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TRANSPARENT FALSEHOODS.

In another column will be found a let-
ter signed "Enquirer," followed by a
translation of two articles in a leading
French-Canadian paper—La Presse.
The first is an editorial and is based on
the second, which in itself would be un-
worthy of comment. Were the state-
ments contained in the second article
true we should not have a word to say,
but as they are absolutely untrue, and
capable of being disproved even in Mon-
treal, we think La Presse is to be cen-
sured for publishing the letter at all and
to be severely reprobated for basing such
sweeping condemnation on so faulty a
foundation.

The letter to La Presse asserts there is
only one mine in Rossland—the Le Roi
—and yet the same letter states in a
later paragraph that 28 miles of railway
are being built. It does not say much
for the intelligence of La Presse's
editor that he should have accepted as
true the first statement in face of the
second.

Now there are a few facts, which can
be easily substantiated, to which we
should like to call the attention of La
Presse's editor. During the past year
there have been built into Rossland two
railroads. A large smelter has been
built at Trail for the treatment of Rossland
ores. Capital has been subscribed for
a second smelter to treat Rossland
ores at Northport, Wash. An extension
of 28 miles is being added to one of the
railroads built to Rossland last year.
The population of the town has increased
from about 1,200 to 7,000. The number
of working miners has increased from
less than 400 to upwards of 1,800, as
shown by THE MINER in a detailed state-
ment during the month of November.
The shipments of ore from Rossland's
mines since January 1 amount to 7,047
tons, and eight mines beside the Le Roi
contributed to this total, the War Eagle
shipping 1,810 tons, and three others,
the Columbia & Kootenay, Iron Mask
and Josie, all shipping over 100 tons. A
mine which has shipped no ore at all,
the Centre Star, is capable, from the ore
blocked out in its workings, of shipping
more than any and perhaps as much as
all of them put together.

Now, as to some of the mines particu-
larized by La Presse's correspondent:
He says the I—has only 7 inches of
ore for a distance of 15 feet. Which
mine he means can only be surmised
by his reference to the price
of the stock. It is evidently the
Iron Mask. Since the date of his letter
(January 22) that mine has shipped 244
tons of ore, which clearly could not come
from a vein 7 inches wide and 15 feet
long. As to what mines he means by the
W— and O—, we are unable to
make even a probable guess. The W—
surely does not mean the War Eagle,
which, after paying \$187,000 in profits
was sold for \$750,000, and has shipped
since January 1 ore to the amount of
1,810 tons. The O. K. is the only mine
we can imagine he refers to as the
O—. This mine has been running a
10-stamp mill and has besides, since the
first of the year, shipped 41 tons of high
grade ore and concentrates.

There may be some hungry men in
Rossland, but we have not met them.
From the letter one would suppose the
International hotel to be a charity, but
we would like to have its profits for a
month and retire from the newspaper
business.

There are more Italians and Chinese,
ten times over, in Montreal than there
are in Rossland, but there is one
French-Canadian here who is the most
colossal and contemptible liar and de-
famer of a community we ever heard of.

BOSTOCK FOR PREMIER.

It is acknowledged on all hands that
the opposition to the present govern-
ment of British Columbia needs a
leader and a definite policy. The latter
is gradually forming in the public mind
and only needs crystallizing into a plat-
form by an opposition convention. The
leadership is a more difficult matter and
an equally important one. The lack of
a leader constitutes the opposition's
greatest weakness and is also a tower of
strength to the government.

The necessity for a leader is plain, and
it is equally plain that to command the
confidence of the public he must not be
a man of straw or lacking in personal re-
sponsibility, because he will be pitted
against the present premier, the Hon. J.
H. Turner, who is not only one of the
province's leading business men, but
recognized as being above suspicion or
reproach in public or private life. Were
all Mr. Turner's government his peers
in ability and equally trusted by the
public, his government would not now
be in such general disfavor.

We have been given to understand by
visitors from the coast that a leader
round whom to rally the opposition
forces has been the great stumbling
block to the organization of a strong
and united opposition. The leaders of
the opposition party in Rossland have
frequently canvassed the situation and
at last they have decided on the man
they want for chief. He is our present
Dominion member, Hewitt Bostock. In
him they believe they have found a man
capable of organizing the opposition on
lines which would ensure success at the
next election and they feel confident
that a government led by him would be
progressive instead of moribund and
possessed of definite aims and able to
carry them into execution instead of
merely letting things drift along as has
been the habit of the Turner govern-
ment in the past.

So far as we know this matter was not
mentioned to Mr. Bostock during his
visit to Rossland and his views in the
matter have not been ascertained. The
object of the Rossland men who are at
the head of this movement is to agitate
the question with the purpose of bring-
ing enough pressure to bear on Mr.
Bostock to induce him to undertake the
task.

THE COMPANIES ACT.

There is no doubt the laws regulating
the organization of joint-stock companies
and the registration of foreign com-
panies need amendment. These amend-
ments should be in the direction of mak-
ing stock non-assessable, keeping the
capitalization down to reasonable figures
and protecting the minority stockhold-
ers. These objects can all be accom-
plished without any very radical amend-
ments, and in carrying out these reforms
care should be taken not to embarrass
legitimate business. Foreign com-
panies owning property in this province
should be compelled, so far as their busi-
ness here is concerned, to be governed
by exactly the same laws as home
corporations.

If it is thought undesirable to apply
the non-assessable principle in addition
to limited liability to all corporations, a
special clause might be inserted in the
act to enable mining companies to capi-
talize with only non-assessable stock.
This would give all creditors due notice,
and would have a tendency to make it
more difficult for mining companies to
get into debt.

Capitalization could in most instances
be kept down to reasonable figures by a
small tax on capitalization at the time
of incorporation, the tax to be paid
along with the usual registration fees.

The minority stockholders might be
better protected by a provision that no
company, no matter what its charter
powers may be, shall dispose of any of
its mines without a stockholders' meet-
ing, held after due notice at its prin-
cipal place of business in the province, at
which meeting at least 75 per cent of the
capital stock should be voted in person
or by proxy in favor of the sale. This
last, however, is the most difficult sub-
ject in the list, and must be carefully
considered in all its bearings.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

Though the session of the provincial
parliament is still young, it is manifest
that Mr. Cotton, of Vancouver, is ready
to desert the opposition for the govern-
ment ranks on the slightest provocation,
or shall we say encouragement. Whether
his support of the government will
strengthen it or not we are not prepared
to say, but one thing is certain, this
defection will not weaken the opposition.

The weakness of the opposition in the
provincial parliament has hitherto lain
in its lack of a definite policy. Many of
its members were therefore liable at any
moment to become government support-
ers. The opposition should be a reform
party, and should have no dealings with
the Turner administration. Any oppo-
sition member who shows a disposition
to dicker with the enemy should be in-
vited to declare his position. If the
province is to be burdened with the
incubus of the Turner regime for an-
other year, the voters should know who
are responsible for it, so that in turning
them out at the next election they may
be in no danger of electing some of their
supporters under the guise of opposition
members.

What the opposition to the Turner
government needs is a leader and a policy.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

If brokers will report their sales to
THE MINER it will greatly assist us in
the preparation of our market reports.

We do not suppose that any surprise
will be manifested by the Rossland pub-
lic at the news that Col. Scott thinks
the incorporation law should not be
amended.

We have been given to understand
that Van B. DeLashmutt of Portland,
Ore., who was here lately in the interest
of the Oregonian, has prepared a great
roast for the camp, which will appear
shortly in that journal.

It is a good thing for the Frenchman
who wrote that lying letter to La Presse
that his name is not signed to it. If he
were known it is safe to say he would be
invited to leave Rossland—for his health.

Some of the quotations sent out from
the Spokane exchange are ridiculous.
What is the use of quoting Monita at
17½ bid. It might as well be quoted at
10, or even 5. Rossland has been buy-
ing Monita for more than a week at bet-
ter prices than that.

It will not be necessary to put an ex-
port duty on our ores to secure their be-
ing smelted in Canada. President Mc-
Kinley and his party will make it un-
profitable to ship ores to the United
States to be smelted.

The outlook at the present moment
for new development work is very satis-
factory. Among the companies which
have got in shape to work on an exten-
sive scale during the coming spring are
the Great Western, Gopher, Homestake,
R. E. Lee, Iron Horse, Novelty and
Sultana.

It is the government and not D. C.
Corbin that is responsible for the muddle
regarding land and timber titles in West
Kootenay. It is funny Mr. Kellie can-
not see this point. There is not a man
in the community who would not take
all the timber and land around Rossland
if the government gave it to him.

Hewitt Bostock, as leader of the op-
position, would beat the Turner govern-
ment out of sight at the next provincial
election. Island and mainland are all
one to him and each would be assured of
a fair deal. No section would be favored
at the expense of another. He is not
built that way.

The successor to Captain Fitzstubb
should be a Kootenay man. Recorder
Kirkup and Captain Wolley would seem
to us to be best fitted for the position
and most likely to give satisfaction both
to the government and the people of the
district. By the way, is it not about

time that the Trail Creek district had a
stipendiary magistrate, gold commis-
sioner and government agent of its own.

The Turner government has no policy.
It merely resists all reforms as long as
possible, and then grants them when it
is evident a refusal would mean its
death. If there were an opposition
worthy of the name this game could not
be played twice. The Turner regime
has done it several times already, and is
getting ready to do it once more.

Two amendments to the Companies
act regarding treasury stock of mining
companies have been proposed. One is
that 10 per cent of the capital stock
must be placed in the treasury before
any stock is offered for sale and the
other is that 10 per cent of the capital
must be subscribed in cash. We can
not see the utility of the first provision,
as mining companies seldom put less
than 25 per cent of their capital stock in
the treasury. The second proposition is
easily evaded.

MINING NOTES.

The owners of the Hattie are calling
for tenders for an 80-foot shaft.

Recent assays from the Jumbo are
running up in the hundreds of dollars.
The ore is quartz, carrying free gold and
telluride.

The Cariboo company at Camp Mc-
Kinney has purchased a four drill com-
pressor plant from the Canadian Rand
Drill company through its local agent,
F. R. Mendonhall.

The Yale, which is near the Curlew,
on the south belt, was measured up
Friday, and it was found that the shaft
was down 35 feet. The face of the tun-
nel is in ore but no assays have been
made.

Some more fine samples of free mil-
ling ore, showing gold in quantities visi-
ble to the naked eye, were brought up
from the Norway mine near Trail,
owned by the Bruce Gold Mining com-
pany. This property promises to prove
a bonanza.

A contract was made Friday for a
65-foot shaft on the Joanna, which is
five miles southwest of Rossland, and is
owned by Vancouver parties. This is
the first development work on the prop-
erty that has been let. The showing
eight feet from the surface is promising.

Mr. Mackie came down from Mackie
mountain, at the head of Sullivan creek
Saturday and brought some good news
from the Heather Bell mine. The west
drift has four feet of solid ore, which
Mr. Mackie thinks is of shipping grade.
The ore body is still widening.

Victor Carr brought in two sacks of
ore from the Norway mine Saturday,
which contained a great number of
handsome specimens, some of them
showing free gold. The tunnel is now
in 65 feet and next week the company
will put men at work to extend the tun-
nel another 10 feet. It is also intended
to begin a winze 40 feet in, following the
lead from which the rich samples of ore
brought in yesterday were taken.

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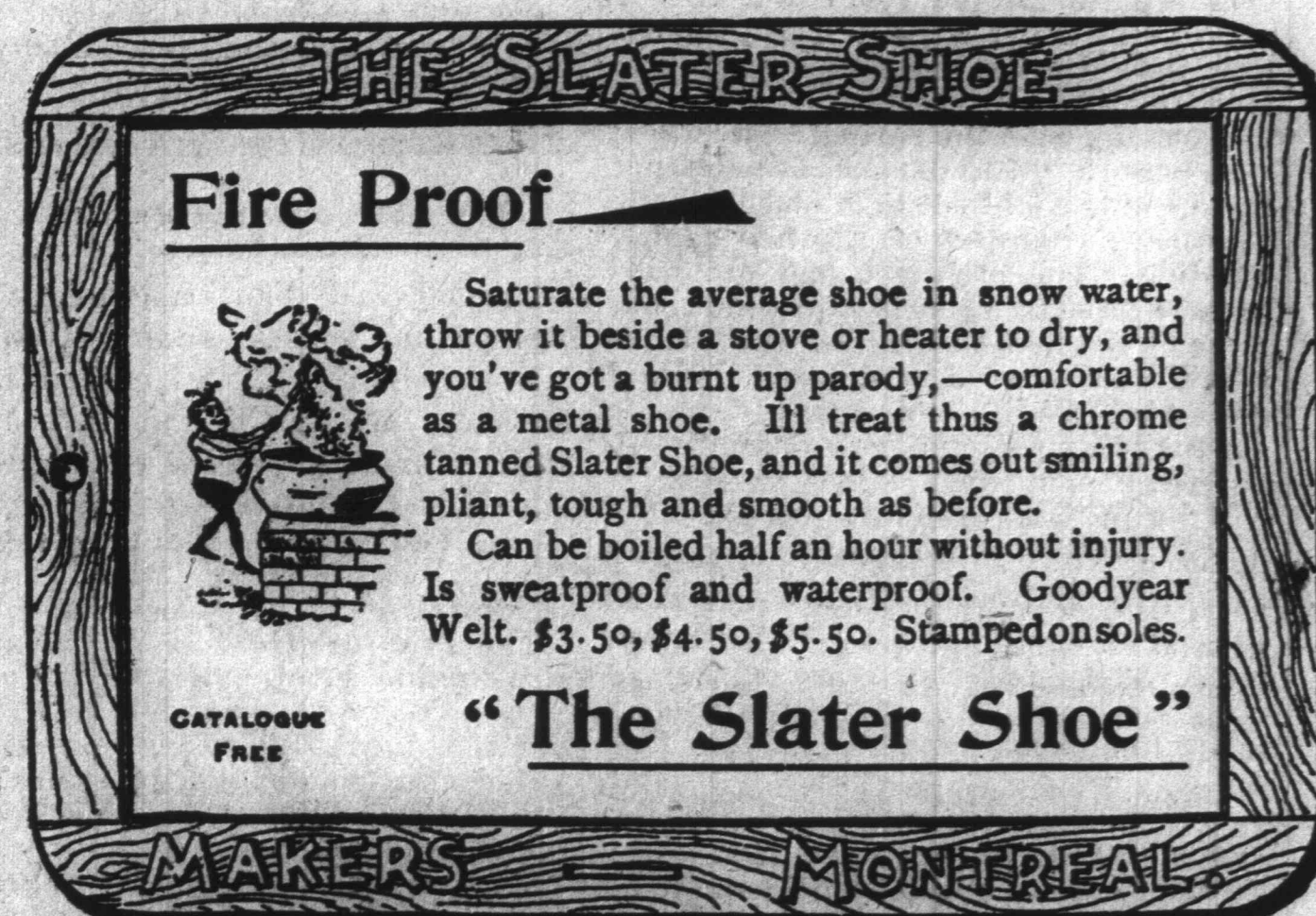
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