

OPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT AT NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Westminster, British Columbia, is the first city on the Pacific coast to have a municipal electric light system. It was not without a struggle, however, that the desired end was attained. Early in 1897 a private company was formed with fifty shares of \$100 each, and a capital of \$5,000 was raised. This would have cost \$8,000 a year, but the city was able to raise the money at a rate of interest of 10 per cent, and the cost of the plant was \$15,000 per annum. The municipal control of the water and light works had already received a great deal of attention from the public, and the Westminster people had determined upon controlling the public water works. A system of waterworks was completed and was open for use on the 1st of July. The city council had decided to purchase the water works, and the city council had decided to purchase the water works, and the city council had decided to purchase the water works.

Provincial News.

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Comox, Sept. 20.—The fates seem to be propitious toward the enterprising people of Comox district, for notwithstanding the almost continuous rain of the preceding week, the weather here is now of a delightful character. A very large number of people took advantage of it, and assembled in the agricultural hall, Courtenay, to view the various exhibits.

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VANCOUVER. J. K. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, opened the fair in Chilliwack on Monday. The fair was a great success, and the display of fruit and vegetables far surpassed the exhibits of other years in quality and variety.

Another proof of the advance Vancouver is making was given on Saturday when the Bankers' Clearing House was operated for the first time. Previous to October 1st all clearances were made in Victoria, but owing to the increased business of the city, it was deemed advisable to open branches in the city during the past twelve months.

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Mines and Mining.

The strike in the Columbia-Kootenay works by the more important than was at first expected. The No. 5 tunnel, which is the lowest working in the property, the ledge has been crossed at a width of 26 feet, and an average assay of the ore shows it to carry total values of \$31. It is the most important strike thus far made in the eastern part of the camp and more than ever confirms the Columbia-Kootenay being one of the great mines of Trail Creek—Rossland Miner.

Plans for the resumption of work on the Centre Star are about completed. With a few more men, the active work will begin, says the Rossland Miner. About 100 men will be employed at the start, and the force will be increased as the work progresses. The shaft is to be sunk midway between the War Eagle and the present workings of the Centre Star. It will be started on the vein, and it will be at an angle of 70 degrees. In size it will be the largest shaft thus far sunk in the Centre Star property. It will be divided into two compartments, each 200 feet high, and each 20 feet wide. The shaft will be sunk by the use of a double cut and will be completed in about six months.

There was quite a downfall of snow on Thursday night. In the city and in the valley generally it melted as soon as it fell, but on the heights surrounding it remained to the present, and it is reported that the winter snow will be low this city, on Lower Arrow lake, his last visit to Nelson. The snow is being supplied by the improvement in the city. It has a solid and substantial aspect that produces great confidence in the mind of a business man. Mr. Ward is accompanied by Mr. C. W. Gillespie, manager of the Bank of B. C. at Victoria.—Nelson Miner.

Trout Lake District. There is a good deal of activity in Trout Lake district, and very satisfactory results are being obtained from the development of the property. A shaft is being sunk in the property, and it is expected that a large amount of ore will be obtained. The property is being developed by the use of a double cut and will be completed in about six months.

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