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\$2 a Year

THE YEAR'S

Of Ore From The Silver Cup and Nettie L. Mines For The Year 1903.

Together With The Total Values Shipments Practically Discontinued Early in the Summer

On account of the building of large reduction works by the Silver Cup Mines, Limited, started early last summer, shipments of ore from the Silver Cup and Nettie L. Mines were practi-cally discontinued at about that date, count of the great cost of shipping ore in the crude state, it being deemed wiser to await the completion of the re duction works. Consequently, the quantity of ore shipped during 1903 falls below what was anticipated. However, though the output of Lar-deau's leading shippers was not large during 1903, and the amount of money received for ore was correspondingly small, yet there was more money spent in development work of different kinds in development work of different kinds during the season, and is still being spent, than in any previous season, and the great harvest is yet to breaped in futury using. The operation at these two mines has had, and will have, a very important bearing on the future of the Ferguson camp. The two biggest and oldest mines, after several years working and shipping, have, on the advice of the foremost metallurgical engineers of the time, seen fit to build one of the largest and most complete independent reduction works in the British Columbia Kootenays.

Other companies which hold proper-ties on which the showings are equally as good at the surface, may to a large as good at the surface, may to a large extent profit by the experience and ex-cellent professional services of the two leading companies. If nothing more, a position of stability is given to the camp, and the question of chance is practically eliminated. Outsiders will not now feel bestience. not now feel hesitancy to speculate in our mining properties, for the district's mineral veins would seem to have been proven to have the desired permanen-cy. And not permanency alone, but we believe the test has been comprehensive enough to prove that the leads in the great Lardeau mineral belt have great richness, and that they do not decrease in value, but rather increase, as depth is attained. Upon what is known, what has been proven by hard toil and costly development, we base our contention that the great rich leads that occur so regularly and in great number along the famous mineral belt that cuts through the country diagonally from Kootenäy lake to Fish river, whether they be silver-lead or free milling gold, their permanency and their richness would in very frequent instance seem to have sufficient merit to attract capital and to give assurance of a safe in

The total amount of ore shipped from the Silver Cup mine during the year 1903 was 976.125 tons, having a value o

Total amount of ore shipped from the Nettle L. for the year 1903 was 10 tons, having a value of \$57,678.54.

A Delegate Chosen

A meeting of conservatives was held A meeting of conservatives was need in Ferguson a week ago, for the purpose of talking over campaign matters, and also to appoint a delegate to attend the party convention in Nelson on the 6th instant. W. Skinner proved the unanimous choice of the meeting, and he was mons choice of the meeting, and new given the necessary credential. The convention is a district one for the purpose of choosipg a candidate to contest this riding in the Dominion elections soon to be held.

War Seems Inevitable.

The situation in the east is growing extremely critical, and it is believed the chances for war are greater than ever. Peace hinges on the character of Russia's response. If the Russian reply is unsatisfactory, it is almost certain that Japan will, fight instantly. If Russia's response is delayed for a week, it is expected that Japan will de-mand an immediate answer. The an-nouncement that Russia is seeking naval stations in Corea and is buying stores and coal in Japan, has increased the war spirit of the Japanese nation. Influential newspapers are urging the government to promptly despatch a fleet to guard the Crotan coast and pat-rol the Corean channel. The ministers of war and navy, together with the general advisory staffs and commanders are conferring daily in Tokio. The have been prepared, and the scheme of land and water transportation. The thoroughness of Japan's preparations is pronounced superior to that of Germany prior to the Franco-Prussian war.
It is anticipated that Corea will be

the scene of the earliest operations The invasion of the Chinese territory other than Corea and across the Yalu river, will depend on the fiature and ex-tent of the Chinese efforts to expel the Russians from Manchuria. Saseho will be the principal base of the navy and the main point for the embarkation of troops. It has not yet been disclosed what place will be the principal army base, nor whether the emperor and his councillors will go to direct the opera-

The German government has been informed that Russia's reply to Japan is not provocative, and that it is sincerely intended to satisfy Japan. The cereiy intended to satisfy Japan. The aroused state of Japanese public opinion is fully recognized in Berlin, but chan-cellor Von Buelow and the foreign office do not believe that war is within the probabilities, and this view has been communicated to the representa-tives of the powers in Berl'n. Russia's reply, it is officially announced, was sent to Japan on Jan. 1st.

A powerful squadron of six armored cruisers under Admiral Kammi Mura will leave the Japanese port of Saseho tomorrow for Mesampho, Corea, The design is apparently to be on the spot and seize Mesampho in case of a break down of the negotiations. There is great activity at the Osaka arsenal.

Absolutely nothing is known in offi-cial circles at Paris of the advices sent to the Japanese minister in London to the effect that Russia had decided not to grant the Japanese proposals. Moreover foreign minister, Delcasse left Paris tonight for Nice, which he would not have done if serious news had been received.

It is asserted that Russia's reply ha not yet been framed, and it is expected it will be presented to the Japanese government through Baron Derosen, the Russian minister at Tokio. It has been known that Russia's attitude has been changing as a result of the belli-cose policy which Japan is pursuing, and that Russia is disinclined to make concessious which would have been pos-sible had Japan adopted a more coneiliatory course. If there is any breaking off of the relations, Japan, not Russia will take the initiative step.

Mr. Forbes Resigns

Donald G. Forbes, manager of the Silver Cup Mines, Limited, and the Great Western Mining Co., Limited, has resigned his position, and will leave Ferguson very shortly. Mr. Forbes assumed the management of the Sliver Cup and Nettle L. Mines in July 1902. Both mines have been very extensively developed since that time, and a great deal of machinery installed. We are all sorry to lose Mr. Forbes.

GREAT ·CLEAN*-UP

Of The Ores From The Properties Belonging To The Great Northern Mines, Limited.

Treated At The Ovster-Criterion Stamp Mill At Camborne On The 29th Dec. Last.

The first clean-up at the Oyster-Criterion stamp mill at Camborne took place on the 29th of Dec., and was wit-nessed by all the directors as well as a number of the largest shareholders, many of whom went over from Ferguson for the express purpose of witnessing the interesting event-interesting, though there was very little, after all. to see, and the result was not known by even the manager until several days There was much speculation of course

as to the probable value, but everybody got an agreeable surprise when it was learned what value was really in the ore. The first surprise was created by the lowest grade quartz from the Ovster-Criterion mine giving an average value of \$6 per ton. This ore was believed to be almost worthless, and the assay tests, made by Mr. Holdich, a very competent assayer, gave the value considerably lower; so there was an agreeable surprise for everybody to find that this stuff was really very profitable ore, for the cost of mining and milling is small. The greatest sur-prise, however. came when the few tons prise, nowever, came when the tew tons of one from the Lucky Jack were milled. Pretty good returns were expected, but no one was spreedy as to anticipate that white quartz with scarcely any gold in sight would average the phenomenal value of \$250 per ton for ten tons. It is a fact, nevertheless, and manager Pool is having another lot sent over to the mill just to discover whether or not the high values continue all along the tunnel. With the great body of quartz that they have on the Lucky Jack, it would need to average one quarter of \$250

stockholders wealthy.

The mill test of the Swede group averaged, as was anticipated, just \$37 to the ton. This was not the best grade ore, but only the medium, of which there are very extensive bonies. The result of the different mill tests was however, so highly gratifying to the directors, that an almost unprecedent ed action was taken in the big corpora-sell no more stock in the big corpora-tion. The directors felt that it was simply throwing away money to sell any more stock, when the money to be derived from such stock was not re quired. If the mill cannot turn out sufficient gold to pay expenses of develop ment, then the shareholders would put their hands in their pockets. Of course this action benefits all shareholders alike in proportion to the number of shares held, and the value of such

per ton to make every man Jack of the

shares held, and the value of such shares is greatly enhanced.

The manager, W. B. Pool was seen by an Eagle reporter on Tuesday night, and he was found more enthusiastic than ever over this latest piece of good fortune for himself and associates. He said: "Woodward, of all the good news He I have given you in the past two years, this I deem to be the best. This I take to be the golden crowning of our efforts to be the golden crowning of our efforts for the past two years or less. During that time we have been developing, fashioning the great free gold leads in the Oyster-Criterion property into a mine. We were spending our money in the endeavor to make a mine. Now the mine is ours, splendidly equipped management of the rink, and it shows that the people appreciated this effort while the great leads have proyen to be almost inexhaustible. The trial day ance to Trout Lake's latest institution.

came last week. All our machinery was found to work first class, and all that was wanted to prove the complete that was wanted to prove the complete success of our enterprise was for the ore to give the result when treated in bulk as was shown by the assay test.

"Yes, we were astonished to find the Lucky Jack ore averaged so high. Just consider what enormous values

there must be in the ground owned by our company, We will put in a good sized stamp mill and other necessary machinery at Poplar next spring. Our first consideration, however, will be to increase the number of stamps in our Camborne mill. We have or that will pay handsome profits in the Oyster-Criterion to justify the installing of an 80 or 100 stamp mill, but we will go slowly and first add another 10 stamps. This will make 20, just what our mill was built for. We have sampled our ledges for 700 feet in length and to a depth of 125 feet, and we last week let a contract to sink a shaft 150 feet from the bottom of our lowest level. "Speaking of Poplar again, I will

say that two of the properties, the Swede and the Lucky Jack, have been given a thorough test. The Marquis & Gilbert property will soon be given a mill test also, and I am confident that it, as well as several others, will prove to average very high values. I believe the hills about Poplar are full of gold, and not only there, but along that great rich belt that extends for about 100 miles.

The Chicago Holocaust.

One of the most terrible calamities recorded in American history took place in Chicago on Dec. 30, when the interior of the Iroquis theatre was reduced to ashes. 564 persons are known to have perished, 157 injured, and 300 are missing or unidentified. At the time of the fire, the theatre was crowd-ed with an audience composed mainly of women and children. Events seem to have conspired to make this one of the most heartrending scenes it is possible to imagine. The cause of the fire is supposed to be the ignition of a por-tion of the drop scenery by an electric arc. The order was then given to ring down the curtain. This was done, but unfortunately it stuck half way, thus creating a strong draught which drove the flames into the body of the theatre, giving the occupants no chance of es-The efforts of the panic stricken cape. crowd to get to the doors were terrible to witness; the law of self-preservation seemed to dominate all. Those who went down in that mad fight for life never rose again, and some of the bodies are so disfigured as to be totally un-recognisable. It is conjectured that more deaths are attributable to being trampled upon than to burning. By this lamentable occurrence, which transpired within the space of fifteen minutes, Chicago is turned into a city of mourning.

New Year's Eve Masquerade.

The ladies' hockey club of Trout Lake held a highly successful masquerade dance in the Oddfellows' hall on New Year's eve. for the benefit of the new skating rink, and the affair was the most largely attended that has been held in the Lardeau for many a month. There were over 65 couples—too crowded to get the most enjoyment out of dancing. No less than 30 went down from Ferguson, and 8 or 10 came from Beaton. The costumes were on the whole pretty and in great variety, many of them being imported for the occaof them being imported for the occa-sion. The supper was good also, and the music was, as usual, excellent. The ladies netted something over \$100, which will help to a large extent the

MACKINTOSH THE CHOICE.

Of The Liberal-Conservatives Convention at Nelson on Monday Last.

He Got the Unanimous Endorsa-tion of the Convention. McAnn Graciously Withdrew.

There was a large number of delegates at the Liberal-Conservative con-vention at Nelson on Wednesday, to select a candidate to contest the constituency of Kootenay at the forthcoming Dominion general elections, which are expected to be held early in February.

All parts of the riding sent delegates, and the interest shown by the members of the party generally augurs well for victory at the polls. The best of hu-mor prevailed throughout the proceedings of the convention, and the choice ings of the convention, and the choice was made unanimous in favor of Hon. Chas. H. Mackintosh, of Rossland. Chas. W. McAnn of Kaslo was present, and also a number of friends who pulled a strong oar for him, the principal pera strong oar for him, the principal per-sonage being Hon. Robert F. Green, Minister of Lands and Works in the McBride Government. However, the members in attendance at the conven-tion eventually decided that as Mr. Mackintosh had the strongest following and he being an old war-horse and an experienced parliamentarian, that he would probably make the stronger run. Not that doubt was felt of the party's chances of winning, but it was felt that the strongest man available was the proper person.

Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh held

a seat for many years in the House of Commons for Ottawa city, while he was editor and proprietor of the "Ottawa Citizen." He was at that time an able lieutenant of the late Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald. Mr. Mackintosh was appointed Lieut.-Governor of the North West Territories in 1891. At the expiration of his term at government house, Regina, where he exerted a strong and lasting influence over the affairs of the growing territory, moved with his family to Rossland, B.C. where he entered with his customary vim into mining enterprises. He obtained an option on the Le Roi mine. and went to England, where he was successful in floating a company called the British America Corporation. Eventually the Le Roi mine was sold for a high figure. Mr. Mackintosh resigned the management of the mine oon after, and has since that time tinued to take an active part in mining matters... He is at present developing some promising properties near Rossland. Mr. Mackintosh is a man of good ability and of fluent and ready speech. It is admitted by men of both parties that he is a strong politician, and it is conceded that he, above every man in the Kootenays, had most to do with the opening of the Rossland camp, and indirectly the whole of the Kootenays. So it will be with pleasure when it is learned that Mr. Mackintosh is again to enter the field of politics.

Change of Ownership.

Change of possession by purchase took place on Friday last of the stage routes between Ferguson and Trout Lake and Ferguson and Beaton, J. C.

Kirkpatrick selling out to Alex. Crawford. The purchase also includes the blivery and cartage business, together with all conveyances, horses, stables, etc. Mr. Crawford has now a very large and complete outift, and that the will give satisfaction is beyond doubt. Like S. Daney of Ferguson, he thoughly understands his business, and whatever these gentlemen undertake they will do promptly. The year on which we have extered promises to be a busy one, and we wish the new proprietor of the stage routes abundant success. Lake and Ferguson and Beaton, J. C.

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UNWARRANTED CRITICISM.

If the editor of the British Columbia Mining Record would take care to thoroughly investigate statements emanating from Kootenay mine operators, as well as what these men are doing, the said jour-nal might have less to say in the way of criticism affecting the Lardeau country. Mr. Pool, manager of the Great Northern Mines, Limited, published an open letter in some of the leading newspapers of the interior, pointing out where error had been made in the provincial mineralogist's public interview regarding the new Poplar camp. The Mining Record in the December issue came back at Mr. Pool in rather harsh terms, Not content with criticising Mr. Pool's letter as a whole, parts of the letter were quoted which seemed to the wrifer to afford grounds for criticism. Why, we ask, did they not reproduce the whole arti-Was it fair to pick out certain paragraphs and not give their readers a chance to judge by the whole article, as its different paragraphs bore on the subject discussed? We think it looks cowardly, and it certainly is a contemptible way of striking a man from behind, to quote certain parts of what is said, and subject these incomplete parts to harsh criticism. As we mentioned above, why did not the "Record" investigate the statements of Mr. Pool before branding them as impossible? Surely the "Record" writer knows nothing of the 21 claims belonging to the Great Northern Mines, Ltd., or he would not be so skeptical as to their merit. We can assure our readers that all the said claims have excellent showings of lead and ore, and those claims on which work has been done have shown up wonderfully well under development. Of course, there is no quarrel over the excellent showings and the great values on the Swede and the Lucky Jack, nor will any sine man who has seen the Oyster-Criterion question that it is a splendid property, for many of the best qualified mining men of the country have pronounced it such. Then we come to the Ophir-Lade group on Gainer creek, where the ore that was taken out and shipped to the smelter gave returns of

The Great Northern Mines, Limited people are not given to boasting nor to exaggeration. They have never found it to their interest to exaggerate; the plain unvarnished truth is good enough. In fact, were Mr. Pool to tell all he knows about the properties belonging to his company, it would seem to be enlarging on fact; he believes it to

\$17,000 to the ton.

ever, we repeat, when individuals or public journals take it upon them selves to be cricical, we say let them first examine carefully what they would speak or write about, for not only are such comments-based upon imperfect examination-injurious to the parties directly concerned, but much more so to the undeveloped, unproved properties in the same district.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

It is customary to make new resolutions at the beginning of the year, with a view to bettering one's condition and position, mentally, morally and financially. Many look upon such resolutions as childish, but such is not necessarily the case. Of course one may resolve to do better and live better at any time during the year, but after all, there is no time so appropriate to start out with a clean sheet as at the beginning of a new year. At this season, one usually has more leisure to think on such things, and get a good start on the improved line of action before the cares of business distract one's attention from what distract one's attention from what it was resolved to do. A good start is everything, and if this is accom-plished, one is not likely to drift very fur astern even when the busy season is reached.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS.

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Local and General.

W. B. Pool returned to Ferguson on

A. M. Craig was a visitor to town Wednesday.

This is Leap year, so be ready with your answer, boys.

Frank Lebeau took a trip to Revel stoke on Tuesday.

V. F. Lade of Camborne has been very ill, but is getting better.

Farmer Bossley returned from a trip to Seattle on Monday night.

Geo. Arthur McArthur returned to Ferguson this week from Revelstoke. Premier Ross of Ontario will appeal

to the country on the temperance platform. "Doc" Meldrum is visiting down in

California. His ankle is getting quite strong again. Ed. Hillman spent Saturday last in

Ferguson. He has a big logging camp near Beaton. Kootenay's veteran newspaper i R. T. Lowery, gave the Eagle a call on

Tuesday. W. Skinner has been appointed pro vincial constable for Ferguson and surrounding district.

Wellington Irwin, insurance agent has been in town during the week hunt-ing up business in his line.

B. Crilly superintendent of The Great Northern Mines, Limited, returned to Ferguson on Monday last. Mrs. Noah Abrahamson and baby o

Trout Lake are visiting this week at Mrs. A. C. Cummins' in Ferguson. John Houston, M.P.P., of Nelson, has

decided to leave British Columbia, and locate probably at Edmonton, Alta. Mrs. S. Henning, of Spokane, Wash,

is spending the holidays in Ferguson accompanied by her son Clarence. The Camborne Miner Xmas number is a neat and interesting publication, and reflects credit: on the enterprise of

Mr. Northey. The present winter has proven the best so far, for weather, that we have had for a number of years. We trust it may continue as it has been to date.

A. F. Rankine, druggist, has been out for a fortnight in the Okanagar country. During Mr. Rankine's ab-sence E. Williams is managing the

C. A. Harty and wife, of Spokane, Wash., arrived in Ferguson last week to reside permanently. Mrs. Harty is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Garrett of Ferguson.

Professors Cummins and Smith, the celebrated instructors in the terpsi-chorean art, have opened a class in Ferguson, and would be glad of a few more pupils.

J. C. Kirkpatrick, having sold his livery business, will now devote his time to his numerous mining interests, which he was unable to handle as he wished during the past year.

A curling club has been formed at Trout Lake with the following officers: Pres., F. C. Elliott; Vice-Pres., F. C. Campbell; Secy.-Treas., E. G. Sanders; and an executive committee of five.

A. P. Garrett has taken a contract to drive a 300 foot tunnel at the Cyster Criteriou Mine at Camborne. He took over four skilled miners from Ferguson to assist him, namely: W. Eddy, Hardy, Hendricks and Cantwell

Percy F. Godenrath, author of the Romance of Poplar Creek, returned to Ferguson on Wednesday from his home in Spokane, where he spent the holidays with his mother. He is, we understand, collecting data for future use in news-paper and magazine work.

New Year's Day at Ferguson New Year's Day at Ferguson was kept most religiously as a holiday. Many a turkey was devoured, but there was no show of over-drinking. Sleighs were in demand, for the weather and roads were excellent, and generally speaking our people enjoyed themselves, as they usually do on such days.

A big load of young people from Trout Lake, together with Ferguson ites, gave Mr. & Mrs. D. Daney a pleas-ant surprise on Tuesday night. An excellent time was spent at music and games, after which an elegant little supper was served. Most of the ovaning was spent listening to sweet music from the plane.

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