W. H. Ellis in favor of T. r, Theo. Lubbe, D. W. Higgins, Liams and A. G. Sargison. He interest clause was written on before it was folded and before sers signed their names. That rally the thing to be decided, easily imagined how important nce is and how carefully be -examined. The trial still goes . Bodwell and A. E. McPhil- laintiffs and C. E. Pooley, Q. Frank Higgins for the defend-

T AGAINST BURGLARS.

the main features of the new f the Illinois Trust and Sav- , of Chicago, is the system of lt for the protection of the nds and papers. The main the first floor, is formed of s of one-inch plates, forming thickness of four inches. Two tes are of chrome steel, which to be absolutely impenetrable the other two being of homo- eel, which are designed to offer sistance to explosives. They be the best vaults ever built, all the latest improvements for convenience. When the New ring House Association put up uilding there were built in it ich were said to be the most fect ever constructed. The s of the Illinois Trust and ink are so much stronger than he New York Clearing House that it is estimated ten times would be required to make a try. The doors are massive up of alternate layers of soft steel, and the four inch he wall are filled in between mposition of oil and cement, eing then drawn together so fills every pore and crevice. the vaults will have two en- arrangement made for the pose of furnishing perfect ven- l to prevent a lockout. En- the vaults can be had from which are of equal strength . Each door is protected by and the advantage of having lies in the fact that if any ould happen to the mechan- lock, entrance could be had other door without waiting to drill the vaults and ruin A lockout to a bank is a seri- for the reason that the ac- customers, as well as the ply of cash, may be inside. bank might succeed in obtain- funds necessary from an- tion, it could not secure from source the information which only in its own books. Each protected by a double set of uter door having a thickness inches and the inner door a seven inches, making a com- ness of twenty-two inches of before access could be gained ior of the vaults. of the solidity of the walls ned from the amount of steel rs into the construction of a . The outside door of each weighs ten tons, which, with makes a combined weight of tons. The great weight of akes it necessary to open and or by means of crane hinges. es are of special design, forg- solid piece of bessemer steel, 2,000 pounds each. The doors ball bearings, and they work at a child could operate them. s moved and forced into its ingeniously constructed com- sure mechanism operated by eel, which causes the door to ly. There is a motor provid- purpose of moving the bolt nd forward, which is entire- ic, and is not connected with of the vault. There are four ne mechanisms on each lock, which is sufficient to throw nd allow the motor to move ing mechanism. If one, two these movements should fail work, the fourth would still unlock the door with the aid bination on the outside. rovision has been made to pre- possible forcing of the vaults ns of high explosives, and the built up in such a way as to he possibility of their being vith without immediate warn- iven by the electrical devices d the entire vault system. uilt upon heavy steel girders, laid in cement, and to drill se would require at least a ady work. Even then access ad to the lower vaults only, into the vaults where the e bank are kept would mean n effort as to force a way st floor. There is no system n which cannot be forced if me and opportunity are giv- strong boxes of the Illinois Savings Bank will require as ot more, time for a forcible ny vaults in the world.—Chi- go.

THE TIGER'S THROAT

the best soldiers in the In- re the Goorkhas of Nepaul. so fearless hunters, and will e-handed the tigers of their le. On such an occasion to arm themselves with a ife called the "kookery," ually useful for cutting and When a Gorkha has tracked its lair, the animal has no to fight. As the creature man jumps nimbly to one same moment drawing the s the animal's throat. The makes the tiger angrier, , it leaps again upon the waits for it as before and inflict another gash upon r paw. When the tiger is pless the Goorkha loses no ling it outright.

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GOLDEN.

Golden Era.

Col. Baath expresses a high opinion of the Fort Steele country, especially Tracy creek, Sullivan group, North Star, Perry creek and Moyie. He says the St. Eugene is the most promising mine he has ever seen.

E. Cass, representing the proprietary partnership of the Canal Flat mineral claim, left on Tuesday to prosecute development work. A tunnel 90 feet in length will be put in, besides 90 feet of drifting. The claim is a copper proposition.

Just before the high water came down Thomas Todd succeeded in getting all the sluice boxes out of the Mitchell Innes claim at Canyon Creek. As soon as the water goes down and the Mitchell Innes Brothers return from home active operations will be commenced. The dam for diverting the stream has stood splendidly, leaving a considerable portion of the bed with 30 feet of wash clear to work in ordinary water. Last season 15 men were employed in the claim, and four pumps were kept going. An immense pile of boulders has been removed by derrick from the ground to be worked, and with the improved methods of working to be adopted it is expected that the channel which has been cleared of water by the tunnel will be worked out this season.

There is a want of public confidence in the government assay department that ought to be remedied. We have met several miners who have expressed their regret that they could not send their specimens and particulars to the government assay office for fear of these being divulged to parties who would take steps to jump or secure the ground. How far these complaints are justified we do not know, but there is evidently cause for complaint and the cause should be remedied. We acquit Mr. Carlyle of any blame, for we are sure that he is a man of the most sterling integrity and that he could never be a party to anything of the kind, or permit it with his knowledge. The government assay office should be a place of inviolable secrecy, possessing the full confidence of the miner and prospector.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

Boundary Creek, B. C., May 27.—The new lead discovered on the Golden Crown, in Wellington Camp, as reported last week, is improving as it is being opened up. It is reported to be eight feet in width where uncovered, from four feet six inches to five feet being good ore—copper and iron sulphides with a quartz gangue. There are now 16 men employed by the company, which intends to at once increase the force to 20, and to employ the latter number right along.

A nine inch quartz vein carrying galena was cut last week by the tunnel now being driven by the Boundary Creek Mining and Milling Company, of Greenwood, on its O. A. claim, Providence camp. The face of the tunnel now shows quartz freely, and it is well mineralized right through, so it is expected that the ledge now being driven for will be cut within a few days.

Work is to be resumed at once on the Mother Lode in Deadwood Camp. During the past fall and winter a tunnel 245 feet in length was put in by the Boundary Creek Mines Company, of New York, which owns the claim. After passing a lime formation for about 42 feet ore was met with, and for the remaining 203 feet, until porphyry was encountered, the low grade ore continued, varying in value. At contact with the proyphyry gouge matter occurs, this being perfectly free, not frozen to the peryphyry. The actual width of the ore body at right angles is calculated to be 185 feet, the diagonal course of the tunnel along part of its length accounting for the increased distance driven. A winze is now to be sunk at 180 feet in the tunnel, the ore here containing the large proportion of iron oxides than nearer to the mouth of the tunnel. The tunnel is 100 feet above the base of the hill, and the highest point at which the outcrops is 186 feet above the tunnel, so that should the company drift along the course of the lode at the lowest level at present accessible a maximum of 286 feet of backs would be obtained. So far the Mother Lode has lived out the promise given by its extensive outcroppings, and now its performance at a greater depth is to be tested. Two 10 hour shifts will be put on at once, and the work will be carried on under the direction of the company's manager, F. Keffer, of Anaconda, Boundary Creek.

Among those now engaged in making inquiries respecting the mineral resources of this district, and in visiting the various camps for the purpose of making a personal inspection, is Horace Donnelly, of the Bechuanaland Exploration Company. He is also associated with another South African mining organization. It is understood that Mr. Donnelly will report to these two companies upon the characteristics and prospects of the Boundary Creek mineral claims.

E. A. Bielenberg has made a strike of copper ore on his Anaconda claim, which adjoins the Boundary Creek Mining and Milling Company's G. A. R. claim, Providence camp. Assay returns from the new find are given at 16.3 per cent. of copper and traces of gold and silver. There is a large mineralized formation on the Anaconda, but sufficient prospecting work to prove its extent or the width of the ledge has not yet been done.

Prospectors who have returned from the main Kettle river, and others from the west fork of that river, report that at least 50 men are now up in those localities prospecting for minerals. Numerous locations have already been made and samples of the minerals discovered have been brought down for assay.

Prospectors are already about 40 miles up the main river and nearly 50 miles up the west fork, both distances being from the junction of Rock creek with Kettle river. One prospector states that on the main river a ledge has been traced for 500 feet on the surface and that there is a comparatively large area of fairly open land, which is fast being pre-empted, ostensibly for agricultural and pasture purposes.

The west fork is by no means a new country for prospecting in, since locations have been made from time to time during several years past. It is stated that the claim now known as the Arlington, on which there is a 35 foot shaft, was well known for a time as the Headlight and earlier as the Silver Star. It was first [illegible] 892, and after having been [illegible] it is now held by S. Ba[illegible] B. C. It is about 50 [illegible] creek, and is the farthe[illegible] ion yet made.

At Beaver Camp, where Beaver creek joins the west fork, there are already about 20 locations, of which the Highland Chief is an old one. This camp is about 40 miles from Rock creek. Dale's claim, the Carmia, is another west fork location, made some time since. Altogether there was but little assessment work done on the earlier claims, most of which were abandoned, most probably because of their isolated position. All and more are now being taken up, with the expectation that transportation facilities will soon be within easier reach, so that development may be less costly than in the past.

KASLO.

The Kootenian.

A final payment of $13,000 cash was made on the Argo on Tuesday last. The Argo is located near Sandon and was owned by John A. Whittier, Jack Thompson, Wm. Sudrom and Alexander McDonald. The work of active development was comemnced on Thursday last. So far more than 300 feet of development work has been done on the property.

J. P. Miller foreman of the Black Diamond, at Ainsworth, arrived in town on Sunday to celebrate the 24th, and also the success of his work on the mine. Sunday afternoon the pumps reached the bottom of the shaft on the Little Donald at a depth of 124 feet. About two feet of debris was encountered, after clearing away which, a paystreak nearly two fet wide was exposed. This streak is in sight for the last twenty feet of the shaft. About six feet of the vein is exposed but the footwall is not reached yet. The vein matter is concentrates about four to one, the paystreak is estimated to run over 100 ounces. Timbering on the shaft has been finished and the new hoist will be kept busy on the ore. It is expected that four carloads of ore will be shipped before June 1, as all the workings on the property are now in ore, and the development work done has put the property in condition to extract ore quickly and economically.

The new mining machinery which the Dardanelles Mining Co. will instal at the mine has been ordered and is expected to arrive in the near future, when operations will be actively prosecuted.

Assays of ore specimens from the Inverness group, owned by H. McIntyre, E. Burchell, C. A. Wright, D. J. Young and Alexander Fraser, of this city, which was mentioned recently in this correspondence, having returned 170 ounces in silver and 34 per cent. lead. The claims are near Kootenay Lake, about five miles from Pilot Bay.

Harry Klapach and J. Colville are said to have located a very promising claim towards the close of last week, about a mile west of the Black Fox on the south fork of Kaslo creek. They show specimens of steel galena, taken from a four inch vein, which present a very rich appearance.

E. W. Cummings, engineer of Kaslo's waterworks system, is engaged in making the surveys of the tramway which the Kaslo-Montezuma company intends to build to connect the mine with the concentrator, which will be placed on the south fork of Kaslo creek.

A. P. Anderson has sold for $2,000 to John Bough an undivided one-half interest in the mineral claim Silver Queen, situated at the head of Kaslo creek, over the divide and about half a mile south of the Slocan Chief.

Mrs. Mary Adderley has assigned to J. W. Wentworth, as trustee, an undivided three-sixteenths in the mineral claim Number Four in the Hot Springs camp, near Ainsworth, about three-quarters of a mile from Kootenay lake, and adjoining the Jeff Davis. In consideration of the assignment she is to receive 168,750 shares of the capital stock of the Ainsworth Number Four Mining Company.

J. Fred Ritchie, of Rossland, has purchased from E. C. Ward a quarter interest in the Canadian Chief, situated in Jackson basin.

On her trip up on Thursday evening the steamer International brought up 41 horses and mules. Twenty of the animals were for C. Kearney Hammond, and came from Lewiston, Idaho, having been driven by road to Northport, and thence by rail. The remainder of the shipment was for Bartlett Bros., also of Sandon, and came from Heppner, Oregon. All will be used in ore packing from the properties tributary to Sandon.

ENGLISHMAN'S RIVER.

On Saturday, the 29th, on the flats in front of Bay View House, the annual picnic and athletic sports were held. The weather proved everything to be desired, the great heat of the preceeding week being lessened by the approaching rain clouds and in consequence everything was very enjoyable. There was a large attendance, although this year Nanoose Bay and Qualicum were scarcely represented. Great interest was taken in the various events, many of which were very amusing, and tried the skill of the ladies in every way. The needle race for married ladies, 1st, Mrs. William Lee, 2nd, Mrs. Plummer, was to run 30 yards for the cotton and return with the needle threaded. The egg and spoon race (in heats), Miss Crump 1st, Mrs. Coe 2nd, Mrs. Lee 3rd. Miss Daisy Morison will be the champion runner of the district. She carried off most of the girls' prizes, although starting from scratch. Glove race—Miss Fraser 1st, Mrs. Coe 2nd. Mr. Guy Ponsford won the long jump, with a close second in Mr. Ned Despard. Mr. J. McCarter won the 220 yards, men's. Mr. Harry Lee, the smoking race and the 100 yards. Other winners of prizes were Mrs. Joe Hirst, Miss Annie Muir, Miss Crumps, Mr. G. Hirst, Mr. T. D. Coe, Mr. Buck, Mr. Hickey, Frank Plummer, T. Hirst, J. Hirst, Frank Hanna, Gertie Hearne, Cecil Morison, Jack Morison, Morgan Hirst, Ivon Coe, Hazel Hirst, Hattie and May Plummer. In the tug-of-war, married against single men, the former beat easily for the first time, showing that the benedicts are not only increasing in numbers, but in weight. The prizes were presented by Mrs. John Hirst, who represents the pioneer lady of Englishman's River. While this pleasant duty was being performed Colonel Lanmish photographed the group. The race course was a good one, and thanks to the sports committee, with Mr. Harry Lee, all the arrangements were carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The refreshment committee of ladies provided baskets and an enjoyable lunch and tea was served al fresco. After votes of thanks were proposed and carried in favor of all concerned in the working of the day, the packing up commenced and the different parties were all safely home before the clouds broke and with the long hoped for rain.

Road work begins June 1st.

VANCOUVER.

A gentleman informed a reporter yesterday that an old Frenchman, whose name he could not give, was drowned near Shoal Bay last Monday. The authorities here have not been notified, and no one here, save the gentleman mentioned, knows anything about the occurrence.

The Union Statmship Company's tug Leonora, Captain W. Travis, met with an accident, which it is hoped will not prove serious, in English Bay yesterday afternoon. She left the inlet with a scow, but as the weather was decidedly rough in English Bay, she dropped anchor off the bathing beach. After a short time her chain parted and she drifted on shore. The water was low at the time and the incoming tide filled her, and eventually her house was swept away.

The sloop Star came into port this afternoon after an absence of about two months on a cruise off the Queen Charlotte islands for gold. The party of four had a diver in their number, who used his appliances in search for gold or gold-bearing quartz in the bottom of the sea, it being reported that 50 years ago a shot was put in and much mineral of value was lost in the deep water. The sloop had a rough time of it going and returning. When the island they were in search of was reached it was found that the claim was being worked. The diver secured about 400 pounds of beautiful white quartz, at a depth of 75 feet, which bears free gold and assays abnormally high. No chunks of gold were found. On the way down some promising claims were staked.

GREENWOOD CITY.

(Boundary Creek Times.)

Mr. Elkins, acting in his official capacity as deputy sheriff, sold a half interest in the Standards and Mammoth mineral claims in Prior camp at public auction on Thursday. The purchaser was Thos. Walsh, who owns the other half interests.

Scott McRae brought down this week a remarkable specimen of ore of almost solid copper from a claim upon which the assessment is being done in Copper camp. The specimen was merely float, but there is abundant evidence that a fine body of ore exists on the property.

A highly satisfactory strike has been made on the Anaconda claim, situated in Deadwood camp. A fine body of high grade copper ore has been uncovered at the south end of the property. Two assays of this ore have been made, one giving 16 3-10 per cent. The ore also runs over four ounces in silver. From this it will be seen that the highest assay in copper alone is worth nearly $50 to the ton.

A lawsuit which has envoked considerable interest was that of Jermyn vs. Guess, tried at Midway. On April 16th Mr. Jermyn entered into an agreement with Geo. A. Guess for the purchase of a mineral claim named Susie, in Fairview camp; $200 was paid for an option until May 5th, provided that a report on the property drawn by Mr. Guess was corroborated by Mr. Haas. In the event of the rejort not being found as represented, the $200 was to be returned. The case was tried before Judge Spinks and a jury of five, namely, Messrs Richards (foreman), McNicol, McAulay, Mead and F. Coryell. The case occupied over seven hours, several witnesses being called on both sides. The decisive point in the case was as follows: Was the claim a fissure vein between intrusive granite? The plaintiff held that the quarts was not contained in a fissure vein but in a deposit. The judge charged strongly in favor of the plaintiff and said the expert evidence went to show that the claim was not a fissure vein. The jury remained out for over five hours, and then returned a verdict of four to one in favor of the defendants. Mr. Hallett and Mr. Black were counsel for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Leamy and Mr. McLeod for the defendants.

W. G. McMynn, provincial constable and mining recorder at Midway, has been acquitted of the charge of wounding Reginald J. Hood. The case was tried before Judge Spinks at Midway on Wednesday. Mr. J. A. Aikman appeared for the crown and Mr. J. P. McLeod for the defence. Owing to other cases having occupied the time of the judge, it was 8:30 p.m. before the McMynn case began. The first witness called for the prosecution was R. J. Hood, and his evidence was similar to that given at the preliminary hearing and at the investigation conducted by Mr. Lambly, S. M. In answer to Mr. McLeod Mr. McMynn stated that he had no reason to think that Mr. McMynn had any hard feelings against himself. Wm. Lewis and James Fisher also gave evidence similar to that on the two former occasions. Dr. Jakes testified that he had been treating McMynn for nearly a week previous to the shooting; he had been suffering from a severe attack of la grippe. Mr. McLeod elicited the information that Dr. Jakes, knowing McMynn and having treated him, was professionally of the opinion that he was temporarily deranged at the time of the shooting. Constable Deans also gave evidence for the prosecution. For the defence Miss McKenzie, Mr. Elkins and Mr. James Brown in their evidence stated that they all had noticed Mr. McMynn previous to the shooting and that he looked very ill. Mr. McLeod made a strong plea for acquittal. He quoted authorities to show that malice must be proved, and that there was no evidence to that effect. He hoped the counsel for the crown would attempt to throw no stigma on Mr. McMynn, who bore such an excellent reputation. After Mr. Aikman had summed up the evidence for the prosecution, Judge Spinks reviewed the evidence and acquitted Mr. McMynn. The learned judge also referred to the medical evidence and stated that had it been different his decision would also have probably been different. But the evidence was so conclusive that [illegible] thing but acquit Mr. [illegible]

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Nelson Tribune.

The appeal in the assault case of Tedu vs. Houston has been allowed by Judge Forin, and the penalty imposed upon the defendant by Harold Selous is therefore quashed.

Honeyman & Son have abandoned the government lots they had selected as a site for their foundry and will build further up the shore in Boggstown, near the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway depot. A large consignment of their machinery has arrived. The foundry building will be built with all possible speed.

The final payment of $30,000 on the Fern mine was made to-day by the Montreal & British Columbia Prospecting Company, and the property will now be turned over to the Fern Gold Mining Company. The latter company has let a contract to Dave McBeath for the struction of a wagon road from Hall Siding on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway to the company's mill site on the Fern. The road will be four miles in length.

The Athabasca, on Toad mountain, is to ship its ore to the Hall Mines smelter in a few days. A number of men have been employed in sorting ore and a quantity of it has been packed ready for transportation. Men are now engaged in cutting a wagon road a distance of one mile to the tramway and this will be completed in about one week. There are 200 tons of ore on the dump, which give assays of between $200 and $300 and the outlook is that the mine will be a famous one. The ore is free milling and concentrating, but for the persent it is considered expedient to ship it to the smelter instead of attempting to put up a mill and concentrator.

James M. Anderson, who has charge of the prospecting parties sent out by the Gold Hills Exploration and Development Company, of which Speaker Edgar, of the house of commons is president, and J. B. McArthur, managing director, came down from the Duncan river on Monday last. He reports that he has now ten men engaged in prospecting for his company. They are divided into five parties, and have been operating mostly on the east side of the upper Duncan, within a radius of about fifteen miles of the headquarters camp at the mouth of Hauser creek. They were able to get up this creek about ten miles, but were stopped by the snow a couple of miles up Hall creek. Mr. Anderson says the country is difficult to prospect, as most of the creeks run through deep canyons. The navigation of the Duncan river above Hauser lake is dangerous, because of the long sweepers that stretch into the current from the shore. He nearly lost one of his crew, who was thrown into the swift current from one of the fallen trees. The work on the lower river should be extended in due time to the upper portion. Ten claims have been located and recorded for the company, and some fine specimens are shown, taken from the surface showirgs.

Nelson Miner

M. Tebo and D. D. Campbell returned yesterday from Falls Creek and reported a marvellously rich find about two miles up the stream. Some of the rock is in the hands of an assayer and results are expected on Monday or Tuesday.

Some rich strikes are reported from the neighborhood of Goat creek. On German mountain, between Goat and Granite Creeks, they are said to be finding traces of the richest ore in Kootenay. W. C. Chase has returned from a visit to his property, the Muldoon, which he hopes to put on the shipping list soon. He brings some fine specimens from that section and regards it as the coming country.

There were 413 new mineral locations filed for record in Nelson from May 1 to 27 inclusive. Calculated at 50 acres to a location, over 20,000 acres of land are represented by the filings. The hills around Nelson are swarming with prospectors who are branching out in all directions. A majority of the locations recorded so far have been in the Wild Horse or Quartz creek district and immediately adjacent to Nelson. A number of claims have been staked on Toad mountain, and the locators say that they have good ground, although it was previously thought of as being thoroughly prospected. On both sides of Kootenay river from Nelson down to Robson, many new locations having been made, particularly in the neighborhood of the Queen Victoria. During the past week two enterprising prospectors located a ledge, or at least they so report, on the mountain across the river and directly opposite Nelson. Anderson, Hall, Forty Nine, Bird and Rover creeks have had a number of new locations made on them. In some instances claims have been restaked.

The Star mine at Ainsworth is showing up well under development. At present there are 18 inches of clean galena in the breast which gives average assays of $61 in silver and lead. The company owning the property proposes to sink the shaft 25 feet deeper and then commence stoping. They expect to be shipping in a very few weeks. Recent assays show iron pyrites carrying $4 in gold. If found practicable, the company will put in a dry concentrator—the first one in Kootenay.

A mining excitement of large sized dimensions is reported from Goat river. It is reported that ore assaying as high as $120 per ton has been found near the mouth of the north fork, probably ten mils back fom the Kootenay river, and not far from the Allice and Blenheim and other well known properties. Many prospectors are rushing in to the new discoveries, and claims are being staked out by the wholesale. The officers of the steamer Ainsworth report that 00 location notices were filed with Recorder Rykert on Monday last.

A party of C.P.R. engineers, recently stationed at Slocan Crossing on the C. & K. Railway, have moved their camp to the southern end of Kootenay lake. They are endeavoring to run a line along the west short of the lake that will avoid the necessity of a 700-foot tunnel which will otherwise have to be bored for the convenience of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. In all other respects the route of the railway has been thoroughly surveyed from Nelson to Goat river.

H. E. Croasdaile writes: "A report appeared in the Rossland Miner of the 20th May stating that Mr. M. S. Davys was leaving the employment of this company and also reflecting in a most disparaging way on his management of the Silver King mine. As this article has been largely copied by other papers I will ask your permission to state that the reflections cast upon Mr. Davys are entirely unwarranted and unjustifiable, and that his ability as a mining engineer is fully recognized is best evidenced by the fact that the board of directors have not the least intention of depriving the company of his services as superintendent of the mine."

Mr. C. B. Murray until recently eastern manager for the British Canadian Gold Fields, has taken the general management of the company and will reside in Nelson.

C. W. Wing, of the British Canadian Gold Fields has gone to the Howard Fraction between Springer and Lemon creeks, and is making preparations to ship the product of that mine to the Nelson smelter.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner.

One of the greatest surface showings ever seen in the camp is that now on the Centre Star where the new shaft has been started. The excavation was made a little west of the Columbia & Western track at the point where it passes the big War Eagle dump. The ledge, which is the north vein, has been stripped for 20 feet and the solid ore was found coming directly to the surface.

The Montreal syndicate sold 20 lots last week. The sales of the week aggregated over $30,000. The Montreal syndicate has a deal on for the sale of 82 lots in a lump and will probably close it Monday. All the purchasers of lots last week are permanent residents who are going to build dwelings for themselves.

City Clerk McQueen yesterday received official notice from Victoria of the appointment of Hon. T. Mayne Daly, ex-minister of the interior, to the position of license commissioner for Rossland. The appointment has been greatly delayed, and the government has probably been much embarassed because of a strongly supported movement in favor of John Kirkup. Mayor Scott supported Mr. Daly and he has carried the day.

The new vein found on the Sunset No. 2, of which a report was made in Sunday's Miner, is showing up magnificently under development. An assay made of the ore taken out yesterday showed $26.40 in gold, 22 per cent. copper and 16 ounces in silver. This makes a total value of nearly $60 per ton. The copper percentage is remarkable. Nothing like it in this respect has before been found in the south belt. The specimens taken out yesterday are among the finest ever seen in the camp. The solid ore body has widened from 14 to 18 inches, and the indications are favorable for a most valuable discovery.

The formal meeting for the purpose of permanently organizing the exchange branch of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the office of Bauer & Parker, when about 20 brokers were present. The committee, which has beaen conferring with the board of trade for the past week, submitted its report, which was unanimously adopted. By the adoption of the committee's report, the proposed new stock exchange has become the trade branch of the board of trade and is governed by that body's charter, every member of the exchange becoming a member of the board of trade and contributing his proportional expense for the maintenance of the caller, secretary and rent, which will amount to about $2.50 per month per member.

John R. Cook yesterday purchased what is known as the Hart block in this city for $15,000. The property consists of lot 23 and 24 in block 40 of the original townsite of Rossland. The price paid by Mr. Cook for the Hart property is the highest figure yet reached by improved property in Rossland.

Rossland Record.

The city fathers are very seriously considering a proposition to buy a city hall and fire site. Word has been received from the factory that it is turning out Rossland's fire apparatus, and it reports that all possible speed is being used to get the apparatus out soon as possible.

It has been rumored for several days that a deal was pending for the bonding of the Monte Cristo mine to the Colonna people. It has been definitely ascertained that such a proposition is on foot. The figure is a large one but the secretary of the Colonna company who is in the city refuses to verify or deny the bonding of the mine. Geo. Pfunder, manager of the Colonna, is on his way to Montreal for the purpose of negotiating the deal and it is probable that it will be definitely colsed.

SANDON.

Sandon, May 28.—The management of the Payne mine, one of the best properties in British Columbia, is preparing to build a tramway this summer. Surveyors are engaged on the work, which will be pushed to a rapid completion. The tram will have an elevation of about 2,000 feet, and will be one of the best in the country. A large force of men has been employed in constructing a wagon road to the mine for the past three weeks, which will be completed in a few days, when the mine will resume shipments. A large number of other improvements are being made at the mine.

The Wonderful has resumed sluicing operations and shipments of ore will follow shortly. It is the intention to ship about $40,000 worth of ore from this mine during the summer, all of which will be derived from sluicing. They also have a force of men employed in tunnel work.

Supplies have been received for developing the Lucky George group, situated on Lemon creek, and a force of men under the supervision of D. J. McDougald, formerly superintendent of the Ruth mine, will at once be employed on the property. This property, while as yet but little developed, gives excellent promise of assuming a prominent position in the mines of this section. It has a 45-foot ledge of gold bearing ore from which a number of assays gives a return of $45 in gold. It has a 4-foot paystreak and the ledge can be traced over the entire three claims embraced in this group.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

May has been a busy month at the office of the local mining recorder. During that time, there were issued 520 free miners' licenses and 380 mineral claims and thirty conveyances of claims were placed on record. Last week sixty-seven licenses were issued and 110 claims recorded, sixty-three of which were recorded last Wednesday.

Quite a crowd of people gathered in the police court yesterday morning in expectation of seeing a number of citizens, both ladies and gentlemen, arraigned before the police magistrate, Mr. T. C. Atkinson, for violating the city by-law by riding their bicycles on the sidewalks. Only two cases were brought up, and as they in each case pleaded guilty the magistrate dismissed them after delivering a lecture on the seriousness of the crime and warning them that if they appeared before him again for the same offense the cases would be dealt with in a very different manner.

A party of eastern capitalists have gone up to inspect some of the more promising of the Harrison Lake mining properties. Among others, they will examine Mr. Harry Freeman's claim, on which considerable assessment work has been done.

The Providence mine, on Harrison Lake, is making good progress. The manager expects to ship about 100 tons of ore to the Tacoma smelter towards the close of next week. The Providence company are considering the advisability of erecting a ten-stamp mill on their claim.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks Miner.

J. A. Aikman has been appointed city solicitor.

Rev. T. A. R. Frost has secured a lot at the corner of Winnipeg and Fourth and will begin the erection of a church building at once.

A $35 gold assay was recently made from a sample of ore taken from the workings of the Star and Crescent claim on Lafleur mountain. It will be remembered that this property was recently stocked and has been steadily worked for some weeks past.

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