CHANCE FOR TRADE

Reduction in Railway Rates That Will Help Rossland.

FROM 25 TO 50 PER CENT

It Will Give the Merchants Here a Better Opportunity Than Ever to Secure a Large Portion of the Wholesale Trade of This Section.

Rossland has been a common pointfor some time. In addition to this the C. P. R. has made the C. & W. a part of its system and a reduction has been made in the Kootenay local rates to and from Rossland and other common points. It will be of the greatest benefit to the merchants of this city, as it places them on an equal footing with the other cities of the Kootnays that are doing a wholesale business. This city is the largest in the district, and as such its merchants carry the biggest stocks of goods. This being the case it is evident that the merchants here can do a wholesale business and with the natural advantages, it is certain that Rossland will take the lead in the matter of the wholesale trade of this section. All that the merchants of this city have asked for is a fair and equal show with the other towns, and now that they have got it all will be plain sailing for them hereafter, and they will surely go in and win. F. W. Peters, district freight agent for the C. P. R. in the Kootenays, was in the city Tuesday putting the matter into effect.

The rates from Rossland to all points in the district will be on the same mileage basis as over any other portion of the C. P. R. system in the district, consequently Rossland being a common point with Nelson it is in the same position as its rivals are to compete for the wholesale trade of the Kootenays. It means that the wholesale business can be established here and carried on successfully for the reason that Rossland is placed on the same basis as the other towns of the Kootenay as common points. Nelson, Northport, Robson, Nakusp, Sandon and Sclocan City and other cities are common points. Where towns or stations on the C. P. R. system are closer to Rossland than to other common points it will give her the advantage because of less mileage, and where the distance is about the same Rossland will be on an equal footing. A general reduction to and from Rossland to all Kootenay points has been made. It went into effect on July 1st. The reduction is from 25 to 50 per cent. in the local rates. On the third class freight the reduction amounts to 25 per cent. and on the fifth in carload lots it amounts to 50 per cent.

The idea in this reduction was to place the Columbia & Western on the same basis as the other portions of the C. P. R. in the district. Before this it was operated as a separate and distinct system.

Following are the reductions made: Take Trail as an instance, the old rates were 30, 27½, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, and 20. The new rates are 30, 26, 20, 16, 24, 13, 12, 14, 11, 11 per 100 pounds in the several classes from one to 10.

The old rates from Rossland to Nelson were: 98, 88½, 79, 66, 58, 51, 47, 51, 48, 42. The new rates are: 60, 50, 40, 30, 27, 22, 17, 19, 22, 15.

Mr. Peters reports that the C. P. R. business is increasing all over the Kootenays. The business in the Boundary country is increasing as much as that of any other section. A few days since he went over the proposed line from Brooklyn, and it is a most difficult piece of railway building and it will take some time to construct it. There is some very hard rock work along this section of road between Brooklyn and Christina lake. Twelve cars of dynamite are now being delivered at Brooklyn and this is only a small portion of what will ultimately be used before the work is completed. The tote road, he says, will be finished in about two months, and then the C. P. R. will be prepared to deliver freight at Grand Forks. At present the company is delivering freight at Greenwood via Penticton. This will be a convenience that the people of Grand Forks will greatly appreciate.

Narrow Gauge To Be Widened.

Fred. P. Gutelius, general manager of the Columbia & Western, has received instructions from Vice-President Shaughnessy of the C. P. R. to proceed with the work of standardizing the road between this city and Trail. The plans for the work were prepared at the time of Mr. Shaughnessy's visit to this section several weeks since and he took them east with him in order to examine and approve them. They have received the approval of Mr. Shaughnessy and the work will be commenced, it is expected, within the next few days. Most of the work will be done at night when the trains are not running. The idea is to keep the traffic in full motion during the time the standard is being changed.

O. K. Will Be Soon Wound Up.

The winding-up of the O. K. company's affairs had been considerably forwarded by an order in chambers, granted by Justice Drake at Nelson, authorizing Richard Plewman, administrator of the company, to negotiate for the disposal of the property, subject to only ten days' notice to the shareholders and the creditors of the company. Under this new power Mr. Plewman will be able to handle the property without waiting for the ratification of the court.

The Keystone Group.

Work on the Keystone group is making good progress. The property is being developed by a tunnel, which is being driven on a cross vein in order to tap the main vein of the property. The assays on the cross vein have shown increased values in the ores from the surface until now they assay $12 per ton in gold. The cross vein is eight feet wide. The surface showing on this property is admitted to be most promising. This is the opinion of Charles Parker and other experts who have examined the property.

Miss Ethel Macdonald of Greenwood, who was the guest of Mrs. John A. Manly for several weeks past, returned yesterday to her home in the Boundary. She was accompanied as far as Bossburg by Mrs. Manly.

M'KANE THE MAN.

He Is Rapidly Making Friends in the Boundary Country.

CARSON, B. C., July 3.—John McKane, the independent candidate for the legislature from this riding, accompanied by W. J. Nelson, the Rossland barrister, arrived here today. So far they have met with a great deal of encouragement in each place visited by then in the Boundary country. They addressed meetings at Cascade City and Grand Forks and made personal canvasses of each of these places and also at Carson. It is thought in the Christina Lake region and at the Cascade polling place that each will give a majority for Mr. McKane. Last night Messrs. McKane and Nelson addressed the largest political meetings ever held in Grand Forks. James Martin, the opposition candidate, and Mr. Hayes were present and delivered opposition speeches. The meeting was strongly in favor of Mr. McKane. It is conceded at Grand Forks that Mr. McKane will have a majority of 25 at Grand Forks. The Carson voters record their votes at the latter place and are included in the estimate. Tomorrow evening Messrs McKane and Nelson will address a meeting at Greenwood and in the afternoon at Anaconda. Mr. Martin has visited both of these latter places and it is suspected that he has not greatly increased his chances of election by so doing. On Tuesday evening Messrs. Nelson and McKane will address the voters of Midway. Friends of the government in this section feel sure that Mr. McKane has greatly strengthened himself during his short visit to this section.

Will Give McKane a Majority.

Charles Van Ness returned Tuesday from the Boundary Creek country, whither he accompanied John McKane and Judge Nelson on their campaign tour. Mr. Van Ness is jubilant at the great success of the canvass up to the time he started on the return trip. He says that McKane finally succeeded in forcing Martin to take the public platform with him. McKane overhauled and cornered the Opposition candidate at Grand Forks. The result was the largest public meeting ever held in that town. McKane had decidedly the best of the debate and it is generally conceded that he will carry Grand Forks by a big majority.

In Greenwood, Mr. Van Ness says, Martin will not begin to get the votes that he anticipated a week or so ago, and McKane will at the worst make an even break with him there.

James Martin could not be induced to speak alongside of McKane but the one time at Grand Forks. He accompanied Mr. Van Ness on his return as far as Northport, where he is staying at this writing. Mr. Van Ness says he is uncertain as to whether Mr. Martin is afraid to face the music in Rossland, or is negotiating for the purchase of a boat to take him up Salt river.

FREE SPEECH WAS GAGGED

Workingmen's Meeting Refused to Listen to Government Men.

Those Present Seemed to Desire to Hear Only One-sided Arguments.

The opposition hosts had a meeting in Dominion hall Tuesday when the party bosses tried to offset Saturday's magnificent demonstration in favor of the government. Last night's affair was nominally a meeting of workmen, called to discuss the political situation, and with many fair words it was promised that all present would be enabled to speak, regardless of their political views. The promise was a farce, for the Martin-Semlin-Cotton crowd packed the meeting with those who were not workmen in any sense of the word, and the opposition rooters refused a hearing to the workingmen who spoke in behalf of the government, and not only shouted them down but overrode all the rules of civilized procedure in preventing a hearing of anything but opposition doctrine.

The audience, which was a good-sized one, was made up of all sorts of people, from legitimate miners to professional agitators. C. H. Taylor, one of the members of the trades and labor council, presided. The opening speech was by James Wilks, who, fortified behind a barricade of government blue books, bombarded the crowd with ancient history regarding the legislation enacted on the Chinese question in this province during the past 13 years. The recital of this took up most of Mr. Wilks' time.

He was followed by James Rawlings, a prominent miner, who is an enthusiastic government man.

Mr. Rawlings spoke forcibly and concisely upon the reasons why the government should be supported by the working men, but he was unable to get a fair hearing, for, the opposition rooters tried to drown his arguments with noise, and, in line with the pre-arranged program, he was interrupted time and again by the chairman himself. Mr. Rawlings continued, however, but in the middle of his denunciation of the efforts a few bosses to vote the laboring men at will, he was interrupted so blatantly by J. H. Brownlee, late city scavenger, that he retired, and Mr. Brownlee himself promptly took the floor. He dwelt upon the Kellie truck act, which he declared was conceived in the minds of a few laboring men, begotten in the womb of a galaxy of special committeemen and brought forth with the opposition party acting as midwife. This charming metaphor and procreative marvel was the gem of Mr. Brownlee's address.

P. Lyon also endeavored to speak from a government standpoint and made a forcible talk, but receiving as scant courtesy as Mr. Rawlings, he retired.

A motion was introduced approving the candidacy of James Martin, but it was amended as follows by Mr. Rawlings:

"Resolved, That inasmuch as both of the candidates now before the electors of Rossland riding, James Martin and John McKane, have all the essential planks in their respective platforms of interest to working men;

"Therefore we, as a body, will not make a favorite of either candidate, but would recommend that each and every workingman exercise his free will and franchise and cast his vote for the candidate of his choice without the dictation of any so-called labor leaders who claim that they carry the workingmen's vote up their sleeve."

The chair, instead of putting the amendment first, as should have been done, refused to put it at all, but put the other motion instead, which, it was declared, carried.

THE STOCK MARKET

Several Holidays Interfered Somewhat With Business.

WERE THREE LIVELY DAYS

War Eagle Slumped Considerably and Fell as Low as $2.75—Monte Christo Went Down—Iron Mask Receded a Few Points.

Owing to the fact that there were four holidays in the week ending last evening the volume of business was not quite as large as during the previous week. In the three days in which business was transacted the quantity was fully as large as in any like period in several weeks. It has been claimed by some recently that Toronto fixes the price of the shares of the companies of this camp. This is a mistake. The price is regulated here because of the large holding of shares and by reason of the more intimate knowledge of the value of the mines which attains here. Being in closer touch than Toronto with the true merits of the companies and their properties the people here are better qualified to know the value of mining shares than are the stock buyers of Toronto, who are thousands of miles away.

Virginias went up a couple of points during the week. They were quoted at 39 and 40 cents at the beginning of the week and yesterday they were worth from 42 to 43 cents.

War Eagles reached high water mark when they touched $3 a few days ago and there has been quite a reaction in the shares, which were quoted yesterday at $2.85 and $2.80. There is a big demand for shares at $2.75, and it should advance a point or two in the next few days.

Monte Christos, notwithstanding the fact that the mine keeps up its shipments and favorable reports of an 11-foot vein recently uncovered, have slumped some during the week. They were 34 cents a week since, and yesterday were selling at 32 and 32½ cents.

There is some movement in the shares of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, operating the Sunset. This was caused by the shipment of a carload of ore. The shares are selling at 10 cents.

Iron Masks received a setback during the week, falling from 83 to 75 cents. It is thought that Iron Masks advanced too rapidly and there followed a natural reduction. The mine is in good shape and were litigation with the Centre Star at an end, it is thought there would be a marked increase in the value of these shares. It is alleged that if it were out of its legal difficulties, that it would not be long before the company could declare a dividend.

Deer Parks have remained stationary during the week and there is not much movement in them. They are variously quoted at from 14½ to 15½. At the lower figure it is claimed that all that are offered at that price are picked up.

Good reports continue to come in from the Good Hope property. There is a nine-foot vein on the property and some good looking ore is coming from it. It is thought with depth that ore of a shipping value will be encountered. The share are held at from 3 to 3½ cents.

Large blocks of Giants have changed hands during the week at 7 cents.

There were a few sales of Evening Stars at 5 cents.

Sales of several large blocks of Salmo Consolidated are reported at 15 cents. These sales were principally made in England. They were made on the strength of recent excellent reports of the uncovering of an important ore body on the property.

There is springing up recently quite a local demand for the shares of the Dundee, Wild Horse, Tamarac and Sarah Lee. The shares of these companies are handled principally in London.

LE ROI BOARDING HOUSE.

The Provincial Truck Act Has Closed It Up.

For the first time since Rossland became a camp, a bucket brigade climbed the hill to the Le Roi Monday night, every man of them carrying a dinner pail on his arm. The sudden change in the commissary system was due to the fact that the mine boarding house, managed by J. W. Wheeler, closed last night indefinitely. Mr. Wheeler decided that the business was not worth continuing since the Kellie truck act came into effect, and he decided to close the establishment.

From Mr. Wheeler's point of view the men are the losers by the passage of the truck act. Under the old system, he points out, a miner without a cent could secure his board at the mine, for the manager of mess house was sure of being able to collect from the man's wages when pay day came around. Under the new law, he argues, the miner who is out of money will find it no easy matter to secure board, for no hotelkeeper is desirous of extending credit to the miner without being able to secure the bill by getting the mining company to withhold the amount from the man's wages. In this way, he reasons, the law will act against the miner out of means.

This is one standpoint and is built upon the presumption that those who go to work in the mine, are out of funds. On the other hand there are many who have commenced work in mines with money in their pockets and are prepared to pay their board in advance, if needs be. The boarding house system was a discrimination against the married men as it was next to impossible for a man with a family to board at a company boarding house and to keep his family elsewhere and save anything. When a man with a family is allowed to board at his own home, if he is frugal he can save something for a rainy day out of what he earns. It was also a discrimination aginst the single men. There was no choice for an employe; when a company for which he worked ran a boarding house he was compelled to board there, no matter what sort of viands were furnished. It was Hobson's choice, and he was compelled to put up with what was put before him. The many objectionaibe features of the boarding house system have been pointed out before in these columns.

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Rossland, July 7, 1898.

Dear Sir:

A very good business has been done in all the stocks this week.

War Eagle--This stock is quiet again after a good deal of excitement, having all but touched the $3 mark. Considering the short time since this stock was to be had under one dollar its present value is an evidence of the stability of Rossland investments.

Giant--Large blocks of this stock were sold locally and to Spokane, Toronto, etc. Work on the property is being pushed vigorously and arrangements for shipping completed. A smelter test shows over $40 in values. The wagon road is being put in shape for hauling, and in a very few days the Giant will be among our shipping mines. At the present price, 7c, it is the best buy in Rossland.

Monte Christo--A strong reaction has set in and orders are being received for large lots of this stock. It is generally conceded that the price will go to 50c in the next few weeks.

Deer Park--A good demand around 15½c to 16c. This stock is holding its recent advance more firmly than many had anticipated, and it is undoubtedly a safe buy now.

Good Hope--Excellent reports come in each day from this property. A ledge nine feet wide is uncovered, and is increasing in width and values as depth is attained. The stock is held firm around 3½c to 4½c, most holders preferring to retain their stock.

Virginia--A fair amount of trading took place and a rapid advance is looked for.

Iron Mask--This stock is quiet and has fallen off a few points. The present is a good time to buy as it is sure to reach the dollar mark in the near future.

White Bear, Victory-Triumph, Sunset No. 2, Grand Prize and many others of the less prominent stocks are coming in again, and our advice is to watch them closely from now on.

Sincerely yours,
C. O'BRIEN REDDIN & CO.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Canadian Goldfields syndicate sent its first carload of ore from the Sunset No. 2 to the Trail smelter Tuesday.

Eber C. Smith is completing his brick building on West Columbia avenue. He says that he intends to install a safe deposit vault.

Smith Curtis and Bannell Sawyer of Montreal, left night for the Lardeau, to inspect the Lardeau-Goldsmith and other properties in which they are interested.

A thousand dollars against half that amount is offered that the Turner government will be reinstated at the coming elections. Particulars can be learned at THE MINER office.

Reports received yesterday from Toronto state that Victory-Triumph stock is quoted there at 10 cents. This rise was occasioned by the announcement of the new strike on that property.

Applications for certificates of improvements have been made for the following mineral claims and fractions: Alliance, African, Vulcan, Carbonate Hill, C. O. D., Escumiance mineral claims and the Toronto fraction.

Twelve of the union printers of town celebated Sunday with a fishing excursion in the Columbia river, between Stoney and Rock creeks. The party was joined by two printers from Trail, and the allied brigades succeeded in catching eight respectable fish.

J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. of New York, are reported as the purchasers of the Corbin system of railways, and the price bid for the same is estimated at between $5,000,000 and $6,000,000. D. C. Corbin admits that the sale has been made.

THE MINER is pleased to make the announcement that James D. Sword, the mining engineer of this city, has been appointed the sole agent for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company for the Rossland and the Boundary regions of West Kootenay.

It is more than likely that the time for receiving tenders for the removal of the rock bluff on East Columbia avenue and the grading of Spokane street will be extended a week by the city council. The reason for this is that the specifications for the work have been delayed in completion.

Dr. Hatch, the well known South African mining expert, and H. E. Haultain, M. E., of Rossland, are on their way to the north shore of Lake Huron, western Ontario, on mining business. They expect to return to Kootanay within a month.

A. Lorne Beecher is back from Ymir, where he was engaged in having the assessment work done on the Emma, adjoining the Elise. Five men, he says, are now driving the crosscut tunnel on the Elise at $12 per foot, and they expect to reach the ledge within about three weeks.

John A. Manly, who has just returned from the Boundary creek country, predicts that the vote of that district for McKane will be considerably larger than was anticipated several days ago. McKane, he says, has made many friends while canvassing the west side, and this, coupled with the fact that not a few of those who would otherwise vote for Martin have gone prospecting in the neighboring hills and on the Colville reservation makes McKane's chances very bright.

O. R. Dahl, president of the Black Rock Gold mining company, is in the city. His company is the owner of the Black Rock mineral claim located east of the Mayflower. The property is crown granted and is in good shape. Mr. Dahl reports that the company has considerable money in its treasury, but will not begin seriously to develop the property until more stock has been disposed of. He thinks it will be some time next spring before operations can be commenced. The headquarters of the company is in Seattle and the capital stock is $1,000,000.

E. W. Cummings, civil and hydraulic engineer at the Northport smelter, is in the city en route for Cariboo creek, whither he goes for the purpose of making estimates on the water power for the Silver Queen Mining company. Mr. Cummings will go to Cariboo creek with Edward C. Finch, manager for the Silver Queen Mining company. Mr. Cummings is a hydraulic engineer of known ability. He superintended the engineering work for the Kaslo water and light works, and also for the extension of the Nelson water works. At present he is engaged in getting out plans for waterworks for Northport. Water is to be brought into that city from Deep creek, which will be ample to supply the smelter and the inhabitants.

Rolt & Grogan

THE STOCK MARKET.

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The report that the Le Roi is to resume shipping almost immediately, and that tenders are wanted for hauling ore from the Centre Star, is a most encouraging sign, and there is very little doubt that our output this year will double that of last year. Properties that have been operated in a capable and energetic manner are all looking well and it speaks well for the camp, that a property like the Virginia, which has been developed by a vertical shaft for 300 feet and is crosscutting for its ledge should hold the confidence of the public to such an extent that the shares now stand at 43 cents. It is evident that the public believe that with good management and deep mining their capital is safe and dividends are not far off.

QUOTATIONS.

Arlington	8½	Josie	28
Brandon & G.Cr'wn	25	Jubilee	5
Canada Western	10	Lerwick	15
Commander	15	Monte Christo Con	32
Deer Park	16	Monita	14
Dundee	75	Poorman	12
Evening Star	6	Salmo Con	15
Good Hope	5	Virginia	45
Iron Mask	90	War Eagle	$2.80
Iron Colt	15		

We have the following bargains subject to sale:

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500 Victory-Tri	9	2,000 Monte Christo	32

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Stock Market.

Considering the holidays that have taken place during the last week the market has been fairly active. War Eagle has crept up until it is hard to obtain at anything under $2.90. Virginia remains firm around 44 cents. Deer Park has been in good demand, and large quantities have changed hands at from 15 to 16 cents, and it is steady today at the top price. We sold 10,000 shares of Dundee treasury stock in London and 5,000 in Ymir.

The smelter test of Giant ore gave a return of $30 on the pay streak and $10 on the outcropping where the new shaft is to be sunk. 5,000 shares of this stock was sold today in Spokane at 7 cents, and we think our friends cannot do better than to avail themselves of this opportunity of picking up this stock at anything like the present price, as we are sure that in the course of a very few days the price will be raised.

Good Hope has been in good demand around 3 cents.

Tamarac remains steady at 25 cents.

Athabasca	32
Big Three	12
Commander	15½
Deer Park	16
Dundee	75
Evening Star	6
Giant	7
Good Hope	4
Iron Mask	72
Josie	30
Tamarac	25
Keystone	25
Lerwick	15
Monte Christo	32
Poorman	12
Republic	$2 50
Virginia	44
War Eagle	$2 85

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