

SCALED STEEPS OF MT. DONALD

R. Elgood Plewman Is First Rosslander to Ascend "The Matterhorn of the Rockies"—Saved From Death.

The first Rossland man to successfully attempt the difficult ascent of Mount Donald, one of the loftiest peaks of the Rockies, is E. Elgood Plewman, who has just returned to the city after spending his vacation at Banff. Mr. Plewman is known locally as an enthusiastic amateur photographer and a mountain climber who thinks nothing of making the hardest ascents in this district. He has probably made more trips to the summit of Mount Roberts than any one in Rossland, with a couple of exceptions, while his latest feat, that of ascending Mount Donald, accounted as hazardous a trip as the large majority of Alpine ascents, places him at the head of the local men who take an interest in mountaineering.

In an interview with a representative of The Miner Mr. Plewman gave an exceedingly interesting recital of his experiences in climbing Mount Donald. He said: "I left here August 2nd on a holiday trip along the main line of the C. P. R., going as far east as Banff and stopping at the hotels en route. One of the objects of the trip was to climb Mount Donald, 10,600 feet high, a short distance from Glacier House. It is termed the 'Matterhorn of the Selkirk,' being the most difficult of ascent, as well as the highest, of the peaks close to the line of the railway. From the Glacier House side of the range its appearance is like a steep triangle of precipitous rock, with a girdle half way up of the glacier and snow held the snow. On the eastern side of the divide the mountain has a much more snow appearance, and towers the highest of its range at the farther end.

"On the trip up the Arrow Lakes I met a Mr. Ulke, who had climbed Mount Blaine and many of the higher peaks in the Rockies to the south. He was going to Glacier for the express purpose of climbing Sir Donald, and I decided to join forces. Arrived at Glacier another climber was anxious to join the party, and finally it was agreed that he should accompany us, although had we known what we afterwards did we would have considered two were plenty for safe and speedy progress.

"Two Swiss guides are necessary for the ascent, and these are supplied by the C. P. R. Armed with ice picks and with boots well nailed we started at 4 a. m. three weeks ago Tuesday. After ascending about 2500 feet we reach the snow, and here all are roped together about 20 feet apart and are told to keep the rope stretched. One guide goes first and cuts the steps in the snow or ice with the axe end of the pick as we zigzag up the snow. Following down their picks into the snow and hold on with both hands until the feet are safely planted in the next higher step. We thus pass the lower part of the glacier and reach the snow-covered part, which is not so steep. On this we walk past some large, gaping crevasses on our right and a section of the glacier hanging over a cliff almost ready to topple off. We now arrive at the base of the steep rock of which the upper half of the mountain is composed. Here the steep snow has separated, leaving a gap between it and the almost vertical mountain side.

"After much discussion and some reconnoitering the guides find a place where an entrance can be got at the side of the wall without ascending the very slim ridge of snow, from which we could not get on the rock safely. Here we experienced the most difficult, but by no means the most dangerous, part of the climb. One guide was boosted up by the other, and an ice pick held by the latter was placed with its point against any recess or ledge which would hold it and the top of it is to be congratulated on their selection."

Extra Million Gallons of Water Daily

One million gallons of water will be flowing into the Rossland water works system a week from today over and above the amount now being supplied. The city now has, roughly, half a million gallons daily, and this quantity is scarcely adequate to supply all consumers without care being exercised to prevent waste. With the very large amount to be supplied under the new conditions the supply will be amply adequate for all purposes, and there will be no possible danger of a shortage under any circumstances. Later it may be deemed advisable to increase the storage capacity of the water works system, but there will not be any doubt as to the amount of aqua pura available. Major VanBuskirk, city engineer, has devoted almost his entire attention to the construction of the new flume, and his estimate is that a week longer will enable him to commence delivering

Rossland Wins the Dunkle Benefit Game

The game played Sunday was not a remarkable one, the fielding chances were few and the errors numerous. The errors are responsible for nearly all the scoring done by either side. Rossland would not have scored four runs had it not been for the wretched errors ever perpetrated on a local diamond, and Northport would have been shy at least five of the century marks if the Rossland bunch had played in their national league form. Parker, who twined for the Rosslands, should be given the credit for winning the game. His remarkable box work and good head work at critical times, proved a genuine surprise. During a couple of moments he had the bases filled and was throwing the sphere a trifle wide of the platter, but pulled himself together and administered strikeouts, while the Northports were itching for a breath of smelter smoke and some choice basehits. He came within one of tying "Wesley" Williams for the strike-out record, getting thirteen strikeouts during the game. Rossland was decidedly wild at times, but his gifts did little damage. With a little practice Parker will prove to be the best pitcher, outside of the weary one, in this part of the country.

Table with columns: AB R BH PO A E. Rows for Rossland and Northport players including Holland, O'Hara, Lougheed, Leighton, Parker, Costello, Lewis, Wilcox, and McDonald.

Rossland opened the ball in the first inning by scoring two runs. Holland opened the inning by fracturing the atmosphere over the right field fence, taking two sacks on the effort. Lougheed's crack in the same direction sent the young one cantering home. Parker's hit to right caused Lougheed to amble in. In the first Lewis was safe on an error of Nuell's. He pulped a couple of bases and came in on Wilcox's hit to right. A complete balloon ascension in the fifth, followed by two hits, remarkably wierd throws and some beautiful and costly hits, was responsible for the four tallies scored by the locals. Lougheed had time by the forelock in the seventh and walked.

Big Fire Stimulated the Insurance Business

Last week's fire stimulated the insurance business in Rossland substantially. The representatives of the best known insurance companies state that the past week has been among the most active in the history of Rossland, and that the end of the rush is not yet. A feature of the demand for insurance has been that many owners of residential property, on which the premium is lower than on any other class of business, have taken steps to protect themselves against fire. In numerous instances last week's fire, but the object lesson was a good thing for insurance companies in the way of stimulating the demand for their wares. The appraisers of the respective companies interested in the \$26,000 fire loss are still in the city, a few days being required to finally arrive at the entire list of losses. In a number of instances the insurance companies have been called upon to remunerate business men and others claimed to have

Arbitrated the Loss On the International

An interesting arbitration took place yesterday afternoon, the point at issue being the question of damages suffered by the International building as the result of the fire last week. The principal feature over which any difference of opinion arose was as to the damage to the building proper, the damages to the material and stock being arrived at more readily. The arbitrators in the matter were J. W. Wiza, Alderman Harry Daniel and A. Gus Creelman. These gentlemen went over the building, which suffered more seriously than would be imagined at a casual glance, the roof, ceilings and exterior having come through the

ordeal of intense heat and huge volumes of water much the worse for wear. The International company was awarded \$1285 damages on the building. The company received a trifle over \$300 as compensation for damages sustained by their stock of liquors in the store at the south side of the building, and a further sum of something over \$200 was granted for damages to the interior of the premises by heat and water. The total amount which the company will therefore receive as settlement of their losses is in the neighborhood of \$1800. Arrangements will be made forthwith to make good the damages to the building. side shows, freaks and many high class attractions, enough for you; many will be entirely free. SMALL BOYS SKIP—Three small boys named Keefe, Putnam and Mosie are missing from Rossland and it is learned that they bought tickets for Spokane over the Spokane Falls & Northern road. The trio were flush with funds, but it is not known where they obtained the money. The chief of police at Spokane has been notified of the boys' disappearance and requested to look up their whereabouts. PULPIT DECLARED VACANT—The pulpit of St. Andrew's church in this city has been declared vacant by the Presbytery in session at Grand Forks, Rev. Dr. McKee, principal of the morning and evening services tomorrow. He will also read the edict in the game, and says to this paper that the people it will all be at the fair this fall. Balloon ascensions, merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheels, moving pictures,

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After several months weary delay the committee charged with the task of purchasing the "Father Pat" Memorial ambulance is now about at the stage where their work will be concluded. It has been practically decided to acquire an ambulance constructed by a famous Philadelphia manufacturer which has been thoroughly examined by a representative of the committee. The apparatus is already built, and when the order is placed deliver will be made at a comparatively early date. The promise is given that the ambulance will be in Rossland long before the snow flies.

The committee had no easy problem to solve in selecting the type of ambulance that seemed to fill the bill to best advantage. The only Canadian manufacturer, a Montreal builder, whose apparatus seemed to be desirable, dallied with the matter for months, finally replying to various communications from the committee with a postcard. After this the Canadian builder was dropped from the committee's consideration. Eventually the committee picked up an ambulance built in Philadelphia as promising the best value for the proposed outlay. When this decision was arrived at Dr. Senior, now of Philadelphia, was requested to examine the conveyance and submit an opinion. Dr. Senior courteously complied with the committee's request and gave them the result of his investigations in the form of a comprehensive statement in which he recommended the ambulance as filling the bill exactly. This has practically settled the question, and in order for the ambulance has not already been forwarded it will be attended to in the course of a few days.

The ambulance will cost approximately \$850. The Great Northern railway will carry the apparatus from St. Paul west gratis, and an effort is now being made to secure transportation to St. Paul on the same basis. No duty will be charged, an order-in-county having been procured at Ottawa permitting the free entry of the wagon. The committee will have in hand a balance of almost \$400, to be devoted to whatever cause is finally decided upon. The apparatus decided upon is modern in every respect and includes all the features specially recommended as the result of years of experience in ambulance building. Its strong features so far as local conditions are concerned are great strength combined with light draught, the fact that two patients can be conveyed at the same time and that the peculiar arrangement of steel springs on the apparatus are so effective that rubber tires would not give increased easy running qualities, while the rubber tires would be a constant source of expense and trouble on such roads as are to be encountered in any mining camp. The wheels run on ball bearings. The exterior of the ambulance is handsomely finished, and an plates bearing the memorial inscription which has been prepared by Judge W. J. Nelson.

No decision has been arrived at as yet in regard to the place where the ambulance will be located. It is understood that it can be housed at the firehall or at one of the mines without expense to the city for maintenance of horses. WILL HAVE FOUNTAIN.—John Dean, who headed the section of the Memorial committee favoring a fountain in the water supply, still has the matter in hand and will take the initiative in the matter shortly. The balance of the original fund, after the purchase price of the ambulance is deducted, is to form the nucleus of the fountain fund, and it is estimated that \$850 will build a neat and permanent fountain of Rossland granite trimmed with Kaslo marble, a combination that should produce an admirable effect. Mr. Dean has designs for a fountain of this description, and proposes to take the matter up in earnest when the ambulance question is finally disposed of. One point now in favor of the fountain proposal is that there will no longer be an objection on the score of a shortage in the water supply. The additions now being made to the water system will furnish an ample supply of water from September 15 on, whereas it is extremely likely that the city could not have allowed a fountain, with the great waste of water attendant thereon, to run this summer in view of the scarcity of water. A memorial fountain would hardly be of any special utility this fall, and when it is constructed the water supply will be ample for it and all other purposes.

ST. AGATHE, Que., Sept. 1.—Joseph Bisette was killed by a train at the station here last evening. Stepping from the train the man was thrown under the wheels, which passed over his head and killed him instantly. The victim resided at St. Agathe.

Yesterday E. B. Eddy, the great manufacturer of paper, lumber, matches, woodware and other things, completed three-quarters of a century of life. If his physical strength were a par with his courage and will, this grand old man of Canada would remain active and vigorous until he is far past the century mark.

Mr. Eddy is by birth a Yankee, but as he has lived in Canada for half a century he may fairly claim him as a Canadian. The Dominion can't have too many Yankees of his stamp. By fifty years of energy and enterprise he has built up enormous manufacturing industries at Hull, the most extensive of their kind in the Dominion, when the great fire of 1900 swept them all out of existence; but although upwards of 70 years of age at the time, the dauntless old man started to rebuild before the ashes were cold. In six days less than six months from the date of the fire the big match factory was in operation with its capacity of 3000 gross a day. In nine months the two paper mills were in operation and in eight months the woodware factory was started. In addition to this the sawmill was re-stored, for while the Eddy company does not make lumber for the market, it consumes over 15,000,000 feet of lumber annually in connection with its works and the sawmill is thus kept busy. The fibre ware factory is now being restored, and this year will see the Eddy establishments completely re-stored and in operation on a larger and grander scale than ever. That the plucky captain of industry may be saved from another visitation of fire is the wish of every one who admires courage and energy.—Hamilton Herald.

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Workingmen Taking Cheap VICTORIA, B. C. Wulatusco, of the West Coast of died a few days ago. There were 200

THURSDAY... COAST... WA... GRAND FORKS James H. Kennedy the V. & E. rail fer, chief locating e Northern railway, make a reconnaissance Coast - Kootenay from Midway, B. C here, to tide water distance of about cover most of the on horseback, and across the Hope m butury of the Skas immediately north boundary. In reed... NEWS (Special to GREENWOOD, I. Johnson blew in o C. Copper company morning after h down for eight we coke shortage, cons of the miners at t Coal company's m nance will be blow as suitable crews been got together mine and smelter to to the present full and smelter. It is Montreal & Boston will follow suit at and Boundary Fal course of a few da George D. Curtis Greenwood in c preparation of pla house the provinci promised to shortly and for which an \$10,000 was made t the provincial legi recently drew plan school building abo Greenwood, for w been invited, ret Several contractors others in Grand Fo dem. John Kirkup of and collector, is in fine delinquent tax ties upon which ta 1901 and still unpa October if the arrea paid. Mr. Kirkup Tuesday, Greenwood he has gone to Ph tomorrow Grand F attention. The Pioneers' A. Boundary and Okla. hold its half-yearly Yale Hotel, Grand day, September 1st. Timers are looking for a good time, and are again renewing old changing reminiscences. Each year roll shows fresh va another of the har to his rest, yet are (Special to GREENWOOD, B. meeting of member Curling Club held postal to endeavor stock association, making a good sk rink in Greenwood necessary buildings same, was submit James Russell was there was an excel curiers. After disc ascertain whether \$5000 in 10 shares c for the purpose in leaving were appoin canvases for support another meeting to fortnight here: Humphrey, Sydney Merritt and A. W. The long talked of tween the "mush-eaters" of the local pond on account of Sunday. 17th inst. local sports ground. The game was an c tracted a large cr supporters of the p at the end of the at 19 to 24 respectivel "mush-eaters."