

GETTING READY

Railway Company Will Be Ready For Business By May 1st.

CONSIDERABLE ORE AWAITING

This Season, Will Open With Many Advantages for the Lardeau Not Enjoyed Heretofore.

WILL LOWER MINING EXPENSES

Another ore shed, 20x25, is to be built at Trout Lake, the first one now being filled with Silver Cup and Nettie L. ore. The C. P. R. have assured Lardeau mine owners that they will be ready to accept freight over the new A. & K. branch by May 1st. It is the intention of the company to place a steamer on the lake, so that Trout Lake will be a terminal point for the district for this season at any rate. This only leaves Ferguson four miles from transportation, and all the mines up here have a down-hill pull to that point. It will be possible to leave here in the morning and arrive in Nelson in the afternoon. Old time Lardeaulites can scarcely realize that at last we are to be placed in touch with smelting and wholesale centres. The cost of getting in supplies will be greatly lessened; and the introduction of mining machinery will be made possible for several properties which are to-day handicapped on that account. The ore output for this year will run well over \$2,000,000, and with the new conditions now in sight the Lardeau should hum this season. If ever there was a time to expect activity this year should present it to us. Having made such progress in the past in the face of so many seemingly unaccountable difficulties surely we can allow for a lower priced metal market and still secure first place as a white metal ore-producing camp. The present year will witness many changes for the better in the Lardeau.

Answers to Enquiries.

This department is published for the benefit of SUBSCRIBERS who desire particular information about mines and mining affairs. While we will endeavor to secure and give reliable information we cannot guarantee accuracy in every instance. Readers who are not upon our subscription list must enclose \$1. with their questions. This will include six months' subscription to "The Lardeau Eagle."
F. W. F., Jackson, Mich.—1. Received \$1 sub. to Dec. 17. Will certainly do so. 2. Better late than never. As soon as the facts of the case in question came (indirectly) to our notice we drew attention to them, a duty which any free press owes to its readers. Did you ever see the company's property? Would you know a mine if you saw one? Or are you just another of those stock and gospel peddlars? 4. Last summer those shares were quoted at from 6¢ to 15 cents, and despite the fact that what little ore has been shipped was taken out at a loss, we now find it raised to 40 cents, and even this not treasury stock. If the promoter in question was selling treasury stock (there must be \$30,000 or \$40,000 worth of stock sold) why did the secretary put his hand into his own pocket and put up \$3,000 in hard cash to keep it going. 5. The only way we could tell whether the man was right or not was to wait and see if he fulfilled the many predictions and promises made in his prospectuses and pamphlets, etc. This he has not done. 6. Kindly send along those "entolgies" and we will reproduce them in full in these columns. 7. The EAGLE has nothing to say of his properties or whatever time (and money) judiciously spent) alone can prove their worth, but one thing is certain it will take the proceeds of treasury stock to do this. 8. We understand he controls over one-half of the entire stock—one million shares, so that the shareholders have no power to choose a new man-

ing director. 8. We would rather be a "cad" than a confidence man. A man's own conscious is his best judge. 9. The truth has been told at all times, as far as the knowledge in our possession would allow. But father time keeps on revealing some mighty questions. 10. You are entitled to your opinion Mr. F., but you must respect the privilege if you have any pretense of fairness. 11. Glad you have such ardent faith in future events. Probably you have a divine tip of what practical men on the ground here are unaware.

B. B. R., Deatown, Kent Co., Ont.—1. Received \$1 as specified for sub. 2. No. The EAGLE does not publish stock quotations chiefly because there is no exchange or broker here, and hence very little stock is sold locally. And anyway buying and selling stock is not necessarily mining. If you want to invest your money in mining you had better come and see this camp for yourself, and if you find something you'd like to go into and haven't enuf money, form a syndicate and put your money into development work. 3. Acknowledging stock all hollow. Try it and see. 3. If you think of taking a chance buy, try a stack of blues in a stud poker game. You can at least cash what chips you have on hand when you get "cold feet." This is not always the case with stocks in companies capitalised at two millions, with over one-half of them held by the promoter.

John A. L., Seville, Ohio.—1. To answer the questions you ask in detail would require the services of a practical mining man and this is out of our line of business. 2. The new map of the Lardeau will show you the location of all the properties around here. Will mail you one prepaid for \$1. 3. Why don't you all club together and send a mining man here to find out what you can't know. We are not all philanthropists in this country. 4. Acknowledge receipt of one dime for this information; thanks old man. The EAGLE is \$2 a year, and will certainly keep you posted. It fills the bill.

W. G. Y. and Wm. L. W., 925 Main St., Elwood, Ind.—1. Strangely enough Mr. McCrossan has taken the same term to mean his company, the one you seem to think it was directed at yours. 2. To buy shares at 40 cents in a company stocked at 1,500,000 shares is to assume that the holdings are worth \$600,000. Figure this out. How much ore would have to be shipped a year to pay say 10 per cent. on that amount of money. 3. Why do you people buy the shares first and write here for cheap information afterwards?

Charles P., Sidney, O.—1. The Old Gold camp is one of promise, only lacking cheaper transportation facilities to make several shippers. Work has been discontinued since Christmas, but supplies are in and everything ready for an early start this spring. 2. So far as we know the Wide West company are doing nothing at present; winter here you see you know. 3. The Canadian-Lardeau have been doing nothing here for over a year.

S. A. L., Lapeer, Mich.—Received \$2 for EAGLE sub. as stated. Hope to see your company operating in the camp this season.

Or is it Only a Pipe-Drum?
Oh, the dirty black smoke of the awful black smoke!
Is it in earnest or, is it a joke?
Will it fold its black blanket and soon steal away,
Or, like "death and taxes," has it come to stay?
This morning my linen was white as the snow.
But tonight it's as black as a carbon crown.
And my lungs which once took in fresh air,
Now there's nothing but carbon and cinders there!
Oh, my! It was once a beautiful blue,
But alas! on the sun cannot pierce a hole thru;
And this, once the home of earth's greatest boomers,
Is now the paradise of live smoke-consumers!

E. J. Ward came down from the Cup on Tuesday, returning yesterday.

HOSPITAL ASSURED

The Lardeau Miners' Union Will Build One in Ferguson.

IT WAS VERY MUCH NEEDED

Experience Has Taught the Union Members Where Best Their Needs Can Be Attended.

LIBERAL AID IS FORTHCOMING

The Lardeau Miners' Union have decided by ballot to build and maintain a public hospital in Ferguson. This decision was made known by the union's hospital committee at a large and representative public meeting of Fergusonites held last night, the chair being presided over by A. C. Cummins. After a general discussion of the whole question by those present a resolution was unanimously passed endorsing the position of the union, and promising liberal aid towards its construction. A committee of three, consisting of two union members, James J. Lado and A. J. Gordon, and one representative of the citizens, S. Shannon, were selected to make arrangements for a site, solicit aid, and commence construction at once.

It was also decided to give the miners complete jurisdiction over the hospital after its completion, with the understanding of course that it be available to anyone.

A system of annual tickets will be used for its maintenance.

As the miners are likely to provide most of the occupants of the hospital, and know best where it should be located to meet their requirements, the citizens of Ferguson are to be commended for the liberal spirit they have shown towards the union in this matter. The miners have never before appealed to outsiders for aid, but their treasury has been heavily taxed by members in sickness, and that they will be largely assisted by the mining companies, business houses and citizens is only what it should be.

The success and efficient manner in which hospitals, under the auspices of the miners' unions in other Kootenay towns, are handled gives a certain assurance that there will be no exception in this case. That the government will assist such an institution, when asked to by the union, is undoubted. And well they may, for are not the miner—the producers—the very bone and marrow of the camp which will soon repay in revenues all monies appropriated to its upbuilding.

That a hospital was a crying necessity in Ferguson is self-evident from the series of experiences which we have had to contend with during the past two years. And the EAGLE is pleased to see that it will very soon be a happy realization at the instance of the Lardeau Miners' Union—now with a membership considerably over 100 strong.

Bill Nye and the Conductor.
Bill Nye was never in the Lardeau, but evidence goes to prove that history has been repeating itself. A conductor once tapped Bill upon the shoulder, and said: "Nye, wake up old man; you're snoring." "Me snoring!" quickly replied Bill, pulling himself together. "You must be mistaken." "No! No!" convincingly retorted the conductor, "for didn't I hear you myself." "Oh, but you can't believe all you hear," said Bill. Silence prevailed.

Extension Secured on Ophir-Lade Group.
Geo. J. Young, interested in the syndicate which has the Ophir-Lade group under bond, says that they have secured an extension of time from the owners, Messrs. Lade and Gunn brothers, for the payment, which fell due a few weeks ago. This is for the purpose of giving the bondholders more time is

which to extensively develop the property. A good deal of work was done, under Foreman Branny Crilly, last season, with most gratifying results; but as the deal involves thousands of dollars the syndicate, being composed of practical business men, are naturally anxious to fully satisfy themselves before closing the purchase. The Ophir-Lade is a gold proposition, and some extraordinary ore values have been received from good-sized smelter tests.

Title and Money Worshipers.

Americans have been very fond of sneering at the British propensity to funkysim in regard to royalty and nobility, but no British exhibition of snobbishness ever approached the funkysim shown by Americans toward Prince Henry of Prussia. It takes republicans to show honest believers in limited monarchy how to escape and how to grovel. Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson must be turning in their graves.—Ladyamith Leader.

Will Mean Some More Hoarding.

A Victoria despatch says the provincial government have received telegraphic advice from Toronto to the effect that McKenzie and Mann have signed the contract for the construction of a railway from Yellowhead pass to the coast, where it will connect with the Vancouver Island railway and terminate at Victoria. The report makes a good scarecrow election issue anyway.

A Good Topic For Next Sunday Evening.

Until further notice Rev. S. J. Green will hold religious services in Miners' Union hall every Sunday evening at 7:30, instead of 8 o'clock in the afternoon as formerly. Mr. Green is becoming a student of our economic system, and as a starter will take for his text next Sunday evening:—"The Brotherhood of Man." Turn out, boys, and give him a hearing.

How the Trusts Do Things.

James J. Hill's Northern Securities company now proposes to become a foreign corporation in order to avoid anti-trust laws in the United States. These men are not anarchists; they simply fix things to avoid the application of the same statute laws under which other people have to be governed—because they haven't the price.

Double Shoot the Turn.

Commenting upon a recent issue of the EAGLE the Vancouver News-Advertiser, daily, says: "Mr. McCrossan's methods, as a Western minister turned mining promoter, were shown by the EAGLE to be very peculiar indeed, as George H. In fact in their way as the doubtful pranks of a preacher turned professional politician and completely secularized."

The Gypsy Group.

Frank Balfour and Ernest Davis of Revelstoke, who have been doing assessment work for the past week on the Gypsy group, up three-mile creek, returned to the railway camp on Tuesday.

Metal Quotations.

LONDON, March 3.—Lead, £11 13s, 6d. NEW YORK, March 3.—Close—Bar silver, 55c., Mexican dollars, 43c. Copper easy. Lead firm, \$4.12.

If Not Elsewhere it's Here.

The muddy season is on again at the Landing.
The present soft weather is breaking up the snow roads. The freighters and rawhiders are for this reason experiencing troubles of their own.

A. J. Gordon and J. Atkinson were up at the Cup on Tuesday in connection with the miners' union vote on the hospital question.

"All those stories the papers are printing about you are lies," said the promoter's friend. "Why don't you make them stop lying?" "I would," replied the parson, "but I'm afraid they'd begin printing the truth then."

MINERS NEW MOVE

They Will Go Into Business For Themselves Shortly.

TO PROVIDE MEMBERS WORK

When Taken Hold of by Over 130,000 Men, It Will Create a Gigantic Enterprise.

SOLUTION FOR LABOR TROUBLES

The members of the Western Federation of Miners are, on the average, thinkers—men who make a study of their own conditions. Not only do we find this association going into politics—with collective ownership their ultimate aim—but they now intend to provide work for themselves (not by buying Amalgamated this time) with the money they have on hand. They will acquire mining properties thruout the country and apply the labor from their own ranks, and in this way prove the real benefit of co-operation, the necessarily on a solid basis for a time.

And who are better fitted to enter into the mining business than the miners themselves? Is it not from their ranks that most of the prominent practical and successful mining men spring? Then, too, they are thoroly organized, use the direct system of voting—referendum—and conduct their business along the same lines as any other company, except that good wages, short hours and proper conditions will prevail at all times.

The experiment—the one can scarcely be termed such—will be watched with interest by us all, and especially by other trades-unions which could well afford to take a leaf from the miners' book.

The EAGLE, since its inception, has contended that such a policy on the part of the miners would do more to solve the "labor troubles" than expensive strikes and boycotts, where money is well nigh wasted on both sides.

If the miners owned and operated their own mines, smelters, etc., and their own mines, smelters, etc., and employed all their members, the crying and wailing of the men who cry "what would you do without capital!" and the short who want to limit terms to his men and name his own profits, might begin to enquire of their usefulness in society anyway.

The above plan, when carried into execution, which may not be very long, once the Western Federation starts in, may not sound particularly impractical to men who are acquainted with the capabilities of the miners, and yet this is all that the advocates of collective ownership and operation of the means of production and distribution ever asked for—except that the same working principle be applied to all industries with all the people as shareholders, and each industry to be placed under the sub-jurisdiction of just such an organization as the Western Federation.

That day may not be so far distant after all, when you come to look into present conditions and pending events.

Black Warrior Group.

A small force of men are still working on this property, the supplies are growing scarce. Supt. Shannon expects to visit the mine during the next few days. The satisfactory progress made, and the disclosure of over 200 tons of ore already is fairly good evidence that the Winona, Milan, syndicate, who have the Warrior group under bond, will meet all payments as they fall due. It is the intention of the bond-holders, we understand, to place at least 200 tons of ore on the summit at the head of McDonald creek during the coming summer, to be ready for rawhiding down to Circle City next winter for shipment. A trail from Circle City to the summit will be provided this season, and development work is to be vigorously continued.



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A truth is safe, and nothing else is safe; and he who keeps back the truth, or withholds it from men, from motives of expediency, is either a coward or a criminal, or both.—Max Muller.

By the way, when are the Liberals going to abolish the senate—the same useless senate we used to hear so much about? If the broken-down politicians must be cared for let them be pensioned off, or sent to the old man's home.

The province of B. C. has a bank overdraft of \$1,800,000, which must be met, besides a standing debt of nearly \$7,000,000. And yet when we have anything there is any money in we bonus men to take it off our hands.

The chances are we have heard the last of the Chinese commission report. It will be safely pigeon-holed until the eve of another Dominion election. The people of B. C. are easily subjected to Sir Wilfrid's sunny way—ways that are dark, etc.

The **EAGLE** is loathe to believe that the Nelson Daily Tribune is a thing of the past. Our exchange list is incomplete without it. The Tribune, like all the unsubsidized press, has financial difficulties and cannot pay the printer—for the present at least. We trust the mix-up will only be temporary and that the Tribune will be resurrected. Its suspension for good would be a keen loss to the Kootenays, and a black-eye for Nelson, a city which owes its very existence to the publicity given it in early days by John Houston.

Speaking of the comparatively stagnate condition prevalent in East Kootenay, the Outcrop says: "These conditions are not largely the fault of the British Columbians themselves. Adventurers went thither from all the world and floated companies upon the prospects of mining claims yet to be developed. When the money so raised was actually spent in development it was usually lost through failure to pay the output, to which result culpable incompetence and miscalculation usually contributed. But many of these company promoters had no thought of using the money to develop the properties. They cared only to unload their shares and leave investors in the lurch."

Like the Crows Nest, the Yellowhead pass railway will be built by the governments, with lands and rich natural resources thrown in, but it will be owned by a private corporation. This road will open up a large area of some of the richest and best country in the Dominion of Canada, and if collectively-owned by the people would be a very much greater benefit to us all. But as usual anything there is any money in is handed over to private enterprise, the ill effects of such a policy is evident in our land on every hand. It is said that after everything in sight in England was given away the politicians became honest. So perhaps we have something to look forward to.

In the case of the Yellowhead pass road we see that Mackenzie & Mann are the promoters. Now these men will neither pay for nor engineer the construction of this road, they will pay for it, and they will hire men with a knowledge of railroading to do the rest. Don't you think the government could do the same?

The electors of this province are too prone to accept the maxim that "all government rests upon physical force." The cause of the present disgraceful mix-up in B. C. politics is primarily because all the factions of representatives are in opposition to the will of the people. If it were otherwise no force would be required to maintain a rational and progressive government in accordance with the real wishes of the people. The people want the government to go into business, and until this is done there can be no real contentment and progress other than turmoil and petty aspirations to office. Give the people what they want and such scenes as have been enacted in the B. C. legislature for the last six years will cease. The first step in this direction is an equitable redistribution measure. Let us have that, and another general election, and the people are, we believe, prepared to elect new men who will work out the only solution for the problems now confronting the people to wit: An industrial government, rather than a system of political machination which allows us to be ruled and robbed by a lot of accessories to a system of private exploitation at the expense of the people and their God-given heritage.

As might be expected by anyone acquainted with the facts the local Vulcan smelter did not blow in on Mr. McCrossan's scheduled time. Not but what there is plenty of ore available, but because the management of the Lardeau Smelting & Refining Co. have just learned that fluxes are a necessary adjunct to the smelting business.

Without making any arrangements for lime, or looking into other necessary preliminary details a Vulcan plant was installed here, expensive men were brought in to handle it, and all of a sudden Mr. McCrossan announces that the conditions must change or he will pull the smelter down altogether. And the smelter staff have left town.

This nonsensical attitude is the outcome of certain criticisms made by the local press (?). The capabilities

of the plant have not even been tested. This will be done next summer, after the rawhiding season is over, and ore shipments are well nigh impossible.
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Advocates of collective ownership of industry thru-out this province will probably be surprised to read a statement recently made by James Dunsmuir in an open letter addressed to B. C. electors some days ago. On page 10 of his pamphlet we find these words: "If the people of British Columbia were able to retain all they contribute in taxes to the provincial and Dominion governments, they could support every public utility of the province, both provincial and Dominion, build their own railroads, and still have a surplus each year to their credit."
 And yet we are sometimes asked: "But where are you going to get the money to go into business?" It is scarcely likely that Mr. Dunsmuir has any notion of adopting any such a policy however.

Another provincial election in this province, with a fair redistribution of representation, will place enuf men of the above opinion in the house at Victoria to do more than admit that the theories of collective ownership are practicable. They will act.
 The people are surely weary of the domination of the present aggregation of moss-backs at the capital. Legislators of yore made laws and conditions surely we can change them if they don't suit us.
 What the electors of B. C. want is an industrial government—and thus end for all time political jobbery and the robberies of privately-owned corporations.

How can we ever expect to get out of debt when we give away our natural resources and bonus men to take over anything with a dividend attached?
 At present there's nothing going on at Victoria but expenses.

For the sake of the country let there be fair representation meted out and an appeal made to the electorate.
 This time will show beyond doubt that the advocates of collective-ownership and operation of the means of production and distribution must control the destinies of the province.
 Then, this done, the government—the people—will go into business; work will be provided for all at good wages with an eight-hour-day; the profits will go into the people's treasury; and contentment and prosperity will prevail, a condition which will never be enjoyed in B. C. until such a government is created.

Rev. Chas W. McCrossan has been telling his troubles to the Revelstoke Herald, the Trout Lake Trades Committee and anybody else who happened to meet him. Mr. McCrossan has been offered the free use of the local press to make all explanation he has to offer, but so far has ignored the existence of either.
 He builds, before the Herald man, a number of straw men, (questions never asked by the **EAGLE**) and then destroys them with a mighty death-dealing swing, but pays no attention whatever to the questions which have been asked of him.

Because the editor of the **EAGLE** (who had never even seen the property) merely introduced Mr. McCrossan to two property owners who sold him the Metropolitan group, and received a recompense from the said owners, Mr. McCrossan is sore. Mr. McCrossan paid \$10,000 for the property and gave the owners several thousand shares. He then floated a company capitalized at two millions—one million of which is pooled—that is, Mr. McCrossan and his friends, own them. He sold approximately over \$40,000 worth of the other million and paid for the property out of the proceeds. And instead of selling treasury stock he bought the stock back, (at from 7 to 8 cents a share) which he had tendered as part payment, at a low price and he and his preacher associate agents resold them in the east to good advantage to themselves. Now Mr. McCrossan says he has spent only \$8,000 in development, \$3,000 of which came out of his own pocket. The shares now in circulation in the east are being sold and resold among the various congregations at figures ranging from 20 to 40 cents a share. But that money is not coming to the Lardeau. Nor as far as we know is there any treasury stock now being sold to carry on development, which is necessary if the worth of the property is ever to be proved. We ask: Where are such methods going to end?

The **EAGLE** wants to wrong no man. We want to see this camp go ahead, and we have no doubt but what it will. But when Mr. McCrossan poses as a martyr for the sole interests of the Lardeau, and desires to see anyone who has the nerve to have an opinion contrary to his religious teachings, rather than fall upon his neck and kiss him for what there is in it, put out of the camp, then the **EAGLE** in justice to its readers must rise to the occasion.
 We intend to do our duty as we understand it, and when we see an evil to denounce will come pretty near doing so, despite the threats of accessories to the confidence game, and boycott of any obscure individual who thinks he has a grievance.
 Nor do we propose to go 'way back and sit down with folded arms, and become a chubbier simply because the objectionable practices prevail in the sacred society of busted parsons.

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No Socialist Split at Meeting

NELSON, B. C., March 1.—A misleading paragraph in the Daily Tribune of Feb. 17th, give the impression that the Nelson Socialists have risen to the bait cast by the Liberal party of the province. The facts are as follows: Geo. Broadly, a prominent worker in the Socialist Local, but of somewhat wavering allegiance to Socialist principles, at a recent public meeting came out with the unblinking announcement that he should henceforth be a supporter of the Martin platform. The discussion that followed was so lively that it seemed expedient to continue it for another Sunday. This was done. Mr. Broadly being given a courteous hearing, save with one exception, when he quoted W. E. Morgan of the "Forum to World as a leading Socialist, and was corrected by a too ardent woman comrade. He naturally had the sympathy of the non-Socialist element present, and, in the discussion that followed considerable heat was manifested, leading to Mr. Broadly writing his resignation and publicly tendering it to the Local. The matter of its acceptance was laid over for a subsequent meeting. The Socialist view was well expressed by Comrade Ebbs in a pat little story of a good Baptist preacher, who was immersing his converts in a stream with a somewhat too rapid current. One of them escaped his grasp and went floating down the stream. The good man exclaimed "The Lord save and the Lord hath taken away; hand on another candidate."

Mr. Broadly is a reporter on the staff of the Tribune, hence the paragraph alluded to, which doubtless expressed his sentiments exactly, but hardly that of the Socialists of Nelson.

Socialist's Program at Nelson

NELSON, B. C., March 3.—Local 46, Nelson, has arranged for the following program for the next three months:

1. The relation of trades unions to Socialism.
2. The coal fields of B. C. and the people's right thereto.
3. Organization—provincial and national.
4. Direct legislation.
5. An administrative government—what it means.
6. A Sunday of entertainment—readings, recitations, and songs of Socialism.
7. The age limit of man's usefulness and old age pensions.
8. What an education may mean under Socialism.
9. Unjust laws and our duty towards them.
10. The family. Is it threatened with destruction by our present industrial system?
11. Co-operative societies—German and Belgian.
12. Will Socialism destroy the incentive to progress?

13. A comparison between ancient and modern prophets—Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, etc., with Huskin, Carlyle, Wm. Morris, Tolstoy, Marx, Horron, Bellamy, etc.

As often as possible leaders from outside the club will be secured, and a most successful campaign of education is looked forward to.

The late Tribune, in one of the last issues before dissolution, recorded a meeting out process that was supposed to have taken place at a recent meeting of the club. This merely referred to the acceptance of Mr. Broadly's resignation, in order that he might be at liberty to devote himself to Liberal politics. If every local in B. C. can only show one week after a year's growth Socialism has nothing to fear in this province.

Highlights From the Capital

VICTORIA, B. C., March 1.—The advent of Col. Prior as the government candidate in this city is almost the only topic. "He says he has signed a contract for a Northern railway to have its terminus in Victoria. Many people doubt it, but Mr. Bodwell will have to look out or he will be left. It is a case

SCREAMLETS

Wise is the prophet who does not allow his predictions to go on record.

If the donkey only knew he was a donkey he would probably kick himself to death.

Any man with ideas in advance of his age is likely to wear clothes away behind it.

Nobody so ready to condemn a reform as the man who knows nothing concerning it.

Drop loads of logs in the stream of life, so the shoefaces can walk over the foot dry shod.

There are none so willing to curse the poor, as those who worship at the feet of the wealthy.

"Since I have been thinking for myself the politicians no longer run after me to solicit my vote."

If the average man knew what was best for him there would be less said about blessings in disguise.

Nearly all the issues raised by our politicians cunningly end in smoke; and the smoke gets into the weak watery eyes of the voter.

"The ways of trade have grown selfish to the borders of theft, and supply to the borders (if not beyond the borders) of fraud."—Emerson.

Oh, the wearisome wall of the water-brained; whipper-snapper who won't read, and post himself on industrial and political matters, is enuf to set one's teeth on edge.

Edmonton and Strathcona, Northern Alberta's leading towns, have decided to become up-to-date. They will buy and operate their own lighting and waterworks plants.

The Nanaimo city council will provide for the care of several old men who are unable to provide for themselves, by housing and feeding them at small cost in the old city jail.

"Misery begets the largest part of humanity; ignorance rears it; ambition governs it; humbug educates it; tradition enslaves it; fashion cripples it; greed despoils it; need kills it, and hypocrisy buries it."

Says T. H. Twigg, an active worker and progressive thinker, who edits the labor department of the Sunday edition of the Victoria Colonist: The growth of Socialism in British Columbia during the past year has been phenomenal. The aggressiveness of socialists is to be admired. Unlike trade unionists, converts to Socialism become live working units. The average convert, or rather, joiner of a trade union, after his initiation, acts in such an apathetic manner that conveys the impression that the objects of trade unionism is fully served by the payment of dues, so far as he is concerned.

"Send EAGLE to the five addresses enclosed." O. Lee Charlton, Victoria.

Never take your politics from the man who feeds you for your labor; vote to have feed of your own.

"The EAGLE gives us pretty straight Socialism. Will send you another list of sub. later."—B. E. Merrill, Nelson.

The Revelstoke Local of the S. P. of B. C. are arranging to hold a public meeting once a month in the railway centre, in Selkirk hall.

J. C. Helm, Greenwood, B. C.: "We have a Socialist club here and have been granted the use of the city hall one night each week free, by the generosity of the city council, who, by the way, are about one-half Socialists."

"We all realize the necessity of a strong British Columbia Socialist paper; to build up the party, and we will endeavor to support the EAGLE in every possible way in our power," says John Dodd of Vancouver, as he closes a sub.

A Silver Cup miner writes, under date of Feb. 28: "We have had Socialism discussed to a finish here tonight. Quite a number of the boys appear to be willing to become members of the Ferguson Local. I feel satisfied that your organizers will be well received when he comes up."

Public ownership and not private ownership must obtain, and then the benefit will accrue to the public. Such is the solution; the Socialization of all the means of life will place man before the dollar, the rights of humanity before the rights of property, and guarantee to the most humble citizen an inalienable right to his share of the means of life. Men's minds will be freed from the bondage of perpetual struggle and will be provided with an environment in which the higher faculties will find expression.

Realizing the fact, that all men have an equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, it must necessarily follow that all men have an equal right to those things which sustain life, and if the means of life, commonly called the means of production and distribution, are held by private ownership, and can only be obtained upon the consent and the terms dictated by property class, then labor lives by sufferance only. It can only obtain employment and a means of subsistence as these men consent to engage him, and if at any time employment is withheld, the means of an existence are withheld as well.

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Many mining properties surrounding Ferguson are rapidly reaching the shipping stage, while the shippers speak for themselves. Not only is Ferguson the commercial, banking, an selling and pay roll center, but here is where the most prominent Lardeau mining men have their interests and headquarters. The best lot locations are being picked up by shrewd investors.

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Socialist Party of B. C.

GENERAL DEMANDS:

1. The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts, and combines, and ultimately of all the means of production, distribution, and exchange. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the redemption of the property, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employees, to the improvement of the service, and to diminishing rates to the consumers.
2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to increase the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.
3. The establishment of a national currency and government banking system, and life and fire insurance to be also operated by the government in the interests of the whole people.
4. The issue of a system of public credit for industries; public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the worker may secure the full product of his labor.
5. Abolition of the senate, establishment of a national assembly, proportional representation, and right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

PROVINCIAL DEMANDS:

1. Abolition of financial and property qualifications for candidates and electors at provincial and municipal elections.
2. The education of all children up to the age of sixteen years to be free, secular and compulsory. Text books, meals, and clothing to be supplied out of the public funds when necessary.
3. Municipalization and public control of the lower end of the labor market.
4. A nine-hour work law fixing wages at not less than the minimum for the countering evil effects of Oriental emigration into this province.
5. Reduction of hours of labor to 44 per week.
6. Scientific and practical management of fisheries, forests, and waterways in best interest of the producer.
7. Government operation of coal mines and immediate construction and operation of such, railways, and saw mills to the benefit of the workers.
8. Abolition of poll and personal property taxes, the deficit to be met by an increased tax on land values.
9. Voluntary expropriation of either land or money to individuals or private corporations.
10. A graded land tax similar to law in operation in New Zealand.
11. Government hospitals throughout the province, and free medical attendance to all needing such.

On the Wing Items

How's your printing?

Mrs. Ed. Perry is visiting friends in her old home at Seattle.

J. B. Roy of Trout Lake has left for his home in Montreal, via Frisco.

Beginning with the 17th inst., the three-malls-a-week service between Arrowhead and Ferguson will be restored.

The Sunset mine, near Cody, has just distributed its fifth dividend of \$6,000, making a total of \$30,000 paid in dividends to date.

J. A. Templeton, a well-known Lardeauite, is now in the Roseland camp, where the EAGLE must soar to reach him hereafter.

Chas. W. McCrossan has purchased W. J. Landon's block of Metropolitan stock, having availed himself of Mr. Landon's offer in the EAGLE of Feb. 13. Both happy now.

The EAGLE is in receipt of the thirtieth annual report of the public schools of B. C.—1900-1901. The total cost of education proper for the year to the province was \$312,157.17.

"I enclose \$1 in U. S. currency on account subscription to LARDEAU EAGLE. Expect to be out in your country next summer. I trust that the camp is prospering."—C. F. Hookler, Philadelphia, Pa.

C. B. Hume & Co., general merchants, Revelstoke, are calling for tenders for the erection of a fine two-story brick building, the first in Revelstoke. It will be located on the corner of McKenzie avenue and First street.

John Bambrick and Andy Ashley were severely injured in a mine explosion at Oldham, Halifax, some two weeks ago. The victims will be remembered by a number of acquaintances now residents of the Lardeau.

The most terrible snow-slide ever known in Colorado occurred at the Liberty Bell mine on Smuggler mountain, near Telluride, last Friday. Between 20 and 75 men were buried, and a second slide killed over 30 rescuers.

E. A. Edson, manager of the Hume hotel, has bought out the interest in the Ferguson hotel at Ferguson, and will remove to that place as soon as he is relieved from his present position.—late Nelson Tribune. Mr. Edson is expected here this week.

Peter Cameron has sold his farm in the Okanagan valley and returned to the Lardeau. He says it is a fine country all right, but Pete looks with compassion upon the dollars, more plentiful by working in the deep black slopes of our white metal producers.

It looks queer to a Lardeauite to read in Nelson and coast papers of "the necessity of cleaning up the rubbish that accumulates in back yards." Tho' the snow-fall here was comparatively light this winter, it will be a couple of months yet before we can even see our back yards.

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Name	Pounds	Gross Val.
Silver Cup	2,400,000	\$180,000.00
Trout Lake	1,700,000	\$2,200.00
Trillium	440,776	\$2,970.37
Great Northern	50,000	1,244.00
Rhéal	34,000	1,664.00
St. Elizabeth	24,000	1,706.00
Opbhi-Lado	12,000	1,230.00
St. Elmo	12,000	567.00
Rummed Grouse	11,774	63.17
Adams Veer	860	51.00
Old Gold
Horseshoe
Black Warrior

§ Returns and corrections stated for.

The Miner.

Translated from the German of Franz Langheirlich by Ernest Crosby: They say the day was fine, but what know I Of day, who in the bowels of the earth Am cursed by doubt tonight? I only see There in the West the sun's last evening glow Which greets me as I greet it now—farewell!

These hands still tremble with the blow on blow Of pick and hammer with the flinty rock Only give back to me, its rough carcase Still abake my stiffened limbs, as if e'en now A crushing weight of ore were on my back.

My brow still moistened by the damps and dew Finds strangeness in this pleasant evening breeze. Mine eyes, so long accustomed to the dark. Blink at the sinking sun—farewell, farewell! Come to me, kindly sleep. Into thy hands I give my body, bowed with weariness, And all its pains and aches—Of this our world How little have I seen—a narrow path Over the fields and at its end the road, The hard, broad highway, leading to the mine, Trodden each day even by my feet again At evening, to and fro, and to and fro!

Yes often do I dream of distant lands Where on my way shines bright the middle sun And where the air is soft, and through the trees Now rustling streams above whose crystal depths Songsters of other climes spread their gay wings.

Oh, bear me thither now, deep, silent night!

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