

SITE FOR SMELTER

E. H. Wedekind Insists That Northport Beats the World.

KOOTENAY IS NOT IN IT

She Has Lots of Mines But Not a Single Smelter Site—Even the Crow's Nest Railway Will Only Increase Northport's Advantages.

A special meeting of the board of trade was held Thursday night at the office of president, J. F. McLaughlin, for the special purpose of discussing the matter of a smelter site. The meeting was open to all who wished to give their views on the subject under discussion.

Expert Wedekind's Views.

E. H. Wedekind was introduced as the first speaker of the evening, President McLaughlin stating that he was an expert on smelters and competent to advise the meeting reliably.

Some Wonderful Figures.

Northport, he said, offered advantages far superior to any on this side of the line, the chief inducement being the cheapness of coke, and as the use of that article forms about one-third the cost of smelting, Mr. Wedekind thought that it was the strongest argument for the location of a smelter on the other side of the line.

Another inducement was the cost of lime. At Northport, he said, lime rock cost 25 cents per ton and at Trail \$2.50.

The matter of getting supplies to the smelter, he said, would also cut some figure in its location. He claimed that the freight for supplies, should the smelter be located here, would be much higher as it is an all up hill haul.

Water in Sheep Creek. Mayor Scott here asked Mr. Wedekind if there is not sufficient water in Sheep Creek to supply the needs of a smelter.

Mr. Wedekind replied that there is not enough water in Sheep creek in the summer time to run the boilers of a smelting plant. He followed this up by stating that it takes water from both Trail and Stony creeks to keep the Trail smelter going.

President McLaughlin interposed to ask Mr. Wedekind if, in making his calculations, he had taken into consideration the certainty that the Crow's Nest Pass railway would be running into Rossland within a year, bringing cheaper coal and other supplies.

Mr. Wedekind answered that the Crow's Nest Pass line would benefit a smelter at Northport equally as much as it would one at Rossland. The question of the probable date of the completion of the Crow's Nest line came up and President McLaughlin said he was prepared to say that the road would be built in less than a year—by February 1, 1898, he said.

Mr. Wedekind, in closing his remarks, repeated his assertion that Northport is the best adapted place in this section for the location of a smelter.

Sites in Canada. Smith Curtis claimed the attention of the meeting at this juncture by stating that he saw no good reason why there were not points on this side of the line just as favorably situated for a smelter site as Northport.

Permanent Secretary Appointed—Resolution Favoring a Canadian Mint. The council of the board of trade met after the open meeting for the discussion of the smelter site question had adjourned.

The possibility that Mr. Heinz would try to get an export duty placed on ore as soon as he thought there was a chance of having to compete with American smelters was mentioned, and the prediction that his effort would be successful was also made.

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It looks as though the Columna would soon be one of the producing mines of the camp. The tunnel now being driven to connect with the shaft on the hill near the Evening Star ground will soon be under the shaft so that the upraise can be started and the connection made.

Expert Wedekind's Views.

Mr. Wedekind remarked that a smelter at Northport could reduce ore \$3 a ton cheaper than any smelter located near Rossland, under present or future conditions.

Question of Refining.

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Some mentioned that even though the smelting should be done in British Columbia, all copper matte would have to find a market in the United States, as a refinery could hardly be built without a very large expenditure.

Mr. Curtis favored the building of a refinery on this side and the sale of the product in European markets.

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