THE MINING REVIEW

The Number of Workers Will Be Increased.

HE WANTS MORE MINES

Is After the Poorman, and West Le Roi & Josie—Iron Mask to Be Allowed to Resume Work in the Disputed Ground—Work of the Week.

[From Sunday's Daily.]

The arrival of the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, the Canadian director of the British American corporation, has livened the camp considerably. Mr. Mackintosh has not given out any announcement of his plans, but it seems certain that a big increase in the number of working mines and of the number of men employed can be surely anticipated.

In addition to the purchases already made by the B. A. C., the company is acquiring a control in the Poorman, and a deal for the purchase of the West Le Roi & Josie is maturing.

A private telegram received last night from Victoria announces that in the case of the Centre Star vs. the Iron Mask, the latter had been allowed the right of working in any part of its ground.

The shipments for last week were as follows: Le Roi, 1,380; War Eagle, 80; Iron Mask, 95; Centre Star, 15; total, 1,570.

The Iron Mask.

The strike recently made in the latteral drift from the main tunnel is showing up better than ever. The drift now shows it to contain five feet of good shipping ore, and the pay-streak is widening. The drifts from the bottom of the main shaft are being continued in each direction in a large body of low grade ore. Work is continuing in the north crosscut and in the big stope in the tunnel level. The ore shipments last week amounted to 95 tons. The property is now employing 35 men. J. T. Martin, the night boss, is in charge of the mine in the absence of the superintendent, Samuel F. Hall.

The Josie.

The Josie is now fully in the hands of the Mackintosh syndicate, but it is not announced when operations on a large scale will be commenced. At present one drill is being worked in the east drift at the 300-foot level. It is showing up some 18 inches of good copper ore, though the ledge has not yet fully recovered from the effect of the granite slip that cut it in the neighborhood of the shaft. Work is suspended in the tunnel until operations are commenced under the new management.

The Abe Lincoln.

The shaft is down 90 feet. The formation of conglomerate which had been met for several feet gave way last week to the original ledge matter impregnated with copper ore.

Some fine specimens of ore now being met is on display in THE MINER window. An eight-inch streak has been met, carrying rock estimated to run from $40 to $50, with a high valuation in copper.

The I. X. L.

Overtures have been made by the management of the I. X. L. company to have some 300 or 400 tons of its ore now lying on the dump treated at the O. K. mill. In case the liquidator, Richard Plewman, secures judicial assent to operate the mill for customs purposes, this ore will be reduced as desired.

The Le Roi.

The shaft, which is being extended to the 700-foot level, is down about 645 feet. The horse in which it was formerly driven has given place to ore. The east 600-foot level continues to show up a fine ore body. The shipments amount to about 200 tons per day, all of which goes to the Northport smelter.

The Syphon.

Work on the Syphon, near the Blue Elephant, has been commenced under the supervision of E. W. Liljegran. A surface crosscut has exposed the lead for 30 feet, and the full width of the cropping has not yet been disclosed. Low gold values are being met.

The O. K.

Richard Plewman, the liquidator of the O. K. company, has made application to have the judicial headquarters of the company removed from Victoria to Rossland. J. A. Macdonald has been appointed solicitor for the liquidator.

The West Le Roi & Josie.

Five men are at work stripping the leads and cleaning out the tunnel preparatory to an examination by the representatives of the British American Corporation, with a view to the purchase of the property.

The Cliff.

Some good ore is being met in the stopes near the mouth of the upper tunnel, where work is in progress. This is just beside the big bunch of carbonates which went so high when smelted.

The Monte Cristo.

Rapid progress is being made on the Monte Cristo development, but there is nothing new to report except that depth is being rapidly attained in the workings.

The Sunset No. 2.

About 10 inches of ore is being met in the tunnel. The hoist in the station at the tunnel level, has been completed, and work in the shaft is again under way.

The Deer Park.

The shaft is down to the 200-foot level and drifting has been commenced. About six feet of quartz, mixed with iron, is in sight. Good values continue to be received.

The Lily May.

Work has been suspended in the 125-foot level, but a shaft has been started to open up the vein at a point to the rear of the tunnel. About six inches of good ore has been met.

The Coxey.

The Coxey, owned by the Montreal Red Mountain Goldfields, is being vigorously developed, but the tunnel has not yet struck the ledge.

The War Eagle.

The shipments last week amounted to 80 tons. Ore is being met all over the mine, and the property was never in such fine shape.

The Velvet.

Drifting along the ledge of the Velvet at the 100-foot level continues to show up a fine body of rich copper ore.

The Jumbo.

Operations in the lower tunnel are being continued in the ledge, which was recently crosscut. A big body of low grade ore is being met.

The Evening Star.

Work has been suspended pending an examination of the property. The Mackintosh syndicate is credited with being after the claim.

The Santa Rosa.

The main tunnel has penetrated a blind ledge for a distance of eight feet. The ore, which is of low grade, is chiefly a white iron formation.

The Colonna.

The work of development has made good progress during the week and there is nothing unusual to chronicle.

The Virginia.

Good progress was made on the double compartment perpendicular shaft that is being sunk on this property.

The Iron Colt.

Operations are being continued in the long crosscut tunnel of the Iron Colt. There are no recent changes.

The Poorman.

Stoping is being prosecuted in the upper stope. A large quantity of ore is accumulating.

The Mountain View.

Work is continuing in the lower tunnel. Low grade ore is being met.

The Centre Star.

Shipments last week amounted to 15 tons. Work continues in the tunnel.

The Umatilla Group.

Work continues sinking the shaft.

The Crown Point.

The upraise is being continued. No ore is being met.

A MINERAL WATER DEAL.

Sharp Yankees Get Around the Dingley Tariff Act.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 15.—The Washington correspondent of the Evening News sends the following story to his paper today. As an instance of the ease with which sharp men can avoid the high rates of duty imposed by the Dilagley bill, when they desire so to do, it is related that a number of wealthy gentlemen in Boston some time ago purchased a mineral spring in Canada. They intended to ship the water to this country, under provisions of the then tariff law which imposed a mere nominal tax on mineral water. The Dingley law soon after went into effect with a 24 cents per gallon duty on all imported water, which amounted almost or quite equal to a probibitory tax.

The mineral water syndicate decided that their investment was a losing one and that the project must be abandoned, but as a last resort consulted a lawyer and asked him to get them out of their scrape. He directed them to freeze a quantity of the water and see if its properties were changed by the process. When it was ascertained that the freezing had no bad effect on the water, the lawyer said: "Then you need have no further trouble about the tariff. Simply freeze the water in Canada and import it into this country as ice. There is no duty on ice."

It is a fact the Dingley law retains ice on the free list, and so the syndicate ships its mineral water across the border in solid chunks, at the lowest freight rates, and at the same time avoiding the use of casks that costs $4 each, and besides they thus save 24 cents on every gallon.

True Witness on Encyclical.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—The True Witness, in referring to the papal encyclical, says: "What will be the effect of the holy father's encyclical we cannot doubt; it will result in solidifying the ranks of the Catholics in Canada so that it will cause them to unite in demanding and insisting upon their rights, whether in Manitoba or Ontario. It will fire them to a determination that their rights, which they themselves accord the Protestant minority in Quebec, shall also be accorded to the Catholic minority in the other provinces. Some weak-kneed, pusillanimous Catholics may object that circumstances stand in the way, that we ought to temporize, to compromise, to tolerate and so forth. We have had enough of that invertebrate sort of policy. What has it done for us? It has caused us to be driven back for years. We demand our rights and we must have them."

His Promotion Blocked.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Major Ibbotson is now in command of the Royal Scots, but still, a report from Ottawa says, he cannot be gazetted lieutenant-colonel because he has no equitation certificate. By a general order issued last spring the field officers then holding commissions were given till July next to secure equitation certificate, but in cases of promotion it was provided that a candidate must previously have taken a certificate. Major Ibbotson has not yet qualified, and hence his promotion is blocked. Curiously enough no one else in the regiment has a certificate, or the question of appointing such one might arise. As it is unless Major Ibbotson qualifies by July 1st he, too, will be gazetted, but with the retired rank of Major.

Ottawa Board of Trade Affairs.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—All the officers of the board of trade were elected by acclamation last night, as follows: President, James Crathern; vice-president, Charles F. Smith; second vice-president, Robert McKay; treasurer, Henry Miles. Mr. Crathern, the new president, is a well known hardware merchant, and has been prominently identified with Montreal commercial life for many years.

A FEAST OF REASON

The Wallace Smoker Was an Enjoyable Affair.

MUSIC, MIRTH AND SONG

The Mayor-Elect Told Pleasant Stories and Said the Reason For Mr. Scott's Withdrawal Was Because He Realized That He Would Be Beaten.

The smoker given at the Pacific hotel Thursday by H. S. Wallace, the successful candidate for mayor, taxed even the capacity of the Pacific's commodious hall. Hundreds of Mr. Wallace's political friends in the late campaign were present, as were also numerous opponents in the contest just closed, but all joined heartily in wishing the victorious contestant a prosperous and successful administration in the coming year.

J. B. Johnson, who was Mr. Wallace's chief assistant in the late campaign, presided, and he saw that every one present had an enjoyable evening. It was an informal affair and there was little attempt at a stilted program. The crowd called on whomsoever it knew to be able to perform.

The numbers included a long array of songs, speeches, recitations and instrumental selections. A feature was the stump speech given by Alexander Wilson, which created roars of mirth. Mayor-elect Wallace made a pleasant speech.

"We have not come here to listen to a political discussion," said Mr. Wallace, "but to have a general good time and to celebrate our too easily won victory. The committee who had the preparation of one program in hand told me that I would be called on for an address, but neglected to say what subject I was expected to take up, so that I know you will be glad, as I am, that I am not going to bore you with a so-called speech.

"I wish to take this opportunity of again thanking the earnest workers who were so important a factor in our political success, for I believe that, in a large measure, Mr. Scott's resignation was due to the fact that he had heard of the excellent organization of our committeemen, and realized that through their indomitable energy defeat was for him a certainty, and that in his case 'discretion was the better part of valor.' He, perhaps, remembered the timeworn adage that 'he who fights and runs away may live to fight another day, but he who in the fight is slain will never live to fight again.' However, I think that in this case our late opponent is politically dead. It reminds me of an anecdote that I read in Current Literature last night. A stranger passing a country churchyard saw the sexton digging a grave. 'Who's dead?' he called out. 'Old Squire Bumbleton,' said the sexton. 'What complaint?' inquired the stranger. The sexton kept on digging and without looking up said: 'No complaint; everybody's satisfied.' I think we're all satisfied as to the issue of this campaign. We expected a big fight and were thoroughly prepared for it. We knew we'd win, but we feared that packed voters' list, and like the trapper in his prayer, we felt like invoking some extraneous assistance.

"The trapper, as some of you may remember, had been hunting without success for some hours and feeling the pangs of hunger, laid his gun against a tree and sat him down on a neighboring log to enjoy his repast. He had just about completed his meal, when hearing a noise he looked up and to his horror saw a huge bear standing between himself and his gun. A shiver of fear ran down his spine and the cold beads of perspiration bedewed his brow; he had only a clasp knife with him to meet the enemy. He thought of the days when he had prayed at his mother's knee, and that while he had grown rusty in devotional exercises, the present was a time when he would much like to invoke the assistance of the Deity, so he began:

"Oh, Lord, I am not one of those sons of guns always asking favors, but I am in a hard box now, and I wish you would help me to lick this bear. If you won't help me, don't help the bear. If you won't help either of us, you just stand by and you'll see one of the goll darndest fights you ever saw in your life!"

"That, gentlemen, is how we felt in this campaign. We knew that with all our weapons we could easily win, but we feared that as in the case of the bear, the enemy might, with the assistance of the voters' list, get between us and our gun."

The program included the following:

Piano solo	Mr. Marshall
Remarks	J. B. Johnson, chairman
Song	A. M. Whiteside
Speech	A. S. Goodeve
Song	M. Brown
Song	Mr. Esmond
Speech	H. S. Wallace
Clog dance	Master M. Egan
Song	Mr. Williams
Speech	C. O. Lalonde
Concertina solo	Mr. Forteath
Duett	Messrs. Hermsen and Brown
Song	Mr. Townsend
Song	Mr. Forteath
Song	H. E. D. Merry
Violin solo	Mr. Watson
Speech and recitation	Mr. Harp
Stump speech	A. Wilson

C. H. MACKINTOSH HERE.

His Mission Is to Start Work on His Several Properties.

The Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, the Canadian director of the British American corporation, came in from the Coast Thursday evening. He was accompanied by Hector McRae, General Chas. S. Warren and J. W. McCraney. The party is stopping at the Allan. Mr. Mackintosh is here to make arrangements for the starting up of work on a number of properties which the British American syndicate has acquired. Mr. Mackintosh came here direct from Vancouver, where he was engaged in looking after the Yukon department of the company's business. He was very tired from his trip and retired early.

THE $65,000 BYLAW.

It Was Passed Thursday By a Practically Unanimous Vote.

The $65,000 bond bylaw was carried by practically a unanimous vote at the election Thursday. The vote was: For, 149; against, 8. Total, 157. The election passed off very quietly, and there was nothing unusual to indicate that polling was in progress. It was generally conceded that the bylaw would carry.

W. McQueen, city clerk, was returning officer, assisted by deputies as follows: First ward, W. B. Townsend; Second ward, R. A. Macdonald; Third ward, A. E. Denison. The vote by wards was as follows:

First ward—For, 45; against, 4. Total, 49.

Second ward—For, 41; against, 2. Total, 43.

Third ward—For, 63; against, 2. Total, 65.

No vote was taken for the councilmen and the mayor. The following ticket was elected by acclamation at the hustings, and no election was necessary:

Mayor, H. S. Wallace.

Aldermen, First ward, C. O. Lalonde, A. S. Goodeve.

Aldermen, Second ward, Ross Thompson, Albert Barrett.

Aldermen, Third ward, J. S. Clute, Jr., John Edgren.

BY ACCLAMATION.

Sandon's First Officers Were Selected Yesterday—A Good Showing.

SANDON, B. C., Jan. 15.—The first government of the new city of Sandon was elected today by acclamation. It is as follows: E. R. Atherton, mayor; A. Crawford, C. D. Hunter, R. J. Broddy, S. J. Mighton, Robert Cunning and John W. Switzer, aldermen.

The Mining Review prints a statement of the past year's work and gives the ore shipments as 24,789½ tons with the following in the lead: Payne, 9,283 tons; Ruth, 3,236 tons; Star, 4,202 tons; Reco, 1,388 tons. The amount expended in building erected during year is placed at $187,470. The number of men employed in the mines is between 1,000 and 1,100.

Eighteen mines are mentioned as dividend payers.

Owing to a breakdown in the Payne machinery the mine will be closed down for a few days.

Johnston & Haines, hardware merchants, have made an assignment to E. M. Sandilands, for benefit of their creditors.

Rick Strikes Near Kaslo.

KASLO, Jan. 15.—[Special.]—Word was received in the city of an extraordinary strike in the Charleston group, about one and one-half miles from the famous Whitewater mine. Three feet six inches of 720-ounce ore was uncovered. The property is owned by J. E. Mitchell and Winnipeg parties.

Work on the Isis, near the Lucky Jim, from which rich assays were secured last summer, also developed a new find, a fine looking body of ore in the lower tunnel having been encountered.

A Street Brawl.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 12.—[Special.]—A street brawl occurred here today between Frederick Wollaston, provincial land surveyor, and Maurice O'Connor. The row commenced over an argument on the municipal election and ended in a fight, Wollaston getting the worst of it, O'Connor landing several hard blows on his antagonist's neck and face and eventually knocking Wollaston down and punishing him severely on the sidewalk. The fight was stopped by the arrival of the city constable. O'Connor is the party, who some 18 months ago, was mixed up in a stabbing affray on the Dewdney trail with a man named Langtry. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the combatants.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Misquotation Corrected.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 14.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In our stock list, which appeared in THE WEEKLY MINER of January 13, inst., we quoted stock in the Salmo Consolidated Gold Mining company, limited, for sale at 7½ cents. This was a misquotation. We were under the impression at the time of giving the quotation that we had a block of Salmo Consolidated for sale at that price; but subsequently discovered that we had made a mistake in the matter. We understand that stock has never been offered by this company under 10 cents. This being the case, we regret having by inadvertence offered this stock under the company's price, and trust that our quotation will not, for the time being, be in any way detrimental to such company in the sale of its stock.

Thanking you in anticipation for space, we are, yours truly,

KENNEDY BROS. & PURGOLD.

Following is the letter from M. E. Dempster & Co., which brought the above reply:

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Noticing, with, we admit, some consternation, a quotation in your weekly issue of yesterday, of the Salmo Consolidated at 7½ cents, with your permission we desire to state that we immediately interviewed the firm in whose advertisement this appeared and requested an explanation, for this reason, that, being in the position to know, we were aware that only by a very slim chance, viz: the sale at a loss of 25 per cent by some eastern purchaser, could this figure be verified. We found as we surmised, that the stock could not be delivered. Permit us to point out that this mistake on the part of the firm in question may do both the company and ourselves incalculable harm as to eastern and English purchasers, we have vouched for the fact that this stock can not be purchased for less than the market price of 10 cents a share. While we have every desire to act harmoniously with other brokers, we deprecate most strenuously this practice of undercuoting, be it by accident or design.

Thanking you for the space you have accorded us, we are yours truly,

M. E. DEMPSTER & Co.

Rossland, Jan. 13, 1898.

Trail Notes.

TRAIL, Jan. 14.—[Special.]—Angus Beaton, who holds numerous mining interests around here, has gone to the Klondike.

The Knights of Pythias had a public installation of officers last evening. It was followed by a dance at Brown's hall, which was largely attended.

Walter Nicholls, weigh master of the smelter, gave a pleasant little dinner party to a few friends at the Allan last evening in honor of his birthday.

A Brick Account.

F. Schofield, the deputy registrar of the supreme court, was engaged Friday as referee for hearing the case of Pierson vs. the B. C. S. & R. Co. for an alleged account of $600 due on the sale of bricks. The case was heard in the offices of Hamilton & Daly. Mr. Schofield has not yet compiled his official findings.

Confidence Is Returning. . .

And many of the most conservative and successful business men in Europe and America are now investing their surplus capital in the mining industry of the Kootenay country.

These men recognize the fact that for the amount of capital required, mining offers the best investment in the world.

The greatest fortunes ever accumulated have been made from mines.

I am in a position to aid intending investors in the purchase of stocks, and can secure for them any of the standard stocks at the very lowest figure.

Do not expect fortunes in a month, but make careful investment of capital which you can spare for two or three years.

I specially call your attention to

The Winnipeg & Eureka Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Which owns three claims in the rich Cariboo Creek district and one near the Silver King mine in the Nelson district. Work is now being pushed night and day on a tunnel, which will tap a splendid ledge at a depth of 250 feet.

Stock only 10 cents per share. A splendid investment.

The Kettle River Mining & Development Company of B. C., Ltd. Ly.

Owns the well known Christina property on the North Fork of the Kettle river, which has a 20-foot ledge and a pay streak of four feet in width, which averages about $40 to the ton.

Treasury stock 15 cents per share.

If you have money to invest write me for full particulars.

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