

The Nelson Tribune

Saturday Morning, December 13, 1902

PURE PEOPLE WANT THE LAWS STRICTLY ENFORCED AGAINST TWO SOCIAL EVILS PROPERTY OWNERS TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST THEMSELVES

Twenty pure gentlemen, including five gentlemen who draw salaries for preaching purity, met in Nelson on Thursday and resolved themselves into a body that will hereafter attempt to purify the body politic and keep it pure. One of the five who draw salaries for preaching purity was eloquent, but not wise. He eloquently pleaded that the newly formed Society of Purity should join forces with the society that is being formed to protect the property interests of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company from the advance and rapacity of the Corporation of the City of Nelson. This proposition was deemed unwise by another pure gentleman whose income is derived from protecting people who get into trouble through violating the very laws the society intends to rigidly enforce.

Both these pure gentlemen are politicians, and both are working to gain the same end, that is, the complete overthrow of the element in Nelson who has made Nelson the third city in the province in commercial importance and the first in respect to municipal ownership of public utilities. The one hopes to gain that end through his church, if he can only get the support of the other churches; and the other churches have, apparently, fallen into the trap, and are willing to be catspaws of the eloquent preacher-politician. The other hopes to gain political preferment through a coalition of the personally pure people and the property-owning people who love private corporations in which they have no financial interest and hate the municipal corporation in which they have a financial interest. Pure motives and kindly feelings, no doubt, inspire the preacher-politician; but no one will readily believe that his learned and wise conduct has other motives than personal advancement. This is a free country, however, and its people have an inalienable right to their opinions; and as the personally pure people have no end of opinions, they should have the privilege of airing them occasionally.

Thirteen (an unlucky number) prominent property owners also met in Nelson on Thursday. The object of their meeting was to protect property owners from injuring themselves. The thirteen believe themselves to be the self-conscious guardians of the property interests of the other eight hundred property owners of Nelson. But their first act was a trifle inconsistent with their professions. Instead of resolving to protect the interests of the 813 property owners of Nelson, they resolved to protect the property interests of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, Limited, of Rossland, a corporation that does not own property in Nelson. But then consistency is a jewel, and none of the thirteen are class-

ed as jewels. The eight hundred property owners who were not at the meeting will probably pay little heed to the actions of the thirteen property owners who were, and who are so willing to protect them from themselves. This is a free country, however, and there is no law to prevent thirteen estimable, although more or less bumptious, property owners from being foolish, and remaining perpetually foolish.

A CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER.

Not long since, a reverend gentleman named Shearer from the East paid British Columbia a short visit, and on his return home he called our people bad names. Rev. Dr. Peter Wright, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, at Nelson, took up the cudgels in behalf of the people of the province, and among other things said:

"It is a mistake to suppose that the typical western town of Canada is a sink of iniquity, where life and property are in danger, and where a family must be reared amid deadly perils. There is no town or city in the east whose streets are more free from drunken men or where less profanity is heard, or that might be travelled with greater impunity even by unprotected women at any hour of the day or of the night, than are the streets of Nelson and of many other Kootenay or Boundary towns."

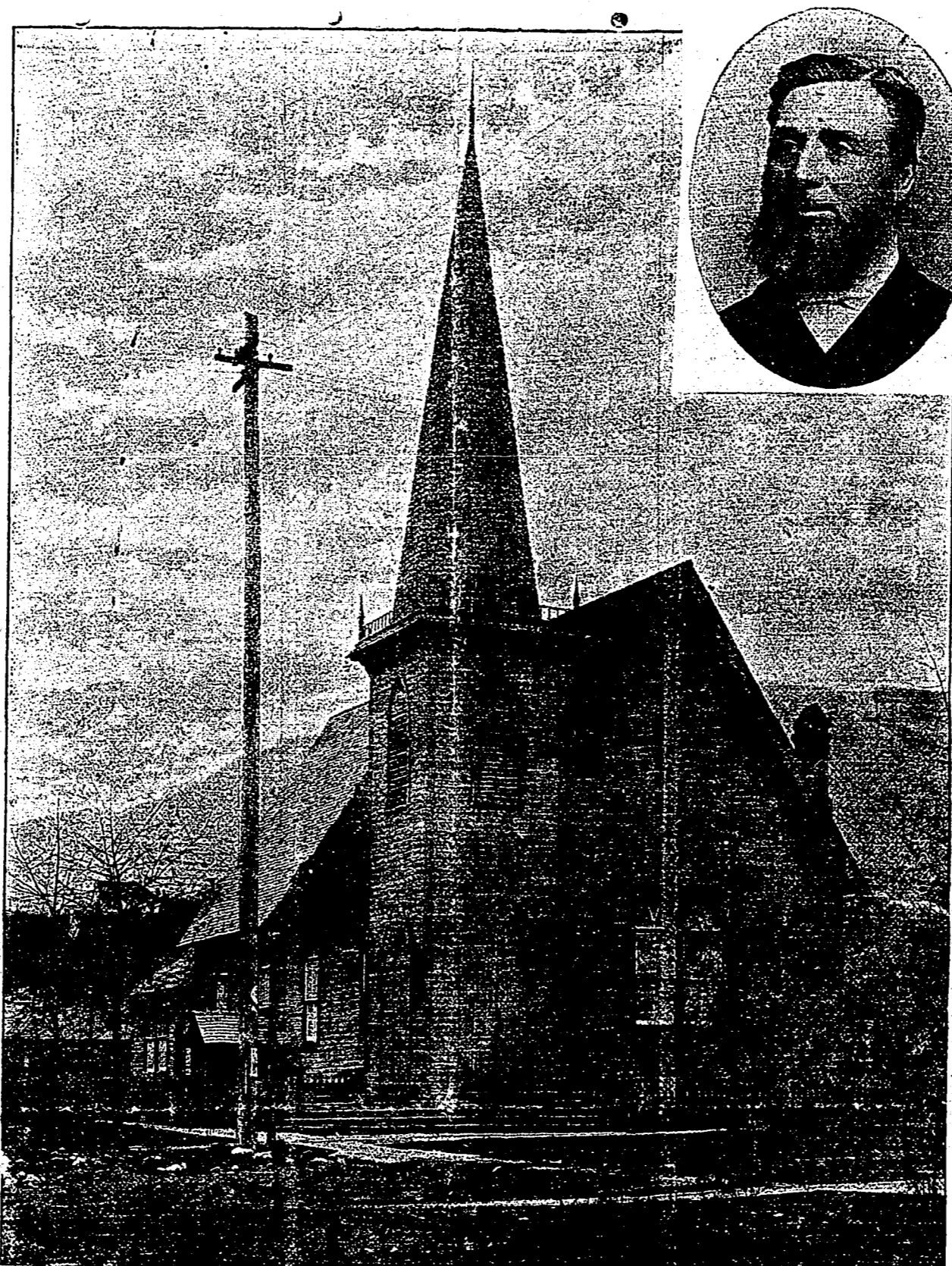
The above is a pretty good certificate of character. If there is no drunkenness, little profanity, and women can walk the streets unprotected day or night, Nelson cannot be a disorderly sink of iniquity, and cannot be a city greatly in need of either a Society to Propagate Purity or one to Protect Property interests.

CAPACITY OF SMELTER TO BE DOUBLED.

Paul Johnson, manager of the Greenwood smelter, is in Nelson. He says the smelter of which he is manager is treating from 750 to 800 tons of ore a day, and that he expects the capacity of the smelter to be doubled before long. Mr. Johnson is not a pessimist. He says that his company will be mining and smelting ore at a cost of \$2 a ton before the year 1903 is at an end, and that by doing so they will be in a position to treat custom ore at a very low rate. At present they are getting 150 tons a day from the Snowshoe mine. Mr. Johnson leaves for home this morning.

COAST POLITICAL NEWS.

VICTORIA, December 12.—(Special to The Tribune.)—Matters political are quiet in Victoria. Reports from North



ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NELSON AND ITS PASTOR, REV. DR. PETER WRIGHT.

Nanaimo indicate that McInnes will be elected by a very large majority. In North Victoria, it is believed Robertson (government) will also be returned by a good majority, the opponents of the government conceding him a close run. No new date has been fixed as yet for West Yale.

RAILWAY CONTRACT LET.

The Great Northern has let a contract to build the V. V. & E. road from Curlew, Washington, to Midway, British Columbia. The contract was awarded to Siems & Shields of St. Paul, and will be carried out by Stewart & Welch of Spokane, contractors who have just finished a hundred miles of work for the C. P. R. at Moosomin, in the Northwest Territories. Work will be commenced at Curlew within a few weeks. The letting of this contract by the Great Northern has also revived the report that the C. P. R. has every preparation made to begin construction between Midway and Spence's Bridge. There is likely to be lively times in railway circles in British Columbia during the next two or three years.

LOOKING AFTER A SHIPMENT.

W. R. Will, of New Denver, one of the owners of the Capella mine, is in Nelson looking after a 30-ton shipment of ore from the mine. The Capella is within two miles of New Denver. Mr. Will says he and his partner can work the mine themselves and make good wages, which is better than grumbling over hard times and the low price of silver.

THE NEW WAGE SCHEDULE.

In a recent telegraphic despatch from Montreal the announcement was contained that the C. P. R. had decided to increase the wages of all trainmen east of Fort William to the extent of about 15 per cent. The details of the new schedule have just been received, and are as follows:

Passenger conductors north of Lake Superior will receive \$125 a month instead of \$108.

On lines east of the lake the increase is from \$100 a month to \$110 and \$115.

Passenger conductors on branch lines will be paid \$90 instead of \$80 a month.

Through freight conductors who were paid \$27.75 per hundred miles will receive \$29.

Through freight brakemen are increased eight cents per hundred miles, making the rate \$1.55.

The increase on way freight trains is about ten per cent all round.

Baggage men receive an eight per cent advance. Their wages will range from \$53 to \$70 a month.

Yardmen's wages are advanced about fifteen per cent, making them the best

paid in eastern Canada. In the large yards foremen will receive 25 cents an hour, and others 21 cents. In the smaller yards the rates will be 23 and 19 cents.

Roughly estimated the increases will aggregate a quarter of a million dollars.

WHAT IS DONE IN OTHER PLACES.

The City of Lindsay, Ontario, has an electric light plant of the same capacity as the one that the City of Nelson proposes to install, and the conditions there, as to distance between plant and city, is much the same as here. At Lindsay, no one is employed at the sub-station, and three men do the work at the power station. The city employs a superintendent and one lineman in addition to the three men at the power station—five men in all. The salaries of five men at Nelson should not exceed \$500 a month and \$200 would be a liberal allowance for oil, waste, fuel, carbons, and miscellaneous expenses. Taxes, water fees, and insurance would probably aggregate another \$200 a month. So that \$900 a month, or \$10,800 a year, would not be an unfair estimate of the cost of operating and maintaining a well-equipped power plant at Nelson besides maintaining an efficient service in the city. Interest and sinking fund requirements for the \$76,000 already invested and the \$150,000 to be invested would take \$18,730 more. This added to the cost of operation and maintenance would total \$28,530, or say \$30,000. The present earnings of the plant amount to \$24,000 a year, therefore the city's business would have to be increased \$6,000 a year in order to make both ends meet. The loan by-laws passed in 1898, 1899, and 1901 require a tax to be levied on real estate for that amount to meet the interest and sinking fund charges on the money that has been borrowed and used for the electric light system. So the expected deficit of \$6,000 is already provided for. But there will be no deficit, as the earnings of the plant will aggregate more than \$30,000 a year, and if they do, the city will be making just as much in the way of net profits as it is under existing conditions. The gross profits today are put at \$12,000 a year, but when the \$6,000 that is raised by taxation of real estate to meet interest and sinking fund charges is deducted, the net profits are cut down to \$6,000. Vote for the by-law.

CUBAN TREATY EFFECTED.

Havana, Dec. 12.—A definite treaty of commercial reciprocity between Cuba and the United States was signed late last night by general Bliss and secretaries Zaldio and Montes. It only lacks the signatures of secretary of state and Senor Quesada, and the approval of the United States and Cuban senates to make it operative.

Good Reasons For Voting For the Electric Light Loan By-Law

On Wednesday of next week the property owners of Nelson will vote on the electric light loan by-law, the merits and demerits of which have been discussed in the press and on the streets of houses of worship. Many of the arguments used against the by-law appear to be extremely absurd to those who favor its passage; and, no doubt, many of the statements made by those who favor the by-law appear equally absurd to those who oppose it. The Tribune favors the passage of the by-law for the following reasons:

1. The city has invested \$70,000 in order to carry on the business of selling electric light, and having once engaged in the business, it should carry it on to the satisfaction of its customers.

2. In order to give its present customers satisfactory light and supply new customers, a further estimated expenditure of \$150,000 must be made.

3. If this further estimated expenditure is made, the city will then be in an entirely independent position, and will not be dependent, as it is now, on a power company for a portion of the power used.

4. The city will then also be in a position to supply power to industrial establishments, and thereby encourage them to locate at Nelson.

5. As during the past five years, the profits made will go into the city treasury, and not into the pockets of the shareholders of any power company.

6. The estimates of cost made by the city engineer have not been disputed by any one who has the reputation of being either an electrical expert or hydraulic engineer.

7. One of the ablest hydraulic engineers on the Pacific coast, Byron C. Riblet, selected the site on which it is proposed to build the power station, and his estimate of cost agrees with that made by the city engineer.

8. The revenue derived from the present plant is approximately \$2,000 a month, and it is not unfair to assume that this will be increased as soon as the city is in a position to supply all who ask for electric light and all who wish to use electric power.

9. The present revenue is derived from rates that are the lowest charged in any city in the province. The rates for large business houses average about 75 cents a month for each 16 c. p. lamp used, and half that rate for each 16 c. p. lamp used in dwelling houses. THESE RATES CAN BE LOWERED AT ANY TIME, if it is shown that lowering the rates does not impair the security on

which the \$150,000 is borrowed.

10. The security on which the \$150,000 is to be borrowed is not the real estate of property owners, but, instead, the revenue derived from the sale of electric light and power. Therefore real estate taxes will not be increased, but probably may be lowered.

11. Not a dollar of the money need be spent until the city has secured a site for a power station and has accepted plans and specifications for the plant, notwithstanding all assertions to the contrary.

12. The cost of operating and maintaining the proposed plant will be little more than the cost of operating and maintaining the present plant, that is, \$900 a month, and the city will save what it now pays the power company for power.

13. With the proposed plant in successful operation, Nelson can be the best lighted town in Canada.

14. Of the proposed outlay, fully \$90,000 will be spent for labor and material right here in Nelson.

15. Its construction will certainly not depreciate property values in Nelson, but, on the contrary, will enhance the value of real estate.

16. The opposition to the by-law is centered in the management of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, a corporation that has endeavored for five years to gain an entrance into Nelson. Were the West Kootenay Power & Light Company non-existent, there would be little opposition to the by-law.

17. It is therefore a struggle between a corporation in which the people of Nelson are the shareholders and one in which half a dozen eastern Canadians are mainly interested, and surely the people of Nelson should have sufficient PUBLIC-SPRIT AND PRIDE to stand by their own corporation in a fight like the one that is now on.

18. The question at issue is not one of personal pique or politics; instead, it is one involving a great economic principle—that of municipal ownership of public utilities.

19. If those who oppose the by-law are doing so in the hope of obtaining better terms for power from the power company, would the city not be more likely to obtain such better terms were it in a position to go ahead with the construction of the proposed plant?

20. To obtain a good bargain you must be in a position to bargain. The city is not in such a position today, and never will be so long as it is dependent on the power company for a portion of

the power required to carry on its electric lighting business.

21. In addition to the proposed power plant the city will always have its present plant as a reserve plant, and it is good for 200 effective horse-power the year round.

22. A vote FOR the By-Law is a vote FOR Nelson.

COURT CALENDAR.

The regular sitting of the supreme court at Nelson will commence on Monday morning at 11 a. m., before Mr. Justice Martin, when the following calendar of causes will be disposed of, namely:

1. Lever vs. McArthur—Damages for personal injuries.

2. Knight vs. Desjardins—Foreclosure of mortgage.

3. Hoskins vs. Le Roi No. 2.—Damages for personal injuries.

4. Thurston vs. Weyl—An interest in mineral claims, etc.

5. George vs. Wallace—For specific performance of agreements.

6. Robinson vs. Fishburn—For money loaned.

7. McLeod vs. Waterman—To set aside tax sale deed.

8. Mobbs of Gerrard was in Nelson yesterday. He reports the people of that place making an effort to get a postoffice established there.

Angus and John W. Stewart, sons of William Stewart of Drumlog, Southlandshire, Scotland, were in Nelson this week. Both are railway builders.

The City of Kaslo has money in hand, and is offering to redeem \$2,000 of its outstanding debentures. It is also lowering its water rates. Kaslo has been a well-managed town notwithstanding its trials and bad luck.

W. A. Gallher, M.P., leaves for Ottawa tomorrow night. He goes to the capital to interview minister of finance Fleming on the question of increasing the tariff duties on lead and lead manufactures, and is sanguine of succeeding in his mission.

G. W. E. Heathcote is now manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Nelson, succeeding George V. Holt, who has been in Seattle for several months and now has been made manager of the bank's branch in Seattle. Mr. Heathcote is comparatively a young man, and has been with the bank at Nelson for ten years, filling all positions from teller up to manager. It is now in order for his friends to address him as "Mr. Manager."



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The house in which this furniture was used is too small to display it to advantage at an auction sale, it was therefore removed to our auction rooms in the Hume building, Vernon street. Goods on view this (Saturday) morning. The sale will take place at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Terms cash.

Our regular auction sale of general merchandise will be held this evening.

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AUCTIONEERS

There will be no changes in the bank other than that Mr. Ward, the teller, will leave the bank altogether, having decided to quit banking to engage in stock raising in Alberta, he and an associate having bought the Alexander ranch near Calgary.

While greater efforts at displaying goods for the holiday trade have been made in Nelson, yet the displays made this year are better than the average and prices were never as low.

Dan Johnson, who was for over a year employed at the Second Relief mine, near Erie, passed through Nelson this week, enroute to the Paradise mine, near Vico, where, in East Kootenay, where he has secured a job.

The Imperial Bank has opened a branch at Cranbrook, with F. J. Marsh, formerly of Vancouver and Golden, as manager, and a Mr. Robinson from Brandon as accountant. The Imperial has faith in the country.

James Sprout of Nelson, who served his apprenticeship as an electrician with the Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, and his successor, the City of Nelson, Power Company's plant at Cascade, on Kettle river.

The delegation that will accompany W. A. Gallher, M.P., to Ottawa to present the lead question to the government will be made up of W. H. Aldridge of Trail, S. S. Taylor of Nelson, G. O. Buchanan of Kaslo, George Alexander of Kaslo, James Cronin of Moir, George W. Hughes of Sandon, and Byron N. White of Spokane.

The order of Engles have elected Dr. W. O. Rose president, William Irvine vice-president, D. C. Wilson, chaplain, J. V. Morrison secretary, Gus Erickson treasurer, Selgel Boyd conductor, J. G. Simp-son inner guard, Joseph Blackburn outer guard, Thomas Sprout and William Gosnell trustees.

In October, 1891, E. E. Phair opened the Phair hotel in Nelson for business. The first names on the register were the following: E. R. Atherton, J. H. Matheson, C. H. Ink, and John Houston, all of Nelson and R. W. Gallop of Baifour. Since then Lord Aberdeen and Lord Minto, both governors-general of Canada, have been sheltered under the roof of the Phair. In the eleven years he has entered to the traveling public, E. E. Phair has never for an instant forgotten that he was the equal of any of the people he was providing with food and shelter. More: During

these eleven years he never showed one of his guests the location of the bar-room. The Phair was a first-class hotel, and E. E. Phair's many friends wish, now that he has sold his interest in the property, that he will soon again be the landlord of a first-class hotel.

Nelson's business-men have the reputation of doing well everything they undertake, and the "undertaking" department of D. J. Robertson's & Co's is well-equipped to carry out orders.

Mrs. Hebdon, and her daughter Middleton and son Bernard, have left Nelson for Spokane, where they will make their home. Mr. Hebdon has bought an interest in a plumbing firm, and his friends here wish him success. Miss Hebdon was a leader in musical circles in Nelson, and will be an acquisition to the same circles in Spokane.

E. Hieckling, who has been a resident of Nelson for six years and one of the oldest employes at the smelter, left for Ladysmith on Tuesday night, where he goes to accept a position at the "Teece smelter." Mr. Hieckling's knowledge of smelting has been gained by hard work, and he is admittedly one of the best furnace men in Kootenay. May he return to Nelson to manage a smelter of his own.

The Kaslo Kootenayan is authority for the statement that G. B. McDonald, bookkeeper of the Noble Five mine, is at work auditing Carlson & Porter's books, and that creditors are likely to get 90 cents on the dollar. Carlson & Porter got into financial difficulties in attempting to build the Lardo and Trout Lake branch of the C. P. R. at less than cost.

Jacob Dover has donated a number of watches as prizes for the boys and girls who stand at the head of the different classes in the public school when the regular examination is made next week. The boys who win will get men's watches, and the girls who stand at the head will get ladies' watches. Mr. Dover is taking a great interest in our public schools, for he is the father of three youngsters who will soon be giving the school teachers more or less trouble.

Property owners who favor the ratification of the Electric Light Loan By-law have opened headquarters in the Scott building, at the corner of Baker and Josephine streets, next door east of Vanstone's drug store. The rooms will be kept open until the municipal election is over. W. A. Jowett, who is a justice of the peace, has been engaged as secretary of the party

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TRAINS AND STEAMERS

Leave and Arrive at Nelson as Below.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SYSTEM

LEAVE	CROW'S NEST RAILWAY	ARRIVE
5:00 a. m. Daily	Kuskonook, Creston, Myrie, Rosedale, Marysville, Fort Steele, Eiko, Fernie, Michel, Blairmore, Fernie, Macleod, Lechbridge, Winnipeg, and all Eastern points.	9:00 p. m. Daily
8 a. m. Daily	COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY RAILWAY	ARRIVE
8 a. m. Daily	Robson, Trail and Roseland. (Daily except Sunday)	10:35 a. m.
8 a. m. Daily	Robson, Roseland, Cascade, Grand Forks, Phenix, Greenwood and Midway. (Daily except Sunday)	9:35 p. m.
6:40 p. m. Daily	Robson, Nakusp, Arrowhead, Revelstoke, and all points east and west on C.P.R. main line.	9:35 p. m. Daily
6:40 p. m. Daily	Robson, Trail and Roseland.	9:35 p. m. Daily
LEAVE	SLOCAN RIVER RAILWAY	ARRIVE
15 a. m. Daily	Slocan City, Silverton, Denver, Three Forks, Sauton. (Daily except Sunday)	3:40 p. m.
LEAVE	KOOTENAY LAKE STEAMBOATS	ARRIVE
4 p. m. Daily	Balfour, Pilot Bay, Ainsworth, Kaslo and all Way Landings. (Daily except Sunday)	11:00 a. m.
4 p. m. Daily	Lardo and all points on the Lardo & Trout Lake Branch. (On Mon, Wed and Fri. From Lardo and Trout Lake On Tue, Thur. and Sat.)	11 a. m.

GREAT NORTHERN SYSTEM

LEAVE	NELSON & FORT SHEPHERD RAILWAY	ARRIVE
7:40 a. m. Daily	Yukr, Salmon, Erie, Waneta, Nordport, Roseland, Colville, and Spokane. Making through connections at Spokane to the south, east and west.	12:15 p. m. Daily
LEAVE	KOOTENAY LAKE STEAMBOATS	ARRIVE
6:00 a. m. Daily	Kaslo, Balfour, Pilot Bay, Ainsworth, Kaslo and all Way Landings.	8:40 a. m. Daily
LEAVE	KASLO & SLOCAN RAILWAY	ARRIVE
8:00 a. m. Daily	Kaslo, Slocan, Sauton.	3:15 p. m. Daily
1:00 p. m. Daily	Sandon.	11:25 a. m.

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British Columbia will be no more benefited by over-estimating the value of its mineral production than it has been by the over-promotion and the over-capitalization of mining companies. Colonel Prior, who is minister of mines as well as premier, should muzzle the men in his department who are making manifestly absurd estimates of the mineral production of the province for the year 1902. The mines of the Boundary camps will ship during the year 500,000 tons of ore, and it is safe to

average the value at \$6 a ton, or \$3,000,000 as the total value. The Rossland mines will ship 350,000 tons, of the average value of \$12 a ton, or a total of \$4,200,000. The Slocan mines will ship 30,000 tons, of the average value of \$60 a ton, or \$1,800,000. The mines in Nelson district will ship and treat 500,000 tons of the average value of \$8 a ton, or \$4,000,000 in all. The mines of East Kootenay will ship an aggregate of 5,000 tons of clean ore and concentrates of the average value of \$50 a ton, or \$250,000. The mines in the Lardeau and Trout Lake districts will ship a tonnage that will aggregate \$100,000 in value. The mines around Camp McKinney will ship another \$100,000 in value. And \$2,000,000 would be a high estimate for Cariboo, Lillooet, Cassiar, and Vancouver Island. These figures total \$10,050,000. The coal mines will produce 1,500,000 tons of coal, worth \$4 a ton, or \$6,000,000. The total value of the mineral production of British Columbia for the year 1902 will be in the neighborhood of \$16,000,000, or about the same as last year, notwithstanding the fall in the price of copper, lead, and silver. The government should keep within bounds in its statements, allowing irresponsible individuals and newspapers to do the "booming act." But, then, the ministers-at-Victoria are not responsible for any statements they may make in such times as these. They are fishing for votes, and a five-dollar nugget washed out of a pan of dirt appears to them as big as a \$5,000 gold bar from an assay office, more especially if the nugget was found in a diggings up in Cariboo.

Nelson is not only to have a Citizens' League, whose object is to enforce the laws, but it is to have a Property Owner's Protective League. The first-named is made up of men who imagine they are good, a good deal better than their neighbors. The last-named is made up of men who believe that the West Kootenay Power & Light Company is a good angel, whose property interests are paramount as against those of the City of Nelson. It takes all kinds of people to make an up-to-date town, and Nelson has a few of all kinds; but, luckily, it has enough of one kind—a kind that mind their own business—to keep all the other kinds pretty well under control, and it is a good thing for Nelson that it has.

It is generally admitted that Nelson is an orderly town, one of the most orderly towns in Canada. It has been free from police scandals, and no charges of official corruption have ever been investigated in the courts. The town is not without the grafting element, but that element has never been able to get full control of the machinery of government. There is in Nelson a Western element, who do not believe in the restraint of the East. It is an element that is not without its faults, but its faults are the mere imperfections of our civilization. Whatever this element may be, they are not hypocrites. They make no mere outward pretence of virtue and piety. But there

is an extremely pious and virtuous element in Nelson who want the existing order changed. They want all the laws of the land enforced. The Tribune does not often give this element advice; but it advises its members to keep the ten commandments themselves before they begin making their neighbors toe the chalk-mark.

The political doings of colonel Prior and his election committee read a good deal like the doings of the small boys described by Mark Twain in "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn."

During the year 1901 mine machinery valued at \$1,535,225 was imported into Canada free of duty, and for the first nine months of this year the free imports amounted to \$904,267. This would indicate that the free list, as far as a mining machinery is concerned, must be finalized one, and probably it is everywhere in Canada except at Rosland.

A recent number of the St. Paul Pioneer-Press contained an article on a system of projected railways in Manitoba that would have its outlet into the United States at Emerson, C. E. Hamilton, at one time prominent in Winnipeg, is the chief promoter, and it is believed the Great Northern is behind the scheme.

Those who favor the passage of the electric light loan by-law do so openly and aboveboard. They do not seek to present their views through the press over assumed names. Men who are unwilling to discuss public questions in the press over their own names would not hesitate to stick a knife in the back of an opponent if the opportunity presented itself.

R. F. Green, M.P.P., of Kaslo is being slated for the active part he is taking in organizing the Opposition forces. Mr. Green is a great admirer of the leader of the Opposition, and he is proving his friendship by doing his utmost to land that leader in the place now occupied by colonel Prior. Surely steadfast friendship is a commendable trait in these days of political deceit and dirty intrigue.

The Victoria Times reprints the speech made at Rosland before the local Liberal Association by Smith Curtis, M.P.P., on the lead question, along with Mr. Curtis's picture. The Times is very close to Mr. Curtis, and it is said senator Templeman is grooming Curtis for the constituency that is to be carved out of the western half of the present constituency of Yale-Cariboo, as that part of the constituency is short on available Liberal timber.

The Opposition prate about "principle." Their "principle" seems to revolve around self. McBride welcomed Martin's support when that support was needed to keep McBride in office, but once Martin demanded payment for the support of himself and his friends, then McBride resigned his office on "principle." McBride, in opposition, welcomed Hawthorthwaite's support when he imagined that support would overthrow the Dunsmuir government, but when Hawthorthwaite asked payment for his support in the way of Opposition support for the Socialist candidate in North Nanaimo, the support is refused on "principle." The McBrideites are long on "principle," but short on principles.

According to Edmund B. Kirby and A. C. Galt and Smith Curtis, M.P.P., all of Rosland, the mining industry is simply paralyzed because of the imposition of the 2 per cent tax on the output of our metal mines, a tax that yielded less than \$100,000 during the year ending December 31st, 1901. The total value of the product of the metal mines in that year was \$15,070,382, the tax was therefore less than three-fourths of one per cent on the value of the output. The value of the lumber cut for the same year is placed at \$1,630,000, on which the province collected a royalty of \$111,678, which is 6 1/2 per cent on the value of the output. Is it not about time for the men who are engaged in mining to stop talking about the unfair taxes that are imposed on the metal mines?

OVER-ESTIMATING THE OUTPUT. The following, bearing a Vancouver date, is being circulated by the Associated Press. It is an over-estimate, as the value of the mineral output of British Columbia for the year 1902 will not be greater than 1901, if as great. This is not because the total tonnage mined and smelted has not increased, for it has; but because of the fall in the price of the metals. The average prices for 1901 were: Silver, 59 cents an ounce; copper, 16.12 cents a pound in New York, and lead £12 6s. 8d. a ton in London. The average prices for 1902 have been as follows: Silver, 52 cents an ounce; copper, 11.55 cents a pound in New York; and lead £11 a ton in London. The loss in copper, reckoning the difference in price at 4 1/2 cents a pound, amounts to \$573,750; silver, reckoning the difference in price at 7 cents, amounts to \$168,000; and lead, reckoning the difference in price at 1-3 of a cent a

pound, amounts to \$100,000, or a total of \$841,750 as the loss in the fall of prices of the metals, which is 2 per cent on the total capitalization of the mines from which ore was shipped.

VANCOUVER, December 9.—With the year drawing to a close mining men are beginning to total up British Columbia's mineral production during 1902, and he is a pessimist indeed who does not concede an advance of 25 per cent over 1901. The production that year was officially given as \$20,086,750, so that the lowest estimate for this year is \$25,000,000. But the latest figures from the Boundary, the Slocan, Rosland, Atlin, Cariboo and Vancouver island justify one in predicting that the annual report of the department of mines will show the figures to be nearer \$27,500,000 than \$25,000,000, while next year may see the \$30,000,000 mark passed. It will thus be seen that British Columbia, even with the copper, lead and silver markets working against it, is twice a nondie, for he would be a bold man indeed who would place the Yukon's output this year at over \$15,000,000.

That there is every reason to be optimistic concerning this year's production is evident from the first public speech delivered by the minister of mines since he became premier. Colonel Prior stated at the banquet of the Victoria miners that he was emphatically of the opinion that the mining industry was on a good basis. Great progress is being made in the Boundary. Said he: "The Rosland mines are today shipping more ore than ever before in their history; from the Slocan 100,000 tons of zinc ore will be shipped next year into the United States; the Atlin district is most prosperous, and I am happy to say that a new era of prosperity is setting in in Cariboo."

The premier, dealing particularly with the latter district, pointed out how on Lightning creek, famous the world over for the millions it has produced, old man Montgomery, 80 years of age, is cleaning up \$100 slugs, and had in the past few months obtained 140 ounces of coarse gold. On the Point claim, in the same district, they are getting 56 ounces to the pan, and the other day took out 150 ounces. He regretted to say that want of water had prevented the Consolidated Cariboo, the largest hydraulic mine in the world, doing well this season, but the outlook for next year was good.

The figures so far available for the Boundary and Rosland show the great strides forward that have been made in those regions. The Boundary leads the rest of the province in ore production, it having given 457,598 tons to date, with the prospect of heading off another million ere the year closes. The production there last year was 338,675 tons, so there will be a betterment of at least 100,000 tons in 1902. In Rosland there has already been an increase over 1901 of 38,327 tons, and before December 31st 20,000 tons should be added, which would make the total output of that famous camp nearly 340,000 tons, compared with 280,000 tons, in round figures, in 1901.

OBJECTS TO MR. KIRBY'S PAPER. A member of the Canadian Mining Institute, writing to the Canadian Mining Review from Vancouver, under date of November 15th, objects to the statements made by Edmund B. Kirby in the paper, entitled, "The Influence of Government Upon Mining," which he read at a session of the institute held at Nelson on October 15th. The Vancouver man scores Mr. Kirby and the disaffected Rosland element, and from this time on he will not be considered in the same class as Mr. Kirby and Mr. Galt and Smith Curtis, M.P.P. The following is what the Vancouver man says:

"If such a misleading and utterly unreliable paper as Mr. Kirby's is published as one of the papers of the Institute, the really valuable papers which have so far been received will lose interest for readers who desire to obtain facts, and are not looking for political platitudes to the very detriment of the Institute. The criticism in your October number mentions 'increasing paralysis' of the industry in this province, and no further notice is taken of that utterly untrue statement. The facts are that the preceding year saw an increase of copper-gold smelting facilities being held at Nelson to the daily, all of which is fully employed. An increased copper production equal to 17 per cent. An increased gold production from lode mining alone equal to 26 per cent. An increased silver production equal to 25 per cent. Lead alone showing a decrease production of 25 1-2 per cent, due entirely to United States politics, and as Mr. Kirby states to Canadian tactics in the smallest degree. If this large increase in the earnings of the mining industry denotes an 'increasing paralysis,' please allow the 'paralysis' to continue indefinitely. The only serious troubles in connection with the industry are the falling lead district, in the province of British Columbia, are (or were, having disappeared there also at this time) confined to Rosland mining district, and were caused by over-capitalization, unfair, and especially by attempting unfair treatment of the miners in the endeavor to make dividends for the over-capitalized Rosland mines, undertaken by a few men of whom Edmund B. Kirby was certainly one. It is most unfair and against the interests of all legitimate mining in the mining province of this Dominion that such statements should be made at all; and worse if they are allowed under any circumstances to appear as being the views of the Canadian Mining Institute members, who were represented at that meeting by a small number drawn from the disaffected districts in large majority. If the paper is allowed to appear it should have a rider attached as 'being the views of the Rosland camp alone and utterly repudiated by the rest of British Columbia.'"

A FISH STORY. D. Mackay of Nelson, a conductor on the Canadian Pacific railway, relates one of his fishing experiences in the December number of Field and Stream. Mr. Mackay's story is as follows: "Hearing that Kettle river and Boundary creek furnished fair fishing, I determined on one of my runs to take along an outfit and kill part of the time the trout were in the net. I had a fishing net, I did not take along a landing net, from what I had heard the trout were small, or, in other words, ordinary brook trout; but I was much surprised to learn from an old-timer at Midway that he had seen 2-pounders taken from Boundary

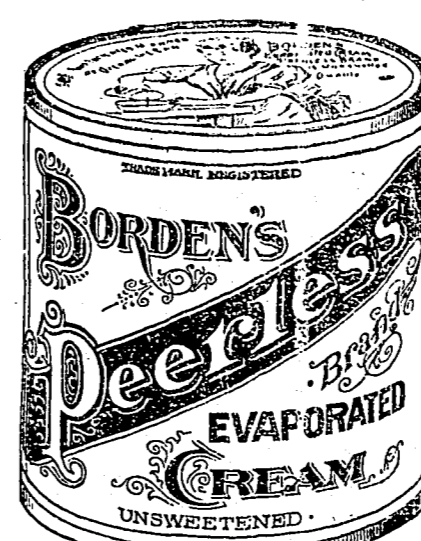
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and that an old log-jam, a mile and a half up the creek, one big fellow made his home much to the annoyance of the smaller fish and the anglers who from time to time tried to allure him from his lair beneath the high rock-bluff and the moss-covered logs on the shady side of the stream. I therefore found myself up against the real thing with a 6-ounce bamboo rod and no landing net and a bluff to fish over twelve feet high. I thought it better not to try; so I fished for an hour on the stream below, landing a few "small" trout, and getting tired of such sport, being used to fishing for the Kootenay river, where the average trout weighs two pounds, and furnishes royal sport to the angler.

"Just as I was getting tired and thinking of leaving for the hotel, I met another fisherman with a string of small trout, who told me that he tried for an hour to capture the big fellow on the jam, but that it was no go. I determined to have a try, even if I lost my whole outfit, and made a change in my flies, and attached a most seductive yellow hackle No. 7 to the end, a queen of the waters in the center, and a royal coachman on the top. Just as I was getting quite dark, I crept to the edge of the bluff and dropped the bunch very lightly on the swirl, above the haunt of the champion. It had no more than touched the water, than with a mighty rush my bold hero seized the yellow hackle, and very quickly he was used to fishing for the Kootenay river, where the average trout weighs two pounds, and furnishes royal sport to the angler.

"I saw then how lucky I was to have brought my best silk line along as it was a long one. Holding him as well as possible until I climbed around some small saplings, I made my way to a point where I could work, and the battle royal began. Up stream again he went, trying to get his old haunt, which point if reached would be good-by, Mr. Trout; but with the force of the current I was able to hold him from going very far up, and I gradually worked my way farther down stream to a more favorable battle ground where the banks were more sloping and where it was absolutely necessary for me to finish the fight, as I had no landing-net, and where, just twenty minutes after the fight began, I landed his majesty. He tipped the scales at just two pounds—not a very large trout, but large enough to give me as much as I wanted under the circumstances.

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On Wednesday next (the 17th instant), assessed owners of real estate will vote on the electric light by-law. If three-fifths of those voting vote FOR the by-law it will be carried. The names given below are of persons who will be entitled to vote. If a name is on the lists of both wards, then that person is entitled to vote in both wards. The voting place in the East ward will be at the old city hall; and in the West ward, the office of T. M. Ward on Baker street.

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should be charged with full responsibility for all executive work. If after that, an official allowed himself to be worried or coerced by aldermanic pressure, the citizens would at least not be driven from pillar to post endeavoring to find out who was responsible for mismanagement. The proposition to form the chief officials into a board, we presume, means no more than this, namely, that in every considerable work and in every recommendation forwarded to the board of control or to council there are considerations which no one officer could dispose of, in recommending a public improvement, for example, there might be engineering, legal, damage, and sanitary questions to be settled. The most convenient way of getting them promptly settled would be by an actual meeting of the officials concerned. This would promote expedition and would not impair efficiency or responsibility. The engineer would be wholly responsible for his part of the recommendation, the solicitor for his advice on the legal aspects of it, and so on. Such a board would strengthen officials in the right direction and there is but little reason to fear that it would create an objectionable bureaucracy. The people and their representatives would always have a remedy for that."

SEATTLE'S CORRUPTION. There are rumors that even the bench is contaminated by the awful corruption of the town. The Seattle Times printed a letter in its editorial columns the other night, written, so the Times says, by a prominent gambler, in which the open allegation is made that a judge on the bench, a certain prominent lawyer acting as go-between, has levied tribute upon gamblers. This open allegation of judicial corruption is merely the crystallization of rumors and facts, have been afloat for weeks. The Seattle Times, citing the example of St. Louis, and the results there attained, is calling for a grand jury. Colonel Blethen, the editor of the Times, believes that the vicious elements are so bitter toward

each other that they can be induced to give testimony that will land several men in the penitentiary. In closing, one more brief exemplification must be given of the moral turpitude of the town. When it was told, the other day, that money-paying slot machines must come out, a prominent saloon man remarked: "Oh, well, let Captain (naming a member of the police force) come down and take out his machine." An investigation of this rumor draws out the fact, or at least the belief, that a prominent police official is financially interested in the company which put the slot machines in Seattle and that he not only derives his share of the profits but "whacks up" with another police official certain sum every month paid for police protection of the machines. He entices them "coming and going." In another story will be recorded another phase of Seattle's corruption—a story of corporate control of councils and officials. Space forbids it here.

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each other that they can be induced to give testimony that will land several men in the penitentiary.

In closing, one more brief exemplification must be given of the moral turpitude of the town. When it was told, the other day, that money-paying slot machines must come out, a prominent saloon man remarked: "Oh, well, let Captain (naming a member of the police force) come down and take out his machine."

An investigation of this rumor draws out the fact, or at least the belief, that a prominent police official is financially interested in the company which put the slot machines in Seattle and that he not only derives his share of the profits but "whacks up" with another police official certain sum every month paid for police protection of the machines. He entices them "coming and going."

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