

# CELEBRATION IN MAY THE REDISTRIBUTION BUILDING ACTIVITY WILL NOT FIGHT IT

THE RACES PROMISE TO BE AN IMMENSE SUCCESS.

ALBERTA DELEGATION OF HORSE OWNERS HEARD FROM.

Within the next two or three weeks the question of a Twenty-fourth of May celebration in Rossland will be to the fore. This will arise in connection with the Turf club's derby meet at Sunnyside park, and an effort will be made to secure a civic demonstration with the race meeting as the attraction for the afternoon. This programme would not necessitate the expenditure of any large amount by the citizens while the entertainment afforded visitors would be varied and attractive, inasmuch as the uptown features would draw the ordinary crowd of holiday makers while the races in the afternoon would bring together an entirely different crowd of visitors. Up to the present time no other Kootenay town or city has proposed celebrating on May 24th, and the Rossland demonstration would probably have a clean sweep.

The races promise to be a great success. The initial announcement caught the attention of horsemen throughout the country, and the Turf club has accumulated a pile of letters asking for information not embraced within the telegraphic announcement.

Yesterday the Alberta delegation of horse owners was heard from. J. W. McLoughlin, the well known racing man, wrote from High River, Alta., that he will have a string of eight gallopers here for the occasion and that he will nominate two of the bangtails for the derby. "Oregon George" Wentworth, well known in racing circles throughout the Territories and East Kootenay, has six gallopers which he will bring to Rossland and his jockey, William Field, has two fast "bats" that will be included in the shipment. Several well known strings have wintered at Livingston, Idaho, and from ten to fifteen of these gallopers are expected to be on hand for the day's racing. The class for harness horses will undoubtedly bring together the fastest trotters and side-wheelers in the country, and altogether the indications point to a meeting that will break the record for the inland in point of interest.

## WILL LOSE PORTION

THE CHARTER REVOKED OF THE TONTINE SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

PRINCIPAL McTAVISH TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE CRISIS AT HAND.

Rossland shareholders in the Tontine Savings Association are likely to lose a portion of the amounts they have paid into the concern, judging from the reports published as to the standing of the association. There are in the Golden City about ten men who have paid in from \$40 to \$50 each on the proposition. Among the shareholders is Principal McTavish of the Cook avenue school, who acted as collector for the association in addition to holding a share. It is only fair to Mr. McTavish to state that he was totally unaware of the crisis on the association's affairs and that he was genuinely surprised to learn last night that a receiver had been appointed to wind up the company's business.

Judge McGee of Minneapolis revoked the charter of the concern and appointed a receiver. He was doing a fraudulent business. Its methods are interesting. It undertakes to pay back \$100 in cash, or a diamond ring worth \$200, in return for payments of \$30 made by the customer. Thus he doubles his money. The customer pays \$5 down for his contract and then pays \$1.25 a week for 60 weeks.

The company has no assets, and it has no income from any source except the payments made by patrons. There is no reserve fund and no revenue from interest. The company claims that it is able to pay 2 for 1 through the lapse of stockholders who forfeit their rights by failing to pay promptly. The greatest amount that can be paid on a contract in one month is \$5. That is to prevent larger payments which reduce the likelihood of lapses.

Out of the \$1.25 which is paid weekly the company is supposed to keep 25 cents for operating expenses. The rest of the money is kept in a pool and matured contracts are paid out of it. In accordance with the order in which they were issued, a number of Spokane contracts have matured. Some of them have been paid up in about 11 months after the subscriber quit paying in his \$1.25 a week.

The Minneapolis Times quotes Attorney General Douglas of Minnesota with charging:

"It is stated that the association has misled the public by using the word 'Savings' in its title. That it collected in 1901 over \$300,000 from holders of the diamond contracts, of which amount \$358,000 was appropriated by the officers and directors and employees of the association, although the total amount had been paid in for the purpose of paying off matured contracts."

THE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN ROSSLAND YESTERDAY.

H. W. C. JACKSON EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS ON THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION.

The redistribution bill proposed by the provincial government and its effects upon Rossland was the main topic of discussion among business men yesterday. At first glance the bill was regarded as fair to the country as a whole, but consideration of all the facts in connection therewith raised a doubt in the minds of many as to the status of Rossland under the proposed legislation.

The discussion of the question tended to confirm the belief that if Rossland was to obtain a fair show under a scheme for redistribution some amendments to the original bill were necessary. This was so generally felt that steps were taken to communicate with the Nelson and Trail divisions of the matter as it vitally interested in the matter as the Golden City. In Trail especially the feeling runs high. It is conceded that the proposed measure will have the effect of attracting the city of Trail to a riding that will be dominated by the Nelson end of the district, and that Trail and its vicinity would fare ill under such conditions. It is probable that meetings will be held in all three points interested and that such representations will be made to the legislative council as will lay before them the facts and the desirability of amendments to the measure as it now stands.

H. W. C. Jackson, secretary of the board of trade, is taking an active interest in the matter, and explains his stand in the following terms:

"The redistribution bill proposes to give the Nelson and Trail creek mining divisions a total representation of three members. This result is arrived at by giving the city of Nelson one member, the city of Rossland one member and the whole of the Nelson and Trail creek mining divisions exclusive of the two cities, one member. The two districts taken together either on the basis of population or revenue with the total membership of the provincial legislature placed at 42, are clearly entitled to four members, and in my opinion the redistribution bill should be amended so as to give the Nelson and Trail creek mining divisions each two members to be elected at large."

"So far I have been able to judge from the scanty details of the redistribution bill that have reached us, the plan of redistribution is eminently satisfactory as regards every other constituency. The Boundary Commission has been given two members, as has Slokan district. An extra member has been given to East Kootenay and the representation of Vancouver island and Lillooet has been cut down. The larger cities of the province have been fairly dealt with and the only constituencies which would be left with less representation than they are entitled to are the Nelson and Rossland mining divisions."

"In the case of Rossland especially the new scheme of representation would be most unfair. The Trail creek mining division as a whole has its commercial centre in Rossland to a degree that is not paralleled in the instance of any other mining district. Taking the Slokan country, for instance, Sandon, Slokan City and Kaslo are each the centres of more or less restricted areas within the Slokan district, while Nelson is in many respects as much interested in the development and prosperity of the Slokan country as are the towns of the Slokan mining divisions themselves. In the Nelson district there are important sub-centres such as Ymir, which are more or less capable of representing fully the interests of their particular districts. In the Trail creek mining division, outside of Rossland, the only important point is the town of Trail, which is almost exclusively a summer town. Its interests are very closely identified with those of the city of Rossland, while it is to Rossland and not to Trail that practically all of the Trail creek district, outside of the city of Rossland, looks for financial support, supplies and such assistance as is required to develop their resources. If the present plan of redistribution were adopted it would be entirely beyond the province of the representative of the city of Rossland to ask for provincial aid in the construction of wagon roads or trails or any other public works in any part of the Trail creek mining division. The members to whom they would look would be the one representing the Nelson and Trail creek divisions jointly and as the great bulk of his constituents would be residents of the Nelson mining division it would be only natural to suppose that the interests of the latter would be most closely looked after."

"While it is true that the city of New Westminster, with a population slightly in excess of that of Rossland, according to the last census, has only one member, yet the legislature should bear in mind that the districts immediately surrounding Westminster and tributary to it are strongly represented in the house and are already well settled and tolerably well supplied with such facilities as the province is expected to provide, while the population of Rossland is today very much larger than it was at the time the census was taken, that its outlying districts are very rapidly developing and that notably in the case of two of them—the Sophie mountain and St. Thomas mountain districts—rapid increases in the population are at present taking place and both will be substantial settlements in the course of another twelve months."

## FOUND GUILTY.

Sentenced to be Hanged for Murder of Nellie Crosey.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., March 22.—James Wilcox was found guilty of the murder of Nellie Crosey tonight. The jury was out 30 hours. The prisoner heard the verdict without apparent emotion. Wilcox was sentenced to be hanged April 25th.

DR. McKENZIE WILL PUT UP BRICK STRUCTURE 30X35 FEET.

BUILDING AND LOAN COMPANIES WILLING TO INVEST IN ROSSLAND.

The approaching spring will probably witness the advent of the most active building period of the past two or three years. Among the buildings to be constructed is the brick structure which Dr. McKenzie will construct on his property next to the Hotel Allan, formerly occupied by the frame structure destroyed partially by fire last summer. This building will be 30 by 35 feet in dimensions and two stories in height. A good quality of brick will be utilized, and it is estimated that at least \$7000 will be required to finish the premises. Construction will be got under way by May 1st or earlier.

In addition to this block other buildings will be erected unless plans already prepared are carried out, and the cost of the additional premises will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. A definite announcement on the latter point may be expected shortly.

In connection with the building enterprises in Rossland it is decidedly interesting to note the attitude adopted by the building and loan companies, which have done business in the Golden City in past years. At the time of the labor troubles last year the loan companies almost without exception instructed their local representatives not to write business in Rossland. Many of the companies have had their representatives in the city since the first of the year, and there is a marked disposition to re-open active business connections here.

The latest example of this change of attitude is furnished by the Reliance Loan & Savings company, whose inspector, Alexander Wylie of Toronto, left yesterday on a flying trip into the Boundary prior to returning east. While in Rossland Mr. Wylie discussed matters with a number of citizens and prior to his departure stated that on returning to the head office he would strongly recommend his company to write business in Rossland again. Moreover, he stated that the company would, if it was decided to do business again in the Golden City, which he believed probable, be prepared to make straight loans at 6 per cent to 7 per cent. This is a plan which would commend itself to many citizens as a demonstration of the confidence in Rossland which the eastern financial corporations feel.

From the standpoint of the citizens the new attitude taken by the financial houses is deeply significant.

## INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

The Program Completed for Coronation Week.

The programme for the international tournament to be held under the auspices of the International Sporting Club during coronation week in London has been completed in New York by the National Club representatives, Messrs. Gavin and Lea. Since their arrival in this country a week ago the Englishmen have clinched six matches that will bring together good boxers.

The programme was concluded today when a match between Frank Erne and Pat Daly was announced as an additional fixture to the carnival. Lea said that a bout between Harry Harris of Chicago and Andy Tokell, the English champion, was also an assured event. The other bouts are as follows:

Peter Maher will fight Tom Sharkey for the Irish championship; Gus Ruhlin will tackle Kid McCoy; Joe Wolcott will box Tommy West, and Tommy Ryan will encounter George Gardner.

## CROW'S NEST PASS COAL.

Annual Report of the Company—Results Most Satisfactory.

The fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company was held in Toronto on Friday of last week.

The net profits for the year after paying all operating expenses, and all charges of every kind amounted to \$270,848.39. After paying dividends at the rate of 10 per cent, per annum, a balance of \$211,407.15. Expenditure for freight was \$346,092.41.

The company's operations are progressing satisfactorily, under the management of an efficient staff, and still more satisfactory results will be shown at the end of the present year.

## COLD BLOODED MURDER.

John De Tierre Shot and Killed His Brother—Under Arrest.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 22.—One of the most cold blooded murders which has been perpetrated in this city was that of today, when John De Tierre, aged 45, shot and killed his brother William, aged 35. The crime was committed in front of the building of the Albany Card and Paper company at 315 Hamilton street at 3:10 this afternoon. William fell to the sidewalk with two bullets in his body, one of which crashed through his brain. Dr. Moore was summoned and found life to be extinct. In response to a call Coroner Filant hurried to the scene and took charge of the case.

The murderer, after killing his brother, calmly placed the revolver back in his pocket. The police were notified, and on the arrival of a squad of police John gave himself up.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO REDISTRIBUTION BILL NOT TAKEN UP.

TRAIL FAVORS BILL AS IT STANDS—NELSON IS NEUTRAL.

From present appearances it would seem as if no steps would be taken from this district with respect to securing an amendment to the proposed redistribution bill for the purpose of having the representation from the Nelson and Trail creek mining divisions placed at two members each. The agitation started to this end during the closing days of last week did not arouse action, and unless something unforeseen arises the legislation will go through without protest from the two ridings.

The Rossland men who were desirous of having this Trail creek riding represented by two members elected at large took the ground that aside from the fact that the district was actually entitled to this representation it was also necessary on the ground that a third member elected from the combined divisions outside of the cities would be dominated from the Nelson end of the district and that this end of the combined divisions would suffer as a result. This aspect of the matter was placed before the Trail people, but they did not hold the same opinion.

It was said in Trail that if the mining division was given two members to be elected at large there was grave danger of the city electing two members by reason of its overwhelming voting power, leaving Trail hopelessly out of the race for representation, while if the plan laid down in the proposed measure was carried out the Trail section of the combined divisions would be an important factor in the electoral vote, sufficiently strong to dominate conventions or to secure desired legislation through the member-elect. The point in this is that if Trail was identified with the city of Rossland the smelter city would always be dominated by the large Rossland vote, the two points being the only important points in the rural districts of the combined mining divisions.

The answer made to this argument is that the Ymir camp could swing Erie, Salmo, Waneta and the Hall Mines, besides the Athabasca and Poorman votes, thus placing them in a position to dominate in an election campaign. The city of Nelson was communicated with and urged to take action in the matter, but nothing was accomplished there. The Nelson people are said to take the view that if a member is allowed to the rural districts of the combined divisions the election of this member will be dictated by the points immediately tributary to Nelson, hence that city will practically have two members. At any rate they have manifested no disposition to take action, and in view of this it would seem as if no opposition would be offered to the redistribution measure unless Rossland takes action singlehanded.

## MORE CONTINGENTS.

Will Be no Difficulty in Getting All the Men Necessary.

(Special to The Miner.) OTTAWA, Ont., March 24.—The Dominion government has offered the fourth contingent to go to South Africa to aid the cause of the empire. So far no official statement is available, but the corresponding letters, on excellent authority, that an offer has been forwarded to Chamberlain through Lord Minto. Until such time as a reply is received of course the Dominion is not in a position to give out anything on the subject. It is understood that this contingent is to be the largest on record. If the Imperial authorities accept Canada will forward with the utmost dispatch two thousand men. As to the composition of the force that will depend entirely on the wish of the war office. In this, in regard to other contingents that have already been sent to the front, Canada will carry out the desire of the home authorities, believing that in doing so she will be acting for the best interests of the empire. There is every reason to believe that the war office will ask that the greater portion of the number offered will be mounted infantry. But as to details of the force that cannot be decided until the acceptance of the offer has been received. Contingents will no doubt be raised in the same way as the last one. Canada will supply the men but the department of militia will outfit and equip the contingent, while Britain will no doubt insist, as it did in last instance, recouping the Dominion for the cost. There will be no difficulty in getting all the men necessary. Indeed, there will be far more recruits than positions.

## CAUCUS ON REDISTRIBUTION.

Carnegie Offers to Give Victoria \$50,000 for a Library.

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., March 24.—The Opposition caucus on the redistribution bill this morning, it is understood, was fairly satisfactory, although representation was held to be too big. Mayor Hayward has received a reply to a letter to Andrew Carnegie, in which he offers to give \$50,000 to the public library here, provided city will provide \$5,000 yearly for maintenance.

## IN DYING CONDITION.

TORONTO, March 24.—John Baker, a farmer residing on the Western road, is in a dying condition. While driving home Saturday evening a man jumped out of the brush, climbed into the wagon and knocked him senseless with a blow on the head. Robbery is the supposed object.

## THE VALUE OF A MINE

The following interesting letter, written by A. C. Galt, the well known barrister of Rossland, is clipped from a recent issue of the Victoria Colonist. It is worth a careful perusal:

Sir:—Few people realize the value of a mine in active operation to the community in which it exists. The general assumption is that the benefit of it goes mostly into the pockets of the owners, and that the community at large is not much affected by its prosperity or failure. Neither can be farther from the truth. A working mine is first and foremost profitable to the community surrounding it; secondly, to the province (especially in creating and supporting population,) and lastly (but by no means always) to the owners of it. During the last ten years numbers of mines and prospects have been developed throughout the province, and many millions of dollars have been expended without the return, in the majority of cases, of a single dollar by the way of profits to those who supplied the money.

That this expenditure has been a special benefit to the communities in which the mines are situated, is shown by the creation of such centres of population as Nelson, Rossland, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Phoenix, Moyie and other smaller communities.

That such expenditure is a vast benefit to the province may be seen at a glance from the public accounts, which show that upwards of 25 per cent of the entire revenue of the Province is derived directly from the mining industry, and probably another 25 per cent is derived indirectly from the same source.

Finally, that such expenditure is not, under present conditions, profitable to the owners of mines, is shown by the general cessation of dividends, and by the reluctance of the investing public to risk any further advances. The benefit which is realized by the first two classes above mentioned, namely, the community in which a mine is being operated and the community at large, can be shown by the statistics of almost any mine. Let me take as an example the Centre Star of Rossland, which also enjoys the rare distinction of having paid a few dividends. During the year ending September 30th, 1901, the Centre Star shipped 80,419 tons of ore to the Trail smelter.

The smelter's gross assay value of this ore, after deducting indirect charges (as shown by the annual report), was \$1,177,153.37.

The business of the company being continuous, it is impossible to point out exactly how every dollar of this money was expended, but the report enables us to see the main items, and the particular classes of individuals who reaped the benefit. Take the following items:

1. The Canadian Smelting Company at Trail, B. C., (calculated by deducting the net value from the gross value) .....	\$482,515.66
2. Cost of mining, (i. e., wages paid to miners, timber men, etc.) .....	258,349.23
3. Provincial ore tax .....	13,889.92
4. General expenses (diamond drilling, depreciation of plant, legal expenses, office expenses, etc.) .....	55,423.03
5. Dividends .....	175,000.00
	\$985,177.84

To the above items of expenditure must be added the cost of improvements during 1901 to the machinery, buildings and equipment of the mine, amounting to fully \$25,000, a large portion of which necessarily found its way into the pockets of the lumber merchants, machinists and laborers of Rossland.

The above facts and figures show that a single mine of moderate capacity is capable of distributing fully a million dollars a year amongst its employees and others. With the exception of the Le Roi mine, whose smelter is in the United States, the bulk of expenditure occurs within the province and in the immediate vicinity of the mine.

During the year ending the 31st December, 1901, the War Eagle mine paid \$119,185.27 to the Trail smelter, and distributed \$177,690.23 among its miners, diamond drillers and other employees in British Columbia; but the shareholders did not receive a cent.

The output of the Le Roi mine last year was nearly double as much as the combined output of the Centre Star and War Eagle, yet its shareholders did not receive a farthing.

Just how long mine owners may be willing to continue paying out money without receiving any return is a question which is worth pondering.

In any line of business the question is promptly answered. Charge a man more than your goods or services are worth and he will simply go elsewhere.

Insist upon monopolizing the profits of every deal, and he will not continue to deal with you. Have we not pretty nearly reached this condition of affairs in British Columbia?

The entire revenue of the province for the year ending 30th June, 1901, (as shown by the public accounts at page 302), was \$1,605,920.57.

This sum of money, large as it is, falls short of the amount contributed by the Centre Star, War Eagle and Le Roi mines to the people of this province during the same period.

Is it not time, Mr. Editor, that our government and legislature should cease wrangling over side issues and devote their attention to the encouragement of an industry which is so fruitful of profit to the whole province? A. C. GALT.

Rossland, March 15th, 1902.

No man in British Columbia wishes Mr. Joseph Martin the least of harm, but it would tickle the entire population if the Ruler of the Universe should conclude to call him home as his own.—Victoria Post Outlook.

## HAVE SIGNED ARTICLES.

BOSTON, Mass., March 22.—George Gardner and Jack O'Brien have signed articles to box at the Southern athletic club, Louisville, Ky., May 3rd. The men will weigh 160 pounds at the ringside.

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## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual shareholders' meeting of the within named companies will be held at the hour and date specified in the company's office, No. 8 Kootenay avenue, Rossland, B. C., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of all such business which may properly come before the meeting.

Shakespeare G. M. Co., March 18th,

10 o'clock a. m.

Skykalk Gold Mines, Ltd., March 18th, 3 o'clock p. m.

Kingston Gold Mines, Ltd., March 18th, 3 o'clock p. m.

St. Joseph Gold Mines, Ltd., March 19th, 8 o'clock p. m.

The meetings of the above companies are adjourned until 3rd April next at the same hour and place.

F. R. BLOCHBERGER, Secretary.

## CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Parrott and Gambetta mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the south slope of Lake mountain.

Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for Charles E. Bennett, free miner's certificate No. B 42693, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above mineral claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 25th day of January, A. D. 1902.

6-2-02 N. F. TOWNSEND.

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