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## DISTRICT CROPPINGS

### And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

W. B. Abel and Ed. Perry are down from the Mineral King mine, situated on Toby creek, and are greatly pleased with the result of their recent work. Mr. Abel states that the long tunnel has now reached the point they have been aiming at for the past ten years and the ore found there is the class they had hoped to find—a good grade of silver ore. The Mineral King has one of the largest ore bodies yet discovered in this camp, and soon after it was located the surface was prospected and an immense ledge uncovered. Since then the location have done a great amount of development work on the property each year and as their means were limited they deserve much credit for their persistence. They have been working along the ledge for several years, which is said to be of ore, but the new strike is a different class of ore and higher grade. Mr. Abel states that the work in the tunnel has proved all the way to be exactly the same ore as that found on the surface.

David R. MacLean writes from Calgary that he will be in Wilmer in the course of a few days. Mr. MacLean is now engaged in the brokerage business in Calgary. He is the owner of the MacLean group of claims on No. 3 creek, where his own has some development work underway. On the property considerable work has already been done and the ledge uncovered shows a good body of ore carrying high values in silver lead. His friends will be glad to see "Dave" once more.

The Sullivan mine is said to be making good profits each month and is mining and putting through its smelter at Marvill six carloads of silver lead one way. The lower levels of the mine, which were recently opened up, are developing in a most satisfactory manner, new, large and valuable ore chutes having been uncovered. The chutes are large and contain such large quantities of ore that they insure the mine a long lifetime of profit.

Recently The Outcrop reporter traveled over several miles of the trail built last year from Bot's landing on the Columbia river up Salmon river to No. 3 creek. This trail was built by Thos. Brown and, like all of his work, is first class. Most of the trail we passed over is already wide enough for a road and the grade is also a good one. About as much more work would make it of a good sleigh road.

One has been struck in the lower tunnel at the Nettie M. mine, and now ore is being taken out at early working on the property. When in town the other day Mr. Washburn said the property never looked so good and he felt greatly encouraged with the present prospects.

R. R. Bruce, manager of the Paradise mine, returned to Wilmer on Saturday from a business trip to Toronto and other eastern points. Tuesday he went up to the mine, and it is stated S. S. Fowler, the consulting engineer, will arrive shortly to examine the property.

Thursday R. S. Gallup started up the South Fork of Horse Thief creek to get things in shape at the World's Fair mine to continue development work. He has the biggest crop showing on this property yet uncovered in this district.

The number of town lots that are being cleared in Atholme is greatly improving the appearance of that town.

On Saturday the Dutch creek drive of logs was brought down the lake by the steamer Ptarmigan, consisting of over 25,000 logs. Just as it neared the mouth of the river the wind shifted and drove the big raft into Gallop's bay, where Foreman Heister and his men were obliged to tie it until a favorable wind came.

A Brisco correspondent to the Golden Star in a good boost for the wagon road from Brisco landing up Salmon river to the Lead Queen mine states the people here are agitating for a road from Wilmer to the mine. The correspondent is mistaken in the people of Wilmer and vicinity have been passing resolutions and doing everything they could do during the past five years to get this road built from Bot's landing up the Salmon.

Miss Dillenburgh arrived from Calgary on the Ptarmigan Saturday to take up land for her father and brother, with the intention of starting a fruit and poultry farm. Miss Dillenburgh was greatly pleased with all she saw of the valley, and has gone home with the intention of having her father come here to see the country as he is a practical farmer. She was accompanied by her cousin, Mr. Mack, who is also seeking land.

Last Thursday night is admitted by the oldest old-timers to have been the hottest night they ever experienced in British Columbia. It was so warm that a person could not sleep comfortably with a blanket covering. This is a most unusual thing in the mountains, where the nights are ordinarily cool and where people require two blankets for covering in the summer nights. That day was a warm one, but not warmer than we often have and it would be interesting to have some of our scientists account for the exceptionally warm night.

The result of the High School examinations held at Golden, some weeks ago, has just been made known and every boy and girl who tried there is to be congratulated for their all passed. This is most satisfactory to the parents and shows the careful training given in the schools. Here is the result of the entrance examinations: Wilmer, Celestine Bennett 794; Galeus, Mary H. McInnis 684; Golden, Dorothy C. Jones 831; Margaret Nesher 728; Orono Starbuck 700; Joseph Nealon 685; Katie R. Koenig 640; Minnie Adams 653; Arnold Hanna 582.

Send him over here.—The Greenwood Lodge says: "Replying to an enquiry from a farmer in Manitoba we will say that there is nothing much raised in Phoenix except copper, geyser holes and oats. Some wild oats mixed with old rye is occasionally seen in flower but is truthful about it we cannot recommend Phoenix in an agricultural sense. It has a delightful climate, and being next to the sky would be an ideal spot for farmers except that so much blighting would shake the crops out of the formation before they were half ripe."

Chief Cameron made a hard trip of 90 miles Friday to get a horse Alex. Ritchie was taking over the mountains, and the Chief overtook him at the big Vermilion pass. As a result there will be some court proceedings to settle the trouble. It appears Capt. Thorvald claims to be owner of the horse. R. Brewer had bought the horse from the Captain and turned it out on the range. Blake Palmer caught the horse and brought it to Wilmer and afterwards bought it from Colin McKay, whose brand is on the horse and who gave Palmer a bill of sale. Palmer then sold the horse to Alex. Ritchie, and Mr. Brewer hearing that the horse was to be taken out of the country sent the law in motion.

## Subsidy Not Extended?

There is one man who says that The Outcrop, and the other newspapers and the people generally are all wrong as to the K. C. R. subsidy being extended, and every person interested will very sincerely hope he is right.

This gentleman gives it as his opinion that the revoting of the subsidy is the ordinary way of keeping all subsidies alive from year to year and that unless the revote was passed each year the treasurer would not have authority to pay out the amounts. He states that even though the subsidy act provides the payments to extend over several years the amount that remains unpaid each year must be re-voted and it does not follow that any extension of time is to be expected. In fact he further states he has information that leads him to believe that no extension was asked for or granted.

It is he hoped that the re-vote is only so much "red-tape" and that the people of this valley have erred in the matter. While The Outcrop merely repeated the expressions of the people in their disgust of the matter as it first appeared, yet we shall not hesitate to make amends if it is all a mistake. If we have printed unjust things concerning Mr. Gallihor or Pres. Pollen we regret it as much as any who said bitter things when they believed their very best interests were side-tracked.

## MORE RAILS FOR K. C. R.

A well known Wilmer man states that when at Golden last week he saw a force of men unloading more steel rails for the construction of the Kootenay Central Railway, and that so far as he could learn construction work was going steadily along and every man that applied for work was taken on. Also that the general impression there was that there would be no let up to the work.

Quite a number of people here express the opinion that when the winter sets in on the prairie some of the big construction camps there will be moved on to the K. C. R. work as most of the work here can be done as well in the winter as in summer, and some of it even at less expense.

The close of the first half of the year finds the mining industry in a very satisfactory condition. Shipments have materially increased as compared with the first six months of last year and there is a noticeable increase in the number of properties being operated.

The lead bounty earned during the fiscal year amounted to \$85,000.00. The lead production (June estimated) amounted to 25,000 tons, as compared with 25,838 tons in the previous year, but of that amount 11,000 tons was exported in a crude state. The lowest price for lead during the fiscal year was \$18.96. On July 1, 1905, and the highest \$27.12. On January 4, No bounty was earned in December, January, May and June.

Advices from the Boundary during the past week tell of continued expansion. Several important deals were put through and work was commenced or resumed upon a number of properties. Indications point to a very large increase in the Boundary output in the near future.

Re-landed ore shipments for the first half of the year amounted to 161,419 tons, and there is promise of an even better showing during the second half. The Centre Star will shortly increase its output and the Le Roi and La No. 2 are expected to increase their tonnage before long.

The smaller receipts show that during the year to date the Trail smelter has received 179,688 tons of ore, the Hall Mines at Nelson 18,677 and the Marysville smelter 12,920.

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It is stated by men who have seen and should be good judges that Thos. Brown has done fully \$300 worth of trail work on No. 3 creek for the \$50 allowed him by the Government Agent this season. It is seldom the Government gets such returns for its expenditures and therefore the highest commendations are due this man of enterprise.

An Ottawa despatch says the Government has accepted the amendment to the Lord's Day bill proposed by Hon. Camille Piche, of Montreal, which makes the provision of the bill subject to any legislation that the provinces may adopt on the same subject when the latter are within their provincial rights. The minister of justice pointed out earlier in the week that there is nothing in the Privy Council's judgment that prevents provincial legislatures dealing with the Sunday observance questions as long as it does not trench on the criminal code. The provinces under the constitution have a right to legislate regarding property and civil rights by virtue of this authority, and can still deal with the Sunday question according to their respective views.

A Kansas City despatch says: Judge Wolford saved the life of Wallace Cooper, a negro, who had been convicted of murder and who had appeared for sentence of death. "Well," said the Judge, "you're guilty of murder all right, but you're a poor, ignorant black man, and I don't want to hang you. You have no friends. You have no one to plead that you were insane when you killed this man. If I sentence you to hang you will hang just as sure as there's a God in heaven. There will not be a whole lot of women circulating petitions to save your neck. There will not be a whole lot of fool men writing letters to the Governor to save you. No one will send you flowers; you'll just be forgotten till the day set for your hanging, and then they'll hang you. I'll sentence you to thirty years in the penitentiary."

Search has been given up for the young German, "Boh", who it is believed was drowned in the river near Sinclair a week ago Sunday. At present the river is high and muddy and even were it low where he went in it would be useless to drag for him as the undercurrents may have carried him miles down the river. It is indeed unfortunate that so little is known of this man for it is not likely that his relatives will ever know what became of him. When he left Mrs. Brabant's ranch to go bathing he wore only his working clothes and it may be that when his body is found some papers may be got that will give some clue as to who he is or where he came from. A search of his blankets and clothing left in the house has been made but nothing was found to give the slightest idea of the man. He could not speak very good English and this fact accounts for so little being known of the unfortunate fellow.

The continued warm weather of last week made raging streams of the mountain creeks and Friday and Saturday many of them were higher than they had been for many years, although the damage reported was not very serious. The furze Thiel bridge between here and Firlands was badly shaken by the logs coming down and one stringer broke Friday night. Saturday afternoon it was reported some for even saddle horses, but the water fell one foot that night and the ranchers in town were enabled to cross it and go home. This bridge will have to be rebuilt, although the quick work of the river drivers and the men sent down by E. J. Sovell saved it from going out entirely. Up this creek farther R. S. Gallup's new bridge was in imminent danger for a week, but he managed to save it by hand work.

## Extirmination of Wild Horses

Although little heard of a bill for the "Extirmination of Wild Horses" was made law at the last session of the Legislature, which reads as follows:

"3. On the written request of at least five owners of horses ranging upon the public lands of any district, a license may be issued by the Government Agent of the district to any person named in such request, authorizing such person to shoot unbranded horses running wild upon the public lands within the portion of said district mentioned in such request, and described in said license, upon such terms and conditions as such Government Agent may impose upon such license."

"Any person having killed a horse under the provisions of this Act shall, as soon as possible, report the same to the Government Agent who issued the license, stating date of killing and locality where killed and description of the animal."

## SCARCITY OF RY. TIES

### C. R. L. Co. Manufactures 500,000 Ties in a Season

The rapid construction of new lines of railways in the West, and the large amount of repair work which must constantly be done have necessitated the use of vast quantities of railway ties during the present summer, and the fear has been expressed that there might soon be a shortage in this essential of railway building.

The nature of the demand for railway ties is strikingly instanced in the gradual disappearance of the vast piles of ties, accumulated during the previous year, by the C. P. R. at Vermilion, Man., on the main line east between Winnipeg and Port Arthur.

At the beginning of the year hundreds of thousands of valuable ties were stored in the pits at Vermilion awaiting the time when they would be needed in connection with the development of the various lines in the central west. At the present time of all these ties very few remain, and it has become necessary to turn to other sources for the large number required. Fortunately there is no lack of ties of the quality required, and the work of construction and improvement goes on unimpeded.

At the present time the dividing line for the supply of railway ties is at Moose Jaw. The ties needed on lines east of that point come from the territory between Red Portage and Fort William. The ties for the territory west of Moose Jaw come chiefly from the Crow's Nest branch, the points of supply being chiefly between Eiko and Kootenay Landing. Next year it is hoped that the ties for the Edmonton branch may be secured at Red Deer, the material being rafted down the river to that point from the mountains. At the present time all ties used on the branch, including those used on the Laramie and Wetaskiwin extension, must be brought all the way from the mills on the Crow's Nest branch part of the haul being through the mountains, where the cost of transportation is excessive.

In addition to the mills between Eiko and Kootenay Landing there are others in the far west where ties in large numbers are produced, notably the mills of the Columbia River Lumber Co., which manufacture as many as 500,000 in a single season.

The price of good ties has risen steadily during the past 20 years, and is still rising. The price is now 50 per cent higher in the eastern portion of western lines than in the western portion, varying from 32 to 40 cents per tie between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, and from 22 to 26 1/2 the mountains. The lumber used in the production is much the same east or west. Spruce, tamarac and jack pines are the trees chiefly used, in addition to which cedar is employed in British Columbia.—Van cover World.

## Wilmer Rifle Association

The Wilmer Rifle Association members made the following scores during the past week:

A. R. Yates	20	20	60
F. L. Snook	27	31	58-95
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Capt. R. Elliott	31	27	58
J. McLeod	23	29	52
J. Hurd	29	28	57
J. Williamson	17	15	32
C. Cartwright	10	19	29-54

Percy Lake started out from Atholme last week to take to Wardner, where he will visit his uncle.







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