

THE MERRY DANCERS

Tennis Club's Ball Was a Very Successful Function.

Masonic Hall a Charming Scene With Dance in Progress.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Last night's ball in Masonic Temple under the auspices of the Rossland Tennis club was a pronounced success. In past seasons the devotees of ball and racket have distinguished themselves as hosts, but the function added to the list last night was no whit behind its forerunners in all that goes to make a delightful and successful hop.

The interior of the hall and ante-rooms were profusely decorated with flowers and plants, while a special feature was brilliantly colored display of leaves bearing the first imprint of autumn's frosts.

The guests included delegations from Greenwood and Nelson. The committee in charge took the visitors under their special care, with the result that the most enthusiastic testimony as to the enjoyment of the evening emanated from the outsiders.

The floor was in admirable condition. Music was furnished by Graham's orchestra, and an entirely new selection of dance music was produced in excellent style. When the hop was in full progress, the kaleidoscope of charming toilettes, flashing gems, beautiful flowers and their setting provided by the conventional umbrellas of the gentlemen's attire formed an ensemble that was alike striking and attractive. At midnight a dainty supper was served in the banquet hall of the temple.

The presentation of prizes to club members fortunate enough to carry off the various series in the recent tournament was another pleasing feature of the evening. While the prizes were of no great intrinsic value, one and all will be cherished by the recipients as trophies won fairly and gallantly after hard struggles in a pastime that combines a demand for agility, strength, endurance and quick thought.

Dancing was the order of the night until a couple of hours after midnight, and when the function came to a close it was unanimously voted an especially felicitous opening for the fall season, and the members of the Tennis club were showered with congratulations. Much of the success of the dance is due to the efforts of the committee, which included W. H. G. Phipps, honorary secretary, A. E. Barker, James Anderson, J. H. Watson, John P. Cosgro, M. W. Lewer, J. M. Macdonald and E. E. L. Dewdney, who were assisted by other members of the club.

The list of acceptances for the dance was as follows: J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. John Boulton, Miss Helen Boulton, Miss Kathleen Boulton, Nelson Boulton, Mrs. Baldwin, C. E. Barrett, E. W. Bennett, Mrs. Bennett, A. E. Barker, Miss Billings, H. P. Buckingham, Miss Brymer, Mr. Burnside.

W. L. Coulthard, M. D., Mr. and Mrs. John Stillwell Clute, Thomas Corran, J. P. Cosgro, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Campbell, J. K. Cram, Mr. and Mrs. Cumliffe, E. Croteau, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Curtis, Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, G. Cruickshank, H. H. Claudet, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, John Dean, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Davis, E. E. L. Dewdney, J. S. Deschamps, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Denison, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dickson, Walter P. Dockerill, Mr. and Mrs. E. Duthie, E. Durant, H. Dickenson, F. A. Eden, E. Ewert, Miss Elder, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Eye, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Falding, Miss H. Falding, Mrs. J. M. Fitz-Patrick, J. S. C. Fraser, Miss Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Franklin, Homer Falding, Dr. G. M. Foster, A. C. Galt, F. G. Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Goodie, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Guernsey, W. H. Goodeve, G. P. Grant, W. H. Gilles, Miss May Harris, W. F. Hinsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter, W. W. Hegemann, Dr. and Mrs. Hoyes of Trall, Miss Harris, F. A. Hewer, G. A. Howard, J. N. Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Jenkins, E. B. Kirby, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Kenning, Dr. and Mrs. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirby, J. A. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Roland A. Laird, W. M. Lewer, A. G. Larson, Roscop Leslie, Miss Edna Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mackenzie, Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. MacNeill, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKenzie, J. M. Macdonald, K. E. McKenzie, R. S. McKibbin, D. E. McKillop, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Morrow, Howard Marlin, Mr. and Mrs. C. St. L. Mackintosh, G. A. Mitchell, Miss McBride, Mr. and Mrs. John McBride, Miss E. F. Magee, Mr. and Mrs. McInnis, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McCraney, Mr. and Mrs. W. McQueen, C. E. Merritt, Miss Milligan, H. G. Oliver, B. N. Oulmette, Mr. and Mrs. Ohren, S. F. Parrish, A. F. Paddon, Al. Ruff, A. D. S. Patterson, B. C. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock of Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Renwick, Miss Renwick, G. W. Richardson, F. W. Ruff, Hugh Rose, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ruff, A. L. Ruff, W. H. G. Phipps, Lewis Roberts, Miss Sharp of Trall, E. Short, J. M. Smith of Montreal, F. Schofield, Miss E. Shrapnell, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Schofield of Trall, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott, C. B. Smith,

Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Simpson, L. H. Sorenson, E. G. Sutherland, Miss E. Shrapnell of Nelson, A. W. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson, Nevill F. Townsend, Mrs. Herbert R. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Townsend, Miss Gladys Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, George Urquhart, Miss Urquhart, W. F. VanBuskirk, Mrs. VanBuskirk, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watson, Miss M. Whitney, C. C. Walker of Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Waddis, G. H. Winter of Kaslo, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wallace, L. C. Wynne, R. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wade, Miss Webster, Mr. and Mrs. E. Winter, A. M. Whiteside of Greenwood, J. H. Young.

TO IMPROVE COURTS
ROSSLAND LAWYERS CONSIDER SEVERAL IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS.

ALSO PETITION FOR RESIDENT SUPREME COURT JUDGE.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The Rossland Bar association will shortly take action in the direction of a three-edged recommendation to the provincial government in the matter of judicial procedure here. The points which it is desired to attain are as follows:

- 1-The establishment of a new shrievalty with a local resident sheriff.
- 2-The establishment of semi-annual assizes in Rossland.
- 3-The application of the Jurors act to the interior cities of the province.

Under existing conditions all South-east Kootenay is included in one vast shrievalty, with the sheriff resident at Nelson and a deputy sheriff at Rossland. It is felt that the area and population within Sheriff Tuck's bailiwick as at present constituted is ample to warrant a new shrievalty with Rossland as its centre, the advantages appertaining being apparent.

The government has gone to the expense of erecting a handsome and thoroughly equipped court house, with jury rooms, cells and every convenience for the speedy and safe conduct of criminal business, yet has not seen fit to constitute Rossland an assize town, although this must certainly have been contemplated when the large sum represented in the court house block was invested here. The advantages to be secured from a change in this direction are also obvious.

It is agreed on all sides that the Jurors act should be made to apply to all interior centres, as is the case at the Coast. The act is only applicable by order-in-council, which has not been made up to date. The statute provides that at every point where the statute is made applicable by order-in-council, a duly constituted board, including two justices of the peace, shall semi-annually or oftener make a panel of citizens eligible for jury service, and the jury fees required shall be drawn from this panel. Under the present procedure the selection of jurors is wholly in the hands of the sheriff or deputy sheriff at the place where juries are needed. This is really the most important of the three recommendations, and its desirability, by reason of the guarantee of fair juries afforded, is so obvious that it would seem necessary only to bring the point up.

WANT INTERIOR JUDGE. At yesterday's session of the Bar association steps were taken to urge on the government the advantages to accrue from the appointment of a Supreme court judge to be resident in the interior of the province. The resolution adopted along this line was as follows:

"Whereas the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem has created a vacancy in the Supreme court of this province, and whereas all the Supreme court judges are and in the past have been residents at the Coast, and this fact has always added immensely to the costs of litigation in the interior of the province, and whereas the close proximity of many of the interior towns to the United States, combined with the absence of a Supreme court judge in the district having jurisdiction to prevent and deal with the absconding of debtors, has and does leave a large population of the district at the mercy of all who desire to avoid paying debts by absconding to the United States, which has been done to a large extent in the past, to the great loss of the merchants and to the detriment of business morality throughout the country, and whereas the county of Kootenay, which comprises the great part of the interior of the province, is extensive in area and includes many towns, villages and settlements with no railway communications, has only a single county court judge, who must necessarily spend a large portion of his time in outlying parts and in travelling, with the result that pressing motions, such as injunctions, etc., cannot be promptly made but must await his return to Nelson, or be made at the Coast, which delay is oftentimes tantamount to a refusal of the relief asked for, and which could without doubt be expeditiously obtained from a Supreme court judge resident in the county;

Resolved, That the Rossland Bar association respectfully urges that in filling the said vacancy the Minister of Justice should appoint as a judge of the Supreme court of this province a resident of South-east British Columbia; That inasmuch as the city of Rossland is the largest city in the interior of British Columbia, and as the city of Nelson, which comes next in size, already has the county judge resident there, the Supreme court judge resident in South-east British Columbia should be resident in Rossland; That a copy of this resolution be handed to W. A. Gallher, M. P., and a copy forwarded to the Hon. the Minister of Justice."

MR. ELMORE'S VISIT

CONFIDENT IN THE BELIEF THAT THE PROCESS WILL SUCCEED.

SLIGHT DELAY AT LE ROI NO. 2 THROUGH LACKING MACHINERY.

(From Saturday's Daily.) As noted in The Miner yesterday, A. Stanley Elmore, one of the inventors of the Elmore process for the treatment of ores, is now visiting Rossland to witness the inauguration of the oil process at the new Le Roi No. 2 plant. Owing to the non-arrival of parts of the machinery he will be delayed several days until their arrival and installation.

Mr. Elmore was seen last evening at his rooms in the Allan by a representative of The Miner, and was found to be a very pleasant and entertaining gentleman. He did not care about going into details in regard to the workings of the new process, any further than to state in a general way that he had no doubt of its success with the ores of this camp, a fact that would be made fully known to all in a few days, or as soon as the Le Roi No. 2's mill gets to running. He volunteered the statement, however, that one of the Le Roi mine had been tested by his process in London some time since, and the result was, of course, satisfactory.

In the opinion of Mr. Elmore the treatment of ores by the oil process will revolutionize the mining industry in the Kootenays, a belief that has taken possession of the minds of a great majority of those engaged in mining, hence the interest felt in the outcome of the new plants about to be inaugurated.

Mr. Elmore yesterday visited the new mill of the Le Roi No. 2, and said he would do everything in his power for good work, barring the few pieces of machinery still to arrive, which will only take a few hours to put in place when they do come.

The Elmore people do business from their head office at London, and have scores of plants at work treating ores in different parts of the globe.

Mr. Elmore on his return will drop out into the United States as far as Salt Lake, where he has been called on business, but will not leave Rossland for several days, or until the Le Roi mill has been started up. He promises the erection of many such plants in the near future for the treatment of our ores.

OF CANADIAN TRADE CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

DEVELOPMENT OF FARMING OPERATIONS NOTED IN THIS PROVINCE.

throughout the country. The wholesale trade is busy making large shipments to various trade centres of the Dominion, as retailers are anxious now to secure prompt delivery. Values are firm.

London wholesale trade circles show a good deal of activity. The grain movement is large now, and that is helping to expand country trade, leading to the necessity of replenishing stocks in retailers' hands. The outlook for business is promising.

Trade at Ottawa is making good progress. The demand for fall and winter goods is satisfactory, the recent cool weather having led to an increased demand for seasonal goods. An active period the next few months is looked for. Prices of staple imported and domestic goods are firmly held.

MUST NOT CLOSE THE SUGGESTED SHUTTING UP OF SKATING RINK IS UNPOPULAR.

SUM REQUIRED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IS NOT COMPARATIVELY LARGE.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The possibility of the city being without a skating rink and curling rink next winter looms up big on the horizon. It is probable, however, that extraordinary steps will be taken to stave off such a genuine calamity, especially in view of the fact that the outlay necessary to keep the rink open is not prohibitive when the possibilities of the institution as a revenue producer are considered.

The directors of the Rossland Skating Rink company met yesterday afternoon to go into the subject. A report was received from John Anderson, mechanical engineer, in which he recommended a minimum expenditure of \$1,600 before the opening of the rink this winter. The directors were not in a position to devise means for raising this sum, and an adjournment was taken until today.

Mr. Purgold, of Liverpool, was dispatched, offering to convey the assets of the company to him if he would assume the debtors' indebtedness and make the improvements desired. A reply to this offer is expected today.

From all sources comes a strong protest against the idea of shutting down the rink, which is admittedly the finest and most commodious in the interior and a genuine source of healthy recreation during the winter months. Moreover, a Winter Carnival is an impossibility without a rink.

The rink is considered a revenue producer during the winter. Last winter the Rossland Curling club included 80 members, each of whom contributed \$10, while the receipts from skating and hockey must have been many times greater than the aggregate income from curlers. It is understood that in addition to paying for improvements made last winter and all operating expenses, the rink company retired \$1,000 worth of the debentures at local banks. In view of these statements it is surprising that there should be any hesitation about expending the sum of \$1,600 on the institution at this juncture, especially as the citizens would thereby be deprived of about the only available means of recreation during the winter.

The reply came as follows: "Your letter was received by the chief of the fire department, and sent to me August 12, 1903. The salvage fund of which I am superintendent was building a new house; in the bustle of moving your letter was mislaid and has just come to light. "The Fire Patrol or Salvage Corps of San Francisco has three stations supported by the fire insurance companies of this city.

To your first question I would answer: Yes, on a small scale. Our men are not connected with the fire department, but help them when we have nothing to do at a fire. As I said before, at the fire insurance companies' expense. Our men are all permanent. Our men are under a salary. To your last question I answer: You might carry a supply of covers on your hose wagon, and have a paid man to take charge of the same, when you have a fire where covers can be used, have a call force that will answer all alarms and are willing to be paid a fixed sum, if they make a save, or a fixed sum every alarm answered. I would prefer to have a small wagon with fine hose, carry about 20 covers, brooms, shovels, axes. I think three men would be able to do the work under ordinary circumstances. If you have a fire where more are required, have some men you can call on to help out. If you make a salvage you can well afford to pay them. You should have at least 100 covers; have them made in your own town of drilling and oiled. It is hard to advise what to do, as we are working on a large scale. If you think of starting a salvage corps send somebody down to me. I will show him and show what is to be done."

Yours respectfully, J. F. O. Comstock, superintendent Underwriters' Fire Patrol.

SALVAGE IN SPOKANE. Frisco is the only town in the Pacific coast district that boasts a salvage corps. Elsewhere, and particularly in Spokane, another system is adopted to attain approximately the same end. An educational campaign has been started among the merchants of the city whereby a large number of them were induced to displace the old-fashioned cotton sheeting used for covering goods at night with lightweight tarpaulins, drill finish on the upper side and rubber-coated beneath. At night these tarpaulins are carefully laid over all goods, and the clerks in the respective establishments are instructed to utilize the tarpaulins in case of fire. It has been claimed that excellent results have been secured under this system, which has the advantage of obviating the purchase of apparatus and the engagement of men to handle it in case of fires.

The question will be taken up locally in the next few weeks.

COMMUNICATIONS RE CITY PARK.

Editor Miner: I think that if the Carnival committee would use the balance of the money they now have on hand to clear away say five or six acres of the city park site it would be making very good use of the money and would meet with the hearty approval of the majority of our citizens. The clearing could be done for \$50 per acre and the place could be made very beautiful for very little money expended. How much more pleasant it would be to have all our sports held there! The revenue derived from gate receipts would go a long way towards paying for prizes, and it would become a very popular resort. All our church picnics and summer outings could be held there, whereas there is no good place for these pleasures at the present time. There are two never failing springs on the ground and a number of large trees where swings could be erected permanently and platforms built.

A good driving course could be built at very slight expense, as there are ten or fifteen acres of fairly level ground. A good roadway could be built from the foot of Columbia avenue with a grade of not over eight per cent. I would recommend that the council immediately appoint three park commissioners who have some idea of landscape gardening and who would know which trees to be saved, etc., and in a short time they can surprise the citizens, who do not at the present moment know what a beautiful resort can be made on that site.

The business people should refuse to put up any more money until some steps are taken to beautify this piece of land. W. H. GOODEVE, Rossland, Oct. 8, 1903.

THE CITY CEMETERY. Editor Miner: I noticed in the Morning Miner, an article in regard to the disposal of the carnival fund the committee now have on hand. I, with Mr. Goodeve, think that it could be put to no better use than improving lands belonging to the city, especially that tract respectfully called the city cemetery. I would suggest that Mayor Dean be highly commended for the decorations placed there during the last week. I am quite sure those interested in that quiet acre must feel very grateful to him for the consideration shown them. The place has always been a disgrace to the city, and as it seems there is money for public improvement a little might well be spent in clearing out the underbrush and furnishing a water supply, which could easily be done, as there is a spring in the grounds, which, if properly improved, would supply water during the summer, thus saving the public carrying it for half a mile, which they have been obliged to do in order to save the little grass and flowers which they have planted. But when the mayor permits cattle men to drive their stock through the cemetery destroying every flower and bit of improvements, it seems to me he has quite overstepped his authority. I do not think any city officer would have power to allow the cemetery to be used as a stock yard. I would suggest that he send one of the sanitary men and the private carriage over at

once and remove as far as possible the disgusting sight. Many of the graves thus spoiled are owned by those who have left the city, and who left them in good condition. I think a portion of the carnival fund would be well spent in repairing as far as possible that which has been destroyed in such shameful manner.

ONE INTERESTED IN THE WHITE CITY. Rossland, October 9, 1903.

THE CITY PARK. Editor Miner: I regret to say that I cannot enthuse with Mr. W. H. Goodeve over the merits of the city park. What we need here first and foremost is not, as he suggests, a place for "church picnics and summer outings" but a conveniently situated recreation ground of sufficient size for lacrosse, baseball, etc., and speaking for myself I for one would ardently endorse and support a movement for acquiring and laying out such a piece of land. But as for our so-called park it may be admirably suited to such gloomy necessities as a cemetery and a pest-house, but the sooner we admit that as a recreation ground it is and must be a failure the better for us all. Some years ago, when I had the honor of occupying a seat on the council, I suggested that we should sell it at the best price obtainable half of our park property, and with the proceeds purchase a piece of land much nearer to the center of the city, where I took Mr. Lalonde and others to inspect at the time. I now submit that this is the proper course to pursue under the circumstances, and I maintain that it will be the height of folly for us to throw more of our good money after the \$5000 which we have already spent on our ridiculous city park. Much better admit that we have made a mistake and start fresh elsewhere. F. W. ROLT, Rossland, October 11.

TO ENLARGE PLANT PRESENT PLANS OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA COPPER COMPANY.

VICE-PRESIDENT SOMMER HIGHLY PRAISES THE BOUNDARY.

GRAND FORKS, Oct. 8.—F. L. Sommer, vice-president of the British Columbia Copper company, has left here for the Coast after paying his first visit to the Boundary district. The company owns the Mother Lode mine and the Greenwood smelter.

Mr. Sommer, before leaving, announced that he had recently been decided to enlarge the Greenwood plant by the addition of a converter and four additional furnaces. The present equipment consists of two furnaces, but with the proposed additions, which will be completed early next summer, the smelter will have a daily treatment capacity of 2,100 tons.

Mr. Sommer stated that he was very favorably impressed with the magnitude of the mineral resources of the Boundary. In fact, after an inspection of the various mines, he had reached the conclusion that mining operations as conducted at present represented only a little preliminary scraping as compared with the enormous tonnage that was destined to be extracted on an ever-increasing scale in the near future.

DISAPPEARED IN SPOKANE. M. J. Casey, an Old-Time Rosslander, is Now Missing.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Robert Adams returned from Spokane last evening, where he has been attending the fair. He reports the mysterious disappearance of M. J. Casey, an old-time miner and prospector of Rossland, who was also in attendance at the fair, after turning over to him a satchel containing drafts and other property of the value of \$500.

Mr. Adams remained in the Falls City two or three days longer than he intended in order to find Casey, but finally left without him. The facts were given to the police of Spokane. Casey was partially blind, having been injured two years ago in the Enterprise mine at Reco, Colorado, by the premature explosion of a blast. While partially blind, he could see enough to make his way about town without danger, which makes his disappearance all the more mysterious.

CITY NEWS

(From Saturday's Daily.) The Rossland Bar association met this afternoon at the court house.

One drunk was the prisoner's box at yesterday morning. For those who look to the wine when it gives the cup was meted out tunate.

A magnificent sample Oldenburg apples was city yesterday. The fruit at Denison's ranch, in the city, and is a reminder of the possibilities of this district. The trees over three years ago, and bearing. Splendid apples grown this year at Flog.

The work of removing wires of the department phone company has been and the construction of the work has left the standing poles and wire system were removed. The poles carry telegraph fire alarm wires were allowed to remain. The work of the corporation.

J. L. Whitney, while Run claim on Poplar creek, since, found some small pieces which seemed to be and quartz, and which to carry much value. The rock was given to D. W. Trail smelter, who has which reveals that 10 ounces gold, or about 10. Mr. Whitney has a \$10, which he broke out ledges in the Home Ru.

It is intimated that a few weeks the proposed section with the route line of the Canadian Pacific strike into the Kootenays. The result of the that the lower Arrow service will be abandoned at least, and that it will be handled from Nakusp, thence by the can railway to Rosebe steamer to Slovan city and can Junction via the Slo new time table will prob.

Under the new system the sanitary department whereby the work of is reduced to a regular, rterially reduced the tin quired by the men and department. The board now considering the qu ploying the men and team elsewhere on city work, gaged in sanitary work, has suggested that the of a new earth reservoir storage be proceeded with gestion is tentative or whole question is to be committee.

An event of widespread interest occurred on Tuesday afternoon, when Miller, draughtsman at Smelting Works, was u bonds of wedlock to M Machant, also of Trail. was celebrated at St. An at 5:30 o'clock, Rev. Jo rector of St. George's c land, officiating. The sacred edifice was attrac ated with flowers, and the doors by friends of young couple. The w was rendered by Miss and Mrs. Miller left o train for the coast, an the home in Trail after ymnoon.

The Fax entertainment cellent house at the the ing, which is more than completed by many mo announced attractions of Rosslanders made the a James Fax as an enterta and this element contribu to the audience that a house last night. Mr. Fa house last night, which meant tremely amusing from and kept the gathering in train. His support was whole entertainment wa clean and decidedly cleve.

(From Friday's Daily.) The Josie mine was yesterday owing to a Nickel Plate compressor be repaired by this mo. The city has rarely been disease as at the pre Physicians report few c two patients are at the pital. The meeting of the association convened for not eventuate, a postp this morning at 11 o'clock upon. The place of me Nelson's office. Resolut supreme court judgsh sent to the meeting and Nelson association petitioned the governm the new supreme court, ently locate his officia the interior. (From Saturday's Daily.) John Macdonald, fo smith at the Le Roi mi his connection with the Rev. R. F. Stillman, Methodist church, leaves for Grand Forks, where and participate in the at vices of the Methodist ch returns to the city on W. The Anglicans, Pres Methodists will unite Thanksgiving service on