

LOCAL ITEMS

Go to Seaney's for fresh mince meat and other Christmas condiments

When you want right price on anything go to DesBrisay Jobbing Co.

S. H. Seaney has a fine assortment of fresh candies and confectionery for Xmas.

Miss Kate Klavens left on Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays in Spokane

For fresh candies, nuts and fruits or anything for Christmas see DesBrisay Jobbing Co.

The Kootenay Shingle mill, at Salmon, will close down on the 1st, January for about three months.

A large number of turkeys were won at the Miller house on Thursday by those who refused to be frozen out.

Dr. Doherty, left on Monday for Everett, Wash. Dr. Elliott, late of Rossland, is now resident physician here.

Pretty nearly enough receipts for water rates were printed in the HERALD office this week, to sell the Salmon river.

A. D. Buckworth J. P. left this week, for a trip to his home in Ontario. He expects to be back about the 15th, January next.

50c presents of your own selection FREE up to January 1st. If you want holiday goods, we are the people. The Fair.

The Ymir mine is shutting down from Saturday night to Monday morning, in order to give the employees an opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season properly.

A piece of sidewalk, running between the Dean building and the blacksmith shop, has been put in by the government gang, and will prove very useful in the wet spring.

Andy Burgess is preparing a rawhide trail down from the Yankee Girl mine, over which the ore taken out of the shaft by Rowley and Anderson is to be brought down. The tunnel being run by Charles Cameron on this property is now in about 30 feet, and good ore has been encountered, which will also be hauled down.

Don't forget the Christmas tree to night in the Presbyterian church. There will be presents for all the children on the tree, and probably for some of the big children too. Diffident young men, whose bashfulness will not allow them to openly declare their feelings, may have their presents addressed to the admired fair one, hung on the tree.

The Editor of the HERALD is in receipt of a bunch of holly and a piece of flowering stock sent with the compliments of the "Victoria Times" as a memento of the season. This little remembrance is very acceptable as coming from a place more favoured of the season, than Ymir, although growth in our own Province of British Columbia. The box states that the contents were plucked outdoors in Victoria in Christmas week.

D. Campbell's store has a fine display of Christmas goods, tastefully and attractively arranged. There are all kinds of toys for the children, fancy goods for the grownups, fruits, candies and meats for the Christmas dinner. Everything that a person can want for the Christmas festivity is to be found here, while the stock on hand is sufficient to settle any after effect of the occasion.

DesBrisay Jobbing Co. are still selling Ashcroft potatoes at 2c per pound.

A fine selection of fancy goods suitable for Christmas presents, will be found at Seaney's.

We still have a few of those Water Sets left. Remember that you get one free up to January 1st. The Fair.

The school trustees are advertising in the Vancouver News-Advertiser for a teacher for the public school here.

Last Thursday was the shortest day and some extra careful observers report noticing the lengthening of days already.

Mr. A. H. Tuttle of the Broken Hill Mining and Development Co is expected back from Chicago about the middle of next week.

DesBrisay Jobbing Co. are unloading a car of New Pack of canned goods, celebrated Tartan Brand. Direct from Hamilton Ontario.

Fred Adie, of Waneta, has disposed of the old Fort Sheppard hotel to Mr. Davis, of Erie, who recently married Mrs. Collins, formerly of Ymir

There are to be two Christmas dances this year one on Christmas Eve and one on the day after Christmas. On the Saturday evening, the charge will only be 50 cents, and the dancing will stop promptly at midnight.

Ladies who are "willin" are reminded that they have only one week more in which to snare the elusive bachelor. They will be four years older when the next opportunity comes.

The shingle mill and planer at the Porto Rico Lumber Co Mill closes today, and the whole plant is to be overhauled and repaired, for re opening as soon as the river is in good shape again for getting the logs down.

Miss Isobel Henderson of Vancouver, formerly a teacher at Fairview School, Vancouver, has been appointed teacher at the Ymir Public School. Miss Henderson holds a first class certificate and comes very highly recommended

The wagon roads to the mines are in bad condition for heavy sleighing just now. A little more snow will make things all right however. The Queen mine has a large accumulation of concentrates and the Keystone and other mines have several carloads of ore ready for shipment when the roads are in better condition.

The DesBrisay Jobbing Co., is to the front with a display of Christmas goods. A nice supply of glassware and fancy crockery has been put in, from which useful and ornamental presents can be selected. A stock of perfumery has also been added, and as usual a fine supply of special articles such as fruits, candies and the constituents of all those tit-bits which are peculiar to the Christmas season.

A fine sidewalk has been constructed by the government to replace the one burnt during the fire of Nov. 1st, upon which it is a great improvement. There seems however, to be some difference of opinion among the merchants, in front of whose store the sidewalk is built, as to how it should have been constructed. Some wanted it to be level with steps at intervals; whereas it has been constructed with a gentle slope, the same as the road way. The crossing from the Ymir Hotel to the depot had also been repaired and crossings made over the parts of Second avenue, which are usually very muddy in wet weather.

An Open Letter.

On the occasion of the departure of Miss Whillans, hitherto teacher at the Ymir school, the Board of Trustees have address to her the following open letter, accompanied by a handsome set of carvers and a set of embroidery scissors. The letter, we feel sure, expresses the sentiment of the community, who wish that Miss Whillans may be as successful in the new sphere of life to which she is called, as she has been as school teacher in Ymir

Ymir, B. C., 23rd, Dec. 1904.
Miss M. L. Whillans
Public School Teacher,
Ymir, B. C.

Dear Miss Whillans:

We, the Trustees of the Ymir Public school, desire to express our appreciation of the faithful service you have rendered as teacher during the past term. We desire to make this acknowledgement, both for ourselves and for the parents of the children, who have expressed to us their great satisfaction at the progress which their children have made under your tuition.

Kindly accept the little token of our esteem herewith, and with every good wish for your future happiness and prosperity, and the compliments of the season, we remain,

Yours faithfully
The Board of Trustees:
(Signed) Wm. Clark,
Ed. Peters,
U. S. T. Ross, Sec

NOTICE.

A cross marked in this space..... indicates that your subscription is in arrears and we would be glad to hear from you if you wish to have it continued.

Fresh Holland Herring in 17lb kits, at Seaney's, \$1.50 per kit.

The fire which burnt him out, has not prevented S. H. Seaney from again having one of the best displays of Christmas goods, from which to select presents for one's best beloved. He has a very choice selection of articles suitable for Christmas presents including leather goods, toilet-cases, etc, besides a fine collection of mechanical toys for the little ones. All kinds of Christmas tree decorations will also be found here.

So far no official announcement has been made as to change of the railway schedule, but a change is expected to be made about the middle of January. There will be separate passenger and freight trains, the latter passing one way each day. It is probable that the morning passenger train will leave Nelson depot at 9 a. m. and the mountain siding about 10 a. m., reaching Ymir about 11 a. m. The evening train will probably pass about 4 p. m. and be due at the Mountain about 5 p. m.

Fire chief Coffey has prepared the following signals for handling the fire alarm: Steady ringing means fire. One stroke (pause) two strokes (pause) three strokes, means a call for help to handle the hose when drying and reeling it up after use.

Ymir Public School.

Honor Roll.

For term ending Dec. 16th, 1904:

5TH CLASS.

1. Birdie Shrum,
2. Loring McIsaac,
3. Bessie Clark.

4TH CLASS.

1. Lottie House,
2. Alfred Clark,
3. Stewart Newitt.

SR. 3RD CLASS.

1. Vera McLeod,
2. Edlie O'Neill,

JR. 3RD CLASS.

1. Dorothy Harrison,
2. Milton Newitt

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

1. Florence Peters, and Iva Shrum,
2. Alex McLeod.

1ST CLASS.

1. Earl Peters,
2. Willie Stewart,
3. Carl Ross.

2ND PRIMER.

1. Marie Shrum,
2. Hazel Newitt.

SR. 1ST PRIMER

1. David Peters,
2. Willie Rae.

JR. 1ST PRIMER.

1. Muriel McIsaac,
2. Hugh McLeod,
3. Hugh Ross.

Regular attendance and punctuality: Florence Peters, Earl Peters, David Peters, Iva Shrum, Marie Shrum

Promoted from 2nd Primer to 1st Reader: Marie Shrum and Hazel Newitt.

Ore Hill to be Developed.

Capital to be Furnished by Minneapolis Men.

The Ore Hill is the property in which Messrs. A. D. Westby and L. H. Seldon, of Minneapolis are interested, and was the object of their recent visit to Nelson.

Mr. Birtsch explained the circumstances yesterday to a reporter of The Daily News. He has been working for several years on the Ore Hill, which adjoins the Queen. Some of the time he has worked alone but more often with a couple of men. He has a small mill on the property constructed by himself, and has crushed enough ore to pay operating expenses. Not being a capitalist himself, he has not the means of developing the property as he wishes to do.

Last spring A. D. Westby of Minneapolis took a bond on the property for six months, hoping to complete the purchase this fall. When the bond lapsed and no word had been received from Mr. Westby, Mr. Birtsch resumed operations and has two men at present working on the property with him.

He was therefore somewhat surprised last Saturday when Mr. Westby arrived, accompanied by L. H. Seldon, a Minneapolis merchant, and expressed a wish to reopen negotiations. They went into the matter thoroughly, discussed the resources of the property, the requirements of development, questions of wages, treatment and transportation. On Monday an agreement was reached by which Mr. Birtsch will continue operations through the winter at his own expense and for his own benefit. By April Messrs Westby and Seldon will join him with sufficient capital to open up the property and put it on a satisfactory basis.

The Ore Hill contains free milling gold and also some values in silver. It is within easy reach by a good road, of the S. F. & N. railway line.

Strike on the Foghorn Mine.

Ten Feet of Clean Ore. 500 Feet Below Surface.

Second only in importance to the strike of pay ore in the 1000 foot level of the Ymir mine is the strike which we have to record this week at the Foghorn mine. The two deepest developed mines in the Ymir district, have now proved to a demonstration, that the values in the Ymir veins do persist with depth, and that deep mining is to be one of the principal factors in the future prosperity of the Ymir camp.

The strike on the Foghorn mine is of the utmost importance to the Ymir camp, as it proves that that property has very large reserves of ore, sufficient to insure it many years of profitable operation. We reported several weeks ago, a strike of fine galena ore, which was found on the surface, at a point nearly perpendicular above another point, about 600 feet in from the portal of the long crosscut tunnel. Systematic exploration in the tunnel and drifts near this point has resulted in the location of a pay shoot at the depth of some 500 feet below the surface, which it is practically certain, is the same shoot as that uncovered recently on the surface. Specimens of ore from the two points, the surface cut and the drift 500 feet below, are so exactly similar that they cannot be told apart. Con Wolfe, the manager reports that the strike made this week, has disclosed from ten to fifteen feet of clean shipping ore of good grade. On the surface the width was about nine feet, and presuming the dimensions of the shoot to be about the same, in the intervening portions, it is easily seen, that the property has an immense reserve of profitable ore.

There is perhaps no company, operating in the Ymir District which better deserves this good fortune than the Golden Monarch Co., which has indefatigably prosecuted deep development, in spite of repeated disappointments. It is estimated, unofficially, that fully \$80,000, has been spent on the development of the property without a pound of ore being shipped. The main crosscut has been run about 1400 feet in exceptionally hard rock, besides several hundred feet of drifts and other tunnels. The surface showings were always good and most promising, but until the strike of this week, but little high grade ore had been encountered in the lower levels, although a large body of concentrating ore had been crosscut.

Before the present strike was made, it was the intention of the management to ship some of the rich surface ore, an intention which, it is probable, will still be adhered to, while further development of the rich resources below, may be expected to proceed on an extensive scale. The company has also had under consideration for some time past, the advisability of erecting a large concentrating plant, and with the encouragement they receive this Christmas, it is probable that these plans will be consummated.

CHURCH NOTICE.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Sunday School and Bible Class, 3 p. m. Evening service, 7:30. Young Peoples' Society meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome. Rev. H. Young, M. A., Pastor.

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H. KEARNS, MANAGER.

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The Herald wishes its readers a full enjoyment of all the good things attendant upon the Christmas season. May one and all of them have a "merry" Christmas, in the fullest sense of the word.

The old game of terminus-tracking seems to be on again. In the early part of the present week the papers all contained a dispatch that Fort Simpson had been definitely settled upon as the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Uncle Sam took it so to heart, that the American papers followed with an announcement that the island opposite Fort Simpson, which was handed over to the United States in the last arbitration, would be decorated with a fort to command the harbor of Port Simpson. Then President Hays of the Grand Trunk gets up to say that the location of the terminus has yet to be decided upon, and the real estate snappers who had got to work in Port Simpson, had time to get breath. Only a short breath however for the next official announcement is that Kaien island is the favored spot. Next that both have been applied for. And so the game goes on.

To the onlookers in the neighboring towns, the municipal election in Nelson, is a source of abounding joy and amusement. The "Progressive party" binds itself to an autocratic leader, and promises only to progress so far as he directs. The autocrat himself denounces all who venture to differ with him, as either fools or self-seekers, and runs "the only reliable paper in Nelson" for the apparent sole purpose of that denunciation. The staid "Daily News" don't want either of the candidates, but because Houston throws mud at it, casts its influence for Dr. Rose. The Economist, which is dependant upon John Houston, to provide it subject matter for two or three columns a week, throws itself hurriedly and whole heartedly into the fray, and is hot on the track of the mighty John. The electors themselves are strictly up against it, for they have only to read the morning and evening papers, to find that both candidates are rogues and villains of the deepest dye, or else puppets in the hands of some dark mysterious combination of machine politicians, compared to whom, Messrs. Lot and Shibley are paragons of innocence. How they ultimately vote manifestly depends upon what credence they give to these daily diatribes, (not forgetting the weekly thundered) because the platform of the two candidates are practically the same.

The election of Dr. Thompson in the Yukon district, by a majority of over 700, is an emphatic denunciation of the corruption and misrule, which has been rampant there, under ex-Governor Congdon. The latter resigned his position to run for Parliament, and brought with him all the influence of the "Liberal machine." Dawson was supposed to be so far removed from the centre of government that all sorts of corrupt devices could be safely worked. The accounts received from the northern metropolis show that attempts were made to control the election, by methods which are only comparable to those of the notorious Tammany Hall and Byron H. Lott. The voters lists were kept from the conservative candidate and his workers, and were it not for telegraphic instructions from Ottawa it is probable that Mr. Congdon's opponent, would not have been able to use the lists at all. As it was, it was only by police assistance, that the lists were recovered. It is further said, that the judges, were completely under the control of Congdon, and that no relief could be obtained by an appeal to the courts. It is very satisfactory to note, that in spite of all these machinations, the people by their votes, expressed their strong condemnation of the manipulation, and that Dr. Thompson secured a large majority in Dawson, and in every other polling station in the district, except one. It is even more satisfactory to note that the greater part of the Liberal press, throughout the Province, joins with the Conservative element, in expressing satisfaction at the defeat of the Liberal "machine."

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J. W. Ross, President.

D. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

FINLAY McLEOD, Treasurer.

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TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

TO U. W. Keech, or any other person to whom he may have transferred his interest in the St. Thomas and Telegraph mineral claims situated in the Nelson Mining Division, and recorded in the Recorder's office for the Nelson Mining Division.

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents (\$102.50) in labor and improvements upon the above mineral claims in order to hold same under provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber, under section 4 of an act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

A. R. PETERS.

Dated at Ymir, B. C. this 11th day of Nov 1904.

Notice.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

TO WALTER J. HUGHES, or any other person to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Meadow Lark mineral claim, situated on Wild Horse creek about seven miles from the town of Ymir, in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District, and recorded in the Recorder's office for the Nelson Mining Division.

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended seventy six dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$76.87) in labor and improvements upon the above mineral claim in order to hold same under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber, under section 4 of an act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

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The Editor's Dream.

It was Christmas eve, and the editor of the HERALD, sat in his chair, dreaming of two-page advertisements and unpaid bills. The night was good and he had drawn up his chair to the fire. A wintry blast struck him in the back, and he turned to find the door opening to let in a faded and bedraggled specimen of humanity, who stood timidly waiting to be addressed. The editor contemplated him in dreamy silence, and the man slowly advanced to the light, exhibiting a thin and emaciated figure, tightly buttoned up in a threadbare garment, which might have been an overcoat at some remote period. His hands and the end of his nose were blue with the cold, and he visibly shivered as he stood. The editor motioned him towards the stove, to the warmth of which he spread his trembling hands, after first depositing a queer-looking box upon the table. This box attracted the editor's attention, and the stranger following his gaze, hastily repossessed himself of the object.

"I have here an invention," he said, "which will make me rich and famous if I can bring it to public notice. I have spent every cent I possess on it, and have no means to travel to more populous parts to exhibit it. I want to show it to you and get you to notice it in your widely-read paper, which I know will give it all the advertisement it needs."

The editor's heart warmed to the stranger, who exhibited such remarkable intelligence, and he asked what the thing might be.

"It is a time machine," said the visitor. "By its means you can look upon the picture of any person or any place, and see what he or it looked like, and was doing, at any particular time, either past or to come."

"My dear fellow," said the editor, "are you like that?" You had better get away to the Hospital at once. Dr. Dohart is a specialist on such cases as yours."

The stranger did not reply. He opened the box and revealed a mass of intricate mechanism. Touching a spring, the wheels began to whirl with incredible rapidity. From one point, a continuous stream of blue fire seemed to emanate. It might have been electricity, and it might not. Uncoiling a wire at the end of which was a handle, the stranger placed the latter in the editor's hand. At the same time he asked him to close his eyes, and try to think of Christmas eve, ten years ago. He then turned an indicator back from zero to 10, and sat down.

Immediately the editor lost all knowledge of his immediate surroundings. New thoughts and ideas came to him with a semblance of former familiarity, and soon a mental picture formed itself in his brain. He saw a scene of Christmas festivity in a far distant country, and saw a youth, in his own semblance, playing at all kinds of mischievous pranks. With concentrated interest he contemplated the scene, until a weary voice broke in.

"We will now pass over specific detail, and bring forward the salient points of subsequent years."

Another stop was turned, and after a short pause, the editor began to see a quick succession of episodes of his own career. For some minutes he remained alternately chuckling to himself, and blushing over past sins, while the scenes spread themselves before his mental eye. He saw himself in all sorts of positions, and engaged in all sorts of schemes.

At this moment there entered the editorial sanctum, one of the most prominent citizens of the town. The nondescript stranger touched the editor on the shoulder, and addressing himself to the new comer said,

"I am showing Mr. Glass a new electrical device. Would you mind holding this handle for a minute, whilst Mr. Glass continues his investigation?"

The citizen took hold of the other handle, the editor still retaining possession of his. Immediately the scene changed, and the editor began to receive mental pictures of the life of him who held the other handle. In quick succession there flashed by a series of scenes in which that person had played a part, and the editor received light on many points, which would have surprised the unconscious victim of investigation.

Before however, the onlooker had time to remark upon the varied scenes spread to his view, the doleful voice of the stranger was again heard. "I will now cause the mechanism to show events taking place ten years hence. If you gentlemen will continue to hold the handles, you will be shown scenes which you may or may not recognize."

Another sharp click and the mental pictures recommenced.

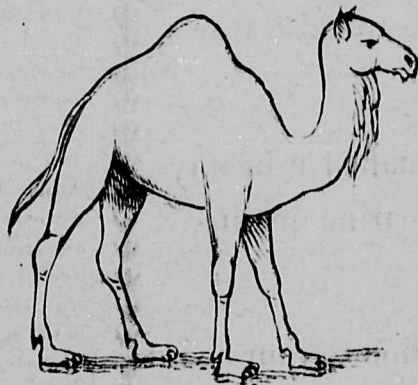
The scene was a mountain valley in which nestled a thrifty little town of possibly some 5000 inhabitants. A river wound its way along the eastern edge, flanked by a railroad line, to which entered a branch line from another valley to the northeast. A fine depot building stood at the junction of the two lines. To the south, the track was lined with buildings, which to the practised eyes of the onlookers, were easily recognizable as the terminals of aerial tramways, the cables of which stretched up the hill sides to the east, and were marked by such names as American Girl, Pandas and Gatling. West of the track, and parallel to it, ran a handsome row of brick stores, stretching from a large frame building surmounted with Red Cross and Union Jack flags, at the north end, to a large power house on rising ground to the south. A closer look at the stores, showed them all to wear a festive appearance, and to be decked with a magnificent selection of all kinds of Christmas goods. Crowds of men and women were coming and going, laughing and talking, buying and bargaining, and everywhere was an appearance of good fellowship and Christmas jollity. As the onlookers from the past decade looked on, a train rushed in from the branch line and drew up at the depot, disgorging an immense throng of men, who appeared to be miners coming to town for Christmas. In quick succession arrived other trains over the same branch, each loaded with passengers, while each of the buckets on the several lines of aerial cable, had an occupant to swell the throng. In a short time probably 800 miners had arrived, and quickly lost themselves in the busy throngs which packed the streets.

Back of the front street was another avenue lined on both sides, with stores and warehouses. At the corners stood several large hotels, brilliant with Christmas decorations, which as dark was coming on, gradually began to blaze with electric lights. Up and down the streets rushed trolley cars crowded with package-laden shoppers. About the middle of the town stood the largest building in sight. It was built of limestone and surmounted with a tower from which proudly floated a large flag. Over the main entrance ran a legend showing that the building was the town hall and municipal headquarters. Scattered all around the central business portion of the town, but chiefly along the line of the trolley-cars, were rows and clusters of pretty residences, surrounded by gardens. Household-ers were busy putting up decorations, and merchants' vans were rushing hither and thither delivering Christmas goods.

In the neighbourhood of the town hall, important looking individuals, bearing on them the unmistakable evidences of prosperity, were coming and going. As the hour grew later these individuals became more numerous, and the onlookers became aware that they were about to witness a civic banquet. A dignified individual

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The Editor's Dream.

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arrived and was ushered with some ceremony to the head of the table, which groaned under its load of sumptuous viands. Both the on-lookers, to whose consciousness a certain remote familiarity with the scenes had already been made apparent, seemed to recognize in this individual, presumably the mayor, the lineaments of a face they knew intimately. Short and wiry, with a heavy moustache, they seemed to recognize a former hotel man. Other faces around the board, they also seemed to recognize, and their intuitions began to take form and shape with more definiteness. Hastily they scanned the town, searching for former landmarks, which would identify it with another picture very familiar to them. The hills around were the same. There was Tantarae mountain, Wild Horse creek, Dundee mountain, and all the familiar hills which had been ever present to their gaze for years. But the town itself? What a change was there. Where there had been stumpy, overgrown plots, covered with unsightly underbrush, there was now no signs of mother earth at all. Between the lately buildings were pavements of wood and concrete, up and down which ran the trolley cars. A network of telegraph and telephone wires stretched over the streets, and everywhere was the appearance of material prosperity. On all the familiar hills around were now twinkling lights

like distant stars, marking the location of busy mining camps. Ymir it certainly was, but such a different Ymir.

The editor was seized with a mercenary desire to rush out and avail himself of his newly acquired knowledge by buying up some of the sites of the most important buildings. Such a snap in real estate should not be overlooked. Just at that moment, however, the pictures suddenly faded, and the monotonous voice of the much-bedraggled stranger was again heard. "Gentlemen," he said "I have changed my mind. I too am mercenary, and have come to the conclusion I can make more money by the private use of my invention, than by giving it to the world. The world will never see it. I bid you good-night."

The door slammed, and the editor with a start opened his eyes, to find himself alone, the stove cold, and the flickering lamp on the point of expiring.

Third Railway Across Dominion.

Canadian Northern's Proposed Extensions.

The Canadian Northern railway has given notice of its intention to seek powers from parliament which will enable it to cross Canada and become the third transcontinental system of the Dominion. The Canadian Northern has an extensive system in

the East and controls lines in Quebec and Nova Scotia. It is now asking for authority to acquire the Great Northern of Canada, the Chateauguay & Northern, the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa, the Quebec, New Brunswick & Nova Scotia and the James Bay railways. The Canadian Northern is the practical owner of these systems already. The James Bay is applying for authority to build from Lake Muskoka through Ottawa to Montreal, and from St. Lawrence to the Canadian Northern railway near Port Arthur. The plans contemplate the purchase or construction of more than a thousand miles of railway, and the connection of the Canadian Northern's wheat lines with a seaport outlet in the maritime provinces. The road runs only to Port Arthur on Lake Superior.

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