

Swanson Sentenced to One Year's Imprisonment

Peter Swanson, the Northport saloon-keeper convicted of having in his possession stolen matte from the Northport smelter, came up for sentence yesterday morning before Judge Boulbee. The case had been enlarged after the sitting of last Monday until yesterday at the request of J. A. Macdonald, counsel for the defendant, who wished to bring witnesses to the city from Northport to testify as to the previous good character of the prisoner.

Yesterday the case was reopened before Judge Boulbee by J. A. Macdonald in an effort to establish the good standing of Swanson while a resident of Northport. From the testimony of a couple of citizens of the smelter town it was added that Swanson, up to the time of his arrest here with a lot of stolen matte in his possession was accounted a reliable and reputable citizen. C. R. Hamilton, for the prosecution, examined the witnesses, but nothing new was brought out.

After the last of the witnesses had been examined Mr. Macdonald arose and addressed the court. He pointed out all the circumstances of the case, of Swanson's previous good character, and the fact that the prisoner had probably been led into the thing through some of his customers. He closed his remarks by stating that if a sentence was at all

imposed that it be made as light as possible in view of the facts of the case. C. R. Hamilton also addressed the judge, and moved that the sentence be made as light as was possible under the law.

"Fourteen years is the maximum penalty I can impose in this case," said Judge Boulbee, in rendering sentence on the prisoner. "There are several things, however, that militate in your favor. Your standing, hitherto, has been of the best, as far as I can judge from the testimony of the witnesses from Northport; you have always borne a good reputation as far as honesty and trustworthiness goes, and, as the counsel says, it is a pity that you have been drawn into your present trouble. Manager Mackenzie of the Le Roi spoke to me in regard to your case, as well as several of the leading citizens of Northport. In view of your confession and other matters, and this being the first time you have ever been charged with so serious a crime, and there being several extenuating circumstances, I think a sentence of twelve months in the Nelson jail will suffice. Good conduct will take off two months of this sentence."

Swanson was agreeably surprised that he had been dealt with so leniently, as he expected a heavier sentence. Swanson will be taken over to Nelson this morning by Deputy Sheriff Robinson.

The Ratepayers Will Vote on Franchise

As stated in The Miner a month or more since, application will be made to the ratepayers of the city at the forthcoming municipal election for permission to grant a franchise to the Electric Dispatch Messenger service. It is not likely that the measure will meet with any formidable opposition inasmuch as the by-law is intended to protect the city rather than to grant any favor to the company in question.

Of course every one knows that a messenger service has been operated in Rossland. Up to the present time no steps have ever been taken to demand the privilege of the people operating this service, nor have the city's rights ever been defined in respect to the concern. It is to remedy this defect that the present by-law is submitted.

A scrutiny of the by-law will demonstrate that no exclusive powers are granted—all and sundry persons desiring to install a messenger service in Rossland hereafter may do so. The by-law proposes to exercise strict surveillance over the operations of the messenger service company in respect to the stringing of wires and the erection of poles, whereas the messenger company has,

up to the present time, had a free hand to perform all the actions contemplated by the by-law. In fact, the service is installed complete, and having allowed this to occur it would be a manifest injustice, that would not be tolerated by any fair-minded citizen having in mind the usefulness of the service, were the corporation peremptorily to order that all wires be taken down forthwith. The other remedy is to insist upon an agreement between the company and the city, whereby the rights of all parties are clearly defined, and the corporation has the power to prevent any action of the company that may be deemed as opposed to the good policy as viewed from citizens' standpoint. Such an agreement is contained in the by-law upon which ratepayers will vote on the 15th inst.

The fact, as demonstrated by The Miner, that the Electric Dispatch Messenger service obtains no exclusive rights from the passage of the by-laws, robs the measure of any element that might render it unacceptable to the community. The city has insisted upon a definite understanding being arrived at, hence the by-law.

Plates For Sides Of Ambulance Arrive

Yesterday two engraved brass plates, ordered some months ago by W. J. Nelson for the sides of the Father Pat memorial ambulance, arrived in the city from Philadelphia. On their arrival Mr. Nelson took possession of them for the time being, although arrangements have been made for having the plates placed on exhibition for a while in the show windows of Ewart Bros., the jewellers.

The plates are two beautiful brass engravings and are the latest and most expensive thing in their line. The lettering is in heavy black, which, with the light yellowish color of the brass as a background, throws them out in heavy relief, making them not only prominent, but readable as well from a considerable distance. The inscriptions are taken from the most part from Chaucer, and are very appropriate. They are as follows:

"Rich he was in holy thought and work." In loving memory of the Rev. Henry Irwin, M. A., affectionately known as

"FATHER PAT." Whose life was unselfishly devoted to the welfare of his fellow men irrespective of creed or class. His house was known to all the vagrant train.

He chid their wanderings and relieved their pain."

The other plate bears the following inscription in heavy black letters: "He watched and wept, he prayed and felt for all."

In Memoriam.

"FATHER PAT."

Obit January 12, 1902.

"Beside the bed where parting life was laid."

The reverend champion stood.

At his control, despair and anguish fled the struggling soul.

Comfort came down the trembling wretch to raise.

And his last faltering accents whispered peace.

The plates were engraved by one of the leading engraving firms of Philadelphia, and were made under the direction of Dr. Senior, formerly of this city. They are both costly affairs, and as they were unauthorized officially by the Father Pat committee, Mr. Nelson has determined to pay for them through the first performance of "Jane" by the Rossland Amateur Dramatic Club. The plates will be put in place, one on each side of the vehicle, as soon as arrangements tending to that end can be completed.

Threw Up Position At the Last Moment

The public schools reopen for the Easter term on Monday. The attendance will be about the same as previous to the holidays, and the recent rearrangement of the teaching staff is expected to be permanent, so that the disadvantages of changes in mid-term will be obviated.

R. G. Gordon, who accepted the school board's offer to assume the post of first assistant at the Central school, has backed out of the bargain and left the board temporarily in the lurch. Mr. Gordon was teaching at Trout Lake when the Rossland board offered him a better post here, and he accepted the engagement, his contract being to report here in time for the reopening of the schools on Monday. Yesterday William McQueen, secretary of the school board, was advised by Mr. Gordon that he could not come to Rossland. No reason for the sudden cancellation of the agreement was given, but it is intimated that a letter was following which will probably explain the situation. Meantime the board finds itself in rather a predicament, as Mr. Gordon's acceptance of the post at the Central

school obviated the necessity for seeking further for a teacher. Steps have been taken, however, to offer the post to another teacher of equal capacity, and should this gentleman take the post he will be able to report next week.

In connection with the entrance class of 1902 it should be borne in mind that several reasons contributed to the smallness of the number of Rossland pupils successfully taking the exam. In the spring the class lost a couple of months while the fever epidemic was on. Then just as Principal Tait had matters going nicely in the fall he was struck down with fever, and Principal Elley took charge only to be removed in the middle of the term to his present post, while Principal Bruce took the class without a chance to get matters shaped for the stiff examination prescribed by the department for entrance pupils. During the ensuing term the class will not be thus hampered, and in view of the fact that many of the pupils will take up the work afresh the number of Rossland children passing the next entrance exam should be unusually large.

Gasoline Furnishes Fuel For a Fierce Fire

The cleaning and dyeing establishment of Mrs. E. Tremblay on Washington street, near the Astor House, was completely gutted yesterday afternoon by fire, caused by the explosion of gasoline. Mrs. Tremblay, it seems, cleaned a dress with gasoline and hung it to dry near a stove. An explosion followed, two cans of gasoline in the room going off with the concussion. An instant later a sheet of solid smoke and flame burst through the front of the house, eating up the interior as if it merely consisted of cardboard and paper.

In a few minutes the building was burning from top to bottom, threatening destruction to the Astor House adjoining. Fortunately, the fire company arrived on the scene and after a few minutes had a stream playing on the fire.

Public Library Is Now in Full Swing

Rossland's free reading room and public library is now wide open to the world. Any and all persons are welcome to take advantage of the privileges between the hours of 10 a. m. and 10 p. m. Current literature and a substantial number of works of fiction are available, and will afford entertainment for visitors.

The formal opening took place on the afternoon of New Year's day. The premises were well filled and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. Speeches were delivered by His Worship Mayor Clute, who formally declared the reading room open; Arthur S. Goodere, Judge William B. Townsend, Rev. Charles W. Hedley, M. A.; Alderman Thomas Emberton and Rev. A. M. Sanford, B. A. Messrs. Clute and Goodere subscribed \$10 each as a nucleus for the fund to add to the library section of the enterprise.

Cash subscriptions and to the amount of \$54.50 were acknowledged as follows: Le Roi Mining Co. \$25.00

J. H. Mackenzie \$5.00
War Eagle and Centre Star Mining Companies \$20.00
Stephen Tappen \$2.50
C. O. Lalonde \$1.00
F. W. Rolt \$1.00

Charles Collins, assistant chief of the fire department, will act as curator, and his courtesy in volunteering for this service was properly acknowledged.

The following publications will be on file as soon as received: London Graphic, Illustrated London News, Weekly Times, London Daily Telegraph, Rossland Daily Miner, Evening World, Spokesman-Review, Seattle Times, Toronto Globe, Toronto Mail and Empire, Vancouver Province, Nelson Miner, Montreal Star, Family Herald, Harper's Weekly, The Outlook, the Scientific American, the Literary Digest, Chambers Magazine, McClure's Magazine, B. C. Review, Engineering and Mining Journal, Cosmopolitan Magazine. One hundred and twenty-one volumes are already on the library shelves.

1903 Promises Much For the Giant Mine

The program for the new year in connection with the Giant mine will be settled in the course of the next week or two. The directors of the company are to meet in London and go into the plans laid out for their consideration. In fact, this meeting may have taken place during the present week.

Up to the present time, the development of the property has been hampered by the somewhat inadequate plant available, but despite serious drawbacks the mine has paid all the expenses of mining and treating the ore shipped during the year, together with 700 feet of development work, a gratifying commentary upon the possibilities of the industry in the Rossland camp.

The plans suggested for the future operation of the Giant are interesting. One of the features is the utilization of the California compressor plant, an exceptionally well equipped plant capable of operating the drills continuously. An agreement for the acquisition of the works has been completed with the California company and awaits the decision of the Giant directors before being executed. Thus equipped the development of the Giant mine will proceed upon a much more extensive scale than has been the case in the past for reasons obvious.

In addition to the continuation of working plans along the lines now in effect, the company may decide to commence work on the big showing of ore that crops out of the Giant. It is stated that this outcrop is very large and that it carries average values of \$10. The enhanced working facilities and favorable smelting rates obtainable on the ore will enable the company to handle this ore body at a neat profit when mined in quantity.

A decision on the various points under consideration is expected at an early date, and will be awaited with keen interest.

Incidentally it may be stated that the estimate of the Giant's payroll for 1902 as given in Thursday's Miner was decidedly beneath the mark. Actual figures not being obtainable when the schedule in question was prepared, the amount specified was named with the full knowledge that it was exceedingly conservative. The Miner is informed officially that the property distributed something over \$24,000 in wages during the year just closed.

Week's News in Local Fraternal Circles

Christmas and New Year's weeks have been quiet ones in some of the lodges and busy periods in others. The installation of officers was the absorbing topic under discussion.

During the present week and the week to come, nearly every lodge in the city will install new officers, whose terms will vary from six months to a year. The Masons have already installed their new officers and other lodges are preparing to do the same. It is said that a couple of the lodges have under consideration the giving of dances and of officers, will be the order of the evening. The new officers are all painstaking and capable members and should fill the various chairs in an acceptable manner.

Rossland Hive No. 5 of the Ladies of the Macabees has planned to hold a grand open installation of officers. They will install the officers with all the ceremonies of the order on Tuesday evening, January 13th. The lodge is in a flourishing condition at the present time and is rapidly overhauling

Vancouver Hive in point of membership.

The Rossland Camp of the Woodmen of the World held a special meeting the other day for the purpose of considering the case of a sick member. The Camp will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting next Wednesday night, during the course of which the installation of officers will take place.

The Young Men's Institute will install officers at the next regular meeting. Speeches will be in order from the retiring and new officers. An entertainment is also said to be under consideration by the members of the lodge.

Wants New Road Built by Nation

The construction of the new Canadian transcontinental railroad as a national work and the abolition of land and money grants to private corporations for railroad building, are the feature of an interesting communication on file in the board of trade office for submission to the next meeting of the board.

The letter emanates from the Single Tax Association, and has special reference to the proposition by the Grand Trunk railroad to extend its system to the Pacific coast. The association has taken strong ground in the matter, and asks commercial organizations to back up its petition to the administration. Their proposal is to build the road as a national enterprise, and in order to accomplish this end without burdening the country with debt the following plan is advanced:

"Let a strip of land fifteen or twenty miles wide upon each side of the proposed road be reserved for the purpose of building the road, and let the government borrow the money upon land bonds redeemable by the sale or leasing of

these lands. Let the government lay out all townships, selling or leasing town lots to actual improvers only and farm lands to settlers only; the price of lands being, of course, graded according to the advantages of location. The increased value of the lands caused by the railroad would thus contribute to the building of the road instead of swelling the fortunes of speculators. Then the road, once built, may be operated by the government or leased for a term of years to the Grand Trunk or any other railway company, subject to absolute control of rates by the government. In this way the road may be built without adding a dollar to the tax burden of the people, as the increase in value of the lands in the reserved strip alone would suffice to build the road and the returns from the disposal of the lands would be ample for the redemption of the bonds, both principal and interest."

If it is decided to debate the railroad question at the next meeting of the board, the foregoing will afford an interesting basis for the discussion.

Government Revenues Collected in Rossland

Appended are the customs and inland revenue returns for the port of Rossland in 1902. The figures are supplied through the courtesy of R. B. McDonald, collector of customs, and Hiram P. McCraney, collector of inland revenues.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.	
Month—	Amount.
January	\$ 7,197 88
February	6,407 24
March	11,453 28
April	10,909 17
May	8,278 32
June	6,347 50
July	6,129 09
August	7,183 40
September	6,820 33
October	6,469 67
November	4,100 56
Total collections for 1902	\$13,141 99

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INLAND REVENUES.

Month—	Amount.
January	\$ 1,843 30
February	1,508 14
March	1,915 43
April	2,024 13
May	1,010 26
June	1,745 70
July	1,487 28
August	1,018 06
September	798 99
October	1,820 61
November	1,388 06
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Another Three Months For Postoffice Opening

The tenders for the interior furnishings of the postoffice, necessary to the completion of the new federal building, were presumably opened in Ottawa several days ago, but up to the present time no word has arrived here as to the awarding of the contract.

Even after the result of the tenders is announced it is likely to be a couple of months before the effect is seen locally, as that period will undoubtedly be required to manufacture the fittings, notably the boxes, as described in the specifications. This sub-contract will undoubtedly be awarded to one of the eastern manufacturers who make a specialty of such fittings, and with the delays that ordinarily occur in the fulfillment and delivery of this class of goods seven or eight weeks is not an unreasonable estimate of the time that will elapse before the furnishings are on the ground here.

The work of installing the boxes and other fittings is not tedious, and a month will probably cover the time required. Therefore it may safely be believed that three months will see the new postoffice in use.

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John Dean Enters Race For Mayoralty

John Dean is the latest addition to the entries for the mayoralty. His candidature was announced to his friends yesterday, and received with a measure of surprise in some quarters where Mr. Dean's continued silence on the subject of his intentions had been taken as evidence that he would not be in the field this year.

Candidate Dean's platform, in a nutshell, is the retrenchment of expenditure wherever possible, the encouragement of friendly feeling between the corporation and the mining companies, the representation of the people, and the regulation of business.

Yesterday Mr. Dean informed a representative of The Miner that sufficient personal appeals had been made to him in connection with making the race for the chief justice's chair to justify him in the belief that the outcome of the polling would warrant his estimate of the feeling of the electors.

The civic nominations take place on the 12th inst. and the polling on the 15th.

YOUTHFUL MAIL ROBBER.

Stole Three Handkerchiefs Sent as Christmas Presents.

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 2.—An 8-year-old boy has been arrested here on a charge of robbing the mails in Windsor. He discovered the combination of one of the private boxes in the postoffice and extracted from it a box containing three handkerchiefs sent as a Christmas present. Small boys have been opening mail boxes in the post-office lobby for months. They stood near some elderly or careless person getting mail, and deciphered the combination. They helped themselves when no one was looking.

Miners Won't Work On Lord's Day

The employees of the Le Roi mine have declared themselves in favor of a cessation of work on alternate Sundays. This is the outcome of the voting carried on during Friday between 6:30 a. m. and midnight.

Three hundred and forty-six men cast ballots on the issue. This represents a large proportion of the company's employees, although some of the men abstained from voting. The result of the ballot was as follows:

For bi-monthly shut-down

Against bi-monthly shut-down

Majority for shut-down

As indicated by John H. Mackenzie, general manager of the company, the vote means that the mine and plant will be closed down every other Sunday when the shifts change. This is the first shift change under the new rule, and in consequence the big Red Mountain mine is deserted save by the few men whose presence is absolutely necessary.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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Enthusiastic Hopes gardening America

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