

OUR MEMBER TALKS THE LEAD QUESTION

James M. Martin Speaks of the Work of the Session.

EXCELLENT LEGISLATION

Railway and Other Privileged Chartered Have Restrictive Clauses in Them—No More Throwing Away of the Rights of the People.

James M. Martin, M. P. P., was seen at his residence on Second avenue Friday, and in conversation with a MINER reporter said that the legislature during its session had passed about a hundred bills, some of them of very considerable consequence. The government had been aggressive, and had done all in its power to correct the mistakes that had been made by its predecessors. When the matter of forbidding the employment of Chinese and Japanese labor was under discussion in the house the opposition had claimed that the Chinese underground had been used by the late government, and that the present government had simply stolen their thunder. The attorney-general had replied at once that while that was true it had never enforced the act. Occasionally there had been a foreman arrested, but he had invariably given more money than the case and then gone on employing Chinese just the same. But within two weeks after the present government came into power all the Chinese were discharged from the Dunsmuir mines and their places had been taken by white men, and white men were there yet. The simple fact was that the Dunsmuir mine was not a Chinese mine, and they were equally sure that the law while government would not.

Why Slovan Silver-Lead Ores Are Sent to the United States.

NO LEAD MARKET HERE

Laws Made by the Americans Assist the Industry There—Our Legislative Bodies Should Give More Encouragement to Our Miners.

Richard Marsh, the well known assayer and metallurgist, in speaking about the industry of smelting the silver-lead ore of the Slovan and the establishment of local factories for the products of lead, yesterday said: "The successful operation of a silver-lead smelting plant in British Columbia is a question which requires the consideration of several conditions, which should be fully investigated by practical men whose experience has made them expert in the various lines on which the matter depends. "That such a plant would be of immense benefit to this section is an assertion which needs no argument in its support. It is self-evident. "How far can this community, acting through the city council, board of trade and newspapers, assist in making conditions favorable for a lead-silver plant in this vicinity? "The experience had with this industry in the United States has led to the treatment of copper ores in the vicinity of the mine producing such ores. The reverse is the case in regard to lead-silver ores. The largest works of this class being located at such transportation centres as Denver, Pueblo, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and Valjejo. It is evident, then, that the question of transportation is a vital one, and the one which has largely influenced experienced men in the selection of locations for such enterprises. It is also one on which the influence of city councils and boards of trade can be properly brought to bear in the way of assisting in securing cheap freight rates and favorable legislation. "In the matter of available ore supplies, fuels and fluxes, the question of cheap transportation is decisive. Another matter bearing heavily on the subject is the marketing of the manufactured product. On this branch of the subject encouragement of the infant industry can be given by duties, or, as the United States has done in the case of the beet-sugar industry, by bounties. The proper manner in which the scope of legislative action.

iron ore to supply the deficiency. If the ores are short, legislative assistance must be supplied. The purchase of this adds not only to the expense account, but manifestly decreases the capacity of the furnace to the extent that they are added to supply the deficiency in the self-furnishing qualities of the valuable ores. The ores of Rossland are believed to contain iron in sufficient quantity to supply the supply of iron needed in smelting dead fluxes. Lime will have to be added, but the supply is said to be easy of access, and of good quality. "Regarding the smelting centres more favorably located. The distance to any point on the Columbia river near Rossland from the Crow's Nest coal fields is comparatively short, because the quality of the coke made from this coal is, I am informed, equal to the best obtainable by any of the smelters of the United States.

"I understand that the smelter at Trail now has a lead furnace ready for operation. Every encouragement should be given through legislative assistance to contribute to the success of the enterprise. Its success would retain in British Columbia many thousands of dollars now distributed to other parts of the world, and the completion of railroads now under construction and those now in operation it seems possible with a very little assistance from the government for lead-silver smelting to become one of the most important industries of Western Canada. "Of course one of the most important matters connected with a business enterprise is the description of the one of markets. It is in this particular that the Canadian lead smelter is most heavily handicapped. In fact it may be said to be almost entirely without a market. Heretofore the only available market the Canadian lead-silver smelter could have for its product appeared to be in the United States. I say appeared, advisedly, because, as far as I am aware, there has never been any serious effort to create a home market or to discover one in other countries. "The United States is by far the largest consumer of lead products. That country has by putting a duty of 2 1/2 cents per pound on lead in bullion and 1 1/2 cents on lead in ore protected its home market and the same policy has been applied to the smelting of foreign ores within its boundaries. "It has also allowed its smelters to smelt lead ores in bond; that is the American smelter can smelt a foreign ore and upon shipment to a foreign market of an amount of lead equivalent to the contents of the ore escape paying the duty on that amount of lead. The United States custom regulations and the lack of encouragement and support from the Dominion laws have produced a decided check to the successful operation of lead-silver smelting plants in Canada. In fact up to this time American smelters have had practical control of the lead ore market in this country. "A large proportion of the lead consumed in the United States is manufactured by the large cities are now compelling electric light, telephone and telegraph companies to put their wires underground. Lead pipes are used for water supply, a considerable amount of lead is also used in sanitary plumbing in the composition of certain alloys. "The supply of lead in all these things is supplied largely from the United States. Both the American and Canadian custom regulations appear to have operated to give the American smelters a practical control of the lead ore market. I understand that no lead is manufactured in the Dominion. It is certainly possible, being as it is a common metal, that it could be produced in Canada through its legislative bodies to encourage the manufacture of lead products that capital can be secured to establish factories.

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ON DEVIL'S ISLAND. The Story of a Visitor to the Prison of Alfred Dreyfus. The London Daily Telegraph publishes the following under date of Cayenne, January 14: The city of Tangiers, steaming at eight knots, took two hours and a half to go from the lies du Salut to Cayenne. In passing before Devil's island, three miles off at least, according to the relations, I was able to distinguish with my glass the residences of the wardens and the but of Dreyfus. I was thinking of finding some changes, or to thinking of finding some relaxations in discipline. There was nothing of the sort, for the double barrier of timber is always there, and I could see five wardens on guard around the prison and cannon pointed at our vessel. At Cayenne the officials maintain the strictest silence about Dreyfus' affair. In the first instance of my arrival I was to pay a visit to the director of the penal administration. He received me courteously, but coldly: "Good morning," he said. "First and foremost, we have received from Paris the following order: 'Absolute silence has not been given by the court of cessation we shall not modify the regime that the condemned man has to undergo, for the simple reason that there are no regulations which lay down that the treatment accorded to a prisoner should be altered because a revision of his trial is admitted.' "The next went to see M. Roberdeau, governor of Guiana. The governor was put out because he had been reported to have said that Dreyfus was subjected to a judgment of death. "The simple reason that Dreyfus was never under such treatment. What I said, and what I repeat was and is that by the very fact of his imprisonment on Devil's island he could be considered as condemned to a cell, because the measures of precaution taken by the administration caused the prisoner to be personally watched and guarded, and to be prevented from walking alone. "Dreyfus," continued the governor, "does what he likes in his enclosure. He eats, drinks and smokes as fancy impels him. Only he has not leave to come over to Cayenne or to go back to France. "I learn that for some time past Dreyfus has been called upon to bear the case of an offender, and that was a simple drunk. The city is clear of crooks and thieves, and the police have sent the crooks empty away, and the thieves North and Trail have been shown the homes, until the officers have nearly worked themselves out of a job.

A Remarkably Healthy City. The city of Rossland has always been considered a very healthy place to live in, and the fact that this month has so far capped our late issues, in an article referring to my purchase of the Buchhorn & Yantic in Deadwood Camp, B. C., that I included in the contract a clause which I wish to correct through your paper, and which has been called upon to bear the case of an offender, and that was a simple drunk. The city is clear of crooks and thieves, and the police have sent the crooks empty away, and the thieves North and Trail have been shown the homes, until the officers have nearly worked themselves out of a job.

Work on the Rock Out. The work on the rock out on West Columbia avenue is progressing rapidly, and before the snow has finally left Columbia avenue the 40-foot driveway will be completed. The members of the Cameron Contracting company, who have charge of the work, are confident that it will be finished this month. There is, indeed, little more work to be done before the street is open, but there will, of course, be a good deal of finishing-up such as removing loose rock and leveling the street after the top has been completed.

No Work for the Police. Rossland is getting to the point where there will be no use for a police const or police force at all. The former has been in session one week. Every morning Police Magistrate Jordan has taken the case of only one offender, and that was a simple drunk. The city is clear of crooks and thieves, and the police have sent the crooks empty away, and the thieves North and Trail have been shown the homes, until the officers have nearly worked themselves out of a job.

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Charles Danglefield STOCK BROKER IMPERIAL BLOCK ROSSLAND, B. C. Weekly Market Report with Quotations on Rossland, Slovan and Republic Stocks Furnished on Application.

IN THE SUPREME COURT, IN THE MATTER OF O. K. GOLD MINING COMPANY Limited Liability, (Foreign). In Liquidation. The Undersigned Official Liquidator Will Sell by Private Treaty Subject to Ratification by the Court IN ONE LOT The property known as the O. K. Mine and the buildings belonging to the said company. Also the entire mining and milling plant of said company, the whole situated on the south slope of O. K. mountain, in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia. The claim is surveyed and known as the O. K. mineral claim, official number 3405A, and is about two and one-half miles west of the City of Rossland and close to the main wagon road and Red Mountain railroad, both leading from the City of Rossland to Northport in the Slovan District. The principal buildings include the following: The new mill building containing 10-stamp mill built and designed to accommodate 25 stamps; engine and boiler house, office building, mess room, cook house, store room and manager's residence. The development consists of three main tunnels, with one winze and numerous drifts, together aggregating over 1,500 feet of work. The property is open to inspection, but an order for that purpose must be obtained at the office of the liquidator or, 3 Imperial Block, Rossland, B. C., where price, terms and further information can be obtained. To carry on all the branches of the operations of a mining, milling, reduction and development company. Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, British Columbia, this 12th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. [S.] RICHARD PLEWMAN Official Liquidator Bedford McNeill's Code.

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YOUNG MEN'S CLUB. Certificate of Improvements. Dewdney mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Deer Park mountain (west side). Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (acting as agent for J. H. Renegar, F. M. L. No. 1280), intend to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 6th day of February, 1899. 2-9-101 KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements. Lincoln Fraction mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Near First avenue, city of Rossland. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (acting as agent for J. H. Renegar, F. M. L. No. 1280), intend to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 6th day of February, 1899. 2-9-101 KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements. Hamlet Fraction mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the south slope of Red Mountain, covering the ground once located as the Legal Tender mineral claim. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. B. Garrison, free miner's certificate No. 385A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of February, 1899. 2-9-101 F. A. WILKIN.

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Part IV., "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897." 1. This is to certify that the Cascade Water Power & Light Company, limited, incorporated by a special act of the legislature of British Columbia (vide Chap. 61, Vols. 67, 68), has submitted to its undersigned, the lieutenant-governor-in-council for approval, which said undertaking, as shown by documents and plans filed with the undersigned, is as follows: To construct a dam across Kettle river, at a point at the head of the falls, for the purpose of raising the water level, and from thence the water to be conveyed by means of an open flume, open cut and tunnel, to a point near power house, said power house being situated at a point immediately below the mouth of Cascade canyon, and from thence to the electric and compressor plants, all in the Oyooyos division of Yale district, and to operate by the use of the water of sixty-five thousand (65,000) inches of water from Kettle river, recorded by the company for the purpose of supplying compressed air and electrical power to all the cities, towns and mines in the surrounding neighborhood, electric light and water for domestic purposes, and generally to supply power and light for mining, smelting, and any other manufacturing purposes within the area granted by their act of incorporation. 2. And this is further to certify that the amount of capital of the said company, which shall be duly subscribed before the said company commences the construction of this part of its undertaking and works, or exercises any of the powers of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part IV., in that behalf, is hereby fixed at the sum of \$200,000.

3. And this is further to certify that the time within which such capital to be subscribed is fixed at nine months from the date hereof, and the time within which such undertaking and works are to be commenced is fixed at nine months from the date hereof, and the date by which such works are to be completed is fixed at two years from the date hereof. Dated this 2nd day of February, 1899. W. S. GORE, Water Commissioner, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C. Certified to by A. CAMPBELL REDDIE, Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council. Licence Authorizing an Extra Provincial Company to Carry on Business. "COMPANIES ACT, 1897." CANADA: PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. No. 128. This is to certify that "The British Lion Gold Mining & Development company of Ontario, limited," ("Non-Resident Liability," is authorized and licensed to carry on business with the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out and effect all or any of the trusts hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the legislature of British Columbia extends. The location of the said company is situated at Owen Sound, Province of Ontario, Canada. The amount of the capital of the company is eighty thousand dollars, divided into four thousand shares of twenty dollars each. The company is specially limited under section 95 of the said Act. The head office of the company in this Province is situated at Revelstoke, and John Manning Scott, Barrister-at-Law, whose address is Revelstoke aforesaid, is the attorney for the company. The objects for which the company has been established are: To carry on in all their branches the operations of a mining, milling, reduction and development company. Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, British Columbia, this 12th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. [S.] S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements. Douglas mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District, Where located: North of the intersection of the Phoenix and Nest Egg mineral claims, on the southwest corner of the original Rossland townsite. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for John H. Renegar, Free Miner's certificate No. 1280, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 10th day of December, 1898. 2-8-101 O. B. N. WILKIN, F. L. S.

Certificate of Improvements. Foothill mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Trail creek, between the Silla Podderic, or Mayflower, and Blue Bird. Take notice that I, Edward Cronyn, Free Miner's certificate No. 921 A, and Peter Genelle, Free Miner's certificate No. 927 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 25th day of January, 1899. 101 F. A. WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements. Copper Queen mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Trail creek, between the Silla Podderic, or Mayflower, and Blue Bird. Take notice that I, Edward Cronyn, Free Miner's certificate No. 921 A, and Peter Genelle, Free Miner's certificate No. 927 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 2nd day of October, 1898. 101 EDWARD CRONYN, Agent for the Copper Queen Gold Mining and Development Company, Limited Liability. 1-26-101

Certificate of Improvements. Lulla mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the south slope of Red Mountain, between the Le Roi and Centre Star mineral claims. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Charles J. Schiefel, free miner's certificate No. 19,242A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of February, 1899. 2-9-101 F. A. WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements. Chance mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About two miles northwest of Rossland, adjoining the Blue Elephant and Morning Star mineral claims. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Lulu F. Lavery, free miner's certificate No. 34,320A (administratrix of the estate of P. A. Lavery, deceased), and George E. Pfander, free miner's certificate No. 12,124A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of February, 1899. 2-9-101 F. A. WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements. Iron Horse mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the north slope of the mountain, between the Le Roi and Centre Star mineral claims. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Lulu F. Lavery, free miner's certificate No. 34,320A (administratrix of the estate of P. A. Lavery, deceased), and George E. Pfander, free miner's certificate No. 12,124A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of February, 1899. 2-9-101 F. A. WILKIN.

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THE MINER The Reliable Le Its Shipm IT SENT AW The Iron Mask Amount-The V Star Remains Still May Ship The Le Roi is on wau an average of 250 tons or a total week ending March contributed its usual carloads, aggregating total of 1,917 tons the best showing to it is still away but for unforeseen War Eagle is still open, and it seems that the mine will fore the list of aft All the requisite electrical hoist is o has been all ready but it will take fut work of the new The management o estimated that the p made in the charge ment to \$6 per ton commenced from t next two months. The strike on th announced, has been body disclosed is 2 160 feet in depth, 8 feet in width, and it is 12 per cent coppe values. In the Columbia is being made in the No. 3. W will demonstrate of the rich strike portion of the mine there were no ot reporting during the various properties vigorously pushed. The Ore s The ore shipments fo rth are still light, and down of the War Eagl Le Roi... Iron Mask... Total... War Eagle—J. B. manager of the We Star, returned to after a week's trip. Everything was being nection with the new idly as possible, but the first of April he was regularly agy out this past week, able to start shipping compressor and hoist work as smoothly as will take time to ma judgment. The addi is now being hande By the first of the new plant w order and doing its The mine is being tony per day, and to a nicety. The ti placed within the e the superintendent being particularly work. The 50 feet tin and this had to be About 225 men have cessing the men h the workings in many new improve the usual developo been going on. The mine starts shipping output will be in the tons per day, and to the C. & W. siding ready for use. The plant is the only ma being restomodied. Centre Star.—Abo played in the mit work is proceeding Management of the ments with the Trai being erected, the m to send out 150 months. It is unde Under the terms of the rates for free \$6 per ton, are un a satisfactory rate b use of wood on stea The site for the new erected at the War ready for building op traffic up the side of the present. Engaged in excavati timber up the side high trestle bridg gulch and the railw ready for track lo Virginia.—The com down for a period count of the bur and This was because o the grate bars to me accident it has been the use of coal as f use of wood on stea 300- and 500-foot l level the crosscut b tance of 110 feet, an over depth of 32 f is encountered in a 500-foot level, and which crops out in should soon be met. Homestake.—The pletely timbered to sump, which is 25 f on Thursday la led to the north, and from this level, I the big ledge, known as be encountered at a feet, and 110 feet is expected that th is supposed to be th be encountered after No. 34,320A (administratrix of the estate of P. A. Lavery, deceased), and George E. Pfander, free miner's certificate No. 12,124A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of February, 1899. 2-9-101 F. A. WILKIN.