B. C., April 29th 1898. 18-22

Auction Sale

—OF—

LAND ADJOINING MOYIE CITY

SOUTH EAST KOOTENAY.

A portion of Lot 2803, Group 1, Kootenay District, containing four and a half acres, more or less, will be sold by auction at the Government Office at Fort Steele, on SATURDAY THE 8th DAY OF JUNE at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Terms, ten per cent. to be paid at time of adjudication and balance in sixty days.

Plan can be seen at the Government Office, Fort Steele, and at the office of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria.

Fort Steele, B. C., 4th May, 1898.

J. F. ARMSTRONG,
Government Agent.

19-23

New Store and Restaurant

At St. Eugene Mission near the Hospital.

MINERS' SUPPLIES, GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, ETC.

J. M. Carroll.

WANTED.

A man to put in a Sash and Door Factory at Swansea. Good inducements will be offered to a capable and responsible man.

Crow's Nest Land and Development Company,

20-tf SWANSEA, B. C.

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Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner of this District for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Lake View House situated at Swansea, in the District of Fort Steele.

L. B. VANDECAR.

Swansea, April 23rd, 1898. 18-22

L. COHEN

TAILOR

AND IMPORTER OF

WOOLLENS

Rocky Mountain Avenue

Fort Steele, B. C.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I have today appointed T. T. McVittie agent for the Fort Steele Townsite in place of C. F. Venosta.

All persons having business in connection with the Townsite are directed to transact the same with T. T. McVittie and to make all payments due or accruing due on lots already sold to him.

R. L. T. GALBRAITH.

Fort Steele, April 9th, 1898. 16-20

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: commencing at a post planted on the northern boundary of my pre-emption No. 519, Six Mile Creek, thence north 80 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 20 chains to the place of beginning, containing 160 acres.

JOHN KERRIGAN.

Fort Steele, April 15, 1898. 17-25

Albert J. Grez.

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A large experience in leading barber shops of American cities and foreign countries.

TELEGRAPH RATES.

From Ft. Steele to—	Day.	Night.
Kalispell	$ 0.75	$ 0.50
Spokane	1.15	.80
Seattle	1.35	.90
Victoria	1.95	1.30
Vancouver	1.95	1.30
Montana points	1.15	.80
	1.25	.80
East of Minnesota	1.59	1.10
Eastern Canada	1.50	1.25
Manitoba	1.35	.90
Calgary	2.05	1.65
Golden	2.05	1.65
McLeod	1.90	1.55

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SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1898.

The Bravest Battle.

The bravest battle that ever was fought
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not:
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen.
Nay, not with eloquent words or thought
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled up woman's heart—
Of woman that would not yield
But bravely, silently bore her part—
Lo, there is that battlefield!

No marshalling troop, no bivouac song,
No banner to gleam and wave.
But oh, those battles they last so long—
From babyhood to the grave.

Yet, faithful still as a bridge of stars,
She fights in her walled up town,
Fights on and on in the endless wars,
Then silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with the laurels and battle shot,
And soldiers to shout and praise,
I tell you the kingliest victories fought
Were fought in those silent ways.

Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame,
With splendid and silent scorn,
Go back to God as white as you came,
The kingliest warrior born!

Joaquin Miller.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Nelson *Miner*: "But argument is thrown away upon our Provincial Government. Their ideas of justice are swept aside by personal considerations. When they put their hands to a good work they cannot carry it out properly and they will always spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar if they can do it."

Vancouver *News-Advertiser*: "Truly the franchise is a farce in British Columbia. Three hundred hoodlums, hired in Victoria for two weeks and sent to Cassiar, can neutralise the influence in the election of three thousand voters in Kootenay or Yale. The honest supporters of the present Government will no longer hesitate to admit that it is time for a change when they realize fully what is meant by the crime of Cassiar."

Tesla believes that mountains can be radiographed by the X-rays, and gold located without the trouble of excavation; that such mining is possible at Klondyke, though as yet only to a limited extent. He says that some Roentgen rays are without limit as to length and radiography. They are limited now because of our almost toy apparatus for producing them. He thinks as it is only a question of tubes and currents, at any moment a way may be found for producing rays that will penetrate hills and mountains, perhaps the earth itself. A noted metallurgist has a radiograph of quartz with gold embeded in the centre and concealed from the naked eye. He believes that much labor can be saved and a great deal more gold mined at Klondyke if the beds and mounds of sand and gravel are searched by X-rays as they are thrown up. Then only the richest dirt need be washed.

SELF CRITICISM.

The Purpose Served by Laziness in the Human Make-Up.

Prof. Adam Shortt, of Queen's University, delivered an able address on "The Place of Self-Criticism in National Development," before the Canadian Club in Toronto. He said that self-criticism was absolutely essential to individual social or national progress. The best criticism was of the conscious character. Criticism, he said, did not create activities, but gave direction to those already in force. The primary forces working in man were discontent and laziness. Discontent was that element which made it impossible for the individual to rest satisfied, and laziness was that conservative force which caused him to seek the end he aimed at by the easiest possible road. If discontent existed alone, we would fritter away our energies; laziness enabled us to fix it on a definite result. It was in balancing these two forces that self-criticism came in. Criticism sought standards, and in doing so it reached criticism of life. Without standards it was of little or no avail; to be of value it had to have definite objects in view. Criticism might be negative or positive. Negative criticism was fundamentally destructive, and that kind of criticism could not be final. It might, however, be necessary, and had been useful. Such was the criticism of the French revolutionists, the Nihilists and the Anarchists. Positive criticism built up. It weeded out the unnecessary element, and brought the ideal to the front. It must be based on an all-round view, and must ask whether the result comes up to the required standard. This enabled man to get at the eternal order of things. One of the effects of criticism on national life was that it enabled the individual to obtain a large view of matters and made him modest in his feeling of relationship to the world. The time was coming when the nations would have to cultivate modesty. At the present time, in all countries save Britain, criticism of his country by the individual was regarded as disloyalty, in some as treason. Criticism either from without or from within aimed at progress. Its only ideal was progress, and not any final attainment.

Useful Comparisons.

In accordance with an order of the House, procured on a motion of J. M. Kellie, M. P., a return has been presented by the Minister of Finance showing the amount of revenue collected from the various districts and the expenditures in the same for roads, trails, etc., education, etc., construction of railways and dyking, hospitals and charities, and the amount advanced to assist farmers and others, on account of damage through floods, etc. The following are some of the items of revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year ending January 30, 1898, by districts under all these heads.

	Expenditure	Revenue
Victoria, north and south	$ 33,467.60	$ 24,172.85
Esquimalt	21,055.90	16,033.60
Cowichan-Alberni	29,890.08	16,665.47
Nanaimo, north and south	43,849.39	30,576.58
Comox	34,530.05	49,357.78
Westminster	89,638.81	73,232.39
Yale	109,424.14	132,079.40
Lillooet	19,384.82	27,650.12
East Kootenay	28,993.68	37,901.61
West Kootenay	89,654.05	312,902.42
Cariboo	35,620.53	54,105.14
Cassiar	15,052.81	13,192.59

The following are some of the expenditures:

SALARIES.

Victoria City	$22,243.86
Victoria, north and south	1,761.00
New Westminster City	18,340.58
New Westminster District	2,348.00
Vancouver City	12,741.00
Yale	23,626.00
East Kootenay	6,834.66
West Kootenay	15,526.40

ROADS, TRAILS AND PUBLIC WORKS.

Victoria City	$14,148.43
Victoria, north and south	12,966.80
Esquimalt	14,101.40
Cowichan	15,510.81
Westminster District	33,084.25
Yale	48,590.29
East Kootenay	16,204.62
West Kootenay	39,189.09
Cariboo	19,949.13

EDUCATION SALARIES AND BUILDINGS

Victoria City	$18,744.24
Victoria, south	8,981.50
Victoria, north	6,755.30
Westminster District	54,226.56
Yale	32,057.88
East Kootenay	3,085.00
West Kootenay	33,137.13

HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES.

Victoria City	$11,000.00
Nanaimo	5,000.00
New Westminster City	4,000.00
Vancouver City	5,000.00
Yale	5,150.00
East Kootenay	2,800.00
West Kootenay	2,000.00

On railways there was expended $25,882.88 on the interest and guarantee on the loan of $647,072 to build the Nakusp & Slocan Railway.

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Arrives at GOLDEN Monday night.
Leaves GOLDEN Tuesday at 7-30 a. m.
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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1898.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

When Adam in bliss
Asked Eve for a kiss,
She puckered her lips with a coo,
Gave a look so ecstatic,
And answered emphatic,
I don't care, Adam, if I do.

An Indian named Carriers died suddenly at the Bull Head of heart disease last week. Some $20,000 in bonds and mortgages are reported to have been found on his body.

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

Hay is selling at $20 per ton in Macleod. This figure, says the *Gazette*, ought surely to satisfy our rancher friends. At Fort Steele the price of hay is $40 per ton. Sellers show no evidences of dissatisfaction; buyers are wildly jubillant.

A carload of shelf and heavy hardware is due to arrive at Gilpin & Lindsays in a few days. *

A number of railway navvies, learning that Government Agent Armstrong was setting some men to work on the roads and trails, came here looking for work. Mr. Armstrong informed them it was the custom to employ only local men in this work. The wages paid are $2.50 per day for laborers and from $3 to $4 for foremen.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.—Deering's famous mowers, also harrows, plows, cultivators and all other impliments at Gilpin & Lindsay's. *

The Kaslo *Kootenaian* is now publishing a daily evening edition, and the *News* of the same city is issuing a morning edition. Both are creditable issues.

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

Golden Era: The Hon. Col. Baker has written to Mr. Forrest that he will pay Donald a visit inMay. This is taken by some to mean that after all the Colonel will seek the suffrages of this portion of East Kootenay.

Furniture at Gilpin & Lindsay's *

Tell it not in East Kootenay, but the representative of this district, Col. Baker, and G. B. Martin, of Kamloops, were the only two members of the Provincial Legislature who voted against the bill to prevent Chinese and Japs being employed on works carried on under public charter.—*Era.*

FOR SALE—Thirty tons of good timothy hay. Apply to R. L. T. Galbraith, Indian Office, Fort Steele. *

The Opposition party at Golden will hold a convention on Monday to select a candidate for the Local Legislature.

When Gilpin & Lindsay's new goods arrive in a few days, they will have the largest and finest stock of dry goods and gents furnishings in East Kootenay *

The Nelson Liberals have elected the following officers: President, G. M. Sproat; vice-president, John A. Turner; secretary-treasurer, Geo. C. Tunstall, jr. Messrs. Gibson, Arthur, Grant, and Galliher, executive committee.

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

His many friends will regret to learn of the serious illness of Jas. C. Durick. He was taken down a week ago with lagrippe, which has since developed into a serious attack of pneumonia. For three days past the sufferer's condition has been alarming, but we are glad to say that the last reports are that the symptoms are more favorable and improving.

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

J. H. and Mrs. Concklin and two children will take up their residence at Tracy, where a dwelling is now being erected for them. Messrs. Arthur and McGrath, well known mining men, also will have their headquarters at Tracy.

F. J. McIntyre, representing the hardware house of J. H. Ashdown, Winnipeg, came in on the stage from Golden. F. Young, representing a Victoria firm, also came down.

Jno. H. Conklin, a well-known Winnipeger, who is now chief bookkeeper at Major Bowles' camp, C. N. Railway, spent a day in the city this week.

Hydraulic operations at the Nip & Tuck mine on Wild Horse Creek were resumed for the season on Thursday. J. W. R. Young, manager of the Invicta Company, is expected to arrive in a few days, when operations on a new plan will be begun on that company's property.

M A. Beale has been appointed agent for this city of the Imperial Fire Insurance Company, the Canadian Life Assurance Company, and the Sun Savings and Loan Company. All these institutions rank high. The advent of a savings and loan company here is a matter of especial interest. See new advertisement next week.

The following preachers of the Presbyterian Church have been appointed recently to the East Kootenay country: Rev. Mr. Oswald, to Coal Creek; the Rev. Mr. MacPherson, to Moyie Lake district; the Rev. Mr. MacMahon, to Galena, Windermere and the Columbia Valley; the Rev. Mr. Wright, to Golden, and the Rev. Mr. Burton, to Donald. The time may not be far off when South East Kootenay will have a Presbytery of its own, and probably Steele will be the centre and seat of the Presbytery. Very much will depend on the future development of this East Kootenay country.

Mrs. Sprague will open her Ice Cream Parlor on Sunday. *

The new organ (Bell, Cathdral model) for the service of the Presbyterian Church is now shipped and may be expected shortly at Steele. It comes from Guelph, Ontario, via Jennings. It ought to be a first-class organ, as its real cost is $300.

J. W. Arthur, of Spokane, who is largely interested in mining properties on Tracy and Lewis Creek, and who spent last summer in this district, has returned, and will devote the season to active development work on his claims.

Government Agent Armstrong advertises in this issue an auction sale of 4½ acres of land adjoining Moyie City.

Malcolm McInnes has returned from a trip to the Moyie.

H. Cummins and Harry Brown came in from the survey at Elk River on Saturday last.

T. G. Proctor and Mr. Douser of the Kootenay Valleys Co., are in the city.

M. A. BEALE

Mining Broker and Commission Agent

FIRE, LIFE and ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

Office: Premises formerly occupied by C. F. Venosta, Townsite Agent, Riverside Avenue, Fort Steele.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

VENOSTA.

C. B. Hanes and wife, Macleod.
Jas. Mathier, "
C. J. Rose, Moyie City.
H. I. Lamb, C. N. Ry.
Geo. W. Livermore, Weaver Creek.
Frank Montier, "
F. W. Peters, Nelson.
J. A. Tuzo, "
Jno. H. Conklin, Bowles' Camp.
C. Kauffman, Moyie City.
M. McCarty, Isadore Canyon.
Theo. Tegnem, Montreal.
Hugh Doheny, "
Jas. McMahon, Moyie City.
Norman Allice, Victoria.
James P. Martin, Montreal.
J. R. McDonell, Winnipeg.
H. T. Streator, Vancouver.

INTERNATIONAL.

F. W. Kaake, Cranbrook.
S. Morrow, "
S. Walsh, Kaslo.
Geo. Marino, Duluth.
D. McCloud, Nelson.
A. P. Cummins, Wardner.

DALGARDNO.

B. Baker, Elk River.
J. Theston, "
E. Livermore, Wardner.
J. Beckman, "
J. D. Laidlaw, Western.
R. W. Gordon, Vancouver.
H. Stedman, Macleod.
Mrs. Helen Verker, Rossland.
L. Ketler, Portland.
W. R. Coch, Cornwall.
J. Blight, "
J. Williams and family, Michigan.
E. A. Irvin, Butte.
Policeman Cole, C. N. Ry.
F. J. McIntyre, Winnipeg.
F. Young, Victoria.
A. R. B. Hearn, Revelstoke.

MOUNTAIN HOUSE.

J. W. Arthur, Spokane.
P. C. McGrath, "
Chas. Roach "
Jas. Rodger, Cœur d'Alene.

CARD OF THANKS.

Inspector Saunders, on behalf of the Northwest Mounted Police, desires to express the thanks of the members of the service to the Fort Steele Brass Band and to the citizens of Fort Steele generally for their kind sympathy and assistance at the obsequies of the late Corporal D. R. Macnair.

Fort Steele, April 29th, 1898.

Mail Service.

Leader: "Moyie City is yet without an officially appointed postmaster and postoffice, notwithstanding that she is over a year old and one of the most, if not the most, important points on the Crow's Nest road between Fort Steele and Nelson. It is safe to say that it *costs the people who get their mail at* this office from $30 to $50 per month. They pay this money for a privilege which should be granted to them by the Government free of charge. Besides this, Mr. F. I. Moore, who is voluntarily acting as postmaster, does not *receive one cent of compensation for* his labor, nor can he lay claim to a salary until he has been officially appointed.

"The people have waited on the department to establish an office here for such a length of time that patience has ceased to be a virtue. Why the Post-office Inspector has deliberately ignored the petitions and pleadings of the people of this place for a better mail service is hard to understand. He has indeed been very lax in performing the duties of his office in this instance; in fact, it looks as though he has held his job just about long enough."

Regarding the above matter, THE PROSPECTOR learns that the whole question of mail service between East and West Kootenay via Crow's Nest Railway tote road is now being determined by the Postmaster-General. It is the proposal, we understand, to begin at once a weekly service between Fort Steele and Nelson via Moyie City and Kushkonook.

A part of the machinery, etc., for the Fort Steele brewery has been received, and the balance will be along by Monday's boat. Mr. Kaiser expects to have it fully installed next week.

A grand concert, under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church, will be held in the Opera House on the evening of Queen's Birthday, May 24th.

M. Phillips, S. M., of Tobacco Plains, was in the city this week.

Promising Claims.

Wm. Haupt has been down at Sand Creek for some time doing the assessment work on the Empire claim, owned by Major Steele. The claim shows a wide seam of ore, principally copper pyrites. Assays across the vein show as high as 23 per cent. copper and over 50 ozs. silver. The claim was staked in 1893, and assessment work has been done on it each year since. A number of open cuts have been made on the surface showing a body of ore that looks like a quarry. The vein seems to dip at about 45 degrees, and a drift has been made on it about 20 feet, the whole face and sides being in ore. Mr. Haupt brought up some splendid samples. As soon as the snow leaves the hills enough work will be done to allow of a crown grant being applied for this summer.

Adjoining the above mentioned claim and immediately beneath it on the hillside lies the Blue Grouse claim, which was staked in 1895 by Langley Brothers. The ore is the same as that in the Empire, and the lead on the Blue Grouse seems even stronger than that above. Messrs. Langley have driven in a tunnel on the vein 15 feet, all in ore, and next week work will be begun extending this tunnel 50 feet. The above two claims give promise of developing into great mines.

BORN.

DURICK—At Fort Steele on Sunday, May 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Durick, a son.