

CITY WATER SUPPLY

The Water Company Will Considerably Reinforce It.

NEW DAM IS TO BE MADE

With the Augmented Supply It Is Thought That There Will Be Sufficient to Fight the Largest Conflagrations—Insurance Should Be Reduced

H. S. Fellows, the manager of the Water & Light company, is arranging to proceed at once with elaborate improvements in the water supply of the town. The improvements, which will be completed about the first of July, will enable the company to furnish 3,000,000 gallons of water daily, or three times the amount at present consumed here. The most important feature in connection with the change is that it will give practically an inexhaustible supply for fire protection, and will do away with the dread heretofore existing that in case of serious conflagration the fire department might run short of water.

Mr. Fellows, who has been planning the improvements for some time, has about completed his preliminary surveys, and work will commence next week. Water will be obtained from Stony creek as at present, but a dam will be built across a box canon below the point where the stream is now tapped. If it should be found necessary, this dam can be raised so as to impound 2,000,000 gallons of water, which would form an additional permanent reserve in case of need.

A new pipe line will be constructed to convey the water from the dam to the present reservoirs, just north of town. The pipe, which will be close to 10,000 feet long, will be 12 inches in diameter inside and will be made of the best red cedar, planed to shape, and reinforced by iron bands. It will contain 90,000 feet of lumber, and will cost \$2,000. Valves will be inserted throughout its length to enable it to be kept free from sand and the like. Most of the underbrush along its route has been cleared away, so that there is little danger of forest fires damaging the pipe line.

Work on it will commence about the 10th of June, and it will be finished by the 1st of July.

The old hopper shaped reservoir up Centre Star gulch is to be repaired, which will put it in shape to hold 90,000 gallons of water. The new reservoir has a capacity of 170,000 gallons, and about 100,000 gallons will be constantly stored above the new dam. Besides this, the pipe itself, from its construction, will act as a reservoir, and will contain 50,000 gallons, so that there will be over 400,000 gallons of water always on hand in case of need. This alone should be sufficient to put out even a serious conflagration, but in case of a long continued fire the city can always depend upon the reserve and this now it would be almost impossible for any fire to exhaust the water supply.

What with the new paid fire department and this addition to the water works system, it is very likely that a reduction of insurance rates can be effected. The local insurance agents of course have no authority to make any changes in the existing rates, but they promise to bring the matter to the attention of their companies.

A SIXTEEN-FOOT FLAG.

It Will Fly From Andy Revsback's 100-Foot Pole on the 24th.

Andrew Revsback is preparing to put up a flag pole in front of his neat residence on the hill on East Columbia avenue that will astonish his neighbors. The pole, when it is in position, will be within a few inches of 100 feet in height. In order to secure this great length two cedar trees have been secured. These are each over 50 feet in length and will be fastened together by crosspieces. The big pole will be in position by the Queen's birthday. In honor of the occasion Mr. Revsback has secured a magnificent British flag 16 feet in length and six feet wide. This, when it is flung to the breeze on the Queen's birthday, may be seen from all parts of the city. The flag pole will cost of the landmarks of the town. It will cost when completed \$140. Mr. Revsback will also purchase an American flag and a Danish flag, each of which will be 12 feet in length, and will be placed under the Union Jack on state occasions.

Mr. Revsback is getting the garden in front of his house in condition. Last fall he dug up all the rose bushes, planted them in boxes and placed them in a green house. When he looked at them a few days since he was much disappointed to find that only two out of 150 had survived. The rest had been killed by the frost. As he did not know that the importation of roses was prohibited he sent to Washington for 100, but the customs officers, in obedience to the law, refused to deliver them. Now he has sent to Victoria for a supply. It is his intention to have the finest flower garden in the division. Indeed, his cottage, his garden and his flagpole form one of the pleasant sights of the city.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Old Flag. ROBERT DIXON, TORONTO: The Old Flag Gold Mining company is still in existence, although it is out of funds and it is not operating. The company never sold any of its treasury stock, and consequently was never in a position to carry on work. It holds five claims south of Trail on the Columbia river. Of these, one, the Eureka has been crown granted. The assessments on the others will expire in July next. The company is indebted for about \$2,000, and suits have been instituted by some of the creditors.—Ed.

Patrik O'Neill—Gem. Idaho: THE MINER regrets that it can give you no opinion as to the responsibility of officers who contract debts in excess of the company's funds. The matter is one which you could advantageously refer to a responsible firm of barristers acquainted with the laws of this province governing the operations of joint stock companies.—Ed.

THE BUNKER HILL.

John R. Reavis Returned With a Good Account From That Property.

"The government has given an appropriation for improving the road up the Bend d' Orelle from Waneta, and work will proceed at once," said John R. Reavis Friday evening on his arrival from a visit to the Bunker Hill, in that district, in which he is interested. There is considerable activity in that section, both in the placer diggings and the lode mines, and the road will prove a big convenience when the contemplated improvement are completed.

Regarding the Bunker Hill, Mr. Reavis said that the tunnel is now in 320 feet and has opened on the chute for a distance of 250 feet. The ledge is between two and six feet wide, with an average of a little better than three. "An average value on the ore would be about \$10," continued Mr. Reavis, "and of this from \$7 to \$8 is in gold, carried largely in the quartz, while there is between five and six ounces in silver, per ton. The ore is about 25 per cent free milling, while the rest will concentrate and can be cyanided. "We expect soon to commence a new tunnel on the ledge 200 feet below the existing tunnel and for the present our work will be concentrated in opening ground."

The Jubilee Mine.

The first block of treasury stock of the Mountain Goat Mining company, operating the Jubilee mine in the Ymir district, consisting of 100,000 shares, has all been sold at five cents per share. A contract has been let by the company for the driving of a 100-foot working tunnel on the Jubilee, and work will be commenced with as little delay as possible. At a meeting of the company held in Rossland Friday, it was decided to withdraw from the market stock still in the treasury.

Eastern Newspapers. The members of the Press Association of the Province of Quebec will shortly take their annual outing. This time the association has decided to visit the western portion of the Dominion. They will travel over the Canadian Pacific railway as far as Vancouver. The excursion will last 20 or 30 days. Every possible arrangement is being made by the railway company for the pleasure and comfort of the excursionists.

An effort will be made to induce the association to visit Rossland and other points of interest in Kootenay while on this trip.

THE MINER'S MAP.

It Meets With the Commendation of Several Contemporaries.

The sale of THE MINER'S birdseye map of Rossland is meeting with phenomenal success, and the outlook now is that the first edition of 7,000 will soon be exhausted. The papers speak in the highest terms of its merits. Appended are some of the notices that it has received:

"The Rossland Miner Printing and Publishing company have issued a 'mining' map of the Rossland camp. The map is printed in 13 different colors and shows over 400 of the principal mines in the vicinity of Rossland. The railroads, wagon roads and trails of the camp are clearly shown, and the mountains, valleys and streams are also depicted. The map has evidently involved the expenditure of a large amount of money and painstaking labor, and it is the best production of its kind that has ever been published of any mining camp in the west. The price of it is \$1.00.—Northwestern of Winnipeg.

THE ROSSLAND MINER has published a map of that part of Trail Creek mining division which lies within two and one-half miles of Rossland as a center, engraved so as to present a birdseye view of that area. The position of the workings on each of the mineral claims is indicated as well as the nature of the buildings and plants and the roads and trails leading to them. It conveys in practical form a very good idea of the contour of the country. The map is a credit to J. H. D. Ferguson, who did the sketching.—The Rosslander.

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THE ROSSLAND MINER has issued a very fine 'bird's eye view' map of Rossland and the 25 square miles surrounding it. People who are interested in Rossland mines will find this map invaluable.—The Province.

THE MCCARTHY OBSEQUES.

Funeral Was the Most Imposing Ever Seen in Toronto.

TORONTO, Ont., May 14.—The funeral of Dalton McCarthy took place this afternoon. It was one of the most imposing ever seen in Toronto, being attended by prominent members of social and legal circles and by the representatives of a large number of societies. Special trains were run to allow the friends of the dead statesman outside of the city an opportunity to attend the obsequies. The funeral ceremony was conducted in St. George church by Rev. Canon Cayley, assisted by his son, Rev. Prof. Cayley. An opportunity to see the remains was given to friends by the family between 10 and 12 o'clock this morning, and many hundreds called at the residence. At 2 o'clock the funeral cortege moved from the residence on Beverly street to Grange road and John street and to the church. The members of the Country and Hunt clubs, the Dalton McCarthy club, the Irish Protestant Benevolent society and a number of other organizations formed a part of the procession. The interment took place in St. James cemetery. The floral tributes received at the residence were of the most magnificent dimensions. A splendid column of roses several feet high was received from the Dominion government, another from their excellencies and there were other beautiful floral tributes from prominent public men, from the Hunt club, the Dalton McCarthy club and others.

Gladstone's Condition.

HAWARDEN, May 13.—Mr. Gladstone this evening, if anything, is a trifle stronger than yesterday, and he is quite as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

ELECTIONS IN JULY.

An Amendment Proposed to the Legal Professions' Act—Railway Bill.

VICTORIA, May 12.—Premier Turner stated in the legislature today that the provincial general elections will be held probably in the early part of July.

In committee on the Legal Professions' act, an amendment proposed by the attorney-general was adopted which will meet such cases as that of Mr. William Sloan, who has had difficulty with the law society on account of having originally been called in the Northwest Territories, where the term of service required is but three years. The amendment reads: "Whenever an applicant for a call or admission as a barrister or solicitor under section 37 has been called or admitted as such in more than one place or province in Her Majesty's dominions he may leave his claim for call or admission on any of the various places or provinces in which he has been called or admitted, notwithstanding that the part of such dominions where he has been called or admitted in the first instance requires less than five years study, provided as it requires not less than three years study."

The railway loan bill passed through the committee stage with one important amendment, proposed by the attorney general, as follows: "In the case of the line from Teslin lake to the Stickeen river being built by a company entitled to a land grant for the construction of the line, the subsidy herein ordered shall only be paid to such company upon its giving up its claim to the land grant for such portions of its line."

YUKON RAILWAY SUBSIDY.

It Passed Yesterday by a Vote of 19 to 12.

VICTORIA, May 11.—The debate on the second reading of the public works loan bill, providing amongst other things for the grant of a subsidy of \$1,600,000 to McKenzie & Mann, for the building of a railway from the British Columbia coast to Teslin lake, was concluded this afternoon. The motion being adopted on the division of 19 to 12.

LONDON, May 12.—The Daily Mail today devotes an editorial to the railway development of Canada and says it would be a much better policy for the Canadian government to subsidize railways and canal through habitable tracts of country instead of aiding roads in profligate territory like the Yukon.

TO AID THE HOSPITAL

The Government Has Granted the Sisters \$3,000.

This Sum Was Secured Mainly Through the Unselfish And Untiring Efforts of Dr. Edward Bowes.

Dr. Bowes received a message Friday from Victoria, announcing that charitable appropriations for the year would include a clause allowing the local hospital \$3,000. The grant will come at a most opportune time, for the sisters have been forced to strain every resource in order to meet the heavy expenses of maintaining such a charitable institution as the hospital.

The struggle to secure the much needed grant has been a hard one. While the towns all over the province were receiving appropriations in aid of their hospitals, Rossland and the Trail Creek division were steadily ignored, regardless of the fact that from the nature of the town's transient population, it was peculiarly necessary to have a hospital aided by the province sufficiently to enable it to care for the strangers from all parts of the world who might fall sick without friends and without means. The sisters, who erected their hospital here about a year ago, endeavored to fill the need of a charitable hospital, and they have done wonders, but heavily handicapped by the debt incurred in building, they found the task a weary one.

Dr. Bowes, who has all along been one of the staunchest supporters of the hospital, and has given his time and his money without stint in its aid, realizing that the sisters could hardly continue their good work without provincial assistance, began several months ago to use all his influence toward securing an appropriation from the government. The expenditure was moderate, but he persisted, and when in March with the other members of the committee from Rossland, he waited upon the government to secure the appropriations needed for this district. Dr. Bowes bent his energies to securing in allowance for the Sisters' hospital, with the result that Premier Turner promised him a grant upon condition that the province be allowed a representative among the trustees of the institution. Dr. Bowes was largely responsible for the making of this provision, as he is opposed to the granting of public money to sectarian institutions. The doctor's advice was accepted by the sisters, who stated in reply that they had not the slightest objection to such an arrangement. On his return to Rossland Dr. Bowes so informed the government, but still the grant was not made. Undaunted, the doctor commenced a regular fusillade of letters to the executive, urging the immediate necessity of making an appropriation, and yesterday he received word that the government had included an item of \$3,000 for the Rossland hospital among the appropriations for charitable purposes.

The grant will prove a godsend to the sisters, and it will do marvels in enabling them to pay their outstanding indebtedness and continue their noble work in attending to the wants of the sick, who are treated free of charge whenever necessary, regardless of religion or politics. The sisters and the men employed in the mines deeply appreciate the untiring devotion of Dr. Bowes in securing the grant.

Smashed the Fifteen-Mile Record.

Boston, Mass., May 14.—Eddie Duffe defeated Fred J. Titus in the 15-mile paced race at Charles River park this afternoon, in 27.09½, beating the world's record by four seconds.

Maher and Goddard to Fight.

New York, May 14.—Peter Maher and Joe Goddard have been matched for a purse of \$7,500. It will come off before the Greater New York Athletic association at Coney Island on Saturday evening, May 28.

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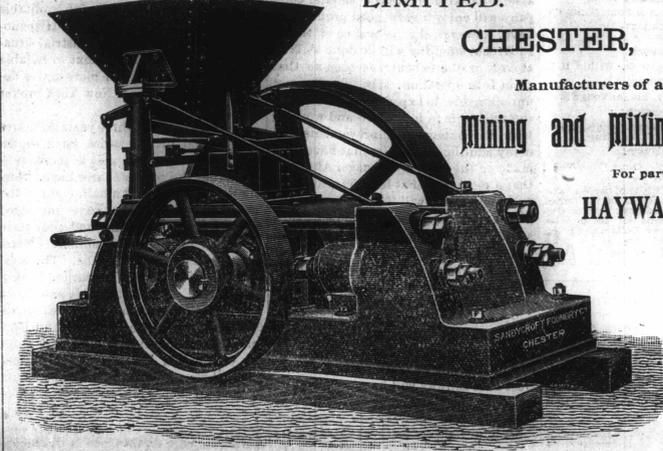
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THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

It Requests Meetings of the Supreme Court Here in June Next.

A meeting of the bar association of Rossland was held Saturday with A. H. MacNeill in the chair and Edward Cronyn as secretary. Among the business transacted was the passage of the following resolution:

Whereas, A large portion of the legal business of the Kootenay district is transacted at Rossland, where the parties, their solicitors, counsel and witnesses reside; and

Whereas, All supreme court cases arising in the Rossland sub-registry of the Victoria judicial district have at present to be tried either at Nelson or at some more distant assize town; and

Whereas, It is a very serious matter for all the parties to such action that they have to attend with their witnesses and counsel at Nelson, or some more distant town, thereby increasing the costs of legal business very greatly and unnecessarily; and

Whereas, There is suitable temporary accommodations in Rossland (part of the erection of the promised court house) both at the Masonic hall and the Dominion hall for the holding of supreme court sittings; and

Whereas, Since the establishment of the supreme court registry at Rossland, writs of summons have been issued thereout and many of the cases are now ready for trial, and

Whereas, Litigants in the Trail creek division feel very strongly that owing to there being no sittings here, they are being put to a great expense and loss of time, which they cannot but feel can and ought to be obviated by holding sittings for trial in Rossland.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That the honorable, the attorney-general, be respectfully urged to procure sittings of the supreme court at Rossland during the coming summer immediately after the termination of the sittings at Nelson in June next.

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