The Tribune

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14, 1899.

PUBLISHED AT NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

DAILY (BY MAIL) $5 A YEAR; WEEKLY, $2.

Provincial Library

THIRTY THOUSAND MORE MEN

May be Sent to the Cape.

LONDON, December 14.—Each important battle seems to bring a reverse for the British, and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced. The Morning Post says: "We have had our day of humiliation appointed for us, let us accept it humbly and nobly, and be better and stronger for the lesson it has taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt in Europe. There was never a more apt occasion to prove to Europe what we are worth."

The position lord Methuen assaulted is thus described by a correspondent: Magersfontein range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchments were all around this whole front. The position was some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches followed the contour of the kopjes, and afforded a retreat.

It is estimated here that lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has as yet been received. They are believed to have been at least 450. All the papers comment upon the extreme gravity of the situation, and upon the momentuous decision lord Methuen now has to make, whether to remain at Modder River or to retire on Orange river.

The Times says: "At least 30,000 additional men must be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called out, and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to increase the local colonial forces, and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

The Standard, which comments upon the seemingly astonishing number of the Boers, is driven to the conjecture that a substantial portion of the Boer commandos has been recruited from the Cape Dutch. All eyes are now turned hopefully to general Buller. The Standard says: "At this moment there must be few men in her majesty's dominion who have as great a weight of cares upon them as general Buller carries on his shoulders."

LONDON, December 13.—The war office received the following dispatch from general Forestier-Walker: "Capetown, Tuesday, December 12.—Methuen wires that general Wauchope was killed in action yesterday. General Wauchope of the Black Watch commanded the Highlander brigade with general Methuen's column. He served in Anshanti, Egypt and the Soudan. He was frequently mentioned in dispatches. Twice he contested Midlothian, once against Mr. Gladstone. He was a great favorite in the army.

FRERE CAMP, Natal, December 12.—The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrible.

A Nest of Traitors.

LONDON, December 13.—A dispatch to the Central News says that the Schreiner ministry at the Cape gave passes to the Orange Free State pupils attending the colonial colleges who wanted to go home and fight the British.

LONDON, December 12.—Governor Milner of Cape Colony is considering the dismissal of Schreiner and his colleagues.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE

By Julian Ralph.

LONDON, December 14.—Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein, in a special dispatch to the Daily Mail, says the Boers were entrenched at Magersfontein, four miles off Modder river. At dawn the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered in a single minute. Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied and retained their position. This was on the left. On the right the Guards brigade advanced across the veldt against the outside trenches, and fought an invisible foe for fifteen hours. At eleven in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then enfiladed them. The fighting only ceased with nightfall.

Want Compulsory Education.

MONTREAL, December 13.—The society for the protection of the women and children of this city is urging the necessity of compulsory education among the children of the parents who neglect that essential.

Government May Resign.

VIENNA, December 13.—There are unconfirmed rumors current that the government has resigned, or is about to resign, on account of the persistent Czech obstructions.

Only a Rumor.

OTTAWA, December 13.—A rumor was current on the streets today that the Canadian contingent was engaged in the Modder River fight and that some of its members suffered. Inquiry at the militia department, however, failed to elicit anything more than what was received Monday night from colonel Otter at Belmont, that all was well.

Will be Buried at Kingston.

KINGSTON, Ontario, December 13.—The death of sir George Kirkpatrick at Toronto causes deep sorrow in this city, his old home. He was beloved by all classes of citizens. The funeral takes place to Cataraqui cemetery, where the remains will lie alongside those of the late sir John A. Macdonald and sir Alexander Campbell.

A Boy Murderer Sentenced.

SARATOGA, New York, December 13.—Irving Shaw, 14 years old, of Providence, Saratoga county, was today convicted of murdering his playmate, Jesse Blanche at Providence last October. Justice Stover sentenced him to life imprisonment. He is believed to be the youngest life-prisoner in the state.

Refused to Reduce the Rates.

QUEBEC, December 13.—The Canadian Underwriters' Association have refused to reduce fire insurance rates in this city owing to the alleged inefficiency of the fire brigade.

CLOSER SUPERVISION DEMANDED

Of Shipping at Delagoa Bay.

LONDON, December 13.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Times says: "There is great dissatisfaction with the condition of affairs at Delagoa Bay. Lorenzo Marquez is rapidly being made a regular Transvaal emporium, and becoming the headquarters for Transvaal agents of every description who are able to communicate freely with other agents and with Europe. The preventing of the importation of machinery and materials required for the state worked mines, explosives for the government's factory, and even of actual ammunition, has been enormously increased by the practical impossibility of conducting a thorough search of foreign vessels professedly conveying food. The course adopted by the Imperial government is regarded as helping seriously to prolong the war, and to benefit foreign shippers at the expense of the British, who, in any case, are not able to trade with the enemy. Delagoa Bay, in the present state of affairs, is more useful to the Boers than if it were actually in Transvaal territory.

Canadian Money in New York.

NEW YORK, December 13.—The local agencies of the united banks have received since Friday of last week $2,000,000 in gold from Montreal and other points of the Dominion. Of this sum the Bank of Montreal received $1,250,000 and the Bank of British North America $200,000 by express, while the Canadian Bank of Commerce received $500,000 by mail. These banks took advantage of the money rate situation today and were free lenders of money.

THE DUNSMUIR ORGAN REVOLTS

Against Party Leadership.

VICTORIA, December 13.—[Special to The Tribune.]—A flutter in politics followed the announcement this morning that the manifesto in favor of Charles Wilson, Q. C., as leader of the Conservatives has been sent from Vancouver for signature in Kootenay. It seems that although a choice of the majority of the committee named at the Westminster convention to nominate leader, he has little if any support from Victoria. The Colonist, in the course of a column editorial, intimates that the Wilson move antedated by several months the convention that was supposed to have fathered it, Mr. Wilson having for a considerable time been under the impression that his hour had come, and continues: "We desire to be distinctly understood that the local opposition in the provincial legislature as at present constituted and led proposes to remain intact and to fight the battle for good government upon the same lines as it has been following for the last sixteen months." The Colonist further states that the Wilson movement "has not the united support even of the committee sent to notify Mr. Wilson of the selection of himself as leader of the new party. When the government is defeated, and a new one has been formed out of the opposition, it will not be formed on federal lines.

Our Minister of Agriculture Honored.

NEW YORK, December 13.—The American Guernsey Cattle Club is holding its twenty-first annual meeting in this city. Sydney Fisher of Knowlton, Quebec, was re-elected as one of the two vice-presidents.

METHUEN NOT ABLE TO MAKE HEADWAY.

LONDON, December 13.—General Methuen's report from Modder River shows that he met with a serious check on Monday and suffered heavy loss.

LONDON, December 13.—General Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 3:30 today, sends the following dispatch from lord Methuen, dated Modder River, Tuesday, December 12th, 7:30 p. m.:

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning, I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security. I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our men with the ambulances, who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out. The Boers have been most kind to my wounded."

IT WAS A DRAWN BATTLE

Both Sides Suffered Severely.

MODDER RIVER, December 12.—The British casualties included the marquis of Winchester, major of the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and colonel Downham of the First battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded. When the Highlanders met the murderous point-blank fire of the Boers, about two hundred were mown down; the Black Watch regiment on reforming was only able to muster 140 men. The Boers also lost severely in the trenches and also in the wire entanglements when they came into the open in an attempt to make a flank attack on the British. The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer rifles until nearly 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopje. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to the attack, close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades of the Highlanders' brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrapnel fire as the British advanced, and it was found physically impossible to take the Boer trenches. The British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer. It was here that colonel Downham fell. The Boers had free recourse to barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the British artillery fire. This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupied the positions they held before the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both the officers and the men. The wounded include lieutenant-colonel A. E. Codrington and captain Stirling, both of the first battalion of the Coldstream Guards.

The Boers posted among some thick bushes to the east maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent for taking cover which the Boers always display, they were, generally speaking, virtually silenced; and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, this rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault. At the first advance of the Highlanders the Boers' shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high, otherwise the British losses should have been still heavier.

LONDON, December 14.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, says: "While the battle of Magersfontein was proceeding, the Free State artillery engaged an armored train along the railway line toward Belmont. Forty-one prisoners belonging to the first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders have traversed Jacobsdal. In the last attack on Surprise Hill three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed and several others were wounded, causing great sorrow here."

LONDON, December 14.—The Associated Press understands that the war office yesterday (Wednesday) decided, in consequence of lord Methuen's losses at Magersfontein, to mobilize the eighth division in reserve and to send the seventh division to the Cape. Certain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with militia, and if necessary volunteers will be called to take the places of the militia at home. It is also likely that the militia reserve will be sent out to join their respective battalions, and the war office intends to order out four more battalions of militia for permanent duty.

GAS-WORKS CORNER STONE LAID

With Appropriate Ceremonies.

The corner stone of the Nelson Coke & Gas Company's extensive buildings was laid yesterday afternoon. The trowel of honor was wielded by mayor Neelands, and the addresses which followed were felicitous. The corner stone is located on the northeast angle of the office building, where a large party of citizens assembled about 3 o'clock. David Morris, engineer of the Economical Gas Construction Company, which is installing the plant, did the honors, in conjunction with F. Burnett, who is manager of the Nelson Coke & Gas Company. Among those in attendance were: Mayor Neelands, aldermen Beer, Fletcher, Hillyer and Kirkpatrick, Rev. Mr. Frew and Rev. Mr. Akehurst, F. W. Peters, H. Hall, J. M. Lay, H. E. Beasley, G. McFarland, W. A. Galliher, R. R. Beliamy, Dr. Arthur, W. R. Jarvis, J. K. Strachan, R. M. Macdonald, H. R. Cameron, C. D. Jarvis, W. J. Thompson, T. J. Sims, H. J. Evans and E. Ferguson.

A copper receptacle was placed within the stone containing the following articles: A copy of the current issue of THE TRIBUNE, a copy of the Miner, a list of the officers of the Economical Gas Construction Company, a list of the officers of the Nelson Coke and Gas Company, a copy of the franchise given by the city to the gas company, and a list of the city elective officials. Engineer Morris handed a shining trowel to the mayor, who carefully distributed a coat of mortar beneath the stone. The tackle was then released, and amid a round of hearty cheers his worship announced, "I declare the stone well and truly laid."

A speech was called for, and the mayor responded. He extended his compliments to the construction company, who had carried out their work in a decidedly business-like manner. The establishment would undoubtedly be a credit to the company and to the city as well. Since the franchise had been issued there had been lots of "gas" on the street corners and it was gratifying to know that in a short time the citizens would have the genuine article in their homes. (Laughter).

Mr. Morris responded on behalf of the company by remarking that all his gas was of the natural variety, but he was pleased to welcome the citizens present under such pleasing circumstances.

Mr. Burnett, manager of the gas company, was introduced and received with hearty applause. He contributed a neatly-turned speech. When about leaving the east for Nelson he had asked his friends what prospect there was for the city of Nelson, and the response had been "Very bright. Nelson will have a population of 30,000 in ten years." This was an evidence of the confidence which eastern people had in Nelson, and the company which he represented furnished further proof as to the fact, for they had invested a very large sum of money in the new gas-works. The building operations would be pushed forward rapidly, and in a short time the works would be turning out coke, a new industry and one which promised to bring Nelson into even greater prominence as a commercial centre. The company which would conduct the new plant was not the "Economical," as some of the gentlemen had remarked, but he could vouch for the statement that the company would endeavor in every possible manner to meet the wishes of citizens as to prices and service, and would spare no effort to merit their patronage. (Applause.)

W. A. Galliher added a few happy remarks. He was pleased to note the excellent business policy pursued by the gas company, and congratulated them on the progress already accomplished. The industry was new to Nelson and he hoped that those who had embarked their funds in the industry would be well repaid. He was at all times prepared to encourage the investment of new capital in Nelson, and thought it significant that the gas people had the confidence to invest a very large sum in city property. They deserved patronage and he sincerely trusted the company would meet with every success.

Alderman Fletcher remarked that the establishment of the gas works was a marked stage in the history of the city of Nelson. It proved that the community was keeping pace with the times, and he sincerely trusted the company which had displayed the pluck to invest their money in an expensive plant would meet with a measure of success beyond their expectation.

Felicitious short speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Akehurst and Rev. Mr. Frew, and Messrs. Peters, McDonald, Hillyer, Beer, Beasley and McFarland, after which the gathering was informally entertained in one of the construction buildings.

HEAVY ODDS AGAINST METHUEN

But He Inflicted Great Damage.

LONDON, December 14.—The special correspondent of the Daily Mail at Modder River, describing the fighting, says: "The Boer trenches extended far beyond the kopje and the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire, evidently for fear of our storming and bayonet attack. We raked the kopje and trenches with an intense and well-directed fire of thirty guns, including a naval gun and howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they inflicted severe damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among forty men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete destruction. The Boers are still in larger force than we found them at Modder river, outnumbering us by almost three to one. The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a minority."

Alaskan Boundary Appointments.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—The government of Great Britain has designated E. Wright, astronomer at Ottawa, as its representative in the delimination of the provisional boundary line between Alaska and Canada about the head of Lynn canal, under the terms of the modus vivendi of October. The government of the United States has designated O. H. Titman, assistant superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey, to act in a similar capacity.

WERE PACKED LIKE SARDINES

On the Sardinian.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT
1899-1900

November 15th, 1899—6 a. m.—To the Tribune: We have just sighted a steamer and hope to get off letters. All are well so far, tho' we are packed like sardines. The weather is very hot, and the men's quarters are hot. Hell is a mild term for the hold where the men are this weather. Asked McHarg last night about things. He said they were not sleeping at all on account of the heat, but got a chance to sleep at odd times on deck. Officers are no better off. I have had to sleep in the saloon or the deck or anywhere, as our cabin is 6 by 6 square and 7 feet high, and there are four of us in it with our baggage. The grub is fair and lots of it. We carry on regular system of transport service, a full description of which you will see in the Montreal Star or Herald or in the Toronto Globe or Mail.

Big Lee looks well. Dickson looks well but has a sprained ankle. Paterson looks well. All are as hard as nails. I hope to get Dickson a stripe in a few days; but as there are so many certificated officers, N.C.O's and men in the ranks, it is hard. McHarg of Rossland is a lance corporal. He resigned his commission before he enlisted. The Kaslo boys are very fit; so are the Kamloops boys. Moodie composed a song, which is sung a great deal on board. See Globe. The horses are doing well. In fact everything is as good as can be expected under the circumstances.

HODGINS.

Want Good Roads.

TORONTO, December 13.—Fifty representatives of municipal councils throughout the province met yesterday to discuss the good roads movement.

WHY NOT PULL OFF THE RACE

On the River at Nelson.

M. Peard, who represented Jake Gaudaur, the world's champion oarsmen, in his race with Johnston at Vancouver last year, has received a letter from James Stanbury, the Australian oarsman, from whom Gaudaur wrested the championship in 1896 over the Thames course, in England. Stanbury states that he would like to meet Gaudaur next year on Burrard inlet, Vancouver, in a race for the championship of the world and a stake of $2500 a side, provided he be allowed $500 expenses.

At the present time Stanbury is only 31 years of age, while Gaudaur, who should have long since joined the ranks of the superannuated, is 43. He, Gaudaur, traveled to England, without a cent of expense being awarded him, met Stanbury in 1896 and won back to Canada the title of champion which Hanlan had so foolishly lost in former years. It seems a childish proposition on Stanbury's part to ask for expenses in a race of this kind, but there is little doubt but that the veteran Gaudaur will agree to meet him if he again reaches this country.

Three Locals.

Last evening mayor Neelands, alderman Beer, city clerk Strachan, assistant city clerk Wasson, and W. J. Thompson, chief of the fire department, waited upon Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jarvis, and on behalf of the members of the city council and civic employees presented Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis with a handsome dinner service and a substantial check. Mayor Neelands made the presentation speech to which chief Jarvis replied feelingly.

R. F. Green, M. P. P., of Kaslo, is in Nelson for a day or two en route to the towns in the Slocan to learn the wishes and wants of the people as to legislation. Mr. Green reports business fairly good at Kaslo, and well up to the average of last year. Being a strong Conservative, "Bob" is highly elated at the success of the party in Manitoba.

C. C. Farrell of Moyie is in town. He reports his town in fairly good condition.

Officers Installed.

The installation of the officers of Kootenay Chapter No. 120 were installed at Kaslo on Tuesday evening by excellent companions Quinlan, Chipman and Adams, the board of installing principals. The officers installed were excellent companion Robert Green, Z; excellent companion Trumball, H; excellent companion Byers, J; companion Goodenough, scribe E; companion H. Giegrich, scribe N; companion F. R. Townsend, principal sojourner; companion Alex Menzie, senior sojourner; and companion John Walker, junior sojourner.

Miners' Union Organized at Moyie.

On Tuesday night James Wilks, district organizer of the Western Federation of Miners, organized a union at Moyie, in East Kootenay, with 71 members to start with. The following officers were elected: President, M. L. Hollister; vice-president, William Mills; financial-secretary, Alex J. Chisholm; corresponding-secretary, W. R. Hocking; treasurer, Donald E. McDonald; conductor, Harry Dimmick; warden, W. H. Darby; delegates to district association, William Mills and David J. Elmer.

THE MOLLY GIBSON A SHIPPER

The Wagon Road Completed.

The wagon road between Kokanee Landing on the outlet and the Molly Gibson mine has been completed, and ore is now being hauled over it to the landing, where suitable transfer facilities are being put in. There is a large quantity of ore sacked at the mine ready for shipment, and it is not unlikely that the shipments will be regular from this time on. Nelson district now has the following producing mines: Molly Gibson, Athabasca, Granite, Poorman, Silver King, Exchequer and Fern, whose aggregate yield should not be far from $2,000,000 a year.

No Money Available.

F. W. Swannell, secretary of the board of trade, has received a communication from J. O. MacLeod, superintendent of the railway mail service at Vancouver, in regard to the matter of placing mail clerks on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Mr. MacLeod states that the controller at Ottawa has advised him that as there are no funds available for the establishment of a postal car service on that line, no action can be taken just at present. The minister has, however, given instructions to have the necessary amount placed in the estimates which come before parliament next session, and it is therefore very probable that mail clerks will be employed on the above railway next spring.

Cabinet Crisis in Spain.

MADRID, December 13.—The chamber of deputies today, by a vote of 101 against 100, rejected a motion demanding the abolition of the under-secretaryship of the navy, and of other posts of the ministers of marine. Owing to the closeness of the vote, a ministerial crisis is believed to be imminent.

BUY NOW

Do not wait until the last moment. Tis a well known fact that only the early buyers of Xmas goods get the plums, and as Xmas Eve approaches the assortment of these goods gets badly broken. Therefore we would advise our customers to buy early, when they can have ample time to select their goods and not wait until the hurry and rush of Xmas. Our stock of these goods is undoubtedly one of the best assorted in the city, consisting of Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs, Kid and Mocha Gloves and Mitts, fancy Fans, Blouse Silks, (in blouse lengths only), Silk Blouses, etc.

We have not forgotten the men either. There has lately come to our furnishing department a new and complete range of men's Neckwear in Bows, Derby Flowing Ends and Puffs; Men's Silk Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, Plain and Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Top Shirts, etc. We have also added a line of Fancy Vests. These goods are a little out of our line, but they are so pretty we could not resist buying. Needless to say the prices are right.

MARTIN O'REILLY & CO.

HOUSTON BLOCK, BAKER STREET. TERMS CASH

Handkerchiefs

Our Silk Handkerchiefs for Christmas trade are now to hand
A large assortment to select from, 15c and up.

MEN'S OUTFITTER
Sign of the RED HAT, Baker St., Nelson

J. F. WEIR

Wholesale Houses

NELSON B. C.

GROCERIES.

A. MACDONALD & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine streets, wholesale grocers and jobbers in blankets, gloves, mitts, boots, rubbers, mackinaws and miners' sundries.

KOOTENAY SUPPLY COMPANY, LIMITED—Vernon street, Nelson, wholesale grocers.

JOHN CHOLDITCH & CO.—Front street, Nelson, wholesale grocers.

COAL.

CROW'S NEST PASS COAL COMPANY.—Wholesale dealers in coal and coke. Charles St. Barbe, Agent. Baker street, Nelson.

HARDWARE AND MINING SUPPLIES.

H. BYERS & CO.—Corner Baker and Josephine streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies. Agents for Giant Powder Co.

LAWRENCE HARDWARE COMPANY—Baker St., Nelson, wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies, and water and plumbers' supplies.

VANCOUVER HARDWARE COMPANY, LIMITED—Baker street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies, plumbers and tinsmiths' supplies.

ÆRATED AND MINERAL WATERS.

THORPE & CO., LIMITED.—Corner Vernon and Cedar streets, Nelson, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in aerated waters and fruit syrups. Sole agents for Halcyon Springs mineral water.

ASSAYERS' SUPPLIES.

W. E. TEETZEL & CO.—Corner Baker and Josephine streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in assayers supplies. Agents for Denver Fire Clay Co. of Denver, Colorado.

LIQUORS AND DRY GOODS.

TURNER, BEETON & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in liquors, cigars and dry goods. Agents for Pabst Brewing Co. of Milwaukee and Calgary Brewing Co. of Calgary.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

H. J. EVANS & CO.—Baker street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in liquors, cigars, cement, fire brick and fire clay, water pipe and steel rails, and general commission merchants.

FLOUR AND FEED.

BRACKMAN & KER MILLING COMPANY LTD.—Front street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in flour, oatmeal, etc., and hay and grain. Mills at Edmonton, Victoria, and New Westminster.

CIGARS.

KOOTENAY CIGAR MANUFACTURING CO.—Corner Baker and Hall streets, Nelson, manufacturers of "Royal Seal" and "Kootenay Belle" brands of cigars

PAINTS AND OILS.

NELSON HARDWARE COMPANY—Baker Street—Wholesale dealers in paints, oils, and brushes of all kinds. Largest stock in Kootenay.

FRESH AND SALT MEATS.

P. BURNS & CO.—Baker street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in fresh and cured meats. Cold storage.

POWDER, CAPS AND FUSE.

HAMILTON POWDER COMPANY—Baker street, Nelson, manufacturers of dynamite, sporting, stumping and black blasting powders, wholesale dealers in caps and fuse, and electric blasting apparatus.

PROVISIONS, PRODUCE AND FRUITS.

PARSONS PRODUCE COMPANY—Vernon street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in provisions, produce, and fruits. Agents for Swift & Co. bacon and hams.

J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in provisions, cured meats, butter and eggs.

F. R. STEWART & CO.—Warehouses on C.P.R. track, foot of Stanley street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in provisions, produce and fruits. Cold storage. Agents Armour & Co's bacon, hams, lard and other products.

MANITOBA PRODUCE AND COMMISSION CO., Ltd.—Nelson branch, Hall street. Wholesale dealers in butter, eggs and cheese.

SASH AND DOORS.

NELSON SAW AND PLANING MILLS, LIMITED—Corner Front and Hall streets, Nelson, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in sash and doors; all kinds of factory work made to order.

WINES AND CIGARS.

CALIFORNIA WINE COMPANY, LIMITED—Corner Front and Hall streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in wines (case and bulk) and domestic and imported cigars.

The Tribune.

SECTION 1 of "An Act to restrict the importation and employment of Aliens" reads as follows: "From and after the "passing of this Act it shall be unlawful "for any person, company, partnership "or corporation, in any manner to pre-"pay the transportation, or in any way "to assist or encourage the importation "or immigration of any alien or fore-"igner into Canada, under contract or "agreement, parole or special, express or "implied, made previous to the importa-"tion or immigration of such alien or "foreigner, to perform labor or service of "any kind in Canada." We believe that the government holds that it must be proved that an actual contract shall have been made between the employer and the imported laborer before the latter steps on Canadian soil; that advertisements inserted in foreign newspapers encouraging men to come to Canada and agreements with the managers of foreign employment agencies have no weight in law; that the personal solicitation of employers; even if the solicitation is made on foreign soil, cuts no figure. The Alien Labor Act of Canada is what the Eight-Hour Law of British Columbia would be with the penal clause omitted. The men for whom it was passed find it is a mere husk when they begin to chew it.

THE Rossland Miner wraps the knuckles of Mr. Devine, secretary of the Rossland Miners' Union, for making unfair statements at a public meeting held to discuss the question of the non-employment of Chinese. Mr. Devine stated that the anti-Chinese movement would not receive encouragement from either the business element or the press. The Miner says such a statement is untruthful; that the Miner has consistently advocated the exclusion of Chinamen, not only from all kinds of employment, but from the country itself. The Chinese question can easily be settled, so far as this section of British Columbia is concerned. Let the people who object to the Chinese quit patronizing Chinese and those who employ or patronize them.

DENIALS are now in order. The mine managers who attended the Rossland meeting are making denials. They say that the meeting had no political significance. It is beginning to look as if this country was suffering from "too much mine manager."

Broke Even.

TORONTO, December 13.—The following are the returns of the four bye-elections for seats in the Ontario legislature:

South Ontario—Hon. John Dryden, Liberal, elected by a majority of 352 over Calder.

South Brant—Preston, Liberal, elected by a majority of 439 over Henry.

East Elgin—C. A. Brewer, Conservative, elected by 58 majority over McIntyre.

West Elgin—Macdiarmid, Conservative, elected by a majority of 21 over McNish.

This leaves the Ross government with a good working majority, with the confidence, evidently, of the country, and with the assistance in its cabinet councils of one of its oldest and ablest members.

Getting Close to Aguinaldo.

MANILA, December 13.—A dispatch just received from Cervantes says major Marsh completely routed general Del Pilar's force on December 3rd in a fight in a mountain 3000 feet above the sea. Del Pilar was killed, two Americans were killed and nine wounded. On December 3rd major Marsh was about 24 hours behind Aguinaldo, who believed he had found an inacessable refuge. Aguinaldo was greatly affected on hearing of the death of his chief of staff and instantly prepared for flight.

The Technicalities of the Law.

MONTREAL, December 13.—In the O'Neill fraud case today judge Choquette discovered a flaw in the evidence taken by judge Sicotte in Chicago, and at Lansing, Michigan, and Pontiac, Michigan. It appears that according to Canadian law, the stenographer who took the evidence should have sworn that his notes were correct, which was not done. In consequence a new commission may be necessary. Decision on the matter was reserved.

Counterfeiter Sentenced.

BOSTON, December 13.—William Davidson, one of the band of alleged counterfeiters recently detected in Winthrop, was sentenced to serve four years in state prison by judge Lowell of the circuit court here today on a plea of guilty. The indictment charged the defendant with counterfeiting $2 bills of the Dominion of Canada.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

INCORPORATED 1670.

We Hope

No one will be without the necessary liquids to brighten up Xmas.

Just Received

Direct shipment from Europe 150 cases Pommery Champagne, 200 cases assorted liquers.

ASK FOR OUR SPECIAL XMAS HAMPER LIST.

Hudson's Bay Co.

Telephone 13

Parson's Produce Company

WHOLESALE
. Butter,
. Eggs,
. Cheese,
. Green
. Fruits,
. Cured
. Meats,
. Vegetables

SHIPPERS OF THE EARLY BREAKFAST BRAND OF EGGS

Full stocks carried at Nelson and Rossland. Mail orders solicited.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Pursuant to "Creditors Trust Deeds Act" and amending Acts.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas Stanley Humphreys and John Whistance Pittock, trading under the firm name of Humphreys & Pittock as merchants on Baker street, Nelson, British Columbia, have by deed bearing date the 12th day of December, 1899, assigned all their personal estate, credits and effects (both partnership and private) which may be sold under execution and all their real estate (both partnership and private) to Webster Foreman Traves of the City of Nelson, British Columbia, contractor, in trust as trustee for creditors (both partnership and private) for the purpose of distribution amongst the said creditors according to law.

The said deed of assignment was executed by the said Thomas Stanley Humphreys and John Whistance Pittock and by the said Webster Foreman Traves on the said 12th day of December, 1899.

And further take notice that a meeting of the said creditors will be held at the office of Gallicher & Wilson, solicitors, Baker street, Nelson, B. C., on Friday the 22nd day of December, 1899, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

All creditors are required on or before the 30th day of December, 1899, to file their claims with the trustee, duly proved as provided by the said act stating the amount and nature thereof, the nature of any security held by them and the character of liability thereof, and the valuation placed thereon.

In default of the said trustee receiving satisfactory proof thereof any creditor is liable to have his claim barred. WEBSTER FOREMAN TRAVES, Trustee.

GALLICHER & WILSON, Solicitors.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 13th day of December, A.D., 1899.

For Sale Cheap

Everything in and about an hotel building at Creston, a station on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Will be sold either as a whole or separately. Apply to Charles F. Olson, Ainsworth, B. C.

About Lethbridge Galt Coal

The Lethbridge Galt coal office has been moved to the building occupied by C. D. J. Christie on Baker street, where all orders for coal will receive prompt attention.

All persons indebted for coal are requested to settle by December 1st.

Hereafter Galt coal will be sold for cash only.

W. P. TIERNEY, General Agent.

NOTICE.

The Commission appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the conditions affecting the mining interests in British Columbia, the alleged importation of alien labor, &c., &c., will be held at the Court House, in Nelson, today, the 14th December instant, at 10 o'clock a. m. R. C. CLUTE, Commissioner.

Time Spent at This Store

In "Looking Around" is Never Wasted.

Special Sale For One Week Only

IN THE

Silk Department.

22-inch Black Taffeta, $1 quality at	80c
22-inch Black Taffeta, 85c quality at	65c
21-inch Colored Taffeta, $1 quality at	75c
22-inch Black Satin, $1 quality at	75c
22-inch Black Satin, $1.25 quality at	$1
22-inch Black Satin, $1.50 quality at	$1.25
22-inch Black Pean De Soie, $2 quality at	$1.50
22-inch Black Pean De Soie, $1.15 quality at	$1.15
20-inch Colored Bengaline, $1.25 quality at	75c
Broche Silk in all evening shades	$1 to $3.50 per yard
50 Dress Patterns in Plain and Fancy Mixtures	$2 to $15

Fred, Irvine & Co.
use "ORIENTAL" SILK Lining

303 Baker and 303 Josephine Streets.

When It's Winter

With the sudden change in temperature, colds and coughs are almost certain to develop and the wise person always heeds these signals, and secures a remedy that quickly cures the trouble. It is well to have at hand—ready for immediate use—a remedy that's certain, whose use involves no risk.

These bear the highest endorsements:

Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil (with hypophosphites of lime and soda), pint bottles, 75c; 6 bottles for $4.

Scott's Emulsion, $1 per bottle; 6 for $5.

Compound Syrup of White Pine and Tar, 50c and 25c.

Laxacold—stops a cold in one day, 25c.

And all the standard cough preparations.

Canada Book & Drug Co

NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Cut Prices is the Order of the Day

And I want to be in it. I have just received Fall samples of Suitings and Overcoatings representing a $50,000 stock to choose from made to your order at prices never before heard of in Nelson. All the latest fads in Fancy Vestings for Fall and winter. Ladies' tailoring in all its branches a specialty. Lowest prices. Rooms 1 and 11, Hillyer block.

Stevens, The Tailor

LODGE MEETINGS.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Nelson Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Knights cordially invited to attend. T. LILLIE, C. C. R. G. JOY, K. of R. & S.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 23, A. F. & A. M. Meets second Wednesday in each month. Sojourning brethren invited.

NELSON L. O. L., No. 1692, meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Visiting brethern cordially invited.
JOHN TOYE, W. M. F. J. BRADLEY, Rec. Sec.

NELSON ÆRIE, Number 22, Fraternal Order of Eagles, meets every second and fourth Wednesday in each month in Fraternity Hall. Visiting brethren welcome.
J. IRVING, President. J. R. WRAY, Secretary.

NELSON MINERS' UNION NO. 96, W. F. of M.—Meets in K. P. rooms, Fraternity Hall, the first and third Saturday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock. Visiting members welcome.
JAMES WILKS, Sec'y. CHAS. A. McKAY, Pres.

THE regular meetings of the Carpenters' Union are held on Wednesday evening of each week, at 7 o'clock, in the old Oddfellow's hall on Kootenay street.
JAMES COLLING, Secretary.

ARCHITECTS.

EWART & CARRIE—Architects. Rooms 7 and 8 Aberdeen block, Baker street, Nelson.

WARD BROS.

REAL ESTATE AND GENERAL INSURANCE AGENTS

On application we will quote you rates on Fire, Life, Accident and Plate Glass Insurance.

Agents for J. and J. Taylor Safes.

FOR SALE—Business and Residential Property.

25 by 120 with improvements, south side Vernon street.....$5000
50 by 120 corner of Baker and Hall streets. Particulars given on application.
2½ lots with cottage, rented at $15 per month, Victoria street.....$3500
2 lots with cottage, rented at $20 per month, Stanley street.....$3000
4 lots including corner, 200 foot frontage.....$1200

For Residential Property you could not do better than invest in Fairview, commonly known as Bogustown, especially now that the tramway is nearly completed.

For particulars apply to above firm, West Baker Street, Nelson.

A. R. Sherwood

Successor to Chas. A. Waterman & Co.

REAL ESTATE
INSURANCE AND
GENERAL AGENT

First door west of Bank of British Columbia building. Baker St. Nelson

Charles D. J. Christie

GENERAL BROKER.

COLLECTIONS SOLICITED

FOR SALE

A 14-Room (new) House, rented at $40 per month...$3000
An 8-Room (new) House, two lots, corner.....2700

FOR RENT

A 5-Room House (furnished).....$30.00

MONEY TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE OR SHORT TERMS.

OFFICES:
Four Doors West of Dominion Express Office

A. R. BARROW, A.M.I.C.E.

PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR

Corner Victoria and Kootenay Streets.
P. O. BOX 559 TELEPHONE NO. 95

ONE DOLLAR A LOAD

The undersigned has a large quantity of fir, cedar, and tamarac slabs, in 16-inch and 4-foot lengths, suitable for stove wood, which will be sold for $1 a load at the mill yard.

NELSON SAW & PLANING MILLS, Limited.
Nelson, August 19th, 1899.

Big Schooner

Beer or Half-and-Half....

10 Cts.

Always Fresh
Always Cool

THE BEST GLASS OF BEER IN NELSON IS AT THE

Club Hotel

Corner Silica and Stanley Streets. E. J. CURRAN, Prop.

HALCYON WATER

IS NO EXPERIMENT.

The medicinal values of HALCYON WATER has been proven.

Halcyon Water is Bottled Properly.

Vernon Street Thorpe & Co.

R. REISTERER & CO.

BREWERS AND BOTTLERS OF

Fine Lager Beer, Ale and Porter

Prompt and regular delivery to the trade. Brewery at Nelson.

KOOTENAY COFFEE CO.

NELSON, B. C.

Coffee roasters and dealers in Tea and Coffee.

Offer fresh roasted coffee of best quality as follows:

Java and Arabian Mocha, per pound	$ 40
Java and Mocha Blend, 3 pounds	1 00
Fine Santos, 4 pounds	1 00
Santos Blend, 5 pounds	1 00
Our Special Blend, 6 pounds	1 00
Our Rio Roast, 6 pounds	1 00

A trial order solicited.

Salesrooms 2 Doors East of Oddfellows Block, West Baker Street

FINE TAILORING

CLEANING AND REPAIRING.

Your own goods made up. Old clothes made good as new.

ARTHUR GEE

Opposite Clarke Hotel. MERCHANT TAILOR.

BANK OF MONTREAL

Capital, all paid up, . . $12,000,000
Rest, - - - 6,000,000

LORD STRATHCONA AND MT ROYAL, President
Hon. GEO. A. DRUMMOND, ... Vice-President
E S. CLOUSTON, ... General Manager

NELSON BRANCH
N. W. Cor. Baker and Stanley Streets.

— BRANCHES IN —
LONDON (England), NEW YORK, CHICAGO and in the principal cities in Canada.

Buy and sell Sterling Exchange and Cable Transfers
GRANT COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELLERS' CREDITS, available in any part of the world.
DRAFTS ISSUED. COLLECTIONS MADE; ETC.

SAVINGS BANK BRANCH.
CURRENT RATE OF INTEREST PAID

THE ALIEN LABOR INVESTIGATION

The Commissioner at Nelson.

R. C. Clute, the commissioner appointed by the Dominion government to enquire into the conditions affecting the mining interests in British Columbia, opened his inquiry in Nelson at the court house yesterday. The opening session was not of a specially interesting nature, but it is probable that before the close of the commissioner's visit information of value will be elicited. Mr. Clute arrived in the city on Tuesday evening, and the commission opened yesterday at 1 o'clock. It will continue until the presiding official has secured all the information he considers necessary from the mine owners and mine workers of the Nelson district. Special attention will be given to the matter of the alleged importation of alien laborers.

In opening the court of inquiry, commissioner Clute explained his mission at some length, referred to the legislation affecting alien labor and other matters pertaining to mining interests, and extended an invitation to all parties having knowledge of the matters in question to give their evidence. It was pointed out that officers or members of the miners' union were requested to participate in the inquiry, and Mr. Clute asked if any representatives of the union were present and prepared to take the oath. One of the gentlemen in attendance volunteered the information that the secretary of the union was at Moyie, but would be back today, and the union men considered it wise to refrain from giving evidence in his absence.

The first witness called was Roderick P. Tolmie, general secretary for the Silver-Lead Mines Association. The territory covered by this association includes the Slocan and Nelson districts, and the association embraces the principal mines operating therein. The commissioner asked about the capital represented by the association, and Mr. Tolmie promised to furnish the data later on. Witness continued that the ruling rate of wages in the Slocan was $3.50 for a day shift of eight hours. When asked by Mr. Clute as to the action taken by the association to secure miners, witness stated that advertisements had been published. He denied that he had at any time gone to points in the United States to look for help, and did not enter into any contract for the introduction of alien labor. Nor was any such contract entered into to his knowledge.

The commissioner asked: "Has there been a breach of the Alien Labor Law in southern British Columbia to your knowledge?"

Mr. Tolmie: "Not to my knowledge."

Mr. Clute invited any of the audience to cross-examine witness, and J. J. Campbell, local secretary of the Nelson association, proceeded to do so. Mr. Campbell asked if witness was aware of the number of men who were required by the Silver-Lead association, and Mr. Tolmie responded that about 2500 men were needed. He did not think he was interviewed by over a dozen men in response to his advertisement.

By Mr. Campbell: "Do you know how many unemployed miners there were in the Slocan at that time?" Answer: "If you refer to Sandon I should say there were about 100."

The commissioner: "Could a sufficient number of British miners have been obtained to supply the demand?" Answer: "I should say not."

The witness further said that so far as he knew a number of miners had left the country. Of the dozen men who answered his advertisement, he could only recall one who went to work. Two of the twelve informed him that they had been advised not to work. Witness thought the situation in Sandon might be taken as characteristic of the district.

This concluded Mr. Tolmie's examination.

Commissioner Clute then requested J. J. Campbell to take the stand. Mr. Clute asked if the conditions in the Nelson and Slocan districts differed. The response was that there were material differences, among these being the various qualities of ore, silver-lead, free-milling, dry, galena, and other varieties being represented in the two districts. He considered the conveniences at the various mines, their distance from a town, their dryness and other features had more to do with the willingness of men to engage than had the character of the ore. The commissioner then requested witness to obtain the various data from the mines of the district regarding capital, etc. Mr. Campbell remarked that the mines of the district were working, and designated the following as the principal mines: Silver King, Granite, Royal Canadian, Poorman, Athabasca, Ymir, Yellowstone, Porto Rico, Tamarac, and Molly Gibson. He proceeded to state that difficulty had been met in the matter of securing help this year. Hitherto the relations between the employers and miners had been agreeable, and he had heard of no difficulties until the enforcement of the eight-hour law. He added that in the main the relationship of the owners to the men were pleasant enough now. His company required more men at the present time. During the troubled period the mine had not done as much work or employed as many men as would have been the case had suitable men applied for work, great difficulty having been experienced in securing skilled miners. The management considered that the demand for men was greater than the supply. In the Silver King mine there had been neither a strike nor a shutdown, but in some of the mines there had been trouble.

Mr. Campbell was directed to procure a quantity of information from the various companies in the Nelson district for the commissioner, and also undertook to bring a number of the leading mine-owners and managers before the commissioner today.

This concluded the sitting of the inquiry, as there was no response to the commissioner's request for further witnesses. Before adjourning Mr. Clute stated that he would be pleased to meet any of the gentlemen present or any members of the association or miners' union at any time when the commission was not in session, for the purpose of explaining the object and scope of the inquiry. The commission will resume at 10 o'clock this morning.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

Paris has 17,000 telephones.

Minneapolis has 11 sawmills.

At Denver laborers get $2 a day.

London contains 5000 physicians.

Toronto is to have a woollen mill.

India has 3,837,959 acres of corn.

Hamburg is Germany's richest city.

Albany, N. Y., moulders get $2.75 a day.

Pittsburg, Pa., coremakers earn $2.75 a day.

Hamilton, Ont., carpenters want $2.25 a day.

Boston has a Working Men's Political League.

Cheynne, Wyo., machinists demand 33½ cents per hour.

Summit, N. J., weaver rejected a cut of 35 per cent.

Connecticut's house of representatives has 101 farmers.

London holds 63 per cent of its policemen for night duty.

Ottumwa, Ia., has reduced the liquor license from $1800 to $600 a year.

The United States turns out annually 185,000,000,000 pounds of plug tobacco.

National gas, conveyed in bamboo tubes, was utilized in China years ago.

St. Louis machinery moulders now get $2.75 a day; two months ago they were paid $2.

The average advance in wages in Wisconsin for all classes in the year past was 15 per cent.

Pencils of slate-dust moulded by hydraulic pressure are made is large quantities in Tennessee.

A pioneer sheep-feeder of Fort Collins, Col., is feeding 25,000—the largest number ever fed by one individual.

THE BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
NELSON

Is now prepared to issue Drafts and Letters of Credit on Skaguay, U. S., Atlin, B. C., and Dawson City, Yukon District.

The wages paid to all mill and factory workers in Dundee, Scot., have just been raised 5 per cent.

Painters and decorators at St. Louis, Mo., want 37½ cents; eight hours and Saturday half-holiday on and after April 1st, 1900.

After April 1st next, United States carpenters will demand an advance of 40 cents a day, and a prolonged fight is anticipated.

Not for 10 years has the laboring man been offered so high wages, nor has there been so great a scarcity of laborers as there is in Denver, Col., today.

During October 348 workers in the United Kingdom were killed while following their usual avocations. This is an increase of 54 mortalities over the previous month.

From all accounts the glassmaking trade will in the near future be revolutionized by machinery. Some of the inventions have emerged from the experimental stage, and there are many more to follow.

The California legislature of 1897 passed an act relating to the employment and payment of miners. Its provisions stated that it would be unlawful for any mining company to contract to pay a miner for a longer period than one month; that the wages must be paid every month; and that it would be unlawful for a company to contract to pay a miner for a longer period than one month without receiving his wages. The supreme court declares that the law is unconstitutional in that it is class legislation; that it is directed against only one class of corporations, and at law a corporation is treated as a person, and is in favor of but one class of employes.

The strike in the weaving industry of Lurgan, Ire., still continues, and there seems to be no prospect of an early settlement. About 1900 persons are affected by the strike, while four factories have ceased to turn out work. The dispute arose over the enforcement of a dormant section of the Truck act, which empowers employers to exact fines from such of their employes as remained out from work when work in the factory was in full operation.

In Chicago colored property-owners are organizing to protect against the practice of a class of white property-owners who rent houses in colored communities to disreputable colored tenants. Protective associations will be formed in each of these neigeborhoods to assist white property-owners to secure a better class of colored tenants to occupy their houses. Representative colored people say landlords are not as particular about colored tenants for their houses as they are with white tenants.

The plan of the Illinois State Pawners' Society provides for the loaning of money at one per cent a month on the earned but unpaid portion of the city employe's salary, and only to such employes as are in distress caused by sickness or death. The application must be submitted to the head of the department in which the employe serves for certification of his statement that he is in need, and must then be approved by the comptroller. Loans will not be made for more than 80 per cent of the pledged amount of earned salary.

The manufacturing of men's shoes promises to become a prominent feature of the shoe trade of Lynn, Mass., although this branch of the industry has been almost entirely neglected there in the past ten years. Two factories in the city are manufacturing men's shoes exclusively, another firm is gradually dropping its line of women's shoes and making a line of men's goods, and several of the leading factories of the city are manufacturing youths', boys' and little men's shoes and working out of the manufacture of women's shoes. Lynn gained its reputation and is known today as the leading city of the world for high-grade women's shoes.

The wage conference between the employes and the officials of the Wheeling & Lake Erie is at an end, and the men have been given an advance of 10 per cent. This will give the engineers between $3.50 and $4 a day for local work and between $3.50 and $3.75 for through freight trains. The firemen will get between 56 and 60 per cent of the wages of the enginemen. The men also got a reduction in the working hours and a promise of pay for overtime. The enginemen and firemen also had given them a 75-mile ride-book over the line. It is interchangeable between them. This new schedule went into effect December 1st. It seems that practically the same terms were made with the conductors and trainmen.

FULL LINE OF

Front Doors
Inside Doors
Screen Doors
Windows
Inside Finish
local and coast.
Flooring
local and coast.
Newel Posts
Stair Rail
Mouldings
Shingles
Rough and
Dressed Lumber
of all kinds.

what you want is not in stock we will make it for you
CALL AND GET PRICES.

J. A. Sayward
HALL AND LAKE STREETS, NELSON

Contractors and Builders
WILL DO WELL TO
BUY THEIR LUMBER
AT
G. O. BUCHANAN'S

A large stock of first-class dry material on hand, also a full line of sash, doors, mouldings, turned work, etc.

FACTORY WORK A SPECIALTY

Yard: Foot of Hendryx street, Nelson
Telephone, 91 John Rae, Agent

PATRONIZE UNION SHOPS

UNION SHOP

Barber Shops Without This Card in Window Are Non-Union.

Nelson Barber's Union

Nelson Business College
Will Open on Wednesday, January 3rd, 1900.

BOOKKEEPING, SHORTHAND, TYPEWRITING
THE LEADING FEATURES.

Intending Students May Register at Once.

The commercial department will be under the control of M. J. Rattray, a teacher of eighteen years' experience. The shorthand and typewriting department will be conducted by Miss B. E. Merrill, late of "The Expositor" staff, Brantford.

Victoria Street, Near City Hall. RATTRAY & MERRILL

Smoke...
ROYAL SEAL AND KOOTENAY BELLE CIGARS. . . . . .
UNION MADE
Kootenay Cigar Manfg. Co.
Nelson, British Columbia.

The Tremont Hotel
MALONE & TREGILLUS
PROPRIETORS
Headquarters for Miners and Prospectors
THE BEST BRANDS OF
Liquors and Cigars
ALWAYS ON HAND
One of the best and most popular hotels in Nelson.

QUEEN'S HOTEL
BAKER STREET, NELSON.
Heated with Hot Air and Lighted by Electricity
Large comfortable bedrooms and first-class dining room. Sample rooms for commercial men.
RATES $2 PER DAY
Mrs. E. C. CLARKE, Prop.
Late of the Royal Hotel, Calgary.

Hotel Hume
H. D. HUME, Manager.
The finest hotel in the interior.
Large sample rooms. Steam heat and electric light.
CORNER OF WARD AND VERNON STS., NELSON

Madden House
BAKER AND WARD STREETS, NELSON
The only hotel in Nelson that has remained under one management since 1890.
The bed-rooms are well furnished and lighted by electricity.
The dining-room is not second to any in Kootenay.
The bar is always stocked by the best domestic and imported liquors and cigars.
THOMAS MADDEN, Proprietor.

Large and well lighted — Heated by hot air
Reasonable rates — Sample rooms
Electric bells and light in every room
Renovated and refurnished throughout
HOTEL VICTORIA
J. V. PERKS, Proprietor
Free bus meets all trains — Revelstoke, B. C.
Hourly street car to station
Night Grill Room in connection, for the convenience of guests arriving and departing by night trains.

B. C. HOTEL
ERIE, B. C.
First-class in every respect. Choicest wines, liquors and cigars. Every comfort for transient and resident guests.
HEADQUARTERS FOR UNION MEN.
JOSEPH CAMPBELL, Proprietor.

D. McARTHUR & CO.

One of Those Beautiful Pictures

IN OUR WINDOW WILL MAKE A VERY PRETTY X'MAS GIFT FOR YOUR FRIEND. IT IS A LITTLE EARLY, BUT WE WILL RESERVE IT FOR YOU.

THEY ARE GOING FAST

D. McARTHUR & CO.

D. McARTHUR & CO.

D. McARTHUR & CO.

THE NELSON SAW & PLANING MILLS, Ltd.

We have a stock of one and a half million feet of logs at our mill and are prepared to cut all kinds of dimension timber and ship to all points on Kootenay Lake by scows or steamers, also by rail to all points on the Canadian Pacific or Nelson and Fort Sheppard railways. In stock rough and dressed lumber, shingles, mouldings, sash, doors, newels, turned verandah posts. Glass of all sizes. Factory work of all kinds done to order.

THE NELSON SAW & PLANING MILLS, Ltd.
OFFICE AND MILLS CORNER HALL AND FRONT STS., NELSON.

P. Burns & Co.
Wholesale and Retail . . Dealers in Meats
HEAD OFFICE AT NELSON, B. C.
Markets at Nelson, Rossland, Trail, Kaslo, Ymir, Sandon, Silverton, New Denver, Revelstoke, Ferguson, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Cascade City, Midway, and Vancouver.
Mail Orders Promptly Forwarded.

West Kootenay Butcher Co.
ALL KINDS OF
FRESH AND SALTED MEATS
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
FISH AND POULTRY IN SEASON
Baker Street, Nelson E. C. TRAVES, Manager
ORDERS BY MAIL RECEIVE CAREFUL AND PROMPT ATTENTION.

ARRIVED IN NELSON
Carload Canadian Whiskies
Including Segram's 2, 4, and 7 year old Rye in Barrels. Gooderham & Worts' Rye in Cases.
Segram's Star, 83 Rye and White Wheat Whisky in Cases. Walker's Club Rye in Cases.
A. B. GRAY, Kootenay Agent, Nelson, B. C.
R. P. RITHET & CO.

W. P. DICKSON — E. H. H. APPLEWHAITE — J. McPHEE
Kootenay Electric Supply and Construction Co.
ELECTRIC SUPPLIES
Complete Electric Equipments for Electric Power Transmission and Lighting for Mines, Towns
Electric Fixtures, Lamps, Bells, Telephones, Annunciators, Etc.
P. O. Box 606. Josephine Street, Nelson, B. C.

Free Water Connections
TO YOUR LOT LINE, WE DO IT
SEE US
GAS FITTING OUR SPECIALTY — PLUMBING OF ALL KINDS
STRACHAN BROS. Opera House Blk.

Fred J. Squire, Merchant Tailor
FULL LINES OF FALL AND WINTER SUITINGS
WEST BAKER STREET NELSON — OPPOSITE SILVER KING HOTEL

20 per Cent Discount

In order to reduce our stock previous to stock taking we have concluded to offer a discount of 20 per cent for cash on all goods in the drug line, with the exception of Patent and Proprietary Medicines, until Saturday, the 23rd instant. These goods are not old and shop worn, but on the contrary they are all fresh new goods, purchased in the best markets and cannot be excelled.

W. F. TEETZEL & CO.

Corner Baker and Josephine Streets *Wholesale and Retail Druggists*
Nelson, B. C. *and Dealers in Assayers' Supplies*

See Gilker's Special Freize Ulster Overcoat at

$5.95

ITS A STUNNER
OTHER CLOTHING IN PROPORTION

A small line of New York Neckties will be open in a few days for Xmas trade
WAIT FOR THEM

J. A. GILKER

THE OLD P. O. STORE

Established in Nelson in 1890.

Stands Fifth

The jewelry store of the undersigned is classed as the fifth largest in Canada. This must mean, if it means anything, that Nelson has a jewelry house that carries a large stock, therefore people can choose when purchasing articles, either useful or ornamental.

Jacob Dover

Clement & Hillyer Block, Baker Street.

COMFORTABLE FOOTWEAR

SMALL SHOES for little chaps
STRONG SHOES for sturdy boys
STYLISH SHOES for their fathers
DAINTY SHOES for little girls and misses
ELEGANT SHOES for their mothers

We stand back of our Shoes
They are made in such a way, from such stock, that there is no excuse for anything but satisfaction
We have a larger stock than you usually see and lower prices for the same quality than your ever run across
Shoes to fit all feet, in styles to suit every fancy, at prices mowed down to a minimum.

Neelands' Shoe Emporium

BAKER STREET, NELSON

Headquarters

For all kinds of Rubber Goods and Winter Clothing . . . .

THEO MADSON
Baker Street.

One Price to all

The Cabinet

FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE
NELSON CIGAR CO.

If you would enjoy a fresh and fragrant smoke don't forget the Cabinet keeps them

G. B. Matthews,
Proprietor.

H. D. Ashcroft

BLACKSMITHING AND EXPERT HORSESHOEING

Wagon repairing promptly attended to by a first-class wheelwright.
Special attention given to all kinds of repairing and custom work from outside points.

Shop: Hall Street, between Baker and Vernon, Nelson

COAL! COAL!

GREAT REDUCTION

HARD COAL ANTHRACITE $9.65 | CROW'S NEST COAL $6.15

DELIVERED

TELEPHONE 33

C. W. West & Co.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

Members of the recent C.P.R. excursion to the Boundary district are requested to meet this afternoon at five o'clock in the Phair hotel.

A well-known bank man had his water turned off the other day on account of his arrears for water rates. He took the action of the council philosophically. He wrote to the city clerk stating that he did not know the amount of the arrears, but enclosed a bank check, which he requested the city clerk to fill in and then have the water turned on.

Judge Forin returned from Kaslo yesterday, where he held a session of the county court. About twenty cases were disposed of at the sitting.

Thomas Miller of Three Forks reported himself ill to the police officials yesterday, and was removed to the general hospital, where he will be treated.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of the carpenters' union last night, and several new members were admitted. The men claim that there is now no friction between themselves and the bosses.

The election of officers of Neleon lodge No. 23, A. F. & A. M., took place last evening. The following officers were elected: S. P. Shaw, master; Fred Irvine, senior warden; Harry Connon, junior warden; W. B. Pollard, treasurer; G. L. Lennox, secretary; Rev. Robert Frew, chaplain; W. Maltby, tyler; C. M. Brown and R. W. Day, auditors.

At a meeting of the members of the fire department last evening the tender of the Dominion Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company to insure the members of the department against accident or illness was accepted, and policies to cover the sixteen members of the department will be written. The policies will provide a weekly payment of $10 in case of illness or accident, and a death benefit of $1000. George A. Hunter is the agent of the successful company.

Messrs. Humphreys & Pittock, fruit dealers, were closed today. They have made an assignment.

A marriage license was granted yesterday to Roland Hay to wed Anna Marie Christensen.

W. A. Galliher has purchased for a nominal consideration the Daphne mineral claim from Andrew C. Muir. The Daphne is a relocation of the Speculator mineral claim on Morning mountain.

The tramway company did not move their cars from the Poplar street crossing yesterday. A transformer in the company's sub-station burned out, which upset the calculations of the directors. Until this is repaired the cars will stay where they are.

Water commissioner Thompson did not turn off many water services yesterday. He was employed for the greater part of the day in turning on services which had been turned off previously. For this service an extra dollar is added to the arrears, so that it is cheaper and more convenient to pay arrears before the water is turned off.

The statutory meeting of the license commissioners was held last evening, at which all the commissioners were present. A general resolution was passed renewing the present licenses for six months, after which the board adjourned till January 6th.

W. R. McLean, manager Thorpe & Co.'s mineral water factory at Nelson, leaves on Saturday for Pictou, Nova Scotia, his old home. In his absence W. H. McKerrow will have charge of the business.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

AT THE PHAIR.—R. M. Clowe, J. M. Graw, H. G. Macdonell, Rossland; H. Brook, J. H. Spear, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Scott, L. Beggs, Spokane; M. J. Halpin, R. F. Green, M.P.P., Kaslo; H. Williams, New Westminster; W. F. Tye, Trail; J. W. Stewart, Cascade; R. Russell, Fairview.

AT THE HUME.—A. Finch, Montreal; W. M. Yates and wife, Silverton; W. C. Haywood, Columbia; J. B. Dabney, Spokane; R. G. Shier and wife, Fort Steele; C. C. Farrell, Moyie; E. Bray, Fort Steele; W. Fulton, Lauder, Man.; Annie Richards, Cornwall, England; Pedro Cherbo, Kuskonook.

AT THE QUEEN'S.—H. K. Livingston, Robson.

AT THE SILVER KING.—P. Mitchell, W. Buchanan, Poorman.

BUSINESS MENTION.

Japanese oranges are now plentiful in town at reasonable prices. Ask your grocer for them.

Waitress Wanted—At once. Good wages to reliable girl. Kaslo hotel, Kaslo.

For sale—Fifty-foot frontage on south side of west Baker street, block 91. Address Lots, Tribune office.

Luminous house numbers $1.00 each. Leave orders with cash at L. Pogue's harness shop, Ward street, from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. H. H. Avery.

For Sale—Dairy—Apply P. O. box 190, Nelson.

Offices to Let—Two offices in Turner-Boeckh block. Enquire room 7 in building.

Thousands

In this city alone are testifying as to our efficiency in WATCH REPAIRING. It is worth while listening to. It will save you time and money in the long run. Absolutely no risk. Satisfaction or money refunded.

PATENAUDE BROS.
BAKER STREET.
Watchmakers, Nelson, B. C.

Wintry Weather . . .

OUR PRICES AS SMALL AS CENTS

Is with us and we have made special purchases to meet all demands for wintry weather goods. Don't forget that we keep a complete stock of all kinds of gents' furnishings, and that the values in our goods are as big as dollars—our prices as small as cents.

BROWN & CO., CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS.
Opposite Queen's Hotel, Baker Street.

Prescriptions

The purity of the drugs and medicines administered to the patient is the most essential element in the successful treatment of disease. Prescriptions are compounded by us from absolutely pure drugs in perfect condition, and the physician's skill will not be nullified by old and impotent drugs. Our stock of requisites for

THE TOILET
THE NURSERY
THE SICK ROOM

Are complete
Your patronage solicited

NURSES' DIRECTORY

For the convenience of nurses and physicians, we have established a Nurses' Directory, and in order to have it complete, request all nurses to send in or call and leave their names and addresses.

H. F. M'LEAN
DISPENSING CHEMIST
Telephone 145 P. O. Box 225 Baker Street
Mail orders promptly attended to.

Goods at Half Price

We still have some goods left from the bankrupt stock purchased at Sandon at a low rate on the dollar, and consequently we can defy competition. . . . . .

HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR PRICES.

Dress goods fancy mixtures, regular price $1.75, sale price $1.
Dress goods, fancy mixture, regular price $1.50, sale price 75 cents.
Dress goods, fancy mixture, regular price 75 cents, sale price 40 cents.
Table Damask at 25 cents per yard.
Children's wool hose at 10 cents per pair.
Ladies' flannellette wrappers at $1.25.
Black Henrietta, worth 75 cents, sale price 50 cents.
Black Henrietta, worth 50 cents, sale price 35 cents.
Pink flannelette 7 cents per yard.
Ladies' fancy blouses, velvet collars, regular price $1.50, sale price 80 cents.
Miner's shoes, regular price $3.00, sale price $1.50.
Overalls, regular price $1.00, sale price 50 cents.
Oxford shirts, regular price $1.25, sale price 50 cents.
Men's tweed suits, regular price $12.50, sale price $7.00.
Men's heavy all-wool tweed pants, rugular price $3.50, sale price $2.00.

For want of space we are going out of ladies' and children's footwear, and will clear these off at cost . . .

	Regular Price.	Sale Price.
Ladies' Oxford shoes	$1.75	$1.00
Ladies' strap shoes	1.75	1.00
Ladies' kid button shoes	2.00	1.25
Ladies' kid button shoes	3.00	2.00
Children's shoes	1.00	50

The Balance of our ladies' capes and jackets at less than cost. All other goods in our store at greatly reduced prices. . . . . .

A. Ferland & Co.

ELLIOT BLOCK, BAKER STREET, NELSON.

Stoves! Stoves!

WE HAVE THE FINEST LINE OF

Coal Heaters

EVER DISPLAYED IN KOOTENAY DISTRICT

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE FAMOUS

Cole's Hot Blast Heater

Our claims for this heater is that it is adapted to any kind of coal, CROW'S NEST, LETHBRIDGE, or ANTHRACITE, burning all kinds equally well. Not requiring the attention of an ordinary coal heater. Economical, durable and simple in construction. See our Steel Ranges for hard and soft coal or wood.

H. Byers & Co.

NELSON KASLO SANDON

WE HAVE STOVES

But while we are waiting for the cold weather we would draw your attention to our line of

NICKLED COPPER WARE

Including Tea and Coffee Pots (several designs), Enamelled Handle Dippers, Pudding Dishes, Tea Kettles, etc., and the only place you can get them is

LAWRENCE HARDWARE CO.

Xmas Xmas

A COMPLETE LINE OF FANCY BISCUITS AND CAKES

FIGS
CRANBERRIES
DATES
MAPLE SYRUP
PLUM PUDDING
HONEY, IN COMB
DRIED FRUIT

NEW CURRANTS, CLEANED
NEW SULTANA RAISINS, CLEANED
NEW VALENCIAS, CLEANED
NEW LONDON LAYER RAISINS, 5, 10, and 20 lb. BOXES.
NEW PEELS, ASSORTED ENGLISH MIXED NUTS

APPLE CIDER — All the Necessaries For Your Xmas Dinner — MINCE MEAT

GRAND DISPLAY OF CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE. THE LARGEST STOCK IN KOOTENAY.

Kirkpatrick & Wilson

P. O. BOX K. & W. BAKER STREET. TELEPHONE 10.

Christmas no More

An apprehension. So many ladies dread the Christmas season it means so much extra work, but it's no more so. The old fashioned way of sitting down cleaning Currants, seeding Raisins, shelling Nuts, cutting Peel, grinding Spice is a thing of the past.

We can sell you Raisins seeded, Currants cleaned, Peels cut, Nuts shelled. Everything ready, no trouble, no extra labor.

If you want up to date Groceries at any time call or write us we lead in prices.

Swiss and Roquefort Cheese now in stock.

Baker Street, Nelson. M. DesBrisay & Co.

Removal Notice

We beg to announce to our many patrons that we have removed to our new quarters in the Houston Block, the big increase in the volume of our business forcing us to seek larger premises. Thank the people for the patronage accorded us in the past, in anticipation of an increase of this custom in the future, we remain, theirs to command in all lines of groceries.

Houston Block, Baker Street *John A. Irving & Co.*

PALACE FRUIT STORE

The largest and best assorted stock of Candies and Confectionery in the City.
G. B. Chocolates and Bon Bons.
Lowney's " " " (direct from New York.)
Crystalized Fruits (direct from London, England.)

Corner of Baker and Ward Streets. J. A. McDONALD.