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vided the advertisement amounts to \$10 per  
month or over.

## CIVIC INCORPORATION.

Much important legislation affecting  
the Kootenay country may reasonably  
be anticipated during the approaching  
session at Victoria, and not least in im-  
portance is the bill to incorporate the  
city of Rossland. This measure has  
perhaps been rather cavalierly consid-  
ered by the future tax-payers. We can  
only express an opinion that those en-  
trusted with its passage through the  
provincial legislature will be wanting in  
fidelity to the community interested if  
errors are allowed to creep in. In the  
first place, we are free to say that hur-  
ried action may prove disastrous in the  
end and defeat the very object which  
the citizens have in view—the good of  
Rossland.

The people have it in their power to  
create a model municipality; but to ac-  
complish this, log-rolling, personal inter-  
ests, personal ambitions and selfish as-  
pirations must be suppressed. The  
powers given in the bill of incorpora-  
tion, restricted or otherwise, are those  
under which the by-laws, regulations of  
the council, in fact, the whole civic sys-  
tem, must be arranged; hence the  
measure should be broad, drastic and  
abroad of the times. What has been  
found detrimental in other cities should  
be carefully eschewed, and many pro-  
visions of recent date should be adopted.  
We hold that provision should be  
made to prevent aldermen sitting at the  
council board from accepting offices in  
the gift of the council; that there  
should be a board of financial supervi-  
sors instead of the old style finance com-  
mittee; that strict laws should be made  
against members of the council having  
any interest in municipal contracts.  
With these and other reforms, together  
with the narrowing down within the  
closest possible limits of property ex-  
emptions, Rossland would have no rea-  
son to fear comparison with any other  
city in the Dominion.

All these things cannot be accom-  
plished unless every class cooperates;  
unless rings and factions are frowned  
down and the widest possible scope vou-  
cheased the people when choosing their  
representatives. It must be understood  
that Rossland's interests are first and  
with this maintained success can readily  
be achieved.

The incorporation bill now in Victoria,  
which we have not seen in common with  
most other citizens, is not and should  
not be considered a finality. When  
printed it should be sent for considera-  
tion by the people of Rossland, when  
amendments could be made and the  
measure perfected. We imagine that  
the committee which confers with the  
government and Mr. Kellie realize their  
responsibility as well as their duty, and  
we but voice public sentiment here  
when cautioning them against unneces-  
sary haste and counselling them to see  
that the people here are consulted be-  
fore any measure finally passes the legis-  
lature.

## THE VOTERS' LIST.

Now that it is certain that Rossland  
is to be incorporated at an early date,  
and that, as a consequence, a city elec-  
tion will be held very shortly, steps  
should be taken to see that the voters'  
list is made as representative of the tax-  
payers of Rossland as possible. The  
MINER has no patience with those citi-  
zens who cannot find time to attend to  
the most primary functions of the citi-  
zen; the registration of his name on  
the voters' list and the casting of his bal-  
lot on election day, and yet these are the

people who are most to blame for bad  
government wherever it exists, and the  
very ones who in the end make the  
loudest howl about oppressive taxes and  
corruption in politics.

Let us see if we cannot avoid all this  
in Rossland. Let us start with a big  
list of voters and an election which shall  
show plainly that those elected are the  
choice of the people and not merely the  
nominees of a few active and self-seek-  
ing politicians.

To that end every business man and  
taxpayer should constitute himself a  
committee of one to get the names of  
such of his acquaintances as are qualified  
on the voters' list. This is the first step  
towards holding an election, and unless  
it is done, and done promptly, the re-  
sult is likely to be unsatisfactory and  
may even be disastrous to the city's fu-  
ture.

## MINE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION.

It would be a good thing for Rossland  
if the municipal spirit were better de-  
veloped in her citizens. The last session  
of the provincial parliament should have  
made it plain to all of them that it was  
desirable, if not absolutely necessary,  
that the mining interests of the district  
should be represented by a strong organ-  
ization capable of exerting some in-  
fluence in the matter of legislation re-  
lating to mining affairs, yet we find the  
same parliament about to enter on an-  
other session and no organization has  
been formed.

In another column will be found a dis-  
patch from Kaslo stating what steps had  
been taken by the mine owners of the  
Nelson, Ainsworth and Slocan divisions  
in this direction, and among those pre-  
sent at that meeting we find no Rossland  
companies represented. Now this is all  
wrong. If Rossland's mine owners can  
not spare time to attend meetings in  
Kaslo they should organize a protective  
association of their own here, so as to be  
prepared to act in conjunction with the  
Kaslo organization whenever the emer-  
gency arises, as it surely will, before the  
legislature adjourns.

## A CHANGE OF POLICY.

The provincial government has decided  
to make the incorporation of Rossland  
under the General Municipal act, a  
government measure. While a little  
tardy, this recognition of Rossland's  
claims to consideration will be hailed as  
a sign that affairs in West Kootenay are  
not longer to be allowed to drift along as  
they have in the past. The policy of  
laissez-faire ought to have been  
abandoned years ago. It has wrought  
incalculable harm both to the district  
and province, and if persisted in much  
longer would inevitably have resulted in  
creating a strong sectional feeling.

We take it that beginning with the  
incorporation of Rossland we shall see  
other measures brought in by the  
government, with the view to giving the  
people of West Kootenay a reasonable  
control of their own affairs. This one of  
the country's greatest needs unless we  
are mistaken in believing a healthy  
municipal spirit to be the root of all  
good government, and the lack of it the  
root of all evil in the same sense.

## THREE INTERESTING ARTICLES.

The February number of the Canadian  
Magazine contains three papers of pecu-  
liar interest to Rossland. They are  
mining articles, and each bears the sig-  
nature of a gentleman well and favorably  
known here. The first is an historical  
sketch of "Mining Development in Brit-  
ish Columbia," by Clive Phillips-Wol-  
ley. The second is entitled "British  
America's Golden Gateway to the Orient"  
—Rossland and the Kootenay Mining  
Centres," by Lieutenant-Governor Mc-  
Intosh, who is now in the city. The  
third is by William Hamilton Merritt,  
M. E., entitled "Gold Is King," and  
which constitutes a general review of  
mining in Canada. The names of the  
authors are a guarantee that the articles  
are well and interestingly written, and  
the two last are charmingly illustrated.

## LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Believing that the approaching session  
of the provincial parliament will be  
fraught with legislation of great impor-  
tance to Kootenay, THE MINER has  
made arrangements to be represented  
by a special correspondent throughout  
the entire session. His reports will  
keep the people of this district well  
posted as to the measures introduced  
and their progress, both before the com-  
mittees and in the house.

This is something which Kootenay  
has long needed, as during previous ses-  
sions bills have been railroaded through,  
which virtually affected the residents of  
Kootenay, in some cases before a copy  
of the bill had reached here and in  
many instances before the public had  
any time to protest or agitate against  
their passage or in favor of their amend-  
ment.

**\$20,000**  
TO LOAN.

In sums of \$500 or more for short  
time on approved security.

D. M. LINNARD,

Cook Building, Columbia Ave., Rossland.

# THE DUNDEE GOLD MINING COMPANY, Ltd. Ly.

Incorporated under the Laws of British Columbia.

CAPITAL STOCK 1,000,000 SHARES.

PAR VALUE \$1 EACH.

FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE.

TREASURY STOCK 300,000 SHARES.

Of which 250,000 are for development only and 50,000 set aside for  
final payment on the property.

## OFFICERS.

Charles Dundee, President;  
W. A. Galliher, Treasurer;

R. Scott, Vice-President;  
W. S. Weeks, Secretary.

## DIRECTORS.

In addition to the Officers, W. D. Barclay, Esq., of Lethbridge, N. W. T.; T. P. Conybeare, Barrister,  
Lethbridge and Ernest Kennedy, Esq., Rossland.

Superintendent, J. L. PARKER, M. E.

## Description of Property.

The property consists of three claims situated between Wild Horse and Porcupine Creeks:  
The Parker, Old Bill and Light Heart. Cabins and a blacksmith shop have been built and  
development is being actively pushed. A crosscut has been driven from the footwall on the  
Parker and has cut through four feet of gouge and two feet of the vein. A prospect shaft  
has also been commenced which can afterwards be used for air and is at present being sunk  
in the gouge on the footwall.

## Assays Obtained.

Sample No. 1, surface, \$2.20 gold; Sample No. 2, depth 9 feet, \$5.60 gold and 2 oz. silver;  
Sample No. 3, depth 15 feet, \$13.00 gold.

## Extract from Report.

J. L. Parker, mining engineer, reports as follows: "As requested by you I have exam-  
ined the Dundee Gold Mining Company's property near Wild Horse creek and beg to  
submit the following report: These properties are situated in a rich gold bearing area  
between Wild Horse and Porcupine Creeks, West Kootenay District. The vein which is of  
quartz runs through the three claims of your property and is fifteen feet thick carrying gold  
and silver values and is also a fissure vein. I consider the property a very valuable one."

**Weeks, Kennedy & Co., Brokers,**  
Rossland, B. C.

## THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 1, 1897.

Assets	\$216,773,947
Reserve on all existing Policies (calculated on a 4 per cent. Standard) and all other Liabilities	173,496,768
Undivided Surplus, on a 4 per cent. Standard	\$43,277,179

## ASSURANCE.

(INSTALLMENT POLICIES STATED AT THEIR COMMUTED VALUES.)

Outstanding Assurance	\$915,102,070
New Assurance written in 1896	127,694,084
Proposals for Assurance examined and declined	21,678,467

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

J. H. YATES, Manager,  
Spokane, Washington.

## Pure Gold Mining Co., Ltd.

Incorporated under the Laws of the British Columbia.  
Capital Stock 1,000,000 Shares.

400,000 Shares set apart for development  
purposes.

The company owns 3 full claims on CHRISTINA LAKE in the Trail Creek mining district  
and is vigorously pushing development of these properties, having six men employed. The ledge  
on the surface is over 40 feet wide and runs through the claims for about 2,000 feet. The first block  
of development stock is offered at

5 Cents per Share.

Prospectus, by-law, etc. can be had of all Rossland agents, or  
A. P. HUNTER, Sec'y, Box 240, Rossland.  
Or to S. G. READ, (Agent for Ontario) Brantford, Ont.

ASSAY \$20.64.

## A Group

Of three mineral claims for sale on  
Gold Hill between the JUMBO and  
WALLINGFORD. Two of the claims  
show large, well defined veins.

## A Magnificent Property

To stock and develop. Will be  
sold cheap for cash. Apply to

**The British Columbia  
Exploration Co., Ltd.**

Room 1, Hart Bldg.,  
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**THE SLATER SHOE**

**"Count Your Chips!"**

—before buying them in. Don't take  
any one's word that the right number  
of "blues" and "reds" and "whites"  
are there. Leather, workmanship and  
profit make any shoe, but very dif-  
ferent kinds according to the blend. See that you get all  
the "red" and "blue" chips you're entitled to when buy-  
ing shoes. You can always tell by the name and price  
stamped on the sole. Goodyear Welted. \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50.

**"The Slater Shoe"**

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