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A. Bernard Buckworth, our young justice of the peace, has since his arrival here directed a considerable energy to the maintenance of the peace here. He was born and educated in England and came to this country in 1887, located at Hamilton, Ontario. Nine years later he came west and took an appointment under the C.P.R. He subsequently traveled for a wholesale house between Calgary and Vancouver. He finally came to Ymir in June last and turned his attention to the mining business. As justice of the peace it is well-known how impartial and fair he has been in dealing with cases. He is more to be congratulated as many considered it somewhat impolitic to appoint so young a man to so responsible a position. Mr. Buckworth was formally instrumental in obtaining a public school for Ymir and is now secretary and treasurer to the board. In other ways he has done much for the advancement of the town.

Captain W.C. Forrester, the provincial police officer resident in Ymir, was born in 1872 at Port Elgin, Ontario. At the age of 15 he enlisted as a bugler in the 32nd regiment of Canadian Infantry. At 17, his application having been accepted, he entered the Royal School of Infantry where he obtained a first class certificate. During two years he rose from 2nd lieutenant and at the age of 21 was appointed captain. Having six months leave, he came west to Rossland. At the completion of his leave he retired from service, retaining the rank of Captain. In the spring of this year Capt. Forrester was appointed provincial officer of the peace in the Ymir district, his duties taking him to any point between Nelson and Waneta. Capt. Forrester is deservedly popular, where duty calls he is no respecter of persons and it is through his conscientious work that the rowdy element is practically extinct. Capt. Forrester is, we may mention, a crack rifle shot and has quite a collection of cups and prizes testifying to his skill.



E.M. Peters, was born in Winzoe, Holland in 1846. At the age of 10 he came to America, locating at Port Huron, Michigan, and was there for seven years. He then went to New Mexico and resided in that country for one and a half years, returning to Port Huron, Mich., then went into the lumbering region at Saginow, from there went to Portland, Oregon, completing this trip on horseback, the journey occupying eighteen months, then rode east to Dakota and ever since then has been in the mining regions. He is known here as 'Pete the Packer'. Mr. Peters has a large pack train here and has always done a flourishing business.

Granny Peters pictured at left ran a boarding house out of the St. Charles Hotel and in later years had a small store at this location.

Photo: Laurence Bond courtesy Salmo Museum



John McLeod and Family. Photo: M.J. Turner Courtesy Salmo Museum

McLeod family pioneer merchant

Mr. John McLeod's name will always be associated with the coming prosperity of Ymir in that he was the pioneer merchant of the camp, and at the present time no one will dispute the fact that he is the most prominent and respected

citizen that we have. Born on Brooksdale, Township of West Zora, Ontario, his early days were spent mostly in farming. At the age of 27 he migrated to the state of Washington, where for six years he was engaged in farming and poultry raising. In 1895 we find him in Northport, where for some time he had been in business as a general merchant. That year Mr. McLeod will look back on with mixed feelings, a disastrous fire burning him out of house and home. In the August of last year Mr. McLeod came to Quartz Creek, now known as Ymir. How successful he has been both as a hotel proprietor and a business merchant we all know. Mr. McLeod is our postmaster and his appointment has given unani-

mous satisfaction. We feel we cannot conclude this very meagre sketch without paying tribute to the qualities which have gained for Mr. McLeod so many friends. A modest and genial disposition, tact, generosity and straight dealings. This edition would be incomplete without mention of Mrs. John McLeod, the pioneer lady of the town. Born in the year 1865 at Kincardine, Ontario, daughter of Alex McLeod, who is one of Bruce county's most successful farmers, she spent her early days at the old homestead. During the year 1885, at her home, she was married to Mr. John McLeod. Mrs. McLeod was the first lady to come to Ymir, and she is one of the most popular ladies in the city.

Ymir Mines - Tonnage and Mineral Values

This chart was compiled by Ken Murray of Nelson

Property	Tonnes	Gold	Silver	Lead	Zinc
Wilcox	14,555	241,982	526,635	98,224	30,649
Blackcock	2,600	31,850	97,260	43,163	36,821
Ymir	327,646	3,410,319	14,283,898	4,778,178	813,341
Protection p	14,788	33,391	2,576,104	688,614	703,233
Tamarac p	346	8,040	404		
Spotted Horse	47	1,649	2,083		
Porto Rico	9,459	286,553	77,508	138	51
Gold Cup	24	1,244			
Yankee Girl	370,616	3,850,118	22,036,290	6,198,334	6,474,173
Myrtle	25	528	2,053	122	183
Porcupine p	109	134	18,507	1,130	2,633
Clubine	3,616	123,293	239,463		818
Caribou	1,992	511	829		
Howard	20,091	212,121	1,613,871	1,059,009	343,307
Hunter V p	56,820	31,413	8,464,402		
Dewey	40	156	4,915	1,700	1,786
Centre Star	51,458	386,145	2,995,219	966,401	475,628
Fern	11,277	196,448	16,515		
TOTAL	885,509	9,115,898	52,915,956	13,835,013	8,882,623
Equivalent Values at October 13, 1997					
Tons	Ounces	Ounces	Pounds	Pounds	
U.S.\$	975,831	292,083	1,701,287	30,506,204	19,586,184
Can. \$	X1.4	462	7.35	0.38	0.83
Grand Total	175,757,696	\$135,404,346	\$12,504,459	\$11,592,358	\$16,256,533

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