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CHANGE AT NORTHPORT

Circumstances Which Led Mr. Labarthe to Resign.

Oscar Szontagh to Take Charge of Works in a Few Days.

In order to ascertain what is the exact situation at the Northport smelter and the causes which led up to the withdrawal of Mr. Labarthe from the position of manager, a reporter of the Miner interviewed Mr. Frecheville at the Le Roi offices yesterday evening and asked him to explain matters. Mr. Frecheville said:

"The employees of the smelter—non-union men—gained the impression that the foremen whom Mr. Labarthe took down to Northport with him were union sympathizers, and felt that this would result in filling the smelter with union men, thus placing their positions in jeopardy. It was difficult to dissuade the men from holding the impression that such intention existed. It was certainly no part of the programme of Mr. Labarthe, who simply wished to have the most competent smeltermen available.

"The situation thus created—after the bitter fight there has been at Northport—was a most serious one, and I recognized that the views of the men who have stuck so manfully to the company during its trouble were entitled to every consideration. Mr. Labarthe recognized this also, and at a very great self-sacrifice decided not to accept a position which might possibly engender further trouble—more so as we both believed that any suspicion—whether well-grounded or otherwise—that the union is to have any voice in the operation of the smelter is detrimental to the interests of the company.

"I called the men together and communicated Mr. Labarthe's decision to them, and told them that the standpoint of this company is to treat all its employees with every fairness and justice, and conduct its operations sensibly. Possessing the full belief that the same consideration which the company is prepared to extend to them would be extended on their side, I asked them to continue in their duties. The men returned instantly to their work in the best of spirits.

"I wired to Mr. Oscar Szontagh, of San Francisco, a well known metallurgist who enjoys an excellent reputation as a smelter, and whom I had previously considered for the position of manager; and I have his reply notifying me that he will take charge of the works within a few days."

LEDGE OF IRON ORE

PROSPECTORS MAKE WHAT MAY BE AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

THE FIND ON LORD ROBERTS CLAIM, NOT FAR FROM THE CITY.

An interesting strike in the form of a large body of high grade iron ore has been made in the immediate vicinity of Rossland. A ledge of 40 feet of specular hematite or magnetic iron has been opened up on the Lord Roberts claim, located on Murphy creek, four miles from the Columbia river and half a mile south of the Heather Bell property. Samples of the ore assayed by Roy H. Charles gave returns of 62.9 per cent iron and \$4.40 in gold. The percentage of iron is about equal to the average of the Kitchener property bonded during the summer by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and other prominent Canadian Pacific people.

The Lord Roberts is owned by Malcolm McIver and Sam Porteous, both well known pioneers in the Rossland camp. The work done on the iron ledge is largely confined to the surface and seems to indicate that the lead is continuous and that it cuts through the summit of the mountain. It is quite possible that the discovery may be of considerable importance. Iron ore of a good quality is in demand at all the lead smelters supplying purposes, and the fact that the Lord Roberts ore seems to be of a higher grade than that of the other mines in the west, and iron deposits such as the Lord Roberts seems to possess would then be in great demand.

The owners are quite elated over the discovery and it is probable that a number of additions to an early date. Several prospectors have made arrangements to inspect the ground with a view to making locations.

THREE MORE CAPTURED.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 12.—Three convicts who escaped from Fort Leavenworth prison last week were caught by prison guards at Cottonwood, Kansas, today.

WORK IN THE MINES

SHIPMENTS ARE HELD DOWN BY A SHORTAGE IN CAR SUPPLY.

THE ROSSLAND GREAT WESTERN AGAIN APPEARS IN THE LIST.

With the ore shipments for the week ending last night the aggregate tonnage from the Rossland camp for the year 1901 passes the quarter-million mark. The total for the week is somewhat below the 5,000 mark, due to a shortage of cars. All the available cars on the Spokane Falls & Northern road are being utilized to move the great wheat crop of Washington's cereal districts, and ore cars are being pressed into service for purposes other than those for which they are intended, thus making it difficult for the mines to secure rolling stock just when they can use the cars to best advantage. However, the wheat crop will be moved within a comparatively short time, and the supply of cars will cease to be a vexed question with the mines.

It will be noted that the Rossland Great Western mines appear in the shipping list for the first time since the strike started. The shipments during the week were confined to two cars of ore, and these were from the ore bins. Active work will start in the Nickel Plate mine this week, and the shipments will grow steadily.

As every week adds its quota to the tonnage produced in the camp, the outlook for a prosperous winter brightens. There seems to be no reason why Rosslanders should not go ahead with the winter carnival and other enterprises for which the city has achieved a reputation. With a growing ore production and a payroll expanding in equal ratio, the Golden City is bound to boom.

BY ELECTRIC POWER

THE HALL SMELTER MAKES A RADICAL CHANGE IN ITS SYSTEM.

ELECTRIC MOTORS ARE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE STEAM ENGINES.

Lorne A. Campbell, manager of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, has returned to the city after closing an important contract with the management of the Hall smelter at Nelson.

THE OUTPUT.

Le Roi No. 1	Le Roi No. 2	Centre Star	War Eagle	Rossland G. W.	Iron Mask	Homestake	X. L.	Spitzee	Valret	Monte Cristo	Evening Star	Giant	Portland
3720	840	54,648	20,100	60	8,546	3,783	30	200	563	20	74	52	24
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The figures giving the output of the camp since work was resumed at the mines are of considerable interest to those who are making a study of local conditions. Appended are the totals for the week ending on the dates specified:

September 7th	1520
September 14th	1650
September 21st	1740
September 28th	2480
October 5th	3070
October 12th	4130
October 19th	4830
October 26th	5650
November 2nd	5300
November 9th	4620
Total	35,050

LEFT TO STARVE.

An Unpleasant Story Sent Down From Nome Country.

TACOMA, Nov. 11.—Postmaster Cromwell received a letter from John Arthur from Seattle stating that a diet of his, H. O. Blankenship, was acquainted in the Nome country with Miss Emma Scott of Tacoma and that contrary to his advice she went on an expedition to a remote part of the country in search of a supposedly rich creek.

ALLEGED CATTLE SHORTAGE.

National Livestock Association Wants Census Figures.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The report emanating from the National Livestock association that the country is threatened by a shortage of beef cattle has stirred up much interest and an effort has been made to have the census officers announce the result of the livestock census made last year in time for the national convention of the stockmen next month.

TRAIN WRECK.

TROY, N.Y., Nov. 12.—The Boston & Maine express was wrecked this morning by colliding with a Delaware & Hudson freight train at Mechanicsville. Both companies use the track at that point. Conductor Knowlton, in charge of the express, was seriously injured. The freight train was derailed.

ORE OF HIGH GRADE

SAMPLE FROM A LARDEAU PROPERTY GIVES VERY HIGH RETURNS.

THE OPHIR-LADE GROUP PROMISES WELL FOR ITS OWNERS.

The Ophir-Lade property in the Lardeau district would seem to be a coming bonanza. W. B. Pool and J. Lade, who are operating the group, give details as to the results of the trial shipment to the Trail smelter that will dazzle mining men, and the statements are backed up by the certificates from the smelter. No such gold ore has ever come out of the Lardeau before, although as high returns have been received from certain silver-lead ore, notably that from the Trinne.

The shipment just sampled at Trail consisted of 1,000 pounds of rock and was divided into two sections, representing the two classes of ore which the company proposes to ship. The first class rock gave returns of no less than \$700 in gold and three ounces in silver, while the second sample went \$165 in gold. The company has, it is claimed, 80 tons of the high grade rock and 100 tons of the second grade ore ready for shipment.

The Ophir-Lade group was bonded last spring by W. B. Pool and associates, and work has been under way continuously since. After 100 feet of crosscutting the ledge was tapped and proved to be four feet in width, carrying free gold quartz and telluride, an entirely new character of ore for that district. Unfortunately the property is so situated that shipping is next to impossible, and the company has suspended operations until the spring, by which time the new branch of the Lardeau railroad will be completed within four or five miles of the mine and the ore will be sent out.

Messrs. Pool and Lade are pioneers of the Lardeau, and have been instrumental in putting through several important deals affecting property in that district.

VICTORIA'S OPINION

A MASS MEETING CONDEMNED THE EXISTING STATE OF AFFAIRS.

THREE PROSPECTORS SUFFER EXTREME HARDSHIPS ON A TRIP.

VICTORIA, Nov. 12.—(Special.)—The mass meeting tonight expressed non-confidence in the government, urged the filling of the vacancy in Victoria's representation and the filling of the cabinet. It also favored the holding of public meetings throughout the province in support of the same principle.

THE MINING LAWS.

Coast Operators Find the Need of Reformation.

Judging from the following statement in the News-Advertiser, there are mining operators at the coast who are awakening to the need of amendment in the laws relating to the mining industry:

The formation of the mining laws of the province, in a way suited to the complex and diversified needs of British Columbia, is generally recognized as one of the difficult branches of legislative responsibility. According to many representative miners, there is in this special department a sad lack of practical intelligence, on the part of those who have to do with the legislation upon which the prosperity of this essentially important British Columbian industry largely depends.

A short conversation with Mr. Thomas Kiddie, superintendent of the Van Ande mine, conveyed the unmistakable impression that the mine operators of the coast were not lacking in appreciation of the fact that the mining laws never be framed to be a great deal of improvement. In fact, that mines just in course of development are seriously handicapped by a want of practical insight into the needs of the industry by our provincial legislators.

A feeling has been growing among those practically interested in the mining industry, that the mining laws can never be framed to be a great advantage of the industry and the province, unless the government is given the advantage of consultation with those who are actually in a position to speak from practical experience.

Mr. Kiddie says that there is a movement now on foot to form a provincial organization of mine operators. The association will be founded upon the same principles which underlie all other similar organizations which exist for the mutual benefit of those concerned, and the guidance of legislators, who cannot be expected to comprehend themselves, the requirements, or conditions of the industry. Circulars will probably be sent out in a few days, to all the mining operators in the province with a view of consummating the scheme.

In the Kootenays there already exists an organization of mine operators, and Mr. Kiddie pointed out that the interests of all those connected with the business were identical, so far as the benefit of good laws was concerned and the influence of such an organization would be greater, and its usefulness as an assistance in the framing of mining legislation, augmented, if it were a general association covering the whole province.

DEVEY'S CASE.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Enjoin Justice Jerome.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The application of Deputy Police Commissioner William S. Devey to make absolute a temporary writ of prohibition restraining Justice Jerome from trying charges of neglect of duty preferred against him, was denied by Justice O'Gorman in the supreme court, the justice holding that the magistrate had jurisdiction to enter the complaint.

The charges against Devey were made by Patrolman O'Neill, who alleged that Devey had treated him with oppression in fining him 30 days' pay for offenses against the rules of the police department.

It was alleged in support of the application for the writ that Devey's acts were performed while he was acting in a judicial capacity, and that he was therefore exempt from personal liability. It was also asserted that Justice Jerome was biased and prejudiced and inspired by partisan motives.

DO AWAY WITH GUNS

ALL RESPONSIBLE PARTIES IN NORTHPORT AGREED ON POLICY.

THE SMELTER PAYDAY WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY QUIET ONE.

NORTHPORT, Wash., Nov. 12.—The citizens of Northport held a mass meeting last evening, the purpose of which was to discuss and devise and adopt measures to suppress the carrying of arms and other vices. The prosecuting attorney and sheriff of the county were present. The best of feeling prevailed, and as a result of the meeting the laws will be rigidly enforced against all violators, whether strikers, smelter men or citizens, impartially, and the officers in the discharge of their duties have the sympathy and support of the smelter company and the city.

The smelter company paid off today in new crisp Canadian currency, but the merchants of the city have not reaped the harvest of the past, especially those who have so bitterly opposed the smelter company in its fight against union domination and dictation, as the men now employed have come to know their friends and appreciate them as well as the company itself.

This has been the most quiet payday we have had for a long time, not a disturbance or a disorderly person seen, and consequently no arrests made and very little drinking.

Ed Kennedy is reported no better. Two more arrests were made yesterday, the men being lodged in the city jail, charged with complicity in the shooting of Kennedy.

THE CITY COUNCIL GIVING ATTENTION TO THE REPORTED DEFECTS.

It has been evinced that Rossland's early closing bylaw does not fulfill the object for which it was intended, or rather that it falls short in some cases of the end in view. When the bylaw was adopted by the council, the ground was taken that the majority of merchants with their employees would appreciate a respite from work on legal holidays, but that an ordinance was necessary in the interests of the many to compel the few to follow similar lines. No contention was raised at the time, nor since, that the merchants who wished to keep their places of business open were not acting conscientiously or within their rights in every particular, but it was believed that the sentiment of the majority should rule, hence the bylaw. It has since been a question, however, as to whether the city council has the right to proclaim half holidays under the bylaw in the instance of days that are legal holidays under federal legislation. Until that point is determined, the bylaw is in a peculiar position. The discussion has arisen as a result of the observance of the King's birthday half-holiday on Saturday. The majority of the stores were closed promptly at noon and were not reopened for business during the balance of the day. This did not hold good in all cases, and the merchants who did close are naturally displeased at the outcome. The few stores that kept open are said to have done considerable business, and the others do not like to see a city ordinance that is not thorough in its action. The point is made, and very properly, that an early closing bylaw that does not fulfill its end is better off the statute books. This would prevent the matter coming up again in a similar way.

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The matter was brought to the attention of the city council last night, and a resolution was passed granting permission to bring in an amendment to the bylaw for the purpose of making it effective under all conditions. In the meantime the question of jurisdiction will be threshed out by the city solicitor, who will have a report on the point for the city fathers at their next session.

RESCUED THE SUN.

PEKIN, Nov. 12.—In conformity with a notice which the foreign office sent to the legations, all the Chinese officials in the capital gathered yesterday at the Board of Rites to "rescue the sun," which was undergoing a partial eclipse. The rescue was accomplished by prostrations, the burning of incense and the beating of drums. A few foreigners were permitted to witness the ceremony.

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CAPTURED BY THE POLICE

The Victoria Murderer Was Run to Earth in the City.

A Promise of Improvement in the Australian Service.

VICTORIA, Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Frank Nicholes, murderer of Tom Netes, was captured last evening about 8 o'clock in the house of a friend in Rock Bay, one of the wards of the city. Chief Langley and eight men made a cordon around the house and captured him without any resistance. He was hiding in the woodshed. George Katchules, who said he landed Nicholes at Port Angeles, has been arrested.

A French Canadian watchman on the bark Senator, lying at Esquimalt, was drowned yesterday. He was going on board the vessel in an intoxicated state when he stumbled and struck his head against some lumber. He sank like a stone, and never came to the surface.

Company 21, R. G. A., under Major Gurdon, which relieves Company 19, here, arrived at Halifax on Saturday morning and will leave there on the 23rd for Victoria. They will be joined at Halifax by a draft of 20 engineers under Lieut. the Hon. M. Hood, who are also en route here.

Mr. Mills, managing director of the Union Steamship company of New Zealand, who owns a half interest in the Canadian-Australian line, arrived today from England. He says that the Australian and Canadian mail subsidies will expire in 18 months. If these are renewed, as they probably will be, the company will put on larger and faster steamers to handle the increasing trade. Mr. Mills has two large steamers now building in the old country for the intercontinental trade.

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DR. RICE'S CREAM MAKING POWDER

Honors, World's Fair, Midwinter Fair, etc.

Are injurious to health.

RAILWAY WORK

CONSTRUCTION OF THE V. V. & E. AT GRAND FORKS TO BEGIN.

OF THE TWO ROADS

HEADING FOR REPUBLIC.

WORKS, Nov. 4.—(Special.)

Construction of the V. V. & E. railroad from Carson into the site of depot grounds here and to the Granby smelter will be immediately and rushed on. There are in all about 1000 men on the road to build. The work will be about four months, and will require a large force of men. There will be considerable rock and the base of Observation within the city limits.

Construction of the Republic and Grand Forks railway is making good progress. A new 75-ton locomotive to be used on the line reached here today and will be in service immediately.

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HORSES—

W. Lillie, chief of the Northport fire department, is in the city to look after a team of horses which have just completed the contract for the use of the fire department.

TRADE—

BEAMY HERE—

Judge Leary arrived in Northport last night from Greenwood and will remain in the city till Friday. His legal business as arises in connection with the case of the late Mrs. Leary is registered at the Hotel Rossland.

STATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notices.

General claim, situated in the Mining Division of West District. Where located: On the main, adjoining the Elba mine, lot 1614, G. I.

Notice that J. H. P. Renwick, agent for James G. Merrison, miner's certificate No. B. 10, sixty days from the date of this notice to the mining recorder for the purpose of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant for the same.

Notice that action, commenced on the 27th, must be commenced on or before the Twentieth day of September.

H. P. RENWICK.

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