BIG BANK ACCOUNT

Nelson Has $50,000 to Its Credit From Sale of Debentures.

NEEDED PUBLIC WORKS

Construction of Water Works and Sewerage Systems Will be Undertaken at Once—Action Begun to Quash Fire Limits Bylaw.

NELSON, Sept. 1.—[Special.]—At a special meeting of the city council this afternoon the city debentures, whose face value is $50,000, were sold to the British Columbia Corporation, limited, of Victoria. The price realized was 98 per cent net and accrued interest. The total amount was $49,312.92, a check for which was placed in the Bank of Montreal this afternoon to the credit of the city.

The money will be expended in the construction of the water and sewer systems and other public works of immediate necessity. Included in these works of immediate necessity is the city lock-up, which has just been completed. This is considered a very good bid, and goes to show that Nelson's securities are looked upon with favor. Now that the money is in hand, work on the various public improvements will be pushed even more rapidly than in the past. When the council instructed Mayor Houston to receive the bids and accept one, it gave him the power to accept one as low as 95 per cent. The bid of 98 per cent is gratifying to both councilmen and the public at large.

City Clerk Seely was instructed to call for tenders for the sewer system, the tenders to be in by Sept. 12. The call includes tenders for 1,700 feet of mains, to consist of 18-inch pipe, and also 3,000 feet of 8-inch laterals. The work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. It is thought the water system will be completed by Nov. 1.

Fire Limits Bylaw Assailed.

The city clerk was today served with a notice from the supreme court that H. R. Cameron had commenced an action against the city to quash Fire Limits bylaw No. 11. The relator holds that the bylaw is unconstitutional and oppressive in its provisions. He seems to object to each of its provisions and to the bylaw as a whole. About two weeks ago he applied to the council for a permit to erect a frame building on Baker street, between Ward and Josephine streets. This application was refused, and he was requested to comply with the fire limits bylaw. The suit is one of general interest, and should it be successful the probabilities are that there will not be a vacant lot in the business district of the city within two weeks after the bylaw has been declared null and void. If, on the other hand, the suit should fail, many who are watching its progress will be greatly disappointed.

This suit opens up a wide field for speculation in the minds of many. First as to whether the many parties who have been fined for infringing upon that same fire limits bylaw cannot demand the repayment of their fines and possibly damages for lacerated feelings, etc. And whether Mr. George W. Brown, of Portland, who not only had to pay a fine of $25, but to raze his building to the ground when it had a good start, cannot receive back his fine and either get damages for the destruction of his building, or require it to be rebuilt to exactly the same stage it had attained.

Personals and Brevities.

James H. Falconer of Victoria, arrived in the city last night. He has been organizing Independent Order of Foresters lodges throughout Canada and will probably organize one in Nelson.

The case of McKinney, the negro, who was apprehended for a crime he committed two years ago, stabbing a woman over at Kaslo, was postponed until Saturday. The case will come before Justice Drake in the absence of Judge Forin in Rossland. Justice Drake will probably be called upon to remain two weeks at least as many cases are on the calendar.

Never in the history of the town have the streets been so crowded. Every hotel and rooming house is full. More capital is represented than for some time past, and the best of it is it is looking for investment.

Among the distihguished (?) visitors to Nelson this week was Lord Sholto Douglas, who left last night for Vancouver. His escapades first with the variety actress he married, then with his doughty mother-in-law, and lastly his nightly appearance with his wife on the stage at the different theatres in San Francisco, just posing so the public at large could see a live lord at so much a head, have not yet been forgotten, though few would care for such remembrance. It is said he was here to look after his mining interests.

O. G. Dennis, the new gold commissioner, vice Mr. Goepel, resigned, has assumed the duties of his office.

A new strike on the Granite, a gold proposition on Eagle creek, has been reported. It shows the lead to be six instead of two feet wide, and new assays made give $744.84 to the ton.

WILL BE NAMED ROSSLAND.

New Flyer Building at Nakusp Will Be Called After This City.

TRAIL, Sept. 2.—[Special.]—The handsomest and speediest boat in the Kootenay service of the C. P. R. is to be called the Rossland. This has just been decided upon by the C. P. R. officials, and was made public today. It has always been intended that it should be especially fast, and for that reason it has been unofficially referred to by the workmen and the public press, as "The Flyer," but it will receive this name no longer.

The Rossland will by far exceed anything in point of speed in the C. P. R. service. In style it will be built on the lines of the Kokanee, and in size it will be very similar to the last boat built, the Kootenay. Perhaps its speed will be 18 miles, but this cannot be determined yet, although it is expected to beat the Kootenay by about four miles, and the Kootenay's speed is close to 14 miles. The Rossland will make a round trip daily between Robson and Revelstoke and will greatly facilitate the river service. The machinery for the new boat is now being put in position, and she will be launched at the earliest possible moment. She is building at Nakusp.

Travel on the steamers from both north and south has shown a noticeable increase in the last week or two, and the freight shipments are very heavy, especially to Nelson. The transfer at Robson is heavy, but notwithstanding this the traffic to Trail and Rossland has so increased that the warehouses are crowded. A carload of light rails has arrived for Rossland.

DOWN FROM LARDEAU.

The Gaynor Creek Gold Strike Is All the Talk There.

TRAIL, Sept. 2.—[Special.]—Ralph White came down from the Lardeau country today, where he has been prospecting for nearly two months. He says the hills were covered with about eight inches of snow by the cold wave of Tuesday night, and that prospectors are coming in to Trout Lake city and Selkirk very rapidly.

Mr. White says the chief interest in that section centres around the rich gold strikes along Gaynor creek, and that three cars of ore are being loaded for shipment to the sampling works at Kaslo. The assays are rich and run as high as $3,000. Mr. White says that ore of this same quality has been traced for a distance of ten miles to Fish creek, to the northwest, where assays of $600 have been obtained. A trail is being built from Fish creek, along Lexington creek.

The Galena pass road, from Galena bay to Trout lake city, is being completed by the Horne-Payne syndicate. Thirty men are at work, and they are rushing the work in order to get through before ice forms. This road will enable them to get to the lake without using the Northeast Arm, which is always frozen during the winter.

A boat is being built on Trout lake, and will be on the run from Trout Lake City to Selkirk very soon. At present the distance, which is 18 miles, is being covered by skiffs, of which there are about 75 on the lake.

SCHOOL-HOUSE CONTRACT LET.

S. H. Brown Gets the Job at $1,984—Trail Personals and Brevities.

TRAIL, Sept. 2.—[Special.]—S. H. Brown has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new school-house at $1,984. The government appropriation was $2,000, which was to include fencing and excavating. About a dozen bids were presented, nearly all of which were close to the $2,000 mark. The new structure will be similar in architectural design to the present building, and will be located on the same bench above the townsite. There are now 115 pupils in attendance at the school, the primary grade occupying temporary quarters down town.

W. F. Thompson arrived yesterday from the coast, and was a passenger on today's boat for Nelson.

Frank Hanna has secured a hotel license, and will convert his new theater building into a first-class hotel.

James Cluluow has rented the premises on Bay avenue adjoining the Waterloo hotel, and will open a shoe store.

H. C. Pollock, the well-known prospector, is home from Halcyon Hot Springs, where he has been quite ill for the past three weeks.

Henry Boss, formerly clerk at the Crown Point hotel, has returned from the Lardeau, where he has staked an excellent silver property.

The Pine Ridge Gold Mining company is building a wagon road from Deer Park to its property on Cayuse creek. The last assay obtained went $36 in gold.

NEW PLACER DISCOVERIES.

Prospectors Believed to Have Struck Something Good Back of Waneta.

WANETA, Sept. 2.—[Special.]—From a reliable prospector just arrived I learn that quite an excitement has been raised in the camps near Lost and Sheep creeks by some miners who have brought in coarse gold from the head waters of Summit creek, lots of pieces being as large as pumpkin seeds. These men, although saying little, have evidently struck it rich. Several placer outfits have started in to the new camp over the old Dewdney trail, but everything is kept as quiet as possible. The men, although carrying placer mining outfits, say they are after quartz. There are also lots of prospectors going in from Nelson by way of the Kootenay river, and nearly all have large placer outfits. Further news of the country is awaited here with a good deal of impatience.

Lost and Sheep Creeks.

Some fine rock has just been received from the Little George group, between Lost and Sheep creeks, on which assessment work has just been done. This rock contains large quantities of arsenical iron and copper and should run pretty well.

The Nevada is one of the best showings in this camp, and some ore brought down yesterday looks particularly promising and should run high in gold, comparing it with former specimens which have been assayed and went as high as $56, $30 and $23. This is a free-milling proposition and will soon be heard from as one of the mines in this camp.

The Emerald is another good showing, having a 30-foot ledge carrying gold and copper.

Mount Proctor Claims.

Coming down the trail towards Waneta are some very promising properties, notably Newman and Monks' claim, the Bunker Hill group, on the west side of Proctor mountain. This is a free milling ore also and shows up well, the ledges being large and strong.

On the east side of the mountain the Black Horse group shows up splendidly. This is believed to be the largest surface showing in British Columbia, and when opened up should astonish the natives. Some very rich free milling float has been found lately near these claims by Spokane parties. It assayed away up in the hundreds.

Lang and Church have a good property on Fifteen Mile creek, as also Sharp, Anderson and Pyper, who have a group of well developed claims, in which they have great faith.

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DEATH WAS SUDDEN

Samuel Trappe Found Dead on His Own Doorstep.

INQUEST WILL BE HELD

Post Mortem Shows His Death Was Probably Due to Excessive Alcoholism—Promising Toad Mountain Prospect—Delayed Mails.

NELSON, Sept. 2.—[Special.]—Samuel Trappe, proprietor of the Parisian dye works of this city, was found dead on his own doorstep between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning. A coroner's jury was impaneled today to sit upon the case, but after selecting John Johnson foreman, adjourned until tomorrow The jurymen are: John Johnson, C. McDonald, T. McCaugh, G. N. Gilchrist, Charles Jiszkovitch and J. McAlmond. A post mortem examination was held this afternoon by Coroner Arthur and Dr. G. A. B. Hall. While these gentlemen are not willing to state at present positively the cause of death, they infer that it was due to a complication of troubles, principal among which were congestion of the lungs and enlargement of the liver, probably superinduced by excessive alcoholism.

Patrolman McKinnon stated to your representative that his attention had been first attracted to the man late in the evening by the latter endeavoring to enter the house of the Parisian Dye works. He seemed to be intoxicated and complained of pain in his body. McKinnon sat him down upon the step and went to look for the sick man's partner, who was supposed to have the key of the domicile. Returning from an unsuccessful quest shortly afterwards he found the man seated in a tub containing water. He removed him to an adjacent doorstep and leaving him once more went again in search of the partner. He returned between 12 and 1 o'clock and found the man cold in death. The deceased is said to be the brother of T. J. Trappe, a prominent hardware merchant of New Westminster. The latter was wired to by Chief of Police Wolverton, but up to a late hour no reply had been received. It is reported that the deceased was otherwise highly connected, but this could not be confirmed.

Investor Has Good Ore.

The Investor claim, on Toad mountain, about one and a half miles southwest from the Silver King, promises well for its owner, Mr. Jasper Phair. Samples now on exhibition make a magnificent showing and attract favorable comment from those versed in the mysteries of mines. An average assay taken from the entire width of the ledge is said to have given a result of $80. There are three shafts on the lead, the deepest of which is 15 feet. It is stated the ledge is between three and five feet in width and shows through the full length of the claim. The Ethel H, an extension of the Investor, is said to be showing up well under development work and recent assays are said to have given a result of 20 per cent in copper, $34.10 in gold and 10 ounces in silver. Mr. Phair thinks his future is peacock hued.

Personals and Brevities.

Mr. Paul Johnson, the retiring superintedent of the Hall Mines smelter, expects to leave for Mexico tomorrow.

Instead of "who enter here leaves hope behind," the legend at the Hall Mines reads, "who enters here has to have a pass from Manager Croasdaile." No matter how pressing your business, admission is denied without the magic bit of paper bearing the manager's hieroglyphics.

One of the finest hotels in course of construction is the Queen, on Baker street, near Josephine, which will be opened for business next week by Messrs. Richardson & Perdue. It consists of three stories and has 30 rooms in addition to the ground floor. The front of the lower floor is imposing, being of plate glass.

Among those recently stricken with typhoid fever is Pat J. Russell, one of the leading citizens of Nelson.

The mail is again late and will not be distributed tonight, the fourth time it has happened the past month. Business men are all kicking.

Barrister McLeod of Rossland, is in the the city in attendance upon the court, having several important cases in hand. Harry White of Seattle and Rossland, is also interested in a case, his company being defendant. It is a suit for commission for selling stock.

HALL MINES SMELTER.

The Official Report of Operations for Four Weeks in August.

Henry E. Croasdaile, general manager of the Hall Mines, limited, has issued the following statement of the results of the company's smelting operations at Nelson for the four weeks ending Aug. 27:

5,766 tons of ore were smelted, which yielded 522 tons of matte, containing (approximately) 232 tons of copper, 157,360 ounces of silver, and 215 ounces of gold.

FIVE-CENT BEER AT TRAIL.

Frank Hanna Was the First to Cut the Price There.

TRAIL, Sept. 3.—[Special.]—The 5-cent beer crusade has struck Trail, and has been reinforced with 10-cent whiskey, and hotelmen, as a consequence, are feeling concerned. Frank Hanna, who has converted his theater into a hotel, has led the march, and it is probable that others will follow. Hanna calls his hostelry the Opera hotel and has headed off a possible boycott by laying in a stock of beer that will see him through for some time.

The Hotelkeepers' association, at its next meeting, will no doubt take action in the matter, and from the tone of some of the members today, it is likely that five cent beer will be a permanent institution. It is this matter that has banded them together more than anything else, their principal rule being that they will not patronize any brewery or company supplying beer to a "five cent" man. Of the 21 hotels in Trail 14 are members of the association.

There are two breweries in operation here—the Kootenay and the Milwaukee—and the latter does not hold the good will of the Hotel Keepers' association because it sells to the residents of Dublin gulch and others by the quart. Therefore they have boycotted it, and Hanna will, no doubt, be able to get all the beer he wants from them or from some outside point.

TRAIL NEWS NOTES.

J. J. Browne and Family Visited the Smelter City—Personal Mention.

TRAIL, Sept. 3.—[Special.]—J. J. Browne, proprietor of the Spokane Chronicle, and his family, were in Trail yesterday, the guests of R. T. Daniel. The party has been traveling through the Slocan country, and came down on the steamer Kootenay. They were entertained at the Arlington hotel, where they were met by about 50 of the ladies and gentlemen of Trail. In the evening, they visited the smelter, and were shown through the works from one end to the other. After the party returned from this trip Mr. Daniel, assisted by a number of ladies, made the remainder of the evening as pleasant as possible, and provided excellent refreshments for the visitors. Mr. Browne's party left for Spokane this morning.

O. B. Williams, of the firm of Kaake & Williams, is home from the upper country, where he has contracts amounting to $30,000 for buildings at Halcyon Hot Springs.

Herb Lewis has returned from his vacation at Revelstoke. He made the trip from Robson to Trail in his canoe, which he has named the Klondike.

The rains of the past few days have extinguished the forest fires on the east side of the Columbia, between Trail and Rossland.

The shaft on the Little Giant is now 100 feet deep, and the last assay shows $70 in gold.

J. D. Anderson is surveying mineral claims at Nakusp.

William Claffy and Archie McGilvrey are working their claims on Rover creek, near Nelson.

The track on the Trail-Robson road is being laid at the rate of more than a mile a day.

J. W. Kendall, auditor of the Columbia & Western, is enjoying a two months' vacation, and will go as far east as New York city.

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Mr. J. L. Parker, the mining engineer, in his report on the Keystone group says:

"A shaft is sunk thirty-six feet on the Keystone and is in almost solid ore, having a little calcite which is usual in the Trail Creek ores. The foot wall of the vein is granite and as there has been no crosscut made on the hanging wall side it is only a matter of conjecture as to the width of the ore body, but I am prepared to believe that it will be of enormous width, judging from the size of the solid iron capping.

"Although the ore at present is of low grade, yet at the foot of the shaft copper pyrites are coming in strongly and the ore will undoubtedly increase in value as depth is attained. This is the experience of Trail Creek ores generally, and I can see no valid reason why this should not do so. The veins are permanent fissures and will carry to unknown depths, and I believe that whoever acquires this property will get one of the most promising mines in the Trail Creek country.

"I reported favorably on the property of the Parker Group, afterwards acquired by the Dundee Gold Mining Company, which assayed only $2.20 on the surface, and which improved very materially as successive assays of $13, $22 and $49 were got, until at 100 feet assays were obtained showing $59 ore, which proves that low grade ore improves with depth, and I consider that the Keystone Group, while the ore is of a very different character, is unquestionably the "banner group," as far as surface showings are concerned, of any claims seen by me on which pyrrhotite ore is found, and I make no exceptions whatever of any mines or prospects in and around Rossland or in the Trail Creek mining division.

"I have great confidence in recommending this property to the investing public as being something exceptionally good, and if the necessary amount of capital can be obtained to properly develop this property I look forward to a mine resulting from the company's efforts."

FACTS TO CONSIDER.

All of the promoters' shares have, by agreement been pooled indefinitely and consequently cannot come into competition with treasury shares until the mine is on a paying basis, and none will be sold except treasury stock for development purposes and the putting in of machinery, thus showing that the purchasers are willing to stand or fall on the merits of the property.

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