

THEY WILL RESIST

Squatters' Meeting Decides to Defend the Ejectment Suits.

LEDDY AND CURTIS TALK

They Advise the Squatters to Secure Counsel and Are Themselves Retained—More Money Needed as Only \$195 Has Been Raised So Far.

More money to fight eviction was the battle cry at the meeting of squatters at International Monday night. There was a large attendance but the limited time allowed in which to discuss and arrange matters, handicapped the deliberations.

Mr. Curtis then appeared and was asked by the chairman to give the results of the committee's researches. Mr. Curtis said that the committee had labored under great disadvantages. Mr. Frank had been ill. Mr. Stewart could never be found and Mr. Lalonde withdrew from the committee, so that the burden of the work fell upon the shoulders of Captain Gibson and himself.

Mr. Curtis said that he had never led any one to believe that in the fight of the squatters against the Nelson & Fort Sheppard company and himself, he had already been obtained stating that the squatters on the Dundee pre-emption are in a position to make a good defense.

Mr. Curtis defended his assertion made at a previous meeting that the legislature could intervene and appoint a board of arbitrators to fix the value of the land and the ground rent. He still thought the legislature should be petitioned to intervene and cited the decision of Chancellor Boyd in Vol. 22 of Ontario law reports to substantiate his argument with reference to the powers of provincial legislatures.

He also referred to the Eagles-English episode, the details of which are familiar to the readers of THE MINER, and characterized the proceedings as a sham and disgrace which should not be allowed to take place in this community without a protest.

He said there were two methods of procedure available in such cases—one to arrest and the other to serve summons to appear. In this case, he stated, the defendants were arrested, taken from their beds at midnight, where the offense committed calls for a fine of only \$20 and the cost of the destruction of property, which in this case was about \$2. He thought they were justified in what they did. In support of this stand he said that since the time of Richard III, and before that, in common law there has been an explicit law governing such cases. That under this law if a squatter own a cabin or shack enclosed by a fence and if any one, even the owner of the property, forces an entrance while the owner of the shack is in possession the man who takes forcible possession is guilty of a misdemeanor, the limit of punishment for which is one year. He pointed out the fact that there is only one proper course to pursue in such cases and that is by writ of ejectment. He said that the squatters should not take offense at the procedure of Mr. Walker, as it was the proper and legal way.

He then reiterated his statement that unless the squatters subscribed \$4,000 in cash there was no use in further proceedings. He said that the committee had positively decided that if any writ of ejectment was served on any squatter who had not subscribed before the first suits commenced they would be left out in the cold so far as any support from the squatters' fund is concerned, and would have to go it alone. With reference to a contribution of a dollar or ten dollars he said: "If you do not put up that amount now it may cost you ten times that amount next year, and it will serve you right."

At the close of Mr. Curtis' speech a number of men came forward and subscribed. Thomas Gee made a motion that the squatters make a legal resistance to the cases against Beatty and Greer about to come up at Nelson. It carried unanimously.

An addition was made to the original investigating committee as follows: Thomas Gee, Tom Corrigan and H. G. Jones.

A special committee appointed to solicit subscriptions was: Jas. Longley, G. M. Eddy, Robt. C. Keene, H. J. Blaise, Jack Boudoin, Owens and Jack Flint.

The secretary's record shows that \$66.25 was paid before the meeting last night. Last night \$50 was subscribed in cash. The total expenses so far are \$56. Following is a complete list of the subscriptions in cash taken from the treasurer's list at the close of the meeting: Ten dollars, J. Baldwin.

Five dollars—J. P. Martin, H. A. Hatfield, W. H. Greer, Thos. Gee, J. L. Parker, C. O. Lalonde, J. W. Morris. Three dollars—T. M. Graham. Two dollars—Thos. Gee, O. Boyer, A. D. McMillan, R. S. Lyon, R. Cooper, W. Croteau, O. Northige, E. Croitau, Al. Flon.

One dollar—Wm. Mortimer, W. R. Beatty, D. C. Fraser, Sam Lee, John Lee, John Frantz, G. G. Dan, G. A. Hughes, J. T. Salon, J. Longley. T. R. Twigg subscribed \$13, A. Mulvan, \$1.50, Albo Narello, \$4.

VANCOUVER ISLAND COKE

Union Coal Company Will Turn Out 130 Tons Per Day.

Ovens Have Been Put In to Supply Kootenay's Smelters—Coke Is of Superior Quality.

Henry Croft, who has just returned from Victoria, was asked by representative of THE MINER Monday if it was true the Dunsmuirs are to make coke for the Kootenay smelters. "It is true," he said, "that the Union Colliery company at Union, 60 miles north of Nanaimo, has put in 100 coke ovens with the purpose of supplying coke to the Kootenay smelters. These coke ovens are now finished and the making of coke will commence immediately. The capacity of the ovens will be 130 tons a day. It is now settled beyond doubt that the coke made there is of a very superior quality."

"The Union company has just put in a Tuerig coal washer, which has a capacity of 900 tons a day. The total output of the mines there amount to 2,000 tons a day, much of the coal being taken by steamers going on long voyages. The coke for the Kootenay smelters will be delivered to the C. P. R. railroad at Vancouver."

A NIGHT W/ BURNS.

Scotia's Sons Commemorate His Birthday With a Banquet. Twenty sons of Scotland gathered at a banquet in the Grand Union Monday night to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. The menu was replete with excellent Scotch dishes. Toasts, songs, recitations and readings enlivened the gathering of the clans. Scotch whisky, with the name blown in the bottle, lent enthusiasm to the affair. Those seated about the banquet table were:

John F. McCrea, W. A. Campbell, W. A. McKenzie, Allen Forrester, N. A. Paterson, A. W. Fraser, W. Scouler, J. G. McCallum, Wilson McKinnon, J. H. Good, K. A. McKinnon, J. S. Paterson, Daniel McMillan, T. S. Gilmour, R. W. Wilson, Thos. Anderson, Mr. White, G. F. Upham, R. H. Hammill and W. A. Ross.

THE BUCKET WAS LOADED.

Blacksmith at the Gold Star Injured by an Explosion.

A peculiar explosion of dynamite occurred in the blacksmith shop of the Gold Star mine Monday night about 9 o'clock, resulting in serious injuries to George Boyer who is employed in the shop. A bucket of water which was frozen over had a stick of giant powder in the bottom, but Boyer did not know that. He placed the bucket on the forge to thaw it out and was pulling lustily at the belows when it exploded. His face was cut, his eyes badly injured and his left arm lacerated. He was removed to his home and Dr. Edward Bewes summoned to dress his wounds.

PRISONERS REMOVED.

Recorder Kirkup Takes a Squad to Kamloops and Westminster. Chief of Police Kirkup left Monday with four prisoners, two of whom, James Manson and Dave Goggin, will be held at Kamloops to await their trial, and the other two, Vincent Capobianca and David Campbell, will be incarcerated in the penitentiary at New Westminster to serve the sentences imposed upon them by Judge Forin. Chief Kirkup was accompanied by Special Constable Pypier.

TWO NEW PLANTS.

Ingersoll Company to Equip Both Iron Colt and Colonna. Just before leaving for Montreal James D. Sword closed two contracts for the Ingersoll Drill company. One was with the Iron Colt company for a hoist and steam drill plant. The other was for a drill plant for the Colonna mine. Both plants are to be delivered within 15 days and will be put into operation by the Ingersoll people.

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PROSPECTS

Mines Around Grand Up Well Under

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Stock in English and Has Taken a Rise on Kettle River Foot of Ore.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 28.—[Every] the mining interests of the future, and the future of the mining industry in general, is being discussed in every direction. Mines in every direction are proving richer with metal, and the small trade and cash investment for stock speculators is being made. The stock of the company, whose possession of a Volcanic mine, has during the past few days, five cents last December, is now at 10 cents. It has not only increased in value, but it has also increased in dividends. The company has not only increased in value, but it has also increased in dividends. The company has not only increased in value, but it has also increased in dividends.

The three stage line every day loaded with from here to all parts of the country. It is a very profitable business, and it is being developed. The company has not only increased in value, but it has also increased in dividends.

The recent strike in the copper industry has had a greater importance than is generally supposed. The ore is rich in pyrites, through which fine sulphide rich in copper is obtained. Contractor Keough is reported that he has a large quantity of machinery upon the site, and that he is ready to begin work. A new feature in the development of the mine is that some of the channel diggings, which have been made in the month of July, are now being worked. The work is being done by a small party of men, who are reported to have found a large quantity of ore. The work is being done by a small party of men, who are reported to have found a large quantity of ore.

Work progresses in the property, where it is 10 feet of solid ore is being mined. The mine is located in the vicinity of the city of Grand Forks, and it is being worked by a small party of men, who are reported to have found a large quantity of ore.

Several prominent men are reported to be opening in Grand Forks, and it is expected that the first of the month will see the completion of the work. The work is being done by a small party of men, who are reported to have found a large quantity of ore.

There is liable to be some difficulty in the operation of the company's operations. The company has not only increased in value, but it has also increased in dividends.

INCORPORATED

Graduated Scale of Capitalization and Victoria Province repeatedly urged the upon the capitalized only as a deterrent to the government. The committee of the British trade, in its recent report, makes the point, and notes, and the scale of fees for incorporation, showing for the purpose of which would have country.

Capital up to \$100,000. Suggest fees for incorporation. The only objection figures is that the we favor a one per frequently said be