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HOW MINES INCREASE IN VALUE.

It is interesting to note how mines in crease in value as they pass into different This is most emphatically shown by the figures at which some of the larger properties of this and other camps are now held. Take the War Eagle, for instance. It was purchased by Patrick Clark and associates for a nominal sum. They incorporated it for \$500,000 in \$1 shares. Then it was sold to the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate for \$700,000. The War Eagle Consolidated Mining company was organized on January 22, 1897, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000. The shares of this company have steadily advanced in price until now they are worth say \$3.60 per share. This would make the value of the War Eagle \$7,200,000. This is over fourteen times the value of the Here in the Kootenays there are no such company originally formed by Patrick Clark, and shows how stock sometimes advances, and how much a rich mine is valued by the public.

Then look at the present value of the Le Roi, and compare it with the time that it was given to Colonel Topping in 1890 for recording fees, amounting to about \$15. It is said that Colonel Topping subsequently sold all his interests in this property for about \$50,000 to the parties who afterwards formed the Le Roi Mining & Smelting company, with a capital stock of \$2,500,000 in shares of \$5 each. These shares were sold for a few cents when they were first placed upon the market. The B. A. C. secured all the shares of the Le Roi Mining & Smelting company at a cost of \$3,500,000. Then the Le Roi was incorporated in London and the capital stock was made £1,000,000 in £5 shares. This made a par value of \$5,000,000. This is an increase of \$1,500,000 over the purlight by-law yesterday the property-ownchase price of \$3,500,000. Since then ers signified their recognition of the need the shares have appreciated in value, till a of a service which will be adequate for few days since they were quoted at £10 a domestic and fire purposes, and the imshare. This would make the entire capital mense majority by which the measure was stock worth \$10,000,000. This is quite an carried was a direct expression of conadvance over the \$15 that Colonel Top- fidence in the mayor and council. This ping originally paid for the mine, and was as it should be, and the civic reprethe original Le Roi company for it. It start in vigorously with the establishment shows that Whitaker Wright is something of a waterworks system. of a wizard when it comes to working up

The history of the famous Payne mine illustration of how another the value of a good mine grows. This property was incorporated on February 9, 1897, with a capital stock of \$2,500,000. At the outset the shares sold for considerably less than par. The control of this mine has passed into the hands of Montreal parties. The company has been reor practically \$4 per share. This would make the present value only a little short of \$4,000,000

of \$21,200,000. This seems an enormous price for the mines, but it must be considof the Kootenays.

big mines. It has long been held that the immense ore bodies, the freedom from water and the fact that values hold out, and if anything, increase as depth is attained in the Le Roi, show that the mine is worth more than the valuation of \$10,-000,000, which the public has placed upon it. Up to April it had paid \$825,000 in dividends. In addition to this it paid to the old stockholders the value of the ore that was at the smelter at the time of the purchase by the B. A. C., which would amount to \$125,000. This would bring the total of its dividends up to \$950,000.

dends. It has large ore reserves, and this sorrow felt for the unfortunate victims. being the case, it is now selling for even The lamentations which were given voice less than it is worth at the popular valua- to in the funeral orations delivered found tion of \$4,000,000.

larged plant, its splendid reserves of ore, prime. Men and women of varied staand the fact that it is now better prepared Le Roi is worth \$10,000,000, which it cersomewhat below it in value?

## SATURDAY'S FATALITY.

The grief felt on all sides shows that the loftiest in the land, which as yet are inseparable from the were prepared for it. It was an excellent greater the loss and the greater the cost working of their properties, and that risks business, are incurred as freely by them opportunity to impress this on the public of reduction. As a matter of fact, British

as by their employees. Risk, however, should be eliminated as far as it is possible to do so by proper inspection and constant watchfulness, and when an accident does occur, by a thorough inquiry into all the circumstances, so that future mishaps of a like nature made be made practically impossible.

### A PATHETIC ADMISSION.

There is a world of pathetic meaning in sentence taken from a recent letter from Faith Fenton, written at Dawson recently, wherein she says: "The camp is exceedingly healthful and everybody 'appears' to be getting enough to eat.' By the meaning conveyed in the last part necessaries of life. This seems strange, indeed, in this, the golden city of the spend enough in a single hour to keep a hundred of their impoverished fellow residents from hunger and cold for a long period. In other cases the lucky miners were carefully banking every few days sufficient gold to keep want away from all of the hungry that were in the city. At Dawson many were called, but only the few were favored by fortune and not have to say that "everybody 'appears' States. to be getting enough to eat." It is to be were hungry and cold, is difficult to un-

### THE WATER BY-LAW.

By their approval of the water and nearly three times what the B. A. C. paid sentatives will now be in a position to

The waterworks company will very likely accept the inevitable and be willing to place a reasonable figure on their plant. There is certainly every evidence of a disposition on the part of the members of the council to deal fairly and even liber- claim to which they recognize they have ally with them, and if they will not take no title, advantage of this to dispose of their sys- against which they rebelled, tem they will have themselves to blame ly intensified, should be practised on us for the loss which they must ultimately in Canada. The United States have well sustain. It must be evident to them, earned a reputation for sharpness, but if organized, and it now has 1,000,000 shares shrewd business men as they are, that in in the face of the facts, which are all of a par value of \$2.50 each. The stock is a contest with the city they will have no against them on this Alaskan coundary quoted on the Montreal exchange at \$3.97, possible chance of success, and they will question, they obtain a rood of soil which possible chance of success, and they will question, they obtain a root simply incur the odium which must albelongs to the Dominion it will not be ways attach to a monopoly which attempts due to their shrewdness or to Imperial to "squeeze" a community and fails. It Thus we have the War Eagle selling for is to be hoped that the new system, \$7,200,000, the Le Roi for \$10,000,000, and whether it is to include the present one the Payne for \$4,000,000, or a grand total or not, will be so far advanced by the conclusion of the summer weather that we will have an assurance of its completion ered that they are the banner properties by this time next year. Until the system is in operation we can never be secure A word as to the possibilities of these against fire, and we can hardly hope for a reduction in the rates which we are pay-

ing for insurance. The vote yesterday was an excellent one, and in the face of the energetic work done by the company in the attempt to defeat the by-law, a testimony to the good sense and public spiritedness of the citizens.

EXPRESSION OF GENUINE SORROW.

Rossland was in mourning yesterday, which marked the latter event all over and the public funeral given to the victims of the recent disaster in the War Eagle The Payne has paid \$1,025,000 in divi- was a genuine expression of the general a ready echo in the hearts of the listening The War Eagle has paid so far dividends multitudes, who sorrowed for the vigorto the extent of \$309,000. With its en- ous manhood suddenly cut off in its very tions in life took part in the demonstrathan ever to carry on mining, its valua- tion, and publicly mourned for the departtion of \$7,200,000 is not excessive. If the ed, which reveals that there is a brotherhood in sorrow when a public calamity tainly is, why should the War Eagle be occurs in this or any other community. A marked feature of the disaster was that none of the victims had relatives here to mourn for their sudden call to the narrow house. The places of the relatives were taken by the public of this city, and which seized the public mind at the news right nobly did our people fill it. Had the of the terrible disaster, in the War Eagle victims been men torn by the mine yesterday morning, has worn off. could not have been more respect or honor citizens, while they must recognize the shown their cold clay. They were given danger which cannot be separated from as much homage and were eulogized as work in the mines, cannot contemplate as much nomage and were eulogized as line hat lotted warmly as though they had been rulers in sue has the following erroneous article with complacency the occurrence of these warmly as though they had been rulers in suc has the land. The tributes bestowed, however, concerning the cost of mining in this section. fatalities, and this attitude on their part were to their individual worth, tion: "In order to show the vast differwill ultimately result in the occupation be and much was made of the fact, and at the ence in the treatment of the free-milling ing surrounded with such safeguards that same time no more than should have ores of Ontario as compared with the life will be as safe under, as above, been, that they were devout Christians, smelting ores of British Columbia, a few ground. Until the facts are fully known who had by a proper mode of living, pre- figures as to cost will illustrate so that in connection with the lamentable fatality pared themselves for the summons that even the tyro in gold mining may judge yesterday morning, and the coroner's comes sometimes in the "twinkling of an for himself. It is generally conceded in jury has given its verdict it would eye" from the Ruler of the Universe and British Columbia that the cost of minneither be wise nor fair to discuss the He who guides all things. This fact was ing, freight on ores to the smelter, and question of responsibility. It is well reheld up to the multitudes who listened, as the smelter charges, is not less than \$18 cognized here that the managers of the one that should be copied and imitated, per ton and frequently exceeds that figure. various mines take the utmost precau- for, as it was said, the inexorable call It should also be understood that there is tions to avoid accidents of all kinds in the shall soon come to many of those in a percentage of loss from the assay value attendance, and they were asked if they of the ore, and the baser the ore the

mind, and none of the theologians who Columbia ores of an assay value of \$30 a failed to drive this matter home. Rossland yesterday did her duty in this matter, and may therefore congratulate she will never be called on to hold another of these four men on Saturday morning.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

It is evidently the determination of the American authorities to obtain the settlement of the Alaskan boundary question of the sentence it would seem that at in accordance with their wishes or to have periods in the history of Dawson, and it remain in the unsatisfactory shape it some of them of a recent date, now is. Apparently they hope through the negotiations now being carried on befortunate holders of rich claims often of national sentiment in the Dominion, pany has paid dividends, and will continu which renders impossible such ignoring of to do this on just such ore as this, our rights and interests, by the Mother It may be true that the ores of the Slo-Country, as has occurred in the past; nor can that run under \$30 per ton cannot be do they take into consideration the grow-mined at a profit under existing condiing knowledge of Canada's importance tions. The miners in that section are among the people of the British Islands, compelled by the prevailing situation to which is enough in itself to safeguard us send their ores to the smelters of the against spoliation to gratify the avarice or pride of any other people, no matter most of the unfortunates doubtless saw how desirable it may be from a diplomatic and are now experiencing hungry days in standpoint, to placate them. The time that city of mixed opulence and poverty. has gone by forever when the Imperial government will part with a foot of terextremes. There is work here in plenty ritory which Canada claims as hers withand all are getting enough to eat. Here out the free and full consent of the peofortune smiles on the many and not on ple of the Dominion. The time has passthe few, like in Dawson. The result is a ed, too, when this could be done without more general distribution of wealth, and interests being endangered which are of 50 per cent in lead and from 80 to 250 a more satisfactory prosperity. Here we vital importance to the Empire-of imknow that everybody is getting enough to portance far superior even to the goodeat, we are certain of that, and we do will and friendship of the United

> she can be treated as a crown colony. In lead ores that go \$15 to the ton can be all matters which are essentially Can- mined and reduced at a profit. adian the people of the Dominion will have the final and determining voice and the Imperial government are rather inclined to encourage than to repress this feeling, especially in regard to this country. At any rate there is not the slightest danger of the Alaskan boundary being settled without Canada being entirely

satisfied with the terms. It was over a question smaller than this that the war of independence started, and yet the people who, ever since, have passed down from generation to generation a historic hostility to England, because of the injustice with which, claim, it was the intention of the Mother Country to treat them, are anxious, for their advantage and to satisfy a pressure on the Dominion, but to shameless betrayal by the Canadian government; and we are prepared to bank our trust with Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, was born eighty years ago today at Kensington Pal-

ace, London. Her Majesty was crowned in Westminster Abbey on June 28th 1838. In her 21st burg-Gotha. Her Royal Consort died on Queen celebrated the Golden Jubilee of The remarkable demonstrations the Empire are well remembered. In characteristics that stand out most clearly the Anglo-Saxon alliance, both of which give promise of their ultimately successful accomplishment. All over the world today the health of "The Queen, God Bless Her," will be toasted enthusiastically, and no where in her wide domain will good wishes go more heartily to her than in this

Canada of ours.
"Walk wide o' the widow at Windsor, For 'alf of creation she owns, We 'ave bought 'er the same with the

sword and the flame, An' we've salted it down with our Take 'old o' the wings o' the mornin', An' flop round the earth till you're dead, But you won't get away from the tune that they play,
To the bloomin' old rag over 'ead.

condition of the ridings the chances of the conservatives returning to power are rendered much more remote.

A HALF A TRUTH.

The Rat Portage Miner of a recent is-

ton are unprofitable." This screed is simply a misrepresents

tion of the facts in the case from start to herself on the fact that it was a good deed finish, and particularly as it applies to the well performed. It is to be hoped that ores of this district. The sineiter charge is not \$18, or over, as stated in the above. demonstration of this character. Such The charge for freight and treatment on safeguards should be employed in the sev- the ores of this camp is now only \$7 per eral mines as will prevent in the future ton, and it is claimed that the recent consuch occurrences as resulted in the death tract given by the War Eagle-Centre Star ement was still less than this as it is claimed by those who know, that it was not more than \$6.75 per ton for freight and treatment. The maximum cost of mining ore here is not more than \$3 per ton, and the cost of advance work will run up in the vicinity of \$2.50 per ton. Say the cost of freight and treatment i \$7, the cost of mining \$3, and of advance work \$2.50 per ton. This makes the total cost of mining and reduction \$12.50 per ton. This effectually disposes of the as knows, they died for want of the common tween Lord Salisbury and Mr. Choate to sertion made by the Rat Portage Miner arrive at such an understanding with the that "as a matter of fact British Colum-Mother Country that Canada will have bia ores of a value of \$30 per ton are unlittle voice in the final disposition of af- profitable." Ore that goes \$14 per ton within its limits in very short periods, fairs, and past experience has taught will yield a profit, and this is considerably them to believe that with Canada so ex- less than \$30. This is shown by the fact to secure enough of the necessaries of life cluded they will be able to make practic- that the ores mined and reduced by the to keep them alive. In the gambling ally what terms they please. They do War Eagle last year only went a little houses and in the wide open theaters the not allow, however, for the rapid growth over \$21 to the ton, and yet that com-

on the lead in the ore, resides the freight and treatment charges. This may bring the aggregate of these various charges up so high as to make the mining, transporting, paying the duty and deducting the silver-lead ore about \$30 per ton. The same causes would make the mining of this class of ore unprofitable in the vicinity of Rat Portage. Fortunately the ores of the Slocan carry an average of about ounces of silver per ton. This makes it possible for them to be mined and sent away for reduction at a large profit.

When the difficulties that lie in the way The citizens of the Republic, however, of the Slocan silver-lead miners, which hoped that the present satisfactory condi- have been so wrapped up in themselves are principally artificial, are cleared away tion of affairs will long remain with us. for the past 50 years that they have not so that they can smelt their product How the newly-rich miners of Dawson had time to make themselves acquainted profitably at home, there will be a change could sleep soundly, when they knew that with popular feeling and sentiment in for the better. What he wants is a home there were many men in their city who other countries, and they are far at sea market for his lead and for the manufacin regard to Canada when they imagine tured products of lead, and then silver-

The Rat Portage Miner should inform itself of the actual condition of affairs before it makes a general denunciation the -q like the one that is contained in the above. A half a truth is sometimes worse than a lie made out of whole cloth.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

Conservative members of parliament and the conservative press are raising a loud outcry against the Dominion government's redistribution bill, but it is hardly likely that any serious attention will be paid to their protests by the people, y the liberal administration as
The gerrymander act by Sir
Edonald in 1882, which manipus who will regard almost any action in this respect by the liberal administration as justified. John Macdonald in 1882, which manipulated the constituencies for the advantage of the conservative party, was so glaringly unjust that neither he or his colleagues ever attempted to justify it except on the principle of party expediency., The country, and especially the province of Leav 11:30 has, owing to its operation, Ar 11:25 Ontario, been unfairly represented ever since. That the liberals of two or three counties should have been violently taken out of their natural constituencies and huddled together, where, instead of having a fair chance of electing two, and perhaps three members, they were forced to be satisfied with one, was an assault on the principle of just representation, which would not be submitted to in this day, and which a moral shock to the party which profited The Only Direct Route to Nelson by it. Many portions of Ontario suffered in this way, and by the adoption of the present bill the principle of municipal county representation, which was interyear she married Prince Albert of Saxe- fered with by the gerrymander will be restored. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, therefore, December 14th, 1861. In Jun, 1897, the is simply putting in operation a principle which, as he pointed out in introducing her reign, and in 1897, the Diamond Ju- his measure, had been accepted by Sir John Macdonald himself in 1872 as the fundamental principle of representation in this country. The language which Sir what—unhappily—must be the closing John made use of 10 years before he vioyears of her long reign, the two chief lated the principle he thus established, was: "It is desired, as much as possible, are the growth of the Imperial idea and to keep the representation within the county, so that each county that is a municipality of Ontario, should be represented, and if it becomes large enough, that it should be divided into ridings."

This is the prnciple on which Sir Wil-This is the principle on which Sir Wil-frid Laurier's measure is based, and it INTERESTING will meet with the strongest approval of every fair minded citizen of Canada. It every fair minded citizen of Canada. It is natural, however, that strenuous objections should be raised by the fighting element of the party which has so long reaped the benfit of the original injustice. By the restoration of the normal condition of the ridings the chances of condition of the ridings to power are to power are through trains.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Harcourt has made a speech in Wales, in which he vehemently attacked Rose bery's attitude. He declared that the local veto, home rule and the clipping of the wings of the house of lords are the three cardinal tenets of the liberal party, according to the gospel of Saint Gladstone. This is true. It also seems to be true that it was Gladstone's genius which made these things strong with the English liberals. He being gone, Rose-true the conservative policy's more popular. bery's conservative policy is more popular than Harcourt's fidelity.

Wants a Free Milling Property. R. W. Northey, who is interested in the Anaconda and other properties in this vicinity, will leave for the Similkameen country on Saturday and will spend two months in that section. His object is to secure a promising free milling property. 4tw

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IN MINER Services Held Ove

The bodies end

The bodies enc. kets garnished taken into the hars as soon as the them at 3:30. The sound of the hall, near James O. Palmer side of the hall, nas the bodies arrithe English church of the same church of the same church of the same church preliminary service ual. While this we began to fill. The ladies, and these we fair sex. The rear occupied by miner sional men, while a were hundreds whadmission. At 3:5 the Salvation army ed by Adjutant W them a full brass bers wore upon the bers wore upon t white cloth. The covered with a wi-They were given so the hall, near the f the coffin that con their late comrad Shortly after this t jroughs, to the num the stage.

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rendered a duet,
the Pearly Gates,
Their voices blend
was a wird sadne was a wierd sadne brought tears to there were tears, the voices which m features of the serv Captain Haas, w local Salvation are short oration on the ed contrade. She sorrow that had cal and said it was reof the four unfomother, sister, wife to mourn for their places the people of together to mourn together to mourn young lives. It we tion of Christian Haas then told how comrade had come ion and out of th tended the meeting army in the local first became acqua and exhorted him It was only after on the part of her finally agreed to b Salvation army. S peace that he expr and what deep religion. "Con religion. "Comrasaid, "who had ca little Rossland squ laid it down when one of the most o local detachment. him was ever dis him was ever di what the duty w ous the task assign cheerfully. I do no side life was. His ownom he worked withat than I do, but a sincere, conscient of the cross. Only died he attended testimony, and I things, I am glad. The speaker said

The speaker said t solation in the fact to meet his Maker mons came, and sh and eloquent exhort salvation, saying the time, and if they ac would be prepared no matter how sudd Adjutant Woodr prayer, and the Se over the remains over the remain Honeyford closed. The service of the Palmer. Rev. H. the head of the co-the beautiful funer lish Church. A gre