

TRADE WILL BE BRISKER

Local Conditions Favorable to Retail Business.

The Outlook for Continued Lively Trade Especially Good.

A comparison of the past year's record with the outlook for the ensuing year in connection with the retail trade in Rossland indicates that the future has bright things in store, and that the improvement already noted by many merchants is an augury of what may be expected to rule for a considerable period, with gradual improvements in general conditions incident to increased activity in the mines of the camp.

It is a matter of more or less common knowledge that the retail business in Rossland had up to a short time since been conducted at a considerable disadvantage for reasons altogether out of the control of the business men. Various conditions arising in connection with the operation of the mines tended to cause a feeling of insecurity among the men, and frequent changes in the personnel of crews employed had the effect of causing miners to retain every dollar they were not compelled to part with. In addition large sums of money went out of the camp whenever men were laid off at the mines and left for other centres under the impression that the lay-off would be of uncertain duration. During the past twelve months the payroll has rarely fallen below \$75,000 per month, but it has been estimated by a leading business man that Rossland merchants and industrial concerns did not get the benefit of more than 50 per cent of the payroll by reason of the conditions enumerated.

Now the outlook for a continued period of activity at the mines, with steady increases in the payrolls, is bright. The unemployed men in the camp have dwindled down to a handful, as various interests have found out when endeavoring to secure men for various purposes. A Rossland merchant tried to secure three shovellers a day or two ago to go to Phoenix at \$3 per day. He could only discover one man who did not have work, and this man wasn't particular about leaving the camp. The Trail smelter wants all kinds of labor and can't get men, according to the general manager. Yesterday two 34 men were required for an East Kootenay mine, and there was no rush for the jobs. The fact is that the floating population throughout the Kootenays has practically vanished, and in Rossland especially matters are down to a payroll basis. This has the effect of making miners feel more secure in their positions, particularly in view of the cessation of the difficulties that have threatened to interfere with the mining operations.

The net result of the increased confidence is noticeable in the increased business throughout the camp. Last payday saw the biggest trade in Rossland in a year, excluding Christmas week, and succeeding paydays are certain to see a repetition of this desirable state of affairs.

The stocks carried by Rossland retailers are lighter today than for several years, this being an obvious outcome of conditions enumerated. Among the extensive stocks carried locally might be mentioned those of Hunter Bros., The Crescent, Empey Bros., Vaughan & Cook, W. F. McNeill, O. M. Fox & Co., C. O. Lalonde, G. W. McErdie, Mellor Bros., Agnew & Co., F. W. Prett, Taylor & McQuarrie, Pearson Bros., Linton Bros. and H. H. Smith.

THE BOUNDARY IMPROVES.

Mr. Parrish Favorably Impressed with Mining Situation There.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

S. F. Parrish, general manager of the Le Roi company, returned last night from a trip to the Boundary. He reports that district as being in a much improved condition industrially. The people there are very optimistic concerning the future of the Boundary mines, and it is his opinion that they have good reasons to be so.

The big low grade properties continue to show up remarkably well. Nothing prevents them from becoming steady dividend payers except a cheap and adequate fuel supply, and this is certain to follow in the near future. The immense amount of development that has been done on these properties now admits of their producing an enormous tonnage of ore.

Mr. Parrish attaches considerable importance to the success that has attended the development of the high-grade ore deposits lying east of Greenwood. There are quite a number of properties that are showing up remarkably well. The pay shoots are not, of course, as big as those of the Granby and Mother Lode mines, but they are of much higher grade. It is a common matter for these ores to yield over \$200 a ton in gold and silver. Mr. Parrish remarked last night that it looks well for the district that these ore bodies extend over such an extensive distance.

The Boundary Falls smelter will not blow in for two or three weeks, as the management desires to have ample coke reserves on hand before resuming operations.

The Granby mines and smelter are extending operations as rapidly as the fuel supply will permit.

The Mother Lode has resumed shipments and everything is ready for a steady run for the smelter to its full capacity.

IN HYMEN'S BONDS

PRETTY APRIL WEDDING AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH YESTERDAY.

DUTHIE - FALDING NUPTIALS - CHORAL SERVICE - BRIDE'S MANY PRESENTS.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

"Happy is the bride whom the sun shines on" is a time-honored adage that has survived the era of superstition and prevails as widely today as in the age when it was coined. An April sun shone brightly yesterday when the sacred precincts of St. George's Anglican church witnessed the nuptials of Miss Annie Beatrice Falding, eldest daughter of W. H. Falding of Rossland, and Edgar Duthie, accountant in the Rossland branch of the Bank of Montreal. The church was thronged with friends of the contracting parties, and the ceremony which united the life fortunes of two of Rossland's most estimable and popular young people was of a charming nature.

Beautiful flowers and plants adorned the chancel and altar when the bride entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride leaned on her father's arm and was daintily attired in white silk with tulle veil, carrying a bouquet of bridal roses. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Helen A. M. Falding, who wore white muslin and carried pink roses. The groom was assisted by William M. Cunliffe, of the Rossland Engineering Works. E. E. L. Dewdney officiated as usher. The service was full of choral and the music admirable.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bride party drove to the residence of the bride's father, where dejeuner was served, in the course of which the health of the bride and groom was enthusiastically toasted.

Mr. and Mrs. Duthie left on the evening Canadian Pacific train on their bridal tour. Their immediate destination is Halcyon Springs, after which they will visit Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle and Spokane. The bride's going-away costume was a most becoming creation of grey broadcloth and black travelling hat. On their return they will make their home in the J. W. Astley residence, at the corner of Le Roi avenue and Butte street.

The popularity of the bride is abundantly demonstrated by the magnificent array of presents and gifts of which she was the recipient, among these being the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, silver coffee service; Rev. and Mrs. Duthie of Hespeler, Ont., oak tray and silver teapot; Mr. and Mrs. Duthie, Ottawa, vase; Mr. Frank Duthie, Montreal, set of carvers; Miss Falding, England, silver fish knife and fork and table linen; Miss Pimms, England, silver saltcellar; Mrs. Samuel Pimms, check; Mrs. Bushby, London, Battenberg, tea cosy and cushion; Mrs. Homer, New Westminster, and Miss Phyllis Falding, New York, cushion and point lace; Mrs. Falding, New York, silver dish; Mrs. Falding, Rossland, silver table-spoons; Mrs. English, New Westminster, silver and cut glass butter dish; Mrs. Flenness-Clinton, Vancouver, cut glass vase; M. M. English, New Westminster, silver butter knives; Clay English, silver bombon dish; Bank of Montreal staff, cut glass water set and tray; Miss Walker, silver tea strainer; Mr. and Mrs. Poff, Victoria, vase; Mr. Bell, Greenwood, silver teaspoons; Mr. and Miss Fraser, clerk; Le Roi Mining company staff, case of silver fish knives and forks, case of silver dessert knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Deacon, Wedgewood afternoon tea set; Bank of Montreal staff, Vancouver, cut glass bowl; Mr. Cruickshank, cut glass olive dish; Miss Boubtbee, centrepiece; Mr. and Mrs. Graeme, New Westminster, check; Dr. and Mrs. Walker, New Westminster, case of fruit knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Walker, New Westminster, silver sugar sifter; J. P. Dockrill, Vancouver, silver butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. Strickland, silver and china jardiniere; Mr. and Mrs. Galt, silver mustard pot; Homer Falding, dinner gong; Miss Shrapnel picture; Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, dinner bell; Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, silver sugar tongs; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, teapot; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, Vancouver, case of knives and forks; Rev. and Mrs. Chilcott, Ontario, silver egg cups and spoons; Miss Wood, New Westminster, silver berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Ireland, San Francisco, Haviland ware creaming; Messrs. Abbott, Gilmour and Macdonald, silver salt and pepper castors; Mr. and Mrs. Boubtbee, five o'clock tea table; Leonard Boubtbee, silver dinner bell; Paul F. Coudrey, silver coffee set; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, salad bowl; Miss Helen Falding, silver saltcellar; Miss Helen Lawe, Winnipeg, point lace collar; Mr. and Mrs. Fortin, hand-painted china; Mrs. A. St. G. Hamersley, Vancouver, water-color; Miss Hamersley, water-color; and Miss Falding, Scarborough, England, check.

ESTIMATES PROPOSED.

Rossland Riding Gets \$15,000, Principally for Boundary District.

The estimates for the current year recently brought down in the legislature provide for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the present Rossland riding. The district thus described extends from the Columbia river to Rock creek, and the bulk of the funds thus appropriated will be expended in the maintenance of roads, trails and bridges in the Boundary, about \$4000 coming to Rossland district, which embraces the section immediately adjacent to the Golden City. The grant as a whole is \$500 greater than in 1907. If an appropriation is secured for the Burnt Basin and Murphy creek roads it will be contained under the head of special grants and will probably come down with the supplementary estimates.

NEW LUMBER FIRM

LOCAL PEOPLE TO BUILD MILL AT CHINA CREEK SOON.

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EXPORT TRADE TO NORTH-WEST.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A new and extensive sawmill is to be located at an early date on the Columbia river between Trail and Robson. J. Stephen Deschamps, Lorne A. Campbell and Frank R. Mendenhall have formed an association for the acquisition of extensive limits in the vicinity of China creek, and will construct a mill there as soon as practicable for the purpose of manufacturing lumber for the Northwest export trade.

On the China creek lands proper are 3,000,000 feet of timber of excellent grade, the company controls 30,000,000 feet of timber on adjoining lands and some members of the syndicate are interested in timber limits on Little Slo-can lake and river said to contain no less than 300,000,000 feet of merchantable timber.

China creek possesses one of the best mill sites on the river, a big eddy at the mouth of the creek forming an admirable point for the assembling of booms cut on reserves higher up the Columbia. An endless conveyor will be installed to bring the timber from the river to the sawmill. The proposal is to put up a mill having a capacity of 50,000 to 30,000 feet per day, and to mill continuously the year around, loading on the Columbia & Western railroad at China Creek siding. Mr. Deschamps will have charge of the concern's interests.

Arrangements are now being made for the necessary machinery, and in the course of a few weeks the plant will be delivered on the ground and the start made in construction.

This is another illustration of the magnitude which the Kootenay lumber business is attaining. The new company is assured of orders for its entire output for a couple of years ahead at figures which represent a handsome profit. The unprecedented influx of settlers into the Northwest Territories has occasioned a demand for lumber far in excess of the visible supply, which makes lumbering enterprises a tempting field for investment.

JOURNEYED FROM TRAIL.

Knights of Pythias Visited Nelson Brethren.

Trail members of the Knights of Pythias turned out in strong numbers on Tuesday to attend a meeting of Nelson lodge on a pressing invitation from the Queen City brethren. The motive was the conferring of the third rank on three candidates. Several Rossland brethren participated in the excursion. The Canadian Pacific ran a special train from Castlegar to Nelson, and Nelson lodge on a pressing invitation from the Queen City brethren. The motive was the conferring of the third rank on three candidates. Several Rossland brethren participated in the excursion. The Canadian Pacific ran a special train from Castlegar to Nelson, and Nelson lodge on a pressing invitation from the Queen City brethren. The motive was the conferring of the third rank on three candidates. Several Rossland brethren participated in the excursion. The Canadian Pacific ran a special train from Castlegar to Nelson, and Nelson lodge on a pressing invitation from the Queen City brethren. 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