

SAW THE CITY PARK

PARTY OF CITIZENS INSPECTED THE GROUNDS YESTERDAY.

DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH POSSIBILITIES FOR A FINE PARK.

A party of citizens drove to the city park yesterday afternoon with a view to inspecting the ground and coming to a conclusion as to the adaptability of the area for athletic grounds. Their decision was that the park was eminently suitable, and that it would be in the interests of the city for all time that the initiative should be taken toward utilizing the ground.

The question may be brought up at the general committee meeting tonight at the city hall.

The questions to be solved in connection with the problem of utilizing a section of the park for athletic grounds and of having the grounds in shape for the August celebration are those of cost and of time. There seems to be no doubt on the part of all who have gone over the ground that a level area of ten or fifteen acres can be secured, and that five acres of this could be cleared and put in shape for athletics by August 25. Slashings through the thickets at various points show that the ground is as level as could be desired, while a stream and a living spring will furnish water for sprinkling or picnic parties.

On the head of expense, a well known citizen has offered to take a contract to clean up five or ten acres at \$50 per acre. For the smaller plot this would represent an outlay of \$250. Then there are fences and grandstands to be provided for, but it is claimed that no objection would be offered to the removal of the fence around the Black Bear grounds and the grandstands as well. The timber thus secured would go far toward fencing the grounds, especially as timber from the park itself could be utilized for posts and supports. Three weeks would be sufficient to put the grounds in good shape if proper expedition was used, and the project is to be advocated strongly during the next few days.

BIGGEST LEAD MINE

IN CANADA TO REJOIN SHIPPING LIST—ABOUT ST. EUGENE.

BOUNTY ON CANADIAN LEAD HAS HAD THIS EFFECT AMONG OTHERS.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The premier lead mine in Canada or on the continent is to join the shipping list in the immediate future, as the outcome of the passage of the federal bounty on Canadian lead. This statement emanates from J. C. Drewry, one of the directors, and James Cronin, manager. Mr. Drewry arrived in Rossland yesterday and will be here some days at least. In the course of his trip east he concluded important business in connection with valuable Alberta coal lands.

The announcement as to the St. Eugene settles conclusively the question as to the effect of the bonus.

"We will commence operations at once," said Mr. Drewry, "but we will have to do some repairing before we can start shipping. This will not take long, however, and by degrees we will get the property working and shipping to its full normal capacity. We are well ahead with development work, and if we can get plenty of the right sort of miners the shipments will roll out right along."

"We had a prolonged fight at Ottawa to get the bonus, not so much with the government, who were always anxious to meet our views, but with outsiders who were busy 'knocking' our plans all the time. Mr. Callahan, M. P., worked like a Trojan and not only carried out any suggestion we made to help matters along, but initiated a good many moves on his own account and really did yeoman's service in convincing the members of the government that our claim for recognition was a substantial one."

Referring to the situation, Mr. Cronin is quoted as saying: "When last we were working under normal conditions at the St. Eugene we shipped about 2500 tons of concentrates a month and to do this we mined some 10,000 tons of crude ore. I think we will shortly be in a position to do this again if not a little better as time goes on, and we get a better idea of the practical working of the new bounty. I do not care to express a decided opinion about the new condition of affairs until I have had more time to think it over. The last time I was here, the duty we asked for had just been refused, and if you will remember, I told you we might just as well and much better be joined to China, than Eastern Canada for tariff purposes, and at the time I said I meant just what I said, but now, of course, it's a different matter; there is a little sum of \$500,000 ahead of us, they tell me, and that for five years, so I'll drop my Chinese annexation scheme—for five years anyway—and we'll see how the new plan works out in the meantime."

A PLEASANT PICNIC.

Mrs. Fitz-Patrick and Her Pupils at Sheep Creek Falls.

(From Friday's Daily.)

A most enjoyable and successful picnic was held yesterday, when Mrs. J. M. Fitz-Patrick's Rossland musical class met her Northport class at Sheep

creek falls, at the invitation of the latter.

The party from Rossland consisted of Misses Rebecca Demuth, Salma Demuth, Lilly Demuth, Nitta O'Hearn, Rose O'Hearn, Alma Beverly, Edna Honey, Ella Preston, Ruby Hook, Lilian Stuessi, McDonald, Miss Davidson, Evelyn Morrison, and Messrs. E. Croteau, Robert Anderson, McGillivray, Walter Demuth, Ned O'Hearn, Fred O'Hearn, Gartfield Tonkin and Willie Beverly. Chaperones, Mesdames Dan Thomas, Beverly and Fitz-Patrick.

The Northport party consisted of Misses Nondas Quinn, Valeri Quinn, Grace Critchett, Orilla Bobo, Lila Niddell, Winnifrid Doyle, Davidson, Har- dis, Ruby Ogilvie, Stella Bugge and Blanche Jellison. Messrs. Fred Nudell, Leon Savage, Grosvenor Taylor and Will Taylor. Chaperones, Mesdames Doyle, George Thomas and Critchett.

Each party, having enjoyed the scenery en route, on meeting gave three cheers for America and three cheers for Canada, and then proceeded to prepare themselves for a varied program of sport by partaking of all the delicacies of the season.

The program of sport was as follows: Tug of war, Canada vs. America; won by America.

Tug of war, Northport vs. Rossland; won by Rossland.

Tug of war, ladies vs. gentlemen; won by ladies.

Tug of war, Ireland against the world; won by Ireland.

Foot racing, girls under 15, 100 yard dash; won by Lilly Demuth, second Stella Bugge.

Young ladies' 100 yard dash; won by Miss Ruby Ogilvie, second Miss Ruby Hook.

Married ladies' 100 yard race; won by Mrs. J. M. Fitz-Patrick, Mrs. Doyle second.

Boys' race, 100 yards; won by Walter Demuth, W. Beverly second.

Gentlemen's race, 200 yards; won by R. Anderson, E. Croteau second.

Sack race, won by Lillian Demuth, Rose O'Hearn second.

Hurdle race, won by Winnie Doyle, Orilla Bobo second.

Horse race, free for all, one-half mile dash, best three out of five: Ladies' race, Salma Demuth first, Lera Nudell second, Ruby Hook third, Gentlemen's race, E. Croteau first, Fred O'Hearn second, Mr. Moore third.

Songs, choruses, recitations and dancing occurred at intervals.

Another repast was then in order and very much enjoyed.

On departing from the falls, the whole party gave three cheers and a tiger for Mrs. J. M. Fitz-Patrick, and thus brought to a close a most enjoyable day.

ADD MORE FEATURES

TWO CELEBRATION COMMITTEES MET LAST NIGHT AND REPORTED.

\$500 FOR FIREMEN'S RACES — \$125 FOR OUTSIDE MILITIAMEN.

Several additional features for the August celebration are the result of the final report of the meetings of the sub-committees last night. The bands and militia and firemen's sports committees drew up recommendations to be presented to the general committee tonight. The sum required to finance the features suggested by the two sub-committees aggregate \$865.

Under both headings good attractions are added to the general program.

The militia and bands committee will recommend that the city band be engaged to be on duty eight hours on each day of the celebration and from 7 o'clock to 10 each night at \$180; that the bugle band of the Rocky Mountain Rangers be given a grant of \$50 to be called upon when required at any time during the two days' festivities. It is understood that the grant in question will go into the general band funds and not to individuals. The brass band will turn out ten men and the bugle band eighteen or twenty. In addition the committee recommend that the fares and subsistence of forty militiamen and officers from Nelson be borne by the celebration committee, and the cost of this is placed at \$125. The question of a band contest was broached, but the committee will not recommend the feature, owing to the lack of bands in the Kootenays and the excessive cost.

The firemen's sports committee met in hall and appointed Donald Guthrie chairman. Their program as outlined for the general committee tonight is as follows:

Hub-and-hub race—First prize \$125, second \$75.

Wet Test—First prize \$125, second \$75.

Rescue race—First prize \$15, second \$10.

Ladder Race—First prize \$15, second \$10.

Double Coupling Race—First prize \$15, second \$10.

The principal races are familiar to all. The committee believes that a number of teams would enter the competitions and that the races would be closely contested. They state that the prizes are the minimum amounts that could be offered. The rescue race consists of ascending a ladder and bringing down a 100 pound dummy. The ladder race is run with starters fifty yards from the foot of the ladder, contestants to run to ladder and ascend, man reaching top rung in shortest time to win. The coupling event was put on here three or four years ago and attracted much interest.

The general committee meets tonight to pass upon all reports. It should be specially noted that the chairman of sub-committees are a special committee on program, advertising and special features, and that they are called together for 8 o'clock. The general committee as a whole will assemble at 9 o'clock.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

OSCAR SZONTAGH'S SUICIDE THE RESULT OF DESPONDENCY.

IN FINANCIAL STRAITS AND UNABLE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT.

Despondent over his inability to get a position, Oscar Szontagh, one of the most distinguished chemists and metallurgists in America, committed suicide on Tuesday morning at his room in the Spokane hotel, Spokane, by shooting himself with a revolver. He was evidently standing in front of a mirror when he fired the fatal bullet, but he probably lived for several hours afterwards.

The tragedy was disclosed at 1:45 o'clock in the afternoon by the chambermaid. After repeatedly rapping at the door without getting a response she called one of the employees of the hotel who, looking over the transom, was horrified to see the body of Mr. Szontagh lying on the floor in a pool of blood. The door was forced and the body was removed to the morgue. He was dressed only in his pajamas, and was lying before the dresser. Clenched in a death grip was a .32-calibre revolver, while a long deep wound in his right temple showed the cause of death.

Szontagh went to bed about midnight Monday and was in his ordinary spirits. He announced to friends that he expected to leave for Colville in the morning to examine a mine.

"He came to me Monday and asked for a compass with sights," said H. Stevenson, a close friend of the dead man, yesterday afternoon. "I got it for him and he told me he wanted a revolver to take in the hills, too, on his trip to Colville. I hadn't a gun, but I borrowed a small .32 calibre revolver from W. L. Taylor. It was the most commonplace thing in the world for a mining man to want a compass and a revolver on going into the hills, and I thought nothing about it. It seems now, however, that he used the gun to kill himself."

Mr. Szontagh was married about a year ago, and his wife was with him in Spokane until about three months ago, when she left for San Francisco, where she has been since. She was informed of his death and wired that she would leave yesterday to take charge of the remains.

Mr. Szontagh was born in Vienna 51 years ago, and came of a good family. His father was a Hungarian and his mother was of Italian descent. A brother is a colonel in command of a crack regiment of Hussars at Vienna, and another brother is a well to do Austrian merchant. Some time ago his father died, leaving him an estate said to be worth about \$25,000.

He was educated in European technical schools and came to America about 20 years ago. He carried on his professional work all over the west, and was a band leader from Mexico to British Columbia. He was early interested in the oil concentration process, which is now being carried forward with success, and he worked it out in Colorado. He was in the firm of Szontagh & Costell in San Francisco years ago. He also has carried on his professional work in Salt Lake, and was the first manager of the old Portland, Oregon smelter. The "B" was one of the big Oregon mines with which he was connected.

About two years ago he took charge of the Northport smelter, owned by the Le Roi company, and carried on the work there with great success. He had a violent quarrel, however, with Manager John H. Mackenzie of the Le Roi company as a result of which he was discharged.

Work was left to him by a celebrated one from the light which Mr. Szontagh threw upon smelting operations and costs. Since then he has made his home at Spokane with his wife, until she left, about three months ago, to go to California. He was only in fair health, but his condition was not at all precarious, and he was improving. For the past three months he had been particularly abstemious. He was, financially, on the rocks, however, and owed the hotel a bill of \$97. It is believed that despondency over troubles and his inability to get work wrought upon him to the point that he killed himself.

A postmortem examination was held by Coronor Smith, but nothing new resulted, and there was no inquest.

YMR NOTES.

Mr. Barnhardt's Lease — The Conservative Candidacy.

YMR, July 23.—G. H. Barnhardt, late superintendent of the Ymir Gold Mines, has returned to Ymir from Victoria, where he has been residing for the past few months. Mr. Barnhardt has secured a lease on the Porto Reco mine, owned by the Canadian Pacific Exploration, Limited, of London, England.

Work will be commenced at once, and it is supposed that Mr. Barnhardt has a bonanza. The property is situated on the head of Barret creek, seven miles from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad at Porto Reco siding and during the time the property was worked considerable gold was mined.

Rumor has it that there is a possibility of an outside man being brought into Nelson as a compromise to bringing the two Conservative factions together there, in which case John Houston, ex-M. P., would run in the Ymir riding, Mr. J. Pelley dropping out in Mr. Houston's favor. It is had upon excellent authority that a certain government official at Nelson is seriously contemplating resigning and becoming a candidate for Ymir riding on the Conservative ticket. As already stated the voters of Ymir riding feel that they have men in this riding good enough to represent them, and any outsider that may come in will not receive much consideration when the ballots are cast.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

THE NATIONAL GAME

BUSINESS MEN FAVOR CLOSING FOR COMING LACROSSE MATCH.

NEW PLAYERS WILL STRENGTHEN THE HOME TWELVE MUCH.

In anticipation of the forthcoming Rossland-Nelson lacrosse match, Charles E. Summers, captain of the home team, discusses the situation as follows:

"When the Revelstoke team played Nelson, all stores closed. In Westminster all stores close for matches and the mills also follow suit. This is only just if good sport is to be encouraged and especially so when such a fine game as lacrosse is the consideration.

"Rossland business people should follow the good example set by these other towns and likely they will, for in every instance those interested were in favor of closing for the coming match. This indicates that Rosslanders fully intend encouraging the boys, and having a team second to none in this part of British Columbia.

"All arrangements having been completed, the Nelson team will play on Thursday, July 30th, at the Black Bear grounds. This should be a first game, as it is known that Nelson has a strong team and will do its utmost to again take Rossland into camp, but it must be remembered the Rossland team has greatly improved and Nelson will find a different team to play against than the one they met and so easily defeated at Kaslo on May 24th. Three new men will likely be playing for Rossland and it will not be too much to anticipate a victory for the home team, for with weak men off, stronger and faster ones on and continued steady practice there is no reason why the home boys should not give a good account of themselves.

"The business houses will be asked to close up from 2 p. m. till 5 p. m. This will not affect business in the least, and with the celebration starting up in the face the business men should do all they can to encourage the game for it only leads up to the coming games on August 25th. The last match played here was on a rainy day and a great many people did not see the game. In all probability the weather for the coming game will be ideal and a large gathering should be at the Black Bear grounds. There is no encouragement to a lacrosse of any other team so great as when the grounds are filled with spectators. It means financial backing for the team and the boys always play a much better game than when a few turn out. The Rossland team is at a stage when it needs every encouragement and the people generally should make it a point to be there.

"The boys will give a good account of themselves, and it is to be hoped the cheers will be liberal, as cheers usually mean good plays and many goals. The admission to the grounds will be 25 cents and to the grand stand 25 cents, and the bleachers can do all the howling they like without an extra quarter."

SOME HAPPY PUPILS

FIVE ROSSLAND STUDENTS PASSED RECENT ENTRANCE EXAMS.

ROSSLAND SCHOOL AVERAGED UP WELL WITH THE OTHERS.

(From Friday's Daily.)

There are five happy public school pupils in Rossland as the result of the announcing of the recent high school entrance examination results. Of the nine Rossland pupils who went up for the exams, five passed, and the one Trail candidate was also successful. Rossland shows up fairly well alongside of the other schools of the province, although the Nelson school easily takes honors from every other institution in the whole province.

The list of Rossland pupils passing the examination with their marks is as follows:

Alice Cooper.....	685
Chas. D. Griffith.....	671
Richard Buchanan.....	586
Roland Ashby.....	572
Leopold F. O'Hearn.....	557
Isaac E. Lang.....	522

The examination figures for the most important points throughout the province are as follows:

	Candi- dates	Pass- ed	Per Cent
Vancouver.....	103	62	60
Victoria.....	110	71	65
Nanaimo.....	28	13	46
New Westminster.....	31	22	71
Nelson.....	11	9	82
Rossland.....	9	5	56
All other schools.....	169	71	42
	622	294	47

Nelson's percentage is generally higher than that of any other school. Rossland made a good showing considering the disruption of classes of a year ago when the schools were closed down for some weeks owing to a scarlet fever epidemic. Changes of principals during the term also militated against the success of the Golden City candidates.

A KAMLOOPS SMELTER.

Capital to Install a Plant to Treat Iron Mask Ore.

TORN BY A BLAST.

Severe Accident to a Miner at the Antoinette Mine.

KASLO, July 24.—Dan McKinnon of this place was brought in here last night on a hand-car from the Antoinette mine at McQuigan, almost in pieces from the effects of a missed shot in a blast at the Antoinette. His right arm was in ribbons and his body torn and cut in innumerable places with pieces of flying rock. His skull was punctured and cut from the top of his head to his neck. One cut was from the hair on his forehead straight down his face and neck to his side. That he still lives is a miracle. The doctors were hours in removing the pieces of rock from his body, and have now good hopes that he will recover. He is well known and popular here.

PAID THE PENALTY.

Indian Louie Went to the Scaffold with a Smile on His Face.

KAMLOOPS, July 24.—Alex. Louie, the Indian who was condemned to be hanged for the murder of his squaw at Vernon, was executed in the jail yard here this morning at 8 o'clock by Hangman Radcliff. He went to the scaffold with a smile on his face, and seemed satisfied that the end was so near.

BRIGHT IN LARDEAU

C. M. OLIVER TELLS OF NORTH COUNTRY'S PROSPEROUS OUTLOOK.

THE POPLAR CREEK STRIKES ARE HEARD OF ON ALL SIDES.

C. M. Oliver returned last night from a trip through the Lardeau mining district. He reports great activity all over the district. Every train and boat is crowded with prospectors making for Poplar creek, the scene of the recent rich strikes.

Fine specimens of free gold are on exhibition at every stopping place, and many valuable finds are reported.

The older mines in the vicinity of Trout Lake are making extensive improvements. The Silver Cup tram is working well, and that of the Nettie L. will shortly be in operation. The concentrator in process of erection to handle the lower grade ores of these two mines is fast nearing completion.

Andrew G. Larson, E. M., has just completed the examination of the Molehan group on Gainer creek, on which property work has been carried on under the supervision of A. L. Houston for the past year. This property is owned by a small group of Rossland people, and is showing up well. A trial shipment of high grade ore, consisting of about ten tons, has been sacked for shipment at once to the Trail smelter.

Mr. Larson also examined the No. 3 claim on Silver Cup mountain. This property has a promising showing, and development work will be begun at once by the sinking of a shaft on the vein. The No. 3 adjoins the I. X. L., owned by Dr. Milloy of Rossland, upon which work is proceeding, the lower tunnel row being in some 500 feet.

The Ethel and Lucky Boy properties, owned by Philadelphians, are showing up remarkably well.

Although Mr. Oliver did not visit the Camborne section, reports from there indicate that it is also sharing in the general prosperity of the Lardeau, heavy shipments of machinery and supplies steadily going in.

STILL FLOURISHING

SOME POINTERS ABOUT GROWTH OF AGRICULTURE IN INTERIOR.

THE CHINESE GARDENERS NOW CUT AN IMPORTANT FIGURE.

An interesting insight into the growth of agriculture in the Okanagan and Kootenay districts is afforded by Robert M. Wood, of Nelson, manager of the J. Y. Griffin company, who have the most extensive wholesale produce establishment in the interior. Even Rosslanders have noticed that the production of home-grown produce is rapidly increasing, but the advances in this immediate district are not as yet to be compared with the growth of the agricultural industry in other parts of the Kootenays.

Moreover the Chinese ranchers are becoming a most important factor in the situation.

In the Nelson district the production of small fruits, especially strawberries, has become so large that a market has to be sought outside of the country. Trail is also a large producer of strawberries, and now supplies a much larger portion of the local and Rossland market than ever before. In such products as cabbage, potatoes, celery, beets, carrots, etc., the Chinese gardeners have become a most important factor. Especially in potatoes have the Chinese taken away business that formerly belonged exclusively to the grocery houses. In Nelson this spring the grocers scarcely commenced to sell potatoes until March, Chinese gardeners having supplied the entire demand from the previous fall to that date, with the exception of the minor purchases made from time to time at groceries. The same is the case to a somewhat smaller degree in Rossland, but an instance is quoted of a firm that bought five cars of potatoes in 1901 and only bought one car last year. Mr. Hood is disposed to believe that at no late date the Chinamen will produce vegetables plentifully that they will practically control the supply.

The fruit producers of the Nelson district have now reached the stage where the formation of an association for the marketing of fruit is a thing of the near future. These associations have been eminently successful in California and elsewhere, one of their important advantages being that the control of a large acreage permits of shipments in carload lots at the lowest freight rates.

The farmers of the Okanagan valley will make money this year. Their apple crop will find a splendid market in the Territories, and only a small quantity of the fruit will come into the Kootenays. One rancher in the Okanagan will ship fifty tons of tomatoes this summer, the culture of this vegetable having been brought to a high state of perfection.

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JUST LIKE POPLAR

A FREE GOLD STRIKE AT NELSON THAT LOOKS PROMISING.

JUNO ORE CARRIES VISIBLE YELLOW METAL IN QUANTITIES.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Nelson may have a rush equal to the Poplar creek excitement if recent discoveries on the Juno mine are followed by similar strikes in the vicinity. The free gold belt extending west from Nelson for ten miles or thereabouts undoubtedly has rich veins that have not been discovered. The lodes that supplied Forty-Nine and Rover creeks with the thousands of dollars washed out thirty years ago or more by the argonauts of California and in later years by hydraulic companies and Chinese miners, have never been located, nor have the frequent finds of wonderfully rich free gold float in various creeks draining the belt in question been accounted for by the discovery of the parent ledges.

The Juno strike appears to be a genuinely important discovery that may have a far reaching effect.

Since the big find on the Juno the immediate district has been closely prospected by miners. Originally all the ground was located, but in recent years many of the locations have lapsed so that there is now much ground to be staked.

A correspondent of the Miner, who recently visited the Juno, writes as follows:

"In addition to the regular staff some miners were started to work stripping the lead about 100 feet east of the shaft. The first round of shots uncovered a ledge four feet wide. The ore is full of small particles of gold about as large as a pin-head, and the free gold is scattered fairly evenly throughout the ledge. A shaft has been sunk 12 feet without any change in the value or the size of the ore body. The ledge is being stripped east and west from the spot where the rich find was first made, with most encouraging results, but no ore is being removed except what is necessary in order to develop the find, and this is being carefully sacked and stored. Already the company have 300 sacks, and every indication points to a record shipment.

"The mine is owned largely by Montreal capitalists, who during the past two years have done over 1200 feet of underground work. In addition to the main ledge the Juno is also intersected by the northern extension of the Venus ledge, which has been opened on the Juno for 250 feet. The No. 2 tunnel on the Venus is within a few feet of the Juno line, and your correspondent understands arrangements are being made whereby the Juno company will use this tunnel to work the Juno mine. This will give them over four hundred feet of stopping ground at the boundary line, which depth will be increased as the tunnel is continued into the mine."

WHOLESALE SHOOTING.

A Triple Crime Caused by a Pennsylvania Man's Jealousy.

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2. If the answer to the question is affirmative, the provincial act, and the provisions of the act, and section 11 of the statutes