

Violin Lake Ideal For Game Fish

There seems to be no doubt that Violin lake is admirably constituted for the cultivation of game fish, and it is to be hoped that the Rossland Fishing Club will not drop its proposal to stock the lake with suitable fry.

Of late a number of Rosslanders have visited the Violin lake section in search of feathered game, and while they have not, as a rule, been particularly successful in this quest, there is an unanimous opinion that the lake is an ideal spot for fish and fishing. On Sunday a party including Richard Bennett, Frank W. Hinsdale and Charles Simpson visited Violin lake, finding the trail thereto in excellent shape. Mr. Bennett has had much experience of fishing in the inland and landlocked waters of North Dakota, and his opinion after examining the surroundings at Violin lake is that there is ample food for fish. This is an important point, as there has heretofore been

some hesitancy about planting fish in the lake lest there should be a lack of the marine vegetation upon which fish feed. In any event, says Mr. Bennett, the conditions are admirable for the development of such food as game fish seek and the plants could be set out readily. Once started there would be no further difficulty on the food score. At both ends of the lake there seem to be weed beds such as are frequented by fish in search of food.

In Mr. Bennett's opinion the water is admirably suited for the planting of such game fish as black bass, trout, pickerel and maskinonge. Black bass are said to destroy trout fry, and as the maskinonge is brother to the pike, it is likely to kill trout fry also. Bass, pickerel and "lunge" get along nicely in the same waters, however, and the combination is a splendid one from the fisherman's standpoint, as all three varieties grow to a large size and are essentially game fishes.

How Hector McRea Lit on His Feet

An interesting story is in circulation about a curious quirk in the fortunes of Hector McRea, a former Rosslander who will be remembered for years to come as the originator of a host of witty quips and yarns and a general good fellow. The outcome of the latest story respecting Mr. McRea is that he is in the service of a wealthy resident of St. Louis at a salary running into five figures.

On leaving Rossland Mr. McRea went to Ottawa and remained there continuously up to five weeks since. He encountered various obstacles in the promotion of various enterprises, and was not especially consoled when a man whom he remembered as an acquaintance of years past asked if he recollected a transaction in which the stranger became his debtor to the tune of \$150. McRea replied in the affirmative, upon

which the old acquaintance produced a fat wallet and counted out five bank notes of century denominations, with the remark that the sum would embrace principal and interest compounded.

This was not the end of the incident, for prior to leaving Ottawa, the old friend who proved to be a prosperous St. Louisian with large and varied interests, insisted upon Mr. McRea accompanying him immediately to St. Louis, and after a few days in the latter city placed him in charge of important interests with a substantial salary.

Hector McRea's Rossland friends learned with special interest of the change in his fortunes and the manliness in the opinion that his well known qualities as a handler of men and corporations will open a field of substantial usefulness in his new home.

Three Link Brethren Entertain Grand Master

Yesterday was a field day with the local members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the occasion being the official visit of Allan Graham of Victoria, grand master of the British Columbia jurisdiction.

More than 100 members of the local lodge No. 36, turned out to greet the grand master and their strength was augmented by a delegation of some 25 Trail brethren, headed by Noble Grand Brandon.

The degree team of the Rossland lodge dramatized the first degree in a most effective manner, after which the grand master addressed the members officially. He congratulated the lodge upon its general advancement and upon the satisfactory condition in which he found the order in the Golden City. Supper was then served and Dr. Kerr, past grand, delivered an address of welcome to the grand master, his remarks being couched in an exceedingly felicitous vein. Thereupon Grand Master Graham again addressed the brethren, with special reference to other branches of the order and the excellent work they were accomplishing.

Addresses were delivered by Past Grand Embleton, D. D. G. M. Hering, Rev. Sanford and Brothers Henderson.

Welch, Bridgeford and Hutton and Noble Grand Thomas Long. The proceedings throughout were of an exceptionally pleasant nature.

Grand Master Graham will pay an official visit to the Trail lodge tonight and a number of Rossland brethren will also be in attendance. Thereafter he will visit Grand Forks, Greenwood and Phoenix and Nelson on the homeward trip. He has already visited lodges on the main line of the Canadian Pacific, East Kootenay, Lardeau and the Shocan. Mr. Graham said that the order was in a most flourishing condition in this province and has now 43 lodges, with a total membership of 3400. On Vancouver, naturally, is the stronghold in the Dominion, the brethren there numbering 21,000. While in the Lardeau Mr. Graham, accompanied by the grand lodge officers, formally dedicated the handsome new hall which the Odd Fellows of Trout Lake have erected. The services were public and were attended by most of the citizens of the town, terminating with a banquet in the evening.

Mr. Graham leaves this morning for Trail, and will be back here, as the result of last night's splendid rally, that Odd Fellowship in Rossland is in good hands.

CITY NEWS

CHINESE EXODUS—

Three Chinamen were ticketed to Hong Kong via the Canadian Pacific and steamship lines. About a score of Celestials have left Rossland for the Flowery Kingdom in the past season.

CHIMNEY BLAZE—

The chimney on the Salvation Army barracks blazed vigorously for half an hour last evening. The central fire station was notified of the occurrence and Assistant Chief Collins came down to watch matters. No alarm was necessary.

RESTING EASY—

An operation was performed yesterday on Jack McSwain, the miner injured in the Le Roi mine, and at midnight he was reported as resting easy. He is expected to live the day out, although the doctors express little hope of his ultimate recovery. At the operation yesterday at the hospital, in which Doctors Kenning, Campbell, Reddick and Coulthard assisted, portions of the skull bones were removed, the patient standing the operation well.

TAX SALE—

The sale of lands in the Rossland assessment district for unpaid taxes occurred yesterday at the court house, but owing to the lack of interest and the small number of purchasers present was adjourned to some time in the future. It is not known nor has it been definitely settled when the sale will now take place, although it is expected to occur in three months, possibly later, but hardly before that period. Yesterday, owing to the fact that most of the property to be auctioned off was situated in the Boundary, only a few people were present. One person from the Boundary country bought

several lots in Midway, while persons from Trail purchased lots in that town. These were practically the only sales recorded. The amount realized including costs and everything, was \$460.

PRACTICE CURTAILED—

Orders have been issued by the non-commissioned officer commanding the R. M. R. bugle corps that hereafter band practices will be held on Tuesday nights only. The weekly practice will be continued all winter.

REBEKAHS WILL ENTERTAIN—

The members of Deborah Rebekah lodge will hold a supper and dance in Odd Fellows hall on Friday evening—Halloween night. The function will be by invitation, and the invitations can be secured from the members of the fraternity.

SLIGHT ACCIDENT—

Hughy Egan, employed on the new building of S. Glazan on First avenue and Spokane street, fell from the roof the other day, receiving injuries that will keep him from work for some time. His hand and arm was dressed and his other injuries attended to.

ADAMS' FUNERAL—

The last services over the remains of the late Harry C. Adams, the miner killed in a cave-in some days ago in the Le Roi mine, were held yesterday morning at the Odd Fellows hall. Only the services of the order, of which Adams was a member, were held, the body then being escorted to the Red Mountain depot to be shipped to Spokane, where the final services will be conducted. The services of the Odd Fellows were conducted by Rev. A. M. Sanford and Thomas Long. The last services were made notable by the number of tastefully arranged floral offerings, sweet peas arranged in the links of the order being chiefly used. The pallbearers were: Brothers Nichols, Crockett, Sorensen, Williams, Edwards and Mellor.

Miss Gertrude O'Reilly is spending the present week of her extended stay in Rossland visiting with friends on War Eagle Hill, the guest of Mrs. Charles Vernon Jenkins.

Council Didn't Authorize Water Cases Appeal

Last night's session of the city council was a decidedly tame affair. In the public session of the council nothing of interest was brought out, with the single exception of the by-law for the redistribution of the city for municipal election purposes. The new ordinance will be an amendment to Wards By-law No. 22, and will divide the city into two wards, eliminating the third ward as at present constituted. The amendment will be given its first reading next Tuesday night.

The water records matter did not come up at the public session in the form of a debate. It is understood that the question came up in committee rooms, and that it was concluded to make no move in the matter of an appeal, the conservative element in the council holding that a decision involving large expenditure of public money and that would undoubtedly prejudice the establishment of a vitally important industry should not be given at such short notice. The communication from J. L. G. Abbott, city solicitor, informing the council of Chief Justice Hunter's award in the matter was read and referred to a joint committee comprising the members of the finance and fire, water and light committees.

Reports of various committees were submitted and adopted. They dealt almost exclusively with accounts. The members in attendance were His Worship, the Mayor, Aldermen Armstrong, Dunlop, Daniel and Mackenzie.

JACK M'SWAIN BADLY INJURED

Jack McSwain, a miner from Phoenix, was badly injured last night in the Le Roi mine while working in what is known as the Mulligan raise, a raise running up from the 600 to the 500. While working in this raise with a couple of other men, the bar of a machine became loose and fell upon McSwain. The bar of the machine is thought to have struck McSwain in the head and face. What caused the accident is not known. The form of McSwain was conveyed to the hospital and Dr. Campbell sent for. He found the injuries to consist of a fractured head and a badly damaged face. McSwain is single and has been a member of the Phoenix Miners' Union. He came from Phoenix about two months ago and has worked ever since at the Le Roi. It is not certain whether McSwain will live or not, although the doctors have hopes of his recovery.

Hollis P. Brown, the popular representative in Rossland of the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad, is confined to his home.

Mrs. C. E. Benn returned home Saturday after enjoying a short visit with friends and relatives in the States. W. I. Stevens, of Vancouver, has joined the staff at the Canadian Pacific freight office here.

THE STOCK MARKET

The session of the stock exchange yesterday was absolutely devoid of features of interest. Sales were light and there were practically no alterations in quotations. Stocks generally are weak.

	Asked	Bid
American Boy	4 1/4	4
Cariboo (McKinney) ..	20 1/2	19
Centre Star	37	35
Fisher Maiden	3 1/2	3
Giant	3 1/2	3 1/4
Homestake (As. pd.) ..	3	2 3/4
Iron Mask (As. pd.) ..	7	5
North Star (E. Koot.) ..	15 1/2	14 1/2
Payne	14 1/2	10 1/2
Rambler-Car. (ex-d.) ..	53	48
Republic	8 1/2	7
Sullivan	4 1/2	3 1/2
Thump	13	11 1/2
War Eagle Con.	19	17
White Bear (As. pd.) ..	3	2 1/2

SALES.—
Centre Star, 1900 at 36c.; Giant, 5000 at 3 3/4c.; White Bear, 1000 at 3c. Total, 7900.

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BLUE-DESCHAMPS MILL DESTROYED BY FIERCE FIRE

A serious fire occurred last night at Blue & Deschamps' sawmill, located some seven miles north of Rossland. Details of the conflagration are meagre, but it is believed as The Miner goes to press that the entire plant was destroyed.

News of the fire was brought to the city shortly before 11 o'clock by an employee of the company who came in to notify J. Stephen Deschamps of the trouble at the mill. At the time he left the mill buildings were burning fiercely and all hope of saving the plant had been given up. Mr. Deschamps, who had been attending to business in the city, immediately left his home for the scene of the fire. Up to the time The Miner went to press no further details had reached the city and the fate of the plant was in doubt, although the tenor of the last intelligence to hand would seem to indicate that the mill had gone up in smoke.

The Blue & Deschamps mill was a modern plant located in the midst of a magnificent timber limit aggregating many hundreds of acres and rich in valuable timber. Its capacity was about 25,000 feet of lumber per diem and employment was given to some 25 men the year round. The company holds valuable contracts for supplying mine timbers to the Le Roi No. 2, War Eagle and Centre Star mines. Through the cessation of this business the company is likely to lose more heavily than as the result of the destruction of the buildings and machinery.

It will be remembered that last year the mill had a narrow escape from destruction in a forest fire that swept the immediate neighborhood of the plant clean of standing timber. At this time the buildings were saved by the heroic efforts of a gallant band of workers, headed by Mr. Deschamps, a skilled and experienced fire fighter. Subsequent to this elaborate precaution were made against further danger from fire. The timber for a considerable distance around the buildings was cut off and a water system installed. Mill creek, crossing the mill yard, was dammed and a reservoir constructed with a considerable capacity. Pipes were laid to various points and hoses arranged at convenient points. Conduits were piped across the sawdust heaps to keep these wet and in other ways every precaution was adopted.

From the fact that no forest fires are occurring at this period of the year it is presumed that the fire originated about the boiler plant adjacent to the main saw house. It is understood that the premises were insured, although, as already stated, the interference with the firm's business is the most serious aspect of the loss.

Mr. Blue is out of the city at the present time and Mr. Deschamps left at once for the scene of the fire, hence the paucity of details this morning.

VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

ROME, Oct. 28.—The appointment of an archbishop to the archdiocese of Chicago to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Archbishop Patrick A. Feehan, will be taken up immediately on the assembling of the congregation of the propaganda in November.

The election of Bishop L. Spaulding of the diocese of Peoria, Ill., is probable objections to the candidature of Bishop Muldoon, administrator of the archdiocese, having been made while Father Reardon of Chicago is not in good health.

A proposition is current among the cardinals composing the congregation, in the event of Bishop Spaulding not being selected for the archdiocese, to recommend the transfer there of Bishop Ireland of St. Paul, the archdiocese of Chicago being considered more adapted to Archbishop Ireland's activity and talents.

A GOOD PRACTICE—
Sunday afternoon a large crowd of those interested in Rugby football attended the first Sunday practice at the rink. The team work was in charge of Captain Sukdorf and was very good, considering the short time the boys have been practising. The team has shown a steady improvement with each practice, and Captain Sukdorf has hopes that he will be able to put a team in the field that will prove the undoing of the people from Phoenix.

George F. Morin of Trail was a visitor to Rossland yesterday.

JUBILATION AT GRAND FORKS

Bonfires Blazing--R. R. Committee of Privy Council, Ottawa, Grant Application of the V., V. & E. to Cross the C. P. R. and Kettle Valley Lines

(Special to The Miner.)
GRAND FORKS, B. C., Oct. 28.—Bonfires blazed here and in Columbia tonight in celebration of today's judgment of the railway committee of the privy council, Ottawa, granting the application of the V., V. & E. railway to cross the Kettle Valley Line and the C. P. R. tracks near here, and build a four-mile spur into the Granby smelter, as well as an extension of the main line to Phoenix, Greenwood and Midway, B. C.

The night in both cities is being given over to jubilation. The news was announced in the following dispatch received shortly before 6 o'clock tonight from Neil McCallum, mayor of Columbia, one of the Boundary delegates now in the Dominion capital.

"Big fight in committee. Both crossings and spurs allowed."

There is every likelihood that the construction of the spur into the Granby smelter will be commenced within the next few weeks, as Stewart & Co., the contractors, have a considerable portion of their outfit on the ground.

The intentions of J. J. Hill respecting the extension of the road from here to Phoenix, Greenwood and Midway are not known, but the belief prevails that this work will not be undertaken until next spring.

Today's victory of the Great Northern railway means the downfall, sooner or later, of the monopoly of hauling ore by Boundary smelters, hitherto enjoyed by the C. P. R. An idea of the magnitude of this traffic, including the transportation of coke, matte, etc., may be gained from the fact that the contribution of the Granby company to the C. P. R. is now at the rate of \$800,000 per annum.

Jim Hill's proposed invasion of the Boundary mining camps will tend to stimulate mining operations, and will ultimately result in a sweeping reduction in the transportation charges as regards both ore and coke.

The surveys for the various spurs and extensions in this district were completed six months ago.

There are no longer any obstacles in the way of the Great Northern building its proposed line from the boundary to Vancouver, B. C., traversing the Similkameen district, where coal, gold and copper are abundant. Locating engineers are now at work in the Similkameen.

THE DOUKHOBORS ENTER YORKTOWN

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 28.—A Yorktown dispatch received this afternoon says sixteen hundred Doukhobors, men, women and children, have just arrived in Yorktown. They carry their sick and infirm on stretchers. They entered the town chanting a weird hymn, and are in want of food.

MORE ARE ARRIVING.
WINNIPEG, Oct. 28.—Latest dispatches from Yorktown tonight state that all the women, children and sick of the party of Doukhobors arriving there today have been cared for by the immigration department officials.

The ladies of Yorktown generously came to the assistance of the officials and gave aid in caring for the babies and ill. The Doukhobors had a quantity of provisions in their possession, and said they had no objection in their wanderings except to gain converts and lead them to the new life. More Doukhobors arrived tonight and will continue their march eastward. Officials are firm in their determination to protect the women and children. The men will be allowed to shift for themselves until they shake off their craze.

Cooler weather will probably effect a cure.

THE CASE AGAINST JOHN A. MANLY
Special to The Miner.
GRAND FORKS, B. C., Oct. 28.—The case against John A. Manly, alleged to have had some connection with the Columbia Hotel fire three years ago, came up this morning for preliminary hearing before Magistrate Henderson and McGregor, at Columbia. A. M. Whiteside of Greenwood appeared for the prosecution and Ernest Miller and A. C. Sutton, barristers of Grand Forks, for the defence. Counsel on behalf of Mr. Manly applied for an adjournment until the 5th of November next, when E. P. Davis, K. C., of Vancouver, will be here to conduct the defence. After considerable argument the adjournment was granted.

WORK OF AN ANARCHIST.
An Italian, Recently From America, Placed Under Arrest.
LEGHORN, Italy, Oct. 28.—An Italian named Catelli, who returned here from America, has been arrested on suspicion of having been the person who placed a bomb on the steps of the bishop's palace on Sunday, with the result that it afterwards exploded and killed a boy and wounded two others.

The Creditors of The De Castellanes

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Samuel Untermyer, counsel for Asher Wertheimer of London, and Lorenzo Semple, counsel for the creditors of Count and Countess de Castellane and Charles A. Gardner, representing the Castellanes and the Gould estate, appeared today before Judge Lacombe in the United States circuit court, relative to the entry of an order concerning the payment of the claim of Mr. Wertheimer. The order, which was signed, confirms the agreement, which provides for the payment to Wertheimer of the sum of \$347,327.37 in monthly payments, with interest at 4 per cent per annum.

The general settlement provides that payments of \$4000 a month should begin on October 15, 1902, and be continued until May 15, 1903, when the payments shall be increased to \$8000 per month until the total amount is paid. The order further provides for the payment of a dividend of 8 per cent to all creditors, and that Mr. Untermyer shall discontinue the litigation in London and Paris, and withdraw the Dittmar suit now pending before the court of appeals of this state.

The action ends the Wertheimer litigation against the de Castellanes.

LATE NEWS FROM THE SMELTER CITY

(Special to The Miner.)
TRAIL, B. C., Oct. 27.—The residence of George Merry, on the railroad between Trail and Rossland, was robbed Saturday afternoon by a man who was given a temporary job of painting the house. He took \$25 cash, a scarf pin, a valuable watch and ring. When Mrs. Merry appealed to him to return the watch, which was a keepsake, he did so, and suggested that she should be thankful for it. The rest of the booty he pocketed and skipped, apparently across the line.

Mr. Merry formerly operated the sawmill on the railroad above Trail and built a residence there. Allan McDonald lives just across the track. Three or four days ago a man called at McDonald's house and asked for food, which was given him. He then went over to Merry's and returned saying that Mr. Merry wanted his house painted, and as he was a painter he was going to do it. He requested McDonald to allow him to sleep there while he was doing the job. The request was granted. Then the stranger went to work. Friday evening he asked Mr. Merry about the upstairs windows, and whether they were locked. Mr. Merry told him all he had to do was to lift them. So he lifted them Saturday afternoon when Mr. Merry was at work at the smelter, entered the bedroom and got the plunder mentioned. Some of the children heard him upstairs, and when he came down he said he thought he would quit for awhile. An examination of the bureau revealed what had happened. Mrs. Merry ran after the man and begged the return of the watch. The alarm was given and one of the neighbors followed the man in the direction of the smelter. But the fellow evidently doubled on his tracks and went to Rossland, as diligent guard on the railroad track failed to give any sign of him. He was about 25 years old, weighed about 180 pounds and had a light mustache. The supposition is that he crossed the line.

Messrs. McCaslin and Carr, who have the contract for getting in cordwood from Champion creek for the smelter, have purchased the contracting outfit of J. A. Clark, consisting of horses, harness, wagons and sleighs.

The Trail Rifle Association has elected A. E. Steele president and J. D. W. Vlois secretary. Mr. Steele last week had the honor of making a "possible" 35 out of seven shots. In other words, he hit the bull's eye seven times in seven shots at the 200 yard range.

Miss Drake of Nelson is visiting Miss Boswell.

Miss Inez Jones of Pincher is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown.

The young ladies of the Catholic church will give a dance at the opera house Halloween.

E. Austin, one of the oldest engineers on the C. P. R. main line, has been appointed traveling engineer on the Kootenay section.

Mr. Boswell has returned from Winnipeg, where he went to consult officials of the construction department.

J. B. H. Rickaby, manager for R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, was in Trail yesterday.

W. M. Sarton, formerly of this city, has been appointed master mechanic for the C. P. R. construction department.