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ROSSLAND AND THE ROSSLAND MINER.

Since the establishment of THE ROSSLAND MINER on Saturday, March 2, 1895, it has worked for Rossland, the golden city of British Columbia, first, last and all the time. This it will continue to do, and as Rossland marches on toward a greater destiny, it will ever sound her praises.

THE NELSON ELECTION. The contest in Nelson yesterday resulted in the return of the Government candidate, Hon. J. Fred Hume, by the very handsome majority of over 180, with only two small places, Erie and Salmo, to bear from.

THE MINER now has to announce the engagement of Mr. John B. Kerr as editor and manager. Mr. Kerr has had considerable experience in newspaper work. He began his career in 1885 on the Toronto News, of which paper he was city editor and also night editor.

As will be seen by a dispatch in another column, Mr. Kerr was banquetted by the members of the Globe staff on Saturday evening. Robert Jaffray, president of the Globe company, presided at this banquet.

WANTED-A FIRE CHIEF. In a communication published in today's issue a subscriber asks if there is no home talent fit for the position of chief of the fire department.

THE CITY COUNCIL, as we understand the matter, has not sent east for a fire chief. It is true that the civic authorities have placed an advertisement in the papers

for a head for the fire department. It has never said, in so many words, that it would select for the place at its disposal a man from the east. The object sought to be attained by advertising was to secure the very best talent possible for the position.

The object is not to get an eastern or a western man in the position, but it is to secure a competent fireman. If, in the wisdom of the council, it is thought a better man can be secured for the place in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto or in Montreal than in Rossland, it should be done.

THE CONVENIENCE OF HAVING THE VARIOUS OFFICES IN ONE BUILDING IS APPARENT, and if care is taken at the outset to provide in advance for the accommodation that most certainly will be required in the immediate future, as well as providing for our present wants, the building should be a credit to all concerned.

There is pending before the provincial legislature a bill that should pass. This measure provides that any assayer shall, before he sets himself up in his profession and charges for his work, be required to pass an examination of a practical character to show that he is competent.

It has been said that to make an ordinary assayer requires no more skill than is requisite on the part of the housewife to make a good batch of home-made bread, and yet there are many housewives who are unable to make good bread.

It is sometimes the case that mining properties are purchased on the assays made of their ore. It is true that few purchases are made without having as-

says made by at least two assayers. In a case like this were the patron to submit his samples to two incompetent assayers the result would be to misinform him as to the value of the ore. It might be, in such a case, that both the incompetent assayers would make returns below the real value of the ore assayed.

The examination, provided the bill is framed into a law, will simply have the effect of keeping the incompetent, the pretenders and charlatans out of the business. It will also protect the public from this form of fraud.

ENGLAND MADE BY THE SWORD. Men have always fought and the probability is that they will continue to do so as long as the conditions remain as they are on this earth. Life is a struggle for existence from the cradle to the grave, and hence man is a fighting being.

A SEVENTH DAY CONVERT. The Vancouver World quotes a local mining broker who says that the increase of interest taken in Rossland mining shares among the buyers in Vancouver has been phenomenal during the past few months.

It may be said that most of us here are easterners, but I would suggest that we were easterners, but as westerners, and as such are proud of our town and land of her good name. It is to be jealous of her good name.

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EDITORIAL NOTES. A GENTLEMAN who recently arrived from New York says that it is a fact there now amongst a certain class to lift the hat to male acquaintances. While it seems the proper thing to lift the hat to a clergyman, officials of note or to others entitled to respect, to indiscriminately indulge in this practice seems to be in bad taste, besides it is very destructive to hat brims.

THE FIRST NUMBER OF THE KOOTENAY MINING STANDARD issued in Rossland has come to hand. It is replete with well written articles concerning mining and other matters. It has several half tone mining views, which are very artistic, and show a high degree of skill in the presswork.

IN THE DEATH OF ARCHIBALD LAMPMAN, last week, at the comparatively early age of 38, Canada loses one of her gifted sons. At the time of his death the poet was a clerk in the civil service at Ottawa, but while in that office he found time and opportunity to send out many graceful contributions to the leading magazines in America and England, and a volume of his latest poems is now going through the press.

THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION IN THE NELSON RIDING was not at all to the liking of the Nelson Miner, but it bravely admits the defeat and says that the personality of either candidate did not count for anything in the stand taken for Mr. Farwell.

THE REPORT OF THE MINING INDUSTRY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC for 1897 in the Transvaal shows that the capital of the 198 gold mines working at the end of 1897 was \$363,863,750. Of these, 28 mines with a capital of about \$50,000,000 paid \$14,750,000 in dividends, or nearly 30 per cent.

THE CONSTRUCTION WORK IS WELL UNDER WAY on the Kootenay valley railway north of the international line. On the American side only three camps are yet established, but other camps will soon follow and men will be put to work as the camps are located.

FRANK DANA MOORE, pursuer on the steamer Moyie, was recently presented with a leather medal by the officers of the steamer Kookanee, as a token of their appreciation of the part he took in the rescue of Isaac Lewis from one side of the river to the other.

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ALL SORTS OF NEWS

A Team of Three Horses Drowned in Christina Lake.

200 MORE COKE OVENS They Are to be Erected by the Crow's Nest Coal Company—Steamer City of Greenwood Burned—Construction of the Kootenay Valley Railroad.

Cascade is talking of incorporating. Harry Drew is putting up an ice house, capacity 150 tons, at Kimberley.

A crown grant has been secured for the land on which the Niagara townsite is located. It is reported that the Bank of Montreal will open a branch at Cranbrook at an early date.

An Anglican church is to be erected in New Denver at a cost of \$1,000. Nearly all this sum has been raised. The Coyotes around Golden are somewhat numerous this winter and several have paid the town a visit.

Several American army officers from the Eastern States passed through Golden recently on their way to their new stations in the Philippine Islands. The C. P. R. Express company has recently opened offices along the Crow's Nest Pass railroad at Blairmore, Crow's Nest, Fisher, Kitchener and Moyelle.

The steamer City of Greenwood was burned to the water's edge the other day at Okanagan Falls. The boat was built in 1897 by J. W. Bassett, the freighter.

Engineers are laying out a 2,500-foot sidetrack in the C. P. R. yard at Nelson to accommodate the increasing through business and facilitate the handling of local freight.

Cranbrook continues to grow both in population and importance. In a census of the town just completed, the number of inhabitants is given as 616, and the voting strength as 142.

A new sawmill has been erected by the Columbia Lumber company at a point about two miles east of Notch Hill. The company is now busily engaged at work.—Kamloops Sentinel.

Mr. Blakemore, general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, has received instructions from the board of management to at once make preparations for the building of 200 more coke ovens during the present year.

It is understood that Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, and undoubtedly the best posted constitutional lawyer in the Dominion, will pay a visit to British Columbia after the present session of the commons is over.

The wire on the Canadian Pacific telegraph line along the Crow's Nest Pass railway has been strung to a point about 40 miles east of Creston, and is expected to be completed to Kootenay Landing in about two weeks.

An act has been introduced in the legislature to relieve New Westminster in consequence of the destructive fire of last summer. It provides for an issue of debentures for such a purpose amounting to \$953,000, and temporary debentures amounting to \$200,000 at five per cent.

Eighteen hundred Chinese laborers are passing over the C. P. R. in batches en route to Mexico. The men engage to work on railway construction for three years, for which they are to be paid \$30 per month, with a deduction of \$5 per month until their passage money has been paid.

Last week at Niagara Fred Johnson and Hogan Anderson became involved in a melee Johnson became involved in a melee Johnson then sought safety by fleeing across the boundary line.

A few days since a sleigh and a team of four horses went through the ice on Christina lake. One of the horses was saved but the other three were drowned. The driver had a narrow escape. The outfit belonged to Rod Cameron and the loss was about \$1,000.

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Rossland Mining Stocks

MARKET FEATURES. The market was very active yesterday. In fact, more stock changed hands yesterday than on any previous day this year.

ATHABASCA, 2500..... 54
Baltimore, 5000..... 5
Big Three, 1000..... 5
Brandon & G. C., 2500..... 5
Ben Hur, 1000..... 5
Butte & Boston, 1000..... 5
Cariboo (Camp MCK), 1000..... 5

2500 White Bear, 5000..... 47
500 E. Star, 1000..... 10
500 Republic, 1000..... 10

Agents for Columbia Townsite. Established May, 1896. Incorporated Dec. 1896. Agents for N. & F. S. Railway Addition to Rossland.

108 Columbia Ave., Rossland. The Reddin-Jackson Co., Limited Liability. Mining Operators and Brokers.

Rolt & Grogan

THE STOCK MARKET. Corrected by Messrs. Rolt & Grogan, 35 East Columbia Avenue. Telephone 45. P. O. Box 428. Cable address: "Kent." Codes: Bedford, McNeill and Clough.

The stock market was active yesterday. Minnehaba, War Eagle and Rambler-Cariboo rose several points, there being a decided bullish movement in these stocks. Virginia was in fair demand, and Victory-Triumph was offered at 10 cents.

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THE DOMINION

Mr. Justice Martine Supreme Court Rossland

CONGRATULATIONS

His Lordship Makes a Brilliant Report

He Has Great Faith in the Supreme Court

He is Surprised at the Results of the Election

Have Been Made in Last Two Years.

Hon. Archer Martin, the ever appointed to the post of a superior court in a session of the court in day. He confesses to be and is proud of the fact of Edward Martin, Q.C., chancellor of the diocese, the head of the firm of barristers, Hamilton, O., a resident of the west since several years, but moved January, 1894, where he was appointed to the post of Martin & Landley, H. judge of the supreme court of last year.

On taking his seat on Monday for the first time, M. McLeod, president of the association, read the following address to the Honorable Mr. Justice:

On behalf of the Rossland Bar Association, I am pleased to extend to you a warm welcome to your first appearance as supreme court judge.

We are reminded that you are now occupying an old one. Centuries ago, the northward of Europe with natural instinct. One of the founders of the constitution of people lived was Equit. In the words of the poet, over 700 years old, the seat to no man, we will to any man, either just or early times, before our rived at its full period, often heard and deterred between party and party, by the long and uniform ages, our kings have whole judicial power to several courts. "Her eye of the law, is always the courts, though she distribute justice. Her mirror by which the reflected."

Sir William Blackstone is constant in justice, a fountain of justice, by the fountain of justice, not mean the author only the distributor. rived from the king as butage and determine the spring, but the right and equity are thousand channels, ual."

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Speaking of kings "He is called king means con-ning, able country the ablest m raise him to the sup ally reverence him; government for the perfect state, an ablest man; he me hearted, justest; tells us to do m wisest, fittest, that or anyhow learn."

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Five years ago, the city of Rossland barren mountain cabins to mark Greater prospects city. It is out of which shows the living in. Rapid

Printed weekly stock letter issued every Monday. Write for copy.

RICHARD PLEWMAN, P. O. Box 754. Rossland, B. C.

Will Meet Lead in Two Weeks. D. W. Moore, our purchaser for the Trail smelter, says that the lead furnace of the Trail furnace will probably be blown in in about two weeks. The experiment of the Trail smelter, in the matter of the treatment of the lead ore of the Sloan, will be watched with interest by those interested in local mining.