

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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Rossland Prospector.

Ninety-seven children enrolled and 81 in daily attendance at the public school.

Thomas Thomas, who assaulted Lumford and provoked the shooting, tapping his employer for the wages due him before leaving for parts unknown.

The steamer Nakusp has been such a success that Captain Troup is about to try his hand at another, which is believed by those who know the designer, will exceed even the Nakusp in size, speed and draft.

Charles Grant bonded the Annie group of claims, on the South Belt, four days ago for \$12,000, and to-day received a telegram from Vancouver stating that the money for the second payment and development was on the way.

The R. E. Lee is shipping five car loads of galena.

The large body of ore found in the R. E. Lee by breaking through what was supposed to be the hanging wall will materially enhance the value of that remarkable property.

There are two R. E. Lee shipping companies, one of which is liable to create some confusion. The R. E. Lee in the Sloan produces silver and lead, and the R. E. Lee in Trail creek produces gold and copper.

With a force of fifty men, James Clark, the water works contractor, is rapidly accomplishing the work that will make water works in Rossland a reality.

The water works company, without consulting any one, is making a large reservoir in Centre Star gulch, a short distance above a thickly settled portion of the town. If any defect in the construction or from any other cause, it should ever break and let out the contents into the gulch, we would have a repetition of the great Johnstown disaster.

The tenders for the construction of the Rossland and Trail to Rossland and the main lines were opened at the appointed time, and the tender of Mr. King, of Tacoma, being the lowest, the contract was awarded to him. Mr. Heinz's representative has accompanied Mr. King to Tacoma. If the latter puts up satisfactory bonds, the work will proceed at once. Meanwhile a camp of 25 or 30 men is being formed on the line a mile or two southeast of town on the R. E. Lee ground.

The Rossland Electric Light & Power company's plant has been purchased by the Normal syndicate, which will now have a monopoly of all the electric light and water supply business in Rossland. By the terms of the sale the members of the local company will be reimbursed for every dollar they have expended, including the amount paid for the use of a hall on a certain occasion a few weeks ago.

Roy Clarke, of the Le Roi mine, is advertising for more teams to haul away the ore that has been accumulating until he has no more room for it. The teamsters have been hauling about fifty tons a day, but the output is double.

The shaft is now down 30 feet below what is called the 350 foot level—distance being reckoned on the incline instead of vertical.

Hewitt Bostock made the third payment on the Pittsburgh group, a lot of six claims, which he bonded some time ago. Systematic development work has been commenced and will be continued all winter.

Renewed interest has been aroused in the South Belt by the discovery of a fine ledge on the Zilor, a claim lying south-east of the Deer park and south of the well known Lily May. Some of the ore taken from the ledge attracted much attention. Some very good showings have also been found on the East St. Louis, a claim lying near the Zilor.

The south drift on the No. 1 tunnel of the Cliff is now in solid ore. There is a clean wall on one side, but no wall has been discovered on the other side, and the total width of the ore is therefore unknown. There is more copper in the ore of the drift than has yet been found in No. 1 tunnel, but the gold value remains about the same.

The vein in the Cliff is now down 55 feet and an abundance of ore is in sight. It will be continued about 100 feet further to a point where it will be intersected by No. 2 tunnel, now being rapidly driven. A good start has been made on the 1,800 foot tunnel to run by the Iron Mask, which will not only intersect the War Eagle, but a vertical depth of over 400 feet. The showing on the Iron Mask, at the face of the long tunnel, continues to be as great as ever.

After having passed through twenty feet of rock slightly mineralized the face of the Iron Mask, which was not well into a new ore chert. On Thursday the entire face of the tunnel was in ore. The shaft at the mouth of the tunnel is down 65 feet, with four feet of solid ore in the bottom. The ore has a great deal of quartz in it, but runs high in gold. About half a ton of gold was taken from the shaft. The average gold value of which, according to smelter returns, was \$46.37 per ton.

A whole group of prospects in the South Belt have been jumped during the past two weeks. They include the Nest Egg, the Monday, the Hattie Brown, the Gopher and the Homestake. The result is that much indignation has been aroused, and some decisive measures may be looked for on the part of individuals as well as in the courts of law.

Gold Commissioner Fitzsimons, arrived on Thursday evening, and his presence here just now is no doubt due to the epidemic of jumping that has broken loose. The matter has assumed a serious form, and a crisis will no doubt be reached pretty soon.

Business into and out of the Sloan mine is accumulating rapidly. The bids of the Spokane Falls and Northern lode. It looks as though nearly all the product of the Sloan mines, as well as the bullion from the Pilot Bay smelter would go over this route.

The Homestake deal was concluded on Monday last week. Messrs. Lind Johnson and Cameron, of Vancouver, agreed to purchase, at a stipulated price of 51 per cent of the stock of the mistake company, and made a small payment. The papers were placed escrow to await the clearing up of the title of the property. Mr. Burke retained the Spokane Falls and Northern lode, and began the erection of buildings for

PORT STEELE.

There were 140 mining locations recorded in this district this year.

The prospects for increased activity in the camps of East Kootenay are bright for next year.

The tunnel of the International Placer company is over one hundred feet. The company expect to run 370 feet this winter.

The question is, what shall we do with all the ore that is to be taken out this winter? There are not enough boats to transport the ore from the North Star mine. And then the St. Eugene mine will have several thousand tons ready for shipment. The Dibble group and the Wallinger property on Elk river will have ore to ship. If transportation was assured there would be at least 20,000 tons of ore mined and shipped next summer.

There is a large mineral country tributary to Fort Steele—Bull and Elk rivers to the west, the North Star and Sullivan northwest, the Wild Horse on the north, the Moyea country to the south. Our mines are improving as the development work progresses. All we want is a market for our mineral; we have lots of rich ore, but not sufficient means of transportation. A good smelter in this district would prove a good investment.

Jay Usher and George Watson are working on the Mission, an extension of the North Star on the north. They have gone through the iron cap and are now into carbonates.

A short time since the North Star company commenced to drift south in shaft No. 1, at a depth of twenty feet from the surface. The drift runs through its entire length 95 feet in solid galena; but about 16 feet from the shaft steel galena was found on its west wall, to which at the time no attention was paid, as there was no resident assayer at the mine. However, last week upon the arrival of Mr. Cowell, a complete test was made of all the different ores in the mine. No new result was obtained from the main body of galena, it assayed, as before, from 45 to 55 ounces in silver and 68 to 72 per cent lead. But the steel galena discovered on the west wall of the above mentioned drift was found to contain 235 ounces of silver and 49 per cent of lead. This ore is known as antimonic silver, and was found along the west wall of the drift for some thirty or forty feet. A cross drift has been started about 15 feet from the shaft on the west wall of the drift, and is carrying a full breast of rich ore in the face.

During a conversation with Mr. Jas. Cronan, the manager of the St. Eugene mine, he made the statement that if the transportation of ores were possible the St. Eugene would ship from 10,000 to 15,000 tons of ore next summer. There is nearly one thousand tons of ore on the dump at the present time, and as the ore runs 50 ounces in silver and 65 per cent lead, at the present price of silver and lead the ore is worth \$80 per ton, and with one thousand tons on the dump it would be worth \$80,000. This large sum cannot be realized, for the reason that there is no means of transporting such a large body of ore to a place of treatment.

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Nanaimo, Nov. 28.—The assizes were brought to a close yesterday, with any one being committed. The jury in the Indian manslaughter case returned a verdict of not guilty. The prisoner was discharged. The case of arson against the Kipper island boys was disposed of by intimating that they might be called upon to answer to the writ any time within one year. In the case of Reg. v. Fauquier, the prisoner failed to surrender and the crown prosecutor asked that the bail be estreated. The case of Reg. v. Planta was withdrawn, but the crown prosecutor stated that he would be called upon to answer to the charges in the police court with a view of getting a committal. This closed the assizes.

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running up to 228 ounces in silver, and \$26 in gold. Assessment work has been done on the majority of last year's locations, and in every instance with satisfactory results. There are at present men working on the Promestora in claim that assays up to \$160 in gold) running a tunnel in on the ledge, also on the Queen of Cariboo. Some of the other claims on which work has been done, are the Trio, Snowbird, Treadwell, Comstock, Golden Eagle, B. C. War Eagle, Airyshire Lassie, Oregon Boy, Montreal, etc., etc.

VANCOUVER.

The city council has finally approved the by-law providing for the lighting of the city by the Western Electric Co. After considering a matter of the police magistrate's salary, the committee to which the question was referred reported insisting that \$1,200 is enough. The government will be answered in this strain by the council.

Dr. Wilson, Herald has received a government medical appointment in Cariboo.

A Gt. powder gun is to be sent here from Vancouver to be used by the B. C. E. G. A. The new company, No. 6, will commence drill immediately.

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So Some of the Schooner Owners Are Turning Attention to Sea Otters.

The schooners Edward E. Webster and Herman, which were sealing last year, are now fitting out for an otter hunting cruise, says the Examiner. The best hunters on the coast have been engaged, it is said, for the work. Down at San Pedro the sealing schooner Penelope is also fitting out, and it is expected that some rich hauls will be made next year.

The Herman and Webster will be sent out by Liebs, although A. P. Lorentz is the nominal owner of the vessels. The destination of the schooners is a secret thus far. There is a story going the rounds on the water front that rich hunting grounds are to be prospected, the location of which is unknown to even the hunters. The vessels will probably clear for Sanaik, Alaska.

The sealing business, as far as this port is concerned, is practically dead, and unless the situation changes materially there will be very little pelagic hunting done next season by American schooners. Thirteen vessels sailed from San Francisco alone in quest of seal in the early part of this year, but in January probably only four vessels will go out. These are the Rattler, Mattie T. Dyer, John Gray and the Bonanza. The latter vessel is one of Liebs' fleet, and is the only one, as far as is known, that the furriers intend to clear.

The sealing business, however, has already gone out of the business. The hunters' quarters in her hold were torn down to make room for freight, and she is now on her way to Mexican ports with a cargo of general merchandise.

The Emma and Louise, J. Eppinger, Louis D., and the famous J. A. on laid up. There is a possible chance that the J. Eppinger may again try the venturesome business of pelagic sealing, but if she does circumstances will have to brighten to a considerable extent. The other three vessels, can be bought for reasonable amounts. The Emma and the Winchester are still in the hands of the United States marshal, gradually eating themselves up in the expense of maintaining a keeper.

Some of the owners have been holding back for the London sales of seal skins, but the reports coming from the great metropolis are far from encouraging. It is thought now that the best lines of skins will not bring more than \$11, and that prices will range from that figure downward.

Hunters are offered only a one-fifth lay on the seal they kill, and the owners want to put over the cooks on a lay. This has never been attempted before, and thus far no cooks have been engaged. The chef on a sealer is an important man, his work lasting about eighteen hours out of the twenty-four. He has no chance to hunt, and if on a lay must take his luck with the vessel. Heretofore the galley man has always been paid from \$50 to \$80 a month.

The outlook is far better for the otter hunters, but the business is precarious, offers being very scarce. While a sealer only brings about \$9 to \$11 in the market, that of an otter runs in price from \$250 to \$300 and \$400. George Scott, captain of the Herman, has already selected six hunters for the season's cruise, and they are accounted as among the best men in the business.

For every otter caught on the trip each hunter will receive \$10, and the vessel are of the opinion that they will return at the end of the season with a boat load of skins.

The Penelope is being fitted out by Peter Larsen, and Captain Anton Anderson, who sailed on the Algon this year, will go out as mate and hunter under Larsen's command.

REV. MUNGO FRASER, D. D.

Of Hamilton, Ont.—This Well Known Presbyterian Minister, Pastor of Knox Church, Hamilton, Ont., Has Used Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and Tells its Virtues.

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SEALERS' MEETING.

Difference of Opinion as to Just What a Resolution Means.

"That owing to the poor result of the spring voyages, the sealing fleet defer operations until August, 1896."

The above resolution was passed at a meeting of the sealing schooner owners held yesterday afternoon, but as to just what it means there is a wide divergence of opinion even among those who were present. Mr. Richard Hall, who was secretary of the meeting, says the resolution means that the sealers will confine their operations entirely to Behring Sea, and not take part in operations on the west coast of British Columbia, the Japan coast or Copper Islands. Mr. E. B. Martin, who moved the resolution, on the other hand, says it only refers to the west coast sealing, and not to the Japanese coast or Copper Islands. He says in past seasons

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the sealers have operated on the west coast in the early spring at a loss, and not only this, but the skins which they obtain there come in competition with the skins taken later in the season; and thus they lose both ways. Last year there were thirty-three schooners on the west coast, and they got a total catch of 8,327 skins, an average of 253. This barely paid for the provisions, let alone the other expenses. Mr. Marvin thinks the majority of those present understood the resolution as he did. The catch on the Asiatic coast has been fairly good, and there would be no object in keeping the schooners away from there. Besides, the fleet over there during the coming season will be a small one, as very few of the San Francisco schooners are going out there.

TIRED OF INVESTIGATING

Tacoma's Lexow Committee Has Dropped Of Considerably in Energy of Late.

Its Operations Have Been Diverted Very Much From the Original Channel.

Tacoma, Nov. 24.—The Lexow committee of the Taxpayers' League and Chamber of Commerce isn't doing much these days. The committee held several meetings last week, but of late has not been as regular and persistent in its investigations as formerly. Often the investigators go home from business without stopping at the chamber to ascertain if there is to be a meeting that evening, and it is not always possible to get a quorum together.

An effort was made yesterday to find out when the committee would turn in a report, but in vain. When the investigation began it was given out that as some regular meeting of the chamber a full report would be made and it would be a marker. This was several weeks ago. It was understood that the committee, of which Mr. Ross is chairman, started out to investigate municipal affairs. Many other matters have been dragged into the investigation; among them the water deal, the wrecking of the Bank of Tacoma, the failure of the Columbia National and German-American banks, as well as the affairs of several private citizens. That the committee has accomplished much good there can be no question. Several arrests of prominent officials have been made, and public affairs in both the municipality and county are being put in better condition. Such interest has been aroused that official malefactors will be scarcer