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Has Three Smelters in Successful Operation, and Enough Ore in Sight to Run Several More.

SIXTH YEAR.—NO. 2. NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1897. TWO DOLLARS A YEAR.

SURVEYORS MAKE A PROTEST

Against the Manner in Which They Are Treated By the Lands and Works Department

The annual regular meeting of the Provincial Land Surveyor's Association was held in the office of Messrs. Gore, Burnet & Co. Saturday afternoon, at which the following members were present: J. H. Gray, Kaslo; F. C. Gamble, Nelson; H. T. Twigg, New Denver; A. Stoess, Kaslo; W. S. Drewry, Kaslo; John Hirsch, Nelson; F. A. Devereux, Kaslo; N. F. Townsend, Rossland; R. A. Heyland, Kaslo; Frank Fletcher, A. S. Farwell, and T. S. Gore, of Nelson.

Aside from the election of officers for the ensuing year the chief business that came before the meeting was the discussion of needed reforms in the surveyor-general's office at Victoria and the consideration of means to secure the same. There is perhaps no set of men in the province who are more harassed by the incompetency of officials in the departments at Victoria than are the surveyors by the incompetency of those who make up the staff in the department of lands and works.

The experience of the surveyors employed in Kootenay has been that there is an utter lack of system in the lands and works department. There are regulations governing the surveying of provincial lands, but no recognized regulations whatever governing the survey of mineral claims. The surveyor-general has been in the habit of instructing one surveyor one way, and another in an entirely different way. There is absolutely no means of ascertaining definitely what the requirements of the department are, and hence there is an eternity of trouble. With a view to overcoming this difficulty the association passed the following resolution:

That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of drawing a series of questions for information towards compiling a manual of instructions for surveying mineral claims, and that copies of such be issued to each provincial land surveyor for their answers and suggestions; that said committee draft a manual based on such information and act in conjunction with the chief commissioner of lands and works, and if necessary obtain an order-in-council for the issue of such manual. Committee: Messrs. Gamble, Going, Burnet, Drewry and Farwell.

Another inconvenience which surveyors suffer from is the practice of keeping all field notes in the head office in Victoria. The only excuse which can be offered for this system is that it enables the employees of the department to supplement their salaries with considerable sums in the way of fees by furnishing this information to surveyors in need of it. While this may be in the interest of the surveyor-general and his staff, it is obviously not in the interest of the surveyors engaged in Kootenay nor of the public generally. With respect to this grievance, the association put itself on record by passing the following resolution:

That the duplicate copies of all field notes be deposited and preserved in the recorder's offices in the district in which the surveys have been made, and that the plans filed in the gold commissioner's office should bear full and complete information.

The attempt of the lands and works department at insisting upon the tying of all surveys of mineral claims to mineral monuments was adversely commented upon. It was admitted that properly instituted, the system of tying to mineral monuments was a good one, but the general opinion of the surveyors was that the government was working a hardship upon the owners of mineral claims in insisting upon the tying of surveys to present widely distant monuments. In other countries where the system of monuments has been put into effect, the monuments were put in close enough to avoid the necessity for any heavy expenditure in the tying of surveys to them. In this province the system was adopted chiefly for the purpose of providing work for surveyors attached to the department for a season. The work of locating the monuments has been but imperfectly carried out. Great distances intervene between the monuments, and it will very frequently happen that the work of tying a survey to the monument will cost more than the making of the survey itself. The opinion of the majority of the surveyors was that if the government is determined to adopt the system of tying to monuments, it should put in a sufficient number of monuments so that compliance with the regulations would not work a hardship upon the owners of mineral claims.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: F. C. Gamble, president; Frank Fletcher, vice-president; W. J. H. Holmes, secretary-treasurer; R. E. Palmer, T. S. Gore and C. A. Stoess, executive committee.

Placing Himself Right.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE: In your last issue you publish a copy of balance sheet of The Noble Five and in same there appears as a balance due from me the sum of $4972.00. This would give an interested reader the idea that I had by some means obtained from that company such a sum, and still owed it to them. I do not now and never did owe them a cent. The explanation is as follows, viz: The balance the books show against me is $49.72, caused by an omissson to give me credit at time I left the company for that amount due me, which was paid me to close the account. In printing the statement your typesetter has put the figures in the wrong column and made it appear to 99 out of the 100 readers that I have as good as robbed the company of that large amount, as I as secretary of the company, when with them, had no right to owe them. Your paper having a large circulation among stockholders of that company is by this mistake going to do me great injustice, and I think it only reasonable and fair to ask you to publish in your next issue an explanation as I have given it. If you will foot the statement you will find it as I have said. Trusting you will give this matter your early attention I am, Yours resp.,

J. F. CUTLER.

Kaslo, B. C., Dec. 10th, 1897.

MINERAL EXPORTS $7,891,329.

It Was an Off Week for the Slocan, but It Shipped $95,807 Worth of Ore.

The mineral exports of the port of Nelson for the past week aggregated 1173 tons of ore and matte. With the exception of 59 tons of matte from the Hall mines smelter, and 72 tons of ore from the Black Diamond mine at Ainsworth, all the exports came from the mines of the Slocan. There were no exports entered from the Trail Creek smelter nor the mines of Rossland. The weeks exports bring the value aggregate for the year up to $7,891,329. The figures for the week were:

BULLION AND MATTE.

	Pounds	Value
Hall Mines smelter, (matte)	118,560	

ORE.

	Tons.	Approximate Value.
Payne mine, Slocan	350	
Last Chance mine, Slocan	97	
Reco mine, Slocan	60	
Whitewater mine, Slocan	270	
Kootenay Ore Company, Kaslo	150	
Queen Bess mine, Sandon	41	
Slocan Star, Sandon	60	
Sovereign mine, Slocan	11	
Black Diamond mine, Ainsworth	72	
Total for week	1,173	$112,412
Total so far for December	3,283	$325,975
Total for November	5,273	$824,362
Total for October	5,105	$835,039
Total for September	4,601	$714,225
Total for August	5,070	$675,189
Total for July	4,139	$513,832
Total for June	3,461	$483,885
Total for May	2,905	$397,797
Total for April	3,764	$433,234
Total for March	5,822	$677,681
Total for February	5,201	$562,853
Total for January	4,513	$675,506
Total via Revelstoke to Oct. 31st		$719,132
Total so far for 1897	53,971	$7,891,329

The Evil of Worshipping Judges.

"A free people should cultivate the habit of respecting the judiciary, and the judiciary should cultivate the merits which deserve the respect of a free people. Even in Canada there are indications that our national habit of glorifying the judiciary has had a bad effect on some of their lordships. Of course, the first whisper against the integrity of any judge of the high courts of Ontario has yet to be heard. At the same time there are complaints, and apparently well founded complaints, that the judiciary of this province is too much governed by moods and impulses, and that an indifference to the rights of the people and a haughty contempt for the just privileges of the bar is becoming almost a characteristic of the bench." The above is from the Toronto Telegram. Had the editor of the Telegram encountered some of the judges of British Columbia on his recent visit to this province he would never say a word against the judges of Ontario.

Decision in Favor of Mine Owners.

A Colorado judge last week made a decision of interest to miners of that state, to the effect that the workmen in or around a mine who are employed by a lessee have no claim against the property. Heretofore, in Colorado, it has been held that the workmen employed by lessees had a claim against the owner of a mine, and the result has been to work against the leasing system. It has been decided in California courts in case of a working bond or sub-leasing that where the owner or owners of the property gave due public notice of the fact that he or they disclaimed any obligation or responsibility for labor or supplies that the property could not be attached for any debts contracted by the bonder or lessee in connection therewith.

To Wind Up the Noble Five.

Despite the proceedings at the Noble Five meeting at Sandon, when the shareholders decided to borrow another $150,000 and resume work, the property is in the hands of a liquidator. George McDonald, the book-keeper, has been appointed as such to take charge of the mine. His duty is to wind up the concern by sale or otherwise with dispatch. What course will be taken by the liquidator it is hard to say, but out of proceeds wages come first.

A Foregone Conclusion.

The Miner, after commenting upon the bungling manner in which the Municipal Elections Act has been amended, says: "Enough has been shown to indicate the carelessness and looseness with which our acts of parliament are drawn, but that will not interfere with the result in Nelson which is a foregone conclusion, but it may serve as a weapon in the hands of those who wish to see a change at Victoria."

The Dance at the Silver King.

The dance at the Silver King mine last evening, which was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Davys and the employees of the Hall Mines, was attended by several Nelson couples. The first part of the programme was brought to a close at about 3 o'clock, when the guests from the city started for home. After this a sort of free and easy affair was put on the boards, which some of the participants have reason to regret today.

The Bane of Civilization.

Major Walsh has written to Hon. Clifford Sifton, saying that he is imposing a tax of $2 a gallon on whiskey entering the Yukon. He will increase this to $2.50, if the minister thinks it desirable.

THE CITY FINANCES.

Municipality's Receipts Aggregate $61,676.27 and the Expenditures $58,842 61.

At Monday's session of the city council Charles E. Sealey, city clerk, submitted a statement of the corporation's finances up to November 30th, showing a total expenditure up to date of $58,842.61, and total receipts of $61,676.27. There is still due to the corporation about $1500 in real estate taxes, which will be paid over to the city by the provincial authorities so soon as payment is made, as well as small arrears under the head of road taxes, which with the present balance of $2,833.66, will go far toward making the account balance at the end of the year. The city clerk's statement is as follow:

RECEIPTS.

Proceeds sale of debentures	$49,000 00
Police court fines	1,044 65
Licenses	5,820 00
Fire department, government grant	200 00
Water rates	1,743 50
Interest accrued on debentures	312 92
Dog tax	216 00
Real estate tax	1,579 70
Road Tax	832 00
Sidewalks	11 50
Miscellaneous	831 00
	$61,676 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Water works	$30,712 41
Sidewalks	4,257 05
Plant and tools	227 26
Printing and stationery	991 33
Salaries	3,917 49
Fire department	1,076 84
Streets	3,960 20
Special police	56 85
Interest	1,372 00
Lock-up	2,321 48
Legal Expenses	437 50
Health	293 25
Dog tax	33 35
Jail supplies	74 35
Sewers	7,771 25
Sinking fund	900 00
Miscellaneous	499 28
Balance Bank of Montreal	2,833 66
Total	$61,676 27

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Dave Bremner was in Nelson this week. Many changes have taken place since Bremner and Nelson came together last. From an ordinary rustler Dave has now rounded out into a mining operator, and Nelson, during the interval, has demonstrated her commercial supremacy over all rivals.

The police commissioners held a short session Wednesday afternoon, when Duncan A. MacBeath was appointed patrolman in the place of J. M. McLeod, resigned.

The local lodge of the Knights of Pythias will give a ball in this city on New Year's eve.

A petition has been circulated at Nakusp in favor of the appointment of F. G. Fauquier to the position of gold commissioner of North Kootenay, with headquarters at Revelstoke.

For the information of the editor of the Miner it may be stated that the Nelson voter's list was not closed arbitrarily or otherwise on the 30th of November. The list was closed for householders on December 1st, in accordance with the statute governing, and remained open to licenseholders and assessed owners and occupiers up to the evening of December 6th, two days after the date upon which the Miner was issued containing the editor's interrogation.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has commenced laying track on the extension of the C. & K. railway to the eastern limits of the city.

Eight carloads of coke were delivered in Nelson this week for the Hall Mines smelter. The ore was landed in Nelson without breaking bulk by the use of the C. P. R. company's ferry service on Slocan lake.

Nelson lodge, No. 23, A. F. & A. M., held its election for officers Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected: George Johnstone, W. M.; A. E. Hodgins, S. W.; S. P. Shaw, J. W.; G. L. Lennox, sec'y; W. B. Pollard, treasurer; and W. G. Spencer, tyler.

Smelter of Nakusp.

H. L. Simmons has secured twenty acres near Nakusp for a smelter site, and has also secured the water rights in that vicinity for the use of the proposed smelter. Mr. Simmons says that it is the intention of himself and associates to erect a smelter on the site. It will be a plant similar in some respects to the one at Trail.

Influence of Coaldust on Lung Diseases.

Recent researches carried on in Germany show that for a series of years the average proportion of deaths from lung diseases among coal miners was only 1.3 per cent, while among men employed on railroads it was 2.3 per cent and among iron and steel workers from 3.2 to 5 per cent in different districts.

Kaslo Makes a Good Loan.

Kaslo City's debentures, amounting to $12,000 for street improvements, have been purchased by the Trust & Guarantee Co., of Toronto, through their Kaslo agent, C. H. Evans, at 98½ per cent. The bonds were completed and forwarded and the city has drawn for the net proceeds, $11,800.

British Iron and Steel Exports.

The exports of iron and steel from Britain to all countries in the first nine months of 1897, amounted to 2,754,763 gross tons, compared with 2,625,543 tons in the corresponding period of 1896, and 2,096,003 tons in the same months of 1895.

OGILVIE'S KLONDYKE STORIES.

Some of the Verdicts Which Made Gold Seekers Tired of Miners' Meetings.

William Ogilvie, the Dominion official who has spent several years in the Yukon, tells some interesting stories respecting the decline of miners' courts, after the advent of the mounted police. "When I was in the Yukon ten years ago," writes Ogilvie, "the miners were not very well acquainted with one another, and, there being no saloons, they attended pretty strictly to business. Consequently there were no rings or cliques formed, and when a miners' meeting was called to adjust any difference or dispute it was usually decided fairly and on its merits.

Soon after this saloons were built, liquor came in in large quantities, and a class congregated around them which might be termed professional loafers. These men were always on hand, and when a miners' meeting was called they attended and voted in the interests of the saloons and their keepers.

As an instance, a poor little German at Forty-mile was passing quietly along the street one day, and a big ruffian, who rather prided himself on his capabilities as a bully, drew out and struck the little man a blow that paralyzed him. He was powerless to help himself; he could not match his strength against that of his assailant; and so he consulted a German friend of his as to what he should do in the matter. The friend suggested a miners' meeting, which was called at once. Now what do you think this miners' meeting did? As you would probably never guess, I will tell you—they fined the plaintiff $20 for calling the meeting, which was expended for drinks on the spot, the meeting, of course, being held in the saloon, and the chairman in fact being the proprietor of the place.

Another instance: Four miners were partners in four claims. These did not return more than expenses and poor wages and they decided to sell. One of the partners was going to Forty Mile for something or other, and the others instructed him if he could to sell out for the whole lot. He asked them what was the lowest they would be willing to take for their interests, so that he might have something to go on. After consultation they decided that $500 was the least they would be willing to take, but at the same time instructed him to get all that he could. At Forty Mile he sold the four claims for $2800—$700 apiece. He handed the three partners $500 each and put the $1300 in his own pocket. Soon after they discovered this fact, and called a miners' meeting to make him divide even. The meeting, by resolution, decided: 'As long as they got their $500 apiece, it was none of their damned business what he got.'"

Hard Luck of French Joe.

Again, a miner commonly known as French Joe, a French Canadian, was going down "the creek," as it is termed, to Forty Mile. While passing the cabin of a man whom we will call Jones, he was asked where he was going.

"To Forty Mile," he said.

"Well, you're going by Dick Brown's"—another fictitious name—"will you take down these two ounces and give it to him?"

"Oui—certainment, M'sr."

The two ounces were weighed out and handed over to Joe, who carried them down and faithfully presented them to Brown as directed, with the explanation that they had been received from Jones.

"But," said Brown, "he owes me three ounces."

Joe was pained and surprised and a little indignant at his reception.

"I don't know for dat. He gif me two hounce—der she is was. Dat's all I know for."

"But he owes me three," said the persistent Brown.

"Vell, dat may be. She maybe he owe you tousan'. He gif me two hounce—dere she is. You got two hounce?"

"Yes; there's two ounces here."

"Vell, dat's all he gif me."

"But I want my other ounce."

"Vell, sac-r-r-e"—the Frenchman was becoming warm—"perhaps next time you see him you ask him about her. I give you two hounce—dat's all I got."

Brown called a miners meeting to decide whether or not Joe should pay him the extra ounce. Several miners attended, and after much discussion, in which Brown admitted having received the two ounces from Joe, six voted that the Frenchman should pay the extra ounce and five that he should not. The rest, as Joe explained, "didn't gif a dam no how—one vay or de other."

So the Frenchman was compelled to pay the extra ounce, with the costs of the meeting added, amounting to nearly $150. Joe remarked to me afterward in telling me the tale of his misfortune:

"By gar, dat satisfy me vith miners' meeting. I don't vant any more dem things."

The End of Miners' Meetings.

What first brought the miners' meetings into disrepute was the result of one held at Forty Mile in June, 1896. A tailor there had demanded payment of a bill of $4.50 from a barber. The barber put in a counter bill which fully paid the tailor's bill. The tailor called a meeting to decide between them.

The meeting gave the tailor $1.50, and one of the members gravely proposed that he be fined $20 for calling the meeting. This was just about to pass unanimously, as things usually do at miners' meetings, it being sufficient only to have a mover and a seconder when another member stood up and protested against this action, urging that if they fined a man for calling a meeting, the poor man would have no way at all to get justice. They had awarded the man $1.50 and the imposition of a fine would be manifestly unfair. The meeting saw the force of this and let him go.

The barber then rose, and slowly, deliberately, and with a picturesque profuseness of profanity and an eloquence of metaphor that did credit to his originality, requested all and sundry present to go—not to any more frigid clime. He would go down the river on the underside of a log, he observed, if the worst came to the worst—but as for that dollar and a half, they could—!!**§§??!!

A committee was forthwith appointed to try and collect the amount adjudged due. They could, however, find no one who owed the barber anything, or if he did, was willing to pay it over to them. It was well known that if they tried to enforce payment from the barber he would apply to the mounted police for protection, and of course their action in so doing would be punishable. The absurdity of the situation dawned on the parties to the affair, and miners' meetings fell below par.

This and similar cases brought the miners' meetings into such contempt that all in the country were quite ready to join in their obsequies. I do not think that at present you could induce any one to call a miners' meeting on any account. All seem to be heartily glad that they have been abolished, and many miners have expressed to me their gratification at the way in which law and order are administered in Canada.

Died to Save His Comrade.

W. J. Merry, a miner employed in the Iron Colt mine at Rossland, met his death from fatal damp on Monday. Merry, with a miner named Cattanach was employed in running a power drill. They had fired a round of holes in the main drift at 5 o'clock, and shortly after 10 o'clock Cattanach went into the drift to see the effect of the blast. He was overcome by the gas and had just strength enough left to call for help. Merry went to his assistance and was also overcome by the gas, falling across his comrade's body. Three quarters of an hour later the men were discovered. Cattanach recovered, but Merry was taken out dead. The deceased was a brother-in-law of William MacKenzie, the Toronto street car magnate, and was making a study of practical mining, with a view to filling a more responsible position in the service of the Iron Colt company, in which Mackenzie is largely interested.

The By-Law Will Be Quashed.

Although the decision of the court has not been announced it is generally conceded that justice McColl will quash the Rossland money by-law, which provides for the sale of $50,000 worth of Rossland debentures. From the remarks of justice McColl it is evident that the Guarantee Loan & Trust Company over-reached itself in its endeavor to get a cinch upon the municipality. The court held that the condition making the loan a first mortgage against the corporation was illegal and sufficient in itself to quash the by-law, while the clause naming the loan company as the depository of the sinking fund and interest was an attempt at evasion of the statutes which could not be tolerated. The decision of the court will doubtless be received with favor by the majority of the rate payers.

Hockey Club Organized.

A meeting was held at Queen's Hotel Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a hockey club. It was decided to organize under the name of Nelson Hockey Club. The following officers were elected: W. A. Galliher, president; Fred Irvine, vice-president; Geo. Nunn, captain; W. G. McMorris, secretary-treasurer; H. Irvine, manager. Committee: F. Smith, J. Thompson and W. Duncan. A meeting of the club will be held at 8:30 Monday evening in the rooms over Hudson's Bay Co.

Rumor Says Haney Has Resigned.

The Fort Steele Prospector says that there is a rumor current to the effect that M. J. Haney has resigned the superintendency of the Crow's Nest Railway construction. The statement is made that some investigation of affairs in connection with treatment of the men had been ordered from Ottawa, and that Mr. Haney being asked to attend there, replied by sending in his resignation. The rumor lacks confirmation.

Work Resumed on the Wellington.

W. G. Robb has taken charge of the Wellington mine, and with a small force of men will prosecute development on that property during the winter. Edward Watts, at one time the manager of the mine and still one of the owners, informs the Kootenaian that there is every probability of the Wellington being in a position to make heavy shipments by the opening of spring.

The Province of Ontario Wins.

The privy council has confirmed the decision of the courts that the province of Ontario alone has the right to confer the title of queen's counsel upon those who practice in the courts of that province. The effect of this may restrict those who received their title from the federal government from wearing their gowns in any but federal courts.

THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Will Be Reported Upon on Monday by the Special Committee of the Council.

The thirty-fourth regular meeting of the city council was held Monday afternoon. The chief business that came before the council was the consideration of methods for organizing an efficient fire company. On the suggestion of mayor Houston the matter was referred to a committee composed of aldermen Hillyer, Malone and Teetzel.

S. F. Calkin, chief of the fire department, made a report to the council to the effect that Edward Traves had put up a frame building in the rear of his butcher shop, contrary to the provisions of the fire by-law. On motion of alderman Hillyer, seconded by alderman Teetzel, the fire inspector was instructed to have the building removed.

City engineer McCulloch made a report upon the amount of rock removed by W. C. McLean & Company, at the corner of Stanley and Silicia streets. He reported the total as 125 cubic yards. The council decided to pay for this amount of rock work at $3 per yard.

The following accounts were passed and ordered paid:

Charles E. Sealey, expenses collecting road tax	$ 8 00
Alex Allan, commision on road tax	20 75
John Blaney, Pound fees	7 00
John Blaney, commission on dog taxes	4 25
The Crane Co., account fire company	460 00
The Crane Co., account waterworks	802 21
Tribune Pub. Co., advertising, etc.	30 90
D. McArthur & Co., account fire department	119 75
John A. Turner, account sidewalks	21 70
West & Emerson, wood	9 50
Breckenridge & Lund, account waterworks	129 50
Breckenridge & Lund, account streets	213 90
Noll & Thompson, account streets	178 75
Charles Maltby waterworks	1 25
J. W. Cowan, waterworks	50
Kootenay Lime & Brick Co, sewers	51 00
H. H. Macdonald, sewers	614 91
W. C. McLean & Co., waterworks	375 00
David Woods, streets	32 00
M. Burns, streets	22 50
H. Flanagan, sewers	8 75
R. E. Lemon, waterworks	104 40
David Lawson, sewers	101 00
John Breckenridge, streets	44 00
Henry Johnson, streets	26 25
Peter Sondman, streets	26 25
R. Nokes, streets	20 50
E. Nokes, streets	25 00
W. Berry, streets	22 50
Joe Kelly, streets	4 00
Louis Anderson, streets	23 75
R. Corbett, streets	21 25
Dave Breckenridge, streets	13 75
Alex Chisholm, streets	39 00
M. Kelly, streets	23 20
J. Heenan, streets	23 20
B. Moore, streets	25 50
E. Owens, streets	21 00

Increase in Canadian Trade.

For the year ending October 31st there was an increase in the aggregate trade of Canada of $16,560,412. This does not include Vancouver returns. The exports for the four months show an increase of $15,485,220, while the imports are greater by one million and a quarter than they were in 1896. The duty also shows an increase of about $23,000. The exports showed an increase of $3,600,000, the imports of $770,000, and the duty of $106,000 over the same month last year. The figures for the four months are:

	1896.	1897.
Produce of the mine	$ 3,115,218	$ 5,011,216
Fisheries	3,022,243	1,751,477
Forest	15,550,295	16,315,651
Animals and their produce	16,057,081	21,788,510
Agricultural produce	9,570,730	13,065,519
Manufactures	3,444,999	3,779,758
Miscellaneous articles	189,568	125,198
Total	$50,250,164	$65,710,381
Increase for 1897, $15,460,220.		

The imports for the four months were:

	1896.	1897.	Increase.
Imports	$41,676,130	$43,051,322	$1,125,192
Duty	6,788,918	6,811,961	23,043

The Albion Owners Incorporate.

The owners of the Albion mine in Ainsworth camp, met in Spokane Monday night and decided to incorporate the Albion Mining Company, with a capital stock of 1,000,000 shares at a par value of $1 each. The seven trustees elected to manage the affairs of the company were: W. A. Aldrich, J. D. Hinkle, S. Bayles, A. S. Dibble, B. N. Carrier, L. F. Williams, and Matthew E. Logan. The trustees elected officers as follows: Matthew E. Logan, president; B. N. Carrier, vice-president; W. A. Aldrich, treasurer, and J. D. Hinkle, secretary.

The Same Here.

In reply to some vigorous criticisms of the procedure of mine owners in California in their dealings with intending British investors, the Mining Press of San Francisco says: "A little less brag and bluster, a little less lofty assumption of superiority in business requirements, experience and knowledge, a little more recognition of the facts, would, on the part of our British friends tend to a better understanding of the situation, so far as the purchase or sale of gold mines in California is concerned."

Odd Fellows' New Officers.

Kootenay lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Noble grand, O. M. Rosendaile; vice noble grand, A. H. Clement; permanent secretary, W. Hodson; recording secretary, H. E. Lott; treasurer, G. Larsen; trustees, Dr. E. C. Arthur and W. Hodson. The lodge next spring will erect a large fraternal building on its own grounds.

More Trouble Over Rossland By-Laws.

The chances are that the people of Rossland will have another fight over their two money by-laws for $7,500 each, which were recently carried by narrow majorities. It is now alleged that both by-laws are technically defective and a move to have them quashed is being made. This may mean the passing of new by-laws in their place and the submission of the same to the people a second time.

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LODGE MEETINGS.

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The Tribune.

SATURDAY MORNING .....DECEMBER 11, 1897

It is announced that the provincial government has abandoned the scheme of selling to private parties the right to construct a toll road on the Skagway trail from the international boundary to Lake Bennett. The manner in which the government went to work to secure tenders for the purchase of this route made it look very much as if it had another job in hand, by which it proposed to give some of its many pets something for nothing. The notice calling for tenders made its first appearance in the Colonist on November 27th, and said tenders had to be delivered to the lands and works department by noon on December 8th. Tenderers therefore had but twelve days to inform themselves of the conditions, and it was impossible for any to tender intelligently for the franchise unless they had had several days start of the general public. In view of the circumstances it is well that the scheme has been dropped.

THE Economist, in Wednesday's issue, published an unsigned letter in which the members of the city council were charged with crass ignorance, and with having shown little foresight in matters of great public importance. It is worthy of note that the writer of this letter, who has the interests of Nelson so much at heart, has not sufficient courage to publish his name with his letter. It is equally noteworthy that it is the habit of some who follow the newspaper business to write letters to themselves, in which they voice sentiments which they do not care to openly avow. Such was the custom of J. C. McLagan, of the Vancouver World, and it looks very much as if the editor of the Economist had adopted this, with the other customs of his prototype. In the letter complaint is made respecting the raising of the grade on east Baker street, but especial condemnation is reserved for the council for its failure to put the sewer pipe and water mains in the alleyways instead of in the streets. In this connection the letter recites: "Is not water used "and sewerage facilities more acceptable "near the back of lots, where most required, than being compelled to lay, say "150 feet, of pipes to reach the point "where they are to be used? Had the "sewer pipes and water mains been "placed in the alleyways, upwards of 100 "feet distance could have been saved "property owners. Vancouver has her "water mains, sewer pipes, telephone and "electric light poles placed in her alleys. "This method should have been adopted "by Nelson." While THE TRIBUNE has no inside information as to why the sewer pipes and water mains were laid in the streets instead of the alleyways, it will venture to suggest that the contour of the ground may have influenced the council. Unfortunately for the theory of the Economist's correspondent there is a fall of about 30 feet to the block in the townsite of Nelson, which would render the utilization of the alleyways much more expensive than the utilization of the streets, if indeed it was would not be quite impracticable. The sewer system of Nelson is designed with a view to draining the basements of buildings. This means that the sewers have been put down about ten feet below the surface. To utilize the alleyways in most of the blocks in the townsite would mean that the sewers would have to go down an additional 15 feet to perform the same service, and the corporation would not be able to take advantage of the partial grading which has been done on many of the streets. The contention of the Economist's correspondent in this respect is about as sensible as his inference that the alleyways of the city will be opened up before the streets. With respect to the truth of the statement that Vancouver has its water mains, sewer pipes, telephone and electric light poles in the alleyways, there is very grave question. There may have been instances where this has been done, but the statement will not apply to the city generally. As the townlots in Nelson are but 120 feet deep, and as the majority of the buildings are built upon the front of the lots it will puzzle most people to understand just how property owners would have been saved 100 feet of pipe laying in making their connections had the sewer pipe and water mains been laid in the rear instead of the front of lots.

THE Economist has an article in this week's issue upon the evils attending the division of the city into wards. The Economist remarks that the board of aldermen of Rossland have decided to divide that city into wards and that there is a proposition in Nelson to follow suit. With respect to this the Economist observes that if it is imperative to divide Nelson into wards that there should not be more than two wards—one east the other west. For the information of the Economist it may be stated that the municipal act makes the division into wards imperative; that the by-law so dividing Nelson was passed over a month ago, before the question was discussed in Rossland; and that the aldermen in their wisdom divided the city into two wards—one east, the other west, just as the Economist, one month later insisted the city should be divided.

CHIEF JUSTICE DAVIE has patched up his breach with lawyer W. J. Taylor, of Victoria, which was occasioned by Davie's rudeness upon the bench. If there were more lawyers with the same spunk as W. J. Taylor there would be fewer exhibitions of bad manners on the part of the bench.

THE Colonist characterizes all press references to the charter mongering of premier Turner as the most blackguardly exhibition of journalism that has come to its notice. This goes to show that the editor of the Colonist has no idea of newspaper work above that level which barters whitewash for government ads. The Colonist goes on record as having as little self respect as the recently purchased Slocan City News.

IT is more than likely that F. J. Deane, editor of the Kamloops Sentinel, will be the opposition candidate in north Yale. Whatever may be urged against Deane's candidature it must be admitted that he is a rustler, independent and fearless, three virtues which the present representative lacks. Should Deane be the candidate he will make it exceedingly warm for the present chief commissioner of lands and works.

AT the opening of the Ontario legislature last week lord Aberdeen, governor-general of Canada, was made to play second fiddle to sir Oliver Mowat, the new lieutenant-governor of Ontario. Sir Oliver was recognized as the queen's representative, and the band in attendance received the governor general's party in silence, but played the national anthem upon the arrival of the lieutenant-governor.

THE Winnipeg Free Press considers it a trifling matter that the agent of the Canadian government in Wales should by fair promises mislead Welshmen into migrating to Canada for the purpose of working upon the grade of the Crow's Nest railway. The Free Press publishes the following defence of the agent accused of misrepresentation: "The government of Canada thought it would be a "splendid opportunity for those who "wished to become settlers in Manitoba or "the Northwest to obtain work by which "they could not only keep themselves, "but also save money." No newspaper knows better than the Free Press that it is impossible for Welshmen or anyone else to work upon the Crow's Nest railway and save any money out of the wages paid by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. It has had direct testimony of men accustomed to railway work that four months' work returned them but $5 in cash, after deducting transportation and other charges. In the face of this information the Free Press defends the government of Canada in its policy of acting the part of the bunco-steerer for the sure game of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

THE opening of the Slocan river extension of the C. & K. railway this week means much to the city of Nelson. The operation of this road will not only give Nelson the advantage of the bulk of the transient trade incident to the travel to and from the Slocan, but it will enable the wholesale merchants of Nelson to compete upon more advantageous terms for the trade of the Slocan itself.

PREMIER TURNER in his attempt to defend himself against the charge of charter-mongering, and the prostitution of his office as premier for private gain, insinuates that the press of London was instigated to denounce his action by political opponents of his government in this province. It is just possible that even premier Turner will be ashamed of this remark when he has had time to read it in cold type. The idea that all the great journals of London could be induced to denounce the actions of so small a man as premier Turner, without just cause, is too ludicrous for serious consideration.

Editor McLagan's Lament.

The following verses from an obscure poet appear in the last issue of the Province:

The term of Dewdney doth expire;
McInnes dons the gilded yoke;
The Mainland still without a lyre
The senate chamber to invoke.
Oh, Laurier, friend! your promise yet
Do not forget,—do not forget!

A message sent: came the reply,
"The office goes the Gulf abroad!"
Whom can we trust? On whom rely,
When Liberal chieftains stoop to fraud
Oh, shade of Brown! be with us yet!
Lest we forget,—lest we forget!

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THE FIRST CLAIM ON KLONDYKE

Was Staked in July, 1896, and in December the Creek Was Famous.

The discovery of the gold on the Klondyke, as it is called, although the proper name of the creek is in Indian "Troandik," was made by three men, Robert Henderson, a Canadian, a native of Prince Edward Island, Frank Swanson, a Norwegian, and another man named Munson, whose nationality I do not know, who, in July, 1896, were prospecting on Indian creek. The authority for this statement is William Ogilvie, who writes as follows:

"They proceeded up the creek without finding sufficient to satisfy them until they reached Dominion creek, and after prospecting there they crossed over the divide and found Gold Bottom, an affluent of the Klondyke, where they got good prospects and went to work. Provisions running short, Henderson retraced his steps to the mouth of Indian creek, leaving the other two at work. From the mouth of Indian creek he went up to Sixty-Mile, but failing to obtain a supply there he had to make for Forty-Mile. On the way down he passed an old mining comrade named George W. Carmack, a native of California, who had associated with him two Indians, Tagish Jim and Tagish Charlie, natives of the upper waters of the Yukon, who proudly claimed to be "King George men," or British Indians.

Now one of the articles of the miner's code is that he shall proclaim all discoveries made by him as soon as possible, and Henderson at once advised Carmack of the discovery of Gold Bottom and advised him to try there. Making inquiries of the local Indians as to the situation of Gold Bottom, Carmack learned the route to it, and, along with the two Indians mentioned, started, climbing over the ridge which divides the valley of the Yukon from the valley of Bonanza creek, down into that creek and up it to El Dorado. He went up it about three miles and then followed the ridge dividing its waters from those of Bonanza until he struck the watershed between Indian creek and Klondike, along which he traveled until he reached the head of the creek that he assumed to be the Gold Bottom. He went down, found Swanson and Munson at work, but was not satisfied with the prospects there, and determined to return and prospect the creek now known as Bonanza from its head downward, as it lay in the direction of his way home.

Striking it Rich on Bonanza.

He found nothing of note until he came down about midway, where from a little nook in a bend of the creek he panned out a good prospect. This encouraged him to try again. He did so, and in a few moments panned out $12.75, which he put in an old cartridge shell and corked with a piece of stick. This was on Aug. 10, 1896. The next day he staked discovery claim and No. 1 below for himself, No. 2 for Tagish Charlie, and No. 1 above for Tagish Jim. He then made his way down the creek as fast as possible and went down the river for a supply of provisions.

On the way he met several miners and informed them of his discovery. At first they would not believe him, as his reputation for truth was not above par. These miners said they could not tell when he was telling the truth, if he ever was, as he was the greatest liar this side of—a great many places. Some of them came to me and asked my opinion. I pointed out to them that there was no question about the man having the $12.75 in gold. The only question, then, was where did he get it? He had not been up the Sixty-Mile, nor yet the Forty-Mile, and he must have got it somewhere near where he was engaged fishing, and that was right at the mouth of the Klondike.

Then followed the excitement. Boatload after boatload of men went up from Forty-Mile. They went up any how and any way, starting at all times of the day and night. Men who had been drunk for weeks and weeks, in fact, were tumbled into the boats and taken up without any knowledge that they were travellers. One man, indeed, was so drunk that he did not realize that he had left Forty-Mile until he was more than two-thirds of the way to the Klondike. And yet he owns one of the very best claims in the Klondike district today.

The whole creek, a distance of about 20 miles, giving in the neighborhood of 200 claims, was staked in a few weeks. El Dorado creek, seven and a half or eight miles long, providing 80 claims, was staked in about the same length of time. Boulder, Adams and other gulches were prospected, and gave good surface showings, gold being found in the gravel in the creeks. Good surface prospects may be taken as an indication of the existence of very fair bedrock.

It was not until December, however, that the character of the diggings was established. Twenty-one, above Discovery, on Bonanza, was the one which first proved the value of the district. The owner of this claim was in the habit of cleaning up a few tubfuls of dirt every night, and paying his workmen $1.50 an hour.

Some Wonderful Pans.

Claim No. 5, El Dorado, next produced a pan of $57. This was succeeded by one of upward of $80. Then came one of $112. Soon after Claim No. 16 showed up a pan of $212, and this it was that caused the intense excitement in that country. I believe the excitement outside was even greater than it was there, but of that you will know more than I, for you saw it and I did not. The news went down to Circle City early in December, and it at once emptied itself and came up to Dawson. The scenes of the Forty-Mile rush were repeated. The miners came up any way they could, at all hours of the day and night, with provisions and empty handed. On their arrival they found that all the creeks had been staked weeks before. A good many Canadians and others who at Circle City had out-Americaned the natural, native born Americans in their protestations and professions of Americanism, came up to our territory in this rush with certain expectations of realizing something in the new finds by reason of their nationality, and in Canada made loud professions of loyalty, cursed their luck and declared it strange, indeed, that a Canadian or a Briton could not get a foot of ground in his own country.

Bonanza and El Dorado creeks afford between them 278 claims; their several affluents will yield as many more, and nearly all of these claims are good. I have no hesitation in saying that about a hundred of those on Bonanza will yield upward of $30,000,000, and about 30 on the El Dorado will yield $1,000,000 each. These two creeks will, I am confident, turn out from $60,000,000 to $75,000,000, and I can safely say that there is no other region in the world that has afforded so many homestakes—that is, fortunes enabling the owners to go home and enjoy the remainder of their days at their ease—considering that the work has had to be done with very limited facilities, the scarcity of provisions and of labor, and that only the crudest appliances are as yet available. When I tell you that to work properly each claim ten or twelve men are required, and that only 500 were available that season, it will give you an idea of the difficulties which had to be contended with.

On Bear creek, which joins the Klondike about seven or eight miles above that, good claims have been found; and also on Gold Bottom, Hunker, Last Chance, and Cripple creeks. On Gold Bottom as high as $15 to the pan has been taken, and although we cannot say that they are as rich as El Dorado or as Bonanza, they are richer than any other creeks known in that country. Then, 35 miles higher up the Klondike, Too-Much-Gold creek was found. It obtained its name from the fact that the Indians who saw mica glittering in its sand mistook it for gold and so named it.

The World's Richest Gold Fields.

A fact that I am now going to state to you, and one easily demonstrated, is that from Telegraph creek northward to the boundary line we have in the dominion and in this province an era of from 550 to 600 miles in length and from 100 to 150 miles in width, over the whole of which rich prospects have been found. We must have from 90,000 to 100,000 square miles, which, with proper care, judicious handling, and improved facilities for the transportation of food and utensils, will be the largest, as it is probably the richest gold field the world has ever known. The British Columbia Minister of Mines may wish to extend that down to the boundary line, but that, of course, I leave to him.

The Stewart and the Pelley rivers are in this gold-bearing zone, and also give promising indications. As I before mentioned, the Stewart river had been mined for several years before the discovery of coarse gold on Forty-Mile. After that discovery Forty-Mile took the attention of all the miners entering the country until the discovery of gold on Birch creek. The Forty-Mile district, together with the Birch creek district, engaged all the transportation facilities of the two companies trading on the river, and there were no provisions to spare for any other than these two points.

This prohibited prospecting on the Stewart or elsewhere, but many of the old-timers declared, and do so yet, that with a proper supply of provisions placed convenient to the Stewart, it will be the camp of the country, as with its affluents, aggregating about 800 miles of stream on the bars of Stewart river, year after year grub-stakes have been cleaned up, the supply being replaced annually. It is now easy to make $8 a day off those bars, and the discoverers for several years made $20a day and over. It is obvious from the yearly renewal of this gold that it must come from somewhere. That somewhere has not yet been found. Give us facilities and a very short time will settle the question. The Stewart itself, it is argued by those who ought to know well, is navigable for a distance of about 150 miles from its mouth. This in itself is a valuable asset in the development of that district.

Robert Henderson, to whom I referred as leading up to the discovery of gold on Bonanza, in June of the present year started up the Stewart alone in a small boat with a supply of provisions and tools to prospect on the river and its branches, being convinced that it offered the largest and probably the richest field in that country for prospecting. That is the stuff the true prospector is made of, and I am proud to say that he is a Canadian.

Plenty of Candidates in Grand Forks.

There promises to be a lively fight in Grand Forks for the office of chief magistrate. Among the candidates are Robert Hewitt, Jeff Davis, Peter McCallum, L. A. Manly and James Harvey. In view of the fact that each of the candidates has quite a following an exciting campaign is looked for.

THEY DON'T AGREE WITH HANEY.

Nothing Short of Slavery Awaits Those Who Engage for Work on the Crow's Nest

A party of French Canadians, 60 in number, who have been laboring on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, arrived in Winnipeg last week on their way home to Ottawa. They decided that it was more profitable to work in the lumber camps than on the line into the Kootenay. One of them said to a Free Press representative: "We have been engaged for four months at very hard work and at the close all we got was $5 and transportation home. Our boss was Mr. Nash, and as we couldn't get any satisfaction out of him we quit our jobs. After a laborer pays his board and the prices charged for clothing and footwear, counting out the days he doesn't work through no fault of his own, there is hardly a dollar left for his entire fall's work. It will be the cheapest built railway on the earth's surface."

All the party were hardy looking men, who have spent years of their lives in the lumber camps of Quebec and Ontario. They rather discredit the story of contractor Haney that all the trouble on the Crow's Nest grade is occasioned by professional agitators. In the face of the story told by these men, who are accustomed to hard work, will the Liberal press of this province persist in saying that there is no need for government intervention on behalf of the helpless navvies who are being swindled and oppressed by the greatest monopoly in Canada? Has the Liberal press of British Columbia sacrificed all its humanity to the political exigencies of its party? Does it consider that $5 is an honest wage for four months' rough work on the railway grade?

The Blacksmith's Dream.

The men employed at the Silver King are at present discussing a remarkable dream, which one of the company's blacksmiths recently narrated to "Dunc" McFarland. The blacksmith's story is as follows:

I was on my way to the Klondyke when I was stopped at lake Tagish by the mounted police and customs officers.

"Where are you going?" was their first interrogation.

"To Dawson City," I replied.

"Have you provisions sufficient for one year?"

"No."

"Where are you from?"

"From Nelson, B. C., where I was working at the Silver King mine."

"Were you boarding at McFarland's?"

"Yes."

"All right, go ahead."

Strike on the Hillside.

The Kootenaian: The owners of the Hillside group near Whitewater, are happy over a strike made on the Adams, one of the claims constituting that property, made last Saturday. The Hillside and two or three other claims of the group are located about 1000 feet above Whitewater and the Adams is further up the hill about a mile from the others. While doing assessment work on the day named the men suddenly came upon a body of ore, which, though a good thing in itself, would, in the event of its turning into clean ore, which is not improbable, make the Hillside one of the biggest things in the country. Where found the ore is about four feet in width and will concentrate about three into one. It has been stripped for about 18 feet and shows strong and uniform for that distance.

Poultry...

Xmas-New Year

Three car loads of dressed poultry have left Ontario direct for our Kootenay markets. They will arrive December 15th, when we will be in a position to fill all orders for Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens. Either wholesale or retail at reasonable prices. Orders can be placed at any of our branches now and they will have our prompt attention on arrival of stock. We will also have a large assortment of prime beef, pork, mutton, cured meats, fish and oysters. Mail orders a specialty. Branches at Rossland, Trail, Nelson, Kaslo, Sandon, Three Forks, and Slocan City. Head office at Nelson, B. C.

P. Burns & Co.

Nelson Dancing Academy

Prof. S. J. Lawlor will open the Nelson Dancing Academy in Carney Hall, Wednesday evening, December 8th. All the latest dances taught. Regular dancing class on Thursday of each week. Private lessons Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Social on Wednesday evenings.

NOTICE

TO THE LADIES OF NELSON.

Mrs. J. E. Aubrey has opened her dressmaking parlors in the Clements & Hillyer block, in rooms 1 and 7, and respectfully solicit a share of the ladies' patronage. Having had twenty years of practical experience, feels confident of giving perfect satisfaction. Cloak and coat making, and also cutting and fitting a specialty.

Optician and Watch Repairer

There will be opened next week in the McKillop block, Baker street, a first-class optical room and watch and clock repairing establishment.

Eyes Tested

On November 10th I will open up a complete assortment of spectacles and Eye Glasses and will be in position to test eyes for astigmatism or other defects of the eye.

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REVELSTOKE TOWNSITE PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that all parties indebted to the Kootenay British Columbia Smelting & Trading Syndicate in respect of the purchase of lands in the town of Revelstoke, are required within 60 days from the date hereof to make payment to me or to the Imperial Bank at Revelstoke of all moneys due in respect of said lands, when the deeds will be issued. Unless said payments are made within the time hereinbefore mentioned, the purchaser will be deemed to be in default and the agreements for sale will be cancelled.

T. J. LENDRUM,
Agent and attorney in fact for the Kootenay British Columbia Smelting & Trading Syndicate.
Dated at Ainsworth this 8th day of December, 1897.

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Notice is hereby given that I, Frederick L. Newman, intend to apply at the end of sixty days from date hereof, to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of unreserved, unoccupied, and unsurveyed crown land, situate near the confluence of Meadow creek and Goat river, in the Goat River mining division of West Kootenay, British Columbia.

F. L. NEWMAN.
Dated this 26th day of November, 1897.

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at initial post marked "F. L. Newman's N. W. corner," thence due south 40 chains, thence due east 40 chains, thence due north 40 chains, thence due west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

I hereby give notice that 30 days from this date I intend to apply to the stipendiary magistrate at Nelson, West Kootenay district, for a license to sell liquor by retail at the Klondyke hotel at Robson, B. C.

JAMES GORMAN.
Dated at Nelson, B. C., Dec. 6th.

DO YOU WANT A HOME?

Completely furnished 4-room cottage, first-class in every respect, hard finished throughout with double floors; building and furniture only six months old; stable in connection; two lots, 50x120, fenced. Price, $1500.

C. A. Waterman & Co.

TOM AND JERRY

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MANHATTAN

The Providence Fur Co.

Providence, R. I., wants all kinds of Raw Furs, skins, Ginseng, Seneca, Etc. Prices quoted for next sixty days are as follows:

SILVER FOX	$15 00 to	$150 00
BEAR	5 00 to	25 00
OTTER	1 00 to	9 00
MARTIN	2 00 to	9 00
BEAVER (per pound)	3 00 to	3 50
WOLF	1 00 to	2 00
RED FOX	1 00 to	2 00
MINK	75 to	2 00
SKUNK	25 to	1 00
GRAY FOX	50 to	75
RAT	20 to	25

Price list on all other furs and skins furnished upon application. Full prices guaranteed, careful selection, courteous treatment, and immediate remittance on all consignments.

GREAT CLEARING SALE!

The stock of W. H. Graham, consisting of a full line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Boots and Shoes, will be offered at greatly reduced rates to clear. Must be sold in next 90 days. Call early and buy yourself rich. Full line of overshoes in stock. Repair shop in connection with store.

W. J. G. DICKSON

REAL ESTATE
AND COMMISSION AGENT
MINING BROKER

BEALEY BLOCK, BAKER STREET, NELSON.

FOR SALE.

Several valuable business sites on Baker St.
Business block—two stores—Baker street.
Business block—three stores all rented—on two 30-foot lots, with offices above.
Residence lots, 50 feet frontage, Vernon St.

Apply to W. J. G. DICKSON.

BUILDING LOTS.

NOTICE.

Having appointed W. J. G. Dickson local agent for Addition A to the townsite of Nelson, intending purchasers of lots, or persons wishing information, plans, or price-lists of the addition, will please apply to him.

F. C. INNES.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

BYWATER MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WILD HORSE CREEK ABOUT SEVEN MILES EAST OF THE NELSON AND FORT SHEPPARD RAILWAY.

Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, acting as agent for Philip White, free miner's certificate No. 98,241, 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.

SAMUEL L. LONG, P. L. S.
Dated this 28th day of October, 1897. [Dec. 4th]

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

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, situate in the West Kootenay district.

D. G. KUNTZ.
Dated Nelson, November 16th, 1897. [Nov. 20th]

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at the N. W. corner of Lot 155, Group 1, thence south 40 chains along the western boundary of said lot, thence west 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east twenty chains to the point of commencement.

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

Take notice that A. S. Farwell, acting as agent for The Nel-on-Portman Gold Mining Company, Limited, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim "Hardscrabble," situated on Eagle creek in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district. Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.

O. G. DENNIS, Government Agent.
Dated at Nelson, B. C., November 8th, 1897.

Notice of Purchase.

Notice is hereby given that Frank Simpson, of the City of Nelson, has this day purchased the interest of Adolphe LaPointe in the Grand Central Hotel at the corner of Vernon and Ward Streets. The business will in future be carried on by Messrs. Farley & Simpson, who assume all liabilities of the former partnership, and to whom all amounts due the said partnership are payable.

FRANK SIMPSON.
Dated at Nelson, November 4th, 1897. [Nov. 6th]

MUSIC

Instructions given on the violin, Mandolin or banjo. Terms Reasonable. Orchestra furnished for all occasions.

FRANK B. HARPER, Tremont Hotel, Nelson.

Spokane Falls & Northern, Nelson & Fort Sheppard, Red Mountain Railways.

The only all rail route without change of cars between Nelson and Rossland, and Spokane and Rossland.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS.

Leave		Arrive
9:20 a. m.	NELSON	5:55 p. m.
12:00 n. m.	ROSSLAND	2:50 p. m.
8:00 a. m.	SPOKANE	6:40 p. m.

Passengers for Kettle River and Boundary Creek connect at Marcus with stage daily.

OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the supreme court of British Columbia, in the matter of John Bolken, alias "Jack McGinty," alias "Keno Jack," of Nelson, B. C., miner, deceased, and in the matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

Upon reading the affidavit of James Ferguson Armstrong, it is ordered that James Ferguson Armstrong official administrator for the county court, district of Kootenay, shall be administrator of all and singular, the goods, chattels and credits of John Bolken, alias "Jack McGinty," alias "Keno Jack," of Nelson, B. C., miner, deceased, and that this order be published in the Nelson Tribune newspaper for the period of sixty days.

A. J. McCOLL, Judge.
Entered O. B. Folio 369.
G. C. TUNSTALL, D. R. S. C.
Dated the 25th day of October, A. D. 1897.

The creditors and persons interested in the estate of John Bolken, alias "Jack McGinty," alias "Keno Jack," late of Nelson, British Columbia, free miner, deceased, are hereby required within sixty days from this date to send by registered letter to J. F. Armstrong, official administrator, Fort Steele, British Columbia, particulars of their claims and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them. After the expiration of the said sixty days the administrator will distribute the said estate, having regard only to such claims as he shall have notice of.

A. G. M. SPRAGGE, Solicitor for Administrator,
Revelstoke Station, British Columbia.
Dated this 9th day of November, 1897. [Nov. 13th]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

THE WILLCOCK MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON THE NORTH BANK OF WILD HORSE CREEK, ABOUT SEVEN MILES EAST OF THE NELSON AND FORT SHEPPARD RAILWAY.

Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, acting as agent for Phillip White, free miner's certificate No. 98,241 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.

SAMUEL L. LONG, P. L. S.
Dated this 28th day of October, 1897. [October 30th]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

GREAT BOULDER FRACTION MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON TOAD MOUNTAIN ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF COTTONWOOD LAKE.

Take notice that I, Archie Mainwaring Johnson, acting as agent for Herbert J. Wilson, free miner's certificate No. 83,321, 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.

ARCHIE MAINWARING JOHNSON.
Dated this 29th day of October, 1897. [Nov. 6th]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

HURON MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON TOAD MOUNTAIN ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF COTTONWOOD LAKE.

Take notice that I, H. R. Bellamy, acting as agent for William Delaney, free miner's certificate No. 1359a, 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.

H. R. BELLAMY.
Dated this 29th day of October, 1897. [Nov. 6th]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

LAST CHANCE MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON TOAD MOUNTAIN ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF COTTONWOOD LAKE.

Take notice that I, H. R. Bellamy, acting as agent for Leonard Brynham, free miner's certificate No. 78,591, 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.

H. R. BELLAMY.
Dated this 29th day of October, 1897. [Nov. 6th]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

EMILY MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF COTTONWOOD LAKE.

Take notice that I, H. R. Bellamy, acting as agent for George Davies, free miner's certificate No. 78,592, 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.

H. R. BELLAMY.
Dated this 29th day of October, 1897. [Nov. 6th]

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land, situate in West Kootenay district.

JAMES PETERS, Locator.
Dated this 8th day of October, 1897. [October 23rd]

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at a post four miles north of the mouth of Meadow creek near the east bank of Goat river marked "James Peters' S. E. corner post," thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to the point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Notice is hereby given that I, F. B. Lys, intends to apply at the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof, to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres of unreserved, unoccupied and unsurveyed crown land, situated in West Kootenay district.

F. B. LYS, Locator.
Dated this 8th day of October, 1897.

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at initial post on the west bank of Russell creek about 20 chains from its junction with Goat river, marked "F. B. Lys' southeast corner," thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land, situate in West Kootenay district.

F. C. CHANDLER, Locator.
Dated this 8th day of October, 1897. [October 23d]

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at a post four miles north of the mouth of Meadow creek near the east bank of Goat river, marked "F. C. Chandler's N. E. corner," thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains to the point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from the publication of this notice, I, C. B. Murray, intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of unsurveyed, unoccupied, and unreserved crown lands, situate on Lemon creek, in the Slocan City mining division of West Kootenay district, at the junction of the second North Fork of said creek with the main creek.

C. B. MURRAY.
Dated this 12th day of October, 1897. [October 16th]

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at a post marked "C. B. Murray's northwest corner," planted on the west bank of said second North Fork near said junction, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of beginning.

For Christmas

BOSLEY WEATHER STRIP
KEEPS OUT
WIND, RAIN, FROST and SNOW

TODDY KETTLES SCISSORS
POCKET KNIVES
CARVING SETS RAISIN SEEDERS
SOLD BY

Vancouver Hardware Co.

MARA BLOCK, BAKER STREET.

We have just received two carloads (1000 cases) of canned goods, and having bought before the big jump in prices, we are prepared to quote close figures, both wholesale and retail. We have also just to hand a fresh consignment of new crop Raisins, Currants, Figs, Table and Cooking Peels, Etc. We carry a large stock of Skates, Skate Straps, and Skate Sharpeners, Sleigh Bells, and a full line of Stoves, Tinware and Hardware.

John A. Turner & Co.

CORNER BAKER AND JOSEPHINE STREETS, NELSON.

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

George Ball, a vagrant, made the mistake on Saturday of holding up the chief of police for two bits. As a result Ball was charged with having no visible means of support and of living without employment. For this offence magistrate Crease on Tuesday committed Ball for 25 days' imprisonment.

Harry Young returned to Nelson in a new role this week—the advertising agent of the Spokane route to the Klondyke. He is now endeavoring to induce a party of intending Klondykers to go to Spokane and outfit, from which point he says an excellent trail has been opened to Sicamous on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Harry says that the route from Spokane to Sicamous offers all the advantages of a summer's outing, and that there is every reason to believe that parties leaving Spokane during January next will be able to reach the Klondyke in August, provided the merchants of Spokane let them escape with sufficient money to pay the custom duties at the Canadian frontier.

The opening of the Slocan river extension of the C. & K. railway was celebrated at Slocan City Monday with a banquet in the Arlington hotel, followed by a dance. Among the local officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company who were present were H. E. Beasley, F. W. Peters, John Hamilton and alderman Fletcher. The opening of this road puts Nelson on the direct line of travel with the Slocan district. A considerable saving of time is effected by the use of the Slocan river road to all points in the district.

Ross Thompson has decided to accept the nomination for the office of mayor of Rossland. Those who profess to understand the situation say that with all his faults, mayor Scott will be a hard man to beat should he make the effort to secure re-election.

The steamer Slocan towed the first barge of through freight on Monday from Roseberry to Slocan. It consisted of machinery for the Kootenay Power Co. at Bonnington Falls.

It is understood that the mounted police will establish barracks at the new townsite of the East Kootenay Valley Company at the crossing of Elk river. It is to be the headquarters of the police during the construction of the Crow's Nest railway.

At the Ymir mine, on Wild Horse creek, which is being developed by the London & British Columbia Gold Fields, Limited, there are now 34 men on the pay roll. The Ymir is developing most satisfactorily.

The owners of the little steamer William Hunter have chartered the boat to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The Hunter will be run in connection with the steamer Slocan.

J. R. Robertson, manager of the Yukon Goldfields, Limited, has received advices announcing the arrival at Dawson City in September, of the party sent there by his company. As the party only left Nelson on 24th July and had to encounter the Skagway trail at its worst, besides being heavily provisioned, this speedy accomplishment of the journey is highly creditable to them. R. B. Wood, late superintendent at the Ymir mine, and Joseph Pitre, one of the locators of the Ymir, are in the party.

Captain Troup, manager of the C. P. R. river and lake service, is in Montreal arranging for the construction of stern wheel steamers for the Stickene river.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company will commence work next week upon the construction of a branch line from Three Forks to Bear Lake.

Notice of Application to Purchase Land

Sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase the following described lands.

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at a post planted 200 feet easterly from railway in Slocan river valley and about ten miles from Junction, marked W. H. D. S. E. corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less. W. H. DOWSING.

Dated Nelson, B. C., December 9th, 1897. [Dec. 11th]

LADIES' CLOTH JACKETS AT COST

FRED IRVINE & CO.

36 BAKER STREET

GENTS' WINTER OVERCOATS AT COST

Christmas Presents...

We are offering a splendid assortment of fine Japanese-ware in 5 o'clock tea sets. Separate pieces and fancy ornaments. Our stock is also complete in the following lines for Christmas trade.

Gents' linen and silk handkerchiefs	Ladies' linen and silk handkerchiefs
Gents' kid gloves	Ladies' kid gl6ves
Gents' silk umbrellas.	Ladies' silk umbrellas
Gents' mackintoshes	Ledies' mackintoshes
Gents' dressing gowns	Ladies' dressing jackets
Gents' silk mufflers	Ladies' ostrich and feather boas
Gents' silk ties and scarfs	Ladies' fur collars and capes

Besides the above we have a full range of black and fancy blouse and dress silks. Latest novelties in dress material. Sofa cushions and eider down quilts.

FRED IRVINE & CO.

Holiday Announcement

HOUSE FURNISHINGS

D. McArthur & Co.

DEALERS IN

Fine Furniture and Carpets

10 per cent discount A special offer of 10 per cent discount for CASH will be made on every article purchased from date until January 1st, next. Just to hand, straight from Japan, a new line of Japanese Mattings, Rugs or Squares, Screens, Bamboo Tables, Linen Baskets and Reed Chairs. A fine assortment of Toilet ware in stock.

The largest and finest stock of Carpets to choose from in Kootenay district.

We have now settled in our new and commodious premises at the corner of Ward and Baker streets, in the center of Nelson.

For Perfumes...

See our SHOW WINDOW on
Tuesday and Wednesday next

W. F. Teetzel & Co.

DRUGGISTS

Christmas Presents...

Get a bucksaw for your boy or perhaps he wants a nice pair of skates or a pocket knife. We have them all kinds and prices.

Lawrence Hardware Co.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Pursuant to the "Creditors Trust Deeds Act, 1890," and Amending Acts.

Notice is hereby given that William James Halliday, of the City of Nelson, in the province of British Columbia, baker, has by deed dated the sixth day of December, A. D. 1897, assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, and all his real estate, to William Waldie, of the said City of Nelson, accountant, in trust for the benefit of his creditors. The said deed was executed by the said William James Halliday and by the said William Waldie on the sixth day of December, A. D. 1897. All persons having claims against the said William James Halliday are required, on or before the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D. 1897, to send to the said trustee, full particulars of the same, duly verified, together with particulars of the security, if any, held by them. And notice is hereby given that after the said twenty-seventh day of December, A. D. 1897, the trustee will proceed to distribute the assets among those creditors whose claims have been lodged with him, and that he will not be responsible after such date for the assets so distributed, or any part thereof, to any person or persons, firm or corporation, of whose debt or claim he shall not then have received notice.

A meeting of the creditors of the said William James Halliday will be held at the offices of Macdonald & Johnson, Baker street, Nelson, British Columbia, on Monday, the twentieth day of December, A. D., 1897, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Nelson, British Columbia, this 7th day of December, A. D., 1897.

MACDONALD & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for William Waldie, the assignee.

Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited.

NOTICE

From January 1st, 1898, the following rates will be charged users of electric light:

	Per Month
STORES AND OFFICES, for each 16 c. p. lamp	
from 1 to 6 inclusive	$1.00
" 7 to 15 inclusive	.75
" 16 upwards	.50

RESIDENCES, half the above rates.

HOTELS, 5 cents per candle power for all lamps down stairs, 3 cents for all up stairs.

SALOONS AND ALL-NIGHT RESTAURANTS, 9 cents per candle power.

STORES AND RESIDENCES will be allowed one all-night lamp; if more are used, the all-night rate (9 cents per candle power) will be charged.

JOHN HOUSTON,
Nelson, B. C., December 8th, 1897. Manager.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Nelson Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, meets in Castle hall, Macdonald block, corner of Josephine and Vernon streets, every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All visiting knights are cordially invited to attend.

J. W. THOMPSON, C. C.
GEORGE PARTRIDGE, K. of R. & S.

No. 797.

Certificate of Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"GOLDENDALE MINING COMPANY."

Registered the 22nd day of November, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Goldendale Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897."

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, U. S. A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $1,500,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares of the par value of $1 each.

The head office of the Company in this province is situate at Nelson, and R. E. Lemon, mining broker, whose address is Nelson, is attorney for the Company.

The time of existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established and registered are:

(a). To buy, sell, lease, let, handle, operate, manage and control and prospect for mines and mineral claims, of iron, gold, silver, copper and other precious metals, clays and minerals having a commercial value, and buying and selling, mining, extracting from mines and mineral claims all said minerals and ores:

(b). The running, working, operating, equiping and managing mines, tunnels, shafts and mineral claims in and about, carrying on, running, and conducting a general mining business:

(c). To buy, contract for, purchase, handle, sell, dispose of, operate, manage, equip and control concentrators, smelters, and other apparatus for treating, concentrating, washing and treating ores and minerals, mills and machinery necessary or convenient for said purposes:

(d). To contract for, purchase, handle, sell, dispose of, transfer, assign, convey, improve, develop, work, operate, maintain, manage and control waterways, ditches, flumes and other means of forcing, concentrating and distributing water necessary, proper or desirable, in and about the control, maintenance and operation of mines, mining claims and refineries, stamp or other mills, concentrators, or for washing or otherwise treating, preparing for use, market, sale or disposition, minerals and ores:

(e). To acquire and appropriate water, water rights, ditches, flumes and incidents and appurtenances thereto:

(f). To purchase, hold, sell, assign, transfer, convey, mortgage or otherwise dispose of real estate and every and any interest therein, necessary and convenient to carry on and conduct said business matters and things herein enumerated:

(g). To do generally all business matters and things, and buy, sell, have, use, acquire, transfer and operate any and all mechanical appliances necessary or convenient in and about the business and conducting the affairs of the said Company in executing any of the powers herein given it, and to do all things that may be necessary or proper for the complete enjoyment, use and benefit of said powers or any of them.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of November, 1897.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
[L.S.] Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

GENTS' FURNISHINGS

We are showing this week some splendid values in Men's Woolen Underwear. Also a complete line of gloves and neckwear. In Ready Made Clothing we have first-class honest makes at excepeionally low prices.

A. T. GARLAND

MIND YOUR P's AND Q's
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When buying X-mas presents you are welcome to inspect our stock of

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Largest stock of Holiday Goods in the Kootenay Country at

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