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# LAND MINER.

With this issue of the Rossland Miner. Mr. C. A. Gregg assumes complete con- nition of their rights. In other words trol-as president and managing editor- justice should prevail. of the affairs of the Roseland Miner An attempt has been made in the fore Printing & Publishing company. It would going to indicate to readers of this paper be superfluous to remark that with the fighting for justice to all. The Miner has change of management the hope as held no strings to it. It will be found fighting by the company that better results will be for the Miners' Union vigorously and un ecomplished—that goes without saying; ceasingly whenever the interests or its but the occasion seems opportune to members are jeopardized; it will be found give expression to the ideas which ani are made which are unjustiable and unmate the new occupant of the warranted. managerial and editorial chair in to make the Miner what it ought to be-a credit to Rossland, the leading newspaper of the Kootenays, and a powerful instrument in the work of appuilding the great held that the merchants and tradesmen Canadian West. In the first place, the of the city and the public generally will Miner must be a newspaper-a purveyor of news pure and simple. It must the free from clique rule. It must be independent-in the sense of having umbiased have it if it supports one. That is all convictions upon important public questhere is about it. It is not necessary to to them. It must be fearless in the detions and the courage to give expression nunciation of anything calculated to work an injury to the camp and the country. subscription rates, the circulation of the eager to applaud and assist movements paper is bound to be very largely increasof a beneficial character, and-above allhonest and wide awake. That seems a Marge order—but that is what will be aimed at. A determined effort will be made by the new managing editor to bring the paper up to those requirements-to conduct it on those lines. All that the Miner will ask at the shards of its patrons is fair treatment. It will require to be liberally supported by the business men of the city if it is to be tricksters who "rule the roost" at the made the success it ought to be; and it coast capital. We were told on the asas confidently anticipated that that success will be achieved. As the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so future developments will determine how far the tacle is a sorry one. It is but the bald expectations of the managing edi- truth to say that this province—the finest tor are justified, and to what extent the public are warranted in extending the the door and clamoring loudly for adrequired additional support to the Rossland Miner after this announcement.

Mr. John B. Kerr, the retiring president and managing editor, has the best wishes of the Rossland Miner and a host of friends for his future success. The banquet tendered him in the Hotel Allan yesterday evening indicated very clearly the extent of the high esteem in which he is held in the community.

C. A. GREGG.

## THE SITUATION IN ROSSLAND.

There seems a remarkable unanimity of opinion that one of the chief factors among the causes which are responsible for the temporary depression which is felt in local mining circles is the failure of certain influential parties entrusted with the management of large properties to properly conduct their affairs. The Miner does not know whether this is true of not it simply records the fact that it is the prevailing opinion. But whatever may be the facts of the case it must be apparent to all who have given the matter a moment's thought that the prosperity of Rossland-the success, of the camp-is not dependent upon the whims. of an individual or any set of individuals. The immense mineral wealth of the dietrict has been clearly established; kossland has grown to civic prominence in consequence; and not even the cunningest manipulators can stay the progress of a city destined to be the metropolis of the greatest mining camp in the West. There have been rumors of labor troubles. Happily they have proved but rumors. and nothing more. It would be a circumstance sincerely to be regretted if the whims of individuals should be responsible for precipitating a conflict which would bring about a ruinous condition of affairs, entailing misery and disaster appon the great bulk of the residents in the communty. As far as the Rossland

every expedient on all occasions before esorting to drastic measures in order to btain a recognition of their demands. Too often bodies of workmen are led to take a position inimicable to their interests because of the seductive voice of the 'agitator." We frust we shall not be nderstood as even hinting at antagonism to the principle of trade unionism. On the contrary, we desire to make it clear that the Rossland Miner thoroughly approves of the practice of men banding themselves together with the idea at advancing their mutual interests; but on SMANURL KATZ, 230 Temple Court, New York innumerable occasions it has been appar-THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE of the WREELY ent that a disposition was manifested to strive for too great concessions from the employers. The moment such an intention is made manifest, that moment there should be a determination upon the TO THE PATRONS OF THE ROSS- part of the employers to resist such a movement. But, on the other hand, the mine laborers should receive the support of all right-thinking people in any attempts they may make to obtain a recog-

denouncing that body whenever demance

#### A MATTER OF RUSINESS.

In the endeavor which will be made make the Rossland Miner a first-class newspaper in every respect, the hope is extend to it an adequate degree of support. It is a simple matter of business that that should be done Rossland needs a good live paper and it can only speak about the value of advertisingshould know about it. With the big reduction which has been made in the ed. If local merchants wish to do business they should make note of that and at once arrange to place their advertisements with the Rossland Miner.

#### THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

To even think about the present poli-

tical situation at Victoria is a dangerou thing, inasmuch as one is very much in ckined to indulge in cuse words in denunciation of the gang of petty political sumption of office by the Dunsmuin govornment that we were to have a "business" government-we have instead an aggregation of incompetents. The specin the Dominion, rich in natural resources, with Prosperity knocking at ment. What about the future? He would be a bold man who would venture a prediction as to what may develop from the present ridiculous political situation. One thing is certain, however, the present government cannot long remain in power. Torn by internal dissensions, without convictions and without a policy, sacrificing all principles of right and justice and decency in order to held on to office, it cannot long remain in charge of affairs. What then? Another campaign, another election and another set of incompetents installed in office? Or an awakening on the part of the people and the ushering in of a f sanity in the conduct of our public affairs? That the latter may happen will be the fervent wish of all who have the true interests of the country at

## PROVINCIAL CHARTERS.

realize very fully, the value of franchises riding. The Labor people are ardent rein the Kootenay district, and we may formers and I hope to see an alliancefrom this time on expect to hear of num- not an amalgamation-of the Liberal erous applications being made for rail- party and the Labor party in this provway and other franihises. In view of ince, that the Labor party will work with this the government, in Ottawa as well the Liberal party so long as it is to the as in Victoria, should give very careful advantage of the Labor party to do so. consideration not only to the nature and I shall bereafter stand in this House not scope of such applications, but to the as the leader, but as the humble represreputation and standing of the men who entative of the Liberal and Labor party. are behind them. One thing that ought to be guarded against in this province is that political vice which is known in

dictation of unscrupulous politicians the and parts of Guiana in South America, government has given away a great deal which, were it not for the Monroe docof valuable property, the worth of which they did not realize and which should perhaps endeavor to acquire, preferably have been reserved as an asset, and a by peaceful colonization and subsequent most valuable asset, to the people of the annexation, or, finding this impossible province. It is true that a halt was by rude force of arms. The United called in this reckless distribution of the States and Germany are bitter commercountry's assets to consciousless politithe government the desirability of refusing to any, except bona fide corporations, believe, however, that Germany would should be able to obtain a charter for a railway which he never intends to build -a charter which at the best he purposes to hawk around among capitalists-is simply monstrous. We do desire in this erica, but of the United States to conountry all the railways which are necessary to the proper opening up of its vast area, but we want the government to see culty which he would experience in landto it that any charters which they may ing an effective army in South America county will be called to their failure of Kaiser, he has at least judgment enough

#### SMITH CURTIS' POSITION.

The representative of the Rossland riding in the local legislature, Mr. Smith Curtis, has, ever since his election, been credited by a certain portion of his constituents with being weddled to what, for a better name, may be called the Martin party in British Columbia, and wedded to that party in opposition to the interests of the province and to the interests of the riding which he represents. We have all along, in the Rossland Miner. given Mr. Curtis credit for an earnest desire to serve his constituents and the country generally, regardless of private friendship or political affiliation. We are satisfied that the people of the Kootenay district will now acknowledge that our estimate of Mr. Curtis was right. By the attitude he has assumed in the provincial legislature and by the fight he is now making in the best interests of the people he has justified himself to all parties and all classes. When he withdrew himself from the opposition caucus a few days ago and refused to have anything to do with the miserable combination of Martin, McInnes and Brown, who signified their desire to betray the trust which the people had reposed in them, he show ed his intention, in the most unmistake able manner, of standing by the province against all cabals whether of enemies or friends. In the discussion on the budget he made known his exact position in regard to the policy of the government, not only in railway matters, but in all other respects. His position as expressed, in so many words, by himself, is as follows, and by it he places himself be-

"My position," he says, "may be stated

I am as strongly as ever in favor of the platform laid down by the Martin

that I support railway competition in opposition to the C. P. R. from Coast to Kootenay. I expressed these views four weeks ago; they were not dissented from by the leader and other members of the opposition and I naturally suppos ed they did not disapprove of These views of mine were publicly stated in the House after the premier had told delegations from Yale district and from Victoria city that he did not believe in the asserted benefits of competition and was not opposed to aiding the C. P. R. to build the Coast to Kootenay railway, subject to control of rates, etc. Finally, I learned that Mr. Martin's views were, on general lines, identically the same as the premier's on these points. This railway question being the paramount issue I determined to temain in opposition to government and uphold my views I thought it proper to cease to follow

# A CORRESPONDENTS' WAR.

trine, and the United States, she would hostility of the republics of South Amquest were started by the Kaiser the diffione chance in fifty of his winning. Dea very small probability, at least, for some years to come, of war between the United States and Germany.

DIAMOND DRILL PROSPECTING.

T. R. Beacon gives the results of his experience in prospecting with the dianond drill, saying three different kinds of drills are made, one being hydraulic cade. feed, its thrust produced by hydraulic pressure; one having positive feed, being forced forward a given distance in a given number of turns, which ration may be altered to some extent; and one having spring feed, its thrust being given increased or diminished by tightening or loosening the nut that compresses the by a spinal spring, and which may be city has also given the men employed by

ing to find out at the least cost of money eight hours. All told these men do not and in the shortest possible time, in a district or locality where there has been considerable surface disturbance and in a position to be certain of the nature of the deposit. To sink a shaft to a depth other and older unions in connection of 100 feet would cost \$3,000, and the with their demands as far as I know. time consumed would be four months. If the property turns out good then the without the labor unions of Butte deshaft is all right, but if not we are out the \$3,000. With the same amount of money ten holes might have been bored with a diamond drill to the same depth at intervals of say 10 feet apart along youd all possibility of being misunder the strike of the vein and the vein sampled for a length of 100 feet, and the work done in two and a half months. But as the holes are seldom bored in the plane of the vein the machine placed on the vein at a distance of say 100 feet or so to cut the vein at a given depth, we I am opposed to private monopoly in bave the additional cost of crosscutting railways; I approve of public monopoly, the country for a considerable distance that is, government ownership; failing on each side of the vein, and encountering and locating any parallel veins which may exist, or finding our own vein should slip or fault have occurred in it. In addition we have a clean, neat, continuous sample of ore across our vein from wall to wall at the point where it is cut, and ever since. Whether any scheme or smalalso samples of the wall rock, and of these can be learned a great deal of what we may expect to find when mining is begun. If the ground is seamy and the rock is very schistose the one will be broken up into small pieces, and this would indicate that the ground is leaky and we may have trouble in our mine, consequently when buying our first machinery we will provide sufficient boiler capacity and a pump of good size to handle the water. On the other hand, the core may ecme out in long, solid pieces and the hole may hold the water from the drill all the way down, and this will be a good indication that we will have a dry shaft. Mr. Martin. Hereafter I propose to stand shaft to a depth of 150 feet, 80 feet be-The people in Eastern Canada as well for party lines. I was largely supported low the level of the lake, which was only quite dry. Of course it will be remembered these are only indications.

tensively used; in fact, for the determin ation and the extent of these particular kinds of mineral bodies they are almost exclusively used in many sections in preference to shaft sinking.

#### NO LABOR TROUBLES.

It is now fairly well assured that the cians. We would especially impress upon United States can be seen almost daily in strike which was expected to occur in the great mining camps of Montana will not take place, and that the charters for the construction of railway scarcely enter upon a war with the trouble were almost entirely without adian lines, and of the constant possibillines. That a man here, because he has United States with the hope that she foundation in fact. These assurances from a certain influence with the government, would be able to gain a foothold in excellent sources will give the untmost South America, which could be subse- satisfaction, not only in the state of the be to buy a controlling interest in the quently changed into an empire, for the Union in which the str'e would most C P. R., as has been suggested in parliareason that she would not only have the directly have affected, but also in British Columbia, which could not but have C. P. R. by the government would not suffered in sympathy with Montana. Ace tend with. Besides this if a war of son- cording to labor leaders and labor papers but it would prevent the muih more se across the border the members of the various branches of the Miners' Union are perfectly satisfied with existing congive are given to responsible men. The would be very great and the contest ditions, and have no intention whatever government are the guardians of the would be, to a considerable extent, of fomenting trouble or countenancing people's rights and if they do not carry fought on the ocean. The outcome of the any disturbance of the present harmonout the contract which they have entered attempt to establish a German sphere of ious relations between employers and into with the commonwealth they must influence in South America, would be deemployees. President Daniel McDonald, of the Western Labor Union, in an inperview a few days ago stated that no to keep out of trouble where there is but strike had been discussed by the 22 unions of which he is now the head. spite the European correspondents, therefore, we believe that there is but ever in union labor circles. In his office the business of 22 unions comes in the form of reports from the organizations, and there is nothing to indicate that any trouble is impending. He has never known a time, he says, when everything looked more harmonious than at present, and the current year is the most far.wable for labor of any during the past de-"All the big corporations," he says,

There is absolutely no trouble to be ex- date in the Boer war. "Oom Paul" evi pected from that score. Had the corpor- dently knew what he was talking about ations intended to defy the law they! when he said he was going to "stagger would have done so from the first. The the leasers, the smelters and, in fact, at Ottawa with the government of Brit As to the method of applying the drill eight-hour law and in similar occupain prospecting, assuming a showing on the surface that seems to some extent People are deceiving themselves if they whether it holds out in depth, but want promising and yet where one is not sure think there is danger of a strike. There number more than 65. They will settle their differences, I suppose, and come to an understanding with their employers. other and older unions in connection You can say for me that May will pass claring a strike, and all the reports, rumors, hints and wise nods and becks set afloat by silly gossip is like so much chaff. It's merely the same old story The news has traveled over the state drama. It's false. Nothing of the kind will occur."

## C. P. K. AND GRAND TRUNK.

The recent activity in C. P. R. stock

the two big Canadian railways is in con templation, says the Toronto World. Some weeks ago the stock took a sudden spurt upwards without any very appar ent cause, and it has held its strength gamation is in active progress or not there is no doubt that financiers have given some attention to the preposition, and it need surprise no one if some kind of amalgamation takes place, not necessarily in the immediate future, but within a reasonable time. The elimination of competition and the stoppage of duplicate and unnecessary train services would effect a great saving in operating expenses. The receipts would also be increased by the stiffening of rates that would naturally follow joint operation. As far as the shareholders of the two railways are concerned, amalgamation would be a very profitable move, so profitable, indeed, that it seems bound to become a fact sooner or later. Nor is there any very in the fact that Rossland has an exserious obstacle to the realization of the would arrange the matter with neatness in Canada, when the size of the city is as in this province, are beginning to by the Liberals and Labor people of my 200 yards distant, and the shaft was idea. A financier of the Morgan type and despatch. The amalgamation of the One disadvantage of the diamond dall Grand Trunk and C. P. R. would be is that it does not at one hole show any child's play compared with the formation considerable area of the cross section of of the gigantic steel trust. In considerthe vein, and this is often urged against ing the possibilities of amalgamation, we its use, as it is said you may hit the have these facts in its favor: In the vein at a particularly rich spot or at a first place, a desire on the part of the particularly poor spot, or you may hit it shareholders to increase the value of where the vein may have suddenly nare their holdings; in the next place the rowed in or widened out, and thue get a United States has furnished us a large were operated on Lemnon rallied after totally false conception of the value or number of precedents for just such a deal the operation, but while he could read size of the vein, and that a few feet as is suggested; and finally, there are not and talk he had no control over either The romancers who furnish the cable either way would show quite a different wanting men who have the necessary ability and experience to carry the scheme for use on this side of the result. This is quite true, but the way ity and experience to carry the scheme for use on this side of the result. This is quite true, but the way ity and experience to carry the scheme for use on this side of the result. gravest mistake will be made by any gov- despatches for use on this side of the result. This is quite true, but the way ity and experience to carry the scheme to overcome that is to bore a number of into execution. As far as we can see, took him four hours to remove or provincial, which will give the rights them till they are worn out. Of late they holes from the same point, one below the there is no legal obstacle to prevent broken portions of bone from or provincial, which will give the rights them till they are worn out. Of late they holes from the same point, one below the tilt is no teget of these facts it and possessions of the people of British have been devoting considerable attendistrict, to men who may have what is to more the United States and Germany and to move his to move hi Of all the provinces in the confederation by two nations will have a war before long. British Columbia is the least known and It is a matter of common knowledge time, or a few holes may show from the probable than the absorption of either the probable than the probable than the absorption of either the probable than the probabl is probably the richest. This fact has largely conduced to make it a prey for largely conduced t ing all its endeavors to prevent such an induce the guardians of the people to be induce the guardians of the people to be der that they may furnish a market for of prospecting and locating ore bodies of any time. 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If the miners and lieve that, in granting their desires, they her manufactured products and homes for minerals which do not occur in veins. In other words, at the but in irregular massive deposits, such as but in irregular massive deposits.

dian lines would very likely be followed by an aggressive extension of the government system although it would be many years before the government could have to offer any substantial competition with the existing lines. It goes without say. ing that amalgamation would be exceed. ingly unpopular throughout the country Probably the safest course the govern ment could pursue, in view of the very possible coming together of the two Can-

Shamrock II. has had her trial trip and proven quite the success which her builders anticipated. If Lipton don't win the cup this time, he should-well, build another vacht.

ious state of affairs that would follow

upon the consummation of the rumored

cheme of amalgamation.

McKinley is coming West and the West is boiling with patriotic fervor. The people of the United States don't worship royalty-they worship presidents.

Jim Hill is (kept busy and must ever work overtime denying reports of his al leged plans for the amalgamation of large traffic interests.

China is doing very well in the effort to maintain its reputation as a storm center.

Seven hundred and fourteen officers and have given the eight-hour day already. 14,264 privates have been killed up t

Contrast for a moment the government

The government at Victoria has increased the sessional indemnity to mem bers of the legislature. This shows a

It is reported that the federal government is going to establish a branch the royal mint at Ottawa. Canada seems big enough to equip herself with this fea ture of national up-to-dateness, and the Laurier government is to be congratulated for the manner in which it has taken hold of the question and arrived at a

The champerty bill has been defeated. Joe Martin will probably go farming.

C. P. R. stock is on the rise. Rumors of threatened competition seem to have a distinctly stimulating effect rather than

They are having snow in England. Poor England! Here in Rossland the birds are twittening merrily and the shirt-waist girl is basking in the warm sunshine.

Kettle River railway is again before the railway committee of the House of Commons. There is no doubt but that it will be granted.

Lord Kitchener has broken the silence at last and made a report on the progress of the orterations in South Africa. It is just such a statement as Kitchener might be expected to make-plain business and no flag waving.

Photographers have been detected in the heinous offense of taking snap-shots at the Constitution, the new American cup defender. After Lipton gets through with her, it his aspirations are fulfilled, she won't be worth photographing.

The fire fiend is reaping a great harvest these days. The conflagrations at Jacksonville and Augustus serve to remind us that there is cause for congratulation cellent fire department-one of the best

MAN WITH A BROKEN SPINE.

While dancing at Glendale, R. I., last August Joseph

FAREWELL ways. Joint operation of the two Cana-His Rossland Frien Retiring Euito Miner a Ba

HURSDAY

Hon. C. H. Mackinto man--Eulogisti in Honor of

Mr. J. B. Kerr, the the Miner, was enterta evening, his reception deserved in the Rosslar he has worked so unti ing speeches in some it affecting, the guest of visibly affected, showing nated the warmth of

The chair was taken Mackintosh, and amounted the following: M guest of the evening, J. Devine, Mr. Hart-A londe, Mr. A. H. Mac Mackenzie, Mr. John J. Nelson, Mr. Hector

M. Ellis.

The Allan house as its reputation for cater of this kind. Due ju done to the viands, ed His Majesty the Ki thusiastically, singing The chairman then

of our guest, Mr. J. was no self adulation viction that he could the press in a fair and and he could say that filled his mission in known Mr. Kerr in shine and bad always thorough journalist and chairman then proceed progress of the Ross attenton to the fact t gical report showed amounted to \$63775,090 mating an increase of years, nearly reaching 1886 it was \$2.23 per h the per capita produ States was only \$15. ments of ore for the of 1900 were approximately whilst for the same power they amounted total of 129,000 tons.

Mackintosh paid a w work done by Mr. h The Governor was The following telegr Grand Forks, B.C.

Killis, secretary Kerr II Ailan House, Rosslan cerely regret to learn Klerr has severed his the Miner and take th press our deep ackn invaluable services, e wise, he has rend country and the George Fraser, H. N. E. S. Biden, W. R.

Mr. Kerr in reply tried to do his duty with his convictions he thought that capital controlled the effort bad always even-handed justice (
Mr. Nelson then, a
recited De Vere's poer
ing his recitation by ing his recitation by

br. Sinclair then pr and Council" of the speaking of the hards that had to be over trusted with the stew poration. His Worship Mayo and said he only he be able to accomplis the year which wou the guest of the eve

Mr. Hart-McHarg shipmite," which prolonged applause. posed the toast of ests" of the city of with the name of I who he said had a heart with the come interests of the cam Mr. J. M. Smith terms, stating that faith in the camp a what he conscient

its interests and those The chairman then of Mr. James Devin to see was present would like to coupl toast of the labor Mr. Hector McRae

Tarriers, Drill," in which was received Mr. James Devine here tonight and t nity to meet the guest apoke in most salog Kerr and of his wor then said with refe interests he thought to work heart and was true that there little sympathy with but the day had gon believed if a proper the time was past ferences between co was pursued there win the Rossland can families and others to work in harmo interests of progres whether there shou wouble or not. For