

FROM THE CAPITAL

Two Days' Proceedings in the Provincial Parliament.

RAILWAY BILLS REPORTED

Bedington & Nelson Act Among Them—Paris Belle Hearing Concluded and Judgment Reserved—Kilbourne's Adverse to American Boy.

VICTORIA, March 11.—[Special.]—In the house yesterday Kellie presented the resolutions from the Rossland public meeting against the Companies' act and the matter was thereupon referred to the Companies' act committee. The whole session only lasted half an hour, the principal business being the passage of the second reading of the Land Clauses act, introduced by the attorney general yesterday.

Kennedy, of Westminster, introduced a bill amending the Insurance act, making companies liable for insurance in case of fire, notwithstanding any provisions in the Insurance act, unless fraudulent statements were shown to have been made that the company could not defend.

The West Kootenay Power company bill, in which the promoters are O. Durand, P. A. Largey and C. Hosmer, went through its second reading, Booth explaining that no water privileges were asked but only the right to bring in power by wire from the United States side to supply within a radius of 50 miles of Rossland.

The Nanaimo-Alberni railway incorporation bill was read the first time, and the Ouslar Central railway bill was presented to the house by the railway committee. These are the first bills reported on by that committee.

It is understood that when the water bill is brought down by the government that provision will be made that persons can not hold any more water than they can possibly use.

Yesterday in the House. Today's proceedings were largely taken up in the debate on Cotton's motion advocating the Torrens system of land transfer and doing away with the mortgage tax. At some length the mover claimed that the Torrens system was not in a favorable condition, notwithstanding the fact that where the farmers cannot begin to supply the house market with their produce. He argued that with simpler methods of land transfers property would benefit in value and with no mortgage tax farmers would be in a better condition.

O. E. Pooley, the president of the council, though not an eloquent man, has a very direct manner. In his reply to Cotton he claimed that Cotton was making a stalking horse of the farmer to try and get a resolution through the house that could not possibly carry otherwise. He defended the present system of land registration and claimed that to introduce the Torrens system would be very costly. It was supposed that the property was registered but very costly to register in the first place. At any rate that would not help farming, as it was cheap prices on the United States side that prevented better prices being realized here. This branched Pooley off to a little side talk on protection, higher tariff by the Dominion being, he said, the only way to relieve the farmers. The debate will go on again tomorrow and Monday.

Speaker Stands on His Dignity. The little incident of the lieutenant-governor assenting to the cities bill on Thursday in the absence of the speaker was raised again today by the speaker taking exception to the paragraph in the Colonist, and taking occasion to remark that while the incident was an inadvertence to the house, it was making history and he was not going to allow the lieutenant-governor to take his chair in his absence without a protest. Premier Turner said a few nice words and the affair was dropped amicably by all concerned.

Today the railway committee reported the Victoria, Vancouver & Westminister railway, the Stikine & Teslin Lake railway, the East Kootenay railway and the Lardeau railway bills to the house. The private bills committee, in view of its public importance, reported the Bedington & Nelson railway, as it was presumably in the public interest, though a standing order had not been complied with. This company has agreed to give \$3,000 security for the completion of the work. The report was adopted.

Keats presented by Attorney-General Roberts today show that Dr. A. T. Watt, now Dominion quarantine officer, wanted to hang on to the secretaryship of the provincial board of health, but the provincial government would not have it and so he resigned.

The land clauses act was put partially through committee, and Elberts intimated that the water bill would be down tomorrow. Kellie is going to introduce a bill to cancel the Nelson and Fort Sheppard land grant.

The Paris Belle Case. Argument in the Paris Belle appeal was finished today. Duff yesterday dealt very exhaustively with the expert evidence given at the trial and argued that it had not been shown there was mineral in place on the property. He also contended that the act required that a bond should have been given as a condition precedent to the right to locate and that in default of such a bond the location was invalid. He held that the Zenith location was not excepted from the grant to the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway, because the record and location together were uncertain, and that the record was invalid because it did not conform to the location by reason of the fact that the name of one of the locators did not appear on it, and also because any right which the Zenith locators may have acquired was lost by the abandonment of the claim before March 23, 1893, at which date the railway company's patent took effect. Mr. Taylor for the Paris Belle, in reply held that the court could not inquire into the validity of the Zenith location but must be bound in construing the grant to the company by the terms of

the Zenith record. Today further argument was heard on some points and the case was closed 1 noon. Judgment was reserved.

American Boy Adverse. The appeal to the full court today by the plaintiffs in Kilbourne v. McGuigan in the American Boy mine adverse claim was dismissed and Mr. Justice Drake's judgment sustained. The plaintiffs wanted to have the time for commencing action extended, but the lower court held that as the adverse claim had not been filed in the mining recorder's office as required by law he had no power to extend the law.

RICH NICKEL ORE. Dominion Geological Survey Makes a Discovery in the Kootenay.

The following interesting letter was received yesterday by Martin King, manager of the Trail Mining company, which owns and operates the Columbia and Kootenay mines:

OTTAWA, Ont., March 4. Martin King Esq., Rossland, B. C. Dear Sir: One of the specimens I got from you last fall while looking over the Columbia Kootenay mine, contains gersdorffite, a nickel mineral and it is possible your ore contains a nickel value worth considering. I would charge five pounds or so of your ordinary mixed iron and copper sulphide ore for analysis, as I have not enough material on hand for the purpose. I will send you a copy of the result when completed. Yours sincerely, R. G. McCONNELL, Geological Survey Department.

A MINER representative called on Professor Woodhouse to ascertain what gersdorffite was and was informed that it was a high-grade nickel ore, closely resembling arsenio-pyrite or white iron. It assays about 20 per cent. in nickel when pure. Nickel is worth at the smelter about the same as copper, though its value when refined is more than twice as great.

After Rossland Traffic. SPOKANE, Wash., March 11.—[Special.] H. E. Huntington, city passenger and ticket agent of the Soo line of St. Paul, and W. B. Chandler, holding a similar position with the same line at Minneapolis, arrived in the city last night and will leave for Rossland in the morning to look up business for their road in the Kootenay country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Silverine Mine.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Feb. 27. EDITOR MINER.—Sir: Kindly mention any thing reliable in your next issue in regard to the Silverine mine, adjoining the Evening Star and Coloma. Who are running the mine? Please give a good description of the ore and the value of same. To what extent has the mine been worked? Do the promoters intend to fallow the mine in the future? Stockholders would feel obliged for any information through your reliable paper for the benefit of Montreal and eastern Canada. Yours truly, STOCKHOLDERS.

[The property has about 25,000 acres of open land on it, including nearly 300 feet of shafts and much stripping and open cutting. There are three or four veins on the claim and the ore runs from \$8 to \$200. The mine is equipped with buildings. The directors include F. Lewis Clarke, Jacob Hoover, and W. H. Taylor of Spokane. The company has money in its treasury and we understand, considerable stock. For fuller information in this respect apply to E. G. MacDonald, secretary, First National bank building, Spokane. The company is well thought of here and its stock is held in big blocks by all the leading local speculators.—Ed.]

A Boundary Mine.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 7. EDITOR MINER.—Sir: Can you give me any information as to the status of the Boundary mine and what is being done now on the East Chancery of Silverine camp in the Boundary district and what are the names of the ore? I am a constant reader of your valuable paper. Enclosed is our correspondent at Greenwood mentions the East Chancery is Smith's camp. We are not sure this is the same claim, but we rather think it is.—Ed.]

CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY.

Some References to It in the C. P. R.'s Annual Report.

The following are some paragraphs from the report of the directors of the C. P. R., which will be laid before the shareholders at their next annual meeting on April 7: "The mining operations in British Columbia, which have hitherto been chiefly in the way of development, have reached the producing stage; the shipments of ore, which were considerable last year, will be very largely increased during the present one; a great number of mines have been proven, a considerable number are in full and profitable working, and others are coming into operation day by day. And your directors have no doubt that their most sanguine expectations in regard to the traffic to be gained from this source will be exceeded in the very near future. "Your directors are strongly of the opinion that any delay in securing your interests in that direction will be extremely dangerous—that unless your company occupies the ground others will, the demand for shipping and trans-

port facilities being most urgent. The directors feel that they cannot too strongly urge the immediate construction of a line from Lethbridge to a connection with your Columbia and Kootenay railway at Nelson, a distance of 325 miles, and anticipating your approval they have already taken steps towards commencement of the work on the opening of spring. "The unfavorable conditions which have prevailed for the past three years have prevented any effective action towards providing for the traffic of the mining country, but the directors feel now that the improved position and prospects of the company, together with the magnitude of the interests at stake will fully warrant this important step (the building of the Crow's Nest railway). The interests of the country at large are so much concerned in this question that your directors confidently expect reasonable assistance at the hands of the Dominion government."

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Engineer's Report.

Extract from a report by Harry Gager, mining engineer:

"This group consisting of the Gray Copper, Copper Giant and Bug Copper, all being full claims, fifteen hundred by fifteen hundred feet, are situated on the southeast slope of Lookout Mountain, about ten miles south of Trail, four and one-half miles north of Waneta, on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, three and a half miles west of Paulton's Landing on the Columbia River and one and one-half miles north of the International boundary line, in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, British Columbia, and adjoining the Trail & Waneta Gold and Copper Mining Company's property on the south."

Workings and Outcrop.

"The development so far consists of several open cuts along the center line on the outcrop, and a shaft on the Copper Giant six by ten feet on the surface by eight feet in depth, tapering to about five by eight feet at the bottom. In diorite, which is much broken on north and south sides and the east end. On the bottom and west end it was comparatively solid. The north and east faces of this shaft are cut irregularly with stringers of quartz, varying from one-half

to five inches in width, and giving evidences of having been forced up through the formation.

"These stringers, or quartz seams are highly mineralized, carrying iron and copper pyrites, malachite, galena and chlorides, assaying from samples taken from various places from a trace to \$4 in gold, 1½ to 6½ per cent in copper and from 15 to 49 2-10 ozs. in silver. One assay for lead gave one per cent. The general trend of these quartz seams or stringers is to the east, pitching at an angle of about forty degrees.

"In my opinion these stringers and the broken condition of the formation in which they are would indicate that they came from a large body of mineral lying below and to the east of the outcrop, which could be opened up either by a crosscut tunnel or by running an incline following along the course of these stringers."

Conclusion.

"The showing made on the Copper Giant is in my opinion sufficient to justify the expenditure of both time and money in either crosscutting or following the quartz seams, as there is no doubt in my mind that by doing so a large and valuable ore body will be found."

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