

Gambling

Rossland Miner, 3 Jun 1897: S.H. Hack (Hauck?) tried in Spokane on vagrancy. Mentions gambling.

Nelson Daily Miner, 16 Jan 1899 (and other dates):

NOTICE

All parties are cautioned against buying Reco Mining and Milling Company Ltd. Stock Certificates Nos. 242, 243, 244, 245, and 246 in favor of L.E. Hauk; No. 247 in favor of L. Peterson, and No. 248 in favor of S.T. Arthur. Said certificates were obtained by fraud and will not be redeemed.

F.T. KELLY, Secretary

Mining Review, 28 Oct 1899: "Lew Hauk, the celebrated gambler, is dead. He 'shuffled off' the last of everything."

The Kootenaian, 27 Sept 1900: "G.M." Harris suit against S.M. Babcock after losing \$14,000 in 1898 poker game.

Mining Review, 13 Oct 1900 has more on the above card game. The 3 Nov 1900 issue reports on the lawsuit being settled out-of-court.

The Miner (Nelson), 31 Oct 1900: Harris gambling suit settled.

The Tribune, 8 Oct 1901: There are but two cases on the civil list. One is that of the Royal Bank of Canada vs. Harris, an

action to recover the sum of \$1,200 upon promissory notes, the defence to which action is said to be that the notes were not given for value received but for a gambling debt.

The Ledge, 17 Oct 1901: The Sandon cases that will be tried at the approaching assizes to be held in Nelson are as follows: the Royal Bank of Canada vs. Harris. Action to recover on notes.

Nelson Daily News, 10 Mar 1948, A.W. Davis: "J.M. (Johnny) Harris owned and was running the Reco Hotel in 1907 and I kept a room there. Incidentally, he was also the owner of the Reco mine near there, and quite an able operator in his own right, and two years ago the situation had not changed. Johnny, now about 85 (this is just my guess), was still running the Reco Hotel and still owned the Reco mine. Everything looked the same around there except for Johnny and me, where the intervening 40 years had distinctly taken their toll. Johnny's charming and fine looking wife (he hadn't one the first time) is extremely fond of bridge. We had supper at 6 o'clock and by 6:30 the table was cleared for action and we were hard at it, for it was not every night that a game of bridge was possible, and why waste time on useless preliminaries. Mrs. Harris plays a good game, based on Sam Gordon's very clever but somewhat unorthodox column in the Spokesman Review, but Johnny is too much a gambler to do very well, as

unlike in poker, at the bridge table you
cannot get away with that kind of thing.”