

improve. Money is easy and collections are good.

There are but few changes in the market, although the demand for hay for the Klondike will soon send the price up far above the present quotation. The flour and feed market is very stiff at present prices. In the past week nine vessels loaded in British Columbia, with a total capacity of 15,102 tons. In two or three months however, shipping will be increased five or six times over, as all the United States steamers besides Canadian steamers are to take on passengers and freight at the ports of Victoria and Vancouver.

In the local market on Friday some advances took place in meats, the supply not being so large. Eggs were weak and declined 5 cents per dozen. Chickens were very high, but this was merely on account of the approach of the Chinese New Year, an occasion on which for one week the Chinese gorge themselves with the choicest food procurable in the market. Live hens sold at \$6 a dozen. Beef, hind quarter brought 71-2 cts., dressed hogs 7c, and mutton cuts 12c. Veal dressed, 8c; eggs were 30c and butter 60c.; potatoes \$12 per ton.

British Columbia Mining Notes

Rosland, Jan. 16.—The Wallingford group on Record Mountain has been sold to an English syndicate for \$75,000.

It is reported to-day that ex-Governor Mackintosh is endeavoring to purchase the Poorman and Evening Star mines.

The prospects of this camp are exceedingly bright at present. Every one is excited over the way English capital is pouring into Rosland.

Hon. C.H. Mackintosh is here in the interests of the B. A. C. He has no important information for the public.

Provincial Mineralogist Carlyle is here.

D. J. MacDonald, the newly appointed inspector of metalliferous mines, arrived in the camp this morning. He will make a thorough examination of the principal working mines before proceeding to the Nelson and Slocan districts.

Dr. English, one of the principal stockholders of Le Roi, gave out to-day that the deal with B. A. C. for the mine is off. An option was given by Le Roi people when in London several weeks ago. The option lasted nearly a month in order to allow Whitaker Wright an opportunity to receive reports. At the last meeting of directors of Le Roi they wired London and received a reply to effect that B. A. C. did not desire to buy. The Le Roi is shipping 200 tons daily to its Northport smelter.

The ore shipments for the week were: Le Roi, 1,380 tons; Centre Star, 15; Iron Mask, 95; War Eagle, 30; total, 1,570 tons.

SLOCAN DISTRICT.

Vancouver, Jan. 16.—The ore shipments for the past year via Sandon in the Slocan district are given as 24,789 1-2 tons. Of this amount the

Payno shipped 9,283 tons; Ruth, 3,285; Slocan Star, 4,202 tons; the Reo, 1,388. The number of miners employed is estimated at between 1,000 and 1,100. Eighteen mines are mentioned as dividend payers. In consequence of a breakdown in the Payno mine machinery, the mine will be closed down for a few days.

A big strike is reported on the Charleston group, about one and a half miles from the famous Whitewater mine. The property is owned by J. E. Mitchell and Winnipeg parties. Development work on the Isls, near the lucky Jim, has also developed a new find, a fine looking body of ore having been encountered in the lower tunnel.

The result of the second clean-up at Golden Cache mine is expected to-day. Annual meetings of both this and the Dominion Development company take place this week. Golden Cache shares are recovering slightly, being now quoted at fifty cents. From late reports from the mine it is thought that the result will be more favorable. President MacKinnon returned from England during the week, having succeeded in interesting a London syndicate to expend \$50,000 in opening up the Ben Dor group in Bridge River district in return for a quarter interest. Regarding the Golden Cache, he stated that while the result was disappointing, it was not discouraging. The directors intend to drive a tunnel at the 300 foot level to strike the ledge and if they find a large body of low grade as expected the capacity of the mill will be increased to fifty stamps and the property worked as a low grade proposition.

The Fern mine free milling property in Nelson district, at which two satisfactory clean-ups have already been made has declared a dividend of five per cent, payable on the 23rd. Regular dividends are expected from now on.

Yukon Mining Regulations.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The amended regulations governing placer mining along the Yukon river, and its tributaries, including Klondike, as well as the other parts of Yukon territory, were adopted in council on Saturday. The main point and the most important changes are covered by the following summary:

Every miner and employee of miner will require to take out a miner's certificate, the fee for which will be \$10; in case of a company it will be \$50 or \$100, according to the amount of the capital stock. The miners' license will confer the right to mine, fish, hunt and cut timber necessary for mining. Provision will be made for obtaining miner's certificates at a number of cities and towns, such as Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. The general size of the mining claims will be 250 feet. Discoverers' claim, 500 feet. Every alternate ten claims shall be reserved by the government of Canada. Subaqueous five mile sections with a fee of \$100 per mile per annum and usual royalty.

The fee for recording and renewing mining claims will be \$15, any number of miners not less than five, more than 100 miles distant from the office of the mining recorder may appoint a recorder who will record the claims and within three months transfer the record and fees to the nearest mining recorder.

A royalty of ten per cent on gold mined shall be levied and collected by the government officers appointed for

the purpose, but a provision is made for the exemption on the annual product of any mining claim up to \$2,500, so that claims which do not produce more than \$2,500 a year will not be liable for the royalty. Provisions are made to prevent speculation in claims by throwing a claim open to entry which has not been worked a certain number of days unless a reasonable cause is shown, and by providing that a record shall not be issued for more than one claim to any miner in the same locality.

There are other provisions guarding the public interest and the revenue, and at the same time affording most ample facilities for mining of the enormous wealth of the Yukon.

Miner's Licenses.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—"Free miners" certificates, which every man who intends mining in Yukon must take out at the price of \$10 per head, will be ready for the public in a day or two. Personal application will be required on the part of those desiring them as the certificates must be countersigned by the applicant in the presence of the issuer.

In Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver these licenses will be issued by the collectors of customs. In Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert and Kamloops by the agent of Dominion lands. Inspectors of the Mounted Police in Yukon as well as gold commissioners are also to be clothed with authority to issue these licenses. Similar provision will be made for acquiring them in England at the office of the high commissioner in London and the agents for Canada in Liverpool, Dublin and Glasgow. The customs department will at once send an officer to the Dalton trail.

Leiter's Wheat.

New York, Jan. 13.—The World prints the following telegram from Chicago: "Joseph Leiter is now transferring 2,500,000 bushels of his wheat from the Armour elevators into the holds of vessels in order to save storage and at the same time to be ready to rush his grain to the market when the time comes. From 9,000,000 bushels Leiter's line has increased to 15,000,000 bushels. He owns about all the contract wheat in this market, about 9,000,000 bushels. He has at Duluth about 1,000,000 bushels, and at Minneapolis another 1,000,000. He controls about 500,000 bushels at Buffalo, and has some grain abroad. The ownership of over 11,000,000 bushels of cash wheat, almost a third of the visible supply, would make any interest this time of the year a factor. Leiter's influence is the more commanding by reason of his grain being of contract quality and amounting at least to 75 per cent of the whole stock in store houses available for delivery on speculative sales. But this does not end his interest. No one knows how large his purchases for future delivery are. The pit assumes he is "long" 500,000 bushels for January, and has several million bought for May.

J. H. Doherty, clothier of Ottawa, has assigned with liabilities of \$20,000. He was formerly a resident of Portage la Prairie, Man.