

THEY SPEAK WELL OF THE MINER

Observant Citizens Notice an Improvement in This Newspaper.

An Interesting Budget of Opinions and Suggestions Collected.

Has the Rossland Miner improved as a newspaper since it was taken over by the new management?

Can anything be done to further improve the paper?

If so, what?

These three questions were put to a number of the people of Rossland yesterday and the answers given by the gentlemen who were interviewed follow:

BERNARD MACDONALD: "There is a very marked improvement in the appearance of the Miner, and I hope the paper will continue to improve along similar lines."

FRANK M. WALKER: "I certainly consider that the Miner is improving and believe that as a newspaper it will shortly be up to the standard which is required to bring Rossland to the front."

FRANK WOODSIDE, Secretary Miners' Union: "There has certainly been a very great improvement in the Miner. It is now a good newspaper, and an independent newspaper in this camp will wield considerable influence."

JOHN KIRKUP: "The Miner is getting out a first class paper and I think there is a very marked improvement. I do not know at the moment of anything that could be introduced to bring about a further improvement."

P. McL. FORIN: "The Miner seems to be improved. I consider that a more liberal selection of eastern news by way of clippings from eastern newspapers would be of very considerable interest to Miner readers."

JAMES M. MARTIN, ex-M.L.A.: "There can be no question as to the improvement in the Miner of late. It is apparent to the most casual observer and I have heard the fact remarked on a number of occasions. The Miner has a big field and can be made the most influential newspaper in the interior of British Columbia. I do not know that I can offer any suggestions that would be of use to you in further improving the paper."

CHARLES F. JACKSON: "The improvement in the Miner is apparent to anyone who reads the paper. If more attention was given to compiling the news from outside camps I believe it would add to the value of the paper. People in Rossland and elsewhere are anxious to be thoroughly informed of what is transpiring in the mines of the Kootenays outside of this particular section as well as at home. If arrangements could be made to secure news from the Slocan and other mining sections the information is of general interest and value."

MAYOR LALONDE: "A very marked improvement has taken place in the Miner, and it is in its present form a very creditable newspaper. I am disposed to believe that the paper has a very broad field. This city is regarded as the hub of the mining sections of British Columbia, and outsiders look to the principal newspaper published here for information about the local situation, so that its constituency is wide. In evidence of this it might be pointed out that the Monetary Times and other financial papers quote largely from the Miner on local subjects, mining and otherwise."

A. C. GALL: "The Rossland Miner seems to have suddenly developed into an interesting and important newspaper. The policy it has adopted of exposing to the general public the unjust burdens which have, during the past few years, been heaped upon the mining industry is the only policy which can cure the evil. The interests of both mine owners and their employees are identical on this question, for whatever injures the former and renders their business unprofitable is bound to injure the latter, either by diminishing the number of properties being worked or necessitating a reduction of wages."

J. B. McARTHUR: "The improvement in the Miner is very marked, and the paper is now a very creditable production. The field of the Rossland Miner is practically unlimited. Its mining news is of interest in every part of this country and England, wherever investors have money in Rossland mines and in the mineral propositions of the Kootenays. To further enhance its usefulness in this respect accurate news relating to other Kootenay camps is necessary, and the idea of putting a journalist on the road to gather this intelligence is an excellent idea. Rossland is a great camp and it requires a good newspaper to do the subject justice."

C. S. WALLIS: "I am pleased to note a very apparent improvement in the Miner as a newspaper. The leading paper of the Rossland camp has a very important trust to discharge if it is to be worthy of the camp, and I trust the new management of the publication will continue to strive after the highest possible standard of excellence. In my opinion the Miner should sink its local interests and make local news a secondary consideration, subservient to the publication of news relating to the mines of the camp and district. The paper is, or was at any rate, widely read in the East and England, where capital is to be secured for the promotion of the mineral resources of this country, and the development of this feature will accomplish much for the advancement of the interests of the city, and this is the end in view of all the semi-public institutions of the city."

S. S. Sorenson, London, England, arrived in the city last night. He is associated with the Velvet mine.

ON THE DIAMOND.

A Victory for Northport by a Narrow Margin.

Friday's ball game was an excellent exhibition, but resulted somewhat unsatisfactorily, the Northport nine winning out by a single run. The Rossland Stars put up a good game throughout, but the visitors had the advantage of whatever element of luck entered into the playing and this accounts more than anything else for their victory. The error column figured quite largely, but despite the fact the visitors had more failures in that column of the score card than the local men, the latter's mistakes happened to occur at more critical junctures. Sears went in to catch for Rossland with a badly injured right hand. One of his fingers was split so seriously that the bone was exposed and another one was almost as painful, but no one could be procured to go behind the bat, and Sears did his best, which was excellent save when throwing to bases was necessary. The pitchers of both nines were in great form, and the game was largely fought out by the batteries, with the honors somewhat in favor of Costello, who twirled for the Stars. About 500 citizens witnessed the match and interest ran high from start to finish. Appended is the score:

Table with columns: Rossland Stars, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows for Leighton, Cook, McDonald, L., Sears, McLean, Miller, McDonald, K., Costello, P., Pownall, F., Totals.

Wilson out—hit by batted ball.

NOOTHPORT.

Table with columns: AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows for Lindsey, W., Knollman, B., Stone, B., Taylor, F., Lindsey, F., Wilson, P., Percott, R., Nudell, S., Phillips, C., Totals.

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AT SUNNYSIDE PARK.

Success Attended on the Races on Friday.

The races at Sunnyside park on Friday were in some respects as great a success as any similar events ever run off in the district. The weather was excellent, and nothing could have surpassed the interest taken in the programme by the spectators who took in the attraction. The special train run down over the C. P. R. was crowded, 350 tickets having been sold at the depot before the train pulled out, and fully as many more made their way to the grounds by conveyances. A strong delegation of Trail sports were also in attendance.

The result of the races was as follows:

- First race—Running, pony, local, half-mile; first \$40, second \$20. 1. H. Gibbs' Billie, 1-1. 2. H. Holsie's Button, 2-2. 3. T. Williams' Young Nibs, 3-3. Time, 53-1-8 and 53-3-5. Second Race—Running, local horses, half-mile; first \$50, second \$25. 1. W. Allen's Sleepy Jim, 1-1. 2. J. F. Lindberg's Vici, 3-2. 3. J. S. Deschamps' Rattler, 2-3. Time, 52-5, 54-2-5. Third Race—Trotting and pacing, local horses, one mile; first \$50, second \$20, third \$10. 1. Sam Hall's Sunday Ned, 1-1. 2. J. Y. Cole's Smuggler, 2-2. 3. Dr. Campbell's Deck, distanced. Time 2:28-2-5. Fourth Race—Running, pony, local, quarter-mile. 1. A. Garvey's Major, 1-1. 2. A. la Rue's Tommy, 2-2. 3. Sam Hall's Meud, 3. Time 23-28.

In the first race a lad named Rod McLeod, who was riding Young Nibs, was thrown twice. The second fall rendered him unconscious and Dr. Campbell was summoned to look after him. After some time the boy recovered and yesterday he was none the worse for the mishap. The officials were: Lee Combs, L. A. Campbell and Dan Bruhn; Robert Drinkard, starter; J. Hayden, timer; committee, Messrs. Hartline, Lindberg and Deschamps. A couple of other events will be run off at Sunnyside this afternoon.

AT THE RANGES.

The Scores Made by the Riflemen on Friday.

The first target practice at the rifle ranges was well attended and the shooting was much above the average, considering the fact that the season was only opened and the men were completely out of practice. In addition, the new targets in which the bull is reduced four inches in diameter, were used for the first time, and a fluky wind blew across the ranges. The scores were as appended:

Table with columns: Name, 200, 500, 600 T. Rows for Color-Sergt. Harp, Corporal Wilkin, Private Spring, Private F. C. Lawe, Private Dockerill, Private Irwin, Private Anthony, Lieut. McHarg, Private Dickson, Private Williams, Corporal Smith, Bugler Logan, Private Tomlinson, Pte. W. E. D. Lawe, Private Grant, Private Forin, Pte. McNaughton.

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TALK OF REFINERY

GOVERNMENT BOUNTY POLICY ALREADY STIMULATES LEAD MINING.

SPECULATION AS TO WHERE REFINERY WORKS MAY BE LOCATED.

The effect of the action taken by the federal government in the matter of introducing a resolution providing for a subsidy on refined lead has already been seen in the Slocan, where the owners of silver-lead mines feel more hopeful than they have for six months. The discrimination against Canadian ores by the American Smelting trust was bearing fruit in the shape of a disposition on the part of property owners to defer further development until some assurance was to be had that the ore could be marketed. In other properties where the lead in the ore predominated largely over silver values the managers had decided positively that they would not mine ore until the market for lead showed better feeling prevailed. Development will be carried on largely throughout the Slocan, and where properties are already on a shipping basis arrangements will be made for a season of activity at an early date.

So far as the Miner is aware, nothing has actually been proposed in the shape of a refinery proposition since the resolution was laid before the house and the government's policy on the question defined. Prior to that, when the subsidy agitation commenced, it was reported that various interests, the Goodenham-Elkstock and Hyams syndicates, the C. F. Rossland, the Miner-Graves Corporation, were ready to go into the refining business when government assistance was guaranteed. Doubtless these interests are awaiting further action on the part of the government before taking active steps in the proposition. Failing any other parties going into the refinery business, the C. P. R. may be depended upon to establish the industry. The big railroad is now suffering from the dropping off of ore shipments from the Slocan, and in many respects it is a sensible for them that the whole-lead industry should be encouraged to the utmost degree. In addition, the big plant at Trail may be affected if the silver-lead camps suspend operations to any further extent. There is little reason to believe that the Dominion subsidy on refined lead will not encourage some one to take up the proposition.

Already the Nelson papers are beginning to speculate on the possibility of adding the refinery to their list of industrial institutions. They agree that it would be a big thing for Nelson, and urge the citizens of the commercial town to make a strong pull for the industry. It is believed here, however, that a refinery to best serve all interests concerned should be established at Trail, but the question is one presenting a multitude of features, each of which will be a factor in ultimately determining the location of the plant that business in the Slocan has already begun to pick up and that there is a feeling of confidence there that was lacking a few weeks ago.

The following Associated Press despatch bears on this subject: Ottawa, May 28.—It is rumored that the Canadian Smelting Works of Trail, B.C., now the largest producers of lead bullion in Canada, will proceed immediately with the construction of a lead refinery. It has not yet been decided whether these works will be located in the foot enay district or on the Pacific coast of British Columbia. There is also some talk to the effect that Canadian capital is being raised for the purpose of erecting white lead works in the east.

ROBSON BRIDGE.

Work of Spanning the Columbia Progresses Well. Mr. H. W. D. Armstrong, the C. P. R. engineer in charge of the work on the bridge across the Columbia river at Robson, was in the city yesterday on private business. The first part of the construction work is rapidly nearing completion. John Gunn, of Winnipeg, who built the company piers and abutments, finished his contract yesterday and is now moving his plant away. Messrs. Tierney & McPhail, of Nelson, have more than half completed and will be through with their contract in a fortnight. The cutting which they are making will form a temporary "gulch," permitting a steam shovel and work train to get in for the purpose of removing the balance of the material to be taken out. This material is to be carried across the bridge and deposited in the trestle work on the western approach, thus making a solid track leading to the bridge. The trestle work was constructed last winter by Ponopore & McVeigh.

On the completion of the work now under way the work will be closed down for a couple of months until the water drops to a point where it will be possible to proceed with the erection of the superstructure, which has been completed at the works of the Dominion Bridge company of Montreal. The work of assembling the parts of the bridge is not a very lengthy task, and the completion of the bridge may be expected before the end of the year. A through service will then be inaugurated throughout the entire division from Nelson to Midway. The company will make a considerable saving on operating account by reason of doing away with much of the charges for ferrying, towing and yard engine work. A faster and more satisfactory service can also be given between the terminal points of the division.

Mr. Armstrong stated yesterday that the Columbia had risen 14 feet above this year's low water mark, and that the water was coming up steadily.

"SANDY" DICK'S GOOD LUCK.

He is Assistant Manager of the Dominion Coal Company. The many friends of Mr. Alexander Dick, M.E., will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed assistant general manager for the Dominion Coal Company of Sydney, Nova Scotia. Mr. Dick, formerly general manager for the Spokane Falls and Northern railway, is the general manager of the Dominion Coal company. Mr. Dick left here about three months since for the purpose of placing some mining properties in the Eastern Canadian market. The Morning Chronicle of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has the following pleasant words to say of Mr. Dick: "The career of Mr. Alexander Dick, the new assistant to the general manager of the Dominion Coal company, affords a striking instance of success achieved by a Nova Scotian, who, starting at the foot of the ladder, has attained to eminence in his profession while yet in early manhood. Mr. Dick is not yet 37 years old. He was born in Stellarton, Pictou county, in 1864, and when he was very young his parents moved to Springhill, where his father was chief of the mechanical department of the Springhill mines. Entering the office of the Springhill Mining company as a boy, Mr. Dick rapidly worked his way up through the several official grades until he became assistant to Manager Leckie. He retained that position until shortly after Mr. J. R. Cowan took charge, when he resigned to become manager of the Joggins colliery. By his great energy, executive ability and thorough knowledge of the coal business he soon created a great boom in that mining district.

About that time he married a daughter of Mr. William Hall, underground manager of the Springhill mines, now retired, and one of the wealthiest men in Cumberland. A year after the marriage Mrs. Dick died, and Mr. Dick has since remained unmarried. "When the mining boom in the West started Mr. Dick went out to the Rossland and Slocan districts where he was interested in some of the large operations. Later on his business took him to Nova Scotia a short time ago on a visit, and a few days ago was offered the important position of assistant general manager of the Dominion Coal company."

White Man Turned Yellow.

Great consternation was felt by the friends of M. A. Hogarty of Lexington, Ky., when he saw he was turning yellow. His skin slowly changed color, also his eyes, and he suffered terribly. His malady was yellow jaundice. He was treated by the best doctors, but without benefit. Then he was advised to try Electric Bitters, the wonderful Stomach and Liver remedy, and he writes: "After taking two bottles I was wholly cured. A trial proves its matchless merit for all Stomach and Liver and Kidney troubles. Only 25c. Sold by T. R. Morrow and Goodvee Bros., druggists."

A MINER'S DEATH

FATAL RESULTS OF AN ACCIDENT TO HAVELOCK GILLAN MONDAY.

CORONER'S INQUEST FAILS TO REVEAL THE EXACT CAUSES.

Havelock Gillan was fatally injured at the Nickel Plate mine Monday morning about 8 o'clock. He was removed to the Sisters' hospital, where he died at 11:45 after a lingering recovery consciousness. Deceased was 25 years of age and came to Rossland from Wynn Harbor, Guysborough county, Nova Scotia, where his mother resides. He was employed as a shoveller. The cause of the accident is hidden in mystery, and it is probably that only the circumstances preceding the accident that led to his death. He was working on the 800-foot level of the mine with a partner named Irving Henniger. The two were loading a car, and when the car was almost filled, Gillan went to the shaft about 100 feet distant as Henniger supposed, to bring in a car from the cage to replace the one they had loaded. Henniger followed less than two minutes after, and when near the station heard saw steel drills, probably a dozen, falling down the shaft. When this had ceased he went to the station but could see nothing of Gillan. A moment after he heard a groan and found the deceased lying on the timbers just where the bottom of the cage rested when it was down. Several drills lay on Gillan's body. The injuries outwardly visible were apparently not of sufficient severity to cause death, consisting principally of a scalp wound and superficial wounds about the neck and breast. It was apparent that some internal injury caused his unconscious condition and ultimately his death. Henniger carried Gillan away from the shaft and went for Andrew Macdonald and another machine man working at the face. The bell for the hoist was rung several times, but without securing the cage, and then the bell line broke. Macdonald climbed up the manway 200 feet and met the foreman saw the cage about 20 feet above the 800-foot level. The story of the accident as above was told by Henniger and Macdonald at the inquest last night and probably gives most of the salient facts that will be elicited at the investigation. The fact of Gillan's death was communicated to Dr. Reddick, coroner, who decided that an inquest was advisable under the circumstances. A jury was empaneled as follows: Claude Cregan, foreman; John Copp, Fred Rutherford, Thomas H. Rea, Thomas A. Gray and James A. Thomas. Constable Bradshaw acted as clerk of court. Several other witnesses were examined, including Foreman Pearson. The latter stated that he could offer no explanation for the accident.

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THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CORNWALL LAND IN AUSTRALIA.

A ROYAL WELCOME FROM THE COMMONWEALTH METRO. POLIS.

Sydney, N.S.W., May 27.—The British steamer Ophir, having on board the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning. She was joined outside the harbor by a squadron of seven government vessels conveying the premier, Sir Wm. Lyne the ministers and federal

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