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A MINISTER WANTED

ROSSLAND LIBERALS JOIN IN MINES DEPARTMENT MOVEMENT.

A RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED RECITING REASONS WHY.

The matter of establishing a department of mines in connection with the federal government and the selection of a minister for the new portfolio from British Columbia is now engrossing the attentions of British Columbians to a greater extent than ever before. In the past spasmodic efforts have been made to secure this result, especially as British Columbia's representation in the cabinet is not as substantial as it would be were Hon. Senator Templeman provided with a portfolio.

That the mining industry of Canada has reached a magnitude requiring a department solely for its administration is growing on British Columbians, and efforts are now being put forth throughout the province to convince the federal government that the time is ripe for the step advocated. The Rossland Liberal association has taken a part in the movement, by unanimously carrying the appended resolution for submission to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates in the cabinet:

"In addition to home consumption and to partially manufactured products exported, such as coke, pig iron, etc., the exports from the mines of Canada in 1903 were $40,000,000, whereof three-fourths, or $30,000,000 were contributed by the mines of British Columbia and Yukon Territory.

"The vast Pacific slope of Canada, embracing some 360,000,000 acres, is admitted by the best mining authorities to be unsurpassed by any other mining region in the world in mineral wealth.

"Up to the present the development of the mineral resources of that region has been delayed because of lack of attention due to want of knowledge on the part of the federal government of the special needs and requirements of the mining industry, which, although still in its infancy, is already furnishing one-fifth of the total exports of Canada.

"The fostering care and assistance that would undoubtedly come from the wise oversight of a minister of mines whose whole time and thought of his department were devoted to the mining industry would ensure such a rapid growth thereof that the annual export from the mines of the Pacific slop of Canada alone would at the end of ten years be not less than $100,000,000 and the mines be capable of still greater expansion in subsequent years.

"The vast region lying west of Lake Superior, embracing the major portion of Canada, and especially the part thereof requiring government supervision in its development and containing one-sixth of Canada's population, is represented in the federal cabinet by only one minister—the minister of the interior—whose department includes that of mines, but whose whole time must of necessity be devoted to the colossal task of administering and settling the enormous area of public lands to the overlooking and detriment of the mining interests.

"It is resolved that the government of Canada be urged to give Western Canada further representation, with portfolio, and that in view of the great and rapidly growing importance of mining throughout Canada the department of mines should be a separate one presided over by a minister of mines and that on account of the present and prospective paramount mining interests of the Pacific slope such minister be selected from the parliamentary representatives of that region."

This resolution and others of a similar nature and import will be showered upon the federal government as a starter in a campaign that is almost certain to end in the outcome desired by British Columbians.

ON VARIOUS POINTS

CITY FATHERS DELIBERATED TILL TEN O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

TYPEWRITING BILL DISCUSSED —INSURANCE AGENTS' LICENSES.

A variety of matters of a non-controversial nature were dealt with at last night's regular session of the city council. Mayor Clute and Aldermen Stout and Lockhart were absentees, and Alderman Hamilton was elected chairman, the remaining members present being Aldermen McDonald, Martin and Roit.

Alderman Roit asked for a statement as to the status of the opera house in respect to compliance with the bylaws governing exits, etc. The inspector said he understood the management contemplated various improvements as soon as the snow went off sufficiently to proceed with the work. The solicitor was asked to supply an opinion as to whether the by-law could be extended to embrace other buildings in the city used for public gatherings.

The account of Miss Stewart for typewriting copies of the civic bylaws came up again. Alderman McDonald said he never requested the young lady to do the work, and never consented to have them printed. They were printed, however, and he received a copy. He thought the charge of $27 was excessive, even if the council paid for the work. The matter was finally turned over to the finance committee.

A question was asked as to licenses paid by life insurance agents, to which the inspector replied that he had collected from three transient solicitors, which was all he could secure trace of. One transient refused to pay, and the question of prosecuting was in abeyance, the agent in question being a general officer who worked through a local agent, the latter having paid the license. All resident agents had been notified to pay the tax, but Mayor Clute was the only one to respond to date.

The solicitor advised that Commissioner Renwick of Nelson had written him in respect to payment of the sum required for the water record granted on Trail creek, and asked council to decide whether or not the record would be taken out. Promptness was necessary, he stated, owing to the danger of the record being cancelled. It was resolved that the fire, water and light committee should go into the subject at once, and the disposition of the members was apparently in favor of taking out the record because of its possible value as an asset in the future.

The balance of the council business was of trifling interest.

TO IMPROVE LIGHT

MANAGER CAMPBELL EXPLAINS HOW LIGHTS CAN BE BETTERED.

STATES FURTHER THAT HIS COMPANY HAS LIVED UP TO AGREEMENT AND MORE.

Recently the city council directed that a letter be sent to the Rossland Water & Light company to the effect that the lighting service furnished the city and citizens generally was below the standard set in the corporation's contract with the company. The inference was that an improvement was expected at once, but the company replied to the effect that it had lived up to its contract fully, and that the complaint was not in accordance with the facts. The response in part read as follows:

"We have gone fully over our report sheets for the last four and a half years, and find we have been supplying our customers with an average of 60 watts per 16 candlepower lamp; as per clause 4 of agreement dated August 2, 1899, we were to supply 55 watts per 16 c. p. lamp. In fact we have been supplying approximately 20 c. p. in place of 16's.

"We might mention, however, that for the last couple of weeks, the regulation has not been good owing to our helping out the White Bear company. We were compelled to make a make-shift in connection with transformers which they used to operate the hoist, and rather than shut down the mine we were of opinion that our customers would not seriously object until such time as this is straightened out. However, I might mention that we have almost rectified the trouble which was causing the bad regulation, and I feel confident that from this on the regulation will be much better.

"There is another point which the city might look into, and that is the majority of our customers allowing lamps to burn night and day. The average life of an incandescent lamp is approximately 800 hours. Although the lamp will burn much longer than the time given above, it will not remain up to candle power, and in a number of cases where we have had complaints investigation finds the lamps to be burning over 1200 hours and said lamps not giving over 5 c. p.

"If customers would turn out lights when not required it would increase the life of lamps and they would receive much better light. We are continually after customers to impress upon them the necessity of turning out lights when not actually required, but find it almost impossible to carry this out. If the city can do anything to assist in impressing this upon the people I feel sure there will be no room for complaint on the score of poor light."

The communication bore the signature of Lorne A. Campbell, managing director, and was filed, there being apparently no basis on which to found further debate.

MUNROE WILL MINE

MINER PRIZE FIGHTER SAYS HE'LL INVEST WINNINGS IN B. C.

FORMERLY LIVED FOR SOME TIME AT PHOENIX IN BOUNDARY.

Jack Munroe, the burly miner who recently beat Sailor Sharkey all round a prize ring in Boston, has announced to the New York press that he proposes to invest his winnings in British Columbia Mining ventures. Munroe is now credited with a desire to go after the championship belt held by Jeffries, and, win or lose, the battle will bring more grist to his money mill. He says it is his intention to invest this money in British Columbia mines, and to settle down in this province as a mine magnate.

The incident is rather unusual and probably gives British Columbia's mining industry more advertising in New York City than it would obtain in a year by the ordinary means of publishing its magnitude and promise. Just now Munroe is very much in the public eye, and his remarks on this subject have a novelty from the lips of a prize fighter that adds weight to them.

Munroe was billed as from Butte, but as a matter of fact he could just as properly have been advertised as from Phoenix B. C., for he did more mining in Phoenix while in the employ of various Boundary properties than he did in Butte. While in Phoenix Munroe achieved considerable note as a bruiser. He went in for sparring to some extent, but rough-and-tumble was his long suit, and it is not recorded that he ever got the worst of the mix-up when it came to general fighting without Hoyle. Many residents of Phoenix remember his last difficulty there when it came to his ears that another miner had referred to him by a name that has the same effect on the average man as the brandishing of a crimson flag in proverbial bull's countenance. Munroe started out to look for his man, and found him at a dance in Phoenix one Saturday night. There was a rush, Munroe struck out once and his victim was stretched out on the floor quivering like a leaf and absolutely unconscious, in which condition he remained for several hours. Munroe was powerful, in fact, to use an ordinary expression "he didn't know how strong he was," but it was never supposed that he would develop the science to justify him in aspiring for championship pugilistic honors.

That the ex-Phoenix miner has a substratum of hard commonsense is indicated by his statement that his pickings from the prize ring will be devoted to a fund that will start him as a British Columbia mine owner, and if he plays the game with equal sense he is likely to wind up at a point where purses won't be worth the trouble of going after.

AROUND THE CITY

From Friday's Daily.

John Carter, of the Exchange saloon, is nursing a dislocated shoulder, sustained through a stumble on the stairs at the rear of the saloon.

Creel and Fitzsimmons, the amateur middleweight boxers, have signed articles for a mill at an early date. Both men are in the game for gore, and have commenced active training.

At the regular meeting of Rossland Lodge, No. 21, Knights of Pythias, to be held this evening three candidates will be initiated into the mysteries of the first rank of knighthood while 9 others will receive the second rank of the order.

The clay banks at Seven Devils, a few miles south of Northport are commencing their annual movement toward the river, following the spring thaws, and railway traffic over the main line of the Spokane Falls & Northern is suffering thereby. Yesterday's train from Spokane was delayed five hours through a mud slide at this point.

Henry B. Smith, M. Inst., C. E., and H. Paul Renwick, P. L. S., returned last night from Nelson, where they had been for two days in attendance on the court of revision for the Nelson assessment district. Both gentlemen were called for the Nelson & Fort Sheppard company in its appeal against the assessment of the railway grant lands. The assessor placed a value of a dollar an acre on the half million acres of land held by the railway company, and the company offered to pay taxes on a basis of ten cents per acre. Evidence is now being taken to show the nature of the land in dispute, most of which has been surveyed by Messrs. Smith and Renwick. The appeal is still under way at Nelson.

The blue book is to hand containing the report of the postmaster-general's department for the year ending June 30, 1903. The statement for the twelve months in respect to the Rossland office shows the following figures: Gross postal revenue, $9,134.06; money orders issued, 4,312; amount of money orders issued, $64,797.42; commission received from public, $461 82; money orders paid, 2,770; amount paid out on money orders, $45,527.54; postal notes paid, 2,297; compensation to postmaster on money order business, $210.60; on stamp book business, $58.60; on postage note business, $9.13; salary $2,900; forward allowance, $60; rent fuel and light, $200 In addition the postmaster received $8.33 for conveying mail to the customs office, making his revenue $2,446.66, out of which he paid local salaries, rents and expenses incident to the operation of the office. V. C. Simmonds was paid $760.64 for the conveyance of mails to and from the railway stations.

From Saturday's Daily.

The West Kootenay Power & Light will move from its present offices at the end of the month to the premises vacated by Mellor Bros.

Henry Roy has received copies of papers from St. John, N. B., in which the illness of his late wife from bronchio-pneumonia is chronicled. It was this illness that resulted fatally.

Assessor Hooper is busily engaged at the city hall in preparing the rolls for the current year. At present the business is being transferred to the new ledger, and later Mr. Hooper will make his survey of the property. The roll will be completed and returned to the council in a month or thereabouts.

Dr. Wright, moderator of presbytery, who is depended upon to supply the pulpit of St. Andrew's church pending the arrival here of Rev. Hugh R. Grant, is still confined to his bed in Grand Forks and was quite unable to come here for tomorrow's services. In consequence there will be no services at the Presbyterian church.

Alfred Lombardo, formerly employed at the Italian gardens and then at the War Eagle mine, has enlisted in the Foreign Legion of the French army for service in Algeria. Lombardo put in his conscript service in the Italian army and was an exceedingly soldierly chap. He did not recover from the glamor of soldiering, and his present term of service covers five years.

The sole occupant of the prisoner's den at the police court yesterday morning was a vagrant picked up drunk the night before. It developed that the fellow had been a prosperous bookkeeper in Spokane, where his wife is now a nurse, and occupied a good position until conquered by an appetite for red-eye. Now he is deep down in the mire, and the police were glad to see his back as he hit the trail for Northport upon the magistrate's order.

At a meeting in London of the Canadian Ore Concentration company, Stanley Elmore gave some account of the work of the Le Roi Two plant. He mentioned that the first results to hand covered a run of five weeks, during which time only unskilled labor had been employed. The ore trated was taken from the dump and the contents were approximately $3 in gold, one ounce silver and .75 per cent copper, making practically $5 ore. The ore was first passed over Wilfleys, during which operations about 35 to 40 per cent of the values were extracted, relatively more of the gold than the copper being obtained. Afterwards it was passed through the oil concentrator, and the tailings eventually contained .75 dwt of gold per ton, less than .25 oz. silver and .1 per cent of copper. The oil loss was 1.03 gallon per ton of ore treated.

From Sunday's Daily.

The infant child of John Johnston died yesterday. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

The dance at Union hall last night under the auspices of Schorlemmer & Mackinnon's academy was most enjoyable. The attendance was large, and the dancers spent a pleasant evening in the mazy dances round.

Word was received in Rossland yesterday of the sad death of Gertrude, the daughter of F. W. Blochberger, who is with his family at McMinnville, Oregon. The sickness of his daughter has detained Mr. Blochberger from attending to important business here.

J. W. Westfall, a well known Lardeau mining man, was in the city yesterday for a short time en route east to close up several mining deals. He states that the prospect is bright for a considerable influx of capital into the mines of the Lardeau, and that the district will have a prosperos year.

H. J. Rusden, of Rossland, is the inventor and patentee of an improved miner's candlestick. The claim for this new candlestick is that it is more efficient than any other similar article ever made, and that it can be manufactured for half the cost of the ordinary pattern.

Rev. Hugh R. Grant, late of Pincher, Alta., will be inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on the 25th inst., and will be tendered a reception by the congregation of St. Andrew's on the evening of the 28th. Rev. J. Robinson, of Grand Forks, will probably conduct the induction service.

A. G. Creelman leaves this week for Winnipeg to organize his forces for the coming season. He has extensive constracts for the construction of station buildings along the Canadian Pacific main line, and will spend the summer in the Northwest Territories. For a considerable portion of the time Mr. Creelman's headquarters will be at Regina.

Olaus Jeldness, formerly of Rossland and now of Spokane, has a deal of considerable dimensions in hand at the present time. He has control of options on coal lands situated on Spitzbergen island, which it is claimed is the property of Norway or Russia, exactly which state holds title not having been determined. The coal is anthracite, and it is alleged an effort is being made to have the United States claim sovereignty in order to facilitate the development of the coal measures.

The semi-annual election of officers of Rossland Miners' Union takes place on Wednesday night. The principal office in issue is that of secretary, for which Messrs. McDonald and Gibson are in nomination. Candidate McDonald is the present secretary, while Candidate Gibson is an old member of the union. Considerable interest is manifested among the members, and a large vote will probably be polled.

Lumbering operations in the vicinity of Rossland are active. Messrs. Blue & Deschamps are employing fifty men at their mill north of the city, and the China Creek Lumber company has a crew of forty-two men at its plant. Blue & Deschamps are now wrestling with the transportation problem, the object being to introduce a system that will obviate the maintenance of the present large and expensive outfit of teams. Traction engines were considered as an alternative, but it was ascertained that the weight of the engines would necessitate improvements to the wagon road, and the idea has been abandoned. The firm will probably decide to construct a pole road from the mill to the city, this method of transportation having proved satisfactory elsewhere.

Heretofore the close trout fishing season ended on March 15th, but the time has been extended by the act of last session until March 25th inclusive. The act prohibits the taking of fish under six inches in length. Anglers are now getting ready for the first open day of the season, March 26th. Some speculation exists locally as to whether the Canadian Pacific will put into effect this season its proposal to construct a bungalow at Slocan Junction for the use of fishermen. Undoubtedly the pools would be visited by larger numbers of anglers if this accommodation was available, while tourists will never be attracted to these famous fishing grounds until it is possible to pass the nights more comfortably than is possible under existing conditions. Last summer the railroad company took the matter up and went so far as to prepare plans for a comfortable building.

A week from next Wednesday sees the opening here of the second annual convention of the Interior District Liberal Council, embracing Liberal associations throughout the Kootenay-Boundary country. About thirty delegates from various points are expected to be in attendance, and the sessions are looked forward to with interest. A number of matters of importance in connection with Liberalism and the general welfare of the country will be discussed, and some of these will be taken up by the local associations prior to the convention for the purpose of arriving at instructions to delegates. The Rossland association has originated the matter of renewed efforts to secure a department of mines of the Federal government and the appointment of a member from British Columbia to fill the portfolio.

During the past week Charles H. Hamilton, judge of the court of revision for the Rossland assessment district, held court at Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway, hearing 23 appeals against the assessment. Some reductions were made, but at least one instance occurred in which the assessment was allowed to stand. The appellant desired to have his assessment reduced from $35,003 to $25,000 and in support of his contention was requested to describe his land. He did so, stating that a certain number of acres was agricultural land of the best kind. Mr. Hamilton then asked for a valuation of this part of the land and was informed by the owner that $75 per acre was a reasonable figure. A rapid calculation demonstrated that on the owner's own figures this part of his holdings was worth more than the whole amount for which he was rated. "I guess I'd better do a little figuring in advance after this" was the discomfited proprietor's remark as he subsided into the spectators' benches.

Frank W. Peters, assistant general freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific, is now in the Boundary, and is expected to visit Rossland this week. Mr. Peters' mission is in connection with freight rates generally and lumber rates in particular. He outlined this as follows: "I came here to talk over the lumber shipping business, and we will do what we can to help the lumbermen of British Columbia, providing, however, that they do their share towards reducing the cost of lumber to the new settlers in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. We do not want to discourage the influx of settlers by compelling them to pay exorbitant prices for anything and so we will try to arrange matters that they will be able to secure lumber at a reasonable price. The influx is something enormous and our object is to encourage instead of discourage the new settlers. That is about all that I can say a present about the matter until it has been looked into further and more conferences have been had with the parties interested."

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Isaac Moore, 122 Second avenue, Ottawa, writes for information as to the whereabouts of her son Isaac Ernest Moore, whom she has not seen for three years.

A chimney fire at the residence of H. J. Rusden, Columbia avenue west, was the motive for the fire department's run on Sunday night shortly after 9 o'clock. No damage was done.

Ernest Morrison, who left Rossland in January to go into business at Nelson, has rejoined Hunter Bros.' staff. Mr. Morrison retains his business interests in Nelson, but will be warmly welcomed to the Golden City by many friends.

Messrs. Ferguson and Sangster climbed Mount Roberts on Sunday morning. The two left about 10 o'clock on snowshoes, lunched half way up the mountain and reached the flagstaff about 2 o'clock. The return trip was made in about an hour, and the descent was more of a slide than a tramp.

The Rossland junior hockey club is not to be left behind in the race for honors. The youngsters have challenged the Nelson juniors to play here on Friday night, and the defi has been accepted. The game is scheduled to come off between 7 and 8 o'clock in the rink.

From November 7 last up to yesterday morning the snowfall in Rossland aggregated 200 inches, and yesterday's fall will further swell the total. Last winter the total snow fall was 180 inches, so that the present season is already considerably ahead of 1903 in respect to the amount of the "beautiful" that has fallen. The barometer indicates slightly more favorable weather.

An informal meeting of the police and license commissioners took place yesterday. No formal business was transacted. A statutory meeting of the board will probably be convened at an early date and one of the matters on the business docket is the consideration of Mayor Clute's action in cancelling the saloon license held by the Clifton.

A message last night from Spokane was to the effect that S. F. Parrish, of the Le Roi, continued to improve slowly. During the day he took nourishment several times, and the physicians in consultation are now satisfied that unless some unforeseen complication ensues Mr. Parrish is on the road to recovery, although complete convalescence may be somewhat tedious.

The South African Ventures Syndicate is making application to continue its action against the Giant Mining company, and the motion has been set down for hearing in the supreme court chambers at Victoria today. Under its action the syndicate secured the appointment of a receiver for the Giant company, but this was overruled by the granting of Edwin Durant's motion for the winding-up and the appointment of a provisional liquidator. If the syndicate succeeds in its action today the tables will be reversed.

Gus Richard Altman, sentenced to several years imprisonment in the New Westminster penitentiary a couple of years ago for receiving stolen goods, is making a strenuous effort to procure evidence to recover goods which he claims were stolen from him after his arrest and sentence. Altman is an American citizen by naturalization, and the efforts of the United States consular office have been requisitioned to advance his cause. G. A. Ohren, local consular agent, is inquiring into the circumstances generally, and the missing goods, with Altman's letters on the subject as a guide.

London papers just to hand contain the following: Le Roi No. 2—From the mine manager's report on the operations of the mine for January: Output—Tonnage shipped, 1,790. From samples taken at the mine we estimate the ore will average $14 per ton after smelting charges are paid for. The grade of ore for January should be better than for December. Development—On 600 foot level 93 feet were driven. The object of this was to undercut the downward continuation of stope 20. By placing this ore in sight we will be in a good position to start drifting westwards on the 500 foot level, but until this is done we do not wish to have too many machines on development work. Thirteen feet were crosscut to undercut downward continuation of easterly bunch of ore in stope 20. This ore has not yet been reached. On the 10th floor of the old Annie stope 59 feet were driven. Diamond drill work—The following diamond drill work has been done during the month: 700 foot level—Hole No. 45 was driven 125 feet. Hole No. 46 was driven 167 feet. The object of both these holes was to undercut downward continuation of ore body No. 21. Nothing of importance was met with, however.

Ven. Archdeacon Beer, of Kaslo, will be in Rossland today on his first visit to the city in his new capacity. He will conduct service in the church this evening at 5 o'clock.

The Le Roi Two company has diverted its shipments of Number One ore from the Granby to the Northport smelter. The change is said to be temporary only.

The city treasurer has prepared a list of delinquent water consumers, and the city council has instructed the solicitor to collect the unpaid rates, with authority to sue when other means prove abortive.

R. E. Plewman has half a dozen interesting photographs snapped by him in the course of a Sunday trip to the top of Record mountain. The snow effects in several of the views are decidedly unique.

The Rossland-Nelson junior hockey match on Friday night will be played between 8 and 9 o'clock, the hours having been changed yesterday. The ambitious young stick handlers are enthusiastic over the prospects for the game, and merit the support of the public.

The Piscataquis, Maine, Observer of the 3rd inst. contains the report of the death there of Mrs. Anna Flint, wife of David Humphrey. The late Mrs. Humphrey resided in Rossland from 1898 to 1900, and was prominently identified with the organization of the W. C. T. U. here. She had been ill at her old home in Maine for the past couple of years. Many Rossland friends will learn with regret of the death of Mrs Humphrey.

Martin P. Berry leaves for his old home in Pictou, N. S., after residing in Rossland for the past five years, during which time he has won a wide circle of friends. On Monday night a number of his friends extended him a pleasant surprise party at the home of Mrs. C. A. Berry. Two score guests comprised the party and a delightful evening was spent in cards and dancing.

Rossland Liberals are arranging to extend a cordial welcome to the delegates from Victoria and District associations in attendance on the Interior District Liberal council which convenes here on Wednesday next. The form of entertainment to be provided will probably be a banquet, the details of which are now in preparation. This and other points of interest in connection with the convention and Liberalism generally will be debated at a general meeting of the local association on Saturday night in the board of trade rooms.

A little delay has occurred in connection with the delivery of the outfit of fifes ordered for the bugle band of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, owing to the necessity of manufacturing several instruments to fill the order. The members of the band are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the fifes and will start practice immediately on their receipt. The organization now includes twenty-four members and will be in better shape this year than ever before.

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The Rossland camp is now on the verge of spring and the incidents attending the transition from winter to spring will be awaited with keen interest. To date the weather has shown little indication of change, but it is inevitable that a week or two must see the turning point reached and the annual spring thaws inaugurated. Thereafter the snow may be expected to go off rapidly, for a backward winter ordinarily introduces a quick spring, although the weather records for Rossland are such as to throw doubt upon all precedents available.

Rossland's mining industry has now reached the stage where weather conditions exercise little or no effect. In other sections of the Kootenays the dependence of mines upon wagon roads frequently brings about a cessation of activity until the roads settle down, but in the Golden City the mines as a rule are independent of wagon roads, and only stress of weather affecting the railroads would interfere with operations here. In the cases of the Jumbo and Kootenay mines a temporary cessation of teaming will necessarily follow the breaking up of the roads, but the possibility of both mines taking advantage of the forthcoming summer to install means of transport that will place them thereafter beyond the reach of weather conditions makes the outlook bright.

In addition it is assured that the advent of the spring building season will see construction works started at several points, notably the White Bear mine, where the concentrator will be proceeded with at the earliest possible date. More important still, it is intimated that spring will witness a resumption of activity at several Rossland mines that have been moribund for several years past. Details in respect to these properties' plans are not forthcoming as yet, but a few weeks hence the situation will have developed substantially.

The past week witnessed no unusual departure from the usual record of the camp. On all sides satisfactory progress was made, and the production of ore for the period is satisfactory. The announcement of February profits at the Le Roi mine, as contained elsewhere in this issue, cannot fail to be gratifying to every Rossland, and will be generally accepted as a happy augury for the immediate future.

The White Bear company is now arranging its plans for the erection of its milling works at the earliest possible date. The company would have proceeded with the plant ere this had the weather conditions not been prohibitive. Now plans for the structure are being hurried forward, a contract will be placed shortly for the timber required in the big building, and the passing of the snow will herald the laying of the foundations. On the completion of the plant the mine will enjoy the full measure of activity contemplated by the management. Under existing conditions the cost of separating the shipping ore from the product of milling grade is heavy, and this source of expense will be largely obviated under the amended conditions attained on the completion of the concentrator.

The activity at the Rossland Power company's works has been maintained steadily. Delivery of machinery has been secured fairly well on time, and the erection of the cyanide tank house has been proceeding steadily. The completion of the works is now within appreciable distance, and while it is as yet impossible to foretell the commencement of practical operations with any measure of certainty it is reasonable to suppose that sixty days will be sufficient to see the wheels in motion at the big plant.

The smelters handling Rossland ores are scenes of marked activity. In addition to the copper furnaces at Trail the volume of silver-lead ores arriving for reduction is steadily increasing, and the works have a larger force employed than for several years past. The Northport smelter is running at full capacity, and the results secured there are described as eminently satisfactory.

THE OUTPUT.

The tonnage of ore shipped from and crushed at the Rossland mines for the week ending March 19 and for the year to date is as follows:

Mine.	Week	Year to Date
Le Roi	4524	59,290
Centre Star	1470	15,030
War Eagle	930	11,960
Kootenay	150	1,880
Jumbo	225	2,905
Le Roi Two	665	5,875
Le Roi Two (Elmore)		2,880
White Bear	100	470
Spitzee		30
Total tons	8076	100,250

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI.—The week passed uneventfully at the big mine, and the record of progress was maintained steadily. Interesting development was carried ahead on the 700 and 900 levels, and in the 1350 stope the preliminaries to the extraction of ore were advanced materially. The big cable has been spliced and the skips are now in shape to ply to the deepest level in the mine at any time. Production was somewhat below the average during the week, but the fact is not significant.

LE ROI TWO.—In the Josie mine the usual operations were carried