

# THE YMIR MIRROR

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## Nelson Assessment District Court of Revision & Appeal

Take notice that I shall hold a Court of Revision and Appeal for the Nelson Assessment District for hearing and determining any appeals against the assessment made for the year 1904, at the places and at the times undermentioned:—

At the office of the Provincial Assessor & Collector, Nelson, on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

At the office of the Provincial Constable, at Ymir, on Thursday, the 17th day of March, 1904 at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Nelson, B. C., January 29th, 1904.

W. A. JOWETT,

Judge of the court of Revision and Appeal, Nelson Assessment District.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 12.

THE BOYCOTT is still on against  
the editor of THE MIRROR and his  
family, and the manly men (1) who are  
conducting it display the same con-  
tempt for justice and fair play which  
prompted them at the beginning. This  
will be no surprise to those who know  
the individuals concerned, but that  
men heretofore considered upright and  
consistent should prove themselves such  
veritable cowards as to sacrifice prin-  
ciple for the most paltry pelf, is an aspect  
of the case too pitiable to contemplate.  
Boycotters never have justice on their  
side—never had. Theirs is brute  
force—their strength is a strength  
which numbers give—and ever directed

against right. Boycotting is the fa-  
vorite weapon of the mob, and is  
wielded mercilessly. It takes the  
strong arm of the law to down the  
demon, and British law will amply  
fill the bill in this as in every other  
instance.

At last the directors of the Ymir  
General Hospital—by instructions, we  
are told, from the Miners' Union—  
have asked for an official audit of the  
books of the institution. Why the  
inevitable should have been so long  
delayed is something very hard to ex-  
plain to the ordinary mind. The  
government auditor will be here in the  
course of a few days, when a thorough  
investigation will be made, the result  
of which will, we hope, be satisfactory  
to all concerned. The official request  
for such audit on the part of the union  
only went in on the 4th inst. (a week  
ago) although the accuracy of the  
accounts has been publicly challenged  
for over two months. Until the audi-  
tor hands in his report we shall have  
no more to say on the matter.

The annual meeting of the Kootenay  
Lake General Hospital was held this  
week at Nelson. The report of the  
proceedings makes very interesting  
reading for Ymirites just now. A full  
statement of accounts, duly audited,  
was submitted, and every detail given  
as to the inner workings of the insti-  
tution. The expense list, despite the  
fact that there are a far greater num-  
ber of patients treated, is not much in  
excess of the figures wrung from the  
directors of our local hospital, and in  
many instances far below them. All  
supplies are let by contract in Nelson  
—drugs, groceries, provisions, etc.—  
and an immense saving is thus effected.  
They do things in a business-like  
fashion there—here everything is slip-  
shod, clumsy and extravagant.

During the past few weeks, since  
the decree has gone out from the Min-  
ers' Union that the editor of THE  
MIRROR and his family be boycotted  
and driven from the camp, we have  
received several letters for publication  
—letters of sympathy and condolence,  
and in every case we are asked to with-  
hold the name of the writer. We  
might as well reply to the whole batch  
at once. Gentleman, while thanking  
you for your sympathy and confidence  
in our ultimate victory over tyranny  
as exercised by the union and coward-  
ice as displayed by the timid creatures  
they have intimidated, permit us to  
say that we would appreciate your  
kindly expressions more fully had you  
been more manly in the matter and  
allowed your names to appear in print.  
Under the circumstances, we must  
respectfully decline to publish your  
communications. If the battle against  
tyranny and despotism in this camp is  
to be won, it will take stiffer material  
than mere sympathy to accomplish the  
end. Honest men should realize that  
they have conspirators and cowards  
only to deal with, and act accordingly.  
As soon as a few of them are jailed the  
rest of the band will scatter. The  
honest, upright members of the union  
will, we believe, assert themselves—  
but, so far, they have been very slow  
to take action.

THE charity concert or hospital  
charity dodge of fleecing the public,  
is an old one; but every time it is tried  
it should be exposed, so that in time  
the habit will die out. The city of  
Victoria has for years been afflicted  
by such enterprising schemes, and the  
Times newspaper undertook to expose  
the trick and call for investigation.  
Then came the usual "bluff"—a  
threatened libel for action. But the  
"bluff" did not work; the libel suit  
was proceeded with. When the case

came before the courts last week, it  
was dismissed with costs, but the pub-  
lishers of the paper find themselves  
out of pocket to the tune of \$442.30  
for lawyers' fees, etc. The Times very  
properly directs attention to the hard-  
ships that can be imposed upon a news-  
paper that seeks to protect the public  
and in this connection says:

"Through the operation of such a  
procedure (inadequate provision for se-  
curity for costs), however, any adven-  
turer or adventuress may for a trifling  
sum subject a public journal to an-  
noyance for a lengthy period as long  
as lawyers exist, who will lend their  
aid to such a course. In the present  
instance a determined attempt was  
made to have the trial postponed un-  
til July, 1904, exactly one year from  
the time the writ was issued. Modern  
justice is perhaps as pure and unde-  
filed as was the ancient variety, but  
like most other desirable modern  
things, it comes exceedingly high. In  
nine cases out of ten a newspaper  
charged with libel even where it is  
evident that the charge cannot be es-  
tablished, would be a financial gainer  
by compromising and paying damages.  
But if newspapers do so, wherein  
would lie the protection of the public?  
In the old days the press was exposed  
to tyranny and to muzzling in its cruder  
and harsher forms; in later times  
this prosecution has assumed more re-  
fined shape, but it is a question for ar-  
gument which could be most effec-  
tively employed to stifle criticism, were  
publishers mindful only of their own  
pecuniary interests and were deficient  
in public spirit. These abuses are  
matters to which the bench and the  
reputable portion of the bar should  
devote attention. Otherwise the pro-  
fession will lose much in public esti-  
mation, and legal procedure will be in  
danger of more radical amendment  
than might be desirable."

In Ymir we have given publicity to  
certain figures in connection with  
the general hospital. Here the par-  
ties involved do not adopt the usual  
course of threatening a libel suit, or  
the more honest one of explaining the  
figures in dispute, but decree that the  
editor of THE MIRROR and his family  
be boycotted. And they have enforced  
their decree by threat. Truly, the  
life of an independent newspaper man  
in British Columbia is an unenviable  
one.

The Nelson and Fort Sheppard rail-  
way's case on appeal from assessor R.  
A. Renwick's assessment is occupying  
the attention of the court of revision  
at Nelson. The assessor valued the  
lands at \$1 per acre. Mr. MacNeill,  
as counsel for the N. & F. S., offered  
evidence to show the practical worth-  
lessness of most of the lands comprised  
in the grant from the crown under the  
subsidy act. Chas. Scott, land agent  
for the company, was asked to produce  
the company's report on the timber  
standing on the lands in question, but  
declared that it was not in his pos-  
session. Further examination showed  
that the company do not wish to pro-  
duce this report. A map got out by  
the railway showing large groups of  
alleged timber limits on the lands, is  
before the commissioner, but has been,  
it is said, repudiated by the appellants,  
although the fact has been brought  
out in evidence that a sum of \$8000  
has been paid by the company to tim-  
ber cruisers for estimating the extent  
of existing timber.

The court of revision announced  
for tomorrow in Ymir, has been ad-  
journing to Thursday, the 17th.

There is another big strike threat-  
ened among the coalminers of the United  
States. A reduction of 5.55 per  
cent in wages is the reason.

## BOYCOTTING IN YMIR.

### AGITATORS ASSERTING THEMSELVES.

### Promising Prospects Pre- judiced.

The work of the Boycotters is mak-  
ing greater progress than any other  
business in Ymir. During the past  
week they have captured a few more  
victims, and announce their intention  
to institute still more drastic measures  
against THE MIRROR for having dared  
to ask for an accounting of public  
monies committed to the charge of the  
hospital board, or miners' union. Give  
these fellows rope enough and they'll  
hang themselves.

The outlook for a rich year for the  
camp was never brighter. The dis-  
turbers knew this, and promptly set to  
work to make mischief. They resolved  
to demonstrate their power for evil by  
ordering a Boycott against the editor  
of this paper and his family, and now  
they are boasting of the success attend-  
ing their efforts. We shall see. The  
law of this country cannot tolerate  
such lawlessness. If boasted Boy-  
cotting is tolerated in Ymir, and al-  
lowed to go unpunished, what a dan-  
gerous precedent would be established?  
As soon as it is stamped out here and  
a few of the conspirators are placed  
behind the prison bars, a wholesome  
lesson will have been taught the band  
of misguided desperados who seem to  
forget that they are now living in  
BRITISH COLUMBIA. They have shown  
how completely they can terrorize the  
business men of Ymir. It is now on  
the tapis to try the mine owners with  
a like castigation. There will be a hot  
time in this old town.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Phil White, who left camp some  
months ago for his old home in eastern  
Canada, returned to Ymir, yesterday.  
Phil left a bachelor, but he returns a  
Benedict. All his old friends are glad  
to see him back again.

All the loggers in the employ of the  
Porto Rico Lumber Co., engaged in  
the camp at Ymir have been laid off  
temporarily owing to heavy snow and  
bad roads. Recent rains and thaw  
have made work in the brush difficult.

An accident occurred at the Hunter  
V. tramway a few days ago which  
stopped operations for a time. While  
bringing up some machinery in the  
buckets, a piece came in contact with  
one of the towers and stopped progress.  
The damage was promptly repaired  
and all is right again.

Harry Wright M.P.P., was in camp  
during the week, visiting his constitu-  
ents, and ascertaining the needs of the  
district. Spoken to as to the new  
bridge, he said the plans and specifica-  
tions would be in the hands of the  
commissioner within a week, and that  
work would be begun at the earliest  
possible date the weather would allow  
of. The work will be done under  
the superintendence of D. A. Cameron.  
From the present condition of the  
bridge, it is evident that it would  
never stand the spring floods. Mr  
Wright is to be complimented upon  
securing the appropriation months in  
advance of the time at which it would  
be available under ordinary circum-  
stances.

At the Arlington 30 men are em-  
ployed in developing, as shipping for  
the season has stopped. During the  
past three months 24 carloads of about  
20 tons each have been shipped, ag-  
gregating 480 tons. The ore aver-  
aged about \$1000 to the car. This  
is considered a good showing for a mine  
that was given up as no account two  
years ago. The mine is being operat-  
ed by the Hastings R. C. Syndicate  
under the management of Leslie Hill.  
The development now in progress con-  
sists of drifting and raising on the 450  
and head Arlington levels. The de-  
velopment work will be continued till  
the roads get in good condition, which  
will be about June 1st, when shipments  
will be resumed by team. The ore is  
a sulphide carrying gold.

At the mining recorder's office on  
Thursday, a certificate of work was  
granted P. J. Nichols on the Main  
mineral claim for work done thereon  
since 15th March, 1903. T. Living-  
stone of Hall siding transferred an un-  
divided whole interest in the Blue Jay  
mineral claim, three-quarters of a mile  
from Hall siding on the north side of  
Hall creek to J. R. Cranston of Ross-  
land, consideration nominal. J. R.  
Cranston, transferred a half interest  
in the Blue Jay above mentioned to  
W. C. Reed, of Rossland, consideration  
nominal.

### A REASONABLE REQUEST.

The Rossland Miner gave special  
prominence to rather an unusual article  
in its issue of yesterday; unusual not  
because of the facts therein stated but  
because it is so rarely that the sub-  
ject discussed finds space in a news-  
paper.

Briefly summarised the Miner's ar-  
ticle was to the effect that if the peo-  
ple of Rossland want a live, up-to-  
date daily newspaper they must give  
it such a measure of support as will  
enable the proprietor to meet the ex-  
pense account.

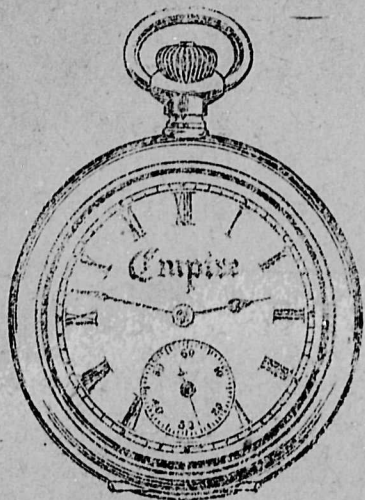
Whilst newspapers all over the coun-  
try devote care and attention to foster-  
ing every undertaking and enterprise  
at all calculated to benefit the locali-  
ties in which they are published, the  
experience is that very few newspapers  
pay and only when a paper has ceased  
publication because of lack of support  
does the community affected realize  
how little it would have taken to have  
kept it going.

Throughout the west there is a pre-  
vailing opinion that newspapers are  
better paying enterprises than almost  
any other commercial undertaking. As  
a matter of fact in British Columbia  
for instance, it is doubtful if a single  
paper can be pointed out as a paying  
concern, i. e., earnings by subscriptions  
and advertising patronage more than  
its operating expenses.

Newspapers render services of incal-  
culable value to all new countries. The  
work of the British Columbia press,  
more particularly during the past few  
years has aided enormously in the up-  
building of the province. This work  
goes on day in and day out and is en-  
tirely supplementary to the service ren-  
dered in providing the news of the  
world. In nine cases out of ten a  
newspaper never obtains a cent for  
its work in advertising the resources  
of the localities in which it is publish-  
ed and it is fortunate if for the use of  
its advertising columns it secures suf-  
ficient cash to pay current operating  
expenses.

Any wide awake business man  
knows that money judiciously expend-  
ed in advertising is the best invest-  
ment he can make. If every business  
man in Rossland will take this fact to  
heart there need be no fear of the lack  
of a bright newspaper being published.





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10.40 a.m.	Rosslund	4.35 p.m.
9.32 a.m.	Ymir	5.35 p.m.
7.20 a.m.	Nelson	7.20 p.m.
11.05 a.m.	(Grand Forks)	3.35 p.m.
9.30 a.m.	Republic	5.15 p.m.

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gues who are making life intolerable.

## Boycotting

Is their present form of persecuting those who  
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#### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

##### NOTICE.

Shamrock, Rustler, Antonio and Min-  
day Mineral Claims, situate in the  
Nelson Mining Division of West  
Kootenay District.

Where located:—About one and a half  
miles south west of Erie.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie,  
P.L.S., of the City of Nelson, agent  
for the Gordon Mining and Milling  
Company, Free Miner's Certificate  
No. B. 58,210, intend, sixty days  
from the date hereof, to apply to the  
Mining Recorder for certificates of im-  
provements for the purpose of obtain-  
ing Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that, action,  
under section 37, must be commenced  
before the issuance of such certificate of  
improvements.

Dated this 23rd day of January 1904  
JOHN McLATCHIE.

#### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Warwick and Fourth of July mineral  
claims, situate in the Nelson Mining  
Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On north side of Wild  
Horse Creek and six miles from Ymir.

Take notice that I, F. S. Clements,  
acting as agent for the Broken Hill  
Mining & Development Co., Limited,  
Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 80,641,  
intend, sixty days from the date hereof,  
to apply to the Mining Recorder for  
certificates of improvements for the  
purpose of obtaining Crown grants of  
the above claims.

And further take notice that action,  
under section 37, must be commenced  
before the issuance of such certificates  
of improvement.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1904.  
F. S. CLEMENTS, Nelson, B. C.

### NOTICE.

#### TO DELINQUENT CO OWNERS.

TO G. ED C. MARTIN H. W. F. POL-  
LOCK or any other person to whom  
they may have transferred their interests  
in the Goodenough Fraction mineral  
claim, situate on Wild Horse Creek,  
about four miles from the town of Ymir,  
and adjoining the Mugwump, Rockland  
and Lexington mineral claims in the  
Nelson Mining Division of West Koo-  
tenay District, and recorded in the Re-  
corder's office for the Nelson Mining  
Division.

You and each of you are hereby noti-  
fied that I have expended thirty-four  
dollars and twenty-five cents (\$34.25)  
in labor and improvements upon the  
above mineral claim in order to hold  
same under the provisions of the Min-  
eral Act, and if within ninety days from  
the date of this notice you fail or refuse  
to contribute your portion of expendi-  
ture, together with all costs of adver-  
tising, your interests in said claims will  
become the property of the subscriber,  
under section 4 of an act entitled "An  
Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

O. A. LOVELL.

Dated at Ymir, B. C., this 17th day  
of February, 1904.

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