THE WEEK AT KASLO

Ore Receipts 518 Tons Against 542 For Preceding Week.

C.P.R. MAKES A NEW MOVE

Will Build a Wagon Road From Three Forks to McGuigan and Take Delivery of Ore at Latter Point—Pilot Bay Smelter.

KASLO, June 18.—[Special.]—The continuous rains of the present week have seemingly affected traffic upon the Kaslo & Slocan railway so far as ore deliveries are concerned. The earlier days gave promise of largely increased figures for the week, but the roads and trails have been so cut up lately that it was quite impracticable to bring down the usual quantity to the various stations. Traffic otherwise upon the road has, however, been satisfactory, as the number of passengers has been larger, and the outgoing freight, both local and foreign, was quite up to the usual quantity. Rains have also been troublesome in another direction, as mud slides detained the down passenger train on Thursday, and there is fear that there may be more trouble from the same cause. A feature of the traffic outwards during the week has been the forwarding of several carloads of brick from the Balfour yards to Sandon parties, indicative of quite an extensive building boom in the sunless town.

The carload of ore from the Argo, consigned to the sampling works of the Kootenay Ore company, is its first shipment and it will be followed by others in the immediate future. The Black Diamond sends another shipment from the Hot Springs camp, and may now fairly be depended upon as a steady producer. The ore was carried by rail from the barge to the sampling works. The following are the ore receipts at the Kaslo station for the week ending June 17:

MINES.	POUNDS
Payne group	400,000
Ruth	360,000
Washington	96,000
Black Diamond	60,000
Slocan Star	30,000
Whitewater	30,000
Slocan Boy	30,000
Argo	30,000

These made a total of 1,036,000 pounds, or 518 tons, not quite so much as last week, but satisfactory under all the contingent circumstances. The report for the coming week will include shipments from the Noble Five group, as both tramway and concentrator were at work during the current week, and ore has been conveyed to the former from the Noble Five claim proper, which has not hitherto been worked since the company was organized.

Work upon the wagon roads under construction has been very much retarded by the wet weather. Carlson's men, at work upon the road to the Jackson mines, had moved some four miles ahead of their work just previously to the storm, and when the rains descended many of them became discontented because of the long walk and left. The inconvenience, however, is very temporary, as the force will be increased to the normal at once.

The C. P. R. proposes to reach out after some of the ore traffic from territory previously supposed to be exclusively tributary to the Kaslo & Slocan railway. To this end it is proposed to build a wagon road from McGuigan station to Three Forks. With this completed the big corporation will take delivery of the ore coming down the McGuigan creek road at McGuigan, and convey it to outside points at rates which, it is said, will compare advantageously with those scheduled by the Kaslo & Slocan road.

In spite of a somewhat official denial your correspondent is assured that negotiations are pending for the purchase of the Pilot Bay smelter works, and the Kootenay Mining and Milling company's property by people connected with the Omaha and Grant Smelting company. It may be true that the official name of the purchasing company may not be given correctly or that the Omaha company as such is not the purchaser. In some such way the denial may be justifiable.

Mining Notes.

Mining transfers have not been as active as usual during the week, and the transactions are of comparatively slight importance. Isaac Waldron of Whitewater has sold his interest in the Little Pittsburg to Hugh Mackay of Silverton for the sum of $1,000. The claim is located about a mile and a half up Goat creek and joins the Minnie B.

While transfers have been few, the recorder has been kept busy with the records of new locations. During the present week, up to and including Friday, there have been presented 106 affidavits of location. This number tops the score, for the same time, in the Ainsworth mining division during recent years.

Work has been resumed at the Carbonate, and the new ore vein uncovered by the snowslide will receive the attention of the company. Peter Porter, of Spokane, left for the mine on Friday morning and will increase the force already engaged.

James Shields has conveyed to William Sudrow, of Sandon, an undivided one-half interest in the mineral claim U. S., situated in Jackson basin, about one mile from the Jackson mines. Recent discoveries upon this property are said to have given considerably increased values.

Municipal Matters.

Alderman Buchanan has given notice at the council board that he will ask for leave to introduce a bylaw exempting the property of the Kaslo & Slocan railway from taxation. A bylaw having the same object was submitted to the rate payers in 1895 and defeated, mainly, it is said, because too much was asked. It was contended at that time that the railway company was promised exemption in return for the consent of the Kaslo-Kootenay Land company to incorporation. And this would seem to be true. A judiciously drawn bylaw would doubtless get favorable consideration, provided the interests of the city were sufficiently safegarded.

Alderman Buchanan's bylaw to divide the city into three wards has been read a second time at the council board. It provides for the election of two aldermen for each ward. There is nothing, however requiring that each ward shall separately elect its own aldermen, and it may be doubted whether such a course would be preferable to the present system of electing all the aldermen from the whole city.

A petition is to be presented to the city council asking that body to place before the ratepayers a bylaw providing for raising the sum of $12,000 by way of loan for improving the city's streets and opening new thoroughfares. Should the bylaw carry it is intended to open up A avenue to the western boundary of the city, and to construct a bridge extending Fourth or Fifth streets to the south side of Kaslo river.

Local Brevities and Personals.

The crop of locally grown strawberries made its appearance in the market for the first time on Wednesday last and came from the Busk ranch, at the mouth of Kokanee creek. They were put up in neat baskets and presented a much more inviting appearance than those coming from the south, as they were fresh picked on the day of delivery.

The Henry House in this city which has been unused since it was seriously damaged by the cyclone of June, 1894, has been straightened, and generally repaired, and will now be occupied as a lodging house and saloon.

E. H. Tomlinson, of the Last Chance mine, returned from the east on Wednesday evening last, and will as usual spend the season in the Slocan country. During the winter development work has been going on at the mine under the superintendence of Foreman John Regan.

Green brothers have purchased from George T. Kane the two lots facing Front street, on the acre block recently subdivided. This property is one of the most desirable sites in the city, and it is not improbable that it will be occupied by a handsome stone building in the not remote future. The trend of business seems to be uptownward, although Front street east is being rapidly reoccupied. D. M. Linnard has begun work on the foundation of a new building adjoining his new hotel, now nearly in frame. D. C. McGregor's handsome building on the same side of Front street is nearly completed, and already occupied by J. J. Sehl, who has the building almost filled with a large stock of goods.

It is stated here that one of the well known experts in chirography, who was engaged upon the Fair will case in San Francisco will come to Nelson to make a thorough examination of the forged petition, the signatures, and other documents submitted in connection with the McPhee case, with a view of testifying when the case is tried at the approaching assizes. This expert was reported to have been in Victoria during the earlier part of the week.

J. B. McArthur and his two sons leave for a visit to the Rambler-Cariboo properties on Saturday morning. Mr. McArthur is president of the company owing these valuable mines, which are amongst the most promising of the district. The two young men who accompany him are students of mining engineering, and will get some practical insight into their chosen profession.

Henry Croft and J. B. McKilligan of Victoria have opened an office on the south side of A avenue, a few doors above Third. These quarters are temporary as they will remove to Linnard's new building on Front street when completed.

The Spokane baseball nine left for home on Friday morning, having despaired of the weather reforming its waywardness sufficiently to permit of playing the scheduled games. It is unfortunate that so much expense should have been fruitlessly incurred.

The Cyprian brought before Police Magistrate Chipman on Thursday charged with having abused another of the same ilk on the public street was fined $20.

THE NELSON SQUATTERS.

They Were to Be Evicted Yesterday According to the Judge's Orders.

NELSON, June 18.—[Special.]—At one o'clock Saturday afternoon 18 or 19 squatters are to be turned out of their homes by the government. Just what the squatters intend to do is not known, but a number of people are looking for trouble. The order of the court reads that they must vacate at the time mentioned. Constable Wolverton resigned his position today and it is understood that the resignation was due, at least partially to the fact that he refused to serve the warrants upon the squatters.

The general understanding is that the sheriff will endeavor to take the household goods and set them out in the streets. The squatters will certainly not vacate and it is possible that in some cases resistance may be offered. In one case a lady inmate has just given birth to twins, and her husband may object to being driven out of his house. The sheriff is not very communicative on the subject and it is not known what course he will pursue. Robert Ince, formerly of Rossland, has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Wolverton and will probably be detailed to see the order of the court carried out.

CAME FROM GRAND FORKS

Mrs. Kercheval and Taylor Lived There as Man and Wife.

The Missing Link in the Story of Their Elopement—Good Ore in the Evening Star.

GRAND FORKS, June 17.—[Special.]—THE MINER's report of the sudden departure from Rossland of Harry Taylor with detectives in pursuit, recalls the visit of "Mr. and Mrs. Taylor" to Grand Forks, just before they went to the mining metropolis to work in the International hotel. The couple arrived here about June 1 and put up at the Cosmos hotel as man and wife, no one suspecting their true relations, or lack of relation. They stayed at the Cosmos until a settlement was demanded. Then Taylor referred the hotelkeeper to his "wife." The latter, however, said that neither of them had any money and the best thing they could do was to get out, but that she had a chance to work in another hotel, and as soon as she received any money their board bill would be paid. Taylor solicited the assistance of an acquaintance of this city, who made a plea to Mayor Manly, with the result that the couple were sent to Rossland to work in the International hotel, he in the barroom and she as chambermaid. Mr. Manly took Taylor and Mrs. Kercheval to Bossburg in his own rig and paid their fare to Rossland.

Customs House Removal.

Customs Inspector R. R. Gilpin has received a telegram from Ottawa with orders to move his office to this city. The office is at present located about midway between Grand Forks and Cascade, on Mr. Gilpin's farm. The order will be complied with by July 1. The change will be appreciated by the freighting companies, who are at present compelled to unload their wagons and then reload for a six-mile haul, and it is often necessary for the freighters to camp in the road, who, under the new system, will be enabled to come through to their destination saving half a day in time.

Mining Notes.

The Raulston brothers are pushing work on the Diamond Hitch claim, which is fast gaining the reputation of being one of the leading North Fork properties. About 100 feet from where they have been sinking their shaft a new showing has been made by crosscutting, which surpasses the showing already made, so that there is no longer any uncertainty about their having an immense body of ore.

The hotel on the Pathfinder property is nearly completed, the flooring having been sent up this morning. The building will furnish accommodation for all the men whom the company expects to put to work before fall.

Assessment work has been finished on the "Little Bertha" on the North Fork, and a first-class ledge of gold-bearing quartz has been uncovered.

Messrs. Elliot and Sheads are working on a contract for a shaft 50 feet deep on the Coin, owned by a Rossland company, of which Mr. Elliot is vice president. A depth of 16 feet has been reached, and if the showing is as good at a depth of 50 feet as it is at present, the work will be continued indefinitely. The Coin is at the foot of Goat mountain about five miles from the city.

The Evening Star, which adjoins the Coin, is also being worked, and the lead which in the last assay showed $41.70 in all values, is steadily widening, having increased from five inches on the surface to three feet at a depth of 15 feet. The character of the ore in the Coin and Evening Star is identical, carrying gold, silver, copper and also considerable galena.

Alfred Woodhouse, of London, a mining engineer of note, is in the city for the purpose of looking into the mineral resources of this vicinity.

It is reported on the streets today that ore has been struck in the Brimstone claim on Lafleur mountain, assaying $1,200, the ore being telluride.

C. E. Huff has gone to work with a force of men on the Little Winnie, about 15 miles up the North Fork.

Mayor Scott Stopped the Row.

A dispute between a representative of the electric company and Manager Klockman of the International, attracted a large crowd in front of that hotel yesterday evening. The former was threatening to cut the electric light wire which supplies the current for lighting the hotel and music hall. At the moment when trouble seemed inevitable, the mayor appeared, and with a few words dispelled the crowd. Then peace reigned once more. It is understood that the dispute between the two parties arose out of a business matter which Klockman and light company disagreed upon.

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A Few Facts Concerning Mineral City.

The mines on Cariboo Creek in the famous SLOCAN DISTRICT are tributary to Mineral City. Tenders are being invited by the Provincial government for a wagon road from Arrow Lake to Mineral City.

Mineral City will be to the Cariboo District what Rossland is to the Trail Creek District. See key plan at any agent's office.

A Sample shipment of 60 tons of ore was sent to the Trail smelter which assayed $60 in gold to the ton.

The conditions in Mineral City are the same as in Rossland when it started. Like Rossland it is in the middle of the mines.

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THREW UP THE BOND

Hall Exploration Company Lets the Skylark and Ranger Go.

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The Viking Company's Claims Show Up Good Ore—Experts Think Well of Them—Regina No. 1, on Springer Creek, Likely to Change Hands.

SLOCAN CITY, June 16.—[Special.]—One of the greatest misfortunes that has yet befallen the Slocan is the exaggerated ideas held by many prospectors of the value of their "finds," and the fact that these ideas are, to a certain extent, encouraged by the apparent willingness of some companies to bond and purchase mere prospects for prices which cannot have a basis upon anything resembling actual value. A "prospect" is what the literal meaning of the word would indicate. Its value is only prospective, and the price should be fixed accordingly, varying, of course, with the advantages or disadvantages the property in question may offer in comparison with other claims. Taking the experience of some of the oldest mining men, we learn from it that surface indications are very misleading, and that high assays are not always desirable from the first, in fact their opinions incline rather in the opposite direction, and they tell one that a high surface assay is to be looked upon rather with distrust than confidence.

That the good judgment of many mining companies and the value of properties they undertake to develop, cannot be measured by the amount of their capital, has been proved in many instances throughout the Kootenay. It is within the knowledge of all that several of the best mines in the Slocan have at some time or another been pronounced worthless by "experts," while bonds have been placed on others which the earliest stages of development have shown to be valueless, and as soon as the anticipated failure to take up the bond is made known, judgment is pronounced upon the district as a whole, simply because properties were taken hold of that never warranted even the expenditure of the amount of money used in development.

Work on the Skylark and Ranger claims near Dayton creek has been discontinued and the bond thrown up. The property was bonded for $60,000 by Alex Dick et al., of Rossland, to the Hall Exploration company, who have been doing a large amount of work on it this spring. I understand that the same company held a bond on the Chapleau claim in the same locality, but has decided to stop work. It is said that all three claims were reported upon a few weeks ago as showing up favorably.

Viking Company's Property.

Recent assays from the Viking show gold and silver in large proportion, the latest being $524.40 in gold and 183 oz. of silver. A company has been formed to acquire and develop the Viking and Phœnix mineral claims situated on Springer creek, at the foot of Slocan lake, one and a half miles from Slocan City. The work already done establishes the fact that the claims possess two well defined leads between walls. One of these leads has been prospected to the depth of 50 feet, showing a very rich pay streak, varying from six inches to a foot wide. The lead proper is four feet wide and assays from $4 to $7 in gold. By means of a small mill even this product can be worked to a profit at the mine. Five assays have been made from ore turned out since May averaging $432.71 to the ton. The capital stock of the company has been fixed at $100,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares. A recent report on the property made by G. D. B. Turner, consulting engineer of the Wakefield mine at Silverton, is very encouraging to the promoters. The property has also been favorably reported upon by C. C. Woodhouse, jr., of Rossland.

Slocan City has been overrun with mining experts during the last week. Amongst others who registered at the hotels here were: H. J. Waterman, of London, England, representing a large amount of English capital and L. Chouillou, a French expert, who is looking for investments. S. Leetham and F. R. Lanes are also here and express themselves as favorably impressed with the present and future prospects of Slocan City.

Frank Watson of the Arlington mines came in from Spokane by this morning's boat, having, we understand, made partial arrangements to start work work on the wagon road from Slocan City to the Arlington basin in a few days. Work on the Arlington property is being pushed forward with gratifying results.

A deal is now on which may result in the sale of the Regina No. 1 claim on Springer creek, adjoining the Lily B, and in close proximity to the Arlington mine. A large amount of ore is now on the dump and considerable work has been done on the property.

While returning to the city last week a couple of Swede prospectors found the partial remains of a human body close to Lemon creek which they left at the Arlington basin. Your correspondent could obtain no further information.

LE ROI SMELTER.

No Location Will Be Decided On For a Few Days Yet.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 19.—[Special.]—There was a rumor current on the streets today that the Le Roi company had decided on the location of its smelter. Colonel I. N. Peyton was seen, and he said that the definite location would not be decided upon until the directors had made another trip up north, which would be the first of next week.

An adjourned meeting of the company was held tonight to hear the report of Colonel Peyton and James Breen, who have just returned from the east after purchasing machinery for a 300-ton smelter. Only routine business was transacted and the meeting adjourned till Monday evening.

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