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

FIFTH YEAR.—NO. 25. NELSON BRITISH COLUMBIA, SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1897. TWO DOLLARS A YEAR.

NO SYMPATHY FOR SQUATTERS.

The Government Seems Inclined to Push Them as Hard as It Possibly Can.

The short debate upon the second reading of the government's bill for the eviction of the squatters upon government lots in the city of Nelson did not disclose any intention on the part of the government to deal fairly with such of the squatters as have erected substantial dwellings upon the government lots.

When the bill came up for its second reading Mr. Hume objected to it as unnecessary on the ground that the government had sufficient authority to deal with the squatters as the law stood at present.

Mr. Kellie interposed on behalf of the squatters and asked the government what the position would be of those who had built upon the government lots. He asked why the government could not rent the ground to the squatters instead of turning them off and causing them to lose the improvements they had put upon the land.

These very reasonable interrogations were passed over by the members of the cabinet, and the second reading was carried on a division of 16 to 7. When the house went into committee on the bill Mr. Hume pressed the government for an answer to the question as to what course would be adopted in the case of squatters who had made substantial improvements. He asked if the government intended to compensate the squatters for their improvements.

Attorney-general Eberts replied that the government did not. The government had sent out notice to the squatters to leave the lands in order to secure the crown's title. Without any further explanation the bill was reported and put through its final stages.

SHORT BITS OF NEWS FROM KASLO.

Kaslo is to have at least a portion of the additional hotel accommodation which it so much needs. The proprietors of the Kaslo have an addition to their present house well under way, and will rush it to completion as fast as possible. D. M. Linnard, of Rossland, purchased a couple lots on Front street the other day and will build a hotel of forty rooms, which has already been leased to Daniel Shaw, also of Rossland. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are now in the city, and will manage the new house in a first-class manner.

The steamer International was in hospital during two or three days of the earlier part of the week, being fitted with new connecting rods. She resumed her place on the Nelson route on Wednesday evening. In her down trip on the same day she took a cargo of ore from the sampling works, which sank her hull well nigh to the guards.

D. W. Moore, who has been visiting the eastern cities of Canada, returned to Kaslo on Tuesday last. He is interested in several mining properties, and while in the east formed connections which will enable him to place this kind of property with advantage. Mr. Moore left Kaslo in company with John A. Whittier, president and manager of the Goodenough mines, who was married at Charleston, Massachusetts, on the 20th day of April last, to Miss Ellen Fraser. Mr. and Mrs. Whittier are expected to reach Kaslo this week, and will make the city their home.

Hamilton Byers will build a forty foot addition to his new premises on Front street. His hardware business has so extended as to require additional accommodation.

The executive committee to which was entrusted the preparation of a program for the queen's birthday celebration, have completed the first draft of a list of events for the two days sports. On Monday the 24th, there will be sailing and horse races, with a base ball game between the Kaslo and Spokane nines in the evening. The second day's entertainment will comprise Caledonian sports in the morning and a regetta in the afternoon. The drilling contest will commence at 3 o'clock, and should be the feature of the day, as it is hoped there will be a large number of contestants. There will be also a tug of war, in which Kaslo will meet all comers. The celebration will conclude with a grand ball, in which all visitors will be invited to take part.

Charles Melson and Rory McLeod have sold the mineral claim Jessie A, situate in the Hot Springs camp, to Charles A. Conner of Spokane. They receive $250 as a consideration for the claim.

O. G. Labaree, of Nelson, records another prospecting agreement. The parties to the present arrangement are T. H. Wilkin and L. S. Cass. They are to work in East and West Kootenay, and Mr. Labaree is to handle the properties which they may locate. Hon. W. B. Ives and R. H. Pope of Compton, are also interested in the agreement.

Lot Willey's new hotel at Bear lake was burned to the ground on Thursday afternoon. Much of the furniture was saved, but in a badly broken condition. It is reported to have caught from a stove pipe in the kitchen addition. Mr. and Mrs. Willey were in the city on Wednesday and only reached home an hour or two before the fire.

Arthur Clagne is again in the clutches of the police. Last autumn he served a three months' sentence in the Kaslo lock-up for breaking into the portmanteau of E. H. Tomlinson at the railway station, and stealing a revolver and some other articles. At that time he shot himself in the hand with the pistol. This time he was arrested in the Lake View house and is charged with having stolen a suit of clothes from one of the lodgers, and secreted them under the bed in the room where he was arrested.

Alexander McKenzie has withdrawn from the city's police force, and will devote his time to developing some mineral claims near the Columbia river in which he is interested. James Weir has been appointed to the vacant place.

Messrs. Green brothers have let a contract for the construction of a new building on Front street, a few doors from Fifth street, which they will utilize as a postoffice when furnished.

Word has been received from the district passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway at Vancouver that special rates on the company's steamers will be given those visiting this city on the occasion of the birthday celebration. The company's local representatives were much aggrieved because a different announcement was made and the company scored because of its alleged churlishness.

Forwarded with the "act to amend the mineral act, 1896," is an extract from the "company's act, 1897," relating to the free miner's certificate to be issued to joint stock companies, and providing that such certificates shall not be issued for more than one year, and that those already issued shall "expire on the 30th day of June, 1897." This extracts purports to be section 23 of the "companies act." A diligent search of the act, "certified correct as passed third reading," fails to disclose the provision. Was there an omission?

A New Engineering and Mining Firm.

Morris, McLean & Company is the name the name and style of a new mining and engineering firm which was formed in Nelson this week. The personnel of the firm gives it the stamp of a rustling combination, which it will be hard to beat in general engineering and mining business. The head of the firm is D. Morris, a civil and hydraulic engineer, formerly with the Columbia & Western Railway company at Trail. For several years Mr. Morris has given hydraulic engineering his especial attention. He came to this city from Rossland, after having put in the water works system in that city. The second member of the firm is W. C. McLean, who is well known throughout the province and the west as a successful railway contractor. During the recent lull in railway construction in the past three years Mr. McLean has given his attention to mining, during which time he has succeeded in placing several properties with moneyed syndicates. Mr. McLean brings a local knowledge to the firm, which will be invaluable. R. E. Lemon, of this city, who was also among the first comers in southern Kootenay, makes the third member of the firm. Though he has been but one year in the mining business exclusively, he has already a considerable clientage, so that the new firm will not have to wait for its business to come in. Norman A. Mackenzie completes the quartette which makes up the firm. Mr. Mackenzie is also a Rossland man. He got into Rossland early in the boom, and enjoyed a very large measure of success as a mining broker. He is the youngest member of the firm, and a great hustler. Messrs. Morris, McLean & Company have taken a suite of three rooms in the Clements & Hillyer block and are having them suitably fitted up.

Matte and Ore Shipments.

The Trail Creek smelter furnished the bulk of the mineral exports for the current week, sending close upon $75,000 worth of matte. The balance of the shipments came from three Slocan properties and from the Little Phil and Black Diamond at Ainsworth. The entries at the port of Nelson for the week were:

BULLION AND MATTE.

	Pounds	Value
Trail smelter	244,657	

ORE.

	Tons.	Approximate Value.
Noble Five mines, Slocan	98	
Slocan Star, Sandon	135	
Slocan Boy mine	17	
Little Phil mine, Ainsworth	19	
Black Diamond mine, Ainsworth	18	
Total for week	499	$ 91,947
Total so far for May	950	$221,082
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 May 12	2,296	$223,382
Total so far for 1897	22,586	$2,794,638

The Poorman Deal.

Hector McRae and J. Fred Ritchie announce that the Poorman group of mines was purchased for $100,000, and that a new company is to be organized to take over the property. The capital is to be $250,000, with $50,000 in the treasury for development work, new machinery and other improvements. The capital will be divided into 1,000,000 shares of the par value of 25 cents each, hence there will be 250,000 shares in the treasury. The trustees of the new company will be Hector McRae, J. Fred Ritchie, J. Fred Hume, M. P. P., A. L. Davenport and Robert Ewart.

Ore Exports via Revelstoke.

The exports of Slocan ore via the outport of Revelstoke for the month of April, were:

	Tons.	Value.
B. N. White	300	$ 21,048
Idaho	131	15,199
Enterprise	40	6,573
Monitor	20	2,510
Mountain Chief	20	1,481
Hustler	19	2,733
Total	533	$52,541

RESOURCES OF THE BIG BEND.

The Illusions which Romancers Have Built Up are Dispelled by Frank C. Nason.

Those who have resided in this province for any length of time and have heard the repeated tales of the wonderful richness of the Big Bend district have no doubt often wondered why a district of such marvelous richness should remain stagnant. True it is that the district has lacked transportation facilities, but in a district so rich as the Big Bend has been represented to be, it was not unreasonable to expect that this difficulty would be in a measure overcome. Yet the Big Bend has remained stagnant, and if what Frank L. Nason says concerning it be true it is not likely to have any great revival until some of its mineral richness is discovered. Nason is not a blackmailing tramp newspaper man. He is an experienced mining man who has had considerable actual experience in the Big Bend, and for this reason his account of the district, as it appears in the Engineering and Mining Journal, should carry some weight. Concerning the mines and prospects thus far opened along the Columbia and in the Big Bend he says:

About 12 miles from Revelstoke, in Jordan pass, two prospectors are engaged in developing a large vein of galena and pyrite. The vein is reported to be from 5 feet to 15 feet in width and to have a streak of solid galena about three feet thick. The remainder of the vein is concentrating ore. The galena is reported to carry from 10 to 20 ounces of silver, and gold in the mixed pyrites from $4 to $10 gold per ton. This prospect is located in the gold range and is the only prospect reported on the west side of the river below Smith creek, 60 miles above Revelstoke.

Along the trail which follows up the east bank of the Columbia the first mining of any kind is a small bar digging about four miles from Revelstoke. This has been worked principally by Chinamen and from them no definite information is to be gained. From the fact that the bar is only worked intermittently it is to be inferred that it is not very rich. Pannings by the writer showed a good deal of fine gold confined to a gravel stratum about two feet to four feet thick and yielding from 10 to 50 cents a yard. It may be remarked that this claim or bar is typical of dozens of such places along the river. These bars are not in a position to make hydraulicking possible, lying at river level at high water, and their gold content and extent do not warrant the use of dredgers.

Twenty-eight miles above Revelstoke is Carnes creek. For at least 10 years there have been "snipers" who have earned a living by washing shallow bars, and, in low water, building wing dams, thus partially turning the stream, and recovering the gold-bearing gravel "sniped" from the bared stream bed. The gold is course, of fine quality, bringing from $18 to $18.50 an ounce, and is beaten into shapelss masses, showing that it has traveled for a considerable distance. Every rise of water takes out the crude wing dams and sluices, but with recurring low water these are put in again and the same ground worked over. This shows that gold is still running in the stream. There are benches or terraces rising from 50 to 100 feet above the level of the stream, but confined as they are in a narrow canon they are not extensive enough to warrant the putting in of a hydraulic plant, nor are they rich enough to pay for hand work. Numerous tunnels have been driven in these benches in order to strike the vein rock, which has been done in many instances, but the yield of gold has not been sufficient to warrant extensive work. The work has been done entirely by prospectors, many of the tunnels having been driven at least thirty years ago. The gravel from the "grass roots" down carries gold. In the autumn of 1896 a large block of claims were staked out and sold to Seattle parties, but when examined by an engineer, they were abandoned as unfit for hydraulicking.

Five miles above the mouth of Carnes creek, from where it empties into the Columbia, a large vein of mineral was discovered in 1895. Eight claims have been located on this vein and development work was begun in 1896. A tunnel has been driuen in over 50 feet, the vein at this point being about 10 feet wide. There is no free gold in the ore, which consists of iron pyrites, arsenical pyrites, chalcopyrite, galena and other sulphides. The assay value of the ore as it comes from the tunnel is $10 to $20 a ton.

Twelve miles above Carnes creek is Boyd's ranch. On the top of a mountain ten miles east of this ranch another group of claims has been located. The character of the ore and its assay value is the same as the vein on Carnes creek.

Five miles from this ranch Downie empties into the Columbia river. This creek is also flanked by benches or terraces, of which all the gravels carry some gold, while a thin stratum carries 25 cents to $1 a yard. It is too thin, however, to work by tunneling, and hydraulicking is impossible for the same reason as at Carnes creek. Several auriferous sulphide claims have been located up this creek, but little or no work has been done on them, certainly not enough to determine either the size or the value of the prospects, though high hopes are entertained of them.

Between Downie creek and Gold Stream, a distance of 17 miles, no work of any importance has been done. Several bars in the Columbia have been worked by white men, notably Seven-mile bar, and many more have been worked by Chinamen. Around Gold Stream and its tributaries, however, the deepest interest has been centered. Gold was first discovered here in about 1860 to 1865. In 1895 two mining companies, or, more properly speaking, two partnerships of prospectors, put in extensive wing dams about one mile from the mouth of Gold Stream. A good many ounces of coarse gold of fine quality had been previously taken from the crevices in the bed of the stream during low water and it is believed that by turning the stream, if only partially, good results would be obtained. The wing dams which were put in cost about $5000, but only about $2000 were recovered the following season, the bedrock, a white dolomite, being found to be worn almost perfectly smooth, with no gravel and only now and then a coarse nugget of gold. The gravel in the benches on either side of the stream carries gold in considerable quantity, but cannot be hydraulicked. In the northeastern angle between the Columbia and Gold Stream is an extensive brush of gravel which is now being tested. Considerable gold is found, the gravel carrying as high as 25 cents a yard. The principal difficulty is lack of water under head.

Four miles above the mouth of Gold Stream a tributary, Camp creek, flows in. Considerable gold has been found on this stream and within the past two years several attempts have been made by prospectors to sink a shaft to bedrock and tunnel under the stream on bedrock. Though the gravel from the surface down shows gold it was not the intention to hydraulic the stream, but only to work it as a drift or bedrock diggings. The appliances for handling the water were crude, quicksands were encountered and the shaft was then abandoned.

Eight miles up Gold stream, another tributary stream, McCullough creek, has in the past produced a great amount of placer gold. Extensive works were planned and some hydraulic pipe was brought on the ground when trouble over the division of the output of the mine arose, and the property has been idle ever since awaiting the action of the courts. Three miles above this claim is another on which persistent efforts have been made to reach bedrock. The effort was successful in the autumn of 1896, but very little gold was found. The gravel above, over 100 feet thick, is reported to be very rich. Nuggets have been found worth from $5 to $7, together with much fine gold.

Three miles above McCullough creek French creek comes in. This is the most famous stream in the Big Bend. It is reported to have produced gold to the value of from $100,000 to $1,000,000. There is no way of verifying these reports today, but the traces of former occupation and work are everywhere extant. Long tunnels are driven into the benches, shafts sunk, and ruins of scores of log cabins and mining tools mark scenes of stirring activity about thirty years ago. The richness of the gravels left easily leads one to believe that there were bars of great richness when the place was first discovered. Within the past ten years there has been at least six different claims worked, principally as bar or creek diggings. One company has sunk a shaft 50 feet deep to bedrock and has run extensive tunnels under the bed of the stream. The gold produced is coarse, probably 50 per cent of it being nuggets worth from $1 to $50, though only two of the latter value have been found. The remainder of the gold occurs in 5 to 50 cent nuggets. Several of these claims have been recently consolidated and an extensive hydraulic plant is to be put in this spring.

Almost directly opposite the mouth of Gold stream another auriferous creek empties into the Columbia. This stream, Smith creek, was worked, on the surface only, in the "early days," 1860 to 1865, and some very rich bars have been found. Latterly two companies of miners have made attempts to sink shafts to bedrock, without success. An American company has now taken possession and will thoroughly prospect it with the view of putting in a hydraulic plant. In the upper angle between the Columbia river and Smith creek, another American company has the distinction of putting in the first hydraulic plant in the Big Bend. This plant was in operation in 1896.

The Big Bend country has been known to be auriferous for the last thirty years or more. The country was pretty well traversed by prospectors in the early days, but, with the exception of the finds on French creek, no diggings were found that could be worked at a profit with access so difficult and supplies so high. Even now practically the only prospecting that has been done has been on streams emptying into the Columbia river, and only a few miles from their mouths. Again prospecting has been confined almost exclusively to auriferous gravels, little or no attention being paid to ledges. In mining the gravels of the streams, not only of these on which placers are being worked, but on others as well, there is found among the black sands a liberal sprinkling of galena. Considering how soft and friable this mineral is, it seems as it must have a pretty extensive source in order to show as abundantly as it does. In the lower sands, the "blue gravel" of the Californians, there is also found much pyrite, chalcopyrite and other sulphides. These are without exception, so far as the writer's experience goes, auriferous. Whether these auriferous and argentiferous sulphides come from extensive and workable veins or from small stringers, no one is yet able to say for certain. With the three exceptions quoted on Carnes creek, Downie, and back of Boyd's ranch, no sulphide deposits have been located. Near Smith creek several irregular veins in hydro-mica slate have been found to carry gold in their iron sulphides, but no large workable veins have been found.

In one instance, however, the placer gold has been traced up the stream to its source and a large number of claims located on ledges. Prospecting was begun at the mouth of McCullough creek. Gold was found in flattened, hammered scales. Higher up the stream these characteristics began to disappear, the gold had more quartz and vein matter attached to it and at the head of the stream the gold was found as if just loosened from its matrix, in many cases having soft slate still adhering. A little higher up, in what is known as Ground Hog basin, the parent lodes were found. These ledges are veins of quartz running through the soft hydromica slate which forms the country rock. The gold comes free in the quartz and is also free in the slate of the contact walls as well as in the included masses of slate in the vein. Sulphides of iron occur in varying percentages, all carrying gold. Some veins are found consisting of almost solid iron pyrites. Several companies have staked the section pretty thoroughly and are now developing the prospects. As French, McCullough and Camp creeks rise in nearly the same mountain, it seems more than probable that this is the source of their gold.

Owing to the difficulties of gaining access to the mountains, but little thorough prospecting has been done save for placer gold. Then, too, the successful development of mines in the lower country has attracted the attention of more prospectors. In the mountains of the Big Bend snows come early and remain late, thus practically limiting the season to, at the most, three months—July August and September. In spite of these drawbacks it is the writer's opinion that a thorough search in this section will meet with great success. Once a large mineral belt is developed, the government is very prompt and liberal in aiding mining enterprises by opening and maintaining good trails.

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Charles Van Ness, one of the owners of the Grey Eagle claim, on Observation mountain adjoining the townsite of Grand Forks, has let a contract for a 50 foot tunnel on the property.

The Hall mines tramway was started up this week after having been completely overhauled. Both sections of the tramway have been fitted with a new cable to which has been attached the new clips designed by superintendent Painter. These clips are fastened into the heart of the cable, and have an immense advantage over the Hallidie clip in that they admit of a smoother running of the buckets and effect a considerable saving in the matter of repairs and in the running time of the tramway. The tramway is now bringing down close upon 125 tons of ore every 12 hours.

The advantages of incorporation are manifest to such residents of Nelson as happen to live off the main streets of the city. Heretofore these people have had neither sidewalks nor roads to their residences. Now several of them have both roadways and sidewalks, while others are in a fair way of securing them. A fairly good road has been made on Mill street and grading is now going on on Josephine and Latimer streets. These roads will not represent a very heavy expenditure, but they will be of great convenience to the people living along them.

The customs collections of the port of Nelson for the current month amount to over $20,000 up to date. The indications are that the collections for May will be the heaviest in the history of the port.

J. Ogden Grahame, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, is in the city on business.

E. P. Whalley is negotiating for the soda water works of Walter S. Ashpitel. It is likely that the business will be taken over by Mr. Whalley next week.

A congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church was held Tuesday evening for the purpose of ascertaining whether the congregation was prepared to extend a call to a pastor. A majority of the members appeared favorable to extending a call to Rev. Robt. Frew, who is at present filling the pulpit, but it was eventually decided to postpone action in the matter until other applicants could be heard. Rev. Robt. Frew will occupy the pulpit for the next two Sundays.

The new Canadian Pacific railway steamer for Slocan lake was launched on Wednesday in the presence of a large number of people. The boat is 160 feet long with 30 feet beam. She will make her first trip within ten days.

George K dd, who was in charge of the Sandon branch of the Bank of British North America, will have charge of the new branch which the bank opened at Slocan City on Monday.

A fire was put in the Hall Mines reverberatory furnace on Friday, for the purpose of cementing the quartz bottom of the furnace. The furnace was charged with matte today, and the first metal will be drawn from the furnace this evening. The company has a large stock of matte on hand, and will commence the shipment of blister copper during the latter part of the present month. The roasters have been working for the past two weeks.

The machinery for the Honeyman foundry and machine shop will arrive in Nelson from Portland this evening. If the provincial government does not play the dog in the manger with a couple of vacant town-lots, Nelson will soon have a machine shop in full swing.

To the wife of J. Fred Hume, there was born a son this morning.

The Nelson yacht Myth will enter in the Kaslo race on May 24th, against the Kootenaian of Kaslo.

NEW OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED.

The Southern Portion of Kootenay to Have a Sheriff and Official Administrator.

Southern Kootenay is steadily forcing its claim for due recognition upon the provincial government. For years the southern portion of the district has been forced to content itself with an arrange- whereby the sheriff and official administrator for the district were located in the town of Donald, in the extreme north of the district. The people of southern Kootenay have chafed under the inconvenience of this arrangement for years, but heretofore without effect.

This session, however, the government passed a bill granting southern Kootenay relief. It provides for further territorial division of the province for judicial and other purposes. In moving the second reading of the bill, attorney-general Eberts said the general tenor of the bill was for the purpose of changing the confines of Kootenay. There has been so great an influx of population into this portion of the county that it is necessary for the purpose of more effectually providing for the administration of justice that further officers be appointed here, viz., a sheriff and an official administrator. As matters stood the sheriff for East and West Kootenay is at Donald, away up in the northern part of this territory. By this act a new county of Kootenay is to be formed, power being given to the lieutenant-governor in council to include within its limits such portions of the counties of Kootenay and Yale as may be deemed expedient, and to appoint a sheriff invested with the power necessary to carry on his office. The same power is given in reference to the position of official administrator. The official administrator at the present time lives at Donald, and it is the intention to appoint another administrator in the southern part of Kootenay in the neighborhood of Nelson, Rossland and Trail.

Personnel of Kaslo's Ball Team.

The players with whom the Kaslo base ball club will enter the Washington-Kootenay league have been selected, and manager Berchess has about determined the places to which he will assign them. The aggregation is thus placed: Corliss, catcher; Hughes and Nash, pitchers; Berchess, 1st base; Matthias, 2nd base; Rankine, 3rd base; Davy or Murphy, shortstop; Clark, left field; Murphy or Davy, center field; Kauffman, right field. The antecedents of some of the players may be thus enumerated: Corliss, the pitcher, comes from Portland, and last year pitched for the Monogram club in the extended Examiner tournament of that year. Nash is also from Portland and was a member of the same club, and played in the tournament. Hughes for the second time played for the Victorians last year in the Pacific Northwest league, which prematurely went to pieces. Davy and Clark played with the Seattle club in the same league. Rankine also hails from Portland and Kaufman comes from Spokane. Both are good players and hard hitters, although they will come anew to work in which they were not regularly employed last year. Manager Berchess has taken up a residence in Kaslo, and it is to his wide acquaintance and experience in base ball affairs that the Kaslo club has been able to get together so strong a team. Murphy and Matthias have resided in this city for a considerable time, and are known to be reliable players. Those best able to judge declare that the nine as thus constituted will enter the lists with very fair prospects of taking a worthy place on the score list, even if they do not succeed in winning the trophy which the Kootenaian will award to the victorious nine in the league series.

SLOCAN MINING NOTES.

George W. Hughes announces that so soon as the snow disappears he will continue the McGuigan creek wagon road to the Best basin. When this road is built the Best will be in shape to make regular shipments. The road will also cheapen the transportation charges on the Rambler shipments.

The concentrator at the Washington mine started up on Thursday of last week and has been working steadily ever since with an abundance of water. A large body of ore has been blocked out during the winter's development work.

A block of 40,000 shares of Noble Five mining stock was sold in Spokane on Saturday at 45 cents. The stock was purchased by Toronto people. Noble Five stock was put on the market late last summer at 25 cents, and has therefore proved a good buy.

A rumor was current again this week to the effect that the Pilot Bay smelter would again start up, but inquiry failed to establish the story as authentic. A. H. Buchanan, of the Bank of Montreal, accompanied by the coast officials of the bank, paid the smelter a visit this week. As the bank is largely interested in the smelter the visit of the bank officials may have started the story.

C. L. Webb and associates, of Seattle, made the final payment of $15,000 on the Montezuma on Friday. The payment was not due until August 19, but the purchasers considered the property sufficiently developed to pay the amount and secure their rebate. A concentrator and tramway will be built at once.

The owners of the Lucky Jim will commence the building of 13,000 feet of an aerial tramway next week. The tramway will connect the mine with the K. & S. railway.

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The Tribune.

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THE action of the provincial government in passing the bill for the eviction of all squatters upon crown lands, has a lively interest for those who have squatted upon government lots in this city. There can be no question but that the bill was framed for the especial purpose of driving these people off. When this bill becomes law the government will have all the legal machinery necessary for driving the squatters off without regard to any improvements made. It is not desirable that such action should be taken by the government. The circumstances of the case do not warrant it, and a resort to force on the part of the government might be met with force on the part of the squatters. This can be easily avoided, and it is the duty of the government to avoid it. The squatters may have put themselves in a false position in going upon government lots, but the government in withholding the lots from sale retains an equally false position. The proper course for the government to pursue is to put all its property within the limits of the city of Nelson up to sale. The government could safeguard its interest by the upset price, and if the squatters did not protect their interests they would have themselves to blame. Now that Nelson is an incorporated city, it is not right that the government should retain over 400 town lots within the city limits and refuse to pay any taxes whatever upon them. Fairness demands that the government dispose of these lots as soon as possible. It is not suggested that the lots should be forced upon the market, but in a city where residential property is held so high that people will go upon government lots and expend hundreds of dollars in improvements without any shadow of a title, it is not unreasonable to think that property when offered for sale will bring a fair price. It is difficult for those unacquainted with the conditions in Nelson to appreciate the position of the squatters. The press of the coast is inclined to look upon them as land pirates, but in truth they are fairly honest people, who, unable to pay a fancy price for building lots to private holdeers, have squatted upon government property and improved the same upon the chance of being able to buy it in at a public auction sale. It is to be hoped that the government will exercise good judgment in this matter. There is nothing to be gained by a resort to harsh measures. The government is morally bound to sell the property. It will avoid a lot of strife by selling the squatters' lots in the open market subject to a fair upset price. The circumstance that cabinet ministers can be pig-headed is no excuse for their being so.

IN the legislature last week, a telegram was read as coming from H. E. Croasdaile, on behalf of the Kootenay Mining Protective Association, stating that the association did not authorize the sending of any telegrams against the insertion of the alien clause in the mineral act. There was no good reason why the Kootenay Mining Protective Association should protest against the insertion of the alien clause. The members of this association are mine owners, rather than working miners, and the alien clause represented the churlish spirit of a disappointed workman, who for the reason that he was unable to get work in the United States, wished to so amend the statutes that citizens of the United States could not work in the mines of Kootenay. The clause was so drawn that it did not apply to wealthy aliens. Their right to hold and work mines as a corporate body remained the same. The object of the amendment was to shut out the prospector and working miner, and in the prospector and working miner it is not to be supposed that the Kootenay Mining Protective Association takes any warm interest.

J. FRED HUME'S resolution, that the government acted without authority in granting Heinze 1200 inches of water from Beaver creek, was defeated in the legislature on Wednesday last. The resolution was lost on a straight party vote, but it afforded Mr. Hume and several opposition members a chance to show that the government had displayed an indecent haste in granting the water to Heinze. It was clearly shown that colonel Baker had exceeded his authority in granting the water right which captain Fitzstubbs had refused, and it was directly charged that the government, in bringing down the correspondence bearing upon the case, had withheld communications unfavorable to the minister of mines. The government's position did not admit of defence, and the ministers contented themselves with recording a vote of confidence from their mechanical majority.

THE result of the Chilliwack election on Friday indicates that the Turner administration is losing ground on the mainland. The election was necessitated by the death of Thomas E. Kitchen, who had represented that district for several years. In the last general election Kitchen had a majority of but 22, but on Friday A. S. Vedder, the opposition candidate, had a majority of 37 votes over T. C. Higginson, government candidate. Kitchen was always considered the strongest government man in the district, and Vedder's success in polling a heavier vote than Kitchen indicates a growth of opposition sentiment.

THE provincial legislature was prorogued on Saturday after sitting exactly three months. When the members were called to meet in February it was thought by many that the government would go to pieces on the British Pacific railway. A compromise was reached, however, and the railway party continued the most servile supporter of the government to the end of the session.

THE Rossland Miner has started the story that Hon. D. W. Higgins will refuse to serve another term in the legislature as speaker, and that he will go upon the floor of the house and oppose the government of Premier Turner. The reasons assigned by the Miner for this probable move of the speaker's is that the government has put several slights upon him as speaker during the present session and altogether ignored him in the matter of the Cassiar Central railway job. THE TRIBUNE has no inside information upon the subject, but it will venture the opinion that if Hon. D. W. Higgins gives up the position of speaker it will not be for any of the reasons assigned. Speaker Higgins is a shrewd man, whose eye is ever on the main chance. He has been practically at outs with the present administration ever since it was formed, and has been waiting to see how the cat would probably jump. If he quits the chair it will be because he has made up his mind that the Turner administration will not live through another general election, and because he does not wish to go down in the ship. If D. W. Higgins rats the Turner party it is not likely that he will go alone.

THERE is at present before the railway committee of the house of commons a bill to make all debts due for work done, wages due, or material supplied in construction, a first lien on a railway; in other words, that such debts shall have first claim on Dominion subsidies. Those who have had any acquaintance with railway building in this province will welcome the passage of such a bill. In the past it has apparently been the purpose of railway contractors in Kootenay to swindle every one they could, and against roads declared to be for the general good of Canada, the men so swindled appear to have been unable to secure any redress whatever. As there will be considerable railway building in Kootenay this summer, it is important that every possible safeguard be thrown around those supplying labor and materials for the construction of such works. The experience West Kootenay has had with irresponsible railway contractors should make them unanimous in their efforts to strengthen the hands of those who are now moving to make the Dominion subsidies firstly liable for wages and materials. THE TRIBUNE hopes that the press of the district will take this matter up.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR DEWDNEY has seen fit to withhold his assent from the bill passed by the legislature this session for the purpose of preventing the employment of Chinese by companies receiving concessions from the crown. When public opinion is so strong upon a subject that it forces legislation from a hostile government, such legislation may safely be taken as in accordance with the wishes of the people. The bill which lieutenant-governor Dewdney refused to assent to passed the legislature on a division of 21 to 8. It provided that "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, 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, right or privileges whatsoever, or for the amendment of 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." There can be no question but that the passing of this act was in the interests of the province of British Columbia. It clashed, however, with the interests of certain speculative railway promoters who have become large beneficiaries of the province. Had lieutenant-governor Dewdney assented to this bill, in the natural order of things the bill would have gone before the minister of justice of the Dominion for approval, and the governor-general could have disallowed it at any time within one year from the date of its being given force of law. Since lieutenant-governor Dewdney has adopted the unusual course of refusing his assent to the bill, the question of motive for so doing is directly raised. In lieutenant-governor Dewdney the people of British Columbia have a lieutenant-governor who was not above becoming a stockholder and director in a prospective railway company which was a large beneficiary of the province. This being so, the people may be pardoned for speculating as to whether lieutenant-governor Dewdney, in defending his assent to this bill, was doing the cabinet that opposed it a service or whether he has lately become interested in the British Pacific Railway company. This railway company is very much interested in this anti-Chinese act. If the act is knocked out the company will have the right to retain its cash and land subsidies and employ Chinese as well. This may be a reflection upon Hon. Edgar Dewdney, but his conduct in leaving the province last summer to assist Heinze in floating his railway bonds invites just such reflections.

AT a meeting of the city council Monday evening a communication was read from J. A. Mara, on behalf of the Consumers' Water Works company, offering to sell to the corporation the company's plant and water privileges for $5000. This is about one-third of the valuation placed upon the plant, etc., of the company by the company's officers in February, when the bill incorporating the city was before the legislature. This figure no doubt more nearly approaches the value of what the water company has to sell the city and upon this valuation negotiations with a view to purchase will probably be opened. It is in the interests of the city that this rival company should be got out of the way, and the only way is by purchase. While it may be said that the construction of a water system by the corporation would in a measure cripple the Consumers' Waterworks company, it must also be remembered that so long as this company remained in the business it would likewise seriously impair the revenue derived by the corporation from the civic system. It is not unreasonable to suppose that a very large percentage of the consumers of water, having their present connections with the Consumers' company system, would continue to receive their water from that company in order to avoid the charges incidental to making new connections. When the legislature refused to compel the corporation to pay the water company $13,500 for its system it was no doubt influenced by the assurances of the friends of the city of Nelson that the representatives of the citizens of Nelson could be depended upon to pay the Consumers' Water Works company a fair valuation for its plant and privileges. This is no doubt what the city council intends to do. The city engineer has been instructed to prepare a report upon the condition of the company's plant, and the city solicitor has been instructed to report upon the company's privileges under its charter of incorporation. Upon the nature of their reports will no doubt in a great measure depend the valuation which the city council will place upon the company's plant and charter. There is every reason to believe that if a deal is made between the city of Nelson and the Consumers' Water Works company none but business considerations will enter into it. It is as much to the interest of the Consumers' Water Works company to sell as it is to the interest of the corporation to purchase, and for this reason there should not be any difficulty as to terms.

FOR his gallant conduct in saving the lives of his fellow workmen in the shaft of the Young America mine in February last, Jim Hemsworth was on Tuesday evening last presented with the bronze medal of the Royal Canadian Humane Society. The medal was forwarded from Hamilton by Adam Brown, president of the society, accompanied by a manly letter of congratulation from Hamilton's warm hearted postmaster.

THE liberal tidal wave struck the province of Quebec this week and swept the Flynn administration out of existence. Premier Flynn saved his seat with a majority of seven votes. In the previous election he had a majority of 702. The conservatives are at a loss to account for their overwhelming defeat.

The Crow's Nest Pass Railway and The Slocan River Railway

are to be built during the year 1897. Construction work has already commenced on the last named. These two roads with the two already having terminals at Nelson will make Nelson the railway center of Southern British Columbia. Real estate in railway centers rapidly increases in value—often more rapidly than stocks in undeveloped mines—and Nelson will be no exception. The following described property is choice and the prices such as to insure purchasers against making a losing:

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KEEPING UP THE PACE.

The City Council Goes Steadily on Improving the Streets and Building Sidewalks.

The fourth regular meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen of the corporation of the city of Nelson was held in the court house, Nelson, on Monday, May 10th, at 8 p. m. Present, mayor Houston, and aldermen Dow, Fletcher, Gilker, Hillyer, Malone and Teetzel.

Alderman Fletcher presented the report of the public works committee. On motion of alderman Teetzel, seconded by alderman Gilker, the report was received and ordered placed on file.

Communications were received from G. C. Hodge, re surface water on Stanley street, and from Charles Whittitt re surface water on block 21, addition A. On motion of alderman Hillyer, seconded by alderman Gilker, the communications were referred to the public works committee.

A communication was received from the city treasurer, A. H. Clements, asking for a two months leave of absence. On motion of alderman Teetzel, seconded by alderman Gilker, it was resolved, "That the city treasurer, A. H. Clements, be granted a two months leave of absence, and that during his absence all checks drawn against the city's funds be signed by the chairman of the finance committee as acting treasurer, and by the mayor." Carried.

Communications were received from R. A. Winerals and J. A. Bigelow, resigning their offices as policemen; from F. S. Barnard re Consumers' Water Works Company; from J. A. Mara, offering the plant of the Consumers' Water Works Company for the sum of $5000; from Armstrong & Morrison, re pipe for waterworks; from Robert Ince, applying for position as policeman; from The Tribune Publishing Company giving quotations for printing and advertising; from the deputy attorney-general, re appointment of police magistrate, and from the city solicitor re vagrancy by-law.

On motion of alderman Teetzel, seconded by alderman Fletcher, it was resolved, "That the resignations of R. A. Winerals and J. A. Bigelow, as members of the city police force, be accepted, to date from the 11th instant a 12 m., and that the mayor be authorized to appoint policemen to act temporarily." Carried.

On motion of alderman Teetzel, seconded by alderman Fletcher, it was resolved, "That the city solicitor be requested to give the council a written opinion re what rights the Consumers' Water Works Company has under its charter, the opinion to be submitted at the next general meeting of the council." Carried.

On motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Malone, the communication of Messrs. Armstrong & Morrison, was referred to the public works committee.

On motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Gilker, the communication of The Tribune Publishing Company was referred to the finance committee.

On motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Teetzel, it was resolved, "That by-law No. 7, entitled, A By-law for the Prevention of Vice, be now read a second time." Carried. The by-law was so read, and on motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Gilker, was ordered to be considered in committee of the whole at the next meeting of the council.

The mayor reported that thus far $235 had been expended on street improvement for labor and tools, and about $500 on sidewalks.

On motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Malone, it was resolved, "That the city engineer be instructed to establish a grade on Stanley street, between Observatory street and the Hall Mines road, and estimate the cost of grading the necessary distance to improve the roadway." Carried.

On motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Teetzel, it was resolved, "That Alexander Chisholm be awarded the contract for a sidewalk on Hall street under the direction of the city engineer, at the price of $3.75 per thousand feet B. M." Carried.

On motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Malone, it was resolved, "That the city engineer report on the cheapest way of making the roaway passable at the corner of Ward and Silicia streets, together with estimate of cost of bridge over Ward creek on Silicia street. Report for next meeting of the council." Carried.

On motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Malone, it was resolved, "That the present road gang foreman be instructed to repair Latimer street, between Stanley and Josephine—cost not to exceed $100." Carried.

On motion of alderman Malone, seconded by alderman Fletcher, it was resolved, "That the city engineer report on the cost of opening up an alleyway in the block between Silicia, Carbonate, Josephine and Ward streets, and report at the next meeting." Carried.

On motion of alderman Teetzel, seconded by alderman Fletcher, it was resolved, "That the city engineer be requested to report to the council in writing as to the condition of the pipe mains of the Consumers' Water Works Company, the report to be submitted at the next regular meeting of the council." Carried.

On motion of alderman Fletcher, seconded by alderman Teetzel, it was resolved, "That the mayor be authorized to issue receipts in lieu of licenses until proper by-law is passed, provided the city solicitor approve of such course as not being illegal." Carried.

On motion of alderman Teetzel, seconded by alderman Gilker, it was resolved, "That the following accounts be paid: R. A. Winerals, $32.50, salary as policeman for April; J. A. Bigelow, $15.20, salary as policeman for April; C. E. Sealey, salary as city clerk for April; R. A. Winerals, $23.85, salary as policeman for May; J. A. Bigelow, $23.85, salary as policeman for May; and that orders be drawn on the city treasurer for the amounts, and that checks signed by the city treasurer and the mayor be issued therefor." Carried.

Alderman Teetzel gave notice that he would introduce a by-law governing licenses at the next meeting of the council.

The city engineer reported that he would have maps ready in a few days, showing grades of streets in the city, and would then immediately begin surveys for waterworks.

EXORBITANT RAILWAY RATES.

And Kite Flying by Railway Promoters will Receive the Attention of a Commission.

The discussion over the construction of the Crow's Nest railway will no doubt result in much good to the people of the whole Dominion, as it has resulted in directing the attention of the federal government to the necessity for regulating the rates of the great transportation companies. In this connection the Toronto Globe says:

It is now generally believed that minister Blair intends to establish as an integral part of the machinery of government a railway commission, with power not only to regulate rates, but also to see that companies properly expend the moneys raised for the construction of railways and exercise the powers conferred under their charters in such a manner as to carry out their obligations to the people. This means a tremendous step in advance and one that will be very acceptable to the commercial interests of the country. The people have had their burdens very greatly increased by paying railway rates far beyond what the actual cost of the railways demanded. If, in response to the minister of railways, parliament calls a halt, stops kite-flying, gives no more charters to be peddled about by persons who, when they secure them, have no intention of building the railways for which they provide, and forces the railways to give reasonable and equalized freight rates all over the Dominion, it will perform a service to the country of the first magnitude.

This end cannot be reached, however, without a struggle with the great railway interests, and it is manifestly impossible to take up the whole transportation system during what remains of the present session. That the proposal to establish a railway commission will be the chief government measure of the next session seems entirely probable, judging from Mr. Blair's remarks. It will be greatly to the advantage of the country that the matter should be thoroughly discussed, by those having a special knowledge of the subject, prior to next session of the house. The question of how best to provide railway communication through the Crow's Nest Pass, while incident to this general railway question, will have to be settled during the present session. Mr. Blair, as has already been stated in this column, says there is in some minds doubt as to whether the general power to build branch lines possessed by the C. P. R. under its charter gives the right to construct extensions from lines of which it is lessee or applies to the proposed Crow's Nest extension. Proposals to confer further powers upon railways to run through the pass are all to be deferred till the government announces its policy. The central point of that policy is stated in the words of the minister of railways: "We want to assure the people of this country that for the future, for all time, they are going to have unrestricted railway connection through that pass."

Rearrangement of the Canadian Pacific.

The rearrangement of the C. P. R. system has just been completed. Formerly there were five divisions of the road, viz: The Atlantic, Ontario & Quebec, Eastern, Western and Pacific, but henceforth there will be only two, the Eastern, extending from the Atlantic to Fort William, and the Western, comprising that part of the line thence to the Pacific. Thomas Tait, formerly assistant general manager of the road, becomes manager of the eastern division and William Wythe, formerly superintendent of the original western section, manager of the extended western division. The district superintendents will not be interfered with, and Mr. R. Marpole will be superintendent of the old Pacific section with headquarters at Vancouver.

Three Still Alive.

Three of the queen's twelve bridesmaids are still alive. One is lord Rosebery's mother, and another, the elder of the dowager-duchesses of Bedford, is a sister of lord Sackville, of unlamented memory. These were at first supposed to be the only survivors, but a third is discovered in the person of lady Jane Bouvine, who at that time was the most beautiful of the lot, and, as the daughter of the earl of Radnor, was a notable figure in society. But she married a commoner in 1847, and has been living in cheerful obscurity ever since.

TO EVICT NELSON SQUATTERS.

Full Text of the Bill which the Government Put Through the Legislature.

The act recently passed by the legislature for the removal of squatters from crown lands will be interesting though hardly pleasant reading to the residents of Nelson, for whose removal the act was introduced. The mere passing of the act does not necessarily imply that the government will attempt harsh measures with the squatters, but until the difficulty is adjusted the squatters will no doubt be on the anxious seat. The following is the text of the bill:

When any person is wrongfully or without lawful authority in possession of any public land and refuses to vacate or abandon the same, the chief commissioner of lands and works, or any officer or agent of the department of lands and works authorized by the chief commissioner for that purpose, may, upon affidavit of the facts, apply to the county judge of the county, or any stipendiary magistrate of the district, in which the land lies, for a summons directed to such person calling upon him forthwith to vacate or abandon possession of the said land, or within ten days after service of said summons to show cause why an order for his removal should not be made, and if upon return of the summons it shall appear that he has not vacated or abandoned possession, or he shall not show good cause to the contrary, the judge or stipendiary magistrate shall make an order for the summary removal of such person from such land, and such order shall be executed by the sheriff or any bailiff, or constable, or other person to whom it shall be delivered.

It shall be sufficient service of the summons if a copy thereof be left with any grown up person found on the land and another copy be put up in some conspicuous place thereon, and where no grown up person is found on the land, if a copy be put up in each of two such conspicuous places.

The officer to whom any warrant is addressed under the provisions of this act shall forthwith remove the person named therein from crown lands, and in the execution of the warrant shall have all the powers, rights, immunities and privileges enjoyed by a sheriff or constable or other peace officer in the execution of his duty.

Any person remaining upon crown lands after having been ordered to leave the same, or returning thereto after having left in obedience to a summons, or after having been removed under warrant as aforesaid, shall, upon summary conviction thereof before a stipendiary or police magistrate, or before any two or more justices of the peace, be liable to a fine of not less than twenty dollars or more than one hundred dollars and costs, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three calendar months, but in case such person so convicted shall pay such fine and costs and continue in possession of such crown lands, or shall return thereto after having served any term of imprisonment imposed in default of payment thereof, he shall upon summary conviction thereof as aforesaid be liable to a further fine of not less than twenty dollars or more than one hundred dollars and costs, and in default of payment of such further fine and costs, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six calendar months, and he shall be similarly dealt with so long as he shall continue in possession after payment of any fine as aforesaid.

Any person resisting, obstructing or interfering with an officer executing a warrant or serving a summons issued under this act shall be liable to the same penalties as a person resisting, interfering or obstructing a sheriff or constable or other peace officer in the execution of his duty.

The officer executing a warrant or serving a summons issued under this act may take with him all necessary assistance, and shall have the right to demand such assistance in the same manner as a constable or other peace officer in the execution of his duty may lawfully do.

To Tax Companies in Colorado.

The following extracts are taken from the laws in reference to incorporations in the state of Colorado: Every corporation, joint stock company or association, incorporated by or under any general or special law of this state, or by or under any general or special law of any foreign state or kingdom, or any state or territory of the United States beyond the limits of this state, having capital stock divided into shares, shall pay to the secretary of the state, for the use of the state, a fee of $10 in case the capital stock which said corporation, joint stock company or association is authorized to have, does not exceed $50,000; but, in case the capital stock thereof is in excess of $50,000, the secretary of state shall collect the further sum of 15 cents on each and every thousand dollars of such excess, and a like fee of 15 cents on each thousand dollars of the amount of each subsequent increase of stock. But this act shall not apply to corporations not for pecuniary profit or corporations organized for religious educational or benevolent purposes.

The Manlys Carry Grand Forks.

The Manleys carried everything their own way in the municipal election in Grand Forks. There were 73 voters on the list, and of these John A. Manley received 43 as a mayoralty candidate against 23 which were cast for Peter T. McCallum. There were seven aldermanic candidates in the field, and included in the six returned were two more of the Manley family. The aldermanic vote was: W. C. K. Manley, 49; P. J. Davis, 44; Al Manley, 41; Dr. W. G. Hepsworth, 42; Ed Duford, 37; J. K. Johnson, 33; J. H. Teatterston, 32.

American Divorces Won't Go.

In reference to supreme court of Canada, regarding the right of the Canadian parliament to enact sections 275 and 276 of the criminal code, dealing with bigamy, the judges confirm the sections as intra vires, Sir Henry Strong alone dissenting. By this ruling any person who has been married in this country and then goes to the United States for the purpose of being divorced, returning to Canada and marrying, is guilty of a bigamous act and is liable to the penalty inflicted for the same.

Anglican Church Repudiates Prohibition.

The Anglican synod in session at Winnipeg on Saturday created somewhat of a sensation by refusing to urge all church members to support the temperance plebiscite to be taken by the dominion government. A motion that the synod should take such action was moved by W. R. Mulock, but an amendment was moved by Dean O'Meara, seconded by Rev. C. R. Littler, that, while the synod considers it advisable that the opinion of the dominion electors should be sought by a plebiscite as to the advisability of prohibition: and while further, if as a result of the plebiscite, prohibition legislation should be enacted, the synod would urge all churchmen to a cordial and loyal support of the law, yet the synod did not consider it advisable to pronounce in advance any opinion on a subject to be submitted to the judgment of the electorate. A debate followed, which was closed by the archbishop, who stated distinctly that he would vote against prohibition in the plebiscite. He had come to the conclusion that, while the scripture condemns drunkenness in most certain tones and makes it a special sin, yet it regards wine as a good gift of God, and the very emblem of joy. He held that the scripture allows that which is a great enjoyment to many, and he believed, very healthful when properly used. He believed that in practice prohibition would be a failure, and that in enacting it the country would be interfering with the free rights of the people, and doing a grevious wrong to a large section of the community. He would be quite prepared to see drunkenness made a criminal offense, the same as theft, and punished in the usual way. The amendment was carried by 37 to 10.

No Longer a Social Leader.

Since the death of her son, Mrs. John W. Mackay has evinced no inclination to resume her brilliant social career. Almost immediately following the death of her son came the death, in Rome, of her father, colonel Hungerford. Since this latter event she has been living at the Hotel Metropole, in Monte Carlo, in almost absolute seclusion.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Excursion to Kaslo

The Oddfellows of Nelson—Kootenay Lodge No. 16 I.O.O.F.—will hold their fifth annual excursion to Kaslo on Monday, May 24th. The steamer International has been chartered for the occasion.

The Queen's Birthday celebration committee of Kaslo has arranged a first-class programme, including Caledonian sports, music, dancing, horse racing, boat racing, and miners' drilling competition.

Tickets for the round trip—good to return next day—from Nelson: Adults, $1.50; children under 15 years $1; from Balfour, Pilot Bay, and Ainsworth, $1.

Meals served on the boat at 50 cents.

Boat will leave city wharf, Nelson, at 8 a. m., and returning leave Kaslo at 7:30 p. m.

The Nelson brass band will accompany the excursion.

Committee: A. E. Lott, W. Hodson, E. C. Arthur, J. Johnson, W. J. McGrath, and S. P. Shaw.

MINING STOCK FOR SALE

100,000 shares of stock in the Hansard Gold and Copper Mining Company.

50,000 shares in the Kootenay Development Company.

100,000 shares in the White Grouse Mining Company.

For further information apply to
R. E. LEMON, Nelson, B. C.
Clements & Hillyer block.

No. 598

Certificate of the Registration of a Foreign Company.

"COMPANIES' ACT," PART IV., AND AMENDING ACTS.

"KOOTENAY MINING COMPANY, LIMITED" (FOREIGN.)

Registered the 23rd day of February, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Kootenay Mining Company, Limited," (Foreign), under the "Companies Act, Part IV.," "Registration of Foreign Companies, and Amending Acts."

The Head Office of the said Company is situated at the City of Tacoma, in the State of Washington, U. S. A.

The objects for which the Company is established are:

To own, operate, and conduct a mining business for the purpose of mining gold, silver and other precious metals, in the State of Washington and British Columbia; to develop mines, construct stamp mills and blast furnaces, or smelters, water flumes, dykes, ditches, and other improvements necessary to carry on and operate a general mining business; to acquire, use, or dispose of property, whether real, personal, or mixed, and to sell or mortgage the same; to construct, maintain, and operate lines of railroad for the purpose of transporting ores or mineral deposits of any character, to and from the mines of this Company; to buy and sell, own and hold real estate, mines or mining claims, water or water rights, flumes or ditches; to buy bonds, stocks or mortgages, or security of individuals, or other corporations; to erect, maintain and operate a smelter and refinery, and to construct all buildings and machinery necessary for the reduction of mineral deposits from the state of nature to a refined metal, and to perform such other acts and things as may be necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of this corporation.

The capital stock of the said Company is $2,000,000 divided into 2,000,000 shares of the par value of $1 each.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of February, 1897.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

[May 15th]

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Notice is hereby given that I, Edward John Powell, intend to apply at the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof, to the commissioner of lands and works or other proper officer, to purchase the following lands, situate at or near Quartz Creek, Nelson division of Kootenay.

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at the initial post at the southeast corner, thence 40 chains due west, thence 60 chains due north, thence forty chains due east, thence 60 chains due south to place of beginning. Initial post at southeast corner.

EDWARD J. POWELL.

Dated, this 20th day of April, 1897. [April 24th]

Notice of Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between A. H. Clements and A. E. Lott, carrying on the business of hotelmen in the city of Nelson, at the Merchants hotel, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The business of the former partnership will in future be carried on by A. H. Clements and H. J. Martin, of Regina.

A. H. CLEMENTS.
A. E. LOTT.

Witness:
JEFFERSON DAVIS.

April 30th, 1897.

A New Typewriter—Made by a Canadian Firm.

We have had the pleasure of looking over the New Empire Typewriter, a Canadian made machine, and find it a marvel of simplicity through which the makers claim durability. The types strike direct, moving only two inches on a steel bed, giving speed and great manifolding power. Each type at time of writing is locked, ensuring perfect alignment. The writing is visible doing away with the lifting of a heavy carriage; the touch is easy, the response quick and the type do not appear to lock. Ruling vertical and horizontal may be done on it and the price is less than half that of other standard machines. So confident are the makers of the success of their machine they will refund the money of any unsatisfied purchaser after a ten days' trial. The Thomson Stationery Company of Vancouver and Nelson are to be congratulated on securing the general agency for B. C. The machines seem to us to be at the top in merit and bottom in price.

The Kootenay Lake Sawmill Kaslo, B. C.

Will start about March 15th with about double its former capacity in all departments. 7,000,000 feet of logs under contract for early delivery.

The Planing Mill and Factory

Is now running full time under the management of C. E. Doty, a competent draughtsman and mechanic who will furnish special drawings free of charge.

New Designs

In house interiors, office and store fixtures, dado work, mantles, brackets, mouldings, book cases, furniture, turnings, carving, grill work, and band sawing. Orders for all such work executed in an artistic manner.

One Car Glass

Direct from Belgium expected this month. Rough and dressed lumber, laths, etc., always in stock.

Two Cars Sash and Doors

Yard and branch office foot of Hendryx Stre Nelson.

G. O. BUCHANAN

Nelson Sawmill Company, Limited

Kiln-dried and other Lumber can now be obtained at the yard; also Sashes, Doors, Veranda and Newel Posts, Base and Corner Blocks, Brackets, Balusters, Mouldings, Etc., Etc., at lowest prices.

EDUCATION OFFICE,
Victoria, 5th May, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools of the province will be held as follows, commencing on Friday, July 2nd, 1897, at 8:15 a. m.:

Victoria—In South Park School Building
Vancouver—In High School Building.
Kamloops—In Public School Building.

Each applicant must forward a notice, thirty days before the examination, stating the class and grade of certificate for which he will be a candidate, the optional subjects selected, and at which of the above named places he will attend.

Every notice of intention to be an applicant must be accompanied with satisfactory testimonial of moral character.

Candidates are notified that all of the above requirements must be fulfilled before their applications can be filed.

All candidates for First Class, Grade A Certificates, including Graduates, must attend in Victoria to take the subjects prescribed for July 12th and 13th instants, and to undergo required oral examinations.

S. D. POPE, Superintendent of Education.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has severed his connection with the business of the Kootenay hotel, Vernon street, Nelson, and from this date will not be responsible for any debts or obligations contracted by the management of the Kootenay hotel.

WILLIAM PETERSON.

Nelson, B. C., May 12th, 1897. [May 15th]

THE TREMONT
NELSON

MALONE & TREGILLUS, Proprietors.

Is one of the best hotels in Toad Mountain district, and is the headquarters for prospectors and miners.

GRAND VIEW HOTEL
FREDERICTON
TOAD MOUNTAIN

D. T. MORICE, Proprietor.

Excellent accommodation furnished the traveling public Prospector's and miner's supplies kept on hand.

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Mrs. Morley is prepared to receive pupils for piano, violin or organ. For terms

Apply to Thomson Stationery Co., Ltd., Nelson

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28 Broad Street, Victoria, B. C.

Gold	$1 00	Gold and Silver	$1 50
Silver	1 00	Lead and Silver	1 50
Lead	1 00	Copper, Silver, Gold	3 00
Copper	2 00		

Other metals on application. All samples to be sent carriage paid and clearly marked, and to be advised by letter enclosing charges.

International Navigation & Trading Co.,
LIMITED.

STEAMERS INTERNATIONAL AND ALBERTA
ON KOOTENAY LAKE AND RIVER.

Time Card in effect May 16th, 1897. Daily except Sunday. Subject to change without notice.

Leave Kaslo for Nelson and way points, daily except Sunday	5:30 a.m.
Arrive at Northport	12:15 p.m.
Arrive at Rossland	3:40 p.m.
Arrive at Spokane	6:00 p.m.
Leave Nelson for Kaslo and way points, daily except Sunday	5:00 p.m.
Leave Spokane	8:00 a.m.
Leave Rossland	10:30 a.m.
Leave Northport	1:50 p.m.

Close connection at Five-mile Point with all passenger trains of the N. & F. S. R. R. to and from Northport, Rossland and Spokane.

NEW SERVICE ON KOOTENAY LAKE.

Leave Nelson for Kaslo, etc., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Arrive at Kaslo	12:30 p.m.
Leave Kaslo for Nelson, etc., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	5:00 p.m.
Arrive at Nelson	9:00 p.m.

BONNER'S FERRY AND KOOTENAY RIVER SERVICE.

Leave Kaslo, Saturday	11:00 p.m.
Arrive at Boundary, Sunday	7:00 a.m.
Arrive at Bonner's Ferry, Sunday	11:30 a.m.
Leave Bonner's Ferry, Sunday	1:00 p.m.
Arrive at Boundary, Sunday	5:00 p.m.
Arrive at Kaslo, Sunday	10:00 p.m.

Close connection at Bonner's Ferry with trains east bound, leaving Spokane 7:30 a.m., and west bound, arriving at Spokane 7:00 p.m.

Through tickets sold at lowest rates and baggage checked to all United States points.

GEORGE ALEXANDER, General Manager.
Kaslo, May 15th, 1897. Head Office at Kaslo, B.C.

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
8:50 a.m.	NELSON	5:35 p.m.
10:30 a.m.	ROSSLAND	3:40 p.m.
8:00 a.m.	SPOKANE	6:00 p.m.

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

Columbia & Kootenay Branch
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

No. 3	No. 1	STATIONS	No. 2	No. 4
17:00	9:30	Leave Nelson Arrive	14:15	21:15
17:15	9:45	" Kootenay "	14:00	21:00
17:30	10:00	" Forty-mine Creek "	13:45	20:47
17:55	10:25	" Sloean "	13:02	20:26
18:45	11:15	Arrive Robson Leave	12:30	19:30

Trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 run Tuedays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
No. 1 connects with steamer for Trail Creek.
No. 3 connects with steamer for Arrowhead.
No. 2 awaits arrival of steamer from Arrowhead.
No. 4 awaits arrival of steamers from Trail Creek.
Close connection at Nelson with steamers to and from lake points.

J. HAMILTON, Trainmaster and Agent.

Kaslo & Slocan Railway.

DAILY SERVICE.

Leave 8:00 a.m.	Kaslo	Arrive	3:50 p.m.
" 8:36 a.m.	South Fork	"	3:15 p.m.
" 9:36 a.m.	Sproule's	"	2:15 p.m.
" 9:51 a.m.	Whitewater	"	2:00 p.m.
" 10:03 a.m.	Bear Lake	"	1:48 p.m.
" 10:18 a.m.	McGuigan	"	1:33 p.m.
" 10:30 a.m.	Bailey's	"	1:21 p.m.
" 10:39 a.m.	Junction	"	1:12 p.m.
Arrive 10:50 a.m.	Sandon	Leave	1:00 p.m.

R. W. BRYAN, Superintendent.
ROBERT IRVING, Traffic Manager.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

TAMARACK MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES NORTHEAST OF THE MOUTH OF WILD HORSE CREEK, AT ITS ENTRANCE INTO SALMON RIVER.

Take notice that I, W. D. Mackay, P.L.S., agent for John W. Handlen, free miner's certificate No. 75,110, 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 taken before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

W. D. MACKAY.

Dated, this 28th day of April, 1897. [May 1st.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

EUREKA, CHICORA, AND HIDDEN TREASURE, MINERAL CLAIMS, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON HALL CREEK.

Take notice that I, Frank Fletcher, free miner's certificate No. 73,921, on behalf of myself and other owners, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of improvements.

FRANK FLETCHER.

Dated, this 26th day of February, 1897. [Mar. 6th.]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

MOONSTONE AND BIGHT POWER MINERAL CLAIMS, SITUATE IN THE ASHSWORTH MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE SOUTH OF LARDO, AND ON THE WEST SHORE OF KOOTENAY LAKE.

Take notice that I, J. Herrick McGregor, acting as agent for the Victoria Mining & Development Company, Limited Liability, free miner's certificate No. 77,518, 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 claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

J. HERRICK McGREGOR.

Dated, this 21st day of April, 1897. [May 8th]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

THE TENNESSEE MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ABOUT THREE AND A HALF MILES NORTH OF THE HEADWATERS OF QUARTZ CREEK, A TRIBUTARY OF THE SALMON RIVER, AND ABOUT ONE AND A QUARTER MILES WEST FROM THE NELSON AND FORT SHEPPARD RAILWAY.

Take notice that I, P. Wilson, acting as agent for the Rossland Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, free free miner's certificate No. 79,326, 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.

P. E. WILSON.

Dated, this 4th day of May, 1897. [May 8th]

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date, I shall make application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase three hundred and twenty acres of land in West Kootenay district.

A. J. G. MOUAT.

Nelson, B. C., May 4th, 1897.

DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at a stake planted on the north bank of Kootenay river twenty chains west of the mouth of Grohman creek, and known as "A. J. G. Mouat's southwest corner," thence north eighty chains, more or less, thence east forty chains, thence south eighty chains, more or less to the Kootenay river, thence along the bank of said river forty chains, more or less, to the point of commencement.

Application for Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, at the expiration of thirty days, apply to the stipendiary magistrate of West Kootenay district, for a license to sell liquor by retail at his hotel on Sloean river, half way between Sloean City and Sloean Crossing.

WILLIAM MAHER.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1897. [April 24th]

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

A. E. Hodgins, city engineer, is making an examination of the mains of the Consumers' Water Works company, for the purpose of reporting upon the condition of the same to the council. He has also instructed Messrs. Spencer and Hipperson to make an independent report upon the condition of the company's pipes.

The bank of British North America has opened a branch in Slocan City. This is the fifth branch that the bank of B. N. A has opened in West Kootenay within the past year.

John A. Turner will discharge the duties of treasurer of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital Society during the absence from the city of A. H. Clements.

Robt. McKay, a miner, was instantly killed by a falling tree on Monday. In company with John McRae, McKay was engaged in clearing out the old government trail between Eagle and 49 creeks, and was caught by a falling tree. McKay came to this district from Nanaimo about a year ago. A brother working at the Ainsworth concentrator was notified of the fatality.

Mrs. E. C. Arthur, of this city, has passed her examination before the British Columbia Medical council at Victoria, and is therefore qualified to practice medicine in this province.

Arrangements have been perfected between Hector McRae and the owners of the Poorman group for the floating of the mines into a stock company. The mines will probably be stocked for $250,000, of which $50,000 will be reserved for development work. The new company will shortly issue a prospectus.

Otto Duevel secretary of the German Mining & Milling company, and Otto Jahn, a trustee of the same company, were in Nelson this week on their way to the company's properties on Goat creek. The company has seven claims along Goat creek, including the Mountain Belle group of four claims. For two years the company has been quietly working its property, the principal work being a 300-foot tunnel on the Mountain Belle group, but no attempt has been made to ship ore. A mining expert accompanied Duevel and Jahn to the property this week.

The directors of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital acknowledge with thanks the following contributions: G. O. Buchanan, 3 pounds tea; Charles Lohmer, checker board; J. A. Ryan, $4; the collection boxes, $8.60; Mrs. Hodson, marmalade; and the ladies' aid, 18 night shirts.

Messrs. Dobney and Parker of Rossland, have secured a bond on the mineral claim Kootenay Lake, situated on the east side side of Kootenay Lake, about 11 miles below Pilot Bay. The claim was formerly held by the officers and crew of the steamer Kokanee, known as the steamboat gang.

An attempt is being made to organize a local lodge of the Knights of Pythias in this city.

Messrs. McVicar and Dawes have eight men washing on their hydraulic property on 49 creek, and everything looks favorable to a successful season's work. As the indications are that there will be less water this year than formerly, it is the intention of the management to make but one clean-up. The water will probably last till the first week in July. Having secured a five years' lease of the ground Messrs. McVicar and Dawes have undertaken some rather expensive work for the purpose of facilitating the working of the ground.

Seneca G. Ketchum has been appointed city policeman. If there is anything in a name he should make a good officer.

Thursday morning John Miles was sentenced to three months imprisonment by Judge Forin for assaulting Mrs. McDonald of the Stanley house. The complaint in the case was laid by police officer Seneca G. Ketchum, but Mrs. McDonald did not press for a conviction. Had Mrs. McDonald entered the complaint Judge Forin said he would have given Miles the full penalty of two years for his offense. Miles will go to Kamloops, as his sentence calls for hard labor.

To the wife of Edmund Hinkling, of this city, there was born a daughter Thursday morning.

The steamer Kokanee will hereafter make a Monday trip to the townsites of Lardo and Argenta at the head of Kootenay lake. The Lardo-Duncan country will be extensively prospected this summer and the freight and passenger business offering is not to be sneezed at.

The steamer Ainsworth will make regular trips between Kaslo and Bonner's Ferry. There is a great deal of business offering on this route and the owners of the Ainesworth consider that there is more money in it for them than in competing with the C. P. R. and International companies for the business between Nelson and Kaslo. The Ainsworth will leave Kaslo every Monday and Thursday.

A. H. Clements, city treasurer, left this week on a trip to his former home in Treemore, Ontario. Mr. Clements was at one time a member of the Treemore municipal council.

Thoburn Allan, formerly secretary of the C. & R. Steam Navigation company, is on his way to Ottawa on a holiday trip. When he returns to the province Mr. Allan will take up his residence in Victoria, having secured a secretaryship with the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields company.

During the first 12 days of the present month there was exported from the Slocan via Revelstoke 155 tons of ore, valued at $16,187. Of this the Idaho contributed 55 tons, valued at $6,551; the Slocan Star 60 tons, valued at $4,692, and the Enterpise, on Ten-mile creek, 40 tons valued at $1,692. It will be seen from the above figures that the product of these properties lumped together average more than $100 per ton.

Robert Ince was appointed temporary policeman this week by mayor Houston.

The city council has entered upon the work of collecting traders' licenses from all those who have not paid the same to the provincial government for the first half of the present year.

J. A. Gilker has put a plate glass front in his Baker street store, and has built an addition for the better handling of the business of the postoffice. When the new drawers arrive Nelson will have the neatest postoffice in Kootenay.

John R. Campbell, who has been in the employ of W. F. Teetzel & Co. for the past year, will commence business on his own account next week at Quartz Creek. He will be the first druggist in Quartz Creek and will no doubt make the business go.

W. G. McMynn, the Grand Forks constable who shot a prospector named R. J. Hood in front of the record office, has been committed to stand his trial on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. He was ollowed his liberty on his own security in the sum of $200.

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C. E. DOTY
KASLO, B.C.
ARCHITECT
CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

COUNTY COURT SITTING.

Sitting of the county court of Kootenay will be holden at the court house, City of Nelson, on the 26th day of May instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.
E. T. H. SIMPKINS, Acting Registrar of Court.
Dated this 14th day of May, A. D. 1897. [May 15th]

NOTICE

R. H. Trueman, Photographer, of Vancouver, will be in Nelson for a short time on May 17th, with photographic tent. This is your opportunity for good work.

To Investors

The Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, offers one thousand shares of its capital stock at par, $10 per share. The proceeds will be used in increasing the company's plant, which is now running at its full capacity. The company has issued eighteen hundred and seventeen shares of its capital stock, and its earnings are now over $400 per month net, sufficient to pay 12 per cent on the capital invested, besides placing 10 per cent in reserve for betterments.

The plant is operated by water power, and the capacity of the present works is about 1200 lights of 16 candle power. The intention is to increase the capacity to 3000 lights of 16 candle power. The net earnings from each light is now 35 cents per month, and the expense of operating each light 20 cents per month.

The company's management expect to install 1000 additional lights before October 1st of this year, and estimate the net earnings from each light will be increased to 40 cents per month and the expense of operating each light will be reduced to 15 cents per month. Based on this estimate, the net earnings of the company will be $880 per month, or over 30 per cent on the capital invested.

All the shares so far issued are owned by people who are property owners in Nelson, and only two of the shareholders are non-residents.

Applications for shares will be received by the undersigned on the following terms: One-third of the par value to be paid on allotment, one-third in thirty days, and one-third in sixty days.

JOHN HOUSTON,
President Nelson Electric Light Company, Ltd.
Nelson, B. C., May 1st, 1987.

Novelties in Dress Goods

SPRING NOVELTIES

Novelties in Gloves

We have opened up a large collection of Spring Novelties, comprising Dress Trimmings, Laces, Veilings, Gloves, and Hosiery. We are also showing a splendid assortment of choice designs in Fancy, Printed, Brocade, Ombre and Shot Silks. These goods are suitable for blouees, dresses and trimmings in every fashionable color.

Men's Spring Hats

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NELSON, B. C.

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HARDWARE

This Week's Arrivals
One Car Stoves One Car Pipe
One Car Mixed Hardware One Car Nails
Building Paper, Locks and Knobs, Picks, Shovels, Anvils, Bellows

Bargains in Men's Furnishings

Having purchased for spot cash the entire stock of Men's Furnishings formerly carried by Fred Williamson on Baker Street, I am offering them at greatly reduced prices in order to clear them off with a rush. This is no fake reduction sale. Call and see the goods. The stock is complete in every line.

Baker and Ward Sts. FRED STEVENSON

We have just received

A carload of Stoves and Tinware, two carloads of General Groceries, a carload of Ogilvie's Hungarian Flour and meals, a large consignment of Crockery and Glassware, and have to arrive in a few days a carload of Wire Nails (which we quote at specially low prices), and a carload of Mixed Groceries from the east. A few specialties just in: Patterson's Cream Sodas, Lovegrove's English Jellies in tins--the finest in the world--California Bar Sugar, Jams and Jellies in pails at 75 cents and $1 each. A large consignment of Fancy Biscuits, "Schilling's best" Tea, extra fine quality, Snider's and Blue Label Catsup, Creamery Butter in 1, 2, 5, and 10-pound tins. Also a supply of Garden Seeds and Lawn Grass. Miners' and Prospectors' supplies a specialty.

John A. Turner & Co.

CORNER BAKER AND JOSEPHINE STREETS, NELSON.

For Assayer's Supplies

Call on or Write

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Spring Suitings....

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A Magnificent line of Scotch Tweeds and Worsteds, and West of England Trouserings, suitable for spring wear.
A special feature of Fancy Worsted Suitings.

....Fred. J. Squire

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MEN! ATTENTION!!

We are just placing in stock the finest line of READY MADE CLOTHING ever brought into the city

HONEST WELL MADE GARMENTS
that will give satisfaction.

An entirely new stock of FELT HATS AND CAPS in the latest styles and makes

A. T. GARLAND

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