Monte Cristo Mine Is Now Playing In the Greatest Luck.

Has Struck It Rich, Too-Signifi- the time at my disposal permits. cance of the Event.

simply immense. It is a matter of general congratulation in the camp that this mine should after many months of patient work under discouraging conditions and one or two places in the Slocan. I will act with the provincial authorities tions now finally come to the front in such a handsome manner. Nothing has occurred in the camp which has had has occurred in the camp which has had a greater tendency to inspire confidence will disappear." in the doctrine that the rule here is that ore bodies grow richer with depth.

The surface assays of the Monte Cristo were always poor, running from a trace to a dollar or two. The surface showing was large and this was encouraging Judge Forin Held County Court in to begin with. No one could have a reasonable doubt as to the great quantity of ore in this big ledge. It runs through the claim from end to end and Gossip About the Crow's Nest Pass

shows itself everywhere. After doing nearly 1,000 feet of development work the company at last has ore of which it may be proud and there is apparently plenty of it. The fact is that the lower tunnel is now in a five foot ore body which assays as high as appointed judge of the county court,

that the upper tunnel also has a solid face of ore and that it is by far the finest of a number of civil cases. Attorney ore yet found in the mine. Some of this Bowes of Nelson, on behalf of the bar ore is now on exhibition in the window made a brief speech of welcome, which of the Big Three company's office and has attracted much attention. It is a was responded to in an appropriate beautiful combination of fine grained pyrrhotite with large masses of clean copper pyrites, the whole interspersed with
streaks of calc-spar. It is an ore that
will almost smelt itself and if the Monte
Cristo can got a good hody of this it is a Cristo can get a good body of this it is a

ORE IN ABUNDANCE.

White Bear Shaft Down Nearly 100 civil cases so that he may be in Rossland Feet and Improving.

The White Bear is improving every day. The Miner has already had reference to the fact that the streaks of ore observed ten days ago had consolidated work on the Crow's Nest Pass road.

BELMONT HOTEL or nearly so and when the shaft was down 85 feet there was a clean ore body about three feet wide. Since that time see in the action a forerunner of legislathe shaft has been put down almost to the 100 foot level. The ore body seems to pitch from the southwest, and when it was first opened a great-deal of water rushed out, almost flooding the shaft.

The see in the action a forerumiter of legislative action favoring the construction of the road by the C. P. R. with government assistance. They argue that the C. P. R. would not incur the expense of this survey unless there was some options and best of playing even on the deal. rushed out, almost flooding the shalt. this survey unless there was bailed out by hand work and has now subsided. It interfered materially and the chances of a strictly government road seem to be growing beautifully road seem to be growing beautifully vited.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 27 A. F. & A. M., Meets in Rossland Masonic Hall on the first road seem to be growing beautifully vited.

Operations with the drill have been less resumed and the ore is now being taken out in solid blocks of considerable size. down this week.

THE THRIFTY IRON COLT. Mahinter Ordered 300 Foot Shaft to

hoist. For some time Messrs. Moyna- issue of December 31 I read an article on han & Campbell, who have the manage- the eleventh page, "Another Expert ment of the property, have been con- Answered." Between the years of 1884 sidering the best method of prosecuting the development of the mine. The treasury of the company is in excellent condition. No company in the camp is better equipped in that way. As soon as the new hoist is in place the work in the shaft will be continued and it will be put down 300 feet. This depth will be sufficient, to determine the permanbe sufficient to determine the permanent character of the mine.

The Iron Colt shaft was in ore almost continuously from the time it was started and very few mines in the camp have dislikes of your country. Having devoted started out under fairer prospects.

TWO EJECTMENT SUITS BEGUN.

in progress against squatters on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard townsite. One Nelson & Fort Sheppard townsite. One have concluded that during 1897 and have concluded that during 1897 and have concluded that during 1897 and 1898 I shall, with my friends, expend no Sheppard railway company by its attorney in Victoria and writs of ejectment have been obtained against Gus Englishen and Henry Eagles, who are also the defendants in a criminal action charging them with malicious destruction of property in destroying the foundation of the Baptist parsonage.

The other suit is being commenced by W. J. Walker, who purchased property

W. J. Walker, who purchased property on Sour Dough alley, paying the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway in full for it.
Squatted upon this property are a number of people, some of whom have respectition for a wagon road from Burton. ber of people, some of whom have refused to pay rent or move off. The matter has been placed in the hands of Attorney McNeill, but it has not been definitely determined against which of the squatters on the property it will be necessary to proceed. Mr. Walker does not desire to work a hardship on any of the people; living on his property and pressed their willingness to subscribe the people living on his property and will proceed against those only who maintain they have a right to squat on the premises without paying rent or showing a disposition to do so. Summons will probably be served Monday.

It has not been determined where the It has not been determined where the ejectment cases will be tried. Judge Forin has no jurisdiction over such cases

Towns at Which He Will Hold Court—

Demand For Buildings.

Swan, a civil engineer, and will accompany the petition also.

Mr. Swan has made a survey of the "During my stay in Victoria I met the proposed road. From his report it will be a very easy road to build. The first two and a half miles will necessitate simply the cutting of timber. The next four miles will be on a side hill with cuts among other matters discussed was the question of proper buildings in Kootenay for holding court and for other provincial business. Demands are pouring in cial business. Demands are pouring in cial business. on them from all parts of the interior cent.

for new buildings. The Slocan towns expect attention. Revelstoke has a very old building with a court room about ten feet by eight. The Boundary country and Yale are also looking for buildings. "One realizes the government's diffi-culties only when one reaches the centre, but as the attorney general said, 'We are anxious to build roads and open up these new districts first, then the public

SHIPPING ORE IN PLENTY.

'Nelson at present will be my chief place of residence, as it is there the place of residence, as it is there the buildings and registrar are. The provincial law library will probably be established there, and that is the most central point for the Slocan and this district tral point for the Slocan and this district tral point for the Slocan and this district transparents.

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Lower Tunnel Has Five Fact of \$23 Lower Tunnel Has Five Feet of \$23 tral point for the Slocan and this district, Ore, and Now the Upper Tunnel often as the requirements demand and

"I have a large constituency, East and West Kootenay, but so far as is pos-The showing on the Monte Cristo is sible I expect to cover all the ground and hold court most of the time at the

WAS HIS FIRST TERM

Railway-Rev. Gordon of Winni-

peg Gets a Call.

Nelson on Friday.

NELSON, Jan. 15 .- [Special.]-Judge J. A. Forin, formerly of Rossland, newly presided at the sitting of the court today THE MINER is now able to announce for the first time in Nelson and disposed

> advance it. After considerable argument it was decided to pass the case until next Friday. Judge Forin labored until 10 p.m. to get through with the

Nothing further has developed in regard to the departure of Mr. Perry and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. British Columbia's Future.

HELENA, Mont., Jan 11. The Iron Colt is to have a new steam | EDITOR ROSSLAND MINER-Sir: In your much pleased to see that he has found a "successful" field and a clime which suits him for an abode, for, according to his views, Helena was much like British Columbia to him during the years of his stay here. Your readers should, therefore, not lose any sleep over his likes and business in Montana, through which I have made a grand success, and after Test Cases Have Been Brought Which Will Determine Squatters' Rights.

Thus come of his transfer Rights.

Thus come of his transfer Rights. Two cases of ejectment proceedings are his base. Having made three trips dur-

Mr. Woodhouse spent two summers in that region and made a thorough exand unless the supreme judges come knows whereof he speaks. A well drawn map of the district, showing the mineral basin of Cariboo creek and all its tributaries, has been prepared by W. A.

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Eagle Gold Mining Co.'s Properties The Red

Red Eagle and Red Pole Mineral Claims,

Composed of about 75 acres.

The Red Eagle.

The Red Eagle mineral claim is situated on the east slope of Deer Park mountain, between the Mayflower and Curlew claims. There are three known ledges crossing this property. These veins are known as the South vein, the Curlew vein and the Mayflower vein. The South vein, which has produced some of the richest surface ore ever discovered in the district, is six to eight feet wide with a 24 inch pay streak, assays from which gave returns of \$18 to \$285. This vein was but recently discovered by workmen grading for a tramway across the claim for the sawmill company, and is generally regarded as the most important of recent discoveries in the south belt. This vein is traceable across the entire width of the claim a distance of over 1400 feet. On the Curlew ledge an open cut has been made exposing a vein of ore four feet wide, from which assays of from \$14 to \$161 per ton have been secured. This vein has been exposed by a number of shallow pits and crosscuts for several hundred feet. The Mayflower ledge, from which this well known mine is now shipping such high grade ore, crosses the Red Eagle claim for a distance of 300 feet.

The Red Pole.

The Red Pole is situated one-half mile south of the Red Eagle and east of the Silver Bell mine. The Silver Bell ledge crosses the Red Pole mineral claim. Assays from this vein have shown over \$100 per ton of gold and silver.

Treasury Shares.

The company have secured the survey and are applying for the Crown grant, and will continue developing the property all winter, and fully expect to be able to find pay ore to cover the development almost rom the surface. But to prepare for all mining emergencies and to fully equip the property with machinery we have placed 500,000 shares in the treasury, a limited amount of which we offer to the public at the rate of 10 cents, and when the paid limit is reached the company will close their books and reopen in the course of ten days at an advanced rate for further stock.

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out in solid blocks of considerable size. There are strong indications that a large and permanent ore body has been found. The ore is a massive pyrrhotite and is of fairly good grade. The Presbyterian church last night issued a call to Rev. C. W. Gordon of Winnipeg, at a salary of \$1,200 per year, vice Rev. McVicar resigned. The Presbyterian church last night issued a call to Rev. C. W. Gordon of Winnipeg, at a salary of \$1,200 per year, vice Rev. McVicar resigned. (Limited Liability)

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Great Northern Has a Line 1 bany Falls to Trail in Mind ern Pacific and C. P. R. A. Corbin Bystem.

There is much speculation meaning of the bonding of a of ground adjoining the town of the south. There are about 8 the tract and it abuts squ against the west bank of the river. There was a rumor Gooderham people of Toronto of the move and that they wa ground for a smelter site. 1 ever, was a very unreasonable the purchasers would hardly rival smelter at Trail with M owning the only practicable transportation from Rosslan Mr. Blackstock, who is certainly tent to speak for the Gooderha cate, says that if they go into a scheme anywhere it will be a port. It is not at all prob gooderham people or anybody embark in a smelting venture without being in possession of iable line of transportion to t from which they would expect

heir ore supply.
THE MINER has made very fforts to learn the true mean onding of the land at Trail, is good reason to believe it was either the Northern Pacific or t Northern railroad company. both companies have been a good deal in the past month. tively known that an engine employ of the Great Northern had making careful observations all from Trail to Waneta. Presums is with the purpose of looking up for a branch in the Kootenay om the main line. It is certain that the Great Norther to get into a position to secure a he growing business of Ko There is an excellent route from Albany Falls, where the not the Great Northern crossed d'Oreille rive, into Kootenay, but the Pend d'Oreille river to Wan up the Columbia river to Rock

d thence to Trail. The distance from Albany Fa neta is about 100 miles. Con of a line would be very inexpen Albany Falls to Box canyon, as be through the level Calispel The 40 miles from Box canyo mouth of the Pend d'Oreille is the very rough country, but the eng difficulties are by no means insu able. The distance from Wa Trail is about ten miles, so that

from the Great Northern from the line at Albany Falls to Trail wonly about 110 miles long.

It need not be a matter of su he Great Northern builds this during the present year. Pres of that road went to New other day, accompanied by Mr. 8 his chief engineer, and it is probable that he would have ta Stephens unless the purpose of was to arrange for some import

The Northern Pacific is just ious to get a footbold in Kootens Great Northern. What lends the story that the Northern Paparonded the land on the sout Trail townsite is the fact that that company are known to hat Trail frequently of late. One agents came direct from the go fice of the company at St. Pat the more probable course of the ern Pacific would be to make a liance with Mr. Corbin of the Falls & Northern. The person tions between Mr. Corbin a Northern Pacific people have been of the most pleasant chara was the Northern Pacific which ed in 1888 the road that Mr. built from Hauser Junction d'Alene Oity and the narrow-gu Mission, on the Cœur d'Alene r the Cœur d'Alene mines. It l been hinted of late that the Pacific would try to secure the Falls & Northern, Nelson & For pard and Red Mountain lin doubt they would like to have succerty. It is today the finest this kind west of the Rocky mountain America. With this profits possession, the Northern Would be to have a leasest into the Rocky mountain America. would occupy an almost imposition so far as its British ousiness is concerned.

But there is another factor idered and that is the Canadia That company proposes to get Kootenay country with both the one thorn in the flesh to the Corbin system, which comes south and spreads out like a fan C. P. R. territory. Would it st body therefore as being unreas the C. P. R. tried to get the Cotem. It would give an outlet to and the south and remove a drived rival. It is pretty certain that R. has come to an understand Mr. Heinze and that the under consists of a traffic arrangement C. P. R. cars are to run into it and Rossland over the Colu Western from Robson, with ce lateral provisions such as the de ores from the Slocan countr Trail smelter. The next thing with the Corbin system and W with the Corbin system and we good deal more is going on in the tion than the outside world sus. The railroad situation, take