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## FISH CREEK CAMP

The Past Season Was Active, But This One Will Eclipse Them All.

## NELSON PEOPLE INTERESTED

A Number of Test Shipments Will Be Made Next Season.—A Big Pay Roll Will Be Created and a Lot of Development Work Done.

CAMBORNE, B. C., January 25.—Most interesting information is at hand concerning the mining properties situated on Pool creek in the Lardeau district. Pool creek enters Fish creek about eight miles from Comaplix, at the head of Arrow lake, and passes directly through the promising townsite of Camborne. The first property near the mouth of the creek is the Cholla group. It is a free milling proposition, having large fissure veins and carries large values in gold. The property is being developed by the Imperial Development Syndicate of Nelson. The present work consists of running a tunnel on the vein, which has been found to be from five to ten feet wide. Adjoining the Cholla group are the Dora and Thelma properties. These are also free-milling claims. On the Thelma there is a very fine fissure vein upon which considerable surface work has been done. The Blue Jay group is situated a short distance up the creek, containing free milling ore which gives good returns. The next property is the Clara claim, and although yet unprospected it has every indication of making a good mine. Further up the creek is the Uhley group, also free-milling, which has a large ledge of low grade ore.

Some distance from this is situated the Eclipse group, which is operated by an eastern company. This is a silver-lead property, and a considerable amount of ore has already been taken out. The company expects to make a trial shipment at an early date. Near by is the Mohawk group. The ledge on the property contains silver-lead ore. Work has been stopped during the winter, but will be resumed early in the spring. Some distance away and up the creek is the Pontiac group, a free-milling gold property, operated by the Pontiac Mining Company. This company has expressed its intention of doing considerable development during the coming season. The Alma group, which is also in the same section, has a very fine showing of silver-lead ore. This was recently bonded to eastern capitalists, and active development will be commenced shortly.

At the head of the creek are the Black Bear and Wide West groups, probably the best known groups of the section. Both of these have very large bodies of low-grade galena, and from the work already done upon them good results have already been obtained. They are operated by eastern capitalists. A proposition is on foot to do more extensive development during this year.

This section has shown up well during the past year and this has necessarily affected the growth of the town of Camborne. A large number of miners have been attracted here and a lively season is expected in the spring.

### THE JAPS MUST GO.

The Chronicle of Spokane is authority for the statement that, "Jim" Hill of the Great Northern railway has given orders that no more Japanese be employed on his railway must go as rapidly as white men can get to take their places. The Japanese are employed, so it is said, through a contracting firm of Japanese at Seattle, at a rate of one dollar a day, the firm paying the man the store value instead of the dollar. The firm also supplies the Japanese laborers with all their food supplies, which the railway carries free. The Japanese have worked their way to St. Paul, where a gang were put at work one day cleaning up Mr. Hill's private car. They made a mess of it, putting ice in the stove instead of the water tank. This displeased Mr. Hill, and the order for the "Japs to go" was the consequence.

## NEWS OF THE CAMP

### Very Little New in the Mining Arena | A General Review of Camp Happenings

The past week in Lardeau mining circles has showed up nothing of striking interest, this being the dull portion of the year between the two seasons. Work here and there is being steadily pushed forward and a number of deals are on the carpet, but the week has been rather devoid of unusual interest. Everybody has quit talking railway, as this is now an assured fact; and are busily engaged laying plans for the immediate future, so that while not actually doing a great deal of business everybody's attention is well taken up. Pessimists are becoming scarce, for all agree that the Lardeau's turn at the wheel of fortune is now at hand. Nature has provided untold mineral resources in this district, the prospector has found and staked some of them, and now he is backed up by enough financially interested men to command attention from the outside world. There is too much at stake to retrograde, and forge ahead the Lardeau will.

### THEY WILL RE-ORGANIZE.

The Towser Syndicate Getting in Shape to do Business.  
G. P. Ritter and Wm. Innes of the Towser mine management, left for Chicago and Sandon respectively on Monday last. The property has been closed down for a few weeks while arrangements for a re-organization of the syndicate are being made. And the chances are the EAGLE was right last issue when it said that the bond would be taken up at an early date. Neither Mr. Innes or Mr. Ritter would commit themselves, but did not deny that it was their intention to do so.

### THE MINE KNOCKERS.

With the dawn of civilization jealousy was born, and the passion grew stronger as the world advances. There always will be men who manage by lack of either intelligence or energy, to mislead the rest of their lives. This class is appropriately termed "knockers." In the mining camps the knocker is found in a great variety of form. There is the knocker who has been told that the title will not bear investigation; that the ore is too low grade to work; that the ore bodies are pinching; that Bill Smith has a better mine for less money; and that, generally, all mine owners are suspicious characters—unless the knocker is personally identified with the deal. In some of the western mining sections the principal "knockers" is the old timer who came here with the soldiers. He has never left the country, nevertheless he marvels that modern inventions have developed in the great mines of the world, or even been 600 feet underground. His "knowledge is gained from the little band of local knockers who hang around the hotel and store and wonder by what right these new comers change the conditions of mining.

In the search for metals two men may start equal. Both locate on the same lode and work with the greatest harmony. At night, as they sit by their camp fire, their hopes, ambitions and sorrows are shared. But let one of these men invest capital in his individual claim and coolness springs up at once between them. The old partner cannot understand why it was not his claim that was thus developed. The friends drift wider and wider apart. One grows rich, the other becomes more bitter. The pro-

perty may be equally valuable, but the owners are not equal in energy and push.  
Perhaps the best definition of a knocker is one who has failed. Do you recognize the character we have drawn?—American Mining News.

### NAVIGATION IS STILL OPEN

The Fred Robinson Co. Doing Yeoman Service For The Lardeau.

The Fred Robinson Co. are still keeping a channel, wide enough to run their boat in, open on the arm and freight is moving daily, besides facilitating the means of connection between Thomson's Landing and Arrowhead for passengers. A public subscription, already amounting to nearly \$100 a month for three months, has been circulated and subscribed for by parties interested in navigation being kept open, to remunerate the company for the extra expense of ice breaking and wear and tear. This is as it should be. The big C. P. R. steamers are not trying to come in after Lardeau ore at all, knowing full well that they will receive it anyhow later on. The EAGLE only hopes the local company will succeed in keeping navigation open from now on, as there are many important reasons why it should be, particularly to the business men of Ferguson, who are getting in large stocks of miners supplies to fill the local demand, and also in anticipation of the busy season ahead.

### HELLO! IS THAT THE NETTIE L?

The Directors Have Decided To Put in a Telephone.

The directors of the Nettie L. have decided to extend the telephone line from Ferguson to their mine, which will also be used by the Double Eagle Mining Co., who will be operating the Maybe by March 1st. Wm. Cowan, proprietor of the telephone system intends to repair the entire line and also establish a local central in Ferguson. The telephone is one of the greatest conveniences we have in the Lardeau and it is a pleasure to note the extensions and improvements which are to be made within the next ninety days.

### WHAT IS A "WILD CAT"?

Mr. Houston Will have a Chance To Prove His Assertions.

Jan. J. Young of the Calgary Herald, and a director in the Great Western Mines, Limited, (Nettie L.) and the Double Eagle Mining Co., both operating in this camp, has instituted proceedings against John Houston of the Nelson Tribune for libel. Mr. Houston said Mr. Young was not only endeavoring to pull even on a recent gold brick proposition, but was operating a number of "wild cat" claims at Ferguson. The courts may now give us the true definition of a "wild cat."

### AS TO MELIORISM.

Mr. editor: If I were boss; I would kill off all the optimists and murder the pessimists, and everybody would be a good deal happier. Life isn't worth living unless one can be a meliorist—a man who believes the world is bad, but that it can be made better. Pessimism—taking the worst view of everything. I never could see the sense of it. Worrying about the past, worrying about the present, worrying about the future—that's pessimism. If you can't help a thing, why worry

about it. If you can help a thing, why worry about it? That's meliorism.

If a meliorist can help a thing, can alleviate an evil, can remove a wrong, he goes ahead and does it.

If he can't remedy a condition he finds, if he sees insurmountable obstacles in the path he wants to follow, he doesn't worry about it.

What's the use? Fifty years from now it won't make a bit of difference. The trials of to-day are forgotten tomorrow. The greatest trouble vanishes with time.

It is worry and not work that kills. When you read of some one killed or crazed by overwork, don't believe it. They may have been killed by worrying because they had to overwork, but never by overwork itself.

The optimist is just as bad as pessimism. The optimist sees everything through tinted glasses.

Instead of saying, "Things are bad, but they might be better," the optimist says, "Things are bad, but they might be worse."

If everybody was an optimist the world would never get any better or brighter. Self-satisfaction is a tremendous obstacle to individual or national progress.

There is passive indifference and active indifference. The optimist is passively indifferent to everything he sees. He does not bother to right the wrong he sees.

The meliorist is actively indifferent. He is indifferent only when he has learned by experience that it is beyond his power to right the wrong he finds.

Pessimists make life unhappy for everybody. Optimists make only themselves happy.

And if I were boss everybody would have to be a meliorist, and then everybody would be happy.

### KRITIK KONN.

The Rossland Miner is doing some good advertising work for the Lardeau.

R. Davis will build a house here as soon as possible and remove his family from Revelstoke.

C. B. Hume & Co., general merchants, are figuring on establishing a branch store in Ferguson.

Vincent Lade intends to erect a residence as soon as R. Davis arrives to cut the lumber. He has purchased two lots in the north half of block 30.

Over 100,000 feet of lumber has been ordered by Ferguson builders and this is not one-quarter of what will be required to fill the orders for the next three months.

Did you ever notice when a young lady is pretty, accomplished and smart, that some venomous tongued old dame will try her best to create a scandal about her?—Independent.

The townsite company have very generously contributed the north half of block 31 for school and recreation grounds. The government will be asked to build a public school house at once.

There is an opening in Ferguson for a drug and stationary store (there being none in the district), a tailor shop and a shoe maker. The other lines are now or shortly will be represented.

It is quite evident that the Fred Robinson Co., at Comaplix, can see the river lying in the dark clouds, for last week they reopened their logging camps and are now preparing for a heavy cut this coming season.

An English rector officiating in a neighboring camp, for the first time, tried to repeat the "Holy, holy, holy." He set up a stentorian "Ole, ole, ole," whereupon a dead beak Swedish Klondiker in the back seat arose and remarked "Ah ben har!"

## THE OTHER SIDE

The Nelson Tribune's Contentions as to the 2 Per Cent. Tax.

## TWO BANKS FOR FERGUSON

Buildings to be Erected For That Purpose as Soon as Possible.—The Local Mill Will Start up Next Week.—Lumber Here When Wanted.

The tax is levied in lieu of all other forms of taxation on mining property, whether held as real estate or personal property, and it is levied on the selling price of the ore at the pit mouth. The contention that the tax works a hardship on the poor man who is developing a prospect is, to say the least, a trifle far-fetched. Ore to the value of \$5000 is exempt from taxation, and there is few claims undergoing development which ship during a year ore to the value of \$5000 at the pit mouth. The cry against the tax is raised by managers of foreign mining companies, and non-residents who object to paying any taxation, either direct or indirect, but who never tire in making demands for appropriations for building roads and trails to their properties. Taxation should be just, and no tax that has yet been levied is more fair to the people of the province than the 2 per cent. tax on the output of metal mines. The minerals that are mined and sold cannot be replaced, and the land from which the minerals are taken is still valuable for taxation purposes. A mine may produce ore of the value of \$1,000,000 in three years, and be non-productive ever afterwards. The tax-evaders want such a mine taxed as real estate, in order to escape taxation altogether; as for every one that pays real estate taxes promptly to the province, two never pay at all. An exhausted mine is just as worthless as an asset to the province on which to realize delinquent taxes as it is to any other creditor of a mining company who seeks to recover a debt. On the other hand, a mine that produces in three years ore of the value of \$1,000,000 at the pit mouth pays the province \$20,000 in all under the 2 per cent. tax, which does not seem to be an unfair share to return to the province.

## FERGUSON MILL TO START UP

Lessee R. Davis Expected Here on Monday or Tuesday.

The local builders have despaired of getting their orders for lumber filled in Trout Lake and R. Davis of Revelstoke, the lessee of Ferguson's saw mill, has been wired for. There is over 20,000 feet of lumber cut here now, ready for the construction of a church, but as it will not be built until next fall, Mr. Davis has been asked to dress and place it on the market. There are enough logs on the "skids" to cut probably 10,000 feet more, so that we may expect to see our mill running full blast in a few days. The number of buildings under construction here, with what is on the tap, places us in a position where we want lumber and less broken promises. A united effort will be made to keep Ferguson's mill running steadily when once started. Mr. Davis is expected down on Monday or Tuesday.

## FIRST BANK FOR THE LARDEAU.

A Well known Bank Will Establish A Branch in Ferguson At Once

Geo. S. McCarter, solicitor for the Molson's bank, Revelstoke, will be in Ferguson in a day or two to select two lots, and otherwise arrange for the construction of a two storey building, 30x30, with banking quarters on the first floor and business offices above. The contract will be let as soon as possible.