

MINE MANAGERS' PROPOSITION

It Was Considered by the Members of the Union Last Night and Will be Voted on Today--Messrs. Smith and Clute Favor Its Adoption.

The following document contains the terms finally submitted by the mine managers Messrs. MacDonald and Kirby, to the union, and their acceptance or rejection will be determined by the vote of the members, taken by ballot, at Miners' union hall today.

Rossland B. C., April 3 1900. R. C. Clute, Esq., Q. C., Commissioner: Dear Sir: Referring to the several communications that have passed between Messrs. MacDonald and Kirby, and Mr. Devine, and to the conferences with yourself and Mr. Smith we have thought it well to make a statement in writing of our understanding of the situation.

1. That the companies are prepared to open up their mines under the contract system to their full capacity, as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

2. The contract system, putting it generally, provides that the contractors are to be paid for all the work they do and the companies pay for all the work done, at a price agreed upon and determined by both parties.

3. The two simplest systems will be adopted, viz (a) contract by lineal foot of hole drilled and (b) contract by lineal foot of completed working.

4. In stopes, the method of hole measurement has been selected, because of its extreme simplicity--contractors not being obliged to take any chances on the breaking qualities of the ground, or the powder required, the cost of mucking or loss of time from smoke.

5. Blasting will be done, except where otherwise arranged, between the hours of 1 and 7 a. m., so that the probability of loss of time will be reduced to a minimum.

6. As to having all development contracts measured by the lineal foot driven, instead of by the length of holes drilled, it is understood that most of this work will be let by the lineal foot. It would not be satisfactory to contractors or the companies to be confined to this method of measuring the quantity of work done.

7. When, through fault of the companies, contractors find themselves obliged to do work not properly included in their contract, the time spent in doing such work, in excess of one hour will be paid for at the standard scale of wages. When, by special agreement contractors assume the chances of such occasional extra work, the price agreed upon will be made to cover it.

8. The companies will furnish all explosives to contractors at cost from distributing stations, or they will furnish this material free of charge when agreed upon between them and the contractors in any particular work.

9. The companies will furnish all machine drills, tools and implements necessary for the work free of charge to contractors, and no charge will be made to contractors for drilling machines broken while at work.

10. The companies will arrange, as far as practicable to have all holes in stopes blasted between the hours of 1 and 7 a. m., and they will also endeavor to have all timbering done when required so as not to interfere with the work of drilling.

11. Companies will furnish and pay for the service of engineers and pumpmen when such are required.

12. Mucking or the barring down of rock will be done by the contractors, or the companies, as may be agreed upon at the time of making contract.

13. It is expected that the prices agreed upon, based upon ordinary working conditions, will cover all delays which are inseparable from and incident to mining work.

14. It has been made clear that it is the desire and intention of the companies to afford the contractors every facility for carrying out their contracts to the end that all parties concerned may be mutually benefited.

15. The fact of an employee being a member of the union will be no bar to his employment, nor will the companies place any obstacle in the way of non-union men becoming members of a union.

mitted by the managers. They strongly recommend their adoption by the union: Rossland, B. C., April 4th, 1900. To the Members of the Rossland Miners' Union:

Gentlemen: Having taken part with your committee, in the negotiations which have resulted in proposals upon which you are called upon to pronounce, we have thought it due to you to express our views upon the situation as it now exists.

The result of the various interviews that have taken place between the managers and the executive committee have resulted in the proposal of the 3rd of April, which contains a statement and summary of the previous communications, and represents the final stage of all that has been done during the past week.

The result of these negotiations is before you. We regard it as a great advance to anything that has hitherto taken place, in restoring and promoting that mutual trust and confidence between employers and employees which is absolutely essential to the best interests of both parties and without which no permanent settlement can be obtained.

There are two methods of dealing with questions which must arise between labor and capital. The one relies upon force, the other upon reason; the one estranges, the other brings together; the one makes for war, the other for peace.

The proposals, as crystallized, show that the companies are prepared to open their mines under the contract system to their full capacity, as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

The method proposed of carrying out the contract system is fully set forth, and it is made clear that the desire and intention of the companies is to afford the contractors every facility for carrying out their contracts to the end that all parties concerned may be mutually benefited.

It is important that the contractors should be able to procure explosives at cost, and this is provided for by a clear statement to that effect, which declares that:

The companies will furnish all explosives to the contractors at cost, from distributing stations; or, they will furnish this material free of charge when agreed upon between them and the contractors in any particular work.

A question as to the liability of contractors for breakage of drilling machines, was very fully discussed, and this point was yielded to the committee in the following clause:

Companies will furnish all machine drills, tools and implements necessary for the work free of charge to contractors, and no charge will be made to contractors for drilling machines broken while at work.

To the request of your committee that: "Engineers and pump men, when required in some shafts, be provided by the companies and paid by the same."

It is declared that: "The companies will furnish and pay for the service of engineers and pump men when such are required."

In order that all friction between the company and workman might be eliminated, it was thought to be of great importance that a statement should be obtained from the companies that no discrimination should be made against union men, and that no obstacle should be placed in the way of miners becoming members of the union, it is specifically declared that:

The fact of an employee being a member of the union will be no bar to his employment, nor will the companies place any obstacle in the way of non-union men becoming members of the union.

And while: "The companies reserve to themselves the right to employ such men as they see fit, whether they are members of the union, or not."

Yet it is declared that: "It is the policy and intention of the companies to treat their employees fairly, and not to discharge any employee, whether he be a member of the union or not, without just and sufficient cause, it being clearly understood that membership in the union will not constitute grounds for discharge."

And that: "With respect to matters wherein the employees of the companies may consider themselves aggrieved, the companies will, at any reasonable time receive a presentation of the case and consider the same in a fair and impartial spirit and endeavor to resolve the cause, where any is found to exist."

It is expected that the union will, at all times, use its good offices and exhaust all conciliatory methods before permitting any strike or stopping of work, and further, that they will not seek to interfere with the companies in employing or discharging employees, or interfere with the contractors."

RALPH SMITH, R. C. CLUTE.

A ROAD TO SOPHE MOUNTAIN. Stevens County, Wash., to Assist in Making It.

A wagon road to open up the section on the west side of Sophie mountain is to be built forthwith. Stevens county, Wash., has taken the matter in hand and will construct the most of the road.

A Comfortable Residence. Mr. Contractor James Wize is erecting a handsome cottage for Mr. William Still well, on the corner of Cliff street and Columbia, avenue.

A Warehouse Robbed. Recently there was stolen from the warehouse of the Jencks Machine company, near the old C. P. R. depot, a lot of brass valves and a number of rubber buffers.

QUARANTINE RAISED. The Smallpox is Under Control--Lessened Precautions at Greenwood.

Greenwood, B. C., March 31.--(Special.)--Dr. Jakes, provincial health officer, today issued an order raising the quarantine against Chesav and Myer's Creek camp, where there has never been a case of smallpox.

PERSONAL. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dundee have returned to the city after spending a couple of weeks in Nelson.

Mr. Walker H. Deeks, representing E. Boeseau of Toronto, is in the city, and is a guest at the Allan.

Mr. T. Bronsdon, representing Boulter & Stewart, of Toronto, is in the city and is registered at the Allan.

A RESETTER. Joseph Lang Committed for Trial on the Charge of Receiving Stolen Goods.

At the police court yesterday morning before Magistrate Boutilbee, Joseph Lang, a junk dealer, was charged by Chief of police Ingram with receiving stolen property, knowing the same to be feloniously come by.

The facts of the case are these: The chief of police has had his attention directed to petty depredation around certain properties in the camp.

While search was being made in and about the premises of Joseph Lang, the junk dealer in the west end of the city, for stolen property a sack full of engine and boiler fittings was discovered hidden in the bushes in the vicinity of another junk dealer, J. Macdonald, in the same neighborhood.

The youngsters concerned in the resetting case denied all knowledge of the contents of this sack, but Macdonald stated that on Sunday last two boys had come to him with the articles but that he had refused to buy them.

More Pilfering. The Giant Property Suffers From a Raid of Youthful Depredators.

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Went Via the C. P. R. The body of Hans Hartell did not arrive from Greenwood last night, as was expected.

A Dangerous Blast. A party of men building a retaining wall for the lots of Mr. McBride abutting on Monte Christo street let off a blast this afternoon, which from the sharpness of the report and the distance the debris was thrown, was certainly overcharged.

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We have a few choice properties for sale at very low prices. Properties are situated in Rossland, Boundary, Nelson, Slocan, Lardeau and East Kootenay Districts.

We have refrained from changing our ad. for the last three or four weeks, hoping to be able to speak an encouraging word to the public, and with as much certainty as is possible to be asserted.

turns, and our great hope is that some of those who have been unfortunate in purchasing stocks in properties that have gone to the back of the books for a time, and some may have gone entirely out of existence, may yet do well.

We say to you, do not get discouraged, as a number of those that are dormant will yet come to the front, for now is the time to redeem yourselves of all the losses you have sustained in the past.

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THE TRAIL FERRY. Its Present Discontinuance Is Causing Serious Inconvenience to the Public.

The ferry across the Columbia river at Trail has for some reason unknown to the general public been discontinued for the past month or six weeks.

It was started several years ago by F. August Heinze, who obtained a franchise for the purpose. With the advent of the Canadian Pacific Railway company at Trail the ferry, along with the other concerns started by Mr. Heinze, passed into other hands.

Should he elect to go round via Waneta he cannot get his horses across the Fen d'Oreille and has to hire others at Waneta after sending his outfit per freight. This causes a delay of from one to three days as horses are none too easily obtained at Waneta.

With the ferry going the journey can be performed within the day and much time is saved the prospector and much unnecessary expense. Moreover, the Rossland outfit gets the benefit of the prospector's outfit.

Left for the Coast. Hon. Smith Curtis, minister of mines, left for the coast last evening, and will be away for two or three weeks at least.

When you are buying Paine's Celery Compound see that you get the genuine with the name "Paine's" and the "Stalk of Celery" on the label; other compounds are frauds and deceptions.

FROM THE RECORDS. Bills of Sale. March 30.--Cadell, all; D. E. Moore to D. McDougall, \$1.

Certificates of Work. March 28.--To J. G. Boehmler on the Susie. April 4.--To J. E. Mills for F. J. Beatty on the Dortha.

Certificates of Improvement. March 28.--To J. S. Clute, Jr., trustee, on the Beaver No. 3. March 28.--To J. S. Clute, Jr., trustee, on the Denmark.

For Sale. Otto Aerial Tramway Cable, length 6,500 feet, with buckets and fixtures complete.

Modern Concentrator, capacity 100 tons, makers, Fraser & Chalmers. 45 K. W. Dynamo, Ledgerwood Hoist, 1 pair 18-in. and 1 pair 8-in. Water Wheels, and other plant.

For particulars apply to P. O. box 172, Revelstoke Station, B. C. Mr. B. L. Jelich leaves today for Spokane.

HEALTH IN APRIL

Use the World's Greatest Spring Medicine.

Paine's Celery Compound

It is the One Remedy Gladly and Universally Recommended by the Ablest Doctors.

It is well known that almost every condition of winter life has been detrimental to the health of thousands of men and women.

The blood has become clogged and impure; the skin is unhealthy and muddy, showing eruptions and pimples, the eyes are dull and sunken; the nerves are unsteady; there is loss in weight, and stomach troubles, rheumatism and neuralgia make life a misery by day and night.

Paine's Celery Compound is the only spring medicine that the best physicians are now recommending, because no other remedy can so quickly bring new and vigorous health to the ailing and half-dead and broken down.

Paine's Celery Compound cures diseases by first purifying the blood and enriching and strengthening the nerves. It makes the weak strong, it regulates and invigorates the entire nervous system from the brain to the minutest nerve filament.

Seeing that the experience of tens of thousands has proven that Paine's Celery Compound is the greatest of all spring medicines--the one remedy that the world could not lose today at any price--it is foolish and suicidal to defer its use. One or two bottles used at this season will surely banish all symptoms of disease and fit you for the work and duties of spring and summer.

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