

CAUGHT IN A SLIDE

Marry Hughes Walked Into Cody After a Frightful Experience.

THE BLUEBIRD SNOW SLIDE

Supposed to Have Been Carried Down by It About a Mile—May Not Recover From His Injuries—Another Reco Dividend Promised.

SANDON, Feb. 8.—[Special.]—A snow slide started below the Trade Dollar, near the Bluebird, and caught Harry Hughes of Nelson. He walked into Cody hatless and with a badly swollen neck, a bad scalp wound and bleeding at the ears. Two doctors were in attendance on him last night. He cannot talk and it is impossible to get full particulars, and it is doubtful if he will recover. It is generally believed that he must have been carried down a mile by the force of the slide, and his neck is so badly bruised and black and blue as to give reason to think that he must have struck a tree, stump or other obstruction, in his passage down the hill.

This is the regular Bluebird slide, which strikes the creek about a mile above Cody. Hughes, though speechless, was certainly possessed of presence of mind sufficient to take the direction of Cody, and in the badly used condition in which he found himself displayed unusual nerve.

The Reco Mining and Milling company, which declared a \$100,000 dividend payable February 15, promises another of the same amount about April 1 next.

Selkirk Company's Properties.
The Selkirk Mining and Milling company was organized a few days ago to develop the Gracie, Minnie, Little Estelle and Tornado. These claims are on the summit of the hills to the south of Sandon, between the Read and Tenderfoot and Canadian groups. J. A. Smith is president, Thomas Brown vice-president, and G. A. Love secretary-treasurer, and with M. L. Grimmer, H. A. Smith and G. H. Wright constitute the board of trustees. A 50-foot shaft has been sunk on the ledge on the Gracie, which shows ore all the way. Assays of 37 ounces silver and 81 per cent lead have been obtained from this ore. Five men are now engaged running a tunnel to tap the ledge at a depth of 200 feet.

The Hope claim, near New Denver, from which assays of 166 ounces of silver and \$6 gold per ton have been obtained, is also owned by this company. The capital stock is \$250,000, in 25 cent shares.

Not the Season for Investors.
Walter Bradshaw and Professor Parks, who have been here four days looking over some of the mines in this neighborhood, have returned to Helena without making any investments. The development of mines in this vicinity are not for sale except at good round figures, and the prospects are so that one can see nothing of the surface showings and if they are not opened up directly on the lead there is nothing to show and visitors are wary of investing. A case came up a few days ago where the property was bought solely on the strength of an assay certificate of Hill & Co.

A Little Jealous of Kaslo.
There seems to be a feeling rampant here that Kaslo is usurping or trying to usurp a position in the Slovan which her geographical situation does not warrant her in doing. She is several miles outside the boundary of the Slovan mining division.

Leighton & Williams have sold the B. C. mining claim, owned by Jackson, Radcliff and C. Newman, to which parties. This claim is at the foot of Slovan lake.

Death of Major McFerran.
Major Robert McFerran met his death in Victoria a few days ago while undergoing an operation for the removal of a cancer from the jaw. The deceased was well known here, having been associated with N. D. Moore in some mining deals, and at one time was manager of the Slovan Store company at the Idaho contractor. He came from Duluth three years ago, and for the past year has been living with his family, which consists of two daughters, in New Denver.

Daniel Simpson, a mining man from Helena, Montana, who is reported to have bought a Spring creek property, passed through here on his way to New Denver. He said he went to look at the claims on Spring creek from Kaslo, but was not sufficiently impressed with the property to buy or buy it.

Mr. Clark, a Montana capitalist and mining man, accompanied by an expert of the Butte and Boston Copper company, is making a tour of inspection of the Slovan.

SITUATION AT THE LE ROI.

New Hoisting Machinery All on the Ground—New Compressor Plant.

The Le Roi shipments for the week, as mentioned in the table in another column, were 720 tons, but this does not cover the output. There are, for instance, two or three cars at the Red Mountain depot not included in the weekly statement and these will increase next week's shipments.

The hoisting machinery is being run to its full capacity now, but all the new hoisting machinery is on the ground, with the exception of the shafts, and will be erected as soon as possible.

The Black Bear plant is getting into shape and it is expected that the new compressor will be running about the end of the month.

War Eagle's Developments.

The new work laid out in the War Eagle, consisting of the sinking of the double compartment winze and running a crosscut tunnel, will take about two months. When completed the mine will be able to ship about 400 tons a week.

NORTHERN PACIFIC COMING.

The Company Decides to Locate an Agency in Rossland.

General Freight Agent S. L. Moore and his assistant S. G. Fulton, recently spent two weeks in the Kootenay district, looking over the territory in order to select a suitable town for the establishment of a Northern Pacific agency for the entire district. The two gentlemen were in Rossland for several days, and on their return to St. Paul Mr. Moore told a reporter of the Globe that the company had decided to locate the agency in this city.

"I was very much surprised to get up into that country to find the wonderful increase in population," said Mr. Moore. "Two years ago if any man had told me that there would be a railroad to Rossland with a town of 7,000 people at the end of it, I would have said that man was either a dreamer or a real estate agent. Today Rossland has that many people and this summer she will have 12,000 if I am not mistaken."

"Will the Northern Pacific establish a branch in that country?" was asked of Mr. Moore.

"I presume so, in time," was the response. "There will be a tremendous traffic there in time. The Great Northern could easily build from Bonner's Ferry. Spokane at present is feeling the boom of the Kootenay districts very acutely. The hotels of Spokane are filled to the overflowing, and it is with the most difficulty that we can secure accommodation. All the supplies for the Kootenay district come from Spokane houses, for the greatest part, and her merchants are reaping a harvest."

COXEY BOND TAKEN UP.

McCaig's Montreal Syndicate Made Final Payment of \$21,000.

Development Work Has Proved Up a 30-Foot Ledge—North Drift Has a Full Face of Ore.

The final payment on the Coxeby was made Tuesday. It consisted of \$21,000 and gives the syndicate organized by C. J. McCaig of Montreal a clear title to the property. Since it was bonded by Mr. McCaig and his associates they have continued the development work begun by the original owners—John R. Cook and Elling Johnson—and the mine is now in a very promising condition.

Besides a lot of surface work done at various times a crosscut tunnel was driven in 50 feet to tap the main vein running through the property. The crosscut was then continued 30 feet when the hanging wall was encountered. Drifts were then started both ways on the vein, which was supposed to run northwest and southeast. The drift to the south was run in 45 feet till it got out of the vein. That to the north is in 35 feet and the face has a splendid showing of ore.

The running of these drifts resulted in the discovery that the course of the vein is southwest and northeast instead of as supposed. This discovery has added greatly to the value of the claim, as it gives more of the apex of the ledge in the Coxeby ground and a larger area on the dip than was expected.

It is understood the plans of the new owners include a shaft on the vein from the tunnel level, and a crosscut tunnel to be run in at considerable depth to connect with the shaft. This plan of development is to be begun at once.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The War Eagle Sale.

Sundridge, Ont., Feb. 4.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: The recent sale of the War Eagle has caused many Ontario investors to make rather uncomplimentary comments regarding the transaction. Last September I bought 1,000 shares of War Eagle for \$1,400. Now I am informed by the secretary that I will receive \$1,400 and a "balance" for the stock. Just why the mine has depreciated to such an extent I cannot say. I thought that the completion of the Red Mountain railway, the prospects of more smelting companies coming in, electric supply companies being formed, etc., etc., would have a tendency to make proved properties of more value. Of course I am well aware that the directors are not responsible for the price I paid for stock, but they are responsible for selling so much below what seems to be the real value. And the commissions that are reported paid are tremendously high. The mine is known favorably all over Canada, and if it were known that it was for sale reliable syndicates could easily be formed. It is to be hoped that the statute brought to light by the Hon. T. M. Daly will serve to prevent the sale, at least at such a price.

Before closing I wish to give expression to my appreciation of the admirable manner in which this sale was conducted, views which are shared by a large body of readers in Eastern Canada. May prosperity always be with you.

W. D. AUDLIO.

[It is not the least likely that the sale to the Gooderham syndicate will be set aside at the meeting to be held in Rossland to ratify the sale. The same stock which was voted in Spokane for ratification, and some other stock which has since been acquired by the majority interest, will be sufficient to ratify the sale.—Ed.]

Mines On Green Mountain.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I beg pardon for my intrusion, but I really know of no other reliable informant. A friend takes your paper and I read it. What I desire to know is if the Winnie Davis, Caladonia, Electa, Montana and Highland claims upon Green Mountain are any good, and is Green Mountain (which I understand to be within three or four miles from Rossland) considered within the proper gold belt? I have great faith in Rossland and intend to visit you in the spring. Yours sincerely,

J. EDGEMORE JORDAN.

[The claims named above are not known to us even by reputation. A report on them could probably be obtained for from \$50 to \$100 from any mining engineer in the camp. Green Mountain is most certainly in the mineral belt. On it and around it are some of the biggest showings in the camp.—Ed.]

Marriage at Nelson.

NELSON, Feb. 5.—[Special.]—H. G. Neelands, one of the owners of the Athabasca, was married this morning to Miss Belle Whitte, the Rev. G. H. Morden officiating. The bride and groom left for a six weeks' visit to the coast.

WANT HIM AS MAYOR

Lieut.-Gov. Mackintosh Asked to Accept the Nomination.

OLD TIMERS' CANDIDATE

Letter Urging Him to Accept the Chief Magistracy of Rossland Has Many Signers—His Acceptance Would Honor the City and Himself.

A number of the older residents of Rossland have, it appears, been quietly engaged in discussing the question of who would be a desirable chief magistrate for Rossland during the first year of its civic existence, and Tuesday [the result of their consultations was the drawing up of a letter inviting the Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh, lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, to accept a nomination for the office at their hands.

Though the invitation was only prepared at a late hour in the evening by 9 o'clock it had already been subscribed to by most of the old time residents and nearly all the large property owners at present in the city. We have no information as to whether Mr. Mackintosh will accept the invitation.

Following is the text of the letter: To the Honorable C. H. Mackintosh, lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories.

Sir—The undersigned property owners, householders and citizens of Rossland, having heard of your being at present amongst us and of your having expressed an intention of taking up your residence permanently in Rossland, desire to avail ourselves of the opportunity which presents itself of requesting you to accept the chief magistracy of our embryonic city.

We understand that at the present sitting of the provincial legislature the government will take charge of a bill for the immediate incorporation of Rossland. As we are largely interested in the present and future welfare of Rossland we are desirous, along with our fellow-citizens, to see that our civic incorporation is accompanied by good government.

We are impressed with the necessity of having men of experience and knowledge of civic matters at the head of affairs in order that our young city may be given a good start in the race of civic life, therefore being aware of your having for some years presided over the civic affairs of the city of Ottawa, with great credit to yourself and much acceptability to the citizens of the capital of Canada, and occupying as you do now the high and honorable position of lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories of Canada, we are alive to the great honor and benefit which will be conferred upon Rossland if your honor will be pleased to accept the position of first mayor of Rossland, and give to us the benefit of your wide experience and knowledge on municipal matters and thus assure to Rossland at the outset that measure of secure and stable government which is so necessary to its present and future welfare.

If you should accept of our request we pledge ourselves to support your candidature and to do all that we legitimately can to secure your election in the event of any contest for the mayoralty, which contest we do not anticipate but hope you will be elected by acclamation.

SOME NEW BUILDINGS.

What is Being Done to Improve the Business Quarter of Rossland.

The new bank building now being erected by the Bank of British North America is progressing rapidly, and will no doubt be completed by April 1st, the date stipulated in the contract. It is 34 feet front by 64 feet deep, two stories and eight rooms. The bank is to be ornate in its appointments, of hard finish tamarack and fancy work iron grill work, with plate glass front. The estimated cost is \$5,000.

Martin Bros., the hardware merchants on the corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street, yesterday began the erection of a second story to their store, which is being done on a hard digging through the frozen earth for a deep cellar, 30 feet by 172 feet, on Washington street near Four Dough alley. The walls are being built of stone two feet in thickness, and Steen & Co., of Nelson, the owners, believe they will have the best fire proof cellar in the province.

It will be used for storage, and will be a bonded warehouse for both excise and customs goods. Over this Messrs. Steen will have their wholesale liquor store, and above that will be a restaurant.

H. W. Bell yesterday approved the plans of a two-story building to be erected on Washington street and Second avenue, and work will start this week. Its area will be 36 feet by 100 feet, the first story will be stores and the second, which will have thirty-three rooms, is designed for hotel purposes. W. D. Wilkinson is the architect.

The temperance hotel, being built by R. J. Moffat, of New Westminster, on Washington street, is now ready for the plasterers. It is 30 feet by 72 feet, three stories, and contains 38 rooms. The cost will be \$4,000.

Hamilton Company Invests.

James McCreath, of Hamilton, Ont., has been in the city several days in the interest of the Hamilton and Rossland Gold Mining company. Previous to coming here Mr. McCreath visited the Salmon river country and bought the Salmon river and Tennessee mineral claims, located on Salmon river, near Wild Horse creek. These are said to be promising claims. On these properties there has been done about \$700 worth of work, consisting of a 35-foot tunnel and several crosscuts. Assays have been obtained running from \$5 to \$28 in gold. The same company also own the Mississippi, just south of Rossland.

The Charity Ball.

The ball given at Dominion hall Tuesday for the benefit of the Indian famine sufferers was largely attended by the male sex, but unfortunately there was a scarcity of girls. The affair was a very enjoyable, however, and the music was good dancing was enjoyed till a late hour.

What Will Make Rossland a Great City

1. HER MINES.

The production of Rossland's mines more than doubled in 1896. At the present rate of increase the production will be more than quadrupled in 1897. With the introduction of cheap processes of treatment now assured Rossland will be able to produce at the end of the present year 1,200 tons of ore per day. The following mines are now shipping: Le Roi, War Eagle, Josie, Cliff, O. K., I. X. L., Jumbo, Mayflower, Kootenay, Nickel Plate, Red Mountain and Iron Mask.

In April the following mines will ship: Cofonna, Monte Cristo, Sunset, Commander, Deer Park, Crown Point, Iron Colt, Homestake, and the giant of them all, a mine that is capable of making an output that would eclipse them all, the Centre Star.

2. HER PAY ROLL.

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The development of the Wellington has practically demonstrated the value of the Ivanhoe, and indicates very plainly that its ore veins extend into and run through the Ottawa and Ivanhoe.

The location of the properties is particularly favorable for the transportation of ore, they being about a mile from Wellington siding, on the Kaslo & Slovan Railway and connected therewith by a good wagon road.

A sufficient amount of work has been done on the properties to entitle the company to a crown grant, which has been applied for.

The development consists of a tunnel on the Ivanhoe about 120 feet in length, tapping the Wellington vein at a depth of 40 feet, showing a width of vein between walls of 20 feet, in which were found carbonates, galena and mixed vein matter, assaying 40 oz. in silver and about 30 per cent lead, while at a depth of 185 feet on the same vein in Wellington ground the ore runs about 200 oz. in silver and 30 per cent lead, which is a good indication of what may be expected in the Ivanhoe. In addition to the tunnel there are several open cuts where the claim has been prospected to determine the course of ore bodies.

It is not claimed by this company that they are offering developed and paying mines. If they were it would be impossible to purchase shares at anything like the low price at which the first issue of shares will be placed, on sale, but it is claimed that they are excellent prospects in a good locality, which have every indication of developing into first-class and paying mines.

The standing of the men who are at the head of the company is such that investors are assured that all money paid for treasury shares will be honestly and judiciously expended for the development of the property, and none of the promoters' shares will be offered for sale as they are content to take their chances on the result of development.

The Officers of the Company are:

SANFORD H. FLEMING, Esq., C. E., of Ottawa, President.
J. FRED RITCHIE, P. L. S. Esq., of Rossland, Vice-President.
P. G. NASH, Esq., of Rossland, Secretary-Treasurer.

DIRECTORS.—SANFORD H. FLEMING, Esq., C. E.; GEO. P. BROPHY, Esq., C. E., of Ottawa; J. FRED RITCHIE, Esq.; J. K. CLARK, Esq.; P. G. Nash, Esq., Rossland.

Among the promoters and principal stockholders are Wm. McNally, Esq., Montreal; Harold Kennedy, Esq., Quebec; W. A. Allan, Esq., Ottawa and J. W. McRae, Esq., Ottawa.

The capital stock of the company is 1,000,000 shares, par value \$1.00 each, 400,000 shares set aside for development purposes. The shares are fully paid and non-assessable. The company is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia and the head office is at Rossland, B. C. 50,000 of the treasury shares are now offered at 12½¢ each. No certificates will be issued for less than 200 shares. Send for prospectus.

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SPOKANE RESERVATION.

It May Be Thrown Open With the South Half of Colville.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 8.—[Special.]—That the south half of Colville Indian reservation will be opened to prospecting and mineral locations this spring, now seems practically assured. More than this, there is a chance that the Spokane Indian reservation will come under the same act and be thrown open at the same time. A telegram received from Senator John L. Wilson explains the state of affairs briefly thus: "The house bill had a clause opening the south half of the Colville reservation to mineral location, subject to a lease for a period not exceeding 10 years; the senate committee struck this out on the ground that it would be recognizing Indian ownership in the land. I have prepared, and I think the committee will accept, a clause opening all the mineral lands on the Colville and Spokane Indian reservations to mineral location; without any such foolishness as 'approval of the secretary of the interior.' I may not be able to pull through the Spokane reservation, but I am satisfied the part relating to the Colville reservation will go through."

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