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SOME ACTION IS NEEDED

The "Business" Government That is Not Full of Business

Fair Representation and New Blood is Required

The paragraph below is from the Nelson Tribune, but the reason for the present stagnation is not given. No one seems to doubt the merits of this province as a mineral producer; but a great many can see at a glance that we are the creators of circumstances, and the fact of the matter is there will be no more activity until the government steps in and comes to our aid. We don't mean a bonus when we say aid; but we mean that the government must build and operate smelters, refineries, etc., and stand ready to buy all the raw product the miners can produce. In other words the government will have to go into the mining business, the same as they did the butter making business on the prairie, which they so successfully placed upon a sound paying basis. We are tired hand and foot by the huge private trusts—railways, smelters, etc.—and for the same reason that a chicken cannot be put back in its shell, it will be found impossible to resurrect the mining business in British Columbia under present conditions. Remove all the taxes if necessary; but let the people build, own and operate their own means of treatment, find their own market, and keep it profitable in their own treasury. The lack of men who imagine that a hard deal and one jerked privately-owned smelters, etc., will see us out of the present dilemma must be purposely blind. It is co-operation we want, a people's trust, to buy and care for the raw product as fast as we can produce it.

The Tribune asks: "It is not strange that the men who are practical metallurgists and smelter managers are of one opinion as to the worth of British Columbia as a mining country. These men handle the ores mined in British Columbia, and are therefore in a good position to judge of the values contained in the ore. Last week Dr. LeDoux of New York, a copper buyer and metallurgist, gave a pronounced opinion as to the worth of our gold-copper ores. To-day William F. Newall, who represents the oldest smelting and refinery works on the Pacific Coast, is equally as pronounced as to the worth of British Columbia's silver-lead mines."

WE COULD DO WITH A BIT.

Eastern Canada, to a large extent, is suffering under a tropical heat wave. At many places during the past week the thermometer registered close on 100 degrees in the shade. Observatory officials at Toronto state that there is no record of a June temperature so high as 97, as was registered there yesterday, in sixty years of the observatory's records.

FERGUSON SCHOOL REPORT.

The following are the names of the pupils in the various classes arranged in order of merit.

Class III.—Louis M. Batho, Robert A. Kirkpatrick, Phob M. Batho, Ray H. Wilson, equal, Percy M. Wilson and Blanche E. Davis.

Class II.—Mary L. Wilson.

II Primer.—Harry G. W. Batho.

I Primer.—Robert M. MacIntyre.

The following were neither absent nor late: Louis M. Batho, Robert A. Kirkpatrick, Ethel M. Batho, Ray H. Wilson, Percy M. Wilson, Blanche

E. Davis, Mary L. Wilson and Harry G. W. Batho.

The school closed on Friday last with a public examination at which a number of interest of visitors were present. The children were examined by the teachers in several subjects and acquitted themselves in a pleasing and satisfactory manner.

The principal rolls of honor were awarded as follows: Deportment.—Louisa M. Batho. Punctuality and regularity.—Percy M. Wilson.

Proficiency.—Robert A. Kirkpatrick.

THE SITUATION WELL PUT.

There is a rumor afloat that the United States lead combine is negotiating for the St. Eugene mine. The inference is that the combine fears that the enormous productive capacity of the great Morje mine may interfere with its mine.

This rumor has object lesson attachments. If the combine can buy and shut down the St. Eugene it could also buy and shut down any smelter or refinery built in Canada by private capital. It could not buy a government-owned refinery, which would permanently protect the small and large producer alike. Government ownership and operation of lead refineries is what is wanted and it has got to come sooner or later.—Sanction Paystreak.

Cummins & Co. have their new store nearly ready for occupancy.

THE TRUINE A PRODUCER

Output This Season Will Awaken the Natives—May Work All Winter.

Vincent Lade, who has charge of the Truine mine, was down for the sports on Monday. He says there is still plenty of snow up there, and they are working at considerable of a disadvantage. The shank built last fall, and filled with supplies, was carried away during the winter by a snowslide; and as a consequence more supplies are being packed up to the property. They are now running a tunnel about 100 feet below the one driven last season, and in another few weeks a big pack train will be steadily engaged packing down ore and bringing up supplies. Andrew Ferguson, one of the owners, in conversation with the EAGLE man last evening, said that this season they intended to arrange for working the property the year round if possible. They will drive a long base tunnel and build enough rock out in which to build their quarters and store ore. By this means the men will be perfectly safe, and not even a mountain goat will dare to visit them.

The shipment of a few hundred tons of \$300 ore may demonstrate to the C. P. R. that we have something up this way worth coming after. It is quite true that Lardeau's ore shipments will increase a hundred fold by the present arrangement, but before the camp becomes at all full-grown we must have the railway extended to the mines. There will be more men working in our mines here this winter than in the States, if the latter doesn't get a double shuffle on very soon. The Lardeau has been bonated for years by Rosslands, Klondikes, silver crashes, etc., but this will shortly be a matter of history. In fact the Lardeau seems to be the most likely camp of the near future in the province. The rubicon has already been crossed seven times in this district's history, so the EAGLE will make no more predictions.

A SKUNK IN EVIDENCE.

J. J. Langstaff, an editorial parody on a newspaper imitation called the Topic, says the location of the Nettie L. road has displeased Fergusonists, hence the wage trouble. It is high time that this painful example of a disappointment of nature, who infests the camp, had his foolishness fixed. All the EAGLE can do under the circumstances is to regard him with the same pathetic indulgence Indians grant an idiot. It isn't necessary to see a skunk to tell that it is around.

BIG BUYS IN NETTIE L. STOCK

English Shareholders Have Secured A Controlling Interest

Interesting Developments Will Be Made Known on the 10th

There is a little evolution going on just now in connection with the Great Western company, owners of the Nettie L. and Ajax on Nettie L. hill. An old country company, or the old country shareholders in the present company, said to be men who recognize the need of practical and economic management without the usual frills, have at last secured a controlling interest in Ferguson's Le Roi. A. E. Kincaid has sold his shares, something like 100,000, for \$31,500 spot cash; and other well known local men have been bought off, all of which can be made public after the annual meeting of the company in Ferguson, on the 10th inst. The EAGLE is informed that W. B. Pool will still be manager. Judging from local move-

Mining men engage their crews at Ferguson, and pay them off in Ferguson.

The place where the mines are is the place where the towns are.....

Ferguson receives the payroll benefit from all the shipping mines.....

ments it is quite discernable that the company have called for a new deck, and no matter who gets the deal it will mean a black-jack for Ferguson. The EAGLE predicts that 200 men will be engaged by the new company by the time the ore shipping season sets in again. If the Nettie L. people managed to make ends meet when they had to depend upon their own resources, surely with money to back them they can accomplish something in the line of paying dividends ore this time next year. It matters not what is required to profitably mine or treat their ores the new owners are in a position to supply it. However of this the EAGLE will have more to say after the general meeting. In the meantime developments will be watched with interest.

A. H. Holdich, assayer and secretary for both the Nettie L. and Double Eagle companies, arrived in Ferguson on Tuesday, and their office effects are now on the way in from Revelstoke, and the shareholders hope to hold the annual meeting on the 10th and 11th in their own block now being erected on Victoria avenue.

"THE RAILWAY'S COMING"

The Contractors Are Pushing the Work With All Possible Speed.

Lardeauites will soon know whether the advent of the railway, as far as the foot of the Trout lake, is going to bring people in to see and size up our inducements to investors or not. The Nelson Miner has this to say:

Mayor G. A. Carlson of Kaslo, was in the city yesterday in connection with the purchase of supplies and the employment of men to work on his contract on the Lardeau railway. Mr. Carlson has 350 men at work and ex-

pects to increase this force to 1,000 men within a few weeks. The work at present consists of clearing the right-of-way, cutting, filling, grading and bridging. His contract extends over 30 miles of country easy to build, the grades being very light and the rock work not so heavy as usually encountered in building railroads in mountainous countries. The engineers have laid out the line in a very ingenious manner, taking full advantage of every natural facility that the contour of the district provides. In this way the work has been made light.

Mr. Carlson is in immediate need of a large number of men, being able to put four or five hundred to work. He will give employment to any good laborers who report at his headquarters at Howser. He leaves for the north this morning.

WORK ON SILVER TIP CREEK.

Geo. Lux, with a party of three, left the Landing yesterday to commence assessment work on the Little Maggie, Last Chance, Flathead and Little Allright properties, located on Silver Tip creek. Mr. Lux says they have some good showings over there and he intends to blast a few holes into them this season, and thus further demonstrate their value one way or the other.

July 4th, and all the furnaces and stoves in town, are going full blast. Cold rains have been falling since Monday, night and day.

\$2.50 A DAY OR NOTHING

So Says the Government Which Spends Our Money, and Thos. Taylor Supports.

During a telephone conversation with the EAGLE last night Thos. Taylor, M. L. A., said that a new foreman with a gang of \$2.50 a day men, would be placed to work on the Nettie L. road this week. And work will also be commenced on the pack trails in a day or two, or as soon as it lets up raining. He said the men but the government he foolishly supports cannot see it that way—except at election time. Mr. Taylor has not tried to get his government to let the work by contract, believing it would delay matters too much.

Mr. Pool merely offered \$1,000 if the government granted \$2,500, with no money to be done by contract or day labor. Mr. Taylor says \$3 a day is not the going scale, at Trout Lake anyway, as Mr. Clark only gets \$2.25. Mr. Taylor, so far as the EAGLE knows, has never dreamed of jarring loose from a nest of incapable legislators, but personally he views it as a differ from them. This riding wants a representative with an ounce or two of back-bone, and the man who will remain on the side of a government whose action he knows to be wrong—just for the sake of holding office—is indeed in a pitiable plight. There will not be enough of the present government supporters returned at the next election to lead an inquest; unless the interior members get in and do some dictating, rather than being led around like so many \$12 mules.

If Lardeauites are a part of the people and the people are themselves, and Thos. Taylor is a representative of the portion of the people, haven't they their own say as to where or how their money will be spent? What does Mr. Killen know about our needs? Or what does the seldom-constitute at Victoria know about what should constitute a fair wage in this camp on public work? Mr. Taylor had better wire Victoria that there is another scarcity of men. It worked the miracle last year, but oh no; not any this time. But as a matter of cold fact Mr. Taylor seems to think that \$2.50 a day, (with less than 100 outside working days in the year) is enough, and believing in the rotten system of supply and demand, rather than justice, it is easy to understand his position in the matter. Tommy, it's all off with you.

Mr. Taylor also said last evening that he did not know which side of Fish creek the wagon road will be built upon; and Mr. Killen's whereabouts was unknown to him.

VISITOR'S DAY AT TROUT LAKE

The Only Fine Day This Season Was Duly Celebrated

Horse Racing Was the Feature of the Lively Program

Probably the most social and really enjoyable day ever spent in this district was that at Trout Lake City on Monday last. The threatening weather of the day before cleared away and Dominion day was simply made to order. Ferguson was practically depeopled for the day, and Revelstokers, including the band boys, turned out well. Thomson's Landing, Camborne, Comaxlik, Arrowhead, Dachesney, Ten-Mile and nearly every mine in the camp was represented. They went to Trout Lake to have a good time, and it was the prevalence of that jovial spirit which made the day such a success. Everything passed off smoothly and the best of humor was evidenced in all the contests.

As soon as the shooting contest was over, the first item on the program for the bright and beautiful morning, the aquatic sports brought out the crowd. Harry Needham seemed to have no difficulty in capturing first money against Malcolm Matheson in the boat races. A matched race between Mr. Laughters and the winner was pulled off in the evening. Mr. Needham again carrying off the honors.

There was more or less interest manifested in the calisthenic sports during the forenoon, and the little ones were certainly made happy. Chas. McDonald of Revelstoke won first money in the 100 yds. dash, but local men, nearly as Ferguson boys, carried off the other prizes.

When the horse races were called, after the crowd had dimmed, the interest became intense. There were three or four favorites and their backers all played to win, but Craig's Hillman's horses were too much for the other entries, though many of the latter still had confidence in their horses. Ross Lee, the new buckskin, is a good horse. Considerable money changed hands.

The discourse of plenty of rag-time and other music by the Revelstokers band considerably enlivened the day. When one tired of the sports he could take a chance on "backing the tiger," as Jonathan was doing a flourishing business.

Throughout the day the best of order and good feeling predominated; has been just held off for Ferguson's Labor Day celebration.

The horse race prizes will be worth going after, and there will be horses here to go after them. A half-mile straight track will be available.

THE METROPOLITAN GROUP.

S. Daney's pack train took supplies up to the Metropolitan group on Tuesday for Frank Landran who has secured a 100 foot contract from local Superintendent Shannon. Frank Holten, with a party of three, who have already driven the cross-cut some 20 feet with good results, will now further prospect on the various surface showings made for the purpose of acquiring a better knowledge of the prevailing local conditions.



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CO-OPERATION AND INDIVIDUALISM

It's all very well for the Revelstoke Herald to talk of the need of individual effort in a mining camp. The EAGLE will admit that several brands of efforts are necessary; but just how co-operation, socialism, conflicts with individual effort is more than we can comprehend. What would Pierpont Morgan do if he owned the same interests in the Lardeau as does the government—the people? Would prospectors not be remunerated for the discovery of good prospects. Would he not have provided transportation here years and years ago? Would he not have a smelter in operation? Would he not buy ore from any and everybody who brought it to his smelter? Would he not reach out to the outer portions of the district and go on increasing his business? And judging by what co-operation has done for Mr. Morgan would he not have made money by so doing? Would he not have money, then, to send men into unknown districts, and where natural resources were so evident as in the Big Bend and Canoe River country, wouldn't he be likely to build a railway and open it up properly? Do you think he would bonus some other fellow to build it for him, and then be dictated to by the builder? And so we might go on asking questions; but we'll end with this one. Would any sane business man, who wanted to make ends meet, conduct the affairs of this province as they are at present if he privately owned the same interests as the government? He certainly would not. The great trusts of the day are teaching us many lessons as to what co-operation will do. And the "people's trust" should and soon will be operated on exactly the same principle as a private trust, except that the dividends go back to the people; and with this self-created revenue we can build, re-build and improve the natural resources of this God-given country. We can then cross this continent on our own railway for \$5 or less; there will be absolutely free educational facilities; we will donate our own libraries; and further beautify our noted parks and summer resorts, as well as placing any point in Canada within reach of everyone. In short, the people would do just exactly as Pierpont Morgan would do if he owned Canada. And that same individual spirit of progressiveness within each man's bosom would be lifted far above the trials and worries of the damnable competitive system. Production would then be for consumption, and modern machinery has so revolutionized commerce that a working day of six or seven hours would easily fulfil our needs. There would be no waste. Co-operation must and will succeed competition and its cruel and ruinous effects. Co-operation is in the air. Let us all co-operate, all be shareholders in the people's trust. PIERPONT

MORGAN AND A FEW CLERKS ARE TO-DAY RUNNING A BIGGER BUSINESS THAN ALL THE GOVERNMENT LEGISLATORS IN CANADA. Do you see anything wrong.

It is a principle of the British constitution that the ultimate possession of the land and everything on it and in it is vested in the crown. Well the crown nowadays means the government and the government means the people. And put in this way this ancient and fundamental principle of what lawyers call "eminent domain" resolves itself into pure socialism.—Revelstoke Herald.

There is more than one reason why the Intercolonial railway should be no criterion by which to judge the success of government ownership. Here is one reason why it has an uphill road: "The C. P. R. has declined to accept freight originating at Montreal and destined for points on the Intercolonial railway line." The people of Canada had better start in buying up C. P. R. stock at once. Canada should own the whole works. The dividends would then go into the people's treasury instead of to foreign private capitalists who even refuse to pay a living wage to the men who maintain their system. We could also make a better dicker with ourselves for mail-carrying purposes than is the case at present.

For a half century socialists have pointed out the inevitable evolution of the competitive system toward monopoly. Libraries have been ransacked and industrial facts collected from every corner of the world to prove the criminal wastefulness and brutality of the competitive struggle. The main effort was directed toward the demonstration of the desirability and possibility of concentrated industry. To-day this stage is behind us. Evolution, ever jealous of waste, is abolishing competition as the dominant force in industry, and replacing it with monopoly, and already the process is well on toward completion. But instability of the monopoly stage is granted from the beginning, and the feeling is everywhere gaining ground that it will be succeeded by some form of co-operation, and current events go to prove that it will take place very soon.

"Capital will not continue to flow to a country that returns it nothing. That there is mineral in British Columbia cannot be disputed; and it cannot well be said that the country is lacking in other natural resources. But, somehow, the dividends earned by the mining and industrial companies, whose head offices are in the old country, are not so large in the aggregate as to be enticing to capitalists. This is the reason why capital is shy of coming here, and all the yarns told about capital being scared away from the province by bad laws and labor troubles are mere moonshine," says the Tribune. And the reason why the dividends are not satisfactory, continues the Inland Sentinel, is in the main to be found in the mismanagement of a large proportion of those enterprises possessing some merit, and in the gullibility of the investor in subscribing to wildcat companies possessing no merit at all. Some amelioration of these untoward conditions might have been looked for as a result of the placing of the agent-general's office on a basis more in keeping with the opportunities and resources of the province had the selection of the holder of that office not fallen upon one whose name is not entirely free from association with enterprises that have neither reflected credit upon the promoters nor upon the province. Truly our progress is made in the teeth of great disadvantages!

The C. P. R. are up against it. They had better settle and save life and property, caused by criminal stubbornness on their part.

Doesn't it seem rather strange that the government of Canada cannot build and operate a smelter, refinery and mint? The only solution of the present muddled problem is for the people to co-operate and run their own show. No trust could buck the people's trust.

The Le Roi No. 2 mine at Rossland has paid a dividend of \$144,000. It's so long since the old country owned mines of Rossland have done anything in this line that naturally the newspapers are wondering what's on. Probably getting ready for some more stock exchange manipulation.

"The wans that wish to ride safely should walk," says an Irish Jerry. It is becoming positively dangerous to travel over the C. P. R. at present. Not only are trains cancelled or delayed, but who knows the minute a wreck will result in loss of life. The C. P. R. will be heavy losers if they do not settle very soon with their striking maintenance men. The mountain sections are dangerous enough at any time, but combined with wet weather and no section or bridge men at work, fatal need come as no surprise. The matter of paying men a living wage is not the only question at issue at this acute stage of the game.

It has been truthfully said that in this era of consolidation to destroy competition it is of note that the metal mining industry is one that encourages and supports all others and competes with none. A new factory competes with established factories; and additional farm tends to lower prices of farm products; another store cuts into the trade and profit of existing ones; the miner, alone, enriches all and competes with none. He of all pursuits, creates the real wealth, patronizes every other establishment and, producing nothing that he can consume, affords the best home market for the products of others. The amount of his purchases depends upon the amount of mineral development. His work sets in motion and sustains a legion of other industries, all operating to the common good. As a promoter of railroad traffic, as a creator of new enterprises, as a customer for manufacturers of all kinds, the miner is the best purchaser, vivifying a wide circle of activities. It has been calculated that each underground miner affords employment for ten men above ground, thus putting in motion industrial waves on which ride to profit the merchant, manufacturer, farmer and railroad man. He asks for little, but self-interest suggests to every man in every capacity that anything that aids the mining industry aids his own business. The value of the miners' patronage is manifest. Whatever helps the miner helps all; whatever represses the mining industry injures to that extent the welfare of the nation. The miner needs no subsidies, concessions or anti-trust legislation; he does need, however, to have his importance more generally recognized. Were it not for the miner one-half of this entire nation would still be wilderness, and the other half filled with people preying upon one another in the struggle for existence. The miner has created the greatest home market in the world and is thus the foremost factor in all commercial development. When the miner has money to spend, everybody in his vicinity is prosperous. And the truth of these patent facts should be recognized in the legislature of every mining state and territory.—Western Mining World.

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On the Wing Items

"The day we celebrate."—Our American cousins.
Supt. D. G. McNeil returned to the Cup yesterday.

A banking institution will be located in Ferguson inside of ninety days, if indications go for anything.

July 2nd was "Ferguson Day" in Trout Lake City. The celebrators are returning in ones and twos.

Loaded pack trains are leaving town every morning now for the many properties round and about here.

Dan McLutosh, who has been doing some assessment work up the north fork, left for the main line yesterday.

B. W. Jones and J. Dickey of Nelson, are in the place where the mines are. They will spend the season prospecting.

The shipments of concentrates from the St. Eugene mine at Moyie, B. C., for the month of June amounted to 2200 tons.

Fred Collins, under sentence of death at Nelson, has had the penalty changed to life imprisonment by the Ottawa cabinet.

Henry Floyd, general agent of the Ferguson townsite, was in town from Revelstoke this week. He reports really sales here active.

The telephone system between Ferguson and Arrowhead, giving communication with the outside world, is now being put in good shape.

Rumor has it that the Slocan mine owners have combined to control the lead output, with selling agencies in London and New York.—Lodge.

A. V. Stewart, of the Enterprise Cigar Co., Revelstoke, was in town on Tuesday and reports business good in his line here. Their product gets a good run in Ferguson.

The end of the Boer war is still in sight according to the I-mpress-to-state dispatches from the erstwhile Sirdar of the Egyptian armies, who is in command down there.—Reveille.

The Nestle L. ore not taken from the one house and the streets of Ferguson on sledges, is now being freighted to the Landing, as the teams return from bringing supplies in. There is some 200 tons in all.

Now that the holiday season is over and the summer weather has set in, the town is well high deserted. The hills are full of prospectors, and property owners doing assessment and development work.

If it ever quits raining the gardens of D. Brown, Jas. Patton, J. C. Kirkpatrick, C. R. Scott, S. Shannon, R. P. Pettipiece, Ferguson Brothers, J. Q. McKinnon, A. Laughton, "Mayo" Marshall, R. Poran, John E. Laing, Angus McDougall and Geo. B. Batho, will yield a good part of the town's consumption of vegetables.

* G. B. Batho & Co. will hereafter receive twice-a-week shipments of California and B. C. fresh fruits.

"I have every faith in British Columbia lead properties, and if the mine owners will use their best efforts in developing their properties, British Columbia will soon rank among the leading mining countries of the world."—William F. Newall, of the Selby Smelting and Lead company, of San Francisco, to a Nelson Tribune reporter.

* Fresh fruits—strawberries, cherries, bananas, oranges, lemons, peaches and apricots at G. B. Batho & Co.'s

Very little interest was taken by Fergusonites in the school trustees election last Saturday. The report for the year of the retiring trustees was read and adopted. S. Shannon, B. A., was nominated for the three-year term, R. P. Pettipiece for the two-year term and J. Q. McKinnon for the one-year term. There being no other nominations they were declared elected.

Mayor Carlson of Kaslo was in Nelson yesterday. He says that the C. P. R. engineers are laying the work out so fast on the Lardeau branch that he does not know whether he understands the grading business. He has now some 300 men at work on the grade, but now has room for as many more. He says that he can furnish employment for fully 300 able-bodied men, but scissor grinders and street organ manipulators are barred. The C. P. R. people are making every effort to rush the construction work as rapidly as possible.—Nelson Tribune.

A copy of Lowery's Claim has so far failed to reach this camp.

* Weekly shipments of fresh ranch eggs and creamery butter now being received by G. B. Batho & Co.

The Hootype mills are doing good work on the Nelson Tribune, and after all the machine-set type gives the best results.

McKinnon & Sutherland, general merchants, are building a 20x24 addition to their already large store on Victoria avenue.

News has been received of the finding guilty of murder of George O'Brien at Dawson. He was sentenced to be hanged August 23rd.

* Get a camera or kodak and enjoy yourself. The Canada Drug & Book Co., Revelstoke, B. C., sell them at all prices. Write to-day.

* Special attention is directed to Andrew F. Rosenberger's advt. in this issue. No stock to sell; straight legitimate mining properties placed.

A petition signed by 13,000 people has been sent in to the postmaster general asking that the salary of the under-paid rural postmasters be increased.

Lardeau Miners' Union No. 119, of W. F. M., has now a membership of over sixty, though only organized on April 29th. The hundred mark will be reached by August 15th.

Wm. Schnell, the Ferguson tonsorial artist, has bought Alex. Morrison's premises and business at Trout Lake; also two new chairs, one of which has been placed in his shop here.

Rossland Evening World, June 27: Notice was posted up on the Le Roi mine this afternoon, saying that the mine was closed down and would not re-open until after July 4th.

Kind providence seems to be favoring the striking trackmen. Heavy rains mean washouts; washouts will mean an immediate settlement, or the whole C. P. R. system will be tied up.

Geo. S. McCarter and Molsons Bank Manager McBees of Revelstoke spent over sixty days in the pay roll centre this week. In company with W. B. Pool they spent Sunday night at the Nettie L. mine.

Cory Menhenick, owner of the Camborne townsite, in the Fish creek camp, says things are beginning to hum over that way now. Mr. Menhenick took in the Trout Lake sports on Monday.

The silver production of the world for 1900 totalled in value \$112,265,742, as against \$105,900,116 in 1899. The United States produced \$35,576,000 and Canada is credited with \$2,730,699, as against \$1,823,471 in the previous year.

There may be some trouble yet up north. The Canadian customs flag at Skegway was torn down last Saturday by George Miller, a brother of Post Jaquin Miller, and the affair has caused a great sensation. Customs Agent Busby had erected a flag in compliance with orders from Ottawa.

The annual report of the minister of mines for the year ending December 31st, 1900, being an account of mining operations for gold, silver, coal, etc., in the province of British Columbia, is to hand, and the portions relative to this district will be reproduced in next issue of the EAGLE. Glancing hurriedly over the production it seems to be one of the best reports ever issued by the government.

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