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A chiel's amang you takin notes,
And faith he'l prent them.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gilpin & Lindsay's new store is nearly completed.

A large number of prospectors outfitted in Fort Steele last week.

Over 180 tons of freight arrived in Steele last week.

A new sawmill will soon be in operation on Shingle Creek.

Mr. C. F. Venosta, townsite agent, reports that lots in Fort Steele are still in demand.

There are about 1,000 people in Steele, and nearly 2,000 in the hills prospecting.

The witnesses in the Leitch case left for Kamloops on Tuesday's stage.

We learn that J. M. Burke, mining expert, will return to Fort Steele on the next steamer.

James Dolan, custom collector from the American side, came in on the steamer Gwendoline.

C. F. Sears, the Kimberly hotel man, came in on the steamer Gwendoline.

Messrs. Bailley, Starbird and Gordon went down the river in a canoe on Monday, bound for Spokane.

We learn from Mr. C. M. Keep that he will open the banking house for business by the 12th of June.

The passenger list of the steamer, Gwendoline, contained the names of 40 people, several ladies were included in the list.

Divine service will be held in the school room next Sunday at 8 o'clock p. m. Strangers welcome.

The population of Ft. Steele is still on the increase, about 50 prospectors and mining men arrive daily.

Joe Davis sent the Prospector cabinet a beautiful specimen of copper carbonate from his new discovery on the Moyea River.

Messrs. Jackson & Collett have been doing some development work on the "Parish Priest" mineral claim.

C. M. Keep, banker, arrived per steamer Gwendoline. Mr. Keep brought in all the necessary fixtures for fitting up his office, including safe, etc.

Mr. E. J. Cann will open a book and stationery store at Fort Steele about the 10th of June. Mr. Cann will carry a large stock of wall paper. New goods and patterns.

Mr. W. Thompson reports that a small stamp mill is enroute to Fort Steele, destined for Perry Creek. It will be placed on property bonded by a Mr. Hartman last fall.

Fort Steele is in hard luck in regard to transportation facilities; first the wrecking of the steamers in the cañyon, and the only available boat on the river is tied up for non-compliance with the inspection law.

It is reported that the North Star lead has been struck about a mile southwest of the Star. The lead is about 20 feet in width at this point, and splits in two leads at a distance of about 1,500 feet of the discovery.

The music of the saw and hammer are heard in Fort Steele from early morn to dark. Some 40 buildings are under construction and this number would be trebled if the supply of lumber was equal to the demand.

We understand that the Sisters of Mercy at the Industrial School are about to call for tenders for supplies for their institution. We trust our local merchants will be the successful ones, so that the money may be kept at home. We learn that nothing will be accepted but first class goods, and the flour will consist of 30,000 lbs. and must be manufactured from hard winter wheat.

We can afford to have you try all five flavors—one after another—of *Schilling's Best* tea, and get your money back if you don't like any.

Your tea-trade for the next ten years is worth having.

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San Francisco

Mr. Chas. Clark, custom collector of this port, while going up the gang plank of the Gwendoline the night of her arrival, accidentally fell overboard. He was rescued by Mr. Geo. Gilpin. Mr. Clark escaped without damage, except his involuntary bath.

The Central Restaurant opened for business on Tuesday under the management of Mr. Harwood, late of the West Hotel at Kalispell. Mr. Howard is a thorough hotel and restaurant man, having had years of experience. There is no doubt that his connection with the Central will add to his popularity as mine host of the Central.

Mr. J. N. Robertson from Mud Lake, brought in from there last Sunday a party of six who had arrived from the coast, and among whom was Mr. R. Macpherson one of the Provincial members for the city of Vancouver. Mr. Macpherson left on last Wednesday with a prospecting party and they will be out for a fortnight.

We learn that the Townsite company have given the Roman Catholic bishop two lots for church purposes, and that steps will be taken to erect thereon a neat and commodious church. It is more than likely that a clergyman recently from England will be induced to accept the church. He is highly spoken of as an earnest worker and a zealous missionary.

We have to record the near completion of the "Hotel Venosta," in the most business portion of Riverside Avenue. We hope to assist our friend H. Reniemann in the opening act at an early date, as he made himself a good citizen of Fort Steele by his public spirit, and a great many friends by his genial nature and goodfellowship. He has met and overcome a great many difficulties during construction and deserves hearty support from everyone, particularly as it is his intention to run a really first class house.

VISIT OF THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR

to Fort Steele--Interesting Interview Containing Personal Reminiscences.

The Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Lieutenant Governor of the province, is at present visiting the Fort Steele Mining Division, and we had the pleasure of meeting him this week, when he most courteously furnished us with some general reminiscences connected with his past residence in British Columbia, and his first visit to our country in the wild rush of the early sixties. In his visit to the Prospector office he was very much interested in our specimens of Fort Steele mineral wealth, which we have collected for exhibition, and expressed to us his gratification at the rapidly rising town, with its wide, spacious streets, and commodious buildings now in course of construction. The Lieutenant Governor's visit to our neighborhood is of a three-fold nature, a holiday excursion, a tour of inspection and investigation and a business visit.

In the course of our interview he most affably gave us a short narrative of the details of his early connection and past life work with our great dominion, and its wealthiest and largest province, which, with his reminiscences, we now reproduce for the information of our readers.

The Hon. Edgar Dewdney is a native of County Devon in England, which is famed for its manly type of Englishmen, and Mr. Dewdney is a good Devonian specimen. He was trained in the profession of a surveyor and engineer, and left his native land in 1859 to come to the Province of British Columbia to pursue his profession. He arrived in New York, sailed from thence to Panama, crossed the isthmus, and sailed northward to Victoria, and immediately upon his arrival commenced to practice his profession. His earliest work was to assist in the survey of the city of New Westminster, which was then being laid out as the Capital, by a staff of engineers and surveyors under the command of Colonel Moody. There was only the one colony then and Langley was the first selected and partly surveyed Capital, but was discarded for strategic reasons, owing to its being too near the American line, in favor of New Westminster, which was selected as the Capital for the whole colony. Sir James Douglas, after whom the Douglas fir was named, was then the governor. The colony was afterward separated into two colonies, Vancover Island and the mainland, with their respective Capitals at Victoria and New Westminster. They did not long remain disunited—not more than two years—when they were again united under Governor Seymour, and Victoria then became the Capital of the whole colony, and has so remained ever since. Governor Kenedy, who afterwards went to Australia, was the other governor of the "separate colony". Mr. Dewdney remained in the Province until 1879, a period of twenty years, following his profession, and also engaged in mining. He then was employed in building and constructing roads and trails, and in making surveys so as to open up our province to enterprise.

He surveyed the famed Williams Creek in 1862. In 1863 he constructed the trail from Port Hope to Similkeen so as to open up Southern British Columbia, but prior to that year he was up in the Cariboo during the great excitement and rush of 1860; he was back in 1862, and also in 1865, engaged in mining.

These days were great days of excitement and rushes, and "it was astonishing," he said, "where the crowds came from." In 1865 he first made his acquaintance with our district, then known as Wild Horse Creek Division, where he carried the trail on from Similkeen to Wild Horse Creek, and which is now known as the Dewdney trail. There was nothing but placer mining in those days as quartz locations were unknown and never sought for; all prospecting was devoted to the finding of placer claims.

The reason for the construction of this trail was to have a road right through to the coast, all within British Columbia territory, without the necessity of going into American territory. Mr. Dewdney next was engaged in the construction of a road to the Bridge River mine on the Frasier River. In 1877 and '78 he was back in the Cariboo engaged in surveys and also mining. One of the mines in which he was interested was the "Minnehaha," which is still being worked. Its placer ground was very rich, as out of 600 feet of ground $360,000 were obtained. The latest hydraulic improvements are now employed at this mine.

In 1867 Mr. Dewdney entered political life, and curiously enough it was the Kootenay district which selected him as their representative in the Provincial Assembly. He sat in that house for two sessions, as its member. The house was then comprised of two classes of members, as the Province had not then full represented government, one class elected by the people, the other selected by the governor of the Province. Mr. Dewdney was a member of the house in 1870 when the great scheme of confederation was successfully carried through, he sitting as one of the representatives selected by the government, and the Province obtained a fully responsible government thereafter. In that year he went up to the Peace River country, which is now causing some excitement, to make inquiries and investigate. After completing this work he returned back in the winter time, travelling 600 miles of his journey on snow shoes.

From 1870 to the fall of 1872 he was out of political life, but was busily engaged on the survey of the Trans-Continental Railway, which the Dominion Government had undertaken to construct, and which was subsequently acquired and completed by the C. P. R. R. In the fall of this year he again entered public life and was returned as one of the members from the Province to the Dominion House, Yale and Kootenay selecting him as their representative, so that Mr. Dewdney's political associations are, and have always been, closely bound up with our district. Mr. Dewdney remained a member of this house until 1879, when we understand he resigned his seat in favor of Sir John McDonald, who had been unsuccessful in obtaining a seat at the general election. Whatever Sir John's faults were, ingratitude was not one of them; he never forgot his friend, and accordingly Mr. Dewdney received the appointment of Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. This appointment was further enhanced in 1881, when Mr. Dewdney received the additional honors of being appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Northwest. In the first year of this appointment "The Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of the Dominion," with a distinguished company, made his great tour across the plains, and the Hon. Mr. Dewdney, as Lieutenant Governor, accompanied him a considerable part of the distance. Whether this life was too quiet, as compared with the political excitement, we did not inquire, but the Hon. Mr. Dewdney entered the Dominion House again in 1888 when he was returned by "acclamation" as a member of East Assinaboine, and remained its member until 1892. In his election he became a member of Sir John McDonald's government, and held the portfolio of Minister for the Interior for four years, not only during Sir John's administration but that of his successor.

In 1892 Sir John Thompson, who was the Premier, appointed him Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and he returned to the scene of his early labors in this Province as its Pro Consul, which appointment terminates in the fall of this present year.

Toward the close of our interview, on our venturing to inquire the object of his present visit, the Lieutenant Governor referred to his visit to West Kootenay last year, and then being desirous of seeing East Kootenay and some of its mines, he had come up on this visit. "You must know," said he, "I have not been here since 1865, and I see a great difference. The country was a vast wilderness, and it is now opened up; it looks now like an old settled country compared with what it was in 1865. I have staid at Hanson's and visited the Wasa mines, and I am going to visit the Moyea country, and then go to the North Star and Sullivan group of mines. I should liked to have prolonged my visit, but I return to Victoria by the 17th of June, for the celebration of 'Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee'. I hope to return in the fall, when I shall see more of the country; besides I have some business interests in the country."

On our inquiry, "How does East Kootenay compare with West Kootenay, don't you think we have greater wealth, and greater possibilities?" he smilingly replied: "It is a question of time, when you will be in as good a position, but I expect to hear of some wonderful discoveries by the time I return." We could not get another opinion, as our art of diplomacy was exhausted, so the Lieutenant Governor bade us a cordial good-bye and our interview terminated.

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For information regarding Fort Steele, Address

Venosta & Co.,

Townsite Agents, Fort Steele, B. C.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date, I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner, for a license to sell liquor at retail upon the premises of the International Hotel at Wardner.

FRANK SHERIFF.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1897. 48

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership of C. F. Venosta & Co. is dissolved by mutual concent E. A. Elton retiring therefrom. The business will be continued under the name of C. F. Venosta & Co. who will assume all liabilities and collect all debts due the firm.

Dated June 1st, 1897. 48

30 DAYS

Will See Construction Commenced on the Crow's Nest Pass Railroad.

Work Will Be Commenced at Four Points on the Line and Work East and West.

A special dispatch to the Prospector reads as follows:

"The Crow's Nest Pass Railway bill will pass the house by the 1st of June, and construction of the road will be commenced at once. A large party of surveyors are working through the pass and will reach the Kootenay inside of ten days. Another large party will reach Fort Steele via Golden. ALPHA."

The above dispatch reached us on the last mail, the surveying party reached Fort Steele at the same time and immediately went to Cranbrook, and proceeded to survey a townsite. Lines are being run through the plowed fields, regardless of crops. A site for a railway station, round house and tank has been selected, and we have positive information that Cranbrook will be the division headquarters for East Kootenay.

NOTICE.

Should this meet the eye of Mr. Henderson or Mr. Kruse of West Kootenay, they had better call at the Indian Agency for an important letter.

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WATER FOR FORT STEELE.

Report of the Sub-Committee on Water.

FORT STEELE,
May 28, 1897

Chairman of Committee on Water Works:

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with your request, we have investigated the matter of a water supply for Fort Steele, and submit the following report:

It appears that the only stream near the town with sufficient volume of water is Shingle creek, and we believe that an efficient service can be obtained from that source.

A low dam to secure a depth of 8 feet of water would be necessary at the head of the supply ditch or flume, which would be about 4,000 feet from Donovan's house, and about three miles from the post office in Fort Steele.

From the dam to the banks of Wild Horse, a flume two feet wide by one foot deep can easily be built on proper grades, without any cutting or bridging.

This estimate is for a 2x1 flume of inch lumber, (tamarack) with sills and posts every four feet, and covered with the same material, the top of the flume to be at least one foot below the original ground line and covered with spruce brush, and then dirt, taken from the flume bed. On the easterly bank of Wild Horse the ditch will terminate in a head box from which a steel pipe siphon will carry the water under the creek and up to the reservoir, which we propose to build on land owned by Mr. Galbraith, on the plateau above the Indian reservation buildings. The surface of the plateau is 190 above the center of the present town, thus giving ample pressure for all purposes.

A reservoir of a 1,000,000 gallons capacity would supply the town for several days; an 8-inch supply pipe from the reservoir to the town, a distance of 4,000 feet, would cost laid, ... per foot.

This makes ample provision for 50 miners' inches, which is over half a million gallons of water per day, and gives 70 gallons per day to each member of a population of 7,000, and leaves a margin for fire protection.

The 2x1 flume will carry 80 inches of water on a grade of 1 foot per mile, with the flume only half full, and we suggest that it should be built to carry 300 inches, and the surplus water used to run a Pelton wheel at the foot of the hill below the siphon head, thus generating 200 horse power, which would be valuable for lighting purposes.

We have the honor to remain,
Your obedient servants,
McVITTIE BROS.

The Crow's Nest Pass Railroad.

The most critical period has passed in the history of British Columbia mining. The Crow's Nest Pass railway is now an assured fact, having passed through its different stages in the Dominion legislature. We learn that construction will commence at once, also that the C. P. R. R. will construct the road.

The immediate construction of this road is the all important factor to the mining industry of East Kootenay; it will also open up and make accessible to the prospector, a country of vast riches, which lies north of the Fort Steele district. It opens the vast area of 6,000,000 acres in this district, which is comparatively unknown as to its immense deposits of mineral.

The advance of this season will be the greatest yet made in British Columbia in a similar length of time, and when the season closes and drives the prospector to his winter quarters, the known possibilities of this district will have been immensely increased.

A SOUTHERN RAILWAY MAN.

Interesting Interview with Mr. Ellsworth of Oklahoma.

Mr. O. M. Ellsworth, commercial agent and local agent for the C. O. & S. Ry., which connects with the four main trunk lines running south, has been in our midst for the past two weeks, and this week our interviewer came across him and elicited the following particulars from him.

"My headquarters are at Oklahoma City, in the same territory. I am here on a health and pleasure trip and having a general look around. I came up from the South by the G. N. R. R. via Kalispel and am returning through the North by the C. P. R. R. through Revelstoke and then down West Kootenay. Since my arrival more than ten days ago I have been down the Moyie as far as the Eugene mine on the lake. I made a three days trip of it. I intend to see more of the country before I leave. I have been at Cripple Creek camp and Leadville in Colorado, but I think this is the best place for prospects. I do not claim to be a prospector. Apart altogether from its mining resources I think this is one of the finest countries I have been in, and I have been in a great many. The country needs railways to develop it. I am certain that if some of our southern railways knew the great possibilities that appear here they would make an effort to get in somehow to secure the great traffic that must arise.

BURKE IS WELL PLEASED.

He Sees a Great Future for Investors in Fort Steele.

John M. Burke, who has been up in the Fort Steele country, is more than pleased with the future of that section. "There are only three ways to get into that country until the boats run," he said. "There is a fairly good trail of 115 miles from Bonner's Ferry to Steele; another is by way of Kalispell, 150 miles, by stage, taking three and a half days to make the trip, over fairly good mountain roads, and the other is to go to Golden, on the Canadian Pacific railway, going up the Columbia to Canalflat and then by stage 45 miles.

"I went up to examine the Dibble group of mines," said Mr. Burke, "but while there looked over the country generally as well as I could during the short space of time I had. This mineral zone is traversed by two ranges of mountains, the Selkirks on the west and the Rockies on the east. The town of Fort Steele has at present a population of about 1,000, and lies on the bank of the Kootenay river, in the basin or valley that separates the two ranges of mountains. I looked at and examined while there about 15 of the leading properties, and while the larger bodies of ores are galena and carbonates, I also found some promising free gold properties, lying on what is known as Wild Horse and Perry creeks, at the head of the old placer mines, that had been worked there ever since 1864.

"Taking into consideration the fact that these ore bodies come to the surface, many of them not even being covered by the usual iron capping, I have no hesitation in saying that I think the district shows more for the amount of work done than any I have ever seen. From what I saw and learned from parties who have been in that section of the country a great many years, it has been only partially prospected, and to day is a good field for the prospector as well as the investor. I have no hesitancy in saying that the North Star, the Sullivan and the St. Eugene are as large bodies of ore, if not the largest, that have ever been discovered in the world.

"The camp is comparatively new so far as work is concerned. Only three properties have been worked to any extent at all—the North Star, the St. Eugene and the Dibble group. The work that has been done on these properties shows that the veins are continuous. When the question of transportation is settled this will make one of the greatest mining camps that was ever struck in the world."

KINDLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

Queen Victoria's Telegram to President McKinly.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The congratulations of the president on the occasion of the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday have been acknowledged by the following cablegram received at the white house to-day from Ambassador Hay:

London, May 25.

To the President:—I have just received the following telegram from Balmoral:

"May I beg you to convey to the President my sincere thanks for his kind congratulations transmitted through you.

VICTORIA, R. I."

TOOK WATER.

An amusing incident happened at Wardner last Monday. Upon the arrival of the steamer Gwendoline at that place, Mr. Crahan made the remark "that by the 1st of January 1898, the population of Wardner would exceed that of Fort Steele, and offered to bet $100 to that effect."

A Fort Steele banker heard the proposition, and said that he would take the bet, and produced the necessary $100 in support of his words. The Wardner townsite man failed to back his judgement as to Wardner by refusing to produce a sufficient amount to cover the Fort Steele man's $100.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The Location of the North Star Mine.

We have been informed that a photograph of the North Star ore sheds has been placed in a prominent position in a hotel at Kalispell, Montana, and inscribed "North Star Mine at Wardner." We wish it distinctly understood that the North Star mine is at least 45 miles from Wardner, and that there is not a particle of North Star ore at that place.

FORT STEELE TOWNSITE CO.
Kalispell papers please copy.

NEW INCORPORATION.

Crow's Nest Pass Mining Company of Fort Steele—Capital stock, $75,000, in 10 cent shares. Trustees: W. R. Hall, P. G. Shields, W. G. Noble and Lorne Becher.

THE rush to the Fort Steele district promises to be of greater magnitude than any similar movement in the northwest for many years. Unless the Crow's Nest railway is begun very soon there is grave danger that most of the immigrants will have to leave the country again. The district has ample resources to take care of all who are going there, but it must have a railroad to be in a position to give them employment or a chance to live.

LOCAL NEWS.

The steamer, Gwendoline, had a cargo of about thirty tons of general merchandise consigned to Fort Steele merchants.

The busiest man in town is C. F. Venosta. He has a lot in Steele for everybody.

We would suggest to the transportation companies that a more prompt and efficient service is needed between Golden and Fort Steele.

The Miners' Hotel on Perry Creek is now open for business, under the management of McAvoy of Butte, Montana. Mr. McAvoy has had considerable experience in the hotel business, and will run a first class house.

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase a fraction of land lying between, Johnston & Dewar's premption and the mountain. Starting at a post north east corner of Johnston & Dewer's pre-emption, thence 10 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 10 chains west, thence 40 chains north to place of commencement.

S. M. Bridges & Co.

Dated April 2nd, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land in East Kootenay. Beginning at the initial post planted on the west bank of the Kootenay River at the south-east corner of lot 707. Hence west 35 chains more or less, hence south 14 chains, hence east 40 chains to western boundary of Lot 708, hence north 20 chains to the north west corner of Lot 708, hence east two chains and seventy seven links (2.77 chains) to north east corner of Lot 708, hence following bank of Kootenay river to place of beginning.

N. A. WALLINGER

Dated this 30th day of March, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situated in East Kootenay District in a valley between Bull River and a branch of Sand Creek, about two miles south of Bull River. The initial post being the north east corner, hence 40 chains south, hence 80 west, hence 40 chains north, hence 80 chains east to place of beginning.

E. A. Elton.

Dated this 27th March, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase, 80 acres of land, more or less. Starting at a post south west, corner of Johnston & Dewars pre-emption, thence 50 chains east, more or less, thence 20 chains south to Moyea Lake, thence 50 chains west along Moyea Lake, thence 20 chains north to place of commencement.

John A. Christie & Co.

Dated April 2nd, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land. Starting at a point on Moyea trail, 2 miles south of Cranbrook estate, more or less, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains east to place of commencement.

T. Horbridge & Co.

Dated April 3rd, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

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

By order of the Judge,
J. F. Armstrong,
Registrar of the County Court of Kootenay holden at Fort Steele. 39

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I will apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell intoxicating liquor by retail at my residence at Crow's Nest Landing, near Elk river. Objections should be filed at the Mining Recorder's Office before the 11th, June, 1897.

Mrs. J. Mott.

Dated the 12th, day of May 1897. 45

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I the undersigned, intend, sixty days after date, to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, Victoria for permission to purchase 70.3 acres of land on Wasa creek, commencing at the south east corner of lot 264 G. 1, thence running east to the north east corner of lot S. 8., G. 1, thence 20 chains north to the north west corner of E. Sundius pre-emption, thence 26.52 chains to Wasa lake, thence following the lake shore to a point on the eastern boundary of lot 264, G 1, thence following the said boundary south to point of commencement.

[Signed] N. HANSON.

Wasa, May 24, 1897. 47

NOTICE.

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

C.F. Venosta.

Dated May 10, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situated in East Kootenay district on Sand creek about nine miles from the bridge. The initial post being the north west corner, thence 40 chains south thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west to place of commencement.

J. B. Langley.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1897. 46

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 240 acres of land situated in East Kootenay district, on the north fork of Sand creek, about one and a half miles from the forks. The initial post being the South east corner, thence 60 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 60 chains east, thence 40 chains south to place of commencement.

W. J. LANGLEY,

Dated this 12th day of May, 1897. 46

Notice Taxpayers

ASSESSMENT ACT AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX.

FORT STEELE DIVISION OF EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897.

All of the above named taxes collectable within the Fort Steele Division of East Kootenay District are payable at my office, in Fort Steele.

Assessed taxes are collectable at the following rates, viz:—

If paid on or before June 30th 1897.

Three-fifths of one per cent on Real Property.

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

One-half of one per cent on personal property.

On so much of the incomes of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates namely: Upon such excess of income when the sum is not more than ten thousand dollars one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one-quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand do lars, one and one half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July 1897.

Four-fifths of one per cent on Real property.

Three per cent on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent on Personal property,

On so much of the incomes of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates namely:—Upon such excess when the *same is not more than ten thousand dollars,* one and one-quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial Revenue Tax $3.00 per capita.

C. M. EDWARDS,
Assessor and Collector.

Fort Steele Feb. 23rd, 1897. 34

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that *sixty days after date I intend to apply* to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of unoccupied Crown lands, in a valley on the south side of Bull river, about one and a half miles from the Pack bridge. Commencing at the north west corner post, thence forty chains south, thence eighty chains east, thence forty chains north, thence eighty chains west to place of commencement.

A. W. Bleasdell.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C., this 27th day of March, 1897. 42

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license for the purpose of prospecting for coal on land situate on the north side of St. Mary's river about (2) two miles west from the Indian Reservation. Starting from the south east corner post, thence running 80 chains north, thence running 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east to place of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

E. J. WALSH

Dated this 15th April, 1897. 41

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license for the purpose of prospecting for coal on lands, situate on the south side of the St. Mary's *river, about three miles west of the St.* Eugene Mission. Starting from N. E. corner post, thence running 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east to the place of commencing. Comprising a total of 640 acres.

Nicholas Coccola.

Dated this 15th April, 1897. 41

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land, situated in the district of East Kootenay and described as follows: Beginning at a post planted, (20.00) twenty chains south of the mile post on the southern boundary of Block 313, thence south (40.00) forty chains, thence west (40.00) forty chains, thence north (40.00) forty chains, thence east (40.00) forty chains to place of beginning.

JAS. E. DITSE

Dated, 10th April, 1897. 41

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase three hundred and twenty acres of unreserved and unoccupied Crown lands situated on Movie lakes East Kootenay district B. C. Beginning at a post planted at the north east corner of lower Movie lake, thence north (80.00) eighty chains, thence east (40.00) forty chains, thence south (80.00) eighty chains, thence west (40.00) forty chains to place of beginning.

Thos. T. McVittie.

April 12th, 1897. 41

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail at *my Hotel in Westport.*

Thos. Robson.

Dated this 12th day of May 1897. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situate on Moyea Lake in East Kootenay district and described as follows. Beginning at a post planted half a mile down stream from bridge and a quarter *of a mile* back from the river, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of beginning.

L. A. Martin.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known *as the Crahan House, Wardner.*

William Carlin.

Dated this 11th, day of May, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of unoccupied crown land situated on Mark creek, north of the North Star wagon road. Commencing at R. O. Jennings north west corner post, thence 40 chains north thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east to place of commencement

B. Bainbridge.
I. M. Foster.

April 24, 1897. 44

NOTICE.

Notice, that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Sifton Hotel, situated at the head of Moyea Lake.

Lindsey Crossin.

Dated May 10, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty *days after date I intend to apply to the* Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase the lands within the following described area. Commencing at the north east corner of lot 1094, G.1, thence north to the pre-emption of W. S. Collier, thence west to the Kootenay river, thence following the river southerly to the north west corner of J. Duricks application to purchase, thence east to the point of commencement.

Dated at Fort Steele 26th April, 1897.

T. W. JACKSON. 43

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of unreserved and unoccupied Crown lands situated on Perry creek, district of East Kootenay, B. C. Beginning at a post placed on the south west angle of the Old Town bench, thence north (40.00) forty chains, thence east (40.00) forty chains, thence south (40.00) forty chains, thence west (40.00 forty chains to place of beginning.

A. Irvine Robertson.

Dated this 14th April, 1897. 4:

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and *Works for permission to purchase* 160 acres of land, more or less, situated about two miles in a northerly direction from Moyie Lake. Starting at the north east corner post of Mose Prudhomme's pre-emption, thence 40 chains north, more or less, thence 40 chains west, *thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains* east to place of commencement.

J. LAMONT.
ED. MURPHY.

Dated this 24th April, 1897. 4:

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works *for permission to purchase 160 acres of* land situate in East Kootenay described as follows: Beginning at a post planted at the south west corner of lot 325, Thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of beginning.

Dated Feb. 16th, 1897.

W. FRENCH. 42

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days *after date I intend to apply to the* Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land in East Kootenay District situated on Perry creek, beginning at the Initial post planted about four miles above the old shaft, thence east 40 chains, thence *south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains,* thence north 40 chains to initial post.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1897.

W. S. FORSYTH. 41

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works *for permission to purchase*, 65 acres of land, more or less. Starting at post south west corner of Johnston & Dewars pre-emption, thence 20 chains west, thence 60 chains south to Moyea Lake, thence 30 chains, more or less, north east along Moyea Lake, thence 20 chains *north to place of commencement.*

George Ask & Co.

Dated April 2nd, 1897. 46

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date, I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to retail liquor upon the premises of the Wardner Hotel, situated in the town of Wardner.

Wm. Sprague.

Dated 24th of May, 1897. 47.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date, I shall apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail on the premises of my Hotel at Little Bull river.

T. S. Bevens.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1897. 47

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works to purchase Lot 428, Group I, in East Kootenay.

T. H. L. FENWICK.

Dated May 25th, 1897. 47

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 40 acres of land situate on Moyea lake in the District of East Kootenay. Beginning at a post planted at the south west corner of Campbell's pre-emption, thence east 20 chains more or less to the south east corner of said pre-emption, thence south 20 chains more or less to the Lake Shore mineral claim thence *following the north boundary line of* said claim to the shore of Moyea lake, thence north 20 chains to point of commencement.

G. Campbell.

Dated Fort Steele, May 15th, 1897. 47

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works *for permission* to purchase sixty acres of land situated on the Moyea Lake in the district of East Kootenay, *commencing at a post planted at the south west* corner of McVittie's land, thence east 40 chains thence south 15 chains, to the north boundary of Caresfell's pre-emption, thence following said boundary 40 chains, thence 15 chains to point of beginning.

W. E. Biggings.

Dated this 17th day of May 1897. 46

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land, situate on Moyea Lake in the district of East Kootenay. Commencing at a post planted at the south west corner, thence 40 chains East, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south to point of beginning.

E. Biggings.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1897. 46

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres of land more or less, comprising an Island in the Kootenay river opposite the new townsite called Wardner.

Thomas Anderson, Gregg.

Dated, May 14, 1897. 5

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the North Star Mining Company intend sixty days after date to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 160 acres of unreserved and unoccupied crown lands situated at McGinty creek, East Kootenay, B. C.

Beginning at a post placed to the south-west of the Company's buildings, thence forty chains north, thence forty chains east, thence forty chains south, thence forty chains west to place of beginning.

North Star Mining Co.,
per W. M. McLeod Curran
Agent.

Dated at Fort Steele, this 7th day of May 1897. 43

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land on Wild Horse creek commencing at my north east corner situate on Victoria gulch below the Invicta ditch, thence running 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains north to place of commencement.

D. P. KIMPTON.

Dated May 10th 1897. 45

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase about 120 acres of unreserved and unoccupied Crown lands, situated on east bank of Wild Horse creek East Kootenay district. Beginning at the north east corner of lot 557 (Wm. Baillie), thence south 40 forty chains, thence east 40 forty chains, thence north about 20 twenty chains to bank of Wild Horse creek, thence following bank of Wild Horse creek to place of beginning.

E. F. CUMMINS.

Dated at Fort Steele 30th April, 1897 45

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 *acres of unsurveyed* and unoccupied land. Commencing at the north east corner of R. O. Jennings land on Mark creek, thence 40 *chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 40* chains south, thence 40 chains east to initial post.

Dated May 3rd, 1897.

C. L. DURICK. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail on the premises known as the Oriental Hotel.

William M. Stewart.

Dated, May 10, 1897. 45

The Golden and Fort Steele Development Company.

Limited * Liability.

Authorized Capital Stock of 750,000 Shares of Par Value of $1 Each.

Treasury Stock 500,000 Shares. Head Office at Golden, British Columbia.

This is a purely local mining company formed for the purpose of acquiring and developing properties in East Kootenay, the richest part of British Columbia.

The management of the company is in the hands of capable men who are right on the spot and are therefore able to secure for the company the best properties available.

Provisional Board of Directors,

President: Thomas McNaught, Esq., Fort Steele, Financial Agt.

Vice President: Alexander Allan, Esq., Calgary, Merchant.

S. Barber, Esq., Golden, Secretary Golden Lumber Company.

Treasurer: Alexander McQueen, Esq., Calgary, Manager Bell Telephone Company.

Secretary: Geo. S. McCarter, Esq., Golden, Barrister.

There are no salaried officials in this company. The promoter's stock is pooled until the company earns dividends. Experienced prospectors have been engaged to secure claims for this company in the Golden and Fort Steele districts.

The company has secured a two thirds interest in the "Mogul" and "Tinbasket" claims on Tinbasket Lake, 28 miles north of Beaver on the Columbia river. There are two leads 80 feet and 30 feet wide respectively. $1,100 worth of development work done. Twenty tons of ore an the dump. Latest assay from near the surface gave over $72 per ton in silver and lead.

The "Blue Water Group" has just been secured, consisting of a two thirds interest in the three claims on the Blue Water River, about 12 miles from Donald on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Assays from near the surface give 300 ounces in silver, 30 per cent copper and $6 in gold per ton. This is a most valuable property and the company are fortunate in securing it.

Thirty thousand shares sold already. The balance of the first block of shares

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Proceeds to be used for development work.

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THE BUZZING OF THE POLITICAL BEE.

The Golden Era, announces that M. C. Wells, of Pallerer, is to be the Liberal Candidate for East Kootenay, at the present election. We must confess that we never heard of the person before, and from inquiries, no person in this portion of East Kootenay appears to possess much knowledge about him. We have been informed "by those who should know" that he is a lumberman at Pallerer on the outside of the constituency. And again we have been informed that he is a rancher in Alberta, the source of our information expresses surprise that he should be styled. "The Liberal candidate" owing to his past political proclivities, but he may have reformed.

Whoever is a candidate for this district, must be a person known to the electors, a thorough mining man, familiar with our needs and requirements, and residing among the people. We know a person possessing all these requisites, "*but it is not M. W. C. Wells*" who would be a suitable candidate provided there is to be a contested election, in the event of our present member retiring, the electors may go a long way and fare badly ere they have a representative like the present one, who has been most devoted to the best interests of East Kootenay. We think it premature at the present time to announce prospective candidates, as the election will not be held for more than a year. But doubtless the announcement of the "Era" was a straw thrown up to tell how the wind was blowing, and to give the political bee's "in some ones bonnet" a chance to expand their wings.

The future of East Kootenay demands that the next member, should be thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the district, residing as near as possible to the centre of the district, and fully versed as to the wants of the mining industries of the district.

FORT STELE.

Fort Steele is growing, and the population in the next three months will be nearly 3000.

Fort Steele as a mining centre has attracted the attention of the world, for it has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that the mineral resources of the district are unsurpassed. The future prospects of the district is assured by the construction of the Crow's Nest Railway. We have positive information that construction will commence inside of 30 days. The vigorous prosecution of development will be commenced upon all mining claims, as all mine owners recognize the fact that a market for ores will be found by the coming spring when the whistle of the locomotive will be heard in the Kootenay valley.

Mining News.

Mr. Cox has just brought in two or three samples of splendid ore; one of which shows native gold in fair quantity. We hope that another gold district is about to be opened up.

Work was commenced on the International Placer Company's property on Monday.

Two years ago R. C. Dore one of the old pioneers of Wild Horse, associated with parties from Montana formed the above company for the purpose of working an old channel of Wild Horse, a tunnel was run to some 300 feet through solid rock into the gravel of the old channel, rich prospects were found, but work was discontinued during the past winter. The company has now determined to fully develop the property.

IMPORTANT STRIKE.

We learn from Mr. A. J. Devlin, that an important and rich strike has been made on Diorite creek; The ore is a grey copper carrying lead. The lead is about 6 feet in width and can be traced for a distance covering two locations. The formation in which the vein occurs is a diorite and slate. The locators are Wm. Langley, Chas. Elwood and A. J. Devlin.

A large number of prospectors are prospecting on Diorite, Sheep, Tracy, Lewis and Wasa creeks, and a large number of locations have been recorded, showing that the country in that vicinity has a large amount of mineral awaiting the advent of capital to develop the claims located into producing mines.

It is early prospecting at this time in the main range of the Rockies in the vicinity of the creeks mentioned, as there is a large amount of snow on the mountains.

ANOTHER LARGE AND RICH STRIKE ON ELK RIVER.

[Special to the Prospector.

Messrs Waldo & Ingran, have made a valuable discovery in the vicinity of Elk river. The surface showing is very large, considerable work has been done, and two of the claims recorded will become shipping mines within a month.

There has been a large number of locations recorded at this point during the past month, and we are assured that Elk river will in the near future ably sustain the reputation of the Fort Steele district as a producer of mineral.

Judge Langly is at work developing the Blue Grouse and Waterfall mineral claims on Sand creek. We learn that a number of men left Fort Steele on Monday to work on the property.

Barney Quinn has a number of men engaged in developing the Lady Ann group of claims, which are situated on six mile creek. The ore is galena carrying a large percentage of silver.

TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES

In the Fort Steele Division of East Kootenay.

This is a subject we have had occasion to write about several times and voice the feelings of our readers in regard to the utter inadequacy of our transport arrangements for traffic. These have completely broken down—The sad disaster in the Kootenay temporarily stopped all traffic by that outlet. The recovery and repair of the Gwendoline enabled her to make one trip to Fort Steele with passengers, but she is now tied up by "red tape and sealing wax" and useless until she passes government inspection, and no person seems to know when the inspector will arrive. When he does arrive we have no assurance that the inspector will enable the Gwendoline to resume her trips. There is now no boat on the river The North Star, a boat under construction was reported to be ready to carry freight shortly after the opening of navigation, and she is still in the hands of the constructors. These profuse promises are most detrimental to the best interests of Fort Steele. Merchants and traders had made their arrangements to ship in their goods by Jennings as we have no proper roads in the direction of Kalispell. Again and again we have directed the Governments attention to the absolute necessity for constructing a good wagon road down to the International boundary, but until lately we have talked into deaf ears. Now when it is somewhat late in the day the construction of the road has been commenced In the face of great difficulties and unsurmountable obstacles we have brought goods and passengers from Kalispell, over a country where roads were practically unestablished, quicker and cheaper than they could be brought through from the north by Golden. The inhabitants have contributed funds to make the Highway more passable, a duty which should have been done by the Government. The condition of matters from the north is in a somewhat similar condition. There were at one time a fair system of transportation between Golden and Fort Steele by private freighters and which was then sufficient when our country was not opened up and we had not the developed mines we have now. The company succeeded in driving off the freighters, but the effort has been too much for them. It has three boats on the river and does not appear to know how to handle their boats, nor the traffic so as to give the greatest benefit to the public. It started with great expectations. Its mouth piece the Golden Era on the authority of the manager of the company said that the whole trade of the upper country would be secured for Canada if certain things were done. We promptly pointed out as far back as March of of last year in words which we now quote "It is an absurd idea to try and force trade in a direction contrary to its natural outlet." In the meantime the mine owners must suffer and mining being the chief industry on which all other interests depend, the whole country is hampered in its onward progress through the short-sighted policy of trying to bolster up and foster certain partially established lines of indirect communication ostensibly from patriotic views, but which are in reality utterly selfish and aggrandizing impetus on the part of companies who are perfectly insensible to the injury they may do the country at large; provided they can attain their own ends." We also predicted it was a forgone conclusion that the bulk of material for use in our district would come in from the South.

The natural outlet and inlet for trade is from and to the South, and no artificial means can alter the provisions of nature. The company brought traffic through to Fort Steele, attempting sometimes the navigation of the Upper Kootenay down to Fort Steele, but it had to abandon this impossible navigation after a few thousand dollars of Government money had gone in to the river. Then it tried freighting between Canal Flat and Fort Steele. Now it has given this up and goods and merchandise are now dumped down at Mud Lake which is now the company's terminus and private freighters are again carrying the goods between this lake and Fort Steele. We hear complaints of missing and delayed goods, such as certainly result from a traffic that has become completely disorganized. Meantime the county is suffering; the people are suffering from this disadvantage. We do not blame the company for its failure. It has done all it could do to command success, but has failed. But we do blame the governments, both Dominion and Provincial, for their short-sighted policies in neglecting to do what they are now commencing to do—to increase our facilities for transportation to the South. Notwithstanding all the aid given to the North by subsidies, the South can handle passengers cheaper and quicker. We do not ask for any government subsidies to the extent they have been granted in the North. We want a fair field and no favor. Continue the wagon road from Golden to Fort Steele down to the International Boundary. Improve the navigation of the Kootenay River between Fort Steele and Jennings, and the governments will only be doing what they should have done many a day ago before our prosperity dawned.

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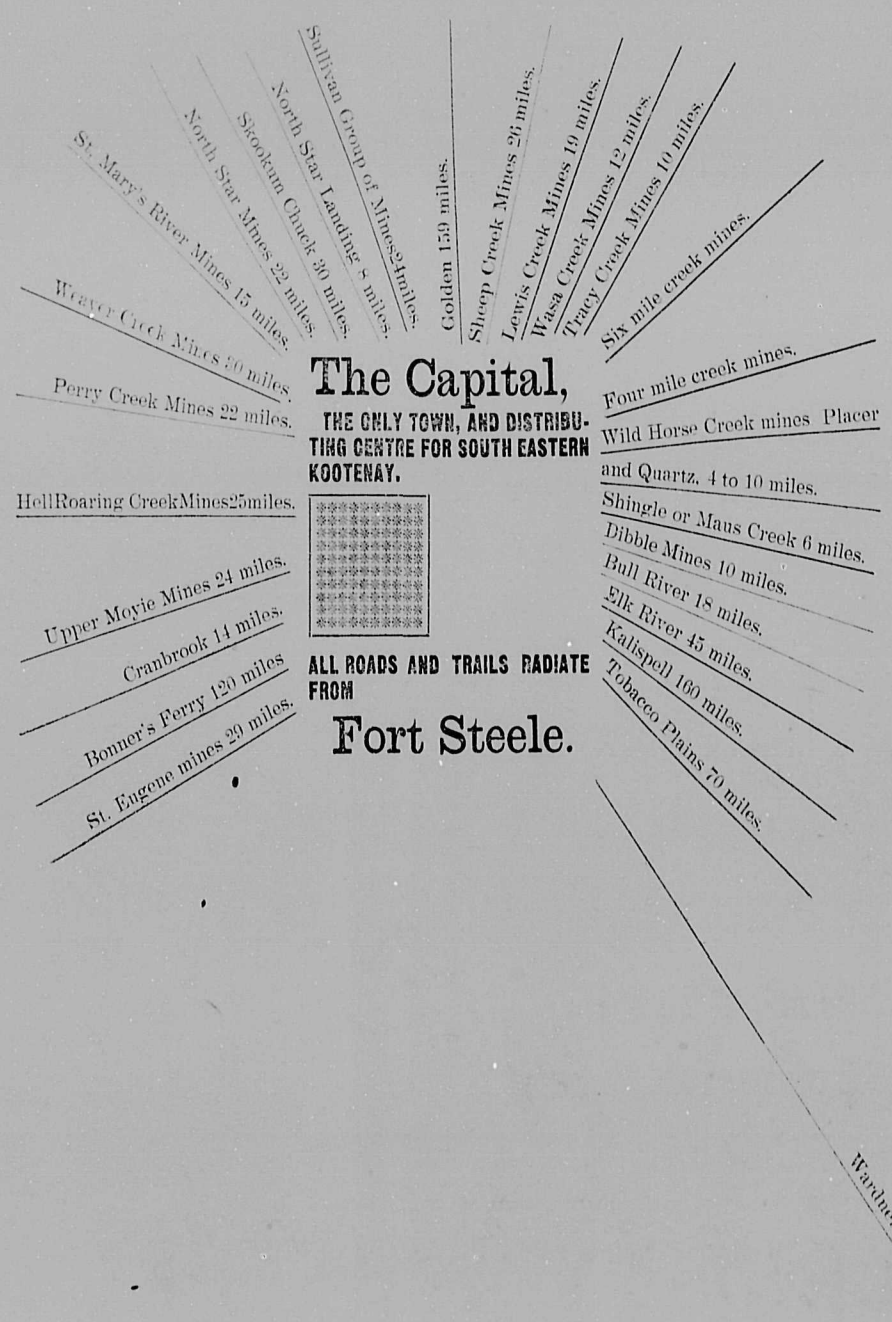
FORT STEELE, B. C.



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ON TO FORT STEELE.

PROCESSION MOVES ON TO THE NEW MECCA.

New Business Houses Are Opening Up in Bonner's Ferry and the Town Otherwise Shows Improvement.

Every day brings more people through Bonner's Ferry on their way to Fort Steele. They come on the trains, on the boats and by the Kootenay wagon road. They are coming in over the latter on foot, by wagon, and astride the famous cayuse. One pack train of twenty horses crossed Wright's ferry a few days ago, but they usually have from six to a dozen horses in an outfit. Packsaddles go by the dozen every day. Horses are in demand. The stores are selling larger quantities of goods, as it seems to be well understood that outfits and supplies can be purchased at moderate prices at Bonner's Ferry. Just what all these people are going to do when they get to their Mecca, the Herald does not know, but so long as they are going and coming our town will try to make their trip as convenient and pleasant for them as possible.—Kootenay Herald.

Fort Steele Country Trade.

Captain F. P. Armstrong, of Jennings, was in the city Wednesday, and expressed himself regarding the trade of the Fort Steele country. He says that Spokane is entitled to that trade, and if the Great Northern will make a fair rate to Jennings, this city will get it. "The navigation company will have the boats running from Jennings next week, but, under existing conditions, the local rate from Spokane to Jennings kills the business," said Captain Armstrong. "The Canadian rate from Winnipeg to Golden is 97 cents, and from Winnipeg to Jennings—although the distance is shorter—the rate is $1.55. From Spokane to Jennings the rate is $1.03. The distance from Spokane to Jennings is 170 miles; from Winnipeg to Jennings, over 1,000 miles. To show how this trade needs looking after, I have only to quote that a carload of beer is now on the way from Vancouver. The flour trade now goes to Winnipeg, or a large portion of it. They need hay, oats, bacon, butter and farmers' products. A fair local rate from Spokane to Jennings and a little activity on the part of the Spokane business men is all that is required to give that entire trade to Spokane.—New West Trade.

BOOM IN FORT STEELE.

Population Is Now About 1,000 and Is Growing Rapidly.

Walter J. King of Fort Steele arrived last evening from Spokane. He came down from East Kootenay on the Gwendoline on her first trip this season, the one before she was wrecked. He reports things very lively in that section, prospectors and others going into the country in droves. Real estate in the town is advancing rapidly in price, and about 50 buildings are under construction. Two saw mills are running at their full capacity to supply the demand for lumber and a brick yard is about to be started.

Work was started on the Sullivan group last week and the St. Eugene is also getting ready to begin operations on a large scale.

The town of Fort Steele has a population of nearly 1,000, which is increasing at the rate of 50 a day. The town boasts three good hotels, and a banking house will open in a day or two.—Rossland Miner.

RAILROADS.

The mining world of British Columbia is watching with much interest and concern the progress of railroad legislation in the provincial parliament. The civic councils and boards of trade of British Columbia are urging the government to aid substantially in the construction of a road from Vancouver to the Kootenay mining country, and every pressure will be brought to bear on the federal government to induce them to double the subsidy per miles granted by the local legislature. The commercial centers on the seaboard are alarmed at the possibilty of the Crow's Nest Pass projected road being built without a direct short route from Vancouver to the Kootenays thus allowing greater Canada to tap the mineral country and divert the great wealth of British Columbia from its legitimate course to the discomfiture and serious financial loss of the Canada Pacific province. In the meantime the vast mineral deposits of the seaboard are being systematically explored and thoroughly examined by numerous foreign mining engineers now residing there.—Western Mining World.

FAIRLY IN IT.

Fort Steele Will Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee---The Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Queen's Jubilee Committee to arrange for the celebration on the 22nd day of June, 1897, was held in Mr. McNaught's office on Saturday afternoon. There was a full attendance. Mr. Norbury occupied the chair. The following business was transacted.

It was resolved that there be two subscription lists, one for hospital purposes and the other for celebration purposes, and that it be optional with parties as to which purpose they shall give subscriptions. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Elton, Norbury, McNaught and Hoggarth was appointed to solicit subscriptions for both objects. Another sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Hoggarth, Wallinger and Laidlaw was appointed an amusement committee. It was also resolved that the committee approach The Hon. Colonel Baker, Provincial Secretary and Provincial Member for the District, to ascertain if he will deliver a patriotic address on the Jubilee day. The sub-committee were directed to report to the general committee at an early day.

NOTICE.
TO JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

The following section, numbered 161, of the "Companies Act, 1897," relative to the issue of a free miner's certificate is published for the information of JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

JAMES BAKER
Minister of Mines.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 14th May, 1897.

161. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 4 of the "Mineral Act, 1896," or section 4 of the "Placer Mining Act, 1891," or elsewhere in the said Acts or other the mining laws of the Province, no free miner's certificate shall be issued to a Joint Stock Company for a longer period than one year, and such certificate shall date from the 30th day of June in each year; and every free miner's certificate held by a Joint Stock Company at the passing of this Act shall be valid and existing until and shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1897. Upon applying to renew any such certificate on or before said 30th day of June, the Joint Stock Company shall be entitled to a rebate of a proportionate amount of the fee paid for a certificate heretofore issued according to the further time for which it would but for this section have been valid. 48

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to make application to the Honorable, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated about two miles east of Pack Bridge on Elk River, East Kootenay District, commencing at a stake planted on west end of limit where the mountain joins the Elk River and extending easterly about 200 chains to a point where the mountain and Elk River again join, being bounded on the north by the mountain and on south by Elk River, containing about 700 acres.

W. E. ELLIS.

Dated May 22nd, 1897. 48

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of unsurveyed and unoccupied lands situated on Tracy creek, East Kootenay, Fort Steele Mining Division, adjoining George H. Scott's pre-emption, commencing at NE. corner of George H. Scott's pre-emption and running north 40 chains, west 40 chains, south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement.

ALBERT MUTZ.

Dated May 15th, 1897. 48

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase thirty acres of land situate on St. Mary's River in East Kootenay District, beginning at the SE. corner of A. W. McL. Meachen's pre-emption, thence south (25.00 twenty-five chains, more or less, to bank of St. Mary's River, thence following up bank of St. Mary's River to a post on southern boundary of A. W. McL. Meachen's pre-emption.

H. LANE.

Dated May 27, 1897. 48

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F. P. HOGAN.

Dated May 28, 1897. 48

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I have applied to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut timber on the following described piece of land, situate on north side of St. Mary's River, in East Kootenay District, beginning at the NE. corner of Albert Banks' pre-emption, thence west one and one-half miles, thence north one mile, thence east one and one-half miles, thence south one mile to place of beginning.

H. LANE.

Dated May 28, 1897. 48.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase three hundred and twenty acres of unreserved and unoccupied Crown lands situated on St. Mary's River in East Kootenay District, beginning at the SW. corner of A. M. McL. Meachen's pre-emption, thence north eighty chains, thence west forty chains, thence south eighty chains, more or less, to bank of St. Mary's River, thence following bank of St. Mary's River to place of beginning.

WAIT WADE.

Dated May 27, 1897. 48

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situated on Six Mile creek, west of St. Eugene Mission, beginning at the NW. corner post, planted about one half mile north of the pack trail on west side of the creek, running thence 40 chs. S, thence 80 chs. E, thence 40 chs. N, thence 80 chs. W to initial post.

T. P. NORBURY,
WM. THOMSON,
JUST. THIES.

Dated May 11th, 1897. 48

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of unsurveyed and unoccupied land Crown Lands situated on Tracy Creek in Fort Steele Mining Division. Beginning at a post planted close to Tracy Creek at the foot of the mountain and about five miles from Wasa, being the NE. corner; thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of beginning.

GEO. H. SCOTT.

Dated May 19th, 1897. 48

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase three hundred and twenty acres of unoccupied Crown Lands situated on the west bank of Elk River, East Kootenay, commencing at the southeast corner of lot 227 of the Kootenay Valley Land Co's. land, thence west 40 chains to lot 321, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of commencement.

GEO. B. WATSON,
JOHN C. WALKER,
GEO. HOGGARTH,
JAY USHER.

Dated Fort Steele, May 15th, 1897. 48

NOTICE.

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GEO. HOGGARTH.

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IMPRESSIONS OF FORT STEELE.

Colonel Ridpath Begins Operations on the Sullivan Group.

Colonel W. M. Ridpath, treasurer of the Le Roi Mining Company of Trail, and president and general manager of the Sullivan group of properties in the Fort Steele district, came in from the latter country Monday accompanied by F. P. Hogan. The gentlemen left the Sullivan mines last Monday, and were just one week on the road home. In returning the colonel traveled by stage from Steele to Windmere, there taking a steamer to Golden, then the Canadian Pacific to Revelstoke, and then down the Columbia river through Arrow lake. "It was the finest trip I have ever taken on the continent," said Colonel Ridpath last night, "and a lovlier picture I have never seen than that through the Selkirks.

"The Fort Steele country is being filled up with prospectors, and owing to the destruction of the boats on the Kootenay river supplies have been short. Now *needed supplies are coming in* from Kalispell by wagons, and by steamer and wagon from the Canadian Pacific. The threatened famine is thereby averted.

"The mountains are still too full of snow for the prospectors to make much headway, but *they are doing all they can,* and the snow is fast disappearing from the high points. I am satisfied that the water has reached about its highest point for this year, and there will be nothing to prevent prospectors from getting out. Quite a number of men representing capital are going into the Steele country, looking for properties, as well as the prospectors, and the outlook is fine for a successful season. There are between 50 and 100 new buildings in the course of construction in Fort Steele.

"The principal districts being examined are in the vicinity of the North Star, the Dibble group and on Tracy creek. The principal interest in free milling gold properties is on Perry creek, where there is a fine showing."

When asked about his mission in regard to the Sullivan group, of which he is president and manager, the colonel said:

"It is a property in which I have unlimited faith. We have *erected a blacksmith shop,* a supply house, a powder house and a bunk house, and have commenced sinking on the ore body. The work is under the supervision of Joe Trainor, formerly of the Le Roi. As soon as sufficient supplies are received we will be working ten men on the Sullivan group, with the purpose of getting down on the vein as soon as possible. So far as development work has proceeded the property is looking as well as we anticipated. We had intended commencing work on the road from the mine to the river, but owing to the unfortunate accident to the boats our tools were not received and we now expect to begin road construction in about two weeks.

"*A number of fine prospects* are being discovered on the different creeks leading to the east from the range of mountains out of which Duncan and Lardeau rivers run. The ore in that part of the country seems to be gray copper, and an ore resembling the Le Roi. To the west of Golden there have been a number of valuable prospects located, and considerable work is being done. These properties are principally galena. On the Canadian Pacific, at Illicillewaet, on the river of the same name, they have a large concentrator, and valuable mines that are so successful as to cause quite an interest to be taken in that section. The trains were loaded with people going to Sandon and Kaslo."—Spokesman-Review.

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Petition to the Railway Minister.

FORT STEELE, B. C.,
May 31, 1897.

Hon. James Blair,
Minister of Railways,
Ottawa, Ca.:

The probability that the Crow's Nest Pass Railway will be constructed in the near future has led those interested in Fort Steele, and the surrounding district, to consider their position, should the location of the line be inconvenient to them.

Fort Steele is, at present, the most important town in East Kootenay, and is the center of a large and rich mining district which must always be tributary to it.

Fully one thousand prospectors outfitted at this place during the present season, and every day sees others coming in.

There are at present about one thousand inhabitants in the town, and the population is increasing every day. Building is going on in every direction. The town is now, and we believe always will be, a very important center.

We have read with pleasure your disapproval of the mean and selfish policy of certain railway companies in the past, in locating stations and depots at points inconvenient to cities and towns which they pretend to reach. As long as the Federal Goverment has any power in the matter, we have every confidence that no such policy will be pursued by any company that will construct this railway.

We desire to call your attention to the central position which our town occupies, and to the importance of the district lying all around us; and we would respectfully ask you to safeguard our interests so far as lies in your power.

We submit that the company should give us a station at some point convenient to the town, *and particularly to the country* lying North and West of us.

Our representative, Mr. Bostock, will furnish you with all information which you may be pleased to require.

In the hands of a government which has already given ample *proof of its readiness to safe*guard the interests of the people generally, we have every confidence.

We remain yours truly,

FORT STEELE MINING ASSOCIATION,
C.F. VENOSTA & Co,
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WM. CARLIN,
DR. H. WATTS,
and others.

Improve the Kootenay.

The following lines were copied from a letter addressed to a prominent resident of Fort Steele, and published in the columns of the Prospector March 26, 1896.

"*I receive the Prospector regularly,* and I am pleased with the opinion that it expresses. I hope the editor will retain his independent attitude and keep hammering away at what the country wants. It also pleases me to see that he is kicking about the improvement of the Kootenay river; if I can do anything to assist him in the matter let me know."

We assured the writer of the above that we should voice the wants of this district without fear or favor, and would do every*thing in our power to further* the onward progress of the Fort Steele district.

We have repeatedly called attention to the fact that the Kootenay river was in a dangerous condition as to navigation; also that a few thousand dollars expended upon a portion of the river would extend the season of navigation from 5 to 8 months, but up to the present time nothing has been done.

Once more attention is called to the fact, that the future prosperity of this district *depends entirely* upon a more rapid and improved means of transportation. Fort Steele has grown from a town of 250 in population to over 1,000, and in less than three months will have a population of at least 2,500. It will be a year before the proposed railroad can make connections at Fort Steele. The only route open for the large amount of mining machinery for this point is up the river, and unless the government improves the river, a large quantity of this much wanted machinery cannot reach its destination. The river could, and should be improved at once, and we trust that the gov*ernment will see and recognize* the absolute necessity of making this much desired improvement.