

# KOOTENAY

Has Mines that are Paying Dividends and Hundreds of Properties that can be Made Dividend Paying Mines.

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Has Smelters in Successful Operation, enough Ore in Sight to Run Several More.

TWO DOLLARS A YEAR.

## THE GOLD COMMISSIONERSHIP.

Although no vacancy, several are working for the position.

Advices from Victoria regarding the gold commissionership of the southern portion of West Kootenay district are as amusing as they are conflicting. The present gold commissionership is Napoleon Fitzstubs, who was invalidated about six weeks ago, and who is now in Victoria. It is reported that the government is disposed to shelve Mr. Fitzstubs, but he is unwilling to be shelved unless he is given an office of equal importance. At present no such office is vacant. Notwithstanding the office is not vacant, several gentlemen are after the job. The more prominent names mentioned are captain Clive Phillips-Wolley of Victoria and Harold Selous of Nelson. The former is provincial sanitary inspector, and it is claimed that the record he has made while in office indicates what he could do in a position requiring business capacity, judgment, and backbone. The latter has been a resident of Nelson for seven years and is backed by the friendship of Gilbert Malcolm Sproat and A. S. Farwell. Both may have qualifications for the office, but the people of the district are not hankering after either of them. In fact, were either to be appointed the government would be roundly damned, not only by the opposition, but by its supporters. It is claimed that sanitary inspector Wolley has the best of Mr. Selous, now that he has "kissed and made up" with W. A. Jowett. As that gentleman is editor and owner of the only government organ in Kootenay, the Nelson Miner, he is not without influence. As he is in Victoria, it would not be a surprise if he managed to shelve captain Fitzstubs and have installed in his place captain Wolley. This would be amusing to those who were present in the courtroom at Nelson last fall during the celebrated case, Jowett against Wolley, for assault.

If the government cares aught for the interests of the district and for the opinions of the who live within its boundaries it will pigeon-hole the applications of both these aspirants and appoint W. J. Goepel to the position, should captain Fitzstubs be retired. Mr. Goepel has every qualification; has acted as gold commissioner twice when captain Fitzstubs has been invalidated; and his appointment would give satisfaction to almost nine out of a hundred of the people who have business to transact at the government office.

## MINERAL EXPORTS SHOW STEADILY.

The Month of March Will Show Exports Valued at Over \$800,000.

The entries of ore and matte for export during the first three weeks of the present month, indicate that March will be the heaviest shipping month in the history of West Kootenay. During the past week there was entered for export at the port of Nelson ore and matte to the value of \$172,278, which, added to the exports of the first two weeks, gives a total exported through the port of Nelson, of \$505,651. To this amount may be added \$15,792, which represents the value of the Slovan ore exported through the output of Revelstoke during the first seventeen days of the present month. The exports for the past week bring the grand total for 1897, to \$2,022,359. The shipments for the past week were:

BULLION AND MATTE.		Tons.		Approximate Value.	
Trail smelter.	133,227				
Hill Mines smelter, Nelson, matte.	123,119				
ORE.					
Le Roi mine, Rossland.	173				
O. K. mine, Rossland, concentrates.	30				
Clairmont mine, Rossland.	24				
Payne mine, Slovan.	24				
Kootenay Ore Company, Kaslo.	204				
Sable Fire mine, Slovan.	107				
Recon mine, Slovan.	26				
Hambler mine, Slovan.	18				
Whitewater mine, Slovan.	18				
Surprise mine, Slovan.	18				
N. I. mine, Ainsworth.	15				
Tariff mine, Ainsworth.	11				
Total for week.	1,114			\$172,278	
Total so far for March.	4,588			\$505,651	
Total for February.	5,201			\$622,533	
Total for January.	4,132			\$673,590	
Total for 1896.	1,907			\$172,501	
Total via Revelstoke, Jan and Feb.	355			\$45,792	
Total via Revelstoke to March 17.	16,391			\$2,022,359	
Total so far for 1897.	16,391			\$2,022,359	

## Outburst Gets the Howard Fraction.

The Howard Fraction group of five claims, on Springer creek, has been bonded for \$50,000, 10 per cent of which was paid down, \$17,000 to be paid October 1st. The property is owned by J. M. M. Benedum, A. E. Peter, V. C. Hatchell, H. L. Curtiss, W. L. Price and O. Lorenson. Herbert Cuthbert made the bid for the buyers, the British Canadian Gold Fields Exploration company, of British Columbia. The Howard Fraction group is looked upon as one of the best properties on Springer creek. It shipped last year 30 tons of ore, running 200 ounces silver and \$20 gold per ton.

## Ore Struck on the Sovereign at Trail.

A strike is reported from the Sovereign on Lookout mountain at Trail. The crosscut in the tunnel at the 90-foot station has opened up a fine ore body, the full size of which is not yet known. Assays from stringers encountered in the tunnel ran \$45, but no assays have been secured from the new strike. The tunnel was run in country rock parallel to the foot-wall, and on crossing at 130 feet ore was at once encountered.

## The Gold Fields of Klondyke.

Captains Carroll, Goodall and Maloney, who have just returned to Victoria from Alaska, certify to the truth of the report

that the mining fever is still spreading in the north, with every indication that the rush to Klondyke will this year put in the shade the Yukon pilgrimage of any former year. Also are going into Juneau, Sitka, and other Alaskan towns daily in order to pack back provisions. Supplies promise to be scarce until the spring boats are able to ascend the river. From \$1 to \$10 a pan is the average on Bonanza creek. The Treadwell and Mexicana are putting 1400 tons a day through the stamps—their last report was \$2.40 to the ton.

## NO CHINESE NEED APPLY.

The Alien Labor Bill Passes Its Second Reading in the Legislature.

The alien labor bill, introduced by Adams, of Cariboo, which prohibits the employment of Chinese, was given its second reading in the legislature on Thursday. The decision upon the second reading shows that the majority of the members of the legislature are alive to the necessity for passing anti-Chinese legislation. The house should follow up its alien labor bill with an amendment to the mineral and placer mining acts, taking away all privileges which Chinese may at present enjoy under them. The Adams bill, which received its second reading upon a division of 21 to 8, reads:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Alien Labour Act, 1897."  
2. In case of any Act hereafter passed giving, granting, or confirming to any person or body corporate the right of erecting a bridge, making a railway, tramway, turnpike road, telegraph or telephone line, the construction or improvement of a harbor, canal, lock, dam, slide, or other like work, the right of ferry, the right of carrying on any trade, business, occupation or calling, the giving, granting, or confirming to such person or body corporate any property, rights, or privileges whatsoever, or for the amendment to a former Act of a like nature which has not already similar provisions, no Chinese shall be employed in connection with or in relation to any of the works, rights, trade, business, occupation, or property given, granted, confirmed, authorized, or affected by the Act. In the event of any Chinese being so employed, the person by whom the same shall be employed shall be liable, upon summary conviction before any two justices of the peace, or functionary having the power of two justices of the peace, upon the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witness or witnesses, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor less than ten dollars, for every Chinese employed; and in default of immediate payment of the penalty, the same may be levied by distress and the sale of the goods and chattels of the person; and in the event of any Chinese being employed by any contractor or sub-contractor contrary to the provisions of this Act, then any such contractor or sub-contractor shall be liable, on summary conviction as aforesaid, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor less than ten dollars, for every Chinese employed; and in case of default in immediate payment of such last-mentioned penalty, the same may be recovered by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender; and in default of sufficient distress, the offender may be committed to any gaol or place of confinement situated within the territorial jurisdiction of the convicting justices, and there imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days; and any member, manager, director, officer or agent of a corporation who causes or procures any Chinese to be employed contrary to the provisions of this Act, or permits or consents to such employment, shall be liable, upon summary conviction as aforesaid, to the like penalties as hereinbefore in this section provided, recoverable in manner secondly hereinbefore mentioned.

3. The offender shall be liable to separate and successive penalties for each and every day during which any Chinese shall be employed.

4. The term "Chinese," wherever used in this Act shall mean any native of the Chinese Empire or its dependencies not born of British parents, and shall include any person of the Chinese race.

## Ore Shipments via Revelstoke.

The following are the shipments of ore through Revelstoke since the first:

	Tons.	Value.
Slovan Star	200	\$15,200
Hill	100	11,500
Enterprise	30	10,500
Mountain Chief	20	1,500
Monitor	10	1,750
Hobby	15	1,750

## The Route of the Crow's Nest.

If the Crow's Nest Pass road is constructed along the route favored by the surveyors and engineers who have been over the ground, it will not touch either Lethbridge, McLeod, Pincher Creek or Fort Steele. It would leave the Lethbridge branch at Woodpecker, cross the Calgary and Edmonton railway at Leavings, pass close by the Porcupine hills and then make straight for the Crow's Nest Pass. West of the mountains it would turn north along the river, and before reaching Steele would bend straight still again twist northward, following the south again along the Moyca lakes, and lake shore and river to Nelson.

## The Rambler's Second Dividend.

The directors of the Rambler-Cariboo Gold & Silver Mining company held a meeting on Friday and declared a dividend of 2 cents per share, or \$20,000, payable April 15th. This is the second dividend declared by this company, the first being for a like amount.

## AFTER HEINZE FOR DAMAGES.

A Tangle Which will Doubtless Use Up Thousands in Litigation.

One of the biggest mining suits ever filed in Silver Bow county, Montana, was commenced last week in the United States district court. The Boston & Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining Company is the plaintiff in the case, and F. Aug. Heinze, A. P. Heinze and the Montana Ore Purchasing Company are defendants. The sum of half a million dollars is asked for as damages for ore alleged to have been taken by defendants from the Pennsylvania mine. The basis of the suit is that the Rams, Johnstone and Little Ida claims have been so located that they have no end lines at all, contrary to the United States statutes in such cases.

The Rams, Little Ida and Johnstone claims adjoin the Pennsylvania on the north, the first mentioned three claims overlapping each other. The defendants, it is alleged, claim the right to enter and work the Pennsylvania on account of the fact that certain veins have their apexes on the claims owned by them, and they claim the right to follow those veins down on an angle even though they entered the side lines of the Pennsylvania, which it is said the veins did enter.

It is alleged by the Boston & Montana people that the veins followed by Heinze are not continuous or such veins that could be properly followed inside the Pennsylvania. The veins, it is alleged by the plaintiff, are broken and intersected by faults in such a way as to break up the veins, and it is also alleged that there are several veins which the defendants claim the right to follow beyond the side lines and into the property of the plaintiff, but that neither of the said veins in their courses depart from the end lines. It is alleged that the claims owned by the defendants are so located that they have no end lines whatever, and the failure on the part of the locators to mark the same with end lines or to locate the same along the defendants' veins, but on the contrary having located the same across the veins, the defendants are left without lateral rights and are not entitled to follow the lines into the plaintiff's ground.

A suit in equity was also filed asking that defendants be enjoined from moving any ore from the Pennsylvania until the hearing of the application.

## SHORT BITS OF NEWS FROM KASLO.

There was a meeting of the Kootenay Mining Protective Association last Saturday evening, at which H. E. Crossdale of the Hill Mines, was chosen president; George Alexander and Scott McDonald, vice-presidents of the Ainsworth mining division; John McGuigan and W. E. Mann, for the Slovan mining division; T. G. Proctor for the Goat River division, and Frank Fletcher for the Nelson division. The election of officers was not completed. As it was deemed especially desirable that the Trail Creek division should be represented in the association as well as the other divisions of the district, Messrs. Crossdale, Proctor and Mann were named as a committee to visit Rossland, Trail and other mining centers in the interest of the association and its objects. The names selected by a committee appointed by the chair to nominate a committee of management were Bruce White, G. W. Hughes, J. C. Eaton, J. M. Harris, J. A. Whittier, E. J. Matthews, J. E. Cutler, H. Selous, A. Fletcher, R. F. Green, H. Byers, T. J. Lendrum, J. L. Retallack, Alexander Smith and H. Giegerich. An earnest effort will be made to unite the mining men of the district for the protection of mining interests. John Keen was appointed secretary, and his enthusiasm will doubtless give much life to the management.

A dividend of two and a half per cent will be declared on March 31st by the Two Friends mine.

Cameron Brothers will no longer be connected with the transportation business after the beginning of next month. They have sold their entire outfit to Alexander and Johnson Lucas, the one of Calgary and the other of Toronto. The new firm will add materially to the extensive plant which they acquire from the Camerons. Few residents of Kaslo are better known than the Camerons, and none are more popular. It is satisfactory to know, therefore, that while disposing of their transportation business, they have no intention of leaving the town.

At the meeting of the city council on Thursday evening a letter was read from H. Giegerich, complaining of the flooding of his cellar by water from the city's mains, carelessly turned on from a hydrant by one of the city's officials.

There are constant visitors to the city in search of mining and other investments. One of the latest was F. W. Gossard, of Pincher Creek, who is already a large stockholder in the Ilex Mining & Development company of Slovan.

On Monday the police magistrate had before him a prisoner charged with the theft of money from the trunk of one of the waiting girls at the Adams House. He was caught in the room and shortly afterward the money was missed. But the evidence was hardly sufficient to bring the thief home to him and he was discharged with a caution. He was penniless when arrested, and said he was looking for work as a machinist. The city is filled with wandering characters who are destitute and solicit aid upon the streets.

## WATER COURSES ACT.

The Government Decides to Collect a Revenue From the Users of Water Power.

Attorney-General Eberts made a very good move on Friday, when he introduced the Water Courses Consolidation Act of 1897 in the legislature. The act, if it becomes law, will have an important bearing upon the mining industry of this district. It will no doubt tend to simplify the acquisition of water by bona-fide mining companies, and should obviate the necessity of their having to apply to the legislature for special acts in order to secure water for the running of concentrators. It may also be expected that the users of water in future will be required to pay a toll for the use of such water. There can be no injustice in this. There is no reason why the crown should not treat the water courses of the province in the same manner as it does the timber. In sections where water power is not available and companies are obliged to use steam, the government charges a tax upon the cordwood consumed, despite the fact that the use of steam is much more expensive than the use of water power. The cordwood once used is lost to the crown, but the power in water courses is a permanent asset. Men using water for power purposes have no more right to expect the free use of the same than have men using steam to expect free cordwood. Heretofore the provincial government has overlooked a very important source of revenue, and now that an attempt is made to correct an oversight, the government should be commended for it.

According to the preamble the act is comprehensive in its scope, confirming to the crown all unrecorded and unappropriated water and water power in the province, consolidating and amending the law relating to the acquiring of water rights and privileges for ordinary, domestic, mining, and agricultural purposes, and making adequate provision for municipal water supply, and for the application of water power to industrial and mechanical purposes. The act, if passed, will come into force on June 1st, 1897. It repeals the different sections in the mining and land acts and water privileges act dealing with water power, but such appeals shall not affect any rights acquired or any liabilities or penalties incurred, or act done under the acts affected by such repeals.

All unrecorded water is declared to be vested in the crown, and save in the exercise of any legal right existing at the time of such diversion or appropriation, no person shall divert or appropriate any water from any river, water course, lake or stream, excepting under the provisions of this act, or except in the exercise of the general right of all persons to use water for domestic and stock supply from any river, lake or stream vested in the crown, and to which there is access by a public road or reserve. No right to the permanent diversion or the exclusive use of water shall be acquired by any riparian owner or any other person, by length of use or otherwise than as the same may be acquired or conferred under the provisions of this act, or some other existing or future act of parliament.

The lieutenant-governor in council may from time to time impose and reserve to the crown, in the right of the province, such rents, royalties, tolls and charges in respect of the waters, or of the lands of the crown and of the powers, rights and privileges, which are conferred by this act, as by the lieutenant-governor in council shall be deemed to be just and proper, and may likewise make and pass such regulations and rules as may be deemed necessary and advisable for the collection and enforcement of such rents, royalties, tolls and charges, or any of them: Provided, that where by order in council such rents, royalties, tolls and charges are fixed in respect of any power, right or privilege, the same shall be permanent for the space of five years next succeeding the passing of such order in council fixing the same, and thereafter shall be subject to quinquennial adjustment, increase or decrease.

The second part of the act deals with the acquisition of water by record for ordinary, domestic, agricultural and mining purposes. Every owner of land may secure the right to divert unrecorded water for agricultural or for mechanical or industrial purposes to any amount reasonably necessary therefor upon obtaining a record in the manner provided by the act. Every owner of a mine may secure similar rights for any mining purpose whatsoever upon obtaining a record. The holders of such records are given the right of entry on and through the mines and lands of others for carrying water, but they must make full compensation for any loss or damage which may be caused by reason of such entry. Every holder of a record shall take all reasonable means for utilizing the water granted to him, and if he wilfully wastes any water or takes a quantity in excess of his actual requirements, the commissioner, or gold commissioner, may, upon notice, cancel or reduce the record or impose all necessary conditions.

Provisions are made to appeal from the decisions of the chief commissioner. The third part makes provision for the supplying of water by water works systems to cities, towns and unincorporated localities. Any municipality may, from time to time, obtain one or more records of the unrecorded water in any streams or lakes as a source or source of supply for a projected water works system, or a branch of a system, or to augment any existing system, or branch of such system, in manner hereinafter provided. Any municipality shall, from time to time, where a

sufficient supply of unrecorded water is not available within reasonable limits of distance and expenditure, have, subject to the approval of the lieutenant-governor in council, the right of expropriation over recorded water and all works in connection therewith to the extent deemed necessary by the municipality to obtain a proper and sufficient source of water supply for ordinary household purposes.

Any company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1897, shall, under certain conditions named, have all the rights, powers and privileges conferred upon municipalities, and shall, subject to the conditions, if any, upon which the consent of the municipality is given, have exclusive rights in this behalf within the municipality.

If in any year during the operation within a municipality of a system of water works by a company, under and by virtue of the provisions of the two next preceding sections of this Act, the net profits earned by and divided from the said water works system shall exceed twenty per centum per annum on the paid up stock of the company, the rates charged by the company for water shall, when required by the municipality by notice in writing, and within thirty days after service of such notice on the company, be reduced so that the said profits shall not exceed the aforesaid rate of twenty per centum per annum on the paid up stock of the company.

The bill has received its second reading, Dr. Walken alone voting against it. It is expected that some amendments will be made in committee.

## SHORT BITS OF NEWS FROM KASLO.

Judge Forin has authority after all to try the case of city clerk Chipman, who is charged by alderman Buchanan with an offense against the city by-laws. The supreme court has so decided in the argument for a writ of prohibition. The case will now doubtless be heard upon its merits, as the alderman seems determined to push the complaint to a finish. He is also after the city solicitor for appearing on behalf of the clerk, but the council does not appear to second him in his undertaking, having laid both charge and answer on the table at a recent meeting.

The city has had a number of social entertainments during the week which have been unusually successful. The fancy dress carnival on Monday evening, was well attended and some very pretty costumes were exhibited, and characters well represented. The race of war with the constants on skates afforded no end of amusement to the spectators.

On Wednesday evening the members of the society of Sons of Erin, gave their first concert, ball and supper. It was attended by a large crowd and afforded an opportunity for enjoyment rarely had. There were about fifty couples on the floor. The concert, which the evening's entertainment opened, was the occasion for some good singing.

The big fight on Wednesday, between the notorious sluggers at Carson City, seemed to create a great deal of excitement in Kaslo, and crowds were at both places of resort which had private wires run into their establishments.

There is a new phase in the trouble which has rent the Church of England congregation in this city for some time. The bishop of New Westminster has had an injunction served upon John Keen, restraining him from interfering with any of his clergymen, or with the holding of services in the church until May next. The bishop has also sent the Rev. Mr. Yates, a newly ordained deacon, who in connection with Mr. Akhurst, will hold weekly services. It remains to be seen whether he will be successful in re-uniting the congregation. It will require a good deal of skillful diplomacy and no end of good, sound "horse sense."

C. L. Webb and H. McKicken of Seattle, who are largely interested in the Montezuma mine on the south fork of Kaslo creek, were in the city on Sunday and Monday, and after visiting the mine, took into consideration the construction of a well also a tramway to convey the ore to the south fork, upon which stream the mill will be erected.

Angus Campbell, formerly of the steamer Red Star, not long ago bought two finely situated lots on Front street. It is now said he will utilize them by building a large hotel upon them. He has been negotiating for suitable plans for the structure.

F. C. Gamble, the resident engineer for the public work department, was in the city on Tuesday, and on Wednesday he went to the Lardo to make an inspection of the work which is being done there and give directions for its further prosecution. He was accompanied from Kaslo by alderman Buchanan. They went up on the Angerona of Mr. Busk's fleet. All is not harmonious amongst the local Liberals, and there is in some quarters complaint over the dispensation of the small medium of patronage which has come this way. There is a murmured annoyance because the older war horses of the party whose entire manhood has been devoted to its interests throughout the long period of adversity are passed over, and pup and patronage are given to the younger fry. There is some contention with Liberalism as of yesterday compared with the life long devotion of the neglected ones. There are other charges about the discharge of previous incurred obligations made by these non-contents, which suggest the title of the old drama, in which Sir Giles Overreach is a principal character.

## LADY ABERDEEN'S SCHEME FAILS.

The Ladies of Kaslo Show Their Good Sense By Rejecting It Coolly.

The committee of ladies appointed to canvass Kaslo, on behalf of the Countess of Aberdeen's projected Victorian order of home helpers was instructed to report at a meeting to be held last Sunday afternoon. But at the appointed time only one lady put in an appearance, and her story was briefly told. The ladies had solicited subscriptions with considerable success, but they had failed to awaken any great enthusiasm of the ladies themselves sufficient to induce them to forego the pleasure of a Sunday afternoon's chat with husbands, or gentlemen friends. They will be given another opportunity to report the result of their efforts.

Speaking of this scheme of Lady Aberdeen's the Toronto Telegram says: "The Royal Victoria Home Helpers scheme which" proposes to scatter "ministering angels" throughout the northwest, is being sized up by the press of the Dominion. The impression seems to be that the scheme is impracticable, in fact, unworkable. All those interested in the management of the leading hospitals of Toronto are opposed to the scheme and in eastern and western cities a like opinion obtains. The scheme has many weak points in it, and not one strong one. It would materially interfere with the work of the trained nurses that are turned out every year by the great hospitals of Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and other cities, and would be the means of flooding the country with a regiment of useless women, whose imperfect knowledge would do a lot of harm. The medical men to whom the scheme has been submitted, and who have approved of it, seem to have been hasty in forming an opinion. No medical man who reviews the scheme, and who has the slightest knowledge of hospital work, could endorse it, for, as a correspondent of the Hamilton Spectator puts the case, "it would be a refuge for useless women and old maids, or a resort for ambitious girls, who, once a spattering of midwifery was obtained, would hang out their shingles and display their certificates in every hamlet in the country, a rival of the village doctor and a menace to human life." No, the scheme should be withdrawn. The public will stand the floating of a great many fads, but this home helper scheme is unwise, and has not a single good point to commend it."

## SLOVAN MINING NEWS.

The owners of the Goodenough and Grey Copper mineral claims have organized a joint stock company to take over their properties. The incorporators of the new company are J. A. Whittier, J. H. Thompson, J. M. Martin, A. Goodenough, and D. W. Moore. The capital stock is \$800,000, divided into as many shares of the par value of \$1 each. The treasury stock will consist of 200,000 shares. The officers of the company, provisionally, are: J. A. Whittier, president and manager; J. H. Thompson, vice-president, and D. W. Moore, secretary-treasurer. The official name of the company is "The Goodenough Mines."

Peter Hall Desclant has sold his undivided one-half interest in the Nansen mineral claim, situated in the White-water basin, to Henry Alexander Barton, agent for the Gresham Gold Exploring Syndicate of London. The consideration was \$750.

The Echo Mining Company, recently organized, is sending out a force of men to begin development work at once. The claims are situated in Jackson basin, and are said to be promising. Henry Cody will have charge of the mine.

A deal has been made on the Bolander, situated on Cody creek, adjoining the Noonday. A company has been incorporated under the laws of Washington, to stock and work the property. The promoters of the deal are all monied men of Findley, Ohio, who are intent upon investing their capital in Slovan properties.

John Savage fell down a 20-foot slope at the Noble Five mine, splintering one of the small bones of the leg. He was removed to the hospital at New Denver for treatment.

J. M. McCallum, who has been acting as clerk at the Hotel Sandon, left last Monday for Slovan City, where he will establish a branch butcher shop for P. Burns & Co., of Nelson.

## EAST KOOTENAY DEALS.

J. C. Durick and A. Doyle of Fort Steele, have bonded the Alberta mineral claim to captain P. P. Armstrong of Golden, for \$10,000. The Alberta is situate on Perry creek, and is a gold proportion. Very little work has been done on the claim.

E. C. Smith, J. Cleaver and O. S. Frizzell of Fort Steele, have bonded the Gem and Stoney mineral claims to Messrs. Smith, Harris and Williams of Spokane, for \$20,000. The Gem is the northern extension of the Hamlet, one of the famous Sullivan group, and the Stoney lies north of the Gem. The claims are silver-lead propositions, and are considered good properties.

The East Kootenay Mining and Development Company has acquired by bond and purchase, several valuable properties on Perry creek, Bull and Elk rivers. D. W. Jackson, representing the company, is preparing to commence work as soon as possible on the Perry creek properties.











## LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

R. L. Kirkwood, one of the locators of the Enterprise on Ten-mile, is on his way back to New Denver. He returned from the east by way of San Francisco and Victoria.

The question of custodianship of the Hanna children at Trail, was before the full court at Victoria last week. An appeal was taken from an order of Judge Bole, who gave the father the custody of the three eldest children, and the mother the three youngest. The full court ordered vacated the order appealed from, and ordered that the children must not be removed out of the jurisdiction without the leave of the court. The whole matter will be heard before a supreme court judge at the Nelson sittings on March 30th.

Captain Armstrong, of East Kootenay, and James P. Wardner have just completed the organization of the International Transportation company, which is to operate a line of steamers between Port Steele and Jennings on the Kootenay river. A steamer will be run every day between Port Steele and Jennings, and will have a capacity of 100 tons.

To the wife of A. R. Lott there was born a son, on Tuesday.

On Saturday the organization of the Kootenay miners' union was perfected at Kaslo. H. E. Crossdale of the Hall Mines was made president of the union with the following vice-presidents: George Alexander and Scott McDonald for the Ainsworth mining division; John G. McGuigan and W. E. Mann for the Slocan mining division; L. C. Procter for the Goat river division, and Frank Fletcher for the Nelson division; J. R. Robertson of Nelson, treasurer, and John Keen, secretary.

The option held by the London Gold Fields syndicate of Nelson on the Jumbo mine at Rossland expires at the end of the present month. The option calls for \$500,000 for the property. The property has been favorably reported upon and there appears to be every chance of the deal going through.

The British Columbia Association of Mining Engineers at its meeting in Vancouver on Saturday, elected the following officers: President, S. M. Robins; vice-president, A. H. Holdich; council, Messrs. Howard, A. R. S. M., of New Denver; A. J. Colquhoun, M. E.; R. C. Campbell-Johnston, manager of the Bondholder; J. P. Bledsoe, J. B. Holson, and J. P. Warner of Cariboo; W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist; and W. McGregor, Nanaimo; treasurer, Colonel Tracy, M. A. E.; secretary, G. P. Monckton, F. G. S. The next meeting of the association will be held in New Denver during the first week in June.

The Echo Mining and Milling company has let a contract to Henry Cody to run 200 feet of tunnel upon its property at the head of Jackson basin, and he has forwarded a crew with tools and provisions to begin the work. He will join them in a few days.

The Nelson hockey team will play the Sandon team in Sandon this evening. The Sandon team were the winners in the Kaslo-Rossland-Sandon tournament, but the Nelson boys think they can best them.

George Johnstone, collector for the port of Nelson, has moved into his new quarters on the corner of Stanley and Victoria streets. The new offices are a great improvement over the old and will no doubt fill the bill until the federal government puts up a building of its own.

There is considerable uneasiness felt in Pilot Bay concerning the fate of Henry Rose, an old time prospector of that place. Rose and his partner, Stephen Brook, went on a trip to the St. Mary's country last November. Brook did not stay very long and returned to Pilot Bay. Since he left Rose nothing has been heard concerning him. On the fourth instant a dog which accompanied Rose returned to Pilot Bay and fears are entertained that Rose has met with some accident. There was plenty of food in the cabin at which Rose was stopping.

Ira W. Black has sold his Sandon hotel, together with the furnishings, for \$20,000. The purchaser was G. B. Leslie, of Toronto. The deal calls for \$10,000 cash, with the balance in six, nine and twelve months.

William Bryan, a prospector, was killed by the incoming train on the N. & E. S. railway Wednesday evening. The man was lying with his feet across the rail near the North Fork, and was struck by the snow plow of the locomotive. He was tossed in the air and in falling, fractured his skull. The coroner's jury found a verdict of accidental death, and the body was buried on Thursday.

Silver has been on the mend since Tuesday's drop. It advanced one-eighth on Wednesday and made a similar advance on Thursday. Yesterday the New York quotation was 62½, with lead at \$3.30.

## How the Powers Love Peace.

CANEA, March 18.—The Austrian gunboat Zebenico, fired upon and sunk near Caudia a Greek vessel loaded with provisions and munitions intended for the Greek forces in Crete. The Zebenico, while watching the Greek ships, was fired upon by insurgents. The Austrian warship replied by sinking the Greek craft, and driving off the insurgents. It is feared this news will greatly irritate the populace at Athens, and have the influence of precipitating the crisis the powers are striving in every way possible to avert.

## To Widen the Gauge.

The Great Falls & Canada railway, which extends from Lethbridge, N. W. T., to Great Falls, Montana, is to be widened to standard gauge during the coming summer. The bed of the Canadian portion of the line has already been prepared to widen the gauge. For the last two years the road has been working to this ultimate end, and during the past summer about concluded the work. Cut-tings and bridges are all ready to receive the broad gauge rails, and by those who are in a position to know, it is said the work of widening the gauge will be begun as soon as the weather permits.

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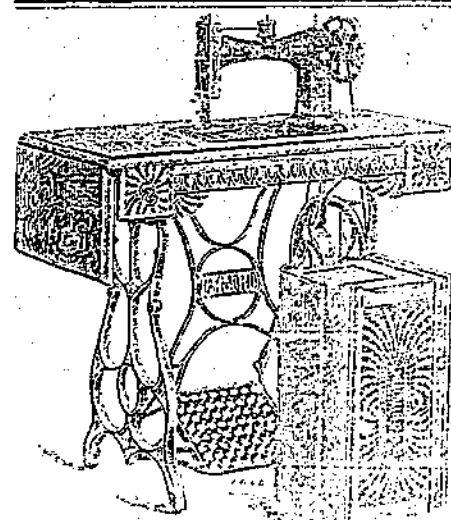
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