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ST. EUGENE HOSPITAL.

The Fine Building at the Mission Approaching Completion—A Noble Work—Opening Ceremonies May 1st.

A visit to St. Eugene Mission one day this week found Father Coccola in a state of pleasant anticipation of the early finishing of the new St. Eugene Hospital. His heart, it is easy to see, is in the work, as indeed it is in everything that he undertakes. "When I first came into the country," said Father Coccola, "I looked about me and I saw that most of the people here were bachelors. There were very few women, and the occupation of the men was of such a hazardous nature in these mountains that it was inevitable that there must be sickness and many accidents. Nursing is not well done by men, for the sick need sympathy and tender care and it is from women that these come. I determined then that as soon as it could be accomplished a hospital should be built. There were various movements at Fort Steele, but the provision for permanent operation seemed to be lacking. Well, at last came the opportunity, through the building of the Crow's Nest Railway, and we accepted it.

"The location of the hospital I think is a good one. We are between Fort Steele and the North Star mine, and it is also accessible from other points. Then here we are away from liquor, and that is a great thing."

THE PROSPECTOR reporter had accompanied Dr. Watt on his visit. The building that is at present being used as a hospital is a log structure, and in it at present are 17 patients, all railway men, all suffering from ailments more or less serious, some of them the results of accidents, others of disease. The great majority are on a fair way for recovery, and several will return to their work in a few days.

The new hospital is a very handsome frame structure 45x60 feet, two and a half stories high, with basement, and a two-story wing 18x26 feet. The building stands in a plot of two acres of level ground some distance back of the Mission buildings, and close to the St. Mary's River. It is a very pretty situation; the location could scarcely be better selected for hospital purposes.

Contractor J. J. Lamont, who has had the whole of the work in charge, was found with his workmen putting on the finishing touches to the interior. On either side of the main entrance are the reception and doctor's rooms, and to the left of the main corridor or hallway are the several dining rooms for the staff, nurses and patients, the kitchen being on the ground floor of the wing already mentioned. To the right of the main corridor are a number of rooms for private wards, laboratory, and operating room, the latter being situated in the northeast corner affording abundance of light. On the second floor are the private and general wards of the Hospital. There are also commodious bathrooms, lavatory, etc. In the attic, the ceilings of which are high, there is accommodation for a fine general ward. The corridors and staircases are spacious; the walls are plastered throughout with a sand finish, and the woodwork stained and varnished. Projecting from western end of the building are porches running the entire length and doors leading to them, affording a capital place for patients to sit in the warm summer days. Altogether there is accommodation for probably 60 or 70 patients.

The exterior of the building presents a very attractive appearance, and the style of architecture lends itself readily to the effective use of the paint brush. The painting will be in olive green with the points in a darker color. The building is a thorough piece of work throughout, and Contractor Lamont is to be congratulated on the highly satisfactory completion of a very important undertaking in the building line.

The formal opening of the Hospital will take place on Sunday, May 1st, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Father Coccola will perform the ceremony of blessing the new institution, and afterwards will deliver an address to those present. The Mission Brass Band will be in attendance, and the children of the Mission school will sing a number of selections. No doubt many will attend from Fort Steele and other places.

NO PARTY POLITICS.

The Fort Steele Liberals Refuse to Mix Up Dominion and Provincial Issues.

A meeting of the Fort Steele Liberal Association was held last night to consider a communication received by F. P. Norbury, the Liberal President, from T. T. McVittie on behalf of the Fort Steele Conservatives. The communication proposed a conference with the Liberal party regarding the present Provincial campaign.

The proposal was discussed, and the Liberals gave their reply by the adoption of the following resolution:

"That the Liberal Association of Fort Steele deeming it unwise and contrary to the public good that Dominion party politics should in any manner or form be mixed up with the Provincial issues in the approaching general elections in this Province, hereby declares its determination to abstain from taking any part whatever in the said elections as an association, leaving individual members of the Association free to follow the course they may think best in the interests of the Province." *Carried.*

There is no uncertain sound in the above. The contest is not to be fought on Dominion party lines.

The "Leader."

The Moyie City *Leader* printed its initial number last Saturday. In its salutatory to the public it says:

"It will be the aim of the *Leader* to earn recognition and approval as an authentic medium of news—to tell the outside world what it is clamoring to know about the resources and developments of the East Kootenay district particularly, and to do so without derogation to any part thereof, confident that Moyie City comprises the future emporium and metropolis of the entire region. It will be found ever in touch with the spirit of the place; ever ready to echo the opinions of citizens; to promote their interests; to bespeak their needs and sustain their ambitions."

We like the spirit of this paragraph. Every citizen in South East Kootenay must rejoice in the upgrowth of sturdy towns like Moyie City. We have a number of new centres of population and business activity springing up, such as Wardner, Elk River, Coal Creek, Crow's Nest Landing, Cranbrook, Swansea, Tracy, New Montreal and others, all indicating in the most satisfactory manner the general progress of the district. We congratulate Brother Smyth on the capital appearance of the first number of the *Leader*, and particularly on the healthy tone of independence and self-reliance which characterizes his writing. It is a propitious omen for the whole district.

P. O. SAVINGS BANK.

A Valuable Institution Now Being Established at Fort Steele.

One of the principal objects of the present visit of Postoffice Inspector Fletcher is the establishment of a branch of the Postoffice Savings Bank at this city, a matter that was recently arranged with the Postmaster-General at Ottawa. This institution should serve a very useful purpose in this city and district. The Postoffice savings banks throughout Canada are now very generally used by wage-earning people and those who do not require always to have their money "on call." In the various branches of the bank in Canada there is now an aggregate of about $35,000,000 on deposit, and the amount is constantly growing. The returns of deposits in the savings are regarded as a sure indication of the prosperity or the reverse of the people as a whole. When the deposits show a decline, it is a sign of hard times, while an increase indicates prosperity. At the present time and during the past year, it is satisfactory to remark that the amount of deposits is and has been rapidly advancing.

One of the chief recommendations of the bank is its absolute security against loss on the part of the depositor. It is a government institution, and nothing less than the bankruptcy of the Dominion could shake the security of the depositor.

Another great advantage is that the depositor is allowed interest at the rate of 3½ per cent., compounded yearly. The interest is computed at the above rate on the 30th day of June of each year and the amount is added to the principal sum on deposit, and thereafter bears interest along with the principal sum. Deposits of sums of $1 and upwards as high as $1000 are received at one time, but not more than $1000 is allowed to be deposited in any single year, and single deposits in the aggregate must never exceed $3000. These limits are amply wide to meet the requirements of people who have use for a bank of this kind.

The method of opening an account at the P. O. Savings Bank is very simple. The deposit is made with the Postmaster, who issues a passbook to the depositor showing the amount deposited. The transaction is reported to the Postmaster-General's office at Ottawa, and a receipt direct from the P. M. G. is then issued to the depositor.

When the depositor desires to withdraw any or all of his money, he notifies the postmaster, who procures a cheque for the amount from the P. M. G., which cheque is good for its face value at any postoffice or indeed any place. The procuring of the P. M. G's cheque involves, of course, a delay of some days in getting the cash, but a depositor requiring money without delay can usually get it anywhere on the security of the deposits as shown in his passbook and the issuing of an order for the transfer of the P. M. G's cheque when it arrives.

A depositor in any of the Savings Bank postoffices may continue his deposits at any other of such offices without notice or change of passbook, and can withdraw money at the Savings Bank office which is most convenient to him. For instance, if he makes his deposit at the Savings Bank at Fort Steele, he may make further deposits at, or withdraw his money through, the Postoffice Savings Bank at Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, or any place which may be convenient to him, whether he continues to reside at Fort Steele or removes to some other place. Married women may make deposits and carry on their business at the bank separately from their husbands. Anyone over 10 years of age is allowed to make deposits in his or her name.

This new institution at Fort Steele will be found to be of great advantage to the public generally, and particularly to prospectors and wage-earners.

CROW'S NEST COAL.

Progress of Work at the Mines—Coking Ovens—Wages of Workmen—The Townsite—Coal Production.

Superintendent F. B. Smith, of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, was in the city several days this week. He reports the operations at the mine to be going on briskly. There are at present 44 men employed, and a number of commodious log buildings have been erected for their use. They are now in about 1,000 feet on the vein, and have made considerable progress in "rooming" the coal. From 40 to 50 tons a day is being taken out, and there is already about 2,000 tons on the dump. The work being carried on now, however, is principally for development purposes, so that when the time comes as large a force of miners as may be necessary may be employed to meet the demands of the market. By the time the railway is finished through to Kootenay Lake the mine will be in shape easily to produce from 200 to 300 tons per day.

For the present the work will be done by hand, but it is proposed to put in an electric plant capable of doing all the cutting and hauling of the mine, and with this improvement 1,000 tons a day will be easily mined. There is a magnificent water power on the creek which is available all the year round, and this will be utilized to generate the electricity. The miners now employed are paid by the piece, and their wages range from $2.50 to $2.75 a day clear of board and lodging. This brings the wages up to the standard of $3.50 per day for competent men.

"Immediately on my return to the mine," said Mr. Smith, "the work of laying the foundations for the coking ovens will be begun. They will be located right at the mouth of the mine. There will be 50 in number to begin with, and by the time the railway is finished there will be an abundant supply on hand for the West Kootenay smelters."

It has not yet been decided definitely in what manner the townsite will be managed but it is probable a system of leasing will be adopted rather than the outright sale of lots. T. T. McVittie will be on the townsite in about a month to complete the survey.

The work on the branch railway into the mine, under Contractors MacDonald and Grant & Shady, is proceeding briskly, about 200 men being employed.

Mr. Smith States that miners are coming to him almost every day looking for employment. These he is obliged to turn away, and he desires THE PROSPECTOR to say no new men will be employed for the next three months. This intimation may save miners a long and fruitless journey.

Mr. J. M. Mackinnon, President of the Golden Cache Mines, Limited, has received a requisition from Lillooet, asking him to contest the constituency at the forthcoming general election.

WAR WITH SPAIN.

President McKinley Makes a Call for 80,000 Troops—Text of the Joint Resolution in Congress—Spain Refuses to Accede to Demand for the Liberation of Cuba—U. S. Minister Woodford Gets His Passport From Spain—Rumored Attempt at His Assassination—Reported Capture of a Spanish Ship.

Washington, April 21.—Joint resolution passed both houses of Congress by a vote of 301 to 6, empowering the President to use the Military and naval forces of the United States for the pacification of Cuba.

Joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of the people and Republic of Cuba, demanding that the Government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the President of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect. Following is the resolution:—

Whereas, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the Island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the United States, and also have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating, as they have, in the destruction of an United States battleship, with two hundred and sixty-six of her officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the Harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the President of the United States in his Message to Congress of April 11th, 1898, upon which the action of Congress was invited:

Therefore, Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

First—That the people of the Island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent, and that the Government of the United States hereby recognize the Republic of Cuba as the true and lawful Government of that Island.

Second—That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the Government of the United States does hereby demand, that the Government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

Third—That the President of the United States be, and hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into actual service of the United States the Militia of the several states, to such extent as may be of benefit to carry these resolutions into effect.

Fourth—That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control of the said Island, except for the pacification thereof; and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the Government and control of the Island to its people.

Spain is directed to withdraw all her military and naval forces from Cuba.

A cabinet meeting will be held as soon as possible and the time limit for Spain's withdrawal of her forces will be announced in possibly 24 hours.

The United States forces will be used for peace, the Island to be a free and independent Republic.

The President has called for 80,000 volunteers, all to be enrolled from the State Militia.

It is supposed that war will be declared not later than Friday noon.

The Rome correspondent of the London *Chronicle* says: It is reported on the best of authority, that several nations, including France and Italy, are endeavoring to have Spain adandon Cuba. Spain prefers war to acceding to their demands, and would sooner have war with the United States than rebellion at home.

The greatest excitement ever known prevails throughout the United States, and a declaration of war is anxiously awaited.

Washington, April 20—The House on joint resolution authorized the President to prohibit the exportation of coal until otherwise ordered. This been caused by the fact that the British steamship Hampstead has been chartered to carry 2800 tons of coal to the Cape Verde Islands, the present rendevous of the Spanish torpedo fleet.

Key West, April 20—North Atlantic squadron left Key West for Havana today. It is reported that the blockade of Havana has been ordered.

Washington, April 20—The United States army is on the move, all soldiers stationed east of the Rocky Mountains are ordered to the Atlantic coast. A large military and naval demonstration to be made at Cuba to enforce the action of congress.

Newport News, Va., April 19—The flying squadron has passed the capes, en route to Old Point.

New York, April 19—The cruisers San Francisco and New Orleans were sighted south of Fire island at 3:45 this afternoon bound in.

New York, April 19—The president has decided to give Consul-General Lee the command of the Virginia volunteers in the event that hostilities break out between this country and Spain, says a Washington correspondent.

An Important Arrest.

Chicago, April 19—The Times-Herald says: "Chas. A. Crandall, alias Emanuel Escado, who, acting under the personal orders of Captain-General Weyler, planted the mines and torpedos in the harbor of Havana, has been run to earth in Chicago. Last night he was in the custody of three United States secret service agents, who are taking him to Washington, where he is expected to give information to prove beyond any possible doubt that the Maine was blown up by a mine and her 266 officers and men murdered designedly by agencies known to the Spanish officials. He was run down by a Cuban spy.

Washington, April 20.—United States Minister Woodford presented the ultimatum of the United States to the Spanish Government. This the Spaniards refused to accede to and Woodford was promptly given his passport out of Spain.

Washington, April 22.—It is reported that Minister Woodford was shot at by a Spanish officer, but escaped injury.

A late telegraphic report says: First blood for the United States. A Spanish vessel has been captured near Havana.

C. M. Edwards, Provincial Tax Collector, returned on Wednesday from a friendly call on the rate-payers at Elk River.

The residence of O. S. Frizzell is to be improved and beautified by the addition of a spacious verandah.

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 2359, 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 30, 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.

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 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,
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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: JAMES GRIGOR. HENRY W. DREW GEORGE E. HAYES. 16-20

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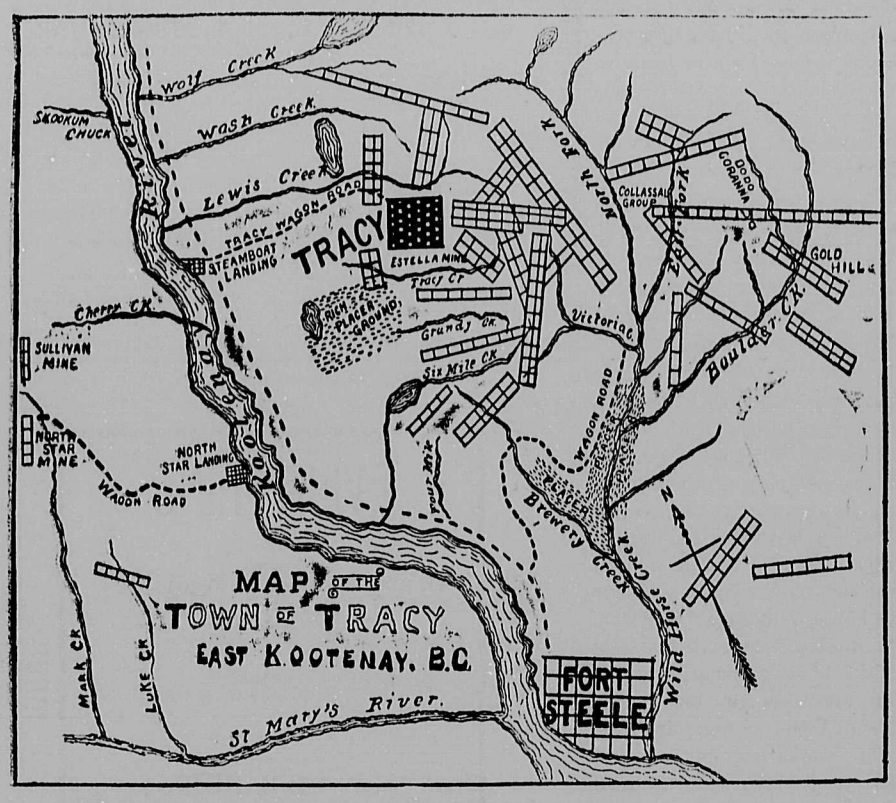

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DEEPEST IN THE WORLD.

The Famous Calumet & Hecla Copper Mine Described.

One day last week, so quietly that it was not known except to employes for several days, the greatest mining shaft in the entire world went into commission, says the Houghton, Michigan, correspondent of the Minneapolis *Journal*. After nine years of incessant labor and the expenditure of over two and a half millions of dollars, the Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet & Hecla is now an integral part of the great copper mine which pays quarterly dividends of $1,000,000 and is steadily producing conglomerate rock carrying approximately five per cent. of native copper.

The Red Jacket shaft is vertical, all other shafts of the Calumet & Hecla following the dip of the lode 37½ degrees to the west of northwest. It was started in 1889, immediately after the last of the three great fires occurring underground in the older workings of the mine, which did damage of more than a million dollars. Work has been continued upon it night and day since that time, and the shaft stands without an equal in any mining field on the face of the globe. It is 4,900 feet in depth—but 380 less than a statute mile—and compared with it the deep silver mines of the Comstock lode in Nevada or the wonderful mines of Austria, worked for many centuries past, are but shallow pits. It contains six compartments each equal in size to an ordinary mining shaft, four of which are used for hoisting rock and lowering timber. One shaft is utilized for the ladderways, and the sixth and last compartment carries the wires and pipes for telephones, light, power, water and compressed air.

The underground workings of the shaft are laid out with mathematical accuracy, the undeviating course of the copper-bearing lode allowing the work to be planned thousands of feet ahead of the miners' picks. The great pumps which free the mine of water are operated interchangeably by compressed air and electricity. The power drills which eat the holes for the dynamite cartridges are run by compressed air alone, and there are more than 300 of these drills, each doing the work of a dozen men, working both day and night in the Calumet & Hecla mine.

There is a complete telephone system underground, also a fire alarm system. Water pipes run through every drift and crosscut with hose at convenient stations. There are also fire doors by which any portion of the mine may be quickly isolated and a fire smothered before it has spread far. Owing to the treacherous nature of the conglomerate rock in which the copper is found, almost incredible quantities of heavy timbers are required to shore the ground safely. In the newer openings this timber is damp and burns with difficulty, but as the mine grows deeper the upper workings are drained dry and the old timbering becomes like tinder. Eternal vigilance is the price of immunity from a fire in a big mine.

Many as are the marvels of this great shaft itself, they are duplicated by the wonders upon the surface. Rising over the mouth of the shaft is a gigantic steel structure 100 feet square and 140 feet high. In this shaft house are the great rock breakers and "grizzlies." Masses of flinty rock of a ton or more are started through the crushers and come out in a moment as pebbles and chunks of a size suited to the steam stamps at the mills, five miles distant, where the daily product of the mine, some 5,000 tons of conglomerate rock, is crushed to sand under the Titanic blows of more than a score of steam stamps.

Near the shaft house are the boilers and engine houses, beautiful buildings of selected Lake Superior red stone, a material so rich and costly that it vies with the finest granite in price. Within the first named buildings are ten great boilers, each of 1,000 horse power, while the lofty engine house, within a room more that 100 feet square, houses the finest stationary engine ever built—a monster made of steel and polished brass, almost sentient in its response to the slightest touch of the master directing its work, who, at the touch of a lever and the turn of a wheel, exerts its 8,000 horse power as he wills.

Persons who are dissagreeably affected by the speed of an express elevator in a modern skyscraper would sink appalled at the mere sight of the four cages plying noiselessly up and down the mile of shaft. A speed of eight or ten miles an hour is the limit with the swiftest elevators in buildings and proves trying to the strongest who ride in them. An average speed of twenty-five miles is used in the operation of the cages in the Red Jacket shaft, and tests have shown a speed exceeding thirty miles an hour—a vertical speed equalling that of the average passenger train which runs upon a horizontal plane. This great speed is never used when hoisting or lowering miners, for which work special signals are given. Flesh and blood could scarcely stand the strain of such rapid transit perpendicularly.

Will Assay Dust.

It is stated on very good authority that the provincial government has decided to undertake the assaying of gold dust in Victoria. They will mould the dust into bars and give a certificate of its value. A circular letter has been sent to the banks asking whether they would advance money on gold bars, accompanied by these certificates and bearing the government stamp. The banks, it is said, have sent answer to the government, agreeing to do so.

C. P. R. Sawmill.

The C. P. R. sawmill on Elk River is being rapidly built. The framework is all up and everything is now in readiness for the machinery, which will be installed by Mr. Kendall as soon as it arrives. Mr. Charleston is in charge of construction, and is putting in a thorough piece of work. About 40 millwrights have been employed. Mr. Hamilton, of Wm. Hamilton & Sons, was at Elk River last week and says the machinery is now all on the way in, but will have to await the progress of track laying to bring it to its destination. The mill will have a capacity of 200,000 feet per day. Chas. McCool, a well-known mill operator of Ottawa, will have charge after the work of sawing begins.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1898.

RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

The delay in the opening of navigation on the Kootenay River is extremely irksome to citizens of all classes. The free course of business is practically blocked, because of the lack of transportation by both river and road. Next year, with the impeding bars removed from the river, that channel of commerce should be opened fully two months before the date that navigation will begin this year. There is no reason why the boats could not be kept running from the time the ice breaks up in the spring till the frosts of the following winter again seal the river up. There should be nine months of navigation, and with the proper expenditure of the money to be voted by the Dominion Parliament, we hope to see this condition established. During the present summer the work of improvement will be planned for the coming fall and winter, and there is every reason to expect that it will be thoroughly done.

THE KOOTENAY VALLEYS CO. LANDS.

The means by which a company of Old Country people got possession of 30,000 acres of the best lands of the Kootenay Valley in this district makes interesting reading. A gentleman of the name of Bailie-Grohman came here (on a hunting and fishing expedition, it is said) in the '80's. He discovered that the Kootenay River had its southerly course a short distance from the source of the Columbia River at what is now called Canal Flat. The brilliant idea seems to have occurred to him of turning the Kootenay into the Columbia and thus obtaining continuous navigation from the Canadian Pacific Railway at Golden south to the boundary. It is true that these rivers were running in opposite directions, but that circumstance did not trouble the mind of the distinguished sportsman. He proposed to the Provincial Government to build a canal to connect the two rivers, and all he asked was a grant of 30,000 acres of land. Whatever attractions the canal itself may have had for the Government it is impossible to tell; it is only reasonable to suppose that they were not greatly impressed with that part of the scheme. But here was an opportunity to give away a large tract of the people's best land, and the alurements of that part of the proposal they could not be expected to withstand.

They promised the distinguished stranger the land, and forthwith he left for England to work a confiding public there. He formed a company, had a large amount subscribed for stock in it, and came over here and spent about $160,000, it is said, in building or attempting to build a canal. Everybody knows the result of this hairbrained enterprise. The first high water that came tore everything to pieces and threatened irreparable damage to the whole neighborhood; so that the people's money had to be spent to prevent damage from the work for which 30,000 acres of the people's land had been given to bring about.

The company was allowed to select the lands wherever they chose, and in blocks of any size they had a mind to stake out. In this way they got the choice lands of the district. No one will seriously blame them for taking advantage of every point in the bargain that was made with them. But aside altogether from the objections to the Government having given away the lands at all, there was what amounts to criminal negligence in drawing up the agreement. There was no reversionary clause in the agreement, whereby, in the event of the company not providing a serviceable canal, the lands would revert to the Government. One would have thought that this would have been almost the first thing that would have entered the mind of the veriest tyro in making an agreement for a work of this questionable character. What the Government got for those 30,000 acres of land, now held at high figures to the incoming settlers in this country, is a dry and rocky ditch, which serves only as an object to provoke the laughter of those who know its history, and to illustrate the stupidity and carelessness (or worse) of a Government entrusted with the sacred care of the people's patrimony.

THE TARIFF ON LEAD.

We have read with a great deal of interest a report made by the Kaslo Board of Trade on the question of the tariff on lead, published in the *Kootenaian*. It is an able report, giving many interesting facts and figures bearing on the question, and as we understand it is to be printed in pamphlet form, we hope it will be widely circulated and carefully studied by those into whose hands it may fall. We observe that the report urges not immediate action on the subject by the Government at Ottawa, but the appointment of a commission to travel about and secure all the information possible on the subject for the guidance of the Government at next year's session of Parliament. THE PROSPECTOR threw out a similar suggestion last week, and it is to be hoped that it will be acted upon, for the matter is one of much importance.

The report of the Kaslo Board favors the imposition of a prohibitory duty on lead and all manufactures in which lead is a chief or important ingredient. For reasons which we detailed in our article last week, we think this would be a false step. If a practically prohibitive duty were imposed on these manufactures it would engender hostility in the foreign market for our lead ores, which is at present our only market, and this would almost to a certainty result in that market for our lead ores being cut off. On the other hand, too, it would force for years to come, or until manufactories could be established in this country, an enormous tax on the users of lead products, which in itself would seriously curtail the use of these manufactures in Canada to the general disadvantage.

From what we can see, with the inconclusive information we have on hand, this is a case in which an important manufacturing business could properly and effectively be fostered by a system of bounties. We are aware of the evils that are prone to creep in where the bounty system is introduced, but there are peculiar conditions existing here which might easily justify its adoption to promote the lead manufacturing business. It would not be so likely to interfere with our lead ore market, while it would permit the gradual growth of lead manufactories without apparently making lead products dearer to the consumer. Of course, the people as a whole would have to foot the bill of the bounties, but as the manufactories grew in importance they would afford employment to many operatives, and this might be adjudged a satisfactory return for what expenditures of public money the bounties involved. Canada should in time be able to manufacture lead as cheaply as any other country in the world. When that time had been reached the bounties could be discontinued, and as that time was gradually being approached the bounties could be correspondingly decreased.

WHERE OUR MONEY GOES.

The Kamloops *Standard*, an organ of the Provincial Government, boasts that Hon. G. B. Martin, Commissioner of Lands and Works, who represents the District of Yale in which Kamloops is situated, has made appropriations for that District amounting to more than double the revenue received in taxes from the District. It says:

"The revenue from this riding amounts to $30,000, against an expenditure of over $65,000."

The situation is reversed in East Kootenay, where the revenue contributed exceeds the expenditures by over $9,000. This means that the surplus paid into the Treasury by this District is being turned over to supply the Kamloops District with public works. And yet Col. Baker is a member of the Government as well as Mr. Martin. Evidently Martin has the "pull," or the gallant Colonel has been asleep.

COOLIE LABOR.

The Provincial Government Exult in a Large Increase in Chinese Immigration.

During the debate on the Budget in the Provincial Legislature, Mr. Cotton said: "In one item of revenue the Government has been supremely successful; that, Sir, is shown in the important place which the Chinese revenue tax occupies in the revenue of this country. In 1889 the Finance Minister estimated the refund from the Dominion Government under the Chinese tax would be $500, which amounted to a revenue of .08 of the revenue. If you look at the estimate for 1898-9 you will see that the Finance Minister now looks upon the Chinese revenue tax as a very important item, and estimates that we will get $30,000 from it, or over 2 per cent. of the whole revenue, it being 2.07 per cent. as against .08 per cent. in 1888-9. This means that the inducements to the Chinese to come into the Province have so improved that the item may be increased 6,000 per cent. This tax comes, of course, from the entrance of Chinese into the Province."

Hon. Mr. Eberts: "Explain the tax."

Mr. Cotton: "If the Attorney General wishes me to discuss it I will. If the honorable gentlemen opposite had listened to the wishes of the people of the Province, and been sincere and honest in their endeavors to carry out their best wishes, they would not now be putting down $30,000 in the Estimates as the proceeds from the Chinese tax for one year."

Hon. Mr. Eberts: "Tell where the tax comes from."

Mr. Cotton: "I thought the Members of the House were better informed than the Attorney-General appears to be. That amount comes from a certain proportion of the tax imposed by the Dominion Government as a head tax upon the Chinese coming into the Province. The Government of the Province receives a certain proportion of it. But if this Government had taken its part in attempting to keep out the Chinese, and had exerted the great power which any Provincial Government must have with the Dominion Government, there could be no question but that something would have been done either to have Chinese labor excluded altogether or the tax placed so high that their numbers would be very much diminished. The Attorney-General cannot throw a cloud over this matter."

Road Through Westport.

Mr. Armstrong has a gang of men at work improving and straightening the road through Westport across the Kootenay River bottom. This is a very necessary work and is one of those included in the bill of immediate requirements passed upon at the public meeting held here last week, and repeatedly urged upon the Government through these columns. It is to be hoped a thoroughly substantial road will be built, one that will be of a permanent character. No word has yet been heard from Victoria regarding the other works required, but we have hopes that they will all presently be undertaken.

Hanson the Hospitable.

N. Hanson this week invited the Fort Steele Brass Band and a number of ladies and gentlemen to spend a day at his charming place on Wasa Creek. The band party consisted of fifteen and were crowded in a rig from George Geary's stables, drawn by four horses and driven by Jack Dowler. The weather was fine and the drive was greatly enjoyed. Arriving at the hill this side of Mr. Hanson's the members of the band lined up on foot and marched to the strains of a lively air to their destination, where they were most cordially greeted by the host. Much music folllowed until dinner time, when the whole party, numbering 26, sat down to a most sumptuous repast. After that there was more music, and it was altogether a most pleasant time that was spent. "It is the first time," poetically remarked Mr. Hanson, "that the melody of a brass band has awakened the echos of these woods and hills, and surely civilization at last has reached us." Supper was partaken of before the party returned, reaching home about 9 o'clock, all delighted with the kindness of Hanson the Hospitable.

Kootenay River Boats.

The steamer North Star left Jennings on Sunday last to attempt the first trip up river to Fort Steele this season. The weather this week, however, has been cold, and the water in the river has lowered rather than risen. Until we get a few days of hot weather navigation will be impossible. The steamer *en route* is doubtless tied up somewhere near the boundary line.

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THE COLONEL'S FORTE.

A Patriotic and Honorable Gentleman's Land Grants.

During the debate on the Budget in the Provincial Legislature, Mr. Forster referred to the Crow's Nest coal and land grants issued to Colonel Baker by the Government.

Hon. Col. Baker interrupted Mr. Forster and said that he had never received any land grant.

Mr. Forster: "I will explain. You are at the head of a company which secured a large land grant from this Government."

Hon. Colonel Baker: "That is different."

Mr. Forster: "It is not different so far as the people are concerned. Colonel Baker was in the House as a private member when this grant was first issued He afterwards got into the Government and fought for the Government during the last election, knowing full well that if the Government was not returned to power he would not get the charter renewed. During the elections he went to Chilliwack and in the Government interest promised the people Government assistance for their dyking. It is worthy to note that Colonel Baker got his charter renewed, but that the people of Chilliwack did not get their dykes. What I complain of is that in the return of the Government Colonel Baker had a direct personal and pecuniary interest and that his action was a betrayal of the interests of the people. Colonel Baker has stated that the present was not a good time to inaugurate a system of State ownership of railways. I admit that it would be a serious question for this Province to take up, and could only be accomplished by degrees. But why should the Provincial Secretary say that the present is not a good time to commence? Is it because we still have a few hundred thousand acres of land, or valuable coal deposits remaining, which patriotic and honorable gentlemen like himself could appropriate as land grants?"

Joe Martin Has Quit.

The report was circulated recently that "Joe" Martin, the "fighting politician" of Manitoba, was about to join the Turner government as attorney-general. It turned out to be a *canard* first published in the Toronto *World*. Mr. Martin was seen at Vancouver, and said without hesitation:

"There is not a word of truth in it."

"The statement has been made that you do not intend to enter politics again."

"Yes. That statement still holds good. I have no intention of going into politics again."

"Then little can be said of this rumor."

"Yes, very little. There is no truth in it."

The Vacant Chief Justiceship.

(Free Press Despatch.)

There is a settled conviction in the minds of the legal fraternity in the Province that E. P. Davis, Q. C., has been informally appointed Chief Justice of British Columbia. The prominent Liberals of the Province entertain the same views. If this is not the case they say Mr. Davis has the refusal of the position, and is trying to make up his mind whether or not he will abandon his lucrative practice for a less lucrative but more dignified position at the head of the bench in British Columbia. Mr. Davis is the most acceptable man for the position in British Columbia. He stands well with the legal profession and is considered by them the right man for the place, with the public he is considered the smartest lawyer in the Province, and his firm has handled almost all the big cases that have come up. Mr. Davis came to the Province from Winnipeg, and rapidly rose to the front ranks here. The firm, while not affirming Mr. Davis' appointment, assume a mysterious air on being questioned, which leads to the belief that in all probability Davis will be the man.

IN SELF-DEFENCE.

Elk River Hotel Keeper Defends Himself With a Revolver.

On Saturday afternoon last two men named George Hood and Dennis Tagney, employed as tie-makers at Egan's camp on the Crow's Nest Railway, entered the barroom of the Crow's Nest Hotel at Elk River and asked credit each for a bottle of whisky. Henry Bernard, the proprietor, refused to give the liquor to them. Tagney then threw down some money on the bar in payment, but Bernard still refused. The men then became abusive, and they were ordered to leave the house. Tagney picked up a stool and throwing it at Bernard across the bar inflicted a severe scalp wound from which the blood spurted profusely. Bernard ran to an adjoining room and called on two men to assist him, but they refused and went off. Bernard possessed himself of a revolver and coming round to the front of the bar, struck Tagney over the head with it. Tagney got of the front door, but Hood, who is a big, powerful man, made a rush for Bernard, who attempted to escape through the rear part of the premises. Hood was gaining on him, when Bernard, shoving the revolver behind him, fired 4 or 5 shots as he ran. One of the shots struck Hood on the little finger, carrying away a portion of that digit. Another bullet grazed Hood's groin and still another went through his coat near the waist. All this fusilade, however, did not stop Hood, who pursued Bernard to the rear of the premises and coming up with him threw him down. He escaped, however, and ran to the police quarters. Both men were arrested within a few minutes.

Information was a once telegraphed to Stipendiary Magistrate Armstrong at this city, and on Monday he left for Elk River, accompanied by W. R. Ross, who went down to defend Bernard. The above facts all came out in the trial of the case. Hood and Dennis were found guilty of common assault and fined $5 and costs each.

The police laid a charge of unlawful wounding against Bernard, but the Magistrate concluded that the shooting was justifiable on the ground of self-defence, and dismissed the case. The Magistrate in his remarks at the trial was very severe on the men who had refused the call of Bernard for assistance, stating that if death had resulted from the trouble they would have not been held free from blame for the killing.

ACCIDENT ON THE ROAD.

The Golden Stage Overturned and One of the Passengers Seriously Injured A Bad Night of It.

When the mail stage coming down from Golden this week had reached a point about three miles north of Spillamacheen a rather serious accident occurred. The stage was descending a somewhat steep incline on a side hill and the road at this place was narrow and covered with ice. The vehicle slipped and turned upside down over the embankment. There were seven passengers aboard, all of whom were badly shaken up, and one of them, James Brady, of the Thunder Hill mine, had his arm fractured in two places and two ribs broken. The accident occurred late in the day and the passengers were compelled to camp on the road all night. Mr. Brady's sufferings may be imagined as he lay there during the long night, with no hope of medical attendance till a messenger had been dispatched 47 miles to Golden. In the morning the sufferer was conveyed to Spillamacheen and made as easy as possible under the circumstances, but it would be fully two days and a half before the doctor could arrive. The stage came on through without further accident

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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. 16-25

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that [illegible] days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, B. C. for permission to purchase the following described lands, commencing at a post planted on the eastern boundary of my pre-emption No. 519, on 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

LOST—In Fort Steele on Monday evening last red leather pocket book containing two ten dollar bills and other papers of value only to the owner. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning it to this office or to Mr. Doyle, Steele House. *

STAGE LINES.

☞ Advertisements of these lines will be found in another part of this paper.

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THE END OF ITS TETHER.

Reasons Why Mr. Speaker Higgins Separated Himself From His Colleagues in the Provincial Government—A Policy of Ruination.

In the course of a speech in the Legislature a few days ago, Ex-Speaker Higgins said the duty now devolved upon him of explaining his changed position of politics, and he craved from the members a patient hearing. The debate on the general policy of the Government had been conducted with much good feeling and ability, especially on the Opposition side of the House. He felt bound to say that, for it seemed to him that the Government was having a hard uphill fight to defend its policy against the sharp assaults of the enemy. The debate viewed from every standpoint, told heavily against the Government. The printed record as laid before the House in the form of Estimates of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1899, was startling. To the well-wisher of this country these documents furnished melancholy reading.

But, unsatisfactory as the Provincial policy of the Ministry is, its railway policy is worse. He found the Government giving railway franchises in every quarter of the Province to men whose only object is to sell the charters for the best price they can get. He related a story of meeting a man on the summit of Red Mountain who indicated by a sweep of his arm the holdings of Heinze, Corbin and the C. P. R., to show that there was nothing left for the people or the Government in that vicinity except the blue vault of heaven. Mr. Higgins next attacked the manner in which the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company was allowed to select its lands. He said that 8,000 acres were taken possession of by the Railway Company as an addition to the town of Rossland, and men, women and children who had gone on these lands, believing them to be Government property, were turned out of their homes by the sheriff in the gloom of a winter day, their household goods thrown into the snow and their houses pulled down. Talk about Irish evictions! Did the history of Ireland record a more pitiful tale than that furnished by Rossland at the end of the nineteenth century! And this was done with the connivance of the Gold Commissioner, as gentle and kind-hearted a man in private life as ever lived—but in public life he had not looked after the interests of his fellow citizen and the badge of the syndicates was on everything is sight. The railway lands had not been taken up checker-board fashion, as required by the Act, but in solid blocks, the consequence being that the Crown was pushed back to the interior of the hills and the railway companies held all the good lands.

Mr. Higgins next referred to the Cassiar Central Railway charter. The Aid Bill of this company was introduced by the Premier in the expiring days of last session. It gives the company 700,000 acres in the Cassiar-Stickine country for 35 years. It reserves upwards of 8,000,000 acres of land, from which area the lands to be leased by the company shall be selected. Five years are accorded the company in which to designate its lands, and two years additional in which to survey them—seven years in all. In the meanwhile free miners may go on the lands to explore for minerals, but one-half of all the claims they may locate will belong to the company, and the other half is so surrounded with conditions favorable to the company that few if any miners would consent to hold the claims on the terms and accept the company as partner. He regarded this Act as the very worst of its kind on the statute books, and hoped some day to see a measure of amelioration passed in the interest of free miners.

Mr. Higgins continued that it mattered little to him, personally, in the evening of his days, whether there was a change of Government or not. A very few years and he must retire from active public life; but he was impressed with the solemnity of the present occasion, because, as the elections went, so would the country be, either prosperous or the reverse, and the young men were deeply interested in the outcome. He believed that it was necessary for the preservation of the country that there should be a change of Government. He had severed political ties that had bound him to the Government party for 25 or 30 years, and he intended to do all in his power to bring about a change. In the face of the tremendous mistakes of the Government one almost wondered why it had half a dozen supporters. A very few more years of the same policy which had been pursued would bring the Province to the end of its financial tether. For the current and the next year there already was a deficiency of $840,000 in sight. He said that if he was the only man on the Island who would stand up against the present Government he would stand up and say that the interests of the Province demanded that the present oligarchy and reign of syndicates be put down. He predicted, however, that in the next contest the Island and Mainland would be united as never before and sectionalism will be altogether forgotten and the mountains will speak to the sea with definite force.

AN UNJUST TAX.

The Provincial Government and the Workers in Mines.

Taking up the question of the tax upon working miners in the Legislature the other day Mr. Cotton said:

"When I referred to this matter last session the President of the Council got up and announced that he was divulging no Government secret when he stated that the Government was going to repeal that tax. If this meant anything it was clearly an intimation that the Government was going to repeal the tax, but towards the end of the session the Government said that it would not repeal the tax because the miners wanted to pay it. I may say that this is the first time I ever heard of people wanting to pay any tax. When I moved the resolution the other day setting out that it was an unfair tax the Government voted it down. Now we are told, as an excuse for the tax, that it keeps out the Chinese. There are, however, no Chinese working in the mines of Kootenay. In the district of Kootenay the mining industry is carried on by laborers who work merely for wages. As matters stand, if a man wants to get in two or three days' work around a mine he has to pay the tax of $5 before the management of the mine will dare to employ him. In a good many cases the mine-owners have to advance the money for this tax on behalf of the men seeking employment. The Government has not yet told us why a man working in or around a mine for wages should be obliged to pay this tax for the mere privilege of working. We know where men wish to become prospectors it is reasonable that they should pay such a tax for the rights they have under the Mineral Act, but why a man working merely for wages should pay the tax I do not know.

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REDISTRIBUTION.

The Membership of the Legislature Increased from 33 to 37 East Kootenay Divided Vancouver City, West Kootenay and Cassiar Each Get an Additional Member An Unjust Measure.

Victoria, April 17.—The bill to redistribute the seats in the Legislature was introduced yesterday. Vancouver City receives four members instead of three, putting it on a par with Victoria in the matter of representation.

Cassiar obtains two instead of one representative. East Kootenay is divided into two divisions, obtaining a member for each division instead of one member for the entire district as at present. West Kootenay is enlarged by the acquisition of a portion of East Yale, and is sub-divided into three divisions, its representation being thereby increased by one member.

Yale, the first of the districts altered, has been cut at its eastern boundary. This formerly ran from the 49th parallel at a distance of ten miles from the Columbia River, northward along the watershed. The new boundary starts on the international boundary line, about five miles west of Midway, and runs north to the Kettle River, which it follows to a junction with the East Fork. It then goes in a straight line to where the former boundary of the district crosses Fire Valley. From this point the old and new boundaries are the same.

The result is to cut off from the Yale district and the East riding of Yale a triangular piece which includes Christian City, Cascade City, Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway, this triangular strip being thrown into West Kootenay and the latter district being divided into three ridings.

The Revelstoke riding consists of all that portion of the district lying to the north of a line which passes down Fire Valley, up Arrow Lake and Cariboo Creek and from the headwaters of that creek to the north of Slocan Lake and Kootenay Lake, and thence due east to the boundary of the district. The Rossland riding includes the triangular strip taken from East Yale, and all the rest of West Kootenay south of Fire Valley and west of Arrow Lake and the Columbia. This leaves for Nelson riding all the Kootenay Lake and Slocan Lake country which lies east of the Columbia or the Arrow Lakes.

East Kootenay is divided by a line, the centre of which is at Canal Flat, on the Upper Columbia River. The boundary runs due west from this point, while to the east it follows the Kootenay River and the Palliser River to Kananiskis Pass. This makes Fort Steele with all the Crow's Nest country the centre of the south riding, and leaves Windermere and the Upper Kootenay Lake country in the north riding, along with Donald, Golden and the other C. P. R. towns.

On Vancouver Island, Cowichan-Alberni district is enlarged by running the dividing line between it and Comox, which formerly turned westward at Nootka Sound, directly northwest through the centre of the island, thus throwing all the west coast north of Carmanah into Cowichan-Alberni. Nanaimo City is enlarged by adding what are known as The Five Acre Lots to the city proper, and making the Chase River the boundary on its southerly and westerly side. Texada and Lasquiti Islands are taken out of North Nanaimo district and given to South Nanaimo. Comox district is only altered in so far as necessitated by the change in Cowichan-Alberni.

The machinery is provided for closing the old voters' lists and opening new ones in the districts that have been altered. The method adopted in 1894 is again resorted to, in order to carry out which a collector is appointed for each district that has been in any way altered, and distributing collectors are appointed to take charge of the old lists and distribute the names on such lists among the collectors of the new districts in which they properly belong by the fact of their residence within such district. When the lists are completed they are to be published in two issues of the *Gazette* and a local paper.

Provision is also made by which a person desiring to change his name from one list to another, procures a certificate from the collector that his name has been struck off a former list, and on production of this to the collector of the district in which he wishes to be registered, and proof that he has resided in such district for two months, his name is inserted on the list. In Cassiar district the necessity of two months' residence is dispensed with.

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.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Mulock has introduced a bill in the Commons reducing domestic letter postage rate from 3 cents to 2 cents per ounce. For carriage of newspapers it is proposed that ½ cent per pound shall be charged after January, 1899. The new rate on letters shall come into force by proclamation.

H. E. Foster intends making his home at the Gordon Ranch at Windermere.

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

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

The *Globe* gives the details of the votes polled at the recent Ontario election. The total Liberal vote polled was 215,644; for the Conservatives, 208,436; for the Independents, 9,995; total, 434,075. In 1894, the Liberals polled 159,232; the Conservatives 140,610; Patrons, 79,697, and Independents, 8,461. Total, 378,600.

J. Barnhard, Crow's Nest Railway paymaster, and G. I. Lyon, were in the city on Monday.

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

Sixty of the 93 elections held in Ontario recently are being protested.

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.

Because it is not on the main line of the C. P. R. and is not owned by Mann & Mackenzie, but is on the main line of Jim Hill's road.

Because the Estella and Golden Fleece will ship the highest grade ore this season than has ever been shipped from this district, and more of it. *

A Calgary dispatch says Dr. N. J. Lindsay leaves for the Peace River with a party this month. His Fort Steele friends say he will return here.

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 *

A cyclone occurred recently in the region between Macleod and Lethbridge. A number of men were employed at the time on a small C. P. R. bridge, which was twisted and smashed into fragments. It is reported that three of the men were killed and 11 injured.

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

Work is proceeding steadily on the Golden Fleece claim, situated on Tracy Creek about a mile west of the Estella. Three men are driving in on the vein, which is about five feet wide. The ore, a gray copper, is plentiful, and assays in gold, silver and copper all the way from $40 to $1,500 per ton.

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

A. W. McVittie and five men left for the scene of operations of the Moyie Placer Mining Co. on Tuesday. The work is to be vigorously pushed.

Dr. Gordon, who has had medical charge on the Crow's Nest Railway between Wardner and Coal Creek, has given up that position, and will be succeeded by Dr. Bernard, of Halifax.

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

Col. Henderson went down to Mr. Norbury's place with Mr. Elwell on Saturday. They enjoyed some fine fly-fishing in the lake, returning with well-laden baskets of trout.

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

Two men who had been employed on Crow's Nest Construction, died at the Coal Creek Hospital on Thursday and Friday.

Furniture at Gilpin & Lindsay's *

Father Walsh has begun sundry improvements on the Catholic Church and grounds here. He will have the edifice painted and a neat picket fence will be built to enclose the grounds. A number of trees will be planted and the surroundings otherwise beautified.

F. B. Smith, of the Crow's Nest Coal Co., has leased Col. Henderson's house on Riverside avenue, where Mr. Smith's family will reside during the summer. The Colonel will reside for the greater part of the summer on his ranch near Moyie Lake.

Contractor Cowan, of the Crow's Nest Railway, was in the city this week.

Four teams of Boston & Richards' outfit arrived from Kalispell on Wednesday with general merchandise for local merchants. They were two weeks on the way up, and report the road in worse condition than it has ever been before.

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	1.50	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

John Grassick is busy putting up a fence around the new schoolhouse.

Robert Jaffray, one of the directors of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, and R. Blakemore, general manager, were at the mine recently. Mr. Blakemore has gone out to secure the electric plant far the working of the mine.

Mrs. Harwood and Miss Durick will open dressmaking parlors in the city next week. Miss Durick has enjoyed a large experience in this business in the east, and having recently come from Pembroke, is conversant with all the latest styles.

A bunch of 79 head of beef cattle for Robson & Rogers arrived from Windermere on Wednesday. Mr. McInnes also has brought in some beef cattle through the Crow's Nest from Alberta, so that the meat supply for the present is ample.

Birt and Viola, "the funniest show on the road," frisked and warbled before two large audiences at the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday. The boys hadn't seen a show for a long time, and they went in large numbers and thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Birt and Viola are the whole show. They came up from Montana, and they travel with their own outfit, live in a tent, and are everything to themselves. They will play all the Southern East Kootenay towns and threaten also to invade Windermere and Golden. Their performances are not bad at all.

Moyie City *Leader:* Mr. Wm. Baillie, the brilliant writer and past editor of the Fort Steele PROSPECTOR, passed through town a few days ago on his way to Steele. Mr. Baillie spent the winter in Ottawa buttonholing the law-makers regarding better things for East Kootenay.

To our esteemed Moyie cotem. we would say that it is the same brilliant writer that is still plying the scissors and paste pot in this sanctum, glorious journalism having been given up only temporarily in favor of the pastime of buttonholing.

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

The first steamer that comes in will bring a stock of goods that will fill Gilpin & Lindsay's big store from cellar to garret. *