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THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE PRESENTED WITH HANDSOME HOCKEY CUP.

OTHER PROGRESS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MID-WINTER CELEBRATION.

The handsome hockey trophy presented to the Rossland Winter Carnival by Harry P. Dickinson, of the Giant Powder company, was formally handed over to the committee yesterday, and accepted on behalf of the citizens of Rossland with cordial thanks. These expressions of appreciation will be embodied in a communication to be forwarded to Mr. Dickinson. The conditions attaching to the cup are similar to those governing the disposition of the Citizens' trophy, won for the third time last winter by the Nelson club and passing into their possession permanently. All British Columbia teams may compete for the cup, and a third win is sufficient to secure permanent possession. In addition a set of handsome medals emblematic of the championship of British Columbia will be presented to the individual members of the winning team this year.

At yesterday's meeting of the carnival executive a hockey committee was formed as follows: Robert H. Anderton, Harry P. Dickinson, H. Dalby Morkill, Frank G. Stevens, Dr. A. W. Kenning and Charles E. Barrett. This committee will have special charge of the arrangements for the carnival hockey tournament. Efforts will be put forth to secure the attendance of ladies' clubs from Revelstoke and Nelson. In competition with the fast hockey players of the fair sex in Rossland the contests among the lady hockeyists should be among the features of the celebration.

Another idea adopted was that of arranging for a bonspiel during the carnival as a means of attracting curlers to the city. While the Rossland delegation to the Revelstoke bonspiel are endeavoring to corral all the trophies in sight they will be doing missionary work on behalf of the Winter Carnival. If rinks can be induced to come from Revelstoke, Nelson and Boundary towns the bonspiel feature of the carnival would be eminently successful. The curling games would be played morning and afternoon on the curling sheets, and the rink would not, therefore, interfere with the other sports.

The matter of a tug-of-war was also gone into and most favorably considered. It is probable the feature will be incorporated with the carnival program. The matter is referred to at length elsewhere.

Further meetings in connection with the carnival will be held almost daily this week, as the necessity for prompt action is strongly felt.

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MORE ORE THAN EVER

Bright Reports Are to Hand Anent the Le Roi Mine.

Review of Past Week's Progress in Rossland Mines.

The event of the week in connection with Rossland's mining industry was the gratifying nature of developments on the 900 level of the Le Roi mine. The southwest crosscut from the main shaft opened up the continuation of the big ore shoot on the 800 level. The magnitude of this development will be understood when it is stated that the stope on the 800 level, locally known as the Black Bear, had a face said to be eighty feet in width, and that the quality of the ore is excellent. For some time work has been under way to open up this ore body on the 900 level, and this week The Miner is able to announce a successful termination of the work. The ore body has all the strength it possesses at the 800 level, and is said to be even higher in grade.

In the Le Roi mine stoping is now under way on the 450, 500, 600, 700, 800 and, in a small way, on the 900 and 1350 levels. The statement is made, though not from an official source, that today the Le Roi mine has more ore in sight than at any previous juncture in the history of the great mine. It is especially gratifying in view of the report that less than a year ago the ore reserves were in such shape that normal shipments for more than a couple of months longer would be impracticable. The magnificent results attained since that time are said to be largely due to a change in the policy of development whereby ore was successfully sought on the foot wall of the big veins instead of the hanging wall side, to which exploration had been largely confined previously.

Authentic reports of ore strikes during the past week are also at hand from the Spitzee mine. A crosscut from a point 80 feet west of the shaft on the first level broke into the best body of ore yet encountered in the mine. The pay ore is four feet in width, and the values approach $20 per ton, largely in copper. After some preliminary work on the vein a winze was started to secure the pitch of the vein. The drift on the 200 level will soon be past the point where a crosscut at that depth will run to the foot of the raise planned to open up the ore.

Tomorrow sees the No. 1 mine added to the list of Rossland's working mines. Only one shift will be employed on the start but it is intended at an early date to employ a double shift in the mine. The shipments of ore from the No. 1 to the Granby smelter will be commenced within a couple of days, the ore being extracted for the present from the 200 and 300 levels.

It is intimated that shipments from the White Bear mine may be commenced this week, the management having concluded not to defer shipping until the compressor plant is completed. This may be delayed till the end of the month owing to the non-arrival at the works of the 350-h. p. motor to run the compressing machinery.

At the Rossland Power company's concentrator the work of installing machinery is progressing apace. The next two months will see this work completed to a large extent, and in April the mill is expected to be in operation.

At the Le Roi Two concentrator the test run was continued during the week, and will be extended next week, a second run being made during February. The installation of the more powerful motor on the Trent mills will increase the efficiency of the crushing plant from ten to fifteen per cent without adding any cost to the operation, and is, therefore, an important step in the direction of reducing per ton costs of treatment.

The shipments for the week were reduced somewhat owing to the fact that the Le Roi only shipped on six days of the week. It is gratifying to note, however, that the production of the camp for the first month of the new year was over 40,000 tons.

THE OUTPUT.

The tonnage of ore shipped from and smelted at the Rossland mines for the week ending January 30 and for the year to date is as follows:

Mine	Week	Year to Date
Le Roi	4890	24,260
Centre Star	1320	5,850
War Eagle	1,230	4,860
Kootenay	200	1,030
Jumbo	320	1,325
Le Roi Two	420	1,940
Le Roi Two (milled)	330	1,180
Spitzee		30
Total tons	8,710	40,428

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI—The developments of the week at the Le Roi mine have already been reviewed. Incidentally it is of interest to note that the crew at the big mine is steadily increasing, over 170 men being at work yesterday. Deep level development continues to give most satisfactory results, and is being maintained on a good scale.

LE ROI NO. 2.—In the Josie mine the week's work has been along the usual lines. Development west of the dyke continues to be satisfactory, and in other parts of the mine reports are of a satisfactory nature. As already stated, the No. 1 mine resumes operations tomorrow with a preliminary crew of fifteen to twenty men. When a second shift is added, as will be the case shortly, the crew will be increased to about 30. The ore bodies on the 200 and 300 levels, which will be attacked for shipment on the start, include considerable puantities of the iron sulphides in which the No. 1 is rich.

WHITE BEAR—The work of installing the new equipment has been carried steadily at the mine, and deep level preparations for shipping have also made such progress as to lead to the belief that shipments may be commenced during the present week.

WAR EAGLE—No unusual feature is reported for the week in connection with the work at the mine, which has been carried ahead along conventional lines. Deep level development is proceeding steadily and the reports therefrom indicte conditions satisfactory to the management.

CENTRE STAR—This property also has adherred closely to the usual lines in connection with last week's work. In various directions the work at the mine has proceeded without variation from the ordinary routine. The officials of the company are now looking forward to the juncture in the comparatively near future when the large reserves of milling ores will be attacked for shipment to the concentrating works now well under way.

SPITZEE—The work on the first level is confined to the winze in the new ore body already referred to, whilst on the second level the main drift is being continued steadily. The face is now some eighty feet west of the shaft and fairly out of the dyke occurring between the shaft and this point. The development of the past few weeks on this level of the mine has tended to establish the accuracy of the theory of consolidation of dykes in the mine, and the indications are that if this consolidation is maintained the dykes will form a central body on the third level and the development of the ore bodies will be thereby simplified. On the second level it has been found also that the various classes of rock encountered on the first level have been displaced by a single variety and that the ground is not broken to nearly the extent that prevailed above.

KOOTENAY—Mining and exploration have proceeded steadily at the mine during the week. Stoping was continued on the fourth level and diamond drill exploration was carried ahead as usual. The road between the mine and the city is in splendid condition and this facilitates teaming.

JUMBO—Mining and development on the first level, and steady exploration on the intermediate sum up the operations at the mine during the week, nothing of a special nature having transpired. The ground now being opened up on the intermediate level is heavily mineralized, and pay ore may be encountered earlier than was originally expected.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

Boundary shipments for the past week and year to date were:

	Week	Total
Granby	11,370	44,520
Mother Lode	4,288	12,114
Emma	1,122	4,014
Oro Denoro	1,023	3,736
Athelstan	33	957
Senator	66	318
Totals	17,902	65,659

HUM OF INDUSTRY

RESOUNDS AT ROSSLAND POWER COMPANY'S CONCENTRATING WORKS.

DETAILS OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE—FOUR CHILIAN MILLS IN.

That excellent progress is being made with the work on the Rossland Power company's concentrating works is the testimony of a number of Rossland people who visited the mill site yesterday. Almost a score of citizens took advantage of the holiday to drive to Trail over roads that have seldom been equalled in point of smoothness and safety.

The company is working from sixty to seventy carpenters and mechanics about the plant. With the exception of a few windows yet to be put in, the main buildings of the plant are completed. The foundations for the Elmore oil machinery are also completed. In the main building four of the battery of five Chilian mills are installed, and the ponderous New Century rock crusher is practically completed. Additional machinery is arriving daily, and is being handled with expedition by the men on the ground.

The Canadian Pacific has removed the strong extra gang employed at the mill site for the past couple of months. The siding connecting the main line with the works is finished, together with the trestle leading to the ore bins. The latter are a feature of the works. They have been elevated sufficiently above the mill proper to enable all ore to be handled by gravity. The large bunker is 85 feet in length, 22 feet in width and 30 feet deep. The minimum size of timbers used is twelve by twelve, and a considerable number of sixteen by sixteen timbers are employed.

The twelve-inch steel pipe connecting the works with the Rock creek flume has been completed, and will be coupled up in a few days. It is proposed next summer to build a flume to Murphy creek, and when this is connected with the present flume a total head of 110 feet will be secured.

It has been suggested that the large amount of machinery to be installed may delay the opening of the mill for steady operations until July next, but it is thought that the works will be finished before that date.

MARTIAL LAW REVOKED.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Feb. 3.—Governor Peabody today revoked his order of December 5th last proclaiming martial law in Teller county.

SPOILS TO VICTORS

Doctrine Introduced in Civic Affairs by New Element.

Warm Discussion Over the Dismissal of Officials.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The expected has happened. Under the leadership of Alderman McDonald, Messrs. Petch, Martin and Stout voted at the regular meeting of the city council last night to dismiss at the end of the present month every official employed by the city at the city hall. A strenuous attempt was made by Mayor Clute and Aldermen Rolt and Lockhart to prevent this wholesale dismissal without due cause, and they argued well and earnestly that nothing should be done without a full and careful investigation.

Since the new council took office there has been much street talk concerning the "patronage" at the city hall. There seems to be a determined stand on the part of those who were elcted on the so-called "reform ticket" to provide their friends with employment at the city hall at the sacrifice of those who are now in the employ of the corporation, and this regardless of all question of right and fair consideration. Under the guise of the much abused word "reform" there seems to be a fixed determination on the part of Alderman McDonald and his friends to enjoy to the fullest extent the spoils of victory.

By their action last night the "Reformers" have burned their bridges behind them. They have summarily dismissed all the city officials without showing due cause, and they will have to abide by the consequences.

At least two members of the council—Aldermen McDonald and Petch—have accepted Alderman Rolt's challenge to resign and offer themselves for re-election on this one issue. They cannot consistently recede from the position they have thus taken, and it seems to be Alderman Rolt's sincere determination to hold them to their word. It is to be hoped that he does. The sooner this miserable mess is straightened out by an emphatic vote of the ratepayers the better it will be for the municipality. If, as Alderman Rolt pertinently remarked, "the city is to be delivered to the wolves," it would be well for us to know it without unnecessary delay.

McDONALD'S RESOLUTION.

The feature of the session was reached when the resolution by Aldermen McDonald and Petch was handed to the chair. After suggesting that the mover speak to the motion and receiving the reply that the resolution spoke for itself, Alderman Rolt rose to make what proved to be the most powerful address in the history of city councils for several years at least.

It was incredible, he commenced, that the mover nad seconder did not speak to the motion, but he would try and speak for them. In opening he wished to express his hearty detestation and disapproval of the resolution. The action proposed by the majority was not so bad and ridiculous as on the start when it was proposed that all city officials be dismissed without notice. Had this gone through it would have made Rossland the laughing stock of the Kootenays and of the province of British Columbia and the state of Washington. To dismiss five leading officials of the city without rhyme or reason was to go back 500 years to the days when men were first hanged and then tried for their crimes. He was glad it had come up so soon, however, for it threw a bright light on the "reform ticket." Personally he had strong suspicions of the ticket's motives.

Alderman McDonald rose to a point of order stating that the majority had the right to rule and defying anyone to impugn their motives. The mayor decided Alderman Rolt was in order.

TO CORRUPTION.

Resuming Alderman Rolt said his suspicions as to the "reform ticket's motives led him to offer himself for election, and he was glad the ratepayers had seen fit to elect him so that he could view the situation at close range. He now understood by "reform" that to the party in power belonged the spoils. It was intended to dismiss officials and put in the reform ticket's own men, which course he didn't wish to see adopted, and to which he would object. The time-honored adage "to the victors belong the spoils" was the path leading to corruption and graft. He had heard of some negotiations to reinstate certain of the officials named provided the reform party could get the head of that tried city servant Thomas Long, and he was glad the mayor had refused to deliver Thomas Long to the wolves. (Applause.) It was also suggested that some officials would be taken back, but if he were an official who had been discharged unjustly and discourteously he would refuse to go into office again like a cringing dog comes to its master's heel after a kicking. He hoped if the majority resolution was carried that the city officials would take a rap at the city and sue them for wrongful dismissal, and he heartily hoped, if they did that they would succeed.

Aldermen Rolt and Lockhart then introduced the following amendment to the original resolution:

"That no official in the employ of the city shall be dismissed and his position filled by another man except for due cause shown and after full and careful investigation."

HONEST MAN LOST.

Continuing, Alderman Rolt said he had been asked, "What's the good of such an amendment when it couldn't carry?" The point to be gained was that he could now challenge the majority members of the council to resign and go to the ratepayers—although he believed in advance that they wouldn't do it—and make the question of discharging faithful officials the issue of the new election. He was satisfied the majority of ratepayers would prefer honest government to graft and corruption, and if he should chance to be defeated he would be heartily glad to be out of it, because he would be satisfied that the Rossland city council of 1904 was no place for an honest man. (Applause.)

McDONALD ACCEPTS.

Alderman McDonald rose to reply and said he would accept Alderman Rolt's challenge to resign and run again. He insisted that the majority members of council represented the majority of the ratepayers and were only carrying out the wishes of this majority of ratepayers. The councils of previous years had lost $18,000 to $20,000 in various ways through not securing all the revenue available, and as a member of a former council Alderman Rolt must take his share of the blame for this. He admitted that negotiations had been under way during the preceding week, but these were brought to a close when the mayor denied the right of the majority of the council to discharge city officials. The latter statement was denied by Mayor Clute.

WILL RESIGN AND RUN AGAIN.

Alderman Petch followed as seconder of the original motion, remarking briefly that he was prepared to take his chances in resigning and offering himself for re-election.

Alderman Stout said he desired to take the same stand as Alderman McDonald. The majority members of the council polled three-fourths of the votes cast for aldermen, and must rule whether it was a matter of firing a city official or any other question before the council. He objected to the majority's motives being impugned.

REASONS WHY.

Mayor Clute said that to date no reasons had been offered, to which Alderman McDonald responded briefly. Alderman McDonald had no personal enmity against William McQueen, but in his official capacity the city clerk had done things he should not have done, although possibly not willingly. In reference to Major VanBuskirk, city engineer, the question simply was, "Do we need his services?" He believed the city engineer was not required at all last year. With respect to City Solicitor Nelson the speaker had all kinds of regard, but he doubted the wisdom of having Mr. Nelson occupy the dual positions of magistrate and city solicitor. He had nothing personally against Thomas Long, but there were other men who could do the work equally well. Respecting W. S. Heron he didn't know what Heron was in the city hall for.

In fact, said Alderman McDonald, there were all kinds of reasons for a little reform. About $3,000 per annum would be saved in salaries under the rearrangement, and he would guarantee that the collections of road taxes would be $1,000 greater this year than previously. He would like to ask, why all this cry? He was a workingman and not ashamed of it, but he was ashamed of the manner in which the workingmen of Rossland had been treated in municipal matters. Turning to Alderman Rolt, the speaker said, "And now you say a workingman can't stand on the floor of this council—"

Alderman Rolt—"That is absolutely false."

Alderman McDonald concluded by remarking that at the close of his aldermanic term he would stand before the people of Rossland without a stain on his character.

Alderman Martin agreed with Alderman McDonald in all the former had said.

Ald. Rolt interjected that he could only gather from Alderman McDonald's remarks that an investigation was desirable, and if this interpretation was correct his amendment provided the means to accomplish the very end.

Alderman Lockhart said he was ill and would not have been at council had he not desired to go on record as opposing the resolution to discharge faithful officials without charges being laid and proved. In other communities worthy officials retained office indefinitely, but it appeared to him that in this instance the majority aldermen were being egged on by a cabal entirely outside of the council itself.

THREW THE GAGE.

Mayor Clute asked Alderman Lockhart to occupy the chair while he addressed the council in his capacity as an ordinary member of the board. It was his duty, he deemed it, to protest against the dismissal of officials without adequate reason and in his opinion the matter was an outrage on the public and the officials interested. Since taking the chair he had acted in good faith with the aldermen but some of these had endeavored to knife him from the start and were at their work right now.

Alderman McDonald, the mayor continued, had talked about the mayor's defiance in relation to discharging officials, but had not put it exactly right. "I will defy the council to discharge William McQueen," announced his worship with marked emphasis. "The council daren't do it. You wanted defiance, and now you've got it."

Alderman McDonald had further said the workingmen had never had a fair show in Rossland. "I say it is a deliberate falsehood," commented the mayor. "There has been no discrimination against workingmen during any period while I was in the council." He had no pledges to make to the gallery and intended to make no cheap appeal to the laboring men.

The amendment was then put and lost. Aldermen Rolt and Lockhart and Mayor Clute voted yea, with Aldermen McDonald, Martin, Petch and Stout voting nay. The original motion was carried by the same vote.

METAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Bar silver 51 1-4.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Lead £11 5s.

BURNT MIDNIGHT OIL

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION TILL MIDNIGHT—MANY DISSENSIONS.

OUTLINE OF ROUTINE BUSINESS—MAYOR WON'T SIGN CHECKS.

Under the head of routine business a variety of matters of more or less interest came up in the course of last night's midnight session of the city fathers. The session will go down in red letters as the most animated council meeting of recent years.

Under "inquiries" the fact was elicited that no committee meetings had been called since the new board assumed office. This was objected to, and it was further settled in a preliminary way that chairmen of committees had no authority to take the initiative save with the approval of the committee as a whole.

A communication was read from The Miner company drawing the attention of the council to a grave breach of business principles in connection with job printing recently ordered for the city offices. Alderman Rolt spoke to the question, remarking that he didn't care a brass farthing who did the city printing, but that he would insist on this and all other city business being transacted in such a manner as to prevent the suspicion in future of underhanded dealing. In this stand Alderman Rolt corroborated the sentiments of The Miner's letter, which was an appeal for fair play in the matter of city printing.

The statement was made that if the city did not quickly settle the award in the Blue & Deschamps vs. City arbitration a costly legal action would be commenced. Alderman McDonald expressed the opinion that there was something technically wrong in connection with the right of way for the flume, and that the matter should be investigated, because he understood the corporation took over all the Rossland Water company's rights of way. Mayor Clute explained that this was correct, but that the flume now under consideration was no part of the old company's system, but an extension thereof.

CHARITY POSSIBLE.

The finance committee's report provided for payment of accounts aggregating $2589, the principal items being civic salaries of $1200 and school teachers' salaries of $900.

The mayor said he had instructed the treasurer to make out checks for the mayor and aldermen under the Mayor and Aldermen's Indemnity bylaw, which was still in force and would remain so until rescinded or amended. Any alderman who didn't want to take the check in his name could turn the amount back to the city or give it to the Sisters' hospital.

Alderman McDonald held that the bylaw didn't bind this council to which the chair retorted: "You don't know what you're talking about."

Alderman Rolt said he came into the council without a platform on his feet or back, but personally he did not intend to accept a salary and would be glad to learn the legal means of escaping the acceptance of the salaries provided in the bylaw now in effect.

The mayor said the checks were made out, and Alderman Stout had refused to sign them, in fact he wouldn't sign any checks himself.

A bylaw to borrow $28,000 in anticipation of the year's revenue was carried through, rules being suspended for the purpose.

TEMPEST IN TEAPOT.

A suggested amendment to the Trades License bylaw was then introduced, reducing fees for places of entertainment from $5 per performance to $1 and from $25 per month to $1 for each six months.

Alderman Rolt said this was his pet child and he refused to allow Alderman McDonald to steal it. The bylaw governing the arrangements for protection of life and limb at places of entertainment was not observed, and one reason ascribed was that the license fees were too high to warrant licenses being taken out.

A lengthy debate of little interest arose on the subject, after which Alderman Rolt withdrew his amendment upon securing a guarantee that the bylaw would be enforced. If this was not done, he asserted, he would go into his pocket and provide the necessary funds to prosecute breaches of the ordinance.

Mayor Clute said he had already instructed the police chief to notify all owners of buildings used for entertainments that the bylaw must be strictly complied with.

THE FIRE FIGHTERS.

Alderman Rolt brought down his motion to fix salaries for the fire department as follows: Chief $125 per month, foreman $90, three year men $80, others $70. The resolution also called for the abolition of uniforms.

Alderman McDonald bitterly opposed the suggestion, recommending in lieu an increase of $5 per month on present salaries all round. He wanted uniforms maintained.

At the suggestion of Alderman Lockhart, Alderman Rolt amended his scale to give the foreman $95, three year men $80 and others $75. He insisted, however, that uniforms constituted and unnecessary and useless outlay, which he would fight against to the end.

NO MORE MONEY.

Mayor Clute announced that he had refused to sign city checks, and that the finance committee could make its arrangements with the banks without his assistance.

Alderman Stout gave notice of a bylaw to amend the Mayor and Aldermen's Indemnity bylaw, doing away with salaries to these officials.

General News Of the Kootenay

THE SLOCAN.

Work is progressing favorably on the long tunnel at the Rambler.

The lumber for the remodelling of the Slocan concentrator is arriving.

The improvements to the Ivanhoe milling plant are nearly complete.

A zinc separator plant is expected to be in operation at Kaslo the coming summer.

The Byron N. White company has commenced the renovation of the Star mill.

The ore shoot in the Unexpected is widening out. Five tons of galena were taken out the past few days.

It is rumored that there is a deal on for the Chapleau.

It is rumored that the Emily Edith will resume operations.

The California, on Silver mountain, will resume operations in the spring.

A small force of men will be put to work at the Mountain Chief early in May.

There are over 2000 tons of zinc ore on the ancient dumps of the Mountain Chief.

Joe Butler has a deal on with New York people for 14 of his Slocan and Poplar claims.

The Speculator is closed down, probably awaiting the erection of the Arlington mill in the spring.

The Fisher Maiden once more has money in the treasury, and pays its bills through a Spokane bank.

Last week the Port Hope shipped seven tons to Nelson. It is under lease to Charles McNichol and partners.

A deal is on again for the Mollie Hughes. There are some good showings in this mine. One car of ore now ready for shipment will run 250 ounces in silver and $10 in gold to the ton.

All the ore shipped at present from the Star is mined from the rich deep workings. The ore body is large, streaked with grey copper, and nets handsome smelter returns. Enough ore is in sight to ensure steady shipping for an indefinite period.

Over 200 feet of the upper K. & S. track was torn up and twisted by the Madison slide last week. The damage was repaired last Saturday and the ore shipments again resumed from the mines dependent thereon. The slide was the worst the rotary tackled since the road was built.

The ore shipments from the mines around Sandon, of silver-lead and zinc, total over 1200 tons for the month of January. A good beginning for the year 1904.

Experts will examine the Star workings next week to prepare final data for the lawsuit over the Rabbit Paw apex case, which comes up for a hearing in Nelson next month.

The expected litigation between the Last Chance and American Boy mining companies has commenced. The former is suing the latter for $11,000 damages for ore, it is claimed, mined from the Last Chance ground. This and the Rabbit Paw case will tried at Nelson next week.

The following resolution regarding zinc separators was passed at the last meeting of the Kaslo board of trade: "That an application be made to the legislature of British Columbia to amend sub-section 50 of the Mining Clauses Act by adding a proviso thereto declaring that zinc or lead concentration works shall not be works in competition with smelters, sampling works or works for determining the constituents of ores, notwithstanding that the sampling of ores may be a necessary part of such zinc separating or zinc or lead concentration works or smelters."

William Estib, a miner employed in No. 4 stope at the Ruth mine, has been fatally injured by a premature blast. His skull was badly fractured.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The pay for the three Crow's Nest collieries given out last payday amounted to $138,000, an increase of $7000 over the preceding month. The advent of winter has curtailed certain development work in the company's operations.

The following are extracts from the last report of the government agent of Southeast Kootenay, which has just been issued:

"We have but few farmers who confine themselves to agriculture, and by far the greater part of the grain, hay and dairy produce used in the district is imported from Alberta. There is, however, very little crown land available for settlement. The rate of wages prevailing in other industries is higher than farmers can afford to pay."

"All our producing mines are closed at present, though the improvement of our markets leads us to believe that a revival is not far off."

"The payroll of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company approached $1,800,000 for the year, an average of $150,000 per month. The number of men employed are:

	Men	Coke Ovens
Fernie mines	427	117
Michel mines	538	106
Morrissey mines	291	25
Total	1302	248

"Besides 287 men employed on construction and in different offices of the company. The daily capacity of the mines at present are: Fernie, 1200 tons; Michel, 1400 tons; Morrissey, 800 tons. A strike lasting from the middle of February to the 1st of April seriously reduced the output. At present the relations between the company and its employees are cordial."

"In Southeast Kootenay there has been considerable activity during the past year, five new sawmills having been started, two of the capacity of about 25,000 feet, one of 35,000 feet and one of 75,000 feet; the last mentioned is preparing to double its capacity. On the other hand, two sawmills have closed down, on account of the fact that with a limited capital at their command and the very narrow margin of profit on which they were working, and on which as a matter of fact all the mills in this district are working, they are unable to tide over a season of difficulty. Another large mill has also closed down."

YMIR.

At the meeting of the Ymir Citizens' association, the secretary was instructed to communicate with Harry Wright, M. P. P., and also with Gold Commissioner Renwick, setting forth the urgent necessity for prompt action in the matter of the Ymir bridge. The wretched old pile of wood will assuredly be carried away with the floods of this spring unless something is done to repair it before the freshets start. For years past the bridge has been patched and repaired—sufficient work only being done to keep it in position. A sum of $2000 has been appropriated for a new bridge, and an effort is being made to have this amount expended at once, or to have the old pile again repaired so that it will stand until the money is available. If communication between the mines at the other side of the river and the railway be cut off, even temporarily, the loss to the camp would indeed be serious.

HE COUNSELLED LYNCHING.

Trial of a Presbyterian Preacher on Account of His Sermon.

NEWCASTLE, Del., Feb. 2.—Fifty-seven members of the Newcastle Presbytery convened in the First Presbyterian church here today to hear the charges preferred against Rev. Robt. A. Elwood, of the Olivet Presbyterian church of Wilmington. The proceedings were behind closed doors. The trial of Mr. Elwood is based on the text of a sermon preached by him on the topic, "Should the murderer of Miss Bishop be lynched?" On the following day George White, the negro assailant and murderer of Miss Bishop, was taken from his cell in the Lewis county workhouse and burned at the stake. Two hundred witnesses will be examined.

URGENCY APPROPRIATIONS.

U S. Senate Approves a Loan for St. Louis Fair.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The senate committee on appropriations today authorized a favorable report on the urgent deficiency bill. An amendment was adopted appropriating $4,600,000 as a loan for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The total of the bill as amended is $16,378,216. Among the items of increase in the bill are the following: To enable the president, through diplomatic channels with the governments of Mexico, China, Japan and other countries, to continue until the end of the fiscal year negotiations as to the relationship between gold standard and silver using countries, $25,000; and to carry out the provisions of the pure food law the department of agriculture is given $25,000.

THE STOCK MARKET

The week has seen very little business done, only two or three of the minor stocks being dealt in to any extent. There has been very little change in prices.

	Asked	Bid
American Boy	2¾	2½
Ben Hur	4	
Black Tail	3	2
Canadian G. F.	3¾	3
Cariboo McK. (ex-div).	3½	3
Centre Star	24	23
Fairview	4	3
Fisher Maiden	2	1
Giant	2½	
Granby Consolidated	$5 00	$4 00
Morning Glory	1½	1
Mountain Lion	15	14
North Star	6	
Payne	11½	9¾
Quilp	17	
Rambler-Cariboo	26	24½
San Poil	2¾	2½
Sullivan	5½	4
Tom Thumb	6	2
War Eagle Con.	13½	12
Waterloo (as. paid)	5	0
White Bear (as. paid)	5	4

SALES.

Mountain Lion, 1000, 14 1-2; Morning Glory, 3000, 1 1-2. Total, 4000.

Sullivan, 6,000, 5c: Rambler-Cariboo, 1,000, 25¼c. Total 3,000 shares.

War Eagle, 500, 12 1-2; American Boy, 1000, 2 1-2. Total, 1500.

3,000 American Boy, 2½c; 4,000 Cariboo McKinney, 2½c. Total 7,000 shares.

JACK LONDON ARRESTED.

Charged With Having Photographed Japanese Fortifications.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Jack London, a writer who went recently to Japan for the purpose of reporting events in connection with the threatened hostilities between that country and Russia, has been arrested and imprisoned at Shimonoseki, according to an American dispatch from Tokio. He is charged with having photographed Japanese fortifications shortly after his arrival at Shimonoseki, an important strategical point commanding the Korean strait.

Birch's brand of Black Bottle Scotch has leaped into favor among consumers of Scotch whiskies. The brand is a delightful blend, possessing a mellowness that recommends it strongly and soothes the palates of whiskey drinkers who dislike the harshness of other brands of Scotch. Thomas & Co. are the local distributers of Black Bottle Scotch.