

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

RAILWAY WORK

SECTION OF THE V. V. & E. AT GRAND FORKS

OF THE TWO ROADS

W. HEADING FOR

REPUBLIC.

WORKS, Nov. 4.—(Special.)

tion of the V. V. & E. rail-

road Carson into the site of

the depot grounds here and

to the Granby smelter will

be immediately and rushed

on. There are in all about

one mile of road to build. The work

will be about four months, and will

require a large force of

men. It will be considerable rock

and the base of Observation

within the city limits.

ing on the Republic and

ing a new 75-ton locomotive to

the line reached here today

into service immediately.

and L. E. Shields of St.

sublet the contract for the

of the Great Northern

in Marcus, Wash., up the

the valley to Grand Forks

have just completed an

of the work now in progress.

stated that trains will not

into Republic before April

ORSES—

W. Lillie, chief of the Nel-

son department, is in the city to

looking at a team of horses

been offered to the city of

for the use of the fire depart-

TRADE—

BEAM HERE—

Judge Leamy arrived in

last night from Greenwood

main in the city till Friday

such legal business as arises

in time will be attended to.

is accompanied by Mrs.

and is registered at the Hotel

STATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

General claim, situate in the

the Mining Division of West

district. Where located: On

the main, adjoining the Elba min-

lot 1014, G. I.

Notice that I, H. P. Renwick,

agent for James G. Morrison,

miner's certificate No. B.

and, sixty days from the date

of the date of this notice, of

the date of improvements, for

the purpose of obtaining a crown

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CHANGE AT NORTHPORT

Circumstances Which Led Mr. Labarthe to Resign.

Oscar Szontagh to Take Charge of Works in a Few Days.

In order to ascertain what is the exact situation at the Northport smelter and the causes which led up to the withdrawal of Mr. Labarthe from the position of manager, a reporter of the Miner interviewed Mr. Frecheville at the Le Roi offices yesterday evening and asked him to explain matters. Mr. Frecheville said:

"The employees of the smelter—non-union men—gained the impression that the foreman whom Mr. Labarthe took down to Northport with him were union sympathizers, and felt that this would result in filling the smelter with men, thus placing their positions in jeopardy. It was difficult to dissuade the men from holding the impression that such intention existed. It was certainly no part of the programme of Mr. Labarthe, who simply wished to have the most competent smeltermen available.

"The situation thus created—after the bitter fight there has been at Northport—was a most serious one, and I recognized that the views of the men who have stuck so manfully to the company during its troubles were entitled to every consideration. Mr. Labarthe recognized this also, and at a very great self-sacrifice decided not to accept a position which might possibly engender further trouble—more so as we both believed that any suspicion—whether well-grounded or otherwise—that the union is to have any voice in the operation of the smelter is detrimental to the interests of the company.

"I called the men together and communicated Mr. Labarthe's decision to them, and told them that the standpoint of this company is to treat all its employees with every fairness and justice, and conduct its operations peacefully. Possessing the belief that the same consideration which the company is prepared to extend to them would be extended on their side, I asked them to continue in their duties. The men returned instantly to their work in the best of spirits.

"I wired to Mr. Oscar Szontagh, of San Francisco, a well known metallurgist who enjoys an excellent reputation as a smelter, and whom I had previously considered for the position of manager; and I have his reply notifying me that he will take charge of the works within a few days."

LEDGE OF IRON ORE

PROSPECTORS MAKE WHAT MAY BE AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

THE FIND ON LORD ROBERTS CLAIM, NOT FAR FROM THE CITY.

An interesting strike in the form of a large body of high grade iron ore has been made in the immediate vicinity of Rossland. A ledge of 40 feet of specular hematite or magnetic iron has been opened up on the Lord Roberts claim, located on Murphy creek, four miles from the mouth of the Heather Bell property. Samples of the ore assayed by Roy H. Clarke gave returns of 62.9 per cent iron and \$4.40 in gold. The percentage of iron is about equal to the average of the Kitchener property bonded during the summer by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and other prominent Canadian Pacific people.

The Lord Roberts is owned by Malcolm McIver and Sam Portath, both well known pioneers in the Rossland camp. The work done on the iron ledge is largely confined to the surface, but seems to indicate that the lead is continuous and that it cuts through the summit of the mountain. It is quite possible that the discovery may be of considerable importance. Iron ore of a good quality is in demand at all the lead smelters for fluxing purposes, and the fact that the Lord Roberts ore seems to carry some gold makes it of extra value. Further than this it is believed in many quarters that an extensive iron industry will eventually be established in the west, and iron deposits such as the Lord Roberts seems to possess would then be in great demand.

The owners are quite elated over the discovery and it is probable that a number of additional claims will be staked on the lead at an early date. Several prospectors have made arrangements to inspect the ground with a view to making locations.

THREE MORE CAPTURED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 12.—Three convicts who escaped from Port Leavenworth prison last week were caught by prison guards at Cottonwood, Kansas, today.

WORK IN THE MINES

SHIPMENTS ARE HELD DOWN BY A SHORTAGE IN CAR SUPPLY.

THE ROSSLAND GREAT WESTERN AGAIN APPEARS IN THE LIST.

With the ore shipments for the week ending last night the aggregate tonnage from the Rossland camp for the year 1901 passes the quarter-million mark. The total for the week is somewhat below the 5,000 mark, due to a shortage of cars. All the available cars on the Spokane Falls & Northern route are being utilized to move the great wheat crop of Washington's cereal districts, and ore cars are being pressed into service for purposes other than those for which they are intended, thus making it difficult for the mines to secure rolling stock just when they can use the cars to best advantage. However, the wheat crop will be moved within a comparatively short time, and the supply of cars will cease to be a vexed question with the mines.

It will be noted that the Rossland Great Western mines appear in the shipping list for the first time since the strike started. The shipments during the week were confined to two cars of ore, and these were from the ore bins. Active work will start in the Nickel Plate mine this week, and the shipments will grow steadily.

As every week adds its quota to the tonnage produced in the camp, the outlook for a prosperous winter brightens. There seems to be no reason why Rosslanders should not go ahead with the winter carnival and other enterprises for which the city has achieved a reputation. With a growing ore production and a payroll expanding in equal ratio, the Golden City is bound to boom.

BY ELECTRIC POWER

THE HALL SMELTER MAKES A RADICAL CHANGE IN ITS SYSTEM.

ELECTRIC MOTORS ARE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE STEAM ENGINES.

Lorne A. Campbell, manager of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, has returned to the city after closing an important contract with the management of the Hall smelter at Nelson. The agreement will result in the discarding of the steam apparatus now employed in generating power for the smelter and the installation of a complete electrical power plant, the change involving an expenditure of many thousands of dollars.

The motors required under the contract have been ordered, and the change will be made as speedily as possible, the expectation being that electricity will have superseded steam within three months. The West Kootenay company is to supply a total of 285 horse power, and the change will effect a substantial saving to the smelter on power account. The motors ordered are as follows:

- 100 h. p. motor to operate two blowers, a 80 h. p. for the rock breaker, one of similar capacity for the sampler, another for the mechanical roaster, installed at the smelter early in the year and a 15 h. p. motor for a hoist which is to be placed in the smelter shortly.

An interesting feature of the outfit is that the assay office at the smelter is also to be operated by electricity, this being a decided novelty. The plant will be composed of the following apparatus:

- 3 1200-watt immersion coils for the heating of water in tubs; 4 12 by 18 enameled plates for evaporating solutions and for dryers; 2 12 by 18 enameled plates for bringing solutions up to and maintaining a gentle boil; and 8 12 by 12 enameled plates for drying baths.

The total horse power in motors to be installed will be 285, with an additional 20 horse power for lights and for the apparatus required in the assay office.

THE OUTPUT.

The output for the week ending November 9th and for the year to date is as follows:

Week.	Year.
Le Roi No. 1	3720 134,388
Le Roi No. 2	840 29,860
Centre Star	54,648
War Eagle	20,100
Rossland G. W.	60 8,546
Iron Mask	3,738
Homestead	30
L. X. L.	200
Spitsee	200
Velvet	563
Monte Cristo	20
Evening Star	72
Giant	54
Portland	24
Totals	4620 252,258

The figures giving the output of the camp since work was resumed at the mines are of considerable interest to those who are making a study of local conditions. Appended are the totals for the week ending on the dates specified:

September 7th	1520
September 14th	1690
September 21st	1740
September 28th	1680
October 5th	2480
October 12th	3070
October 19th	4130
October 26th	4830
November 2nd	5650
November 9th	5360
November 16th	4620
Total	35,000

The operations at the Le Roi during the week have not been marked by any event of special interest. Stopping has proceeded steadily and development has been carried on along the lines indicated a couple of weeks ago.

The Le Roi No. 2.—In the Josie and No. 1 mines the usual work has gone ahead and nothing out of the ordinary has occurred. Development and stopping are proceeding, and the result is indicated in the shipping list to the credit of the company.

Nickel Plate.—On the Rossland Great Western's property the pumping operations have gone ahead rapidly. More water was encountered in the vicinity of the 600 foot level than the management expected, hence the fact that the commencement of underground operations has been delayed beyond the date originally decided upon. Now the water has been drained below the level in question, and the complete unwatering of the Nickel Plate is only a matter of a few days. Already ore shipments have commenced, and the tonnage sent out would have been substantially greater had the cars been available for the transportation of ore. The end of the present week will see a force of miners at work on the various levels of the mine, and the list of working properties in the camp will thus be increased in an important degree.

Green Mountain.—Work has been started on the shaft, the contractors are working and the work is progressing. The shaft is not in ore, being intended for a central working shaft, from which stations and crosscuts will be run at the various levels to tap the ore bodies that are known to exist within a short distance of the shaft. For the next few weeks, therefore, operations will be confined to sinking, and nothing of special interest is likely to eventuate.

Abe Lincoln.—The final touches to the commencement of work underground are rapidly being completed and the installation of the electric drill ordered in Denver, Col., is awaited before the first operations are got under way.

New St. Elmo.—The week passed quietly at the New St. Elmo. A small crew was engaged in running the crosscut on the ore body at the west

ORE OF HIGH GRADE

SAMPLE FROM A LARDEAU PROPERTY GIVES VERY HIGH RETURNS.

THE OPHIR-LADE GROUP PROMISES WELL FOR ITS OWNERS.

The Ophir-Lade property in the Lardeau district would seem to be a coming bonanza. W. B. Pool and J. Lade, who are operating the group, give details as to the results of the trial shipment to the Trail smelter that will dazzle mining men, and the statements are backed up by the certificates from the smelter. No such gold ore has ever come out of the Lardeau before, although as high returns have been received from certain silver-lead ores, notably that from the Trinne.

The shipment just sampled at Trail consisted of 1,000 pounds of rock and was divided into two sections, representing the two classes of ore which the company proposes to ship. The first class rock gave returns of no less than \$700 in gold and three ounces in silver, while the second sample went \$105 in gold. The company has, it is claimed, 30 tons of the high grade rock and 100 tons of the second grade ore ready for shipment.

The Ophir-Lade group was bonded last spring by W. B. Pool and associates, and work has been under way continuously since. After 100 feet of crosscutting the ledge was tapped and proved to be four feet in width, carrying free gold quartz and telluride, an entirely new character of ore for that district. Unfortunately the property is so situated that shipping is next to impossible, and the company has suspended operations until the spring, by which time the new branch of the Lardeau railroad will be completed within fourteen miles of the mine and the ore will be sent out.

Messrs. Pool and Lade are pioneers of the Lardeau, and have been instrumental in putting through several important deals affecting property in that district.

VICTORIA'S OPINION

A MASS MEETING CONDEMNS THE EXISTING STATE OF AFFAIRS.

THREE PROSPECTORS SUFFER EXTREME HARDSHIPS ON A TRIP.

VICTORIA, Nov. 12.—(Special.)—The mass meeting tonight expressed non-confidence in the government, urged the filling of the vacancy in Victoria's representation and the filling of the cabinet. It also favored the holding of public meetings throughout the province in support of the same principle. The speakers were McKibbin, Hall, McPhillips, Hayward, Helmcken, D. W. Higgs, Dr. Milne, Gordon Hunter, ex-Mayor Redfern and Charles Lagimodiere, who came from the admission that he would enter the house again as a supporter of the administration.

George Allcock, John Hatch and Alex. Hatch, of Vancouver, a trio of prospectors who left here on Tuesday last to go up the west coast in a seal-iron boat, returned tonight furnished with news of a narrow escape from death during the heavy storm of Thursday last. The waves rose to a height of 15 feet, and when the unfortunate prospectors attempted to land their boat was swamped and broken up in the surf, and they fought their way to the shore, swimming between 200 and 300 yards to the rocks. They walked over 60 miles along the telegraph trail to Victoria, arriving tonight.

ALLEGED CATTLE SHORTAGE.

National Livestock Association Wants Census Figures.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The report emanating from the National Livestock association that the country is threatened by a shortage of beef cattle has stirred up much interest and an effort has been made to have the census officers announce the result of the livestock census made last year in time for the national convention of stockmen next month. At the present time there are no reliable figures to show the condition of the visible supply of cattle in the country, but the census figures of last year will give a basis from which to make close estimates.

TRAIN WRECK.

TROY, N.Y., Nov. 12.—The Boston & Maine express was wrecked this morning by colliding with a Delaware & Hudson freight train at Mechanicsville. Both companies use the tracks at that point. Conductor Knowlton, in charge of the express, was seriously injured. The freight train was derailed.

DEVERY'S CASE.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Enjoin Justice Jerome.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The application of Deputy Police Commissioner William S. Devery to make absolute a temporary writ of prohibition restraining Justice Jerome from trying charges of neglect of duty preferred against him, was denied by Justice O'Grady in the supreme court, the justice holding that the magistrate had jurisdiction to enter the complaint.

THE CHARGES AGAINST DEVERY WERE MADE BY PATROLMAN O'NEILL, WHO ALLEGED THAT DEVERY HAD TREATED HIM WITH OPPRESSION IN FINING HIM 30 DAYS' PAY FOR OFFENSES AGAINST THE RULES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

It was alleged in support of the application for the writ that Devery's acts were performed while he was acting in a judicial capacity, and that he was therefore exempt from personal liability. It was also asserted that Justice Jerome was biased and prejudiced and inspired by partizan motives.

DO AWAY WITH GUNS

ALL RESPONSIBLE PARTIES IN NORTHPORT AGREED ON POLICY.

THE SMELTER PAYDAY WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY QUIET ONE.

NORTHPORT, Wash., Nov. 12.—The citizens of Northport held a mass meeting last evening, the purpose of which was to discuss and devise and adopt measures to suppress the carrying of arms and other vices. The prosecuting attorney and sheriff of the county were present. The best of feeling prevailed, and as a result of the meeting the laws will be rigidly enforced against all violators, whether strikers, smelter men or citizens, impartially, and the officers in the discharge of their duties have the sympathy and support of the smelter company and the city of Northport.

The smelter company paid off today in new crisp Canadian currency, but the merchants of the city have not reaped the harvest of the past, especially those who have so bitterly opposed the smelter company in its fight against union domination and dictation, as the men now employed have come to know their friends and appreciate them as well as the company itself.

This has been the most quiet payday we have had for a long time, not a disturbance or a disorderly person seen, and consequently no arrests made and very little drinking.

Ed Kennedy is reported no better. Two more arrests were made yesterday, the men being lodged in the Colville jail, charged with complicity in the shooting of Kennedy.

THE MINING LAWS.

Coast Operators Find the Need of Reformation.

Judging from the following statement in the News-Advertiser, there are mining operators at the coast who are awakening to the need of amendment in the laws relating to the mining industry.

The formation of the mining laws of the province, in a way suited to the complex and diversified needs of British Columbia, is generally recognized as one of the difficult branches of legislative responsibility. According to many representative miners, there is in this special department a sad lack of practical intelligence, on the part of those who have to do with the legislation upon which the prosperity of this essentially important British Columbian industry largely depends.

A short conversation with Mr. Thomas Kiddie, superintendent of the Van Anda mine, conveyed the unmistakable impression that the mine operators of the coast were not lacking in appreciation of the fact that the mining laws are susceptible of a great deal of improvement. In fact, that mines just in course of development are seriously handicapped by a want of practical insight into the needs of the industry by our provincial legislators.

A feeling has been growing among those practically interested in the mining industry, that the mining laws can never be framed to best advantage of the industry and the province, unless the government is given the advantage of consultation with those who are actually in a position to speak from practical experience.

Mr. Kiddie says that there is a movement now on foot to form a provincial organization of mine operators. The association will be founded upon the same principles which underlie all other similar organizations which exist for the mutual benefit of those concerned, and the guidance of legislators who cannot be expected to comprehend, themselves, the requirements, or conditions of the industry. Circulars will probably be sent out in a few days, to all the mining operators in the province with a view of consummating the scheme.

In the Kootenays there already exists an organization of mine operators, who Mr. Kiddie pointed out that the interests of all those connected with the business were identical, so far as the benefit of good laws was concerned and the influence of such an organization would be greater, and its usefulness as an assistance in the framing of mining legislation, augmented, if it were a general association covering the whole province.

CAPTURED BY THE POLICE

The Victoria Murderer Was Run to Earth in the City.

A Promise of Improvement in the Australian Service.

VICTORIA, Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Frank Nichols, murderer of Tom Nates, was captured last evening about 8 o'clock in the house of a friend in Rock Bay, one of the wards of the city. Chief Langley and eight men made a cordon around the house and captured him without any resistance. He was hiding in the woodshed. George Katchules, who said he landed Nichols at Port Angeles, has been arrested.

A French Canadian watchman on the Bark Senator, lying at Esquimalt, was drowned yesterday. He was going on board the vessel in an intoxicated state when he stumbled and struck his head against some lumber. He sank like a stone, and never came to the surface.

Company 21, R. G. A., under Major Gurdon, which relieves Company 15, here, arrived at Halifax on Saturday morning and will leave there on the 23rd for Victoria. They will be joined at Halifax by a draft of 20 engineers under Lieut. the Hon. M. Hood, who are also en route here.

Mr. Mills, managing director of the Union Steamship company of New Zealand, who owns a half interest in the Canadian-Australian line, arrived today from England. He says that the Australian and Canadian mail subsidies will expire in 18 months. If these are renewed, as they probably will be, the company will put on larger and faster steamers to handle the increasing trade. Mr. Mills has two large steamers now building in the old country for the intercolonial trade.

RESCUED THE SUN.

PEKING, Nov. 12.—In conformity with a notice which the foreign office sent to the legations, all the Chinese officials in the capital gathered yesterday at the Board of Rites to "rescue the sun," which was undergoing a partial eclipse. The rescue was accomplished by prostrations, the burning of incense and the beating of drums. A few foreigners were permitted to witness the ceremony.

EARLY CLOSING LAW

INEFFECTIVE AS REGARDS THE APPLICATION TO HALF HOLIDAYS.

THE CITY COUNCIL GIVING ATTENTION TO THE REPORTED DEFECTS.

It has eventuated that Rossland's early closing bylaw does not fulfill the object for which it was intended, or rather that it falls short in some cases of the end in view. When the bylaw was adopted by the council, the ground was taken that the majority of merchants with their employees would appreciate a respite from work on legal holidays, but that an ordinance was necessary in the interests of the many to compel the few to follow similar lines. No contention was raised at the time, nor since, that the merchants who wished to keep their places of business open were not acting conscientiously or within their rights in every particular, but it was believed that the sentiment of the majority should rule, hence the bylaw. It has since been a question, however, as to whether the city council has the right to proclaim half holidays under the bylaw in the instance of days that are legal holidays under federal legislation. Until that point is determined, the bylaw is in a peculiar position.

The discussion has arisen as a result of the observance of the King's birthday half-holiday on Saturday. The majority of the stores were closed promptly at noon and were not reopened for business during the balance of the day. This did not hold good in all cases, and the merchants who did close are naturally displeased at the outcome. The few stores that kept open are said to have done considerable business, and the others do not like to see a city ordinance that is not thorough in its action. The point is made, and very properly, that an early closing bylaw that does not fulfill its end is better off than a statute book that would prevent the matter coming up again in a similar way.

The matter was brought to the attention of the city council last night, and a resolution was passed granting permission to bring in an amendment to the bylaw for the purpose of making it effective under all conditions. In the meantime the question of jurisdiction will be threshed out by the city solicitor, who will have a report on the point for the city fathers at their next session.

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