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LOCAL ITEMS

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The Nelson fall fair takes place this year on September 28 and 29.

Birth—On Tuesday afternoon, May 31st, the wife of David E. Grobe of a daughter. Both doing well.

Silver dropped this week to 55c.; but two silver dollars is good for a year's subscription to the Herald.

The McCloskey Vaudeville company, which was to show here on Thursday night, failed to show up.

Mrs. Crowe, who has been in Nelson for the past few weeks under medical treatment, returned to town yesterday.

Friends of Harry Holland, a pioneer of this camp, will regret to learn that he is dangerously ill of cancer in Tacoma.

According to the prophecies of the Rev. Ira D. Hicks for the month of June this month will be a long succession of storms.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil," will be the text at the Methodist church next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody invited to attend.

Herbert Mason, formerly foreman of the Hunter V. mine, has left to do work on his mining properties, after which he plans taking in the St. Louis exposition.

John Harbottle finished the rebuilding of the Porto Rico Sawmill Company's burner on Monday last, and the mill started up again with a full force on Tuesday.

A photograph was taken last Tuesday of the pioneers of the camp, that is those who were here before August, 1897. John Harbottle was the originator of the idea.

There's quite a slump in Tim Eaton's express parcels coming to Ymir since it became known that the goods could be purchased from local merchants at the same price.

Miss Gray, who resigned her position as nurse in the Ymir hospital a month ago, returned to Ymir this week before leaving for Phoenix, where she has accepted a position in the local hospital.

Rev. R. E. Collis returned from the Methodist conference at the coast on Monday and will remain here about two weeks, after which he will go to Kimberley, to which place he has been appointed.

The bush fire that was raging last week south of Porcupine creek, did not damage the Hunter V. tram. The men succeeded in getting it under control, and the recent rains put it out entirely.

W. A. Stevens left the Hunter V. Company's employ on Tuesday last and goes to work on his ranch at Granite, two miles from Nelson. W. P. Sloan is in charge of the lower tramway terminal now.

Presbyterian Church—Morning service, 11 a.m.; Sunday school 12; evening service, 7:30. Young Peoples' Society meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome. Rev. H. Young, M.A., Pastor.

As usual Nelson intends celebrating Dominion day in grand style. The program for the day is being poorly advertised. If Nelson wants outside visitors it must let them know. An advertisement in the Herald will do the work.

Constable W. C. Forrester is enjoying a lay-off from his official duties for a few weeks. In the meantime constable J. Wilson of Creston has been

enjoying a restful holiday from his duties elsewhere by being temporarily in charge of Ymir. He is now succeeded by J. A. Fraser of Rossland, who has recently been appointed to the force.

There were apparently good games of baseball played elsewhere than in Ymir on the 24th of May. The Nelson Tribune reports a match at Creston where the score stood at 43 to 16 in favor of Creston when the game closed at midnight.

Ymir Old Timers.

On Tuesday last some eighteen or twenty old timers of Ymir met together and had their photographs taken; after which they adjourned to the St. Charles hotel, where an impromptu meeting was held.

Upon the meeting being called to order, John McLeod was unanimously elected president, and E. W. Widdowson secretary pro tem.

J. F. Harbottle, in moving the formation of a society of the pioneers of Quartz creek and Ymir, drew attention to the fact that most towns in the country had similar organizations, and suggested that it should be confined to men that were in town prior to the end of '97. He thought that an association could very well be formed in the district, say to meet once or twice a year when most appropriate, and that a dinner could be given on such occasions.

D. A. Cameron thought the idea a very happy one, and it would certainly have his support.

After further discussing the matter the following resolutions were unanimously carried:

That a committee of three be appointed to interview the pioneers of Quartz creek and Ymir as to the desirability of forming an association; to decide upon meeting places, dates and number of meetings per year. The committee be further instructed that the place of meeting shall be confined to hotels owned by men eligible for election to this society.

That a committee be appointed to frame a list of bylaws of association and rules to govern same.

That a copy of these resolutions shall be sent to the Ymir Herald for publication.

The following committee was appointed by the president: F. McLeod, E. M. Peters and S. Miller.

Hotel Arrivals.

McLEOD HOUSE—Julius Levy Rossland; J. H. Gites, Northport; L. D. Allen, Boston, Mass.; J. McVicar and wife, Vancouver; Wm. Marcellus, Nelson; M. F. Cole, Nelson.

COSMOPOLITAN—Joe Lerham, Salmo; G. F. Fuller, Moyie; John Hera, Rossland; S. Johnston, Dauphin, Man.

WALDORF—S. Wellman, Spokane; Fred Wolfe, Foghorn; W. H. Spencer, Nelson.

ROSS HOUSE—J. Freeman, Oskar Ross, Salmo; C. W. P. Hall, Northport, Washington.

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MINING NEWS

The Queen mine at Salmo has shipped three gold bricks during the past month worth \$2900.

The Second Relief has at present 16 men at work. The full force is expected to be on hand shortly.

Over one hundred free miners' certificates were issued by the deputy mining recorder in Ymir during the few days preceding the 31st of May.

The management of the Broken Hill Company have bought up Fred Hazen's large holding of stock. Mr. Hazen was the original owner of one of the claims of the Wilcox group.

Messrs. Hughes, Parr, and the Daly Bros are at work on the Yukon Fractional claim, between the Atlin and Dundee mines. This is the property which the Dundee Company claims under the Kitten location.

Roy Riblet, representing B. C. Riblet, was over the Hunter V. tram last week to look into several little deficiencies which had come to light in the course of operation. This week some of Riblet's men are at work fixing up these defects.

The Fern mine at Hall Siding is now working a full force of men and turning out considerable ore. Mr. E. Rammelmeyer, who has the property under lease, is running the ten stamps, and in connection, a concentrating table of a new type, known as the Overstorm. This is manufactured by the Allis-Chalmers Company of Chicago, and it is claimed is the most mechanically perfect of any table, the three different motions being perfectly adapted to the purpose.

Manager A. H. Tuttle of the Broken Hill Company reports that the Wilcox mine never looked better than at the present time. On the upper Wilcox tunnel, the work is progressing on a fine body of ore, while in the Fourth of July new stoping ground, 150 feet long, with a varying width from two to four feet, has been opened up. Development work is also being prosecuted on the new vein on the Fourth of July recently opened up. The meeting of the company has been postponed until July 9th.

Recent tests on placer ground, leased by John Falls and others at Hall Siding, have been very satisfactory, and prove the existence of a large area of auriferous gravel regularly impregnated with gold in paying quantities. Similar ground to this is being worked by the California Dredge Company in California and other states and making big money, the cost of operating being placed at 7½ cents per cubic yard. The tests on the Hall creek ground, taken from gravel near the surface, indicate a minimum value of 50 cents per cubic yard, which should make it a very profitable field

NOTICE.

To Subscribers and Intending Subscribers.

As we stated last week we started with a blank subscription list. A goodly few friends to whom we sent copies of the first issue, on expectations, have responded to our invitation to walk in and deposit, but there are others. All advertisers get a free subscription; but we shall necessarily have to gradually eliminate all those others to whom we are now sending, who do not declare themselves.

for operation. It is a fair presumption, however, that nearer the bedrock, which has hitherto not been reached, the average will be much higher. The black sand averages about 15 pounds to the cubic yard, and after as much gold has been extracted by amalgamation as possible, is still worth about \$10 per ton.

The manager of the Ymir Gold Mines reports the return for the month of April, 1904, by cable, as follows: Forty stamps ran 30 days and crushed 3050 tons (2000 pounds) of ore, producing 731 ounces bullion. The estimated realizable value (gross) of the product is \$7650; 250 tons of concentrates shipped, gross estimated value, \$6,825; cyanide plant treated 2280 tons (2000 pounds) of tailings, producing bullion having estimated gross value of \$1950; sundry revenue, \$825—total, \$17,250; working expenses, \$15,800—profit, \$1450. There has been expended during the month on development, \$1275.

Wedding Bells.

John McVicar, B.A., one of the pioneers of Ymir, was married to Miss Noble of Aylmer, near London, Ontario, on Monday last. The wedding took place in Vancouver, and a number of old Ymirites were around to congratulate their old fellow citizen. Spencer Sanderson, Phil White, R. MacRoberts and S. DesBrisay, all late of Ymir, had the pleasure of shaking hands with them. Mr. and Mrs. McVicar arrived here on Wednesday morning last, and will take up their residence in Ymir. Mr. McVicar was one of the earliest settlers in the old town of Quartz Creek, and for several years was assayer-general to the camp and surrounding district. For the past two years he has been connected with the Ymir mine and is now in charge of the cyanide works in connection with that institution.

Baseball.

Negotiations are in progress for the arrangement of a game between Nelson and Ymir at the Dominion day sports in Nelson. It is to be hoped, however, that the team put up by Nelson will be a little stronger aggregation of talent than that which visited Ymir on Victoria day, otherwise the game will be even more lopsided than the game on that occasion. The Ymir boys have had more practice and improved considerably since that date.

The Ymir nine goes down to Salmo on Sunday to play the Salmo team.

Finlay McLeod, manager of the Ymir team, is in receipt of a letter from the captain of the Nelson team which was here on Victoria day, expressing the thanks of the Nelson boys for the generous treatment and hospitality they received on that day.

Bad Man Caught.

The one armed convict named Mulholland, who escaped from Nelson jail about a year ago, has been located. He is again doing time, having been sentenced to three years in the Stoney Mountain penitentiary. The provincial authorities will endeavor to have him sent to Nelson when his sentence in Manitoba is concluded. He was sent to Nelson from Rossland, charged with a vicious assault. While awaiting his trial, the one-armed man scaled the jail wall and disappeared as completely as if Kootenay lake had swallowed him up.

Since the abolishing of the Creston mining recorder's office, records on locations in the Sixteen mile section can be made at Ymir.

LEAD BOUNTY

The bill to amend the lead bounty act, so as to meet the wishes of the Associated Silver-Lead Mines and the boards of trade of southern British Columbia, passed through committee and was read a third time on Thursday. Under the amended act, provision is made for the payment of a certain proportion of the bounty upon surplus lead ore exported from Canada for treatment. The immediate effect of this is to increase the number of men employed at the St. Eugene mine, Moyie, which will now be able to run its big mill up to its full capacity.

The intent of the lead bounty act is primarily to foster the lead smelting industry in this country, and its extension to ores smelted across the line would seem calculated to defeat its first object. The extension, however, is at present necessary, because there are at present not sufficient lead stacks in British Columbia to handle all the ore which can be produced by Slokan and East Kootenay mines.

Citizens' Association

The regular monthly meeting of this association was held on Tuesday last, J. W. Ross in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by D. Campbell, the secretary, and approved.

Dr. Duncan who, since the inauguration of the society, has acted as treasurer, tendered his resignation from that position in consequence of his approaching departure from the town. The treasurer's statement of accounts was audited and found correct, there being a balance in hand of \$28, which was handed over to Finlay McLeod, who was appointed to the position of treasurer. Dr. Duncan's resignation was accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks was passed in recognition of the admirable service he has rendered the association during past years.

The question of fire equipment then came up and a resolution was passed instructing W. M. Coffey, chief of the fire brigade, to purchase a new hose cart and nozzle, together with other necessary equipments. A couple of hundred feet more hose is also needed, but funds are not in shape to permit of that expenditure so far.

Fire in Ymir.

Sunday morning last a disastrous fire occurred, which entirely destroyed the residence of Al. Garvin across the river. The alarm bell was sounded about 9 a.m., and a crowd immediately turned out, but it was quickly seen that all efforts to save the house must be entirely futile. The flames had already secured a firm hold on the dry logs forming the walls of the main building, and the heat was so intense as to render approach within ten yards scarcely possible. Under these circumstances it was impossible to attempt to save any of the household effects. The only things actually saved consisted of an organ and one trunk of clothing.

The fire hose, which was on deck as quickly as possible, was found barely sufficient to reach the flames, as it had to be brought from the hydrant at the Herald office, right across the Salmon river bridge and about 200 feet down the east bank, making a very long stretch of hose. It was well-manned, however, and although useless in saving the house, was the means of preventing the fire spreading to the bridge and other houses. Great sympathy is expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Garvin, who lose their residence and practically all their household effects. There was no insurance.

Ymir's Victoria Day Celebration

Good Weather, Good Crowd, and Good Sports Keenly Contested.

Once more Ymir was favored with Queen's weather when celebrating in commemoration of the birthday of our late gracious lady, Queen Victoria. As on previous occasions the heavens conspired with the celebration committee to make the day as perfect and pleasant as possible, and helped to paint the town in bright and glowing colors. With sunshine in the air and sunshine in their hearts Ymirites celebrated, and looked to it that their visitors received a goodly share of all the entertainment going.

The town was profusely decorated with flags and bunting and presented quite a gay and festive appearance when the train from Nelson pulled in. There was a little disappointment expressed at the fewness of the visitors from Nelson, the number being less than half the attendance on previous occasions. This, however, was probably accounted for by the counter attraction of the lacrosse match between Nelson-New Westminster held at Kaslo, to which some 800 Nelson holiday makers betook themselves. However, there was a determination that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of the enjoyment of the occasion, and the visitors were quickly swallowed up in the crowd of Ymirites, visitors from Salmo and Erie, and men from the Ymir and Hunter V. mines, both of which were practically shut down for the occasion.

As soon as the train had dropped its passengers the Nelson band, which was in attendance, formed up and headed a procession which marched through the principal streets, and finally came to a halt on the baseball ground, where Mr. Patrick Daly, the president of the celebration committee, formally opened the day's proceedings with a neat speech of welcome to the visitors, giving them the freedom of the town. Mr. Harry Wright, M. P. P., for the district, who was among the visitors, also addressed a few words to the crowd.

The sports were then brought on without delay, and footraces and jumping contests were the order of the day until noon. In the jumping contests Lowe of Salmo and the Rev. R. E. Taylor, late Methodist preacher in Ymir, distinguished themselves.

After dinner the first item of interest was the horseracing. In the open quarter mile Chris Willis' "Steptoe" from Salmo won the best of three heats from Kirkpatrick's "Buckskin." In the local race Kirkpatrick's horse won from an entry by Tom Oddie.

Following the races the crowd adjourned to the baseball grounds to watch the match between the Nelson Intermediate team and the Ymir team. Several of the Salmo team were included in the Ymir nine, making a very strong combination. The line up was as follows:

Nelson—Hemery, 1st base; Steele, pitcher; Sickle, left field; Miller, 3rd base; Kelley, right field; Avery, catcher; Nelson, 2nd base; Stanford, shortstop; Freeze, centre field.

Ymir—Cawley, 1st base; Anderson, pitcher; Roberts, left field; Therein, 3rd base; English, right field; Sheedy, 2nd base; Blanchard, catcher; Carney, shortstop; Watt, centre field.

Somewhat to the disappointment of the spectators the game was a very one-sided affair, Ymir having a walk over. The team sent down from Nelson was a very indifferent combination, and made a very poor showing indeed, so that the history of the game would be but a long series of errors on their part. The spectacle of the Ymir catcher walking down from the home plate to second base and there calmly putting out two men, aimlessly dodging to and fro, without the ball leaving his

hand, is a sufficient indication of the quality of the Nelson play. However, the crowd derived lots of fun from the spectacle, which, perhaps, was all that was wanted, except to make sure that the trophy stayed in Ymir. The efforts of the Nelson band to make a diversion, were somewhat overshadowed by the artist on the single horn who, from his lofty position in Nature's grand stand to the west of the ground, distributed megaphonic melodies and pertinent pointers to the players.

The drilling match followed the baseball game, and the crowd moved en masse to the rock placed for the purpose in front of the Miller house. The teams entered were McGillivray-Brown and Antle-Wray. Of these McGillivray is an old-timer and was one of the winning team in the celebration here last year and on Dominion day last in Nelson. He and his partner succeeded in putting down a record hole of 42 3/4 inches in hard granite; Brown displaying great skill in handling the steel, while McGillivray's heavy hitting was both pretty and effective. Antle and Wray also put in some hard licks and were giving promise of making the match a close one when their steel broke in the hole. In spite of this, however, they got down 34 inches, and from their quick and heavy hitting and slick changes it is certain they would have made a fine showing if their luck had held out. The purse won by McGillivray and Brown amounted to \$100.

In the final of the quoit match, that veteran thrower, John F. Harbottle, defeated Wallace of Nelson by 21-16, and accordingly retains the championship cup.

In the evening, after a fine display of fireworks, the day's fun was wound up by a grand ball in the Union hall, at which a large attendance was gathered and enjoyed first class music and dancing until the small hours.

The following is a complete list of the prize winners:

FOOT RACER.
Boys, under 8—1st, Alex McLeod; 2nd, Harvey Foster; 3rd, — Ross.
Girls, under 8—1st, Hazel Newitt; 2nd, Winnie Shrum; 3rd, Minnie O'Neill.

Boys, under 12—1st, Alf Clark; 2nd, — Schwartz.
Girls, under 12—1st, Vera McLeod; 2nd, Dora Jordan.

Girls' skipping race—1st, Vera McLeod; 2nd, Dora Jordan.

Men—1st, C. Therein; 2nd, Freeze.
Three-legged race—1st, Klavena Keefe; 2nd, Clark-Ferguson.

Sack race—1st, Keefe; 2nd, Newitt.

JUMPING.
Boys' long jump—1st, Newitt; 2nd, Schwartz; 3rd, Steele.

Men's long jump—1st, Cauley; 2nd, Sheedy; 3rd, Taylor.

Standing jump—1st, Taylor; 2nd, J. Daly.

Hop, step and jump—1st, Taylor; 2nd, Lowe.

High jump—1st, Lowe; 2nd, Taylor.

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Open—Chris Willis, Steptoe.
Local—William Kirkpatrick, Roan.

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Mitchell Tait, Palace Hotel, Ymir.
J. W. Masterson, Ymir Hotel, Ymir.
C. B. Archibald, Ross House, Ymir.
E. M. Peters, St. Charles Hotel, Ymir.
Finlay McLeod, McLeod Hotel, Ymir.
John Breau, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Ymir.
G. S. Coleman, Waldorf Hotel, Ymir.
Samuel Miller, Miller Hotel, Ymir.
A meeting of the Board of License Commissioners of the Ymir License District will be held to consider such applications at the Court House at the City of Nelson on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of June, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.
C. W. YOUNG,
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REFININGS

Dago miners are becoming numerous around Sandon.

The zinc output of the Slocan for the present year will reach 8000 tons.

The Sunset in the Slocan has paid another \$6000 dividend, making up to date \$66,000.

All the mines are idle at Camp McKinney, and the camp looks like a deserted village.

T. H. Trevarrow of the Snowshoe mine has been appointed superintendent of the Le Roi.

Hematite iron ore in good quantities has been discovered on Fenwick mountain, near Fort Steele.

All the silver-lead-zinc mines at Whitewater are starting up, after a shut down of about two years.

Boundary ore shipments now run from three to four times as much as those from Rosslund, every week.

The Winnipeg mine, near Phoenix, is to be sold to satisfy a lien for wages and Bank of Montreal judgment for \$3500.

The Providence mine at Greenwood has paid its third dividend of ten cents per share. This property has paid from the grass roots.

For four years, ending May 31, the Boundary mines have sent out over 2,000,000 tons of gold-copper ore. The total value is estimated at \$10,000,000.

The Marcus Daly estate, owners of the Nickel Plate mine at Hedley City, will build a smelter on the reservation near there. The Nickel Plate Company have spent over a million dollars in developing their property, but have never shipped an ounce of ore, owing to the lack of transportation facilities.

During the summer the International Coal and Coke Company plans to expend approximately \$350,000 on its coal fields, 10 miles east of Michel, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Four hundred coke ovens are now being put in, and 250 men are at work on the property. With 400 ovens working the output in coke will be about 500 tons a day, while it is the intention to make the coal output amount to 3,000 tons a day by September 1st. By the first of next year it is planned 2000 men will be working in the fields, while 5000 will probably be employed when the company gets to running at the capacity planned.

Grand Trunk Pacific

On the occasion of the third reading of the national Transcontinental Bill the Hon. Mr. Borden proposed the following amendment:

"That the bill be not now read a third time, but that it be resolved:

"That the bill proposes to ratify and confirm agreements imposing upon the country enormous obligations for the construction of the transcontinental railway, a large portion of which is to become the property of a railway corporation, to whom the remaining portion is to be leased for 50 years on terms onerous to the country.

"That the obligations undertaken by

the country under the proposed agreements will provide almost wholly for the cost of constructing the proposed railway, while the obligation assumed by the Grand Trunk Railway Company is comparatively small.

"The house is of the opinion that instead of ratifying the proposed agreements, it would be more in the public interest that the Dominion should assume the whole obligation necessary for extending across the continent the present government system of railways, thereby completing a transcontinental railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, owned by, and under the control of the people of Canada."

Mr. Borden not only declares in favor of public ownership, but he declares that the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific is subject to the ratification of the people. He denies the right of the present government to close the discussion and to check the advance of public ownership. He gives the promoters of the scheme fair warning that the matter is not closed, and that the people have still a right to choose between "a government owned railway and a railway owned government." At the same time he declares that the projectors ought not to be put to any loss, and that the Grand Trunk ought to have full running rights over the extended government lines, and ample access to the Northwest.

This declaration raises a distinct issue, on which the people have to pronounce in the next general election. As a live issue it is much to be preferred to dead ones, such as the claim of either party to the authorship of the prosperity which the country now enjoys. The Conservatives party has a better chance of winning on that issue than on any other; and win or lose, it is better to stand or fall by a definite policy. The country is tired of old party shibboleths, charges and counter charges, and will welcome a question which lends itself to intelligent discussion and fair argument.

What is the situation of the Liberal party on this question? Two years ago, practically the same proposition as that formulated today by Mr. Borden, was announced amidst cheers by Mr. Blair, and was acclaimed in parliament by the present minister of railways. Today the Liberal party has turned upon its own programme and has produced a bill under which the country provides nine tenths of the money with which to build the railway and then passes it over to a private company to operate at a profit. In a nutshell the proposition is this: The country bears practically all the responsibility; the profits, if any, go to the company; and the losses, if any, fall on the taxpayers. We find from \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000 and ask nothing from our partner in the enterprise except a small bond guarantee, and present him with \$20,000,000 worth of stock for which not one cent has to be paid. If we have to pay for it, why not own it? gaining a quid pro quo in reduced taxation or reduced rates. To quote an illustration of the actual terms of the deal, which will appeal to us here: Supposing two parties purchased and worked a mineral claim, one party

putting up nine-tenths of the cost and the other one-tenth. It would be a natural presumption that the one who put up the nine-tenths would be in control. The government of Canada, represented by the Liberal party, is in the position of the nine tenths subscriber and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of the one-tenth man. But in this remarkable deal the latter is to have control, reap all possible profits and only call up his partner when the business goes behind and there are losses to be adjusted. Better to buy up the one-tenth interest and have entire control. This is the policy which is formulated by Mr. Borden. It is probable that at the next general election this will form the principal issue and the public will have the opportunity of defending their property.

Deal Is Off.

Owing to the prosecution of John Houston, publisher of the Nelson Tribune, on a charge of criminal libel, the deal for the sale of that paper to H. W. C. Jackson of Spokane and associates has been called off. Mr. Jackson, however, plans to put in a paper at Nelson later. Jackson was to have taken over the Tribune the first of June and turn it into a liberal morning paper.

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This issue of the Ymir Herald is the biggest issue of any paper ever printed and published in Ymir. Our circulation is growing slowly but steadily, and we want all the residents in the Ymir electoral district to look upon this as their home paper.

On another page will be found an account of an effort to form a local Old Timers' Society to consist of the pioneers of Ymir and Quartz creek, who were located here prior to the end of 1897. The idea is a good one, as the society will form a bond of union among those who have most at stake in the camp, and the annual meeting will make an opportunity for interesting personal reminiscences. We wish the new society every success.

The returns from the Ymir mine for the month of April, which are given on another page, indicate a decided improvement over immediately previous returns. Since the commencement of the year the monthly returns have shown a slow but steady increase, the last returns being the highest for pretty nearly two years. So far, however, the milling operations are still limited to 40 stamps, but it is probable that this number will shortly be increased. At the same time there are a number of unofficial reports circulating as to the discovery of immense pieces of very rich float, which indicate the existence of another ore shoot on the property.

There seems to be but little doubt now that the present state of affairs in connection with the Le Roi mine at Rossland is merely the result of a bear raid in the London stock exchange. For some months past encouraging reports have been issuing, and those in the know probably sold short, and then proceeded to knock down the price in order to get in cheap and fill their contracts. The last cablegram on the condition of the mine, which intimated that the reserves had been over estimated by \$350,000, was a knock down blow to the market and enabled the bears to cover themselves to the tune of a handsome profit. This has apparently been the history of many of the ups-and-downs of the Le Roi. The bear raid in London is now working a hardship over the whole Kootenay district, but there is comfort in the knowledge that if this is the true explanation of recent events, things must shortly return to the proper basis. According to reports from Rossland the Le Roi mine is today in as good a position as ever in its history, and the next move may be made by the bulls of the exchange and may boost the price sky high. This is the penalty of greatness, for were the Le Roi mine of less importance in financial circles it is probable that its price

would find its own natural level based upon its intrinsic merits.

In the meantime, however, the report is that the mine will soon cease shipping and that the Northport smelter will close as soon as the 30,000 tons now on hand have been treated. This has already had an effect in this camp, since it stops the shipments from the Hunter V. mine to Northport. As we have said, however, these sinister reports are very liable to suffer material change, according to the temperament of the London exchange, and long before the reserves at the smelter have been exhausted it may be receiving regular shipments as heretofore. In the meantime the Hunter V. is shipping regularly to Nelson and Trail smelters.

In a few weeks it is probable that quite a number of men will be leaving the Kootenays for the northern portion of British Columbia to settle along the supposed route of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. The class of men entering this new district will be mostly the hardy, pioneers, who are ever shaking off the dust of established and civilized centers for those freer fields where there are no shackles of conventionality, and the heart is always warmed by the ever present prospect of great and sudden wealth, which may at any unexpected moment gladden the eye. Apart, however, from these wilder dreams, it is a generally established opinion that the country in question is destined to be rapidly opened up, and hundreds of square miles of country known to contain gold, but which under existing conditions cannot be worked at a profit, will be taken up and developed. What few prospectors have explored the Omineca district are unanimous in their accounts of the large quantity of gold there, but the difficulty and cost of getting adequate supplies in to properly work their finds has hitherto been the cause of comparative inactivity.

Further, the country in question is valuable not only by reason of its mineral resources, but for its wealth of timber and agricultural resources. Whatever pass is chosen for the route of the new line it must run through immense fertile valleys, where the climate and conditions are certainly as favorable as the country on the eastern side of the Rockies in the same latitude, which is now a great wheat growing section. Although this aspect of the resources of the district will not come to the front until the railroad is under construction, it is a significant fact that a host of land buyers are turning their faces in that direction. South African scrip, which gives the holder a right of pre-emption of 160 acres anywhere in the province until the 1st of July, 1905, is now at a substantial premium, a fact entirely due to the opening up of these northern areas. For the next year or two, however, it is the prospectors hunting for placers who will most explore the country.

Desirable Settlers.

The department of immigration at Victoria received last week from Hon. Mr. Turner, agent-general, London, England, a very pleasing notification, which was to the effect that upwards of 250 persons, directly known to the agent-general's office, have left London bound for British Columbia this spring, with the intention of settling in the province. The majority of those immigrants possess some capital, but in

many cases they have from \$10,000 to \$50,000, which, it is understood, they will probably invest in farming lands and other real property throughout the province.

As may be gathered from a perusal of the London newspapers, a great many more of those most desirable immigrants have intimated their intention of moving west, to settle and found homes. It is this class that makes the most desirable kind of settler in any country, and they could not possibly come to a better part of the empire than British Columbia in quest of homes and the free, independent life which has so much charm for the genuine Anglo Saxon man or woman.

The activity of the agent-general and his able assistants is producing gratifying results, and the wisdom of establishing Hon. Mr. Turner in London as agent-general is now apparent to everybody.

The Toronto Mail remarks: Of minerals British Columbia turned out \$17,500,000 worth last year. If, as the Liberal leaders maintained, the province is a sea of mountains, the mountains are worth having.

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Last year 50,007 immigrants left the British Isles for Canada; while 25,518 went to Cape Colony.

The new naval 50-ton 12-inch wire gun will fire shells weighing 850 pounds at the rate one a minute

Shipments of coal from all Nova Scotia mines in 1903 were 4,650,000 tons, an increase of 305,000 tons over 1902.

Graphite is presumed to be of animal and vegetable origin. Coal has been known to have been converted into graphite.

The largest spider in the world has been found at Sumatra. Its body is 9 inches in circumference and its feet spread 17 inches.

The great Sudbury, Ontario, nickel deposits were discovered in making a cutting through a hill for the Canadian and Pacific railway.

Canada's forests are equal to supplying the world with wood pulp for 840 year, on a basis of a million and half tons of pulp a year.

The total efficient fighting force of the British army is at present 560,000 men, while the number of recruits and sick includes 120,000.

In the Tamarack copper mine, Michigan, a plumb line, 4250 feet long, made of piano wire, was recently lowered from the shaft mouth.

To give some idea of the rate at which the depopulation of France is proceeding, the population of Normandy alone fell of 7500 in 1900.

The gross revenue of Great Britain last year was \$700,500,000. Of this \$595,500,000 came from taxes and the rest from post office, crown lands, etc.

Rosland is 3400 feet above sea level and Ymir 2100 feet. La Paz, the capital city of Bolivia, in South America, is 12,000 feet above sea level.

It is estimated that a coal bed, averaging six feet in thickness, contains fully 3,000,000 tons of coal per square mile, but naturally in the working there will be some loss.

The latest bird to become extinct is the California condor, the spread of whose wings was 12 feet. Two thousand dollars is offered for an egg, but none have been found for 17 years.

Monday is the Greek Sunday, Tuesday the Persian, Wednesday was the Sabbath of the Assyrians, Thursday of the Egyptians, Friday is the Turkish Sunday and Saturday the Sabbath of the Jews.

The mineral known as rubellite, and only found in San Diego county, California, is a red tourmaline, being imbedded in lepidolite, a lithia mica. Its value is wholly as specimens, it being too soft to be cut as a gem.

According to ancient custom each month of the year has its particular gem or birth stone, which are as follows: January, garnet; February, amethyst; March, blood stone; April, diamond; May, emerald; June, agate; July, ruby; August, sardonyx; September, sapphire; October, opal; November, topaz; December, turquoise.

The great silver mining industry of Catorco, Mexico, is said to have had its origin from a man having built a fire to cook food and after the fire was out to have found silver in the ashes.

This was in 1775. The famous silver mines of Potosi in Bolivia are said to have been discovered by a man having displaced a bush and which had native silver among its roots.

Interesting Booklet.

The Great Northern Railway has issued an interesting booklet on business openings in the northwest along the line of the Great Northern. It includes a description of nearly all the towns in the western states on the system, their population and business enterprises, together with a list of the enterprises which might be started with good facilities in each locality. The booklet should prove instructive to all new settlers in the northwest and to business men seeking a location for investment.

The Atlantic News.

One of the few remaining expedients by which it has been possible to withdraw oneself for a time from the bustle and rumor of the world is now practically doomed. It has been threatened for some time, and now its fate is sealed. The Atlantic voyage, there is reason to believe, has been the means of saving many an American business man from the madhouse, the enforced suspension of money-making activity (save in the trivial matters of poker and other innocent amusements), though only lasting a few days, having been attended with marvellous results. But since wireless telegraphy first became an established fact, there has been little hope for the millionaires, and now, unless they care to take their chance in Central Africa, or the uncharted regions about the Poles, they seem destined never to get really out of reach of a telegram. For the news is that Mr. Marconi has demonstrated that a ship crossing the Atlantic can receive messages throughout the entire voyage, and that a daily wireless news service with each of the Cunard boats has been arranged by a New York paper.



YMIR LICENSE DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that Joseph W. Ross has made application under the provisions of the "Liquor License Act, 1900," for hotel license at the Ross House, Ymir, in place of Charles Archibald, as formerly advertised.

A meeting of the Board of License Commissioners of the Ymir License District will be held to consider applications at the Court House at the City of Nelson, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of June, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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