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THE NELSON REGISTRY OFFICE

Work Will Be Commenced at Once Upon a Fire Proof Building

Hon. J. Fred Hume, minister of mines and provincial secretary, returned home Wednesday evening to get things in readiness for the by-election made necessary by his acceptance of office. He does not expect a contest, and in fact has received many assurances that none will take place, but he intends to be ready for any emergency.

With respect to the political outlook the minister of mines predicts smooth sailing for the new administration, and he is satisfied that when the government meets the legislature it will have nothing to fear from a division. It is likely that several of the election trials will come off before the house meets and in some instances it is likely that sitting members who were elected to support the Turner government will not fight the protests against them. It is also within the realms of probability that one or two seats at present held by members of the opposition will be rendered vacant by the voluntary absence of the members. In short there is every indication that the government will gain strength between the present and the opening of the house, and that the opposition upon a division will be found much weaker than some anticipate.

While in the city Mr. Hume will make arrangements for the building of a land registry office on the government reserve below the jail. This will be a fire proof building of either brick or stone. A land registry office is something which the people of the interior have been clamoring for for several years, but the nearest approach to the construction of it was the voting of a sum of $1000 during the last session for the erection of the building.

With respect to dismissals from the civil service, Mr. Hume stated that while there have been several dismissals already they were rendered necessary in conformity with the new government's policy of economy consistent with efficiency. With respect to those who have been dismissed, so far in every case the dismissals were due to the fact that the official dismissed was incompetent or that there was no necessity for the office. It is not the intention of the new government to enter upon any general policy of dismissal with respect to the civil service. The government recognizes the necessity of securing good men and that it will be impossible to get them if anything in the nature of the spoils system is introduced by which places in the civil service are virtually rendered vacant every time there is a change of government. If the necessity for officials exist and they perform their duties to the satisfaction of those over them there is no necessity for apprehension on the part of any official in any part of the province.

Development on Dundee to be Resumed.

W. A. Galliher on Wednesday attended the meeting of the Dundee directors in Rossland. The chief business transacted was the arranging for the future development of the mine and the erection of the concentrating mill and the purchasing and installation of a 17-drill compressor plant. It was decided to complete the concentrator as rapidly as possible, to continue the development of the mine and to at once purchase and install a 7-drill compressor. The matter of purchasing the plant was left to J. L. Parker, the consulting engineer of the company. The report of Frank Robbins, mining engineer, on the condition of the Dundee and its promising outlook was read. It showed that there were some 24,000 tons of ore in sight and dilated on the outlook and said that it was a good mine and might, with development, become a great mine. It corroborated all the previous reports of J. L. Parker, and seemed to greatly please the directorate.

Gratifying Development at the Whitewater.

The London & B. C. Goldfields company is meeting with great success in the development of the Whitewater property in the Slocan. The company has issued a circular to the shareholders informing them that the development done upon the property has opened up an ore body which exceeded the company's expectations, but the conditions have not been favorable for the shipment of large quantities of ore. Since March 24th to the latter part of August the shipments did not exceed 120 tons. The grade of the ore, however, is improving, the last car load averaging 160 ounces silver.

Separate Company to Take Over Ymir

The British Columbia Review contains a paragraph to the effect that a special settlement on the stock exchange has been applied for by the New Golden Twins, Ontario—2293 £1 shares, fully paid, and 59,710 Vendors' £1 shares, fully paid. The company will carry into effect an agreement with the London and British Columbia Goldfields for the purchase of the Ymir gold mines, situate at Wild Horse creek, West Kootenay, comprising four claims, known as the Ymir, Rockland, Mugwump and Golden Horn.

Slocan Men Have No Luck

W. R. Will of New Denver has returned from Dawson City. He has been in the north for over a year, and says that there are many rich claims on the Klondyke, but the section is spotted. California Jim McDonald made a small stake working a bench claim on Bonanza creek. Jim went east last week. Toughnut Jack did not lose his legs by frost as has been reported. Archie Grant and Pete Anname are in Dawson. Walt Carruthers, Jim Ryan and many other Slocan people are in the country, but none have made a stake, except McDonald. Fuel is hard to get around Dawson. It will probably be worth $80 a cord as the timber is controlled by two men.

Text of the Dunlop-Haney Judgment

Justice Walkem in his judgment in the case of Dunlop v. Haney, in which the plaintiff's action was dismissed for failure to comply with the order of the court, recites the following as bearing upon the point in dispute:

"In this action an order, dated the 24th of June, 1898, was made that certain costs due to the defendants in a former action between the same parties should be paid within one week after service of the order, or, in default, that the present action should stand dismissed with costs. The order having been served on the plaintiff's solicitor on the 27th of June last, the week necessarily expired on the 4th of July following. A check for 279.41—the amount of the costs—was sent on the 30th of June by Messrs. Eberts & Taylor of Victoria, agents for Mr. Galt, the plaintiff's solicitor, of Rossland, to Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard in this city, as agents for the defendants' solicitor, Mr. John Elliott of Nelson; but the latter firm returned the check immediately, on the ground of their having had no instructions to receive it. Thereupon Messrs. Eberts & Taylor got the Merchants' Bank of Halifax here to telegraph to its branch office at Nelson a credit in favor of Mr. Elliott for the $279.41. Mr. Kydd, the manager of the branch office, says that about 1 p.m. of the same day he received the telegram, and within the next hour he called at Mr. Elliot's office, and, finding he was engaged, informed his brother, who was also his partner, that the money was in the bank at Mr. Elliott's disposal. He also says that on the 4th of July the bank formally credited Mr. Elliott with the amount, although he did not keep his banking account with them, and that four or five days afterwards he asked Mr. Elliott if he intended to 'draw' the money, and that the latter said he did not. Mr. Elliott says that this coversation occurred on the 9th day of July—the day of the provincial elections—and I am inclined to regard this statement as being more conclusive than Mr. Kydd's general statement as to four or five days. Besides, a tender on the fifth day, even if properly made, would have been too late. In any event, in view of the above facts, no tender was made; consequently, the contention of Mr. Taylor that payment ought to be implied is out of the question. To constitute a proper tender the actual production of the money due is necessary, unless the creditor dispense with the production of it at the time, or does anything which is equivalent to a dispensation."

Le Roi Development Affects Realty.

Rossland Leader: No wonder real estate is moving upwards in Rossland. There are four machines working abreast in shipping ore on the 700-foot level of the Le Roi mine opening the ground for stoping. Twenty-eight feet of rich ore is like a million dollars, something easily expressed in figures, but with difficulty expressed in fact. By comparison this body of ore is nine times as wide and three times as rich as the main reef on the Rand. A depth of 100 feet of such a body is equal to a depth of 2700 feet in a Rand mine and a chute a hundred feet long is equal to 2700 feet on the strike of the Rand reef. These are astounding figures. Real estate in Rossland should and will go to a very long price, backed as it is by such mines as are almost within the town limits.

Another Thing Which Might Happen

The Times of Victoria has been served with papers in a libel action which is being instituted against it by ex-attorney general Eberts. It is understood that the proceeding is based upon the allegations in the Times as to advice tendered by attorney general Eberts to lieutenant governor McInnes with respect to the signing of the warrants for expenditure. There is some speculation as to the outcome in the event of the Times pleading justification and calling upon his honor to testify, and whether in such an event the lieutenant governor would claim that he was privileged from testifying. This, of course, opens up considerable room for speculation; but supposing on the other hand that his honor has no objection to going into the witness box and recites the subject matter of those several interviews with the attorney general, what then?

Every Man His Own Brewer.

"In the event of the government passing a law prohibiting the sale or use of wines, liquors, etc., throughout the dominion, is it intended to prohibit private individuals from making wine, beer or cider in their own houses, for their own consumption and give to any of their friends who may call?" The above is a question which a correspondent put to the editor of the News-Advertiser. The reply of the editor may be of interest. He says the law would prohibit the traffic in intoxicating liquors. There would be no interference with private individuals who might brew their own beer or make other kinds of fermented liquors in their own homes for their own consumption.

Mill Will be Running in October.

The Canadian Pacific Company, operating the Porto Rico mine at Ymir, announces to its shareholders that the management expects to be turning out gold bricks by the end of October.

THE KAISER IN PALESTINE

During his leisurely cruise in the Norway fjords, the kaiser has matured the programme for his visit to Palestine in the autumn. The emperor, with the empress, and probably the crown prince, will embark on the Hohenzollern at a Mediterranean port, probably Genoa, whence they will sail for Constantinople, where the sultan is making grand preparations for their reception. The villa in the gardens of Yildiz Kiosk has been put in order, redecorated and refurnished at a cost of many thousands of pounds—in fact, the imperial visit to the capital and the holy land cannot fall short of the enormous sum of $1,000,000. And that in the fearful plight of the Turkish exchequer! The imperial couple will remain three days in Constantinople, seeing its wonderful sights and reviews, this being the empress' first visit to that city. They will then sail for Haipha, which will be reached October 26th, and thence they will travel by road to Jerusalem, the kaiser on a splendid white mule presented by the sultan, and the Kaiserin in a carriage. Thus they will travel everywhere in the holy land, and not by rail. The first night camp will be pitched at Caesarea, the second at Jaffa, and the third midway between that port and the holy city.

October 29th the imperial cavalcade will enter Jerusalem, amid a military display and pageant, and the tents of the kaiser and kaiserin and entourage—about 300 persons—will be pitched on the site granted for the buildings of the Lutheran church. The following day (Sunday) morning and evening services will be attended by their majesties at Bethlehem and the Mount of Olives, a German asylum for Armenian refugees being opened in the former town. On Monday the great ceremony of consecrating and opening the church of the Redeemer at Jerusalem will be performed, which will be attended by many German protestant princes. The ceremony will be intensified by the singing and playing of the sailors' choir of the Hohenzollern and the ship's band. Then follows an excursion to Jericho, the Dead sea and the Jordan.

November 5th the return journey to the coast will commence, with halts at Mount Tabor, Nazareth and Tiberias. November 10th the imperial travellers will re-embark on the Hohenzollern, which will sail for Beirut, whence they will travel by the new railway built by a French company to Damascus and Baalbec. Returning, their majesties will sail on the Hohenzollern for Brindisi or Genoa, and they are expected back in Berlin about the middle of November.

Low Stage of Water Causes Annoyance

The creeks in Kootenay are lower than at any time since 1890, and many of the users of water power are being hampered in their operations. At Nelson, the electric light plant is run by water diverted from Cottonwood Smith creek; but owing to the low stage of water, only 175 horse power of the 275 horse power developed can be used. This has necessitated the cutting out of a number of the electric lights in the residence part of the city as well as all of the street lamps. This happens at a time when the question of the legality of the purchase of the electric light plant by the city is in courts, and the opponents of the purchase, through the Miner and the Economist, are making the most of it. It is strange that the people who do not use electric light are doing nearly all the "kicking."

Not Willing to Give Extension.

Work on the Mollie Hughes is not being pushed with the energy that characterized the opening of the property. This is not because of the lack of ore or favorable indications, but Mr. Sandiford does not feel inclined to spend a great amount of money on the property until he receives word from his company regarding the taking up of the bond, which is now in doubt, owing to the company asking for an extension of time of 90 days to permit of further work being done. The owners of the property are not inclined to give the extension, since they claim to have other big moneyed concerns ready to take the property should Mr. Sandiford's syndicate throw it up.

Another Kootenay Railway Scheme.

The Fort Steele Prospector has notice of application for a charter for a railroad to connect with the Crow's Nest Pass line at some point between Wardner and Elk River, to run up the east side of Kootenay river to Windermere, where the river will be crossed and the road continued up Toby creek and across the Selkirk range to the foot of lake Duncan, thence up the Lardo river to Trout lake and thence in as direct a line as possible to tap the Revelstoke branch of the C. P. R. It is stated that work will be started on the line next spring if a charter is granted. Almost every mile of the line would be through a mineral country which needs transportation and is ready for it.

High Grade Silver Cup Shipments

The Sunshine, limited, the owners of the Silver Cup mine in the Trout lake district, has received from the Selby Smelting and Lead Company checks for $12,321.95 (freight, treatment and duty charges deducted) in respect of shipments of 121 tons of Silver Cup ore to the smelter. A further shipment of about 56 tons has just gone forward. This makes a total of something over 650 tons shipped during the last few months, all the ore being of the same high grade character.

MINING ACTIVE AT AINSWORTH

During the past few weeks something in the nature of a general mining activity struck the old Ainsworth camp, and the people of the town are more hopeful than they have been for two or three years.

On the Highland property a considerable force of men is employed on the mine and at the mill. The Albion property is being operated and furnishes employment for several men. The Number One is working steadily. There are twenty men employed on the Little Phil, and arrangements are being made to resume work on the Little Donald.

The Coffee creek air supply concern furnishes employment for a number of men and there are ten men at work building the Trail up Coffee creek to the headwaters. It is likely that several shipments will be made over this trail during the approaching winter.

Work has also been resumed on the Old Jerusalem claim on Cedar creek. This is one of the oldest claims in the camp and was secured by its present owner nine years ago. At present there are twelve men working on the property driving cross-cut tunnels. It is the intention of the owner to utilize the water of Cedar creek for the purpose of developing power for the prosecution of the work upon the claim, and a plant similar to that on Woodbury creek is talked of. A wagon road is also being built from the end of the old government road to the Jerusalem property.

On the Skyline tenders have been called for the sinking of a 100-foot shaft upon that property, and it is expected that the contract will be let next week.

Frank Fitch and Alex McLeod are working on the Nighthawk, a property located to the south of the Kraal, and they have one of the best showings in the camp. Those who have been up to the property say that they have twelve feet of ore showing.

Frank Heap is working his Woodbury creek property, which was thrown up some time ago by the parties who had it under bond and is meeting with every encouragement. He will probably make considerable shipments from the property this winter.

Courage Often Pays.

Toronto Telegram: It is a pity that no basis can be established for an exact comparison of the effects of sincerity and courage with the results of insincerity and cowardice. Canada's public men are mostly the victims of a hard-dying superstition that timidity is the greatest of all the political virtues. Few public men care to take the risks which attach to a policy of outspoken bravery, but the proportion of men who are brave and fail is not signally greater than the proportion of men who are cowardly and fail. Even in politics, and Canadian politics at that, courage and sincerity are no surer guides to failure than cowardice and insincerity.

Balance on Right Side this Time.

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—Accounts for the fiscal year 1897-8 have been closed, and it is possible to state with certainty the financial condition of the country. In his budget speech last April, Hon. W. S. Fielding anticipated a surplus of $550,000; the actual surplus is $1,575,881. This is the first time that a balance has appeared on the right side of the account since 1893. The deficit in 1894 was $1,210,000; in 1895, $4,153,000; in 1896, $230,000; and in 1897, $519,000.

St. Keverne Bond Falls Through

The St. Keverne bonding scheme is off. The stockholders of the company were almost unanimous in favoring the proposed plan whereby John A. Finch was to take a bond for $20,000 on the property in the Slocan and to admit such of the stockholders as desired to become interested with him in the bond in proportion to their holdings of stock. The scheme was abandoned on account of the opposition of the minority shareholders in the east.

Satisfactory Development of the Waverley

On the Waverley and Tangier properties, near Albert Canyon, extensive development work is going on, the vein on the former property having been tapped at three levels, the lowest being at a depth of 600 feet from the outcropping on the surface. At this property a concentrator is being built, after which it is expected a regular output will be maintained. The concentrates have a value of about $70 to the ton in silver and lead.

Still Talking of a General Election

Toronto, September 16.—The Mail and Empire's leading editorial says: Several circumstances point to the possibility of a general election for the dominion before next session, the government thus taking advantage, it says, of the results of good crops, larger exports and an alleged surplus, etc.

There is no Deceit.

The emperor of Germany has promised a bill to prohibit strikes. In the United States the courts issue injunctions ordering the men to work for unsatisfactory wages. The balance of advantage seems to lie with the German method, as the striker is misled by any imaginary theories of liberty of independence.

Worse than the Death Penalty.

The life imprisonment with solitary confinement in store for the Austrian empress' assassin is declared by those acquainted with Swiss prisons to be vastly worse than death. A correspondent who recently visited the chief prison of the Canton of Vaud, where the assassin will be confined, describes as sad indeed the result of solitary life imprisonment. One man whom he saw, the perpetrator of a series of murders in the mountains, had been in the cell for fifteen years, with the result that he completely lost his reason. The governor of the prison confessed that in view of this and other similar cases, his views of capital punishment had undergone a complete change, and that he was now strongly in favor of the death penalty. Upon a sentence of life imprisonment the assassin will be placed in a small, dark cell, from which he will never emerge, and will be fed just enough to support life. There is no hope for the assassin being sent to Austria for trial, as the murder of the empress on Saturday took place on the public thoroughfare and not in the private apartments of the Avstrian party.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

At the meeting of the city council on Monday afternoon a communication was read from John Elliot, formerly city solicitor, in which he declined to turn over to the corporation the city monies and papers in his possession until his costs were paid. Mayor Houston was empowered to take the necessary steps to secure the return of the corporation property.

A communication was read from Messrs. Fell and Gregory on behalf of the Nelson Land and Improvement Company with respect to the arbitration to determine the value of the lands expropriated by the corporation for the construction of the waterworks system. The aim of the improvement company is to have submitted to the arbitrators the fixing of the value of several pieces of land which were not acquired by the corporation, but which they claim were damaged by the construction of the waterworks. The mayor was authorized to correspond with the solicitors with a view to securing a settlement.

A letter from premier Semlin was read in which he stated that he would take up the matter of the transfer of lands with the Canadian Pacific railway with a view to securing to the corporation the recreation grounds. In this connection mayor Houston explained that during his recent visit to the capital he had taken the matter up with the provincial authorities and found that practically no progress had been made in the matter, as the former government had done nothing in the way of meeting the wishes of the citizens in this respect.

The council did not take any action in the matter of completing its arrangement to supply the Hall Mines with water as the present low stage of water would not justify the council in entering into such arrangement, and the matter went over.

In view of the low stage of water in Cottonwood-Smith creek the council decided to cut off the street lamps and cut off the light supply in the residential portion of the city above the corner of Stanley and Carbonate streets. Mayor Houston explained that in view of the proceedings taken to quash the electric light bylaw it would be impossible to take the necessary steps to improve the service. The proper course, in his opinion, was the utilization of steam power during the low stage of the water, but at present situated as matters were, nothing could very well be done until the matter was out of the courts.

The council decided to call for tenders for the construction of the following sewers, tenders to be in by Monday afternoon: On Cedar street, from Water street to Vernon street. On Vernon street, from Cedar street to Park street. On lane at rear of captain Hayward's residence, from Cedar street to Park street. On lane between Lake street and Front street, from Cedar street to Park street.

With respect to the application of Kootenay Lodge No. 16, I. O. F., for the purchase of two acres in the new cemetery, it was decided to take no action until the ground was platted, when an auction will be held so that churches and societies desiring ground will have an equal chance. The city engineer was instructed to have the road to the cemetery built at once by day labor.

Mayor Houston was authorized to ascertain whether the sufferers by the New Westminster fire required assistance, and receiving an affirmative reply telegraphed $500 to mayor Ovens on Tuesday.

The council decided to engage a night-watchman to look after the business portion of the city. The office is being filled by T. Ryan.

Afraid of a Prohibition Victory

There is evidence every day to show that the Laurier government is in mental dread of a prohibition victory at the polls. La Patrie, Hon. Mr. Tarte's organ, throws off the mask completely and publishes an article, written no doubt by the minister of public works himself. The article appeals to the farmers with the statement that the distilleries being closed a profitable market for barley, corn and other grains would be lost to the farmers of Canada by prohibition. Le Patrie also states that the farmer should not lose sight of the fact that total prohibition would entail the failure of thousands of canning establishments and throw at least 30,000 employees on the streets.

C. P. R. Traffic Receipts.

Canadian Pacific Railway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending September 7th, were $518,000; for the same week last year they were $492,000.

BLEDSOE'S MONTANA STORY

In the Face of Some Jumper's Bluff He Secures a Good Property

J. F. Bledsoe, who for a time was connected with the Nelson Miner, has returned to Vancouver after a several weeks sojourn in Montana. According to his account he had a rather exciting time of it in an endeavor to secure and develop a gold property in Bear Gulch, Park county, Montana. Bledsoe's story is as follows:

Mr. H. Bush, Mr. John Jervis, and other Vancouver people, combined with some eastern capitalists to form a syndicate and take a bond on some property in Bear Gulch. The ground was originally owned by some parties who had lots of $8 ore and had erected a 20-stamp mill, but through a variety of circumstances they got in difficulties and a serious overdraft in the First National Bank of Helena resulted. The bank failed and a receiver was appointed. He foreclosed on the property and from the receiver we secured the bond. After the receiver took possession, some of the old workings caved in and exposed a vein, the existence of which had not been known before, although it was within ten feet of the old tunnel, where the old company was working when it went into bankruptcy. It lay unobserved until a party of claim jumpers appeared and started work on the new vein. At the time we arrived on the scene they were taking out from the decomposed ledge matter $100 to $150 a day with a rocker, though they had to pack the ore down to the creek on their backs. We could not stand that, but they said I should not go on the ground. They sent down to a coal camp called Horan and brought up twenty coal miners with Winchesters. They ran a big bluff but nobody was killed and I got on the ground. We then applied to the United States court and got a writ of injunction, which was afterwards made perpetual, and the case is now coming up on trial for confirmation of title. There is no question about its being the richest gold mine in Montana. There is about fifteen feet of rich ore and on each side is a quantity of decomposed, oxidized and broken vein matter.

"While the trouble was pending," continued Mr. Bledsoe, "I examined the ground in the neighborhood very carefully and made up my mind that this vein ran through the adjoining property, although it did not crop out on the surface. So thoroughly convinced was I of this that we took a bond on the adjoining property. A crosscut tunnel was run under my instructions, a company was organized and when I left Bear Gulch the 20-stamp mill was producing concentrates which the East Helena Smelting Works certified showed 9 ounces of gold to the ton and an excess of iron which materially reduces the smelting charges. Nine ounces to the ton means over $150." Mr. Bledsoe produced the certificate of assay to prove his statements.

Refuse to Take Down the Bars.

The Methodist general conference at Toronto, after renewed discussion, on Wednesday voted down with a sweeping majority the resolution seeking to remove the restrictions at present placed upon theatre-going, card-playing, dancing, etc. When the temperance report came up, objection was taken to the first clause, which stated that it was a deliverance of the Methodist church that the liquor traffic could not be legalized. Several delegates considered this a condemnation of the licensing system and argued that licensing was directly beneficial, as it had the effect of curtailing the traffic. The clause was referred back.

Colonel Baker Is Sick and Disgusted

Colonel Baker is now in Cranbrook making arrangements for a trip to London. In speaking of the political situation the colonel expressed the view that the new government would ask for a dissolution instead of risking a vote in the house. In such an event the colonel said that he would not again be a candidate. He expressed himself as sick and disgusted with the happenings of the past few weeks and will allow others to take up the political fight.

Two More Sorry Officials

Hon. Forbes George Vernon, agent-general for British Columbia in London, has been dismissed by the new government. The office may be abolished. Dr. Furrer, physician of the provincial gaol at Kamloops, also has been dismissed. The intimation reached him in the jubilee hospital, Victoria, where he has been a patient for the last six weeks. His partner in Kamloops in the meantime is attending to the gaol.

Don't Want to Live in Westminster

It is stated at Ottawa that the reason of the delay in the appointing of a justice of the supreme court of British Columbia is that Archer Martin is not inclined to reside in New Westminster, which he would have to do if he accepted.

The Axe Commences to Fall

Surveyor-general Tom Kains has been removed from office by the new government. It is said that there are several others who will also be required to walk the plank in the course of the next few weeks.

A Million and a Half Surplus

According to the dominion government financial statement, now prepared, the surplus for the last fiscal year is $1,500,000.

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The Tribune.

SATURDAY MORNING.....SEPTEMBER 17, 1898

THE workingmen of this province are awakening to the fact that for the first time in its history British Columbia has a government composed of men who have sufficient manhood to champion the cause of white labor as against that of Chinese. This means a great deal to a province so situated that it has become the jumping off place for every Chinaman who decides to settle on the North American continent. It means that no longer will the welfare of thousands of white laborers, who are seeking to make homes for themselves in this province, be subordinated to the interests of the few who for years have found it to their advantage to employ Chinese labor in their collieries and fish canneries. That this changed condition will not be favorably regarded by those whose profits are adversely affected may be expected. Already a note of complaint has been sounded by a portion of the press which is controlled by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which, through its steamships, reaps a rich harvest in the transportation of thousands of Chinese to the ports of Victoria and Vancouver. In its pleading on behalf of the railway company the new government is warned by this portion of the press against passing any harsh measures looking to the exclusion of Chinese, and the remarks of the colonial secretary at the colonial conference are quoted to the effect that the imperial government would be pained to sanction any legislation looking to the exclusion of the Asiatics on account of their race. Coming from so high an authority such an expression of opinion is sure to carry some weight, but the fact that the application of the remedy may occasion pain, does not dispose of the necessity for the application. If the Anglo-Saxons who have settled in British Columbia become convinced that in order to maintain their foothold in this province it is necessary to exclude the Chinese, the chances are that they will see to it that the provincial government passes the necessary legislation, and when the people of eastern Canada properly understand the situation and see that the issue is the keeping out of Chinese or surrendering the province to them, they will not place any obstacle in the way of their fellow citizens' legislation of self defence. Once the federal authorities agree that it is necessary that the Chinese should be excluded from British Columbia there is not much prospect of interference from the imperial authorities. Li Hung Chang is no longer in England hypnotising the members of the imperial government, and the experience of the past few months has demonstrated that a show of force is the only argument which appeals to the Chinese authorities in the shaping of political matters in Asia. For the present, however, it may not be necessary to prohibit Chinese immigration. The federal government has asserted its right to impose a head tax of $50 upon every Chinaman entering the dominion. If a tax of $50 can be imposed a tax of $500 can be imposed, and the friends of organized labor should do all in their power first to get the provincial government to recommend such a tax and then to get the federal authorities to impose it.

THE advocates of prohibition have advanced a new argument in support of their contention that it is desirable to pass prohibitory legislation. This time they appeal to the pocket, and show that in the state of Maine, where prohibition has been in force for many years, the savings' bank deposits of the working people are very much in excess of the savings' bank deposits of Ohio under the license system. The editor of the National Temperance Advocate, a paper of some standing, makes the challenge for a comparison of the prosperity of the common people under the two representative systems of Maine and Ohio. The population of the prohibition state of Maine is given as 661,086, and that of Ohio as 3,671,816. The population of Ohio is therefore five and one half times that of Maine, but the savings' bank deposits of the people of Maine very much exceed those of the greater number of people of Ohio. The prohibition state, with much less than three quarters of a million people, has savings' bank deposits aggregating $53,307,590, while Ohio, with more than three and a half million people, has but $34,606,213 to its credit in the savings' banks. This means that the savings' bank deposits of the state of Maine equal $80.77 per head, while those of Ohio equal but $9.42 per head. There are 29 states in the union which surpass Maine in population, but only seven surpass the prohibition state in aggregate of savings' bank deposits.

CAN the Canadian Pacific Railway Company claim the whole of its subsidy for the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway while the Kootenay lake section of the road, between Nelson and Kuskonook, remains uncompleted? This is a question which will probably come before the federal government, and it is one in which the citizens of Nelson are very much interested, since if the railway company can secure the subsidy without performing the work, the incentive for immediate construction is lost. In the opinion of the great majority the subsidy which was voted to the Canadian Pacific Railway company, called for the construction of a railway to the city of Nelson. If this is correct the railway company will not have earned this subsidy until the all rail connection with Nelson is made. It may be that the Kootenay lake section of the road will be the most expensive to construct, and it may suit the purposes of the constructing company to utilize a ferry service between Nelson and Kuskonook pending the completion of the Kootenay lake section, but these conditions do not alter the fact that the terms upon which the subsidy was granted call for the construction of a railway to Nelson, and until such a railway is constructed not one cent of the subsidy should be paid. There is a tendency on the part of a section of the press, which is favorable to the great railway company, to read into the contract made between the railway company and the government, certain remarks made by the minister of railways in the house of commons, in which it is inferred that the conditions were such that the railway company has till December 31st, 1900, to complete the Kootenay lake section of the road, and that the company having completed that portion of the road which admits of immediate construction is entitled to the subsidy granted for the completion of the whole work. It need scarcely be said that such an argument does not meet the views of the citizens of Nelson. They desire to see the Crow's Nest road constructed to Nelson as speedily as possible, and they do not expect that the federal government will defeat this desire by paying the railway company its subsidy before the work, which the subsidy calls for, is completed. When the Canadian Pacific Railway Company completes the Crow's Nest railway to Nelson it will have earned the subsidy granted for that work and not before.

AMONG the communications read at the general conference of the Methodist church at Toronto was one written by a layman who requested the conference to protect congregations from the growing evil of manuscript preachers, which the writer asserts is the chief cause of the declining growth of the church. The people, says the writer, want preaching and not pulpit readings, and if they cannot get it in the Methodist churches they will probably go elsewhere.

IT is reported from Victoria that ex-premier Turner has leased his residence in the capital for one year to judge Harrison of Nanaimo, and that he contemplates making an extended visit to England. In this case he will probably resign his seat after the opening of the legislature. Should this action be decided upon by the ex-premier it will not surprise his friends. It was generally known for some time that he was tired of politics, and that he should seek needed rest will surprise but few. He will doubtless be missed by the colleagues whom he held up for the past few years.

AT the general conference of the Methodist church held in Toronto last week an attempt was made to fix the minnimum amount which the members should contribute to the funds of the church, and an effort was made to fasten a system of beneficence upon the Methodists of the dominion which would require them to give one tenth of their individual earnings. The committee to whom the matter was referred, reported to the conference in favor of the principle of the people giving a tenth of their incomes to the church, and added a cause recommending what is known as a free will offering as well. When the report came before the conference, however, considerable opposition was encountered, objection being generally taken to anything of a mandatory nature in the matter of church beneficence, and after a protracted discussion the opponents of dictated beneficence carried the day, and the resolution was modified so that it merely commends that systematic beneficence which recognizes the principle of giving the tenth. There were over a dozen clergymen who participated in the discussion, and with one accord they went back two or three thousand years to prove their contention that the members of the Methodist church in Canada should or should not in the year 1899 contribute one-tenth of their earnings to the funds of the church. There was just one lay member who figured in the published report of the debate. He opposed any hard and fast rate in the matter of giving. He reminded the members of the clergy that there were many heads of families in the Methodist church whose earnings did not exceed $375 per annum, and he asked them if they proposed to exact the $37.50 from such. For some reason the debate was chopped off when the lay member finished speaking, and the resolution was sent back to the committee with the instruction to make it recommendatory and not legislative.

THOSE who are in a position to know say that there is no truth in the report that the Laurier government is considering the advisability of re-arranging the representation of Kootenay in the federal house. The necessity for some re-arrangement exists, but the federal authorities have as yet taken no action in the matter whatever.

HEWITT BOSTOCK, one eighth of whom is claimed by the district of West Kootenay as its representative in the house of commons, addressed a meeting of the electors of Boundary creek last week at Greenwood. Among other performances Mr. Bostock is credited with having extolled the general policy of the Laurier government. It is not on record whether Mr. Bostock embraced in the general policy of the federal government its celebrated straddle on the Kettle River Valley railway charter, which action permitted the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to secure for the present a monopoly of the transportation business in Boundary creek. It is well known that Mr. Bostock did what he could to secure for the people of Boundary creek the advantages of railway competition, but it is equally well known that the people of Boundary creek were denied this advantage in consequence of the indifference upon the question shown by the members of premier Laurier's cabinet, who divided evenly upon the matter and allowed the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to carry its point to the detriment of the people of Boundary creek. If the members of premier Laurier's cabinet are fair minded men who, consider the interests of the whole people first, how came it that the member who represents Boundary creek in the house of commons was unable to impress them with the justness of the claim of Boundary creek for railway competition?

OF the $2,000,000 which were paid for the Center Star mine at Rossland, Oliver Durant received $788,035.00, and an almost equal amount went to A. H. Tarbet of Butte, who was associated with him in the development of the property.

THE statement made by commissioner Ogilvie that he will administer the affairs of the Klondyke in the interests of the mining industry on the Canadian side of the line does not meet with the approval of some of the mining papers in the United States. Timber is a scarce commodity on the Klondyke. For this reason commissioner Ogilvie has announced that he will preserve the timber of the Yukon section for the Canadian mining industry and prevent the exporting of it to the American side. Because Americans want to traffic in Canadian timber and Ogilvie will not allow them, they denounce his policy as narrow and ungenerous. This comes of a desire to administer the Klondyke from Washington.

THE time check evil is cropping out again on the Robson-Penticton road, the railway contractors issuing time checks at the end of the month, which are not payable for another 20 days. The effect of this, as everyone knows, is to compel the men employed upon the work to have their time checks scalped before they can get the money which is due them. It might be well for the author of the Kellie Truck Act to look into the advisability of extending the scope of that act, with respect to currency payments, so that it would give protection to railway navvies whether the work in hand is more than three miles from an incorporated city or not.

THE Vancouver World has succeeded in fastening the first charge of corruption upon the Semlin government. In the estimates passed last session the Turner government voted $6000 for a court house in Rossland. This amount will not be sufficient to provide a suitable building, so finance minister Cotton addressed a communication to the mayor of Rossland, in which he asked whether the people of Rossland desired that the work should be proceeded with with the $6000 limit as the cost of the building, or wait until the new government can supplement the present vote sufficiently to put up a building which will meet present requirements. The Vancouver World sees in this attempt of the new minister of finance, to secure the sanction of parliament for his expenditures, an attempt to bribe the electors of Rossland. The World says that such, however, is but the beginning of what may be looked for from the members of the new government.

THE Times, of Victoria, makes the announcement that the administration of the lands and works department will be made the subject for another investigation, and it predicts that somthing different from the evidence offered at the last enquiry will be forthcoming.

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TOM HALL'S LUCK.

Tom Hall had "got religion." There was no doubt about it. The news was public property in the pretentious little Nevada town, and as a sensation it was a decided success. Even had Tom denied it—which he did not—the daily and nightly evidences he gave of his conversion were indisputable. He resigned his position as day shift behind the bar of the "Golden Palace;" a seat was no longer kept for him at Donovan's faro tables, and if he drank at all it must have been but little. Moreover, when accused of going to the little white church on the hill, on a certain Sunday, in company with the young lady school teacher of the town, he had turned angrily upon his interlocutor, and pertinently inquired "if it was anybody's damn business whether he did or not?" It was no point against the prevailing contention that Tom had not immediately dropped the emphatic vernacular of his environment.

Now, Tom, if the truth were known, had never considered himself a great sinner, and it was doubtful if he was filled with any penitence at all for his past life. In his converted state he had resolved to do and not to do certain things, as to which Miss Dawson, the teacher, had very decided opinions. But secretly his private views on morals were still rather broad and liberal, and he saw no particular harm in taking a drink at proper intervals, gambling when the deal was fair, and otherwise partaking in a moderate way of the various enjoyments provided by the town in the sage brush. In short, Tom was more converted to Miss Dawson than he was to the church. But although the town wisely concluded that the step taken was not altogeter devoid of worldliness, it took a malicious delight in clothing him figuratively in the garb of an anchorite.

The church on the hill, as was natural, felt proud of its new member, but Miss Dawson felt prouder. The young lady would, indeed, have been hypercritical had she felt any chagrin on being accosted by the young and handsome neophyte.

One Sunday the pastor announced that it was very desirable that the church be provided with a new organ. He proposed that the fund for this purpose be realized in a novel way to that locality at least. The members of the congregation were individually to pledge themselves to raise money by the performance of a service, or by the manufacture or sale of something inexpensive, and afterward the different accounts of the various experiences were to be given, which in itself promised considerable amusement.

Tom Hall went to his rooms and gave the subject deep and profound consideration. He was not long in deciding in which direction lay the prospect of success for his best endeavor.

The following night he astonished the players at Donovan's faro tables by walking into the place and dropping into his old seat. He at once bought twenty-five dollars' worth of red, white, and blue chips.

"W-e-ll," came from the amazed Dr. Toots.

"Backslidin," said Jim Heffner, the look-out, apparently to himself.

Tom was seemingly oblivious to these and other remarks.

"I'll keep cases," he said, cheerfully, as he reached for the case rack and pushed back the buttons. Then he placed a couple of bets on the board, and said:

"Let her go."

The crowd in the room drew near and silently watched the play as the cards began to slip from the nickel box under the deft fingers of the dealer; nothing was heard but the click of the cases and the rattle of the chips as bets were placed: the look-out, apparently indifferent to the game and yet the personification of alert watchfulness, lolled on his high chair and puffed lazily his cigar; the dealer, in his shirt sleeves, was impassiveness itself.

The first deal and Tom had lost. At the end of the second, he bought another stack of chips, to which he soon added a third. The cards were not coming his way, but he was too experienced a gambler to show the slightest annoyance. Nonchalantly he drew from his pocket a silk handkerchief. The movement dislodged a small, neatly bound book, which fell to the floor. It was a Bible, a present from Miss Dawson. He picked it up hurriedly, intending to replace it in his pocket, when his eye happened to fall on this verse of an open page:

"And it was so when the king saw Esther, the queen, standing in the court that she obtained favor in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand."—Esther, chapter v., verse 2.

It was to be hoped that the chronicler of this truthful narrative will not be accused of irreverence in detailing the actions of Tom Hall on this memorable night. Certainly Tom acted with no irreverence. Far from it. Watchful, as are all gamblers for the slightest incident that may seem to betoken a change of fortune, his belief was instant and sincere that this was a sign from the right quarter to direct him in the church work in which he was engaged. Without the slightest hesitation he gathered together every bet he had upon the board and placed them upon the queen. Within three turns the queen won. He allowed his winnings to remain on the card, and again the queen won. Once more he dared fate, and after a number of turns the queen showed in the box.

This was marvelous luck, and astonishment was on every face when he drew down his triple winnings.

While the cards were being shuffled for next deal, Tom stealthily opened the little Bible now lying in his lap and peeped into it. He read:

"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king."—Hosea, chapter iii., verse 4.

The king was immediately coppered for a huge stack of chips. At the same time he judiciously placed a number of bets on different cards, for he saw a disposition on the part of the other players to "follow him, and he wanted no assistance in his laudable endeavor to "bust the bank." In due course the king lost twice in succession, and his pile became so formidable as to engross the attention of all. Never before had such a peculiar system of playing been seen at Donovan's, and the apparent recklessness displayed in risking large stakes upon a single card was freely commented upon.

Tom, however, continued to win steadily, and now frequently consulted his Bible without making any effort to conceal it. He had just read from Ezra, chapter iv., verse 3:

". . . and let the fountains thereof be strongly laid: the height thereof three score cubits and the breath thereof three score cubits. 4. With three rows of great stones—"

"That means the tray, sure," he said to himself, as he pushed a big bet toward the card.

"Is that Hoyle you got there, Tom?" asked the lookout, unable any longer to conceal his curiosity.

"Nope: a better book than Hoyle."

"You playing a system out of it?"

"That's what," was the unctuous reply.

The game went on, but it was not long before Tom's remarkable run of luck came to a close. This greatly surprised him, as he was now firmly convinced he could not lose when depending upon biblical hints, and not an important bet had been made without referring to the sacred volume. He chose to believe finally that the dealer, in order to save the house, was practicising some crooked work. Of this he became convinced when, upon betting "deuce-Jack" on the turn at the end of the deal, the cards came out "Jack-deuce."

"Keep your fingers on top of that box," he cried out, angirly, to the dealer.

"D'ye mean to say—" began that functionary.

"I mean to say this," said Tom in a loud voice, as he sprang to his feet, "that you have got to give me a square deal. I have a book here that says so, and what this book says goes. It says right here in Exodus, chapter viii., verse 29, 'let not Pharoah deal deceitfully any more.'"

"What's that? What book is that?"

"It's the Bible—that's what it is!"

"The Bible?" came from the open-mouthed and amazed dealer.

"The B-i-b-l-e?" echoed the others in an incredulous, half frightened way.

"Yes, the Bible," repeated Tom, in triumphant tones, "the best book ever written, and it has a warning for you faro dealers just the same as for other sinners."

Donovan, the proprietor of the rooms and the tables, was now beside his dealer, and his voice was heard for the first time:

"Well, Tom Hall, the Bible is barred at lay-out, and the game stops for tonight. You're a big winner, but you can cash in, and I reckon we've got enough of the stuff to pay you."

The organ that is used in the little white church on the hill today is one of the sights of the town, and strangers are even asked if they have seen it. It is said to have cost several thousand dollars. Donovan has more than once declared that he was its donor, but Tom Hall, while admitting that Donovan contributed most of the money for its purchase, maintains that the contribution was quite involuntary. Mrs. Tom Hall, nee Dawson, and the pastor have never consented to be interviewed as to the amounts of the different subscriptions, and Tom Hall himself was unexpectedly called out of town on the evening that the experiences of the endeavorers were given.

THE WOUNDED ARE KILLED

There were no wounded Mahdists left after the battle of Omdurman. Cruel and bloodthirsty as it may seem, the wounded almost without exception were massacred by the British and Egyptian soldiers. The Omdurman battle is not the first where this has been done. Since Gordon's death it has been the custom because the wounded fanatics are more dangerous almost than the well ones. So many British officers and surgeons have been killed or wounded while passing over battlefields in the Soudan trying to help suffering Mahdists that mercy and pity have given way to necessary cruelty. This killing of the wounded has been practised with the silent connivance of the British government, but has been kept from the public.

How many wounded dervishes were put to death after the battle of Omdurman will never be known. The London Standard guardedly tells of the slaughter as follows: "Some of the sirdar's Soudanese were cautiously making their way across the field of battle, their duty being one which, however hateful it may seem to the theoretical humanitarian warfare against a savage horde like the followers of the khalifa makes imperative. There is no need to dwell on such incidents. It is enough to say that as everyone with experience of fighting in the Soudan knows too well, a wounded Baggara may often be more dangerous than a Baggara without a scratch on him. Concealing his agony and feigning death he can still deal a fatal blow at his unwary enemy."

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GRAVE FRENCH STATISTICS.

France Has Fewest Marriages, Most Divorces and the Lowest Birth Rate.

Some statistics which have been drawn up at the ministry of the interior are very interesting, as they show that it is in France where the fewest marriages are contracted and the greatest number of divorces are pronounced. For one thousand persons of both sexes there are in France forty-five marriages, in Holland forty-nine, in Italy fifty, in Austria fifty-one, in England and Denmark fifty-two, and in Germany fifty-three. On the other hand, the number of divorces pronounced in France is increasing with extraordinary rapidity. In 1886 the courts released from the marriage vows 2920 couples. In 1896 no fewer than 7051 divorces were pronounced, and according to the results, which are still incompletely known, for 1897, it is stated that the number of divorces last year will be shown to have exceeded 9000. Under these circumstances it is not astonishing that the number of births in France should be inferior to those of any other country. On an average in France there are a hundred and sixty-three births per one thousand married women from 20 to 50 years of age, whereas there are 270 in Germany, 269 in Scotland, 261 in Belgium, 251 in Italy, 230 in England and Austria, 240 in Sweden and Ireland, and 230 in Switzerland. The French may, however, find consolation in the last paragraph of these statistics, which shows that the average mortality in France is lower than in any other country. It is put down to twenty-two and a half per one thousand, whereas it is thirty-five per one thousand in Russia, twenty-eight in Italy, a little over twenty-two and a half in Sweden, and close to twenty-three in Germany. Comparisons are, however, misleading, as methods of collecting statistics must in different countries vary in accuracy and fullness of result. The death rate of Great Britain in 1896 is put down at less than twenty per one thousand, whereas it is known that Great Britain's rate is by no means a comparatively low one.

Westminster City Fire Losses.

It is estimated that the loss suffered by the people of New Westminster by reason of Saturday night's fire was fully $3,000,000. Of this sum something over $1,000,000 was covered by insurance. This amount is divided between 28 companys, of which the London Assurance Company is the heaviest loser, with a total of $147,000. The following shows the loss of each company:

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Phoenix of London	75,000
Guardian	6,000
Alliance	46,800
Atlas	35,000
Aetna	38,800
Connecticut	30,000
Union, of London	28,000
Insurance Company of North America	23,000
Manchester	21,000
London and Canadian	9,000
Imperial	18,000
Northern	2,000
London Assurance Corporation	147,000
Commercial Union	105,750
Norwich Union	11,000
Scottish Union and National	25,500
Lancashire	18,000
Queen's, of New York	7,500
National, of Ireland	21,000
Phoenix, of Hartford	20,000
Western, of Toronto	19,000

EAST KOOTENAY NOTES.

The North Star Mining Company will start a new shaft to be sunk a depth of 300 feet, and an order has been placed for new hoisting machinery. Some twenty men are employed at the mine prospecting and developing the property.

E. C. Smith, the manager of the Sullivan group, says that the prospecting shafts sunk on his company's property indicate that the ledge is something like 100 feet wide. On the eastern side of the ledge a sixty foot cut has been made and a shaft sunk forty feet, and on the western side a forty foot cut has been run and a shaft sunk twelve feet. The ore from these shafts gives an assay value of $50 to the ton.

One of the most interesting developments of the past week has been the find of rich gold quartz on Boulder creek. The quartz is of surprising richness, and small samples when panned give large returns in gold, one assay gave returns of over $2000 in gold. The location of the new discovery is on the west side of Boulder creek, about 2½ miles west of Wild Horse, and not over 17 miles from Fort Steele.

The Growth of Oddfellowship

On April 26, 1819, 80 years ago, five men bonded themselves together to aid each other in sickness or health. Since then 2,150,000 have been initiated into this bond of fellowship through the subordinate lodges which have been organized for the better carrying on of this noble work. In that time $75,000,000 has been paid in sick benefits and relief, while the receipts have aggregated $195,000,000; 230,000 families have been succored at the time of their greatest need; 210,500 brothers have died and been buried with honors of the order.

Winding Up Notice

Having closed out his Nelson store, A. T. Garland is desirous of winding up his business in this city as speedily as possible. All persons owing accounts to him are requested to pay the same to F. W. Swannell before the end of the present month. Mr. Swannell's office is in Room No. 6, Turner & Boeckh Block, Baker Street.

Nelson, Sept. 5th, 1898.

PROCLAMATION

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WEST KOOTENAY (NELSON RIDING) TO WIT:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the Electors of the Nelson Riding, District of West Kootenay, that in obedience to Her Majesty's Writ to me directed, and bearing date the First day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, I require the presence of the said Electors at the Court House, Nelson, on the Twenty-first day of September, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of Electing one person to represent them in the Legislature of this Province.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two registered voters of the District as proposer and seconder, and by three other registered voters of the said District as assenting to the nomination, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the Proclamation and one p. m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on the Twenty Eighth day of September, at

Court House, Nelson;
Custom House, Kootenay Boundary;
Ymir;
Waneta;
Hall's Siding;
Erie;
Waterloo;
Silver King Mine, Toad Mountain;
Procter's Landing, West Arm;
Kaslocanoek;
Goat River Crossing;

of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

GIVEN under my hand at Nelson the Twelfth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

W. J. GOEPEL,
Returning Officer.

[L. S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

TO THE RETURNING OFFICER OF THE NELSON RIDING OF THE WEST KOOTENAY ELECTORAL DISTRICT:

WHEREAS a vacancy has happened in the Legislative Assembly by the acceptance of office of the Honourable J. Fred Hume, a Member for the Nelson Riding of the West Kootenay Electoral District. We command you that, notice of the time and place of Election being duly given, you do cause election to be made according to law of one member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the Nelson Riding of the West Kootenay Electoral District, and that you do cause the nomination of Candidates at such Election to be held on the day of next, and do cause the name of such Member, when so elected, whether he be present or absent, to be certified to Our Supreme Court, at the City of Victoria, on or before the 15th day of October next, the election so made, distinctly and openly under Our Seal duly indorsed upon this Our Writ.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of Our said Province of British Columbia: WITNESS the Honourable THOS. R. McINNES, at Our Government House, at Victoria, the first day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

By Command,

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
Registrar of the Supreme Court.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

1st September, 1898.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be Returning Officers for the Electoral Districts or Ridings of Electoral Districts placed opposite their respective names, namely:

JAMES Z. HALL, Vancouver City.
WILLIAM DODD, Yale, West Riding.
WILLIAM J. GOEPEL, Kootenay West, Nelson Riding.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL Court of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery will be holden at the City of Nelson, in and for the County of Kootenay, on Tuesday, the 20th day of September, 1898.

By Command,

J. FRED HUME, Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 31st August, 1898.

A special court of assize, and nisi prius, and oyer and terminer, and general gaol delivery, will be held at the City of Nelson, in and for the county of Kootenay on Tuesday, the twentieth day of September, instant.

E. T. H. SIMPKINS, Deputy Registrar.

Dated, September 1st, 1898.

ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP TICKETS.

To and from European points via Canadian and American lines. Apply for sailing dates, rates, tickets, and full information to any Canadian Pacific railway agent or GEO. S. BEER, C. P. R. Agent, Nelson.
WILLIAM STITT, General S. S. Agent, Winnipeg.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE OF SALE BY SHERIFF.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Between
WILLIAM HUNTER & COMPANY.....Plaintiffs
and
THE IDLER MINING COMPANY (Foreign)....Defendants.

IN OBEDIENCE to a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the above Court to me directed in the above suit for the sum of $216.66 Debt and Costs together with interest on the same, besides Sheriff's fees, poundage and other expenses of this execution, I have seized and will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House, Nelson, on Monday, the 31st day of October, A. D., 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, All the right, title and interest of the above defendants in the lands described below, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the judgment debt and costs in this action:

District.	Number of Lots	Concise Description of Property	Estate or Interest
Kootenay District	Lot 857, Group 1	Lot 857, Group 1, known as the "Idler" Mineral Claim, Kootenay District	Title Under Crown Grant (issued but not yet registered)

When to be sold	Where to be sold
Monday, the 31st day of October, A. D. 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.	At the front of the Court House, Nelson, B. C.

Terms of sale cash.

S. REDGRAVE, Sheriff of Kootenay.
Per W. P. Robinson, Deputy Sheriff.

Dated the 14th day of September, 1898.

LAND AND WORKS DEPARTMENT,
VICTORIA, B. C., July 7th, 1898.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I beg to say that the crown grant (No. 240/81) of lot 857 group 1, Kootenay district (Idler mineral claim) was issued on the 29th April, 1897, to the Idler Mining Company (Foreign). I have the honor to be,

Sir, your obedient servant,
W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

To R. B. Kerr, Barrister, New Denver, B. C.

LAND REGISTRY OFFICE,
VICTORIA, 25th August, 1898.

SIR:

RE HUNTER V. IDLER.

In answer to your letter of the 22nd instant, I beg to say that no registration of title has been registered as to lot 857 group 1, Kootenay District, either to the Idler Mining Company or anyone else, consequently no abstract of title can possibly be furnished.

Your obedient servant,
S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General, per E. S.

R. B. Kerr, Esq., Barrister, New Denver, B. C.

STEAM TUG FOR SALE BELOW COST.

One tug about 40 feet long by 7 feet beam, frame of natural oak crooks, double framed and bat together at the coast, planked and finished at Kaslo with special fir timber. Has one water tube boiler of 30 H. P., tested to 280 pounds C. W. P., fastened throughout with galvanized iron; two double reciprocating reversible engines; one special Marsh steam pump; one double tube metropolitan injector; brass side lights; brass steering wheel, etc. Fitted and finished throughout and within in first-class order

The Following Machinery at a Bargain.

One steel upright boiler with fittings complete, 12 H. P., but little used; one double reciprocating square piston stationary engine, 7-10 H. P., trimmings complete; fly wheel, 22 by 34, revolutions 2" x 31", but little used; sectional, can be broken into light weights for packing; two drag saws complete, two saws each; one heavy adjustable wood splitter; one lot of shafting, bearings, wood-split pulleys, belting, etc. For particulars apply to

HAMILTON BYERS, Kaslo, Sandon, Nelson, B. C.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON.

TENDERS FOR SEWERS.

The city council are prepared to receive tenders for the construction of sewers as follows:

On Cedar street, from Water street to Vernon street.
On Vernon street, from Cedar street to Park street.
On lane at rear of captain Hayward's residence, from Cedar street to Park street.
On lane between Lake street and Front street, from Cedar street to Park street.

Specifications can be seen and forms of tender and other information obtained at the office of A. L. McCulloch, city engineer.

Sealed tenders, marked outside "Tender for Sewer," are required to be sent in not later than 3 o'clock on Monday, the 19th September, instant.

The city council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender sent in. By order

J. K. STRACHAN, City Clerk.

Nelson, B. C., September 13th, 1898.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON.

NOTICE TO ELECTRIC LIGHT CONSUMERS.

Notice is hereby given that all persons using electric light in the city and not paying an "all night rate" therefor, will be charged an additional monthly rate for such light unless the lights are turned off after business hours in places of business, and by twelve o'clock in private residences. By order,

J. K. STRACHAN, City Clerk.

Nelson, B. C., August 25th, 1898.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

WHITE CLOUD, BLUE JACK, YELLOW JACK, SITTING BULL, BLUE JACK FRACTION, YELLOW JACK FRACTION, AND SITTING BULL FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SHEEP CREEK, NEAR BEAR CREEK.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for the Sahbo Consolidated Gold Mining & Development Company, Limited Liability, free miner's certificate No. 13,105, 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. A. KIRK.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1898. [Sept. 3rd]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

KIRKWALL MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON MORNING MOUNTAIN, FOUR MILES SOUTH-WEST OF NELSON AND IS SOUTH-WEST OF JUNO M. C.

Take notice that I, J. M. R. Fairbairn, of Kaslo, B. C., acting as agent for T. Rendall, free miner's certificate No. 2829, 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. J. M. R. FAIRBAIRN.

Dated this 18th day of August, 1898.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

KING OF THE FOREST MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT AND LOCATED ONE MILE WEST OF GIVOUT CREEK AND FOUR MILES SOUTH-WEST OF NELSON.

Take notice that I, J. M. R. Fairbairn, of Kaslo, B. C., acting as agent for H. T. Aitkin, free miner's certificate No. 2783, 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. J. M. R. FAIRBAIRN.

Dated this 18th day of August, 1898.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

"WHITE," "HARDUP," "ELECTION," AND "MY EMER" MINERAL CLAIMS SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED NEAR THE POORMAN CLAIM ON EAGLE CREEK.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for the Nelson, Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited, free miner's certificate No. 2283, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the 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.

A. S. FARWELL.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 1898. [Sept. 3.]

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For a term of years, the Northwest half of Block 160, in the city of Nelson. Address Box 52, Nelson.

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Leave:	DAILY	Arrive.
6:40 p. m.	NELSON	11:30 p. m.

Slocan City, Slocan Lake Points and Sandon

Leave.	Daily Except Sunday	Arrive.
9:00 a. m.	NELSON	2:20 p. m.

Kootenay Lake--Kaslo Route--Steamer Kokanee.

Leave.	Daily Except Sunday	Arrive.
1:00 p. m.	NELSON	11:00 a. m.

Kootenay River Route--Steamer Nelson.

Leave.	DAILY.	Arrive.
7:00 a. m.	NELSON	10:30 p. m.

Makes onward connection at Pilot Bay with steamer Kokanee, but inward such connection is not guaranteed. Steamer calls at way ports in both directions when signalled.

Ascertain present Reduced Rates and full information by addressing nearest local agent or

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8:30 a. m.	SPOKANE	3:10 p. m.

The train that leaves Nelson at 6:20 a. m., makes close connections at Spokane with trains for all Pacific Coast points.

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

C. G. DIXON, G. P. & T. A.

$3.65 Rossland and Return $3.65

On account of Labor Day celebration at Rossland, the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway will sell tickets on September 18th and 19th, good returning until September 20th, at $3.65 for the round trip. In addition to regular train service, a special train will leave Rossland at 8 p. m., September 19th. The fire brigade and base ball club will leave Nelson on regular train Sunday, September 18th. Tickets must be purchased prior to taking trains, as regular fares will be charged by conductors.

G. K. TACKABURY, Agent.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

JUNO MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON WEST SIDE OF GIVOUT CREEK, FOUR AND A HALF MILES SOUTH-WEST OF NELSON, ADJOINING KING OF THE FOREST MINERAL CLAIM.

Take notice that I, J. M. R. Fairbairn, of Kaslo, B. C., acting as agent for J. M. Ness, free miner's certificate No. 2,956, 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. J. M. R. FAIRBAIRN.

Dated this 18th day of August, 1898.

Fall Opening...
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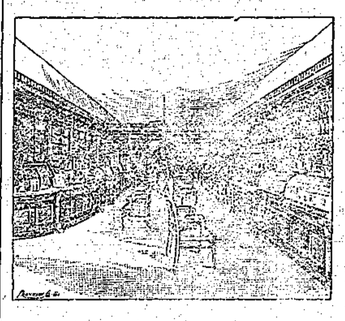

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LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The city council sent Mayor Ovens of New Westminster a contribution of $500 toward the fund for the relief of the sufferers from the fire of Saturday evening. The city of Vancouver did the correct thing. It issued a check for $5,000, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company equalled the terminal city in its generosity. The next contributor on the list was the Ontario government which subscribed $2,500. As far east as Montreal response was made to the cry for relief, the municipal council of Montreal subscribing $1000. The citizens of Seattle showed commendable enterprise in the matter of getting relief to the sufferers by the fire, arrangements being made for the dispatch of a carload of supplies daily for a week.

When the city of Vancouver was wiped out by fire in 1886, the first man to reach the scene of the conflagration with a load of provisions for the relief of the sufferers was Thomas Ovens of New Westminster. When the city council of Vancouver this week issued a check for $5,000 for the relief of the sufferers of the New Westminster fire, it was handed to the same Thomas Ovens, in his capacity of chief magistrate of New Westminster.

C. A. Gregg, of the Victoria Times, spent a few days in Nelson this week. It is said that he is doing some political missionary work in the interests of Hewitt Bostock, who represents in the house of commons all that portion of the interior of British Columbia lying between the 49th and the 60th parallels.

The tracklayers on the Crow's Nest railway are keeping up close with their promises. It was stated that the steel would reach Moyie City by the end of August. This was not verified, but at 8 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, September 3rd, the rails were within a mile of Moyie.

Honors are falling thick upon L. M. Livingstone since his removal to Brooklyn. He has been appointed postmaster and also deputy returning officer for the taking of the votes of the railway navvies upon the question of the prohibition plebiscite on Thursday, September 29th.

John Andrew Mara, in an interview at Vancouver, estimated the loss caused by the wrecking of the Stickine Chief at $13,000, of which $35,000 was covered by insurance. He says that he has not yet make up his mind whether he will build a boat to take the place of the Stickine Chief or not.

Rev. Robert Frew left Thursday on a two weeks vacation. He will spend the time with friends in Manitoba.

Miss Crease, sister of E. A. Crease, police magistrate, has arrived in Nelson from Barrie, Ontario. Miss Crease will make Nelson her home.

The corner stone of the Bank of Montreal's new building at Rossland was laid on Wednesday afternoon by ex-governor Mackintosh. The building will, when completed, cost in the neighborhood of $10,000.

Dr. Arthur held an inquest Thursday afternoon to determine the cause of the death of Joseph Pepin. A verdict was rendered to the effect that Pepin's death was caused by wounds self inflicted while temporarily out of his mind. The deceased was employed in the construction of the Lawrence Hardware Company's building, and went on a protracted spree when the work was finished. The wounds which caused his death were inflicted with a knife at the Poorman mine early Wednesday morning.

Hewitt Bostock, M. P., will not meet the electors of Nelson this evening as he had intended. Owing to the serious illness of one of the members of his family he has been obliged to cancel his proposed visit and has left for home.

The Moyie Leader, which supported the Turner government in the recent campaign, has this to say of the new minister of mines: "Premier Semlin has made a splendid choice in the selection of Mr. J. Fred Hume of Nelson, for the position of minister of mines. Mr. Hume's long residence in the mining districts of British Columbia enables him to be thoroughly conversant with the needs of the mining fraternity."

A new order has been issued with respect to the office hours of those employed in the civil service of the provincial government, and in accordance with it the offices will hereafter be opened from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from 1:30 p. m. to 4 p. m. On Saturday the office will be opened from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

The following have been drafted to serve as grand jurors at the special assize court next week: R. C. Campbell Johnson, John A. Gibson, Thomas Madden, Henry B. Thompson, Arthur R. Sherwood, John A. Turner, Harold Selous, George E. C. Martin, Thomas W. Gray, Frank J. Farley, George A. Bigelow, John F. Weir, John Hamilton, Henry N. Vincent, Charles St. Barbe, John A. Irving, George F. Beer, and Robert E. Lemon.

Edward Haney of Spokane, the locator of the Legal Tender, is in Nelson on business regarding the litigation in which the Legal Tender is involved, as against the Olivette location of the same ground. Mr. Haney's title to the ground was recently confirmed by the supreme court, but an appeal was taken by the Olivette people, and it is pending. A fortnight ago Mr. Haney also won the action brought by the claimants to Pack Train location of the same ground. The only litigation now involving the claim is the appeal taken by the Olivette people from the judgment securing the ground to Mr. Haney.

Mrs. McLaughlin will hold her opening of fall millinery on Monday.

A. C. Ewart has been commissioned to prepare plans for a fire proof building to be used as a land registry office in this city by the provincial government.

Those who are entrusted with the work of securing mineral specimens for the exhibit at the New Westminster fair are requested to bear in mind that despite the great fire at New Westminster the exhibition will be held according to programme.

Corbin will go Into Mining.

Some of the money which D. C. Corbin acquired from the sale of the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad will be used to develop Boundary Creek mines. Several years ago Mr. Corbin and his chief engineer, E. J. Roberts acquired the King Solomon, Queen of Sheba and other claims in Copper camp. They did sufficient work to obtain crown grants and then allowed them to remain idle, awaiting the necessary transportation facilities. Work has now been started with a view to thoroughly developing the property.

One Indian Who Is Doing Nicely

Oronhyatekha, grand chief of the Independent Order of Foresters in Canada, receives $10,000 a year salary. As this is only $2000 more than Sir Wilfrid Laurier gets as premier of the dominion, the Foresters last week added a bonus of $5,000. And yet some people allege that the Indian race cannot prosper among the white men.

Electors Will Give it a Trial.

That the people of the province are inclined to allow the new government to try its hand at administering the affairs of the province is evidenced by the circumstance that in none of the constituencies opened by the acceptance of cabinet positions by government supporters is there any likelihood of a contest being waged. If there was any truth in the statement that the electors regarded the new government with distrust, the evidence of such distrust is not very manifest.

New Fields for the Prospector

There is much interest in the possible resources of the new possessions of the United States in the West Indies, and in the East Indies, also, and a good deal of inquiry as to their mineral deposits. No doubt there will be a great deal of prospecting done in Cuba and Puerto Rico when they are fairly under the rule of the United States, and in the Philippines also, should it be decided to retain them. Such mineral deposits as the islands, both in the Gulf and in the East, contain, have been very imperfectly explored and hardly developed at all.

ADDRESS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NELSON RIDING OF WEST KOOTENAY ELECTORAL DISTRICT:

Gentlemen: My acceptance of a seat in the cabinet of Hon. C. A. Semlin, has vacated the seat in the provincial legislature formerly held by myself as your representative in that body.

I now beg to offer myself as a candidate for re-election.

Although it is but a short time since you honored me by electing me as your representative, and I have every reason to believe that my action in accepting office has your approval, I regret that the duties of office have prevented me from meeting you and personally asking you for the renewal of that support which you have been kind enough to extend to me during the past four years.

The department of mines, which with the office of provincial secretary, Hon. Mr. Semlin has entrusted to my care, is a most important one, particularly to the mining sections of the province, of which the Nelson riding forms so important a part, as by the careful administration of this department the welfare of this and other mining districts may be very greatly benefitted.

I appeal, therefore, for your support as a member of the new government which I am convinced, with the support of the electors throughout the province, will be able to do much to promote the general welfare of the province and enable it to assert its position as the most prosperous of all the provinces in the dominion.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. FRED HUME.

Nelson, September 17th, 1898.

WOMAN AND HER WAYS

seem mysterious to the ordinary man, but when it comes to knowing where the best shoes are to be had for the least money, the practical side of her nature stands out prominently. We haven't advertised a bargain sale, but it has become known that we are selling a particularly fine lot of ladies' shoes at very moderate prices. That is enough to bring those who like good stylish footwear. We give a few pickings from the large and varied stock.

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mine could not give as much satisfaction as our stock of beautiful glistening gems does. Diamonds in the rough are not like the bright sparkling stones that comes from the hands of the skilled cutters. Appropriate setting enhance their beauty We have competent workmen to do this, and the artistic collection displayed deserves a visit. Low prices will be sufficient inducement to hesitating purchasers. Watch repairing, jewelery manufacturing and engraving done on the premises.

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CORRECT CLOTHING

Special Attention

Just received a consignment of Harris home made tweeds from Talbot Harris, Scotland.

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Fred J. Squire, BAKER STREET NELSON

MILLINERY OPENING

The ladies of Nelson are requested to take notice that Mrs. McLaughlin's opening of fall Millinery will take place on Monday, September the 19th. It will surpass anything of a like nature in this city, and the ladies of Nelson are requested to attend.

MRS. O'LAUGHLIN, Josephine Street