

RETURNS TO CAMP

Mr. Bernard Macdonald Comes Back From London.

THE POLICY OF THE B. A. C.

The Present and Future Economical Development of the Le Roi and Associated Companies—Low Grade Properties—The Smelter Facilities.

"The directors of the British America Corporation, Le Roi and its associated companies, are satisfied with the mining developments on their properties. There will be no departure from the vigorous policy pursued by these companies during the past year. The mining operations are to be conducted with a view to present and future economy of production." Such were the terse and vigorous sentences with which Mr. Bernard Macdonald, the manager of the various B.A.C. properties, summed up the general situation on being interviewed by a representative of the Miner on his return from London.

Mr. Macdonald looks all the better for his trans-Atlantic voyage, and was, when called upon immersed as usual in a great deal of business. When questioned as to the object of his visit to London, Mr. Macdonald said that he went there merely for a conference with his directors regarding the business of their companies at this place. He said that the directors seemed satisfied with the development of the mines belonging to their respective companies, and have authorized a continuance of the business policy pursued during the past year.

He said there would be no departure from this policy; that the mining operations would be conducted vigorously, but always with a view to the present and future economy of ore production; that the directors were now fully aware that their properties here were low grade propositions, and in order to make the highest profit from them they would have to be dealt with in a similar way to the Homestake or the Alaska Treadwell—the economical production and treatment of a large tonnage.

It was with this line of policy in view that the large mining plant and the new five compartment shaft on the Le Roi were designed and their construction commenced early in the year. This shaft will shortly be completed to the 900 foot level and the plant installed, and will then have cost just \$250,000.

The mining plant on the Josie and Number One claims of the Le Roi No. 2, and that on the Nickel Plate claim on the Rossland Great Kootenay claims of the Kootenay Mining company, are very large mining plants compared with those in other mining camps, and are only small when compared with that of their big associate, the Le Roi.

These claims are now ready for a large production, the smelter facilities for the reduction of their ores being the only drawback. It is expected that ample smelter facilities will be provided by the first of January to meet the aggregate requirements of these mines.

Mr. Macdonald could not say what the aggregate tonnage of these mines will then be; that may depend on a good many conditions which cannot be determined at this time with any degree of accuracy. The mines, he stated, are capable of producing a large tonnage and the policy of the various companies operating them, is such as to expect a fair return on the millions they have invested in the camp; and the general manager says that he has stated they might confidently expect this.

Mr. Macdonald has only a fortnight in the old country, but he was long enough there to see that there was some interest being taken in the prospects of British Columbia and indeed in all things Canadian. As for the vagaries of the stock market he knew little of them. He had his work cut out in attending to the development of the mines which were under his charge. Here in the camp there was much to engage his present attention as the machinery for the head works at the Le Roi was on its way to the mine and would shortly have to be assembled.

HAD A MERRY TIME.

The Eagles' Masquerade Ball a Splendid Success—List of Prizes.

Hallowe'en night was fitly celebrated last evening by a masquerade ball which was given by the Eagles in the Miners' Union hall and was an unqualified success from the start. The music was excellent, provided by Wiley's orchestra, the floor was perfect and the company, who crammed the large building, were bent upon enjoying themselves. Here were all the factors of success and there is no wonder that the Eagles outdid their hospitable selves on this occasion. A masquerade ball is not very usually given in this city, and the unwonted sight of the many beautiful and grotesque costumes moved many to admiration and many to laughter. The incongruity often displayed in the dancing couples was enough to make the wisest smile.

There were several prizes given for costumes, one of which was not allotted, as it was to be presented to the most successful impersonator of a dandy, and none filled the bill, the character, for some reason or another not finding favor among the masqueraders. The following is a list of those presented:

Ladies' umbrella, presented by the Crescent company for the best sustained lady's costume, which was won by Mrs. Barney, who was got up as the American flag.

Gentleman's hat, presented by Messrs. Empey Bros. for the best sustained gentleman's costume, which was won by Mr. James Latta as a cavalier of the days of Louis XVI.

Case of perfumery, presented by T. R. Morrow for the best ladies' comic costume, was won by Mrs. Weller as an old lady.

Gentleman's umbrella, presented by Messrs. Hunter Bros. for the best comic gentleman's costume, was won by Mr. J. E. Dell as a tramp.

A pair of slippers, presented by C. O. Laonde and a box of cigars presented by Messrs. L. Levy & Co., for the best lady and gentleman cake walkers, were won by Mrs. Turk and Mr. J. C. Dell.

Among other conspicuous costumes were one worn by W. Burke, who was got up as J. W. Spring's shop, with a clock in his pocket eternally sounding an alarm; Miss Winifred Hobbes as the Rossland Miner; Messrs. White, Graham, and Burke as a squad of policemen; G. Moller as a Chinaman, and G. W. Dell as a gambler. All had to unmask on the last dance before supper and many were the surprises given; the man hunting for his "frun" finding her then for the first time.

JOKERS WERE ABROAD.

They Played a Great Many Jokes on Their Elders.

The boys and girls were out last night in force, and they played all sorts of pranks on their elders. A sign, which stated that beer was on draught inside for 5 cents a glass, graced the front of the Methodist church, and gave that sacred edifice a character which it did not deserve. Dr. D. E. Kerr's sign was transferred to the front of the Allen house bar, and passers-by oblivious of the fact that it was Hallowe'en, thought the well-known dentist had changed his office from one part of the city to another. Gates were removed and doorways blocked and the celebrants seemed to think that the jokes which they were playing were the funniest things that ever happened, and they laughed so heartily at times as to give their would-be victims ample warning of what they purposed doing. Tick-tack-toes were fastened to the doors or windows of unsuspecting householders, and the rapping like those heard at spiritualistic seances were heard. The fun for the time was fast and furious, but the night was cold and the jokers finished up their pranks early and retired for the purpose of dreaming what they will do the next time Hallowe'en comes around.

Broke His Right Leg.

James Paull, a timberman in the War Eagle, had his right leg fractured below the knee yesterday afternoon. He was engaged in putting in some timbers when a portion of the hanging wall caved in and struck him on the leg, fracturing it. Mr. Paull was removed to the Sisters' hospital, where the fracture was reduced.

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Goodrich Bros. and T. R. Morrow. Price 50 cents.

A FAREWELL DINNER.

It Was Given to Mr. James Davis by His Many Friends.

A farewell dinner party was given last evening to Mr. James Davis of the Allan house, who has accepted a position in Helena, Mont., with his son. Those who assembled to honor Mr. Davis were: Messrs. N. H. Burritt, E. K. Eeling, James Hayden, John Davis, E. W. Ruff, Keith Lackey, Mr. Rinker, George Miller, Mr. Burritt, Jr., Al. Davis, and James A. Fay. Mr. N. H. Burritt was toastmaster. A number of toasts were given and responded to, and an excellent menu discussed. Mr. Davis has resided in Rossland for the past seven years, and has been with the Allan house since it was first constructed, about five and a half years since. He has made hundreds of friends during his residence here, who will learn of his departure with regret. Mr. Davis left on the 11 o'clock train last night, and a large number of his friends assembled at the depot to wish him a pleasant journey to his new home. They gave him three hearty cheers as the train pulled out.

A Defi From O'Brien.

Jack O'Brien, who is sometimes known as Kid O'Brien, is here from the east. He is on his way to California, but is ready to meet any man in this section of from 125 to 135 pounds weight in a glove contest for a stipulated number of rounds. O'Brien came here for the purpose of meeting his manager, Charles Reynolds. The acceptance of the challenge can be sent to the Miner office.

J. R. REA.

Public Meeting for the Organization of a Benefit Concert to Be Given.

There will be a meeting this evening at the armory to consider the best methods of getting up a concert in honor of and for the benefit of Mr. J. R. Rea, lately returned from South Africa. It is called for 8 o'clock, and all the members of the company of the Rossland Rangers, and many of the public as are interested in the matter of giving a public recognition of the services rendered to the Empire by one of its members as the reception which are now being organized in Eastern Canada for the returning soldiers in the Idaho, are asked to be present.

The armory of the Rangers is at present located next to the office of Mr. P. McL. Forin, which is just west of Messrs. Hunter Bros.' on the south side of Columbia avenue.

Died at Pretoria.

Nephew of Col. Collingridge Bing Is Reported Dead of Enteric Fever.

Col. Collingridge Bing, who is well known in the camp, has just received word of the death of his nephew at Pretoria of enteric fever. Private Andrew Blyth Bing belonged to "B" squadron of the Second Canadian contingent, and on his enlistment had just received his diploma of M. D. at the Winnipeg Medical college.

THE METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

DOMINION BRANCH OFFICE.

Rossland, 5 p.m., October 31, 1900.

Barometer observed, 26.520.
Barometer corrected, 30.091.
Thermometer attached, 66.
Thermometer, dry bulb, 37.
Thermometer, wet bulb, 36.5.
Thermometer, maximum, 40.1.
Thermometer, minimum, 31.2.
Snowfall, 3.8.
Snowfall to date, 26.40.
Clouds, nimbus, 9.
Wind, s.w., light.
Weather, snowy to overcast and clearing weather.

Unofficial Addenda.

The weather has at last taken a more hopeful turn, and there is a chance of its being finer weather tomorrow. Still the clouds are hanging too low to allow the prediction to be made with any degree of certainty. During the past 24 hours the weather has been very bad. The snowstorm continued on from 5 o'clock last evening, and though it let up a little towards the early hours of the morning, it again recommenced a little later on and did not show much signs of improvement until the afternoon, when a glimpse of the sky was again to be seen.

MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT.

The Conditions During the Past Month.
The Average Temperature.

The past month has been much wetter than any other during the year. More snow has fallen up to the last day of October than fell last year up to the end of November. Withal has prevailed, except on one night, a mild temperature, so that the snow has melted almost as quickly as it came down. Including a slight flurry of sleet and snow which fell during the early part of the month, on the 3d and 4th, lasting from the early morning of the next, almost 24 hours in duration, the total fall for the month was upwards of 26.4 inches. Adding to this the rainfall, amounting to 3.46 inches, the total precipitation, expressed in melted snow and rain, amounted to 6.087 inches. The next largest precipitation occurred during the month of February, when the amount was 4.108 inches. The total for the current year has been so far 27.692 inches. The smallest amount recorded in any one month was in August last, 1.234 inches.

There have been only seven really fine days during the whole month, most of which were in the second week. On 17 days either rain or snow fell, and on the remaining days the weather was overcast. The prevailing wind was, as usual, from the southwest. There was one heavy gale occurring on the 18th and lasting to the 21st, when it was at its strongest. This was accompanied by much rain, upwards of 2.12 inches being precipitated. On the 25th there was a thunder storm which was the finish of a fall of snow which had lasted for three days. This is a very unusual phenomenon. The average temperature for the month was 41.5, the highest temperature occurring on the 16th, when the maximum thermometer registered 69.2, and the lowest on the 27th, when the minimum thermometer went down to 24.5, showing 7.12 degrees of frost. The thermometer, however, has dropped below freezing point on each of the past nine days, and was below on four days previously to the present cold spell. The lowest mean temperature for any one day was recorded on the 27th, 32.3, and the highest on the 16th, 54.9 degrees Fahrenheit.

Did a Big Freight Business.

That business is improving in the Kootenays is evidenced in more ways than one. The freight brought in is a very good straw which shows the way the business wind is blowing. The Canadian Pacific agents report that the business of the railway into Rossland was larger than at any time since the line was extended into this camp. The business into and out of the B. and U. was heavier than ever before. The Slovan and East Kootenay transacted a large quantity of freight business with the C.P.R.

More Improvements.

Andy Revsback is raising the Queen saloon. When finished the building will have an additional four feet given to the height of the ceiling, which will greatly improve its appearance. The store next door is also to be improved and enlarged.

Flocks of Grosbeaks.

There are several flocks of grosbeaks in the vicinity of this city. A flock of 50 have frequented the eastern portion of the city for the past few days. They have but little fear of anyone and let passers-by get quite close to them before flying away. They are lively, chipping as a wood dove. Their backs are slate colored, the breast rose colored, while the head is adorned with a saucy top-knot, which gives them a knowing appearance. Their bills are large. They are evidently what is known as the rose-breasted grosbeak, the scientific name of which is *habia ludoviciana*.

Sent to China.

Durban, Natal, Oct. 31.—The Gordon Highlanders and the Devonshire regiment have been ordered to be ready to sail to China in a few days.

Venezuela Resumes.

Caracas, Venezuela, Oct. 31.—The Venezuelan government has decreed the resumption of payment of interest on all debts and loans from November.

Swiss Railroads.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—Dr. Von Siemens, president of the Deutsche Banks in Paris, is completing negotiations for financing the Swiss railroads. The transaction, it is involved a loan of 300,000 francs at 4 per cent, which will be raised principally by American banks, assisted by English, French, German and Swiss financiers. The matter attracts much attention on the Berlin bourse today.

THROWN OPEN.

Nicaragua Adopts a More Generous Policy—The National Debt.

Managua, N. Caragua, Oct. 16.—The government of Nicaragua has issued a decree prohibiting the exportation of cattle, especially of cows and female calves, thus opening Guatemala, San Salvador and Costa Rica to importations of cattle from the United States and Mexico.

The minister of public works has advertised for bids for the construction of a narrow gauge railway about 55 miles long from the city of Managua, around the south side of Lake Managua, to a station on the government's railroad near to and west of Lake Managua. Nicaragua's foreign debt is only about \$3.25 gold per capita, and is well pledged by an import tax on coffee that pays the annual interest and redeems from 1 to 2 per cent. of the outstanding bonds. The internal debt is only about \$1.25 per capita, gold, secured, and is being redeemed rapidly by forcing a large part of the custom house duties to be paid on each invoice with the bonds representing the interior debt.

THE CARLISTS.

The Movement is Gathering Momentum. Recent Kinds.

Madrid, Oct. 31.—It is officially admitted that the Carlist band in the vicinity of Berga numbers 800 men. Troops are closely pursuing them. Communication between Berga and Barcelona has been severed. Another numerous band appeared at Vigota. It has 16 horses and is divided into three groups. The gendarmes who searched the country house of Senor Torres Baros, brother-in-law of the Duke of Solferino (who has disappeared), where they seized several rifles, also obtained possession of documents giving the names of 126 Carlist chiefs and 600 Carlist soldiers.

Casualty List.

London, Oct. 31.—Another long casualty list has been received by the war office. Lieut. Lord Grosvenor was wounded in the right thigh during the fighting at Bethlehem.

A Socialist Vote.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—The election of a member of the reichstag to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Wilhelm Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, has resulted in Herr Ledebour, Socialist, receiving 53,832 votes out of a total of 65,532, which is 5,000 less than Herr Liebknecht received.

The Late C. S. Parnell's Estate.

Dublin, Oct. 31.—Avondale, the estate of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, was sold at auction today by the land judges court. The purchaser was Mr. Boylan, a friend of Mr. John Howard Parnell, brother of the famous Irish statesman.

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A SERMON.

Rev. W. A. Robins of Greenwood Preaches on the Personality of the Devil.

At the Anglican church there was a sermon preached on Sunday evening by the Rev. W. A. Robins, M. A. of Oxford and now the vicar of Greenwood which brought up the "Personality of the Devil" in a manner that is seldom heard nowadays when the Satanic influence is explained in many ways, chiefly impersonal. Mr. Robins illustrated his subject by frequent references to the Bible, showing that while the Accuser was referred to but little in the Old Testament yet at the very beginning of the New the Devil was referred to in such words as to leave no doubt of his personality. The Devil was a being that had warred against Heaven and had been expelled because of his rebellion. There was no doubt that the Devil, which word was obtained from diabolos, which meant the slanderer, the accuser, by which terms he was frequently called in the gospels, epistles and in the Apocalypse actually personally tempted mankind. He accused mankind to the Father, but almost more so God to mankind.

While God was the head of all things yet next in the hierarchy came the Devil and then man. By and by it would be God, man and the Devil, but now the Devil was a power and had to be combated.

God and man were stronger than the Devil, although Satan was more powerful than man unaided. Man had been created with a bias toward good, but the Devil had striven to convert that leaning into one towards himself. There would be ever a struggle. There was a power of the suggestion of evil which was truly awful and which would come to every one in a perfectly unexpected and appalling way. But no man was tempted beyond his powers of resistance. The powers of evil had accumulated the sins of the world into a vast mass which was the inheritance of this generation and the sins of the world during this present time would be an inheritance to the next for "the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children." This was inevitably so.

Earl of Darley Dead.

London, Oct. 31.—Edward Henry Stuart Bligh, seventh earl of Darley, is dead. He was born in 1831.

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