

## NO DEEP CUTS MADE

Revision Court Considers the Petitions for Reductions.

## THE ASSESSOR SUSTAINED

The Consideration of the Two Corporation Protests go Over Till the Next Meeting—F. J. Walker's Protests Will Be Further Considered.

The municipal court of revision met Monday afternoon to consider the protests made by property owners against the assessments made by the city assessor, W. H. Cooper. The court of revision was held on Monday consisted of Mayor Scott, and Aldermen Raymer, Wallace and Fraser. Assessor Cooper was present to explain his assessments and city clerk, William McQueen looked after the minutes of the meeting.

Action on the matter of the application of the Montreal syndicate and the Red Mountain Railway land grant trustees for reduction of the assessments was postponed till the next meeting of the board. The court only made a few reductions. The disposition shown by the council was to equalize assessments rather than to lower them. They held that while the assessment might be high, the percentage on the \$1 would be low, which would amount to the same thing as if the assessment was low and the percentage high. The limit is 1 1/2 per cent on the \$1 for municipal purposes, and it is thought it will be considerably lower than the maximum allowed by law. Only a few reductions were made, and the figures of Mayor Cooper seem to have been carefully made, and as he could give good logical reasons for making them, they were generally sustained by the court. Among the assessments acted on yesterday were the following: Corporation Protests to be Heard Later. Attorney J. L. G. Abbott asked for the postponement of the consideration of the protest against the assessment of the property of the Montreal Townsite syndicate until the return of John F. McRae, the agent. The postponement was granted. The protest of the Red Mountain railway grant trustees was also laid over.

W. H. Greer, who owns lot 16, block 18, and lot 13, block 8, objects to paying an assessment for sewer construction, for the reason that his property would not be benefited by the sewage system that is being put in.

"Many citizens," said Mayor Scott, "could file the same objection, as it will be years before some of them can connect their premises with the sewer system. They had to be taxed for the general good, and as the system is extended from time to time, all will finally receive its benefits. The objection urged is not a good one."

Then Mr. Greer changed his tactics, and said he considered the assessment of \$300 per lot was too high.

Assessor Cooper demonstrated that Mr. Greer's neighbors were assessed no higher than he was, and that none of them were appellants from the assessment, and hence it was confirmed by the court.

R. A. Johnson, through R. J. Bealey, protested against the assessment of \$500 on lot 20 in block 8. Mr. Bealey said the lot had been offered for sale for \$440, and that it could not be sold for even \$250. He held that lots should not be assessed on their speculative price, but rather for what they would sell for. The government had assessed the lot at \$300.

All Were Treated Alike. Mayor Scott said all the other lots in the same block had been assessed for \$500 except one in the center, which was assessed at \$400. The assessment was allowed to stand.

R. J. Bealey protested on behalf of P. G. North against the assessment of \$5,400 on lot 7, block 23. Mr. Bealey claimed that the government had only put on \$10,000 assessment on three lots that contained tenements in immediate vicinity of the one under consideration, and hence he thought \$5,400 was too high.

The court disagreed with Mr. Bealey and the assessment of \$5,400 as made by Mr. Cooper was allowed to stand. The assessment of \$4,000 on lot 18, block 41, owned by James Noel, was allowed to stand, although R. J. Bealey, the agent for the property, stated that the best offer he had been able to get for it was \$3,500.

A. W. Barnett, through A. J. Bealey, asked for a reduction of the assessment of \$4,000 on lot 6, block 28; but the court confirmed the assessment.

J. H. Robinson asked for a reduction of the assessment of \$200 on lot 17, block 5, of \$350 on lot 8, block 51, and \$300 on lot 12, block 7, and the court in each instance confirmed the assessment. The assessment of \$300 per lot on lots 13 and 14, in block 4, owned by Chris McDonald was confirmed.

James Hoskins asked for a reduction on the assessment for improvements on lot 8, block 24, and did not get what he asked for.

Neil D. McPhee's request for a reduction on lots 21 and 22, block 17, which were assessed \$175 each, was refused. James Hoskins requested a reduction on lot 31, block 16, which with its improvements was assessed at \$1,000. The court confirmed the assessment. Hoskins thought the lot was worth \$500 and the improvements \$250.

F. J. Walker's Protest. F. J. Walker protested personally against the assessment of \$3,500 on lot 25, block D, and \$4,500 on lot 25, block D. These lots are on the southwest corner of Washington street and First avenue. He said that there were six lots on the opposite side of Washington that were assessed less than his two lots, and asked for a reduction of \$500 on each lot. Decision was reserved on this property till the members of the court can make a personal inspection of the property, although the sentiment seemed to be favorable to Mr. Walker.

Lots 23 and 24, block E, owned by F. J. Walker, were assessed for \$7,500, and Mr. Walker also objected to this, claiming that six lots on the other side of Washington street were assessed for \$6,000, while his two lots were valued by the assessor at \$7,500. Mr. Walker said he would be perfectly content if a reduction of \$500 was made on each lot. Decision was reserved until the court can visit the lots.

A. A. McKenzie's assessment of \$4,000 on lot 12, block 16, was reduced to \$2,000 on account of a clerical error, which improperly placed improvements on the lot when in point of fact there were none.

J. Y. Brown asked for a reduction of the assessment of \$200 for improvements on lot 15, block 8, but the court thought the assessment was an equitable one and confirmed it.

A reduction of \$35 was made in the assessment of \$200 for the improvements made by P. J. Donnellon on lot 13, block 6.

P. L. McGregor took exception to the valuation of \$1,400 made on the improvements on lot 13, block 42. He said that he had a reputable builder value the improvements and he told him that the building could be duplicated for \$650.

Mayor Scott, who knew the building, said he did not think it could be erected for the sum named by Mr. McGregor. The matter went over till the next meeting. In the interim the members of the court will make a personal examination of the structure.

A Reduction of \$100 on Each Lot. E. J. Bealey objected to the assessment of \$400 on lot 2, block 25. The mayor and the other members of the court considered the assessment too high, and all the inside lots in block 25 were reduced to \$300 and the corners were left at \$500.

The assessment on lot 4, block 11, owned by J. Shanahan, of \$800 for lot and improvements, was confirmed. The application of Jefferson Lewis for a reduction in the assessment of \$3,700 on lots 25 and 28, block E, was laid over till next meeting. The property was recently purchased for 2,400.

The assessment of \$5,000 on lot 17, block 29, owned by J. C. Luckenboll, was confirmed.

John E. Houston requested the court to reduce the assessment on lot 24, block 12, from \$700 to \$300, but the court confirmed the assessment.

The assessment of \$350 against James Somers for the improvements on lot 1, block 8, was cut down to \$250. Dan English has a log cabin on lot 7, block 7, in the railway addition, which was assessed for \$1,000. It was explained by Mr. Cooper that this was caused by a clerical error, and the assessment intended was \$100; so the court cut it down to that sum, and Mr. English went on his way rejoicing.

After a few other minor assessments were confirmed, the court of revision adjourned.

## WORK ON THE SEWER.

## A Piece of Difficult Rock Work on Columbia Avenue.

The depth required for the sewer along Columbia avenue near Lincoln street has made tunneling necessary, as the grade established for the pipes at this point is about 13 feet below the level of the street. Holes are being thickly drilled from the surface of the ground down through the hard rock to the required depth, and blasts are fired in them, which loosens up the rock at the bottom so that it can be removed without handling the rock above it.

The contract calls for the completion of the sewer system by October 31, but it is hardly likely that it will be finished before the latter part of November. Besides the heavy rock work on Columbia avenue near Lincoln street, there still remains the pipe line in the alley south of Columbia avenue, and the long trunk line extending from just below the Columbia and Western station to the city limits. It is possible that the city may decide to undertake the building of the sewer along the alley, which would hasten the completion of the system somewhat, but there is still considerable work to be done on the trunk line of the sewer, which includes both tile work and a flume.

The work already done includes the sewer line from the west end of Columbia avenue to St. Paul street, with the exception of the rock work already referred to; down St. Paul street past the C. & W. station; up from Columbia avenue to First avenue, thence down to Spokane street, and back again to Columbia avenue.

The lateral sewer, which, however, may not be completed, will extend from Spokane street to Lincoln street, along the alley between Columbia and Le Roi avenues, and will be connected with the trunk line by a separate pipe running in a southeasterly direction until it joins the main flume.

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## NEW CITY HALL.

The Officers Are More Comfortably Housed Than Formerly.

The city officers are now getting comfortably settled down in their new location, formerly occupied by the Sisters' hospital, and the change is a most agreeable one all around. Instead of one small room in which all the municipal business must be transacted, there are the comfortable and comfortable offices at the disposal of the city officials. In the west room has been placed at the disposal of the police court and the police department. The room has been divided by a rail, and a platform has been erected for the use of Magistrate Jordan, while Chief of Police Ingram has a desk of his own at one side of the room.

City Clerk McQueen and License Inspector Barr have their headquarters in the front of the adjoining room, while the rear of it has been divided off into an office for Mayor Scott.

HAS FAITH IN ROSSLAND. A Business Man Who Thinks Rossland Has a Great Future.

W. Boulter, mayor of Pictou, Ont., was in the city several days last week inspecting several of the mines, and was much impressed with the general air of prosperity and the future outlook of Rossland. Being an outsider he could look at it impartially. He says that in the past too much boomer of properties not thoroughly investigated had a tendency to retard the proper development of this great mining center, but he thinks, to a great extent, this is now over and a better feeling and understanding now prevails in the east regarding the richness of many well developed mines, which have proved to investors their wisdom in putting their faith in the Trail Creek district, and from information he has received from one capitalist he will be invested here.

Mr. Boulter is the head of the large canning industry at Pictou, Ont., and feels confident from a business standpoint that Rossland will be one of the great mining cities of British Columbia.

## C. P. R. AND ROSSLAND.

The promise of Mr. Shaughnessy, given a few weeks ago, that the C. P. R. will run trains into Rossland at an early date, is to be fulfilled, and within the course of the next few days all arrangements to that end will be completed. At the present time, however, it is impossible to say just what policy will be pursued so far, as the means for transportation are concerned. The question is, Will the Canadian Pacific railway go to the expense of building its own road from Robson to Rossland, and parallel a line already in existence, or will it serve its ends by making satisfactory traffic arrangements with the Columbia & Western system?

It is to be hoped that General Superintendent Marpole speaks authoritatively when he declares that this company has no intention of doing the Columbia & Western an injustice; for there can be no injustice done to that company without the best interests of the camp experiencing an injustice also. In the time to come a very large proportion of the enormous output of the Rossland mines will be smelted at points along the Columbia river between the international boundary and Robson; consequently, the mine owners and merchants in this vicinity cannot afford to have traffic between the mines and the smelters monopolized by the C. P. R., any more than by the Columbia & Western. The MINER is bitterly opposed to monopoly of any kind, and in protesting to be devoted to the advancement of the prosperity of the Trail Creek Mining division, would be guilty of the most flagrant violation of its duty if it did not point out the possibility of unfavorable conditions in this respect.

A VERITABLE HEALTH RESORT. Rossland is pre-eminently a healthy place, and there are several reasons why this is so. The city is situated on a mountain side where the drainage is perfect and hence surface water has no place to stand and become stagnant, and thus generate poisonous germs. The air that comes off the mountains' sides is not polluted by passing over bogs and miasmatic marshes, but is sweetened by passing through evergreen pines, is full of life-giving ozone, and when inhaled it only carries health and vitality into the body. It is so wholesome that it is an actual pleasure to breathe it.

When Rossland was younger and before the water system was extended, well water was consumed to a greater extent than at present. A number of these wells became polluted from surface drainage and the result was that in 1895 and 1896 there was considerable typhoid fever. Now that the unpolluted water from the mountains is principally used there is little or no typhoid fever. In the earlier history of the camp, too, the same attention was not given to sanitary arrangements, but now that a fairly good system has been adopted, syphotic diseases are seldom heard of.

The result of the sanitary precautions taken is that the present year has been a most healthy one in Rossland, and the death rate has been unusually low. With the exception of a few mild cases of fever and the result of a few accidents there is no work for the physicians. In fact, so much is this the case that some of the physicians are about in despair, and are talking of emigrating to Louisiana or some other place where the death rate is higher, and as for the undertakers, they are even more gloomy looking than they are when attending funerals, over the lack of business. Truly Rossland is a veritable health resort.

## WONDERFUL ENTERPRISE.

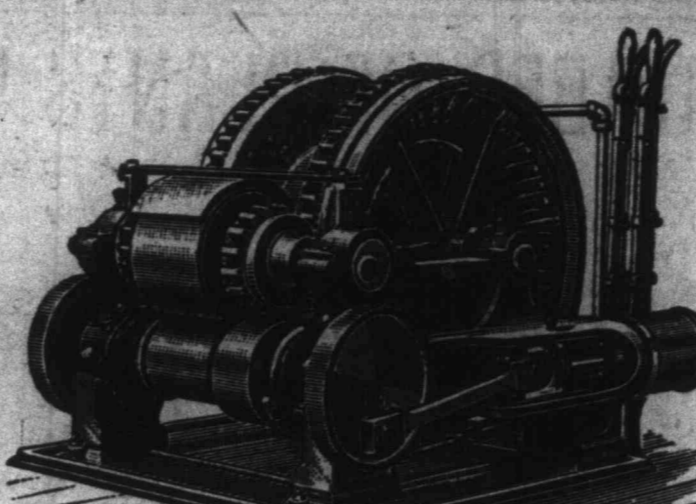
THE MINER published a dispatch this morning from its Trail correspondent, which is of the greatest importance to every one interested in the Rossland camp. The news is to the effect that the tracklayers working on the extension of the Columbia & Western railway from Trail to Robson are almost within sight of Smelter Hill, Trail.

The tracklaying is being done from the Robson end, and is nearing completion at the rate of a mile and a half a day. In a few days the road will be ready for operation, and regular trains will be running from Trail to Robson, where connection will be made with the Columbia & Kootenay system, which extends from Robson to Kootenay lake and Sloan points.

During its short existence, the Columbia & Western has manifested remarkable enterprise. Without it Rossland would have been at the complete mercy of that great philanthropist and promoter of Canadian industries (?), Mr. D. O. Corbin. But for the Columbia & Western, the Le Roi Mining company would be paying almost double the freight and treatment rates they now enjoy, the enormous Trail smelter would not be in existence and the entire Rossland camp would have suffered proportionately.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The Braden syndicate did not find it necessary to locate at Northport in order to do general smelting in Kootenay. They will soon be large buyers of Rossland ores.

This decision of the supreme court in the case of R. T. Daniel vs. the directors of the Gold Hill Mining company is an important one. The Gold Hill Mining company was organized in a foreign country and one of the points on which the case



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hung was whether the operations and transactions of the company were governed by the laws of British Columbia or the foreign country in which the corporation was formed. The supreme court holds that the laws of British Columbia governed it and all other foreign corporations operating in this country.

Will the Opposition press please state who is the leader of their party? Not having succeeded in downing the devil in church, Parson Maxwell is trying to raise the devil in politics.

The agitation for a court house should be vigorously continued. The board of trade and the legal fraternity may expect to meet with success similar to that of the school trustees if they direct their efforts properly.

It is very satisfactory to know that the Provincial government has decided to furnish Rossland with adequate educational facilities. The letter from Col. Baker, the minister of education, to Chairman Lalonde, of the local school board, is all that could be desired. The school trustees have obtained everything they asked for.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Maxwell-Templeton Sideshow. CAMP MCKINNEY, Sept. 15.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I have just finished the perusal of your issue of Sept. 9, and which I always enjoy the weekly bill of fare provided by THE MINER for its readers. I derived particular enjoyment from your report of the meeting in Rossland attended by the Maxwell-Templeton outfit from Vancouver, and especially the part of that report where Dr. Bowes combed down those same gentlemen in very good style. There was, in fact, only one fault to be found with the doctor's speech—he didn't hit them quite hard enough, but very nearly so.

Whether the present Provincial government is or is not worthy of public support, is not the question so far as this communication is concerned. The question is whether an ex-clerical blowhard like this man Maxwell is to be allowed to work serious danger upon an important district for his own selfish ends, and then further insult that district by his presence, without some word of remonstrance. He did insult us by his presence, for he passed through here on his way to where Dr. Bowes found him, and he laid the cheek of a canal horse to his hindquarters in the district at all, after his action in blocking the railway from Penticton to the Boundary district. For a man who has been expounding "the golden rule" to betray the selfishness which he and his coast crowd did when they, in effect, said that the Boundary and Penticton district, which has no railway at all, shall not have one until Vancouver, which now has both the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Great Northern Railway, is given a duplicate line from here to the coast, is enough to sicken anybody, and particularly those who have sustained the actual injury inflicted by him and his associates. Almost as sickening, too, were the resolutions of regret and the crocodile tears shed in public meetings held at the coast after the harm had been done, if their slobbering was going to put anything into the pockets of those who were to suffer for it.

The fact is, that the people at the Coast do not deserve 25 cents' worth of trade from this district until they sit on Maxwell, Milne, and men of that kind; and the sooner the member for this district in the commons comes out flatfooted in unequivocal repudiation of the whole gang of charter-mongers and smart alecks, the better it will be for him. Maxine was prepared to put up his dollars to give this district a railway; Maxwell and his crowd had nothing but wind to offer. Your editorial in last week's MINER on "The Boundary Railway" does you credit. A. M.

No Connection With the Alf. ROSSLAND, Sept. 22.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Kindly allow me space to correct an error which appeared in THE MINER this morning. Copied from the Mining World and Engineering Journal of London, England, is an article stating that the development of the Alf mineral claim is proceeding under my supervision. Such is not correct. I have had nothing to do with the property or the Alf Gold Mining company since June 16, 1897.

E. W. LILLIGRAN.

A Girl Who Does Male Attire. ERROR MINER—Sir: I am a constant reader of your paper and last night I noticed an article entitled "A Lone Chinese Woman." In this you stated that no Chinese were employed in Rossland except as cooks and in running wash-houses. Through personal experience I know that to be not the exact situation, for they are employed in Rossland also as house servants. On May 10th of the present year I arrived in Rossland from Toronto looking for work as a house servant. I went to one of the second class hotels and found a Chinese doing the chamber work. The next morning I saw another Chinese at another hotel and was informed that he, too, was doing chamber work. I asked if there were no girls doing house work in Rossland and was informed that there was but little employment for girls, although there were a number of them out of work. But some were willing to work for the smallest of wages in order to get funds to get out of town, and were unable to find employment. I asked why it was that Chinese were given work in preference to white girls, and was told that the people preferred the Mongolians to women of their own race. I looked for work in private families, and found that in many instances they too kept Chinese. After seeking

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MARKET FEATURES.

Trading was fairly active yesterday. Toronto and Spokane are bidding for Josie, Iron Mask and Monte Cristo. Local buyers are also in the field. The largest sale was 13,000 Elise.

Deer Park.....10 1/2 Monte Cristo.....17 1/2

Elise (silver).....7 1/2 Noble Threestory.....20

Brenting Star.....8 1/2 Pick Up.....1 1/2

Great Western.....8 Red Mountain View.....8

High One.....48 Rossland Star.....15

Iron Mask.....30 Roderick Dhu.....10

Iron Colt.....16 St. Elmo.....6 1/2

Josie (silver).....25 Silver Bear.....10

Le Roi.....\$300 Silver Bear.....10

Little May.....10 Silver Bell.....10

Monte.....16 Yale.....1 1/2

NOTE.—Above list is incomplete. Brokers and others are invited to furnish us with a list of their holdings for quotations.

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2,000 Iron Mask.....28 1,000 Silver Bell.....10

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employment for a week I became disheartened and came to Nelson. Once here I learned that Nelson was full, and that it would be some time before I could secure a situation.

Then I learned that there was a big demand for men. I conceived the idea that I should don male attire and masquerade as a man. I weigh 165 pounds, am tall and have been used to hard work all my life. With the exercise of a little caution I secured a suit of men's clothes, and then I had my long hair cut off by pretending that I was afflicted with headache. In three days after I had donned male attire I had secured a job at \$2.50 per day, and have a steady engagement. I have my own clothes locked up in my trunk and will resume the wearing of them when I return to Toronto with a stake. I have saved near \$200 since I assumed men's attire in the beginning of June. I have had one glass of beer in a saloon since I donned coat and vest. I went in just for the sake of seeing what a saloon is like. I feel quite happy. My advice to other young girls, who are strong, hearty and young is to do as I have done if they wish to get on in life. No one suspects that I am a woman.

FROM A WORKING GIRL.

Only One Outbreak.

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 22.—The peace of the anthracite district was disturbed by only one outbreak today. When the men at Pardee's colliery reported for work a crowd of strikers, led by women, assembled about the mine and their threats of violence to the would-be workers were so menacing that the troops were asked for. A detachment of cavalry was sent over and remained during the greater part of the day. There was no further trouble, but only a small minority of the miners were courageous enough to work.

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