

### Arranging Purchase Of the Ambulance

The committee delegated to complete the purchase of an ambulance out of the "Father Pat" memorial fund finds itself confronted with a problem of no small proportions. Since the decision was arrived at the committee has been deluged with descriptive matter from scores of builders of ambulances on both sides of the line, and it is apparent that difficulty will be encountered in making a choice.

The committee has selected half a dozen reliable manufacturers and will go to the trouble of securing opinions as to the merits of the apparatus constructed by each before completing a purchase. The correspondence involved is almost endless and a fortnight at least will elapse before a decision is arrived at in respect to the design desired.

One of the points in issue is as to whether the order for an ambulance will be placed with an American or Canadian firm. The American builders are certainly the most enterprising hustlers for business, but it is probable that inquiry will elicit the fact on reliable authority that the ambulance built by one or other of the Canadian manufacturers is equal to the best product of any American manufacturer, and this will settle the point. Other things being equal, the committee will naturally desire to purchase the

ambulance from a Canadian builder. Any apparatus purchased will require to be constructed to the committee's order, as the conditions to be met here are unusual and the apparatus that would fit the bill in an ordinary city with level streets might easily have defects that would be almost fatal to its utility in Rossland. The apparatus must be strong as of as light draft as possible, and the springs must be of a strength particularly strong and delicate, as the ambulance would undoubtedly be required to make many trips over dangerously rough ground, and only an elaborate system of springs would save the occupant from painful jolting.

In view of the probable large increase in the working forces of the mines at an early date, the advisability of purchasing the memorial fund to the purpose for which it will be expended is emphasized.

Some disappointment is expressed at the long delay in putting through the purchase of the apparatus after the committee finally decided upon an ambulance, but the delay is in a great measure unavoidable, and under favorable circumstances it will be the middle of October before the ambulance is actually on in Rossland.

### What Postal Officials Did in Rossland

The postoffice officials who visited Rossland yesterday spent part of the day about the new Federal building. They examined the building with keen interest, and passed approving expressions of opinion as to the general appearance of the premises and their adaptability for postal purposes. The department of public works, which still controls the building and will remain in authority until possession is taken by the postoffice department, is getting out plans for the interior fittings, boxes, etc., and this is the only matter to be attended to prior to the opening of the postoffice on a permanent basis. Contractor Bradbury has some painting to do before his work is finished, but this has been delayed until the building can be thoroughly cleaned and the last coats of paint and varnish given an opportunity to dry without danger of damage from flying dust.

At noon yesterday B. M. Armstrong, controller of the railway mail service, and J. O. MacLeod, provincial superintendent of the same branch of the service, left for Northport, where Controller Armstrong had an interview with Mr. Elwell of Spokane, who occupies a similar position in the United States mail service in the Dominion. It is understood that the question under discussion was the promotion of the efficiency of the service generally in this district, with a special reference to the advisability of running a United

States mail car through to Rossland with Northport to this point. The utility of such an idea is obvious—the clerks would have an hour in the mail car undisturbed by any asides and would be enabled to make up the local mail for distribution in such a manner as would enable them to complete the final distribution at the local office within ten minutes of their arrival in the city. Another and even more important end to be attained would be in connection with the "forward" mail—that is mail matter coming into Rossland from the east for redistribution to points adjacent to the city, which includes Bonanza, etc. Under existing circumstances, particularly with the change in the Spokane Falls & Northern's time for making up this "forward" mail is exceedingly scanty, and the efficiency of the service would be substantially promoted in every particular were the mail cars to come to Rossland.

So far as can be learned no steps were taken to bring to the attention of the controller of the railway mail of the advisability of having a service the same as between Nelson and Rossland, with an arrangement for the morning train from Nelson to carry mail matter to Rossland. Both these points have been taken up by the Rossland and other boards of trade, but apparently nothing was done last night to bring the scheme to the attention of Mr. Armstrong, who might have been enlisted in the good cause.

### What Directors Think About Kootenay Mine

The directors of the Kootenay mine appear to be very well satisfied with the report of the progress made in the development of their well known Rossland mine. From the tenor of the report submitted by the management an excellent idea is conveyed of the potentialities of the Kootenay under the amended conditions with respect to the cost of treatment, which are deemed likely to take effect at an early date as the result of various improvements in the general situation.

At the last company meeting in London C. Williamson Milne, the chairman, said: "The latest report we have had from Bernard Macdonald is, I am glad to say, thoroughly satisfactory. If you go back to the report of Mr. Macdonald up to 30th September last, the ore shoot which showed so strongly in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 tunnels was not found in tunnels Nos. 5 and 6 when they were driven. We saw a view to proving this shaft was sunk to the depth of 415 feet below No. 6 tunnel, and from this shaft, at depths of 400 and 600 feet, level drives being run westerly in the vein to locate the ore shoot. So far we have not been successful. There is another possible way of accounting for the absence of the ore in Nos. 5 and 6 tunnels; this is that the ore shoots in their downward course assume a very flat position in the vein. In this event the ore shoot in the upper tunnel would rake off sharply to the west, passing in its downward course over the heading of No. 6 tunnel. The possibility will be exploited by work now planned and it is hoped that the ore shoot will be located in either one or the other of the localities in which exploration is now being conducted."

"Well, I am pleased to say that Macdonald's theory has proved correct, as will be seen from the following report of Mr. Thompson, the general superintendent of our company during the month ended June 30th, 1902. Exploration and development—No. 6 adit tunnel: This tunnel was advanced a distance of 93 feet, making the total length from the portal 1754 feet. The entire 93 feet was driven on ore, making the total length of the ore shoot as opened up longitudinally on the vein of 344 feet, the last 60 feet of which was on clean

ore, assaying on an average \$6 per ton, all values.

"North crosscut: A crosscut was run north at a point 1675 feet from the portal. This crosscut was driven a distance of 18 feet toward the hanging wall, and shows ore and vein filling the entire distance, an average assay yielding \$2 per ton. It is noteworthy that, as the tunnel extends to the west, a marked improvement is manifest both in grade and extent of the ore bodies. The present face of the drift is in solid ore, without any signs of either foot or hanging walls, and gives average assays of \$7.40 per ton, \$6 of which is in gold."

"In a further communication Mr. Macdonald states that the constitution of the ore renders it peculiarly suitable for smelting purposes, and when I say that the iron contents are approximately 30 per cent in excess of the silica, all those who have any knowledge of smelting will appreciate the improvement which these latter developments indicate in the value of our property."

"The ore has a peculiar value as a flux for smelting lead and copper ores. This especially of iron, Mr. Macdonald informs us, is usually paid for by the lead smelters at the rate of 10 per cent of the ore for settlement purposes up to \$3 per ton. The gold value, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Macdonald tell us, averages \$6 per ton. Mr. Thompson mentions the average assay value as \$7.40, and I presume the \$1.40 represents, the other contents of the ore, namely, silver and copper. Mr. Macdonald, however, makes no mention of this in his letter, and estimates the total smelting value of the ore now developed as \$9 per ton, which is paying grade. If we are correct in our assumption that the \$1.40 represents the silver and copper contents, the average smelting value of the ore should be \$10.40."

**IN HYMEN'S BONDS—**

Many Rossland friends will join in extending congratulations to Hugh Henderson, proprietor of the Le Roi brewery, Strand saloon and Montana stables, on the occasion of his nuptials. The bride was Miss Madeline Wilke, eldest daughter of William Wilke, of Alma, Wisconsin, and the ceremony was celebrated by Rev. W. J. Wetherdon, rector of St. George's Anglican church. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have taken up their residence in the brewery restaurant on Le Roi avenue.

### Real Estate Brings Substantial Figure

A decidedly interesting real estate transaction has just been consummated whereby Lorne A. Campbell, general manager of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, becomes owner of lots 17 and 18, block 43 for a consideration of \$6500. The property includes the land only. The buildings thereon are now occupied by Mellor Bros., who, it is understood, leave shortly for Victoria. Mr. Campbell does not acquire the buildings. The vendor was Thomas Hulme, who has owned the ground for a considerable period.

It is understood that the offices of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company will shortly be removed to the stand now occupied by Mellor Bros. The deal mentioned in the foregoing will be regarded as significant by many Rosslanders. The price obtained for the lots was substantial enough to indicate the confidence which the purchaser has in Rossland's future, and gives a fair indication of the manner in which real estate has maintained its value through the quiet period from which the city promises to emerge at an early date.

### Will Endeavor to Abolish Mineral Tax

The board of trade claims to have taken the initiative in the matter of memorializing the provincial legislature to deal with the 2 per cent mineral tax in such a manner as will minimize the evils arising from the present method of administering the tax. When the matter was broached in the communication from Charles E. Race, published in a recent issue of The Miner, it was brought to the attention of the local board, the statement was made that the Rossland board had already gone on record, and that the question had been taken up and dealt with by the associated boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia at its last session in Kaslo during February.

The officials of the local board maintain that as nothing can be accomplished pending a sitting of the legislature, it is opposed to good policy to waste ammunition at this juncture when the entire ground will require to be gone over fully. They guarantee, however, that when the juncture is deemed timely the issue will be attacked vigorously, not only by the Rossland board, but by the associated boards. "We will make the subject the most prominent question to be brought to the attention of the legislature," is the way President Johnson of the Rossland board expresses himself.

It may be stated that at the Kaslo convention of the associated boards, the mineral tax was broached in the shape of a resolution introduced by the Boundary delegates, the tax affecting the big Phoenix and Greenwood mines as adversely, or almost so, as in the case with the Rossland mines. The original resolution was referred to a sub-committee of the convention, and an amended resolution was finally introduced and carried on motion of J. J. Campbell, commercial manager of the Hall smelter, and James Cronin, general manager of the St. Eugene mine.

"That whereas there is now imposed by the government of British Columbia a tax of two per cent on the gross values of all ores after deducting the

charges paid for transportation and smelting; and whereas the growth and prosperity of the mining industry of this province largely depend upon the possibility of profitably working the low grade ore deposits of the country; and whereas the incidence of the tax as at present levied is considered to be unjust, bearing in mind the value of ore and cost of production, and tax-ing all the labor and supplies expended in ore production; and whereas it is believed that a considerable portion of the revenue which it may be deemed equitable to levy upon the mining industry could be derived—

"1. From the tax already collectable upon crown granted claims upon which less than work to the value of \$200 annually is done, if such tax were systematically and promptly collected, or in default thereof, if the said mineral claims were to be sold by the government to the highest bidder; and

"2. By changing the conditions in regard to such crown granted claims so that work to the value of \$400 annually should be required, or failing that, a tax of 50 cents per acre be imposed, requiring, instead of work to the value of \$100, being the annual assessment condition on non-crown granted claims, work to the value of \$80 be accepted with an increase of the fee for recording assessment work to \$12.50 with no increase in the number of assessments before the issuance of crown grants, and by these means the development of the country be stimulated."

"Be it resolved that the government be asked to look to the means herein suggested for a portion of the revenue from the mining industry and to reduce by so much the amount to be derived from the tax on mineral production and to change the incidence of the tax by deducting from the taxable value of the ore the cost of mining, exclusive of capital expenditure and head office expenses, such deduction to be subject to the jurisdiction of such official as the government may designate."

### Sues Mining Company Under a Contract

Judge Forin held a sitting of the supreme and county court chambers here yesterday, the various matters brought before him occupying the most of the day.

In the supreme court chambers two applications were made in the action of Yates vs. Cascade Gold Mining & Milling Company, a suit brought by Mr. Yates to recover the sum of \$1000 claimed to be due him under a contract whereby he was to perform the duties of superintendent at the Cascade mine on St. Thomas mountain. W. S. Deacon, for the plaintiff, applied for an order of discovery, and the order was made. R. W. Armstrong, for the defendant, applied for leave to amend the defence filed in the case, and this order was made also.

In the supreme court an application was made by C. H. Hamilton, for the defence, in the action of Wells vs. Sun-

shine, Revelstoke case, but the issue was enlarged to next week. J. L. G. Abbott appeared for the plaintiff. In the county court application for final judgment was made in the action of Lion Brewing Company vs. Orr, C. R. Hamilton appeared for the plaintiff company and J. G. Nelson for the defence. The matter was enlarged for a week.

In Logan vs. Fulton, W. S. Deacon for the defendant loan company, applied for a stay of execution. The order was made.

In Becker vs. Jenkins, application was made to add plaintiffs, and judgment was reserved. C. R. Hamilton appeared for the plaintiff, J. G. Nelson for the defendant.

His honor announced to the legal fraternity that he would be in the city on Friday next for the purpose of holding chambers.

### How 'Frisco Met Knights of Pythias

W. W. Ferrier, manager of the Goodrich-Blackstock Syndicate's properties, has returned from an interesting trip to San Francisco. He left Rossland some weeks since and passed the intervening period pleasantly in the California metropolis and at various points in the state.

Mr. Ferrier had the pleasure while in San Francisco of witnessing the elaborate preparations for the great convention of the Knights of Pythias, although he returned north before the formal features of the convention program were inaugurated. There were, however, something within the city walls, and it was expected that this number would be very largely augmented, as, indeed, proved to be the case from later reports. A series of disastrous washouts on numerous lines of railroad blocked the ingress of fraternal and other visitors and compelled a postponement of the delayed continuing the arrival of Mr. Ferrier started for the north the delayed delegations were coming in in large numbers. One train that he saw comprised four sections, one of nine coaches and the others almost as long.

The arrangements for honoring the Knights of Pythias were most elaborate, particularly the preparations made by the corporation of the city. The

municipality expended a sum estimated at \$36,000 in decorating the streets, especially Market street, which was arranged in a series of courts of honor with myriad electric lights as the climax to the assemblage. The manner in which the entire city was decorated was really wonderful.

While in 'Frisco Mr. Ferrier met a number of old Rosslanders, among them being Dr. Bowes and Messrs. Sward, Macdonald, Haskins, Hastings and others.

The Miner was misinformed yesterday with respect to the intentions of Mellor Bros. The firm has no idea of leaving Rossland, where they have for so many years carried on a successful and constantly growing business. Neither is it likely that they will remove from the present stand, with which their name is so closely identified. The Miner is pleased to make this correction.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ternan will learn with extreme regret of the sudden death of their infant child, who passed away yesterday, aged 15 months. A particularly sad feature of the bereavement is the fact that Mr. Ternan was absent on a trip to San Francisco. It has been decided to postpone the funeral until Mr. Ternan's return, he having left San Francisco for Rossland.

### An Experiment in Forest Ranging

The base that has surrounded Rossland for several days emanates from forest fires, although none of them are in the vicinity of the city. It is believed that the heavy clouds of smoke in the east have come down through the gulches from the Ymir and through the sections, while that to the west is from across the international boundary line, where fires are known to be raging.

No fires are reported locally. The persons principally interested in warding off bush fires are those holding timber limits, and none take more active part in this protective work than Joseph Stephen Deschamps, of the milling firm of Blue & Deschamps. He

has a man named Lanthier employed constantly as forest ranger throughout the company's property and makes daily inspections of the limits in person. If these precautions succeed in saving the company's limits from devastation from fire it will be an object lesson of the practicability of a system of forest ranging such as has been urged upon the provincial government from time to time without success. Last year, it will be remembered, the Blue & Deschamps mill had an exceedingly narrow escape from destruction, and this year the precautions are more complete, together with the provisions for fighting fires in the way of apparatus at the mill.

### Frightfully Burned In Blazing Launch

The story of a rather remarkable shipwreck comes from Halcyon Hot Springs.

A few nights ago John Thew, owner of the twenty-five foot gasoline launch, took a party of two men and two ladies for a spin to St. Leon Springs, six miles distant. The party started to return soon after 10 o'clock and were half a mile from shore when an accident occurred. The sparking apparatus conveyed fire to the lead pipes from the gasoline tank, and the boat started to blaze. One of the young women became panicstricken and jumped into the lake. She was rescued and placed with the

other occupants of the craft in a row boat that was towed behind for emergencies. The launch was abandoned, and when Captain Thew and his passengers were barely fifty yards distant the gasoline tank exploded with a loud report and scattered the tight little craft to the four winds.

Captain Thew made a sturdy effort to extinguish the flames and save his launch, but with out avail. He was frightfully burned about the hands and seriously about the face. One of the ladies and a man were also painfully burned. The launch was known as the "Iris," and was valued at a thousand dollars.

### The Mail Service Is Altered Today

Coincident with the change of time on the Spokane Falls & Northern system this morning the hours for closing mails at the Rossland postoffice will be altered to meet the amended conditions.

In the past the mail for the United States, Eastern Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries has been closed at 11:30 o'clock. In future this mail will be closed at 9:30 o'clock to be forwarded by the 10:30 train. The incoming mail will arrive in future at 5:10 p. m. instead of 4:30, and will be ready for distribution under ordinary circumstances at 6:10 o'clock instead of 5:30, as heretofore.

It is probable that the foregoing arrangement will be in effect until the

Washington & Great Northern road is completed into Grand Forks, when the latter point will be made the distributing point for the Boundary instead of Rossland as is the case under present circumstances. This relief for the local office will enable the staff to close up the outgoing mail much more rapidly, and it is probable that the mail can be held open until 10 o'clock daily, or almost so.

The completion of the new road into Grand Forks has made another slight change in the local mail service. In future the mail matter for Washington town just over the boundary will be handled via the new road instead of being forwarded to Columbia and distributed from there by stage.

### A New Drill for Rossland Soldiers

Captain W. Hart-McHarg has returned from the coast, where he spent a couple of weeks' vacation. While in Vancouver he competed in the annual matches of the British Columbia Rifle Association, entering all the matches and getting a slice of the prizes in each contest. He did not succeed in carrying off any of the cups or trophies hung up for the competition, but is well satisfied with the outcome.

The new drill book issued for the Imperial and Canadian forces is now in print and Captain Hart-McHarg obtained half a dozen copies of the manual from district headquarters while in Victoria. These will be distributed among the rifle company in order that the officers may master the details of the new work before actual drill commences. Several interesting changes are made in the old method of drilling, the most striking being in respect to squad drill. The "stare at ease" will be performed in future by placing the feet ten or twelve inches apart in alignment and crossing the hands behind the back—rather a startling and humorous innovation on the old style. The turnings are entirely altered, but in this as in all the other changes the innovations have been made with a view to securing simplicity in drill and promoting the comfort of the soldier. In changes in arm of the rifle, but all tend to cut down the detail of work, and simplify the various movements performed with the rifle. Among other things the "present arms" is practically done away with—a desirable feature by the local militia. Much interest is shown by the volunteer soldiers, who have been compelled heretofore to devote considerable time to mastering intricate drill that was absolutely of no value save in ceremonial.

No plans have been arranged as yet with regard to the resumption of drill by the local militia. Much interest has been manifested in the results of the recent shooting contests, it is likely that the company will be brought together in a social way for the presentation of the trophy and other prizes.

### English Editors Will Visit Rossland Soon

Rossland is to be visited in the near future by a party of English newspaper men. The Miner has been advised by the commissioner of immigration at Winnipeg that a party of editors, representing sixteen leading British journals, left Liverpool on the 7th inst. for a tour through Western Canada.

The trip is under the auspices of the federal government, and the newspaper men will be conveyed by representatives of the departments at Ottawa.

The party is expected to reach Rossland on September 5th, but this date may be altered later when the itinerary of the party is made up. Their steamer had not arrived in port when the commissioner of immigration wrote the Miner, and a day's delay at that end of the line will naturally throw the entire trip slightly out of kilter. The particular object of the trip is to see the country and secure as much information as possible about the natural wealth and resources of the great West. The federal authorities are anxious to interest public spirited citizens in the approaching visit of the English editors in order that the visitors may be given an opportunity of securing the information they desire, and the letter from the commissioner will be turned over to Mayor Chate and President Johnson of the board of trade. These gentlemen may be relied upon

to take such steps as are necessary to impress the important and interesting delegation with the great resources of the Rossland mining camp. It will be appreciated at first glance that to convey such an impression is important in the interests of the city and district.

**NEAT GIFT—**

Canadian Pacific officials who leave the Kootenay-Boundary division after becoming popular with a small army of employees on the division rarely do so without tangible token of their fellow-employees' esteem, as was evidenced in the instances of Captain J. W. Troup, Harry E. Beasley and Fred P. Guter, among others. The latest instance is that of William E. Woodhouse, late locomotive foreman at Eholi and Smet, by the engineers of the Boundary district with a handsome diamond locket. Mrs. Woodhouse was also remembered with a beautiful pair of opera glasses.

**TO VICTORIA—**

Donald N. McTavish, late principal of the Cook avenue school, will go to Victoria on leaving Rossland for the purpose of taking the agency of the Seranton Correspondence school. Mr. McTavish will have charge of the entire island in this capacity.

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