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HOW TO ADVERTISE

F. L. Mercer of London Tells How to Exploit Kootenay.

USE THE BRITISH PRESS

Put Nothing But the Best Mining Property on the London Market—Thinks This a Good and Safe Place to Invest Money In.

Among the recent arrivals in Rossland is F. L. Mercer of London, England, who is visiting British Columbia in company with A. J. McMillan, who has just returned from an extended trip to England. Mr. Mercer is a partner in the well known firm of Osborn & Mercer of Piccadilly, London, one of the largest firms of land and estate agents in the United Kingdom, and as such is probably as well posted on land values as any man in England.

Speaking to a MINER representative yesterday, Mr. Mercer, who is staying at the Allan hotel, said that for some years past real estate had been fearfully depressed in Great Britain, particularly in respect to farm lands. But in his opinion bottom prices had been touched, and he advised British Columbia millionaires, who wished to purchase English country seats, to hurry up and buy them if they wish to get in on the ground floor.

"What do I think of the future prospects of Rossland in particular and British Columbia in general? I hardly like to give an opinion, having been so short a time in yonr beautiful country, but since you ask me I must say two things have greatly struck me: First—The immensity and richness of the mineral wealth of this province, and then the strange fact of how little it is known and appreciated in Great Britain. Your gold and silver mines appear to be marvellously rich, but until Mr. McMillan spoke to me about them last winter I am bound to say I knew little or nothing about them. If you desire to attract British capital out here for development, by all means take active steps to make British Columbia far better known in England.

"What steps would I advise? Well, you do not, I suppose, want a Jamieson raid advertisement, so I should suggest that your authorities in the first place make as widely known as possible in the British press what splendid opportunities there are out here for the safe investment of British capital, at rates quite unknown in England, where money cannot now be securely invested to yield more than 3½ or 4 per cent. Put nothing on the London market but what is thoroughly genuine. This will be your best advertisement, and will soon cause British capital to flow into the country."

Mr. Mercer will remain in Kootenay for some time visiting different mining centers, but he will make Rossland his headquarters. Should he meet with anything in the way of mining properties really genuine, and at ground floor prices, he may invest as he has capital at his back, but Mr. Mercer's last word was "No wild cats, please, they do British Columbia harm, and me no good."

Will Form a New Company.

The name of the Brady property, which Smith Curtis recently purchased from Messrs. Smith and Brady, has been changed to the Pay Ore. Mr. Curtis will form a company to operate the property. It is to be called the Pay Ore (B. C.) Mines, limited, with a capital stock of $250,000 divided into 2,500,000 of 10 cents each. One hundred thousand shares are to be placed in the treasury and the proceeds therefrom are to be used to carry on development work and to build a concentrator. There is ample water power close to the property and a concentrator is to be built at which the ore can be concentrated and made ready for shipment to the smelter. The property has a large body of ore that will run from $20 to $30 per ton. It is declared by competent judges to be among the best claims in the Boundary country.

Election of Officers.

The Red Mountain Ida May Gold Mining company, limited, held its annual meeting Monday in the office of A. B. Clabon and elected the following directors: William N. Dunn, A. S. Goodeve, C. C. Lalonde, A. B. Clabon, T. H. Armstrong, Phil Aspinwall. The directors elected the following officers: President, William N. Dunn; vice-president, A. S. Goodeve; secretary-treasurer, C. O. Lalonde. It was reported by the officers that a crown grant had been procured for the property of the company and that there was still a small balance of cash on hand. It was practically decided to resume work. The officers intend to make an examination of the workings and further on will devise ways and means for resuming operations. The Ida May is in a good neighborhood and it was the consensus of opinion that the work of development should be resumed as soon as it was feasible.

Is Visiting the Mines.

James Bell, of Edinburgh, Scotland, who is interested in the London & British Columbia Goldfields and the Scottish Colonial Goldfields, as well as a number of other important old country mining companies, is in the city looking over the mines of the camp, after a trip through the Slocan and the Nelson divisions and the Ymir neighborhood. In company with A. J. McMillan, F. L. Mercer and Mr. Jephcot of London and W. Hart-McHarg of Rossland, he visited the War Eagle Monday and examined the lowest workings of the big property.

Will Develop Their Properties.

Wilson McKinnon and J. L. Campbell leave today with eight men and four pack horses to commence work on their property, the Ajax and the Maggie, on Big Sheep creek, near the new townsite of Melville, just west of the Velvet. The claims have a promising showing, and a surface assay as high as $12 in gold and two per cent copper has been received.

Mr. McKinnon, who is chief of the fire department, will be gone four or five days. While he is away Assistant Chief Squires will be in charge of the department.

Tenders Are Wanted.

The Monte Christo Consolidated Gold Mining company has advertised for bids to transport ore from the mine to the Columbia & Western track on the Virginia ground. The bids are to be open Thursday. A wagon road is now being constructed from the mine to the track. Ore will be shipped this way till the siding from the C. & W. track is built. It will probably take three weeks to complete the siding.

On the Buckeye.

On the Buckeye, near the Commander, which is being worked by C. Louis Hayward, an open cut which is under way north of the former workings is now down 12 feet, and at that depth the ledge is nine feet wide, between excellently defined walls. The vein matter is well mineralized and shows plenty of copper, with a streak of decomposed matter along the hanging.

Will Take Over the Annie.

The West Le Roi & Josie Gold Mining company will hold a meeting in the offices of Daly & Hamilton on June 24th, to turn over the assets of the company to the B. A. C., which recently acquired control of the company's stock. The West Le Roi & Josie owns the Annie which lies just west of the Le Roi.

The Poorman.

The Poorman company, a control in whose stock was recently secured by the B. A. C., will have a special meeting in the offices of Daly & Hamilton on the 24th of June to turn over the whole of its assets to the British America corporation.

IS THE MINE FOR SALE?

Experts Have Frequently Examined the Centre Star of Late.

It Is Suspected the War Eagle People Are Contemplating the Purchase of the Property.

Rumors that negotiations are in progress for the purchase of the Centre Star have been revived by the exceedingly elaborate examination of the property that has been in progress lately. The mine has been under inspection by a number of experts during the past few weeks, of whom perhaps the chief was Richard A. Parker of San Francisco, general manager of the California Exploration company. Mr. Parker, besides examining the property generally, took hundreds of samples on canvas, with a view to getting the exact values of the ore bodies.

Oliver Durant, the manager of the property, when seen by a MINER reporter regarding the subject, declined to discuss the matter except to say that no negotiations were in progress for the sale of the property to the British America corporation.

It is known that the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, which control the War Eagle, is desirous of securing an interest in the Centre Star if it can do so at a satisfactory figure, and it is conjectured that the syndicate is behind the present examination. What lends color to this theory is the fact that while here Mr. Parker was the guest of J. B. Hastings, the manager of the War Eagle, and made his headquarters at that property, while he was assisted in his examination by War Eagle employees.

The War Eagle company in purchasing the surrounding properties, the Monita, the Pilgrim, and the Mugwump, did so with the idea of preventing any litigation over extra-lateral rights. This motive would lead them to be doubly desirous of securing the Centre Star, for it is into the latter property that the main War Eagle vein extends, and as the War Eagle adjoins the Centre Star's side line, the two companies are not proof against becoming engaged in such a contest over extra-lateral rights as is at present entangling the Iron Mask and the Centre Star.

While it has been suggested that the B. A. C. is negotiating for the purchase of the mine, there is as yet no evidence leading to this conclusion.

Will Resume Operations Today.

The management of the Good Hope will today resume operations on its property. Operations were stopped some time since because of surface water which ran into the workings. Work in the shaft will not be resumed immediately. The intention is to begin the stripping of the vein of the Good Friday, which runs through the ground of the Good Hope.

It Was Not True.

H. C. Bellinger, the superintendent of the Trail smelter, who was in town yesterday, denied to a MINER reporter the paragraph recently published in one of the London mining papers wherein he was quoted as saying that he expected to be able to treat Rossland ores at 14 shillings—$3.50—per ton. Mr. Bellinger said that he had never made such a statement.

Washed Away the Bridges.

John F. McCrae, returned Tuesday from a trip to Grand Forks. He brings word that the heavy rains on Friday and Saturday last sent the Kettle river to the highest point reached in the past four years. All travel between Marcus and the Boundary country is suspended, as bridges were washed away and the roads impassable.

RATES ARE TOO HIGH

Improved Fire Service Should Cut Down Cost of Insurance.

A BYLAW TO FIX GRADES

A Movement Started to Provide a City Cemetery—W. K. L. & P. Co. Offers to Supply City With Arc Lights for $125 Each Per Year.

The city council at its meeting Tuesday took active measures to secure every facility for improving the fire department and giving the municipality all the protection possible. On the motion of Alderman Lalonde, the fire, water and light committee was authorized to purchase a general electric fire alarm system, such as is used in all large cities for turning in and giving of alarms, and the committee was also authorized to purchase 2,000 feet of fire hose. Both resolutions were adopted without dissent.

With a view to securing a reduction of the present fire insurance rates, a motion was introduced by Alderman Lalonde, and carried unanimously, instructing the fire, water and light committee to draw up a complete list of the city fire apparatus on hand and ordered, as well as the number and arrangements of the water hydrants, and the committee was instructed to forward the list to the secretary of the provincial underwriters' association.

Mr. Lalonde explained that while the members of the underwritres' association were much impressed with the strong showing recently made by THE MINER in its account of the city's fire protection, yet the insurance companies would give no reduction in rates until they were requested to do so, and he thought a strong representation on the part of the council would be the best way of securing this end.

A Bylaw to Establish Grades.

The bylaw establishing the new grades for the streets of the city was read for the first time. The new grades will particularly affect the business houses along the south side of Columbia avenue from Washington to Spokane streets, and the council passed a resolution notifying the property owners in that neighborhood that the sidewalks will be placed on grade in 20 days. This will give property owners an opportunity to lower their buildings, and to remove the earth beneath either through the alley in the rear or else underneath the sidewalks in front, which are high enough at present to allow a team and cart to be driven beneath them.

The board of works, in its report, recommended that as soon as money be available the council clean Thompson and Le Roi avenues and Butte street as requested in the recent petitions to the council.

A petition from the property owners in the neighborhood of Lincoln street, between Columbia and Le Roi avenues, asking that the bluff there be cleared away, was referred to the board of works.

A Move For a City Cemetery.

Mayor Wallace brought up the subject of a city cemetery, and he earnestly gave the project his approval. In accordance with his suggestion, Alderman Thompson gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he would introduce a motion authorizing the council to procure a suitable burying ground.

The police department will soon appear in new uniforms, as the council in accordance with the recommendation of the police commissioners, decided to purchase uniforms for Chief Ingram, Sergeant McGowan and Patrolman McPhee, while the latter two will be furnished with boots.

Wish to Furnish the City Lights.

The long pending agreement to be entered into between the council and the West Kootenay Power & Light company was brought up, but action was deferred. In consideration of being exempted from taxation, the company agrees to furnish the city with four arc lights free of charge, and the lights in excess of four at the rate of $125 per annum each.

Replying to the request of the council and the Rossland Bar association, requesting that sittings of the supreme court to be held here, Arthur G. Smith, the deputy attorney-general, promised to give the matter his early consideration. It is confidently expected that he will arrange for the desired sittings.

The City Auditor's Report.

The report of the city auditor, W. H. Falding, which was accompanied by a complete itemization of the city's financial position, showed that the balance to the credit of the city on April 30 was $619.18, including cash, $73.41, Bank of B. N. A., $481.52, and special account, $64.25. Mr. Falding recommended that the municipal accounts be audited monthly, as that method, he thought, would be not only more satisfactory but more economical in the long run. In his report he spoke very favorably of the city clerk, W. McQueen, and expressed the opinion that the city would be a long time in getting a better man.

The figures accompanying the report showed that from the date of incorporation, May 8, 1897, to April 30, 1898, the total receipts of the city were $92,582.04, and the expenditures $91,962.86. Mr. Falding was appointed city auditor and was instructed to made a monthly audit, at a salary of $15 per month.

Will Direct Expenditure of Road Fund

In replying to the resolution of the city council, asking that the provincial government repair the road to the War Eagle and the Le Roi, W. S. Gore, the deputy commissioner of lands and works, wrote that F. S. Gamble, provincial engineer of public works, would be here shortly to lay out the provincial appropriation of $20,000 for roads and trails, and during his visit he would doubtless take into consideration the improvement of the road up Red mountain.

CUSTOM HOUSE REPORT.

What the Exports and Imports Were During the Past Month.

Collector of Customs McDonald has furnished the following report of the exports and imports and duty collected in the Rossland district during the month of May. The exports from the mines do not represent the entire output of the camp as that portion shipped to Trail does not figure in his report. It will appear in the custom house reports when the matte is exported at a later date. Then it will greatly increase the showing for the division.

IMPORTS.

Dutiable	$33,339.00
Free	4,557.00
Total	$37,896.00
Duty collected	$7,953.06
Other revenues	20.00
Total	$7,973.06

EXPORTS.

The mine, 3,760 tons	$90,816.00
The Forrest	287.00
Animals and their produce	49.00
Manufacturers	1,670.00
Total	$92,822.00

The products of the mine were divided as follows: Gold, $75,200.00; copper, $12,580.00; silver, $3,036.00. Total, $90,816.00.

VIRGINIA IS GOING UP

War Eagle Advanced 50 Cents Per Share During the Week.

Monte Christo Consolidated Is Climbing At a Rapid Rate and Threatens to Go Higher.

There has been considerable dealing in stock during the week that ended last evening, and the brokers report that business has been better than usual. There were advances all along the line. War Eagle led the procession so far as the size of the advance is concerned. It was quoted a week since at from $1.45 to $1.50 per share and yesterday it ranged from $1.95 to $2 per share. This advance of 50 cents per share was caused by the announcement that the company would declare regular dividends of 1½ cents per month. This coupled with the fact that there is a quantity of shipping ore in the mine caused a rush to purchase the shares, principally for investment, and this resulted in the phenomenal rise of 50 cents per share inside of a week. At this price the property of the company is held to be worth $4,000,000, or $2,000,000 more than the par value of the capital stock of the company. There are those who hold that the property will make one of the best showings in the camp in the way of dividends, and that before a great while, too. The company intends to add to its plant machinery of great capacity and this will enable it to increase its output, and as a natural consequence, the amount of its dividends.

Virginia shares are looking up. The double compartment shaft is now down a distance of about 350 feet. There has been no attempt at crosscutting or tunneling to find the vein. There is a good demand for the stock, however, and some 5,000 shares have changed hands in the past two days at from 23 to 24 cents per share. There is an active demand for the stock and it is quoted by some brokers here as high as 30 cents.

Deer Park has fallen off some and is quoted at from 11 to 12½ cents per share. The management claims that there is a good body of ore in sight in the mine.

Monte Christo Consolidated shares have kept on their upward course during the week. It was quoted at from 22 cents to 23 cents a week since, but now it has gone till it is worth from 25 to 26 cents. There is but little of the stock in the market. The management will today let the contract for hauling the ore from the mine to the track of the C. & W., and positively announce that shipments will begin on Saturday. It is certain that this will send the shares up a few points. A little further on dividends will to be paid and then the shares should go up still higher.

Iron Mask has shared in the general rise and has gone up a few points. It was quoted a week since at 43 cents and is now firm at 45 cents. It is claimed if it were not for the litigation in progress with the Centre Star that this company could pay a dividend. Its ore is of a high grade and gives excellent smelter returns, and hence it takes but a few tons of it to run into money.

The management of the Good Hope announces that work is to be resumed on that property today. A movement may, therefore, be looked for in the shares. They are quoted at 3½ cents.

The Ymir group of stocks are about holding their own in the London market, and no slump has been heard of in any of them. There are some Kenneth shares changing hands weekly, but the price is withheld.

The Republic (Colville reservation) groups of shares are firm, although there has not been a great deal of transactions in them locally.

Improving the Water Service.

The city water service is being further improved by the extension of a six-inch water main from First avenue up Washington street to Second avenue, and thence west to Spokane street, where connection with the principal supply line will be made. The new line will afford excellent fire protection to all the upper portion of the town in that vicinity, while the east end of Second avenue will be protected by the main that has been run up Butte street from Columbia avenue. In connection with the improvements in the fire department the changes are most opportune.

First Steamer on Bennett Lake.

VICTORIA, June 1.—The Oro, the first steamer of the Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation company, will leave Bennett lake for Dawson on Wednesday next. Intending passengers must leave before the end of the week to connect with her.

IT'S LOOKING WELL

Recent Development in Le Roi Discloses New Ore Bodies.

ARE BOTH WIDE AND RICH

Ore Carries Between $20 and $30 in Gold and Four Per Cent in Copper. It Is as Promising an Ore Body as Has Yet Been Found in the Mine.

"The development in the Le Roi during the past six weeks has been of the most important nature," said W. J. Harris, one of the large stockholders in the company, to a MINER reporter last evening after a complete visit through the big property. "At the west end of the 600-foot level, which has been run 550 feet from the skip shaft, we have encountered an entirely new ore chute, which has been penetrated 60 feet and proves to be between six to 12 feet wide. It is of the same character of ore as that found in the old chute, and assays between $20 and $30 in gold with 4 per cent. copper. This copper value has never been surpassed above the 600-foot level.

"The old chute extended about 410 feet west of the skip shaft, when a barren area was reached that lasted for about 80 feet where the new chute was encountered, and it has been improving steadily ever since, with every indication of equalling the old chute, out of which the company has paid $875,000 in dividends. The new ore body outcrops upon the surface, but has never been explored above the 600-foot level, as none of the drifts extended westward far enough to reach it.

"In the bottom of the shaft, which is now down 750-feet, we have come into a fine new ledge. The dip of the shaft carried it out of the old ledge at the 600-foot level, but at 670 feet the new vein was met, and it has been followed downwards for a distance of 80 feet to the 750-foot level, which is the lowest workings yet reached in the property. At the latter level a drift has been run along the vein for 40 feet and a crosscut has been driven which has disclosed the ledge to be 30 feet wide, including a streak of ore seven feet wide along the hanging wall, from which values of $20 in gold and 7 per cent copper have been obtained. As for the remaining 23 feet, it is solid mineral, every ton of which can be shipped, as it will run on an average in the neighborhood of $20. The showing in the bottom of the shaft is the finest that has ever been disclosed in the mine. A station has been cut at the 750, and the work of timbering the shaft up to the 600-foot level is now in progress. It will probably be completed about the 18th or the 20th of the month, when the skips will be available to the present lowest workings."

SALE OF THE LE ROI.

It May Be Prevented at the Meeting of Stockholders Tomorrow.

The special meeting of the shareholders in the Le Roi company to ratify the sale of the property to the British America Corporation will be held tomorrow evening at the offices of Daly & Hamilton. It promises to be an interesting session. While the B. A. C. has secured the approval of the directorate of the Le Roi for the sale of the mine at $3,000,000, yet there are dissensions, and serious dissensions, among the rank and file of the shareholders, who assert that the property is worth more than the price agreed upon, and they will oppose with might and main any effort to sell them out on the basis of $6 per share. It is by no means certain that the sale will be ratified when the shareholders get together next Friday evening.

To sell the property outright, the sale must receive the sanction of at least two-thirds of all the stock, and while the B. A. C. has more than the necessary two-thirds in escrow in the Bank of Montreal, it is not at all certain that all of it can be voted at the meeting, and on an occasion such as this, each share not voting is equivalent to a vote against the proposition. The Peyton faction in the company is enthusiastically in favor of the deal, as it was Colonel Peyton himself who engineered the transaction to it present stage, but as is well known, Colonel W. M. Ridpath, one of the largest shareholders in the company is red hot against any sale on the basis of $6 per share, while Senator Turner is credited with being no less opposed to the proposed terms. These, together with the smaller shareholders, who are largely opposed to the terms since stock has been selling freely around $7.25, may succeed in preventing the consummation of the deal.

Meanwhile the B. A. C. is operating the property, although the force has been reduced to about 100 men. Development is exclusively in progress, and stoping has been suspended.

B. A. C. Won't Get It.

W. J. Harris of the Le Roi, came up from Spokane Tuesday. He says that the opposition to the sale is still united, and he is confident that the property will not be sold to the B. A. C. on the basis of $6 per share.

LILY MAY WILL START UP.

Twenty-Five Men to Resume Work on July 1.

W. J. Harris has been appointed general manager for the British Canadian Financial corporation, the new mining company recently floated in London by Harry White, and he expects to start at work on the Lily May, July 1, with a force of 25 men. Work is to be actively pushed upon the property.

The second payment of £1,000 on the Lily May was made yesterday, and there seems to be no doubt that the balance, $35,000, will be paid by July 1st, which is the date set under the extension recently granted for the final payment on the property. Besides the cash payment the Lily May will also receive 42,000 £1 shares in the British Canadian corporation.

Besides the Lily May, the new concern will take over the Lily May fraction, the Black Horse and the sixteen properties held by the Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidated company, all in the south belt. It also holds options on some Red mountain properties, and has three claims in the Rat Portage country, while Mr. Harris expects to leave shortly for Boise basin, Idaho, to examine some properties there with a view to their acquisition by the British Canadian corporation.

All the stock of the new company, it is reported, has been underwritten, and there seems to be no doubt of its successful flotation. The company has a capital of 500,000 £1 shares.

A CUNNING CHECKMATE

How Governor Mackintosh Wins in the Le Roi Deal.

He Has Purchased a Control and Holds the Whip Hand on the Disgruntled Minority.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

SPOKANE, Wash., May 30.—[Special.]—The sale of the Le Roi to the British America corporation was tacitly completed tonight, when the stockholders failed to hold the meeting called to ratify the deal entered into by the Le Roi directors with Whitaker Wright of the B. A. C. The failure to meet indicated that the opposition had decided that the fight was a hopeless one, and it would be useless to raise any further objection to the sale.

The meeting was statutory one, required by law to be held in Spokane, the headquarters of the company. before the property as a whole could be sold. The fight, if any fight should arise, would have come up at the meeting to have been held here tonight, and the statutory meeting in Rossland on Friday next would have been merely a formal one when the shareholders would ratify the action they should have taken tonight.

It was generally understood that the faction, headed by Senator George Turner and Colonel William Ridpath, which has been opposing the sale on the $6 a share basis, would throw all its influence against the deal when the stockholders got together tonight. People who were acquainted with the temperment of the opposing faction foretold that there would be an exceedingly interesting time. They were disappointed, though, for the opposition evidently decided that their cause was a helpless one, and staid away tonight. Their absence seemingly marks a final victory for the British America corporation, and it would seem that there will be no opposition at Rossland Friday when the company, according to present appearances, will transfer its entire property to the B. A. C. for $3,000,000, on the basis of $6 per share.

The reason for the sudden disheartenment in the opposition ranks was doubtless the discovery that Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh of the B. A. C. had bought over 252,000 shares of Le Roi stock, which gives him considerably better than a bare majority. When he left here Friday he had bought one block of 248,000 at $6 per share, and since then he has been actively picking up sufficient stock at the same figure to give him a working majority. If, despite present appearances, the opposition still hangs out and the B. A. C. cannot secure the two-thirds vote necessary to sell the mine outright the majority which it now holds will enable it to turn over the mine into its own control, and it would only be a matter of time to freeze out the minority oppositions, either by cutting off dividends or otherwise making the stock undesirable to any minority holders.

MINING NOTES.

Victor Monnier has bought from Emil F. Voight a half interest in the St. Bernhard, a half mile south of the O. K.

L. G. Basson has bought a half interest in the Porto Rico, on the north coast of Red mountain, from Wm. McCulloch.

Jack Hennessy has bought C. P. Robbins' half interest in the Two Jacks, a promising copper property on Revenue mountain.

A half interest in the Sundown and Syndicate on Record mountain, has been purchased by H. A. Ross from David McGhee.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh has assigned to the B. A. C. the title to the Thekla and the Annie fraction, near the No. 1 and the Le Roi.

There is considerable movement in Sophie mountain properties and the largest part of present dealings is in properties in that neighborhood.

Sanford H. Fleming has bought the Caledonia Copper on Record mountain from W. C. Archer and Alex. Carson. The price is reported at $1,000.

Wilson McKinnon has bought James Derby's quarter interest in the Ajax and the Maggie on Big Sheep creek, near the Melville townsite. The claims give surface assays as high as $12 in gold and 2 per cent copper.

In addition to the Dewey fad—there are four properties in the district named after the admiral—Sampson is fast coming into favor, and the records are beginning to show numerous claims christened after him, while Admirals are to be found on every other of this year's location posts.

The sale of the Blue Bell, adjoining the Velvet on Sophie mountain, to the New Goldfields of British Columbia has been completed, and the title to the ground is now vested in Sir Charles Tupper and Caldwell Ashworth, as trustees for the company. The sellers were Olaius Jeldness, Jefferson Lewis and John Cromie. R. G. Edwards Leckie put the deal through.