British Columbia Business Notes

large flow of natural gas and a gli one of oil are said to have a struck in the East Kootenay arry at a depth of 320 feet, and prospects for a supply of oil are ex-

gent (ustoms collections at the outport Fernie for the month ending 30th January, were: Dutlable, \$19,866; e.g. \$19,570; total, \$29,876; duty colled 35,199,252. Inland revenue collinos for month of January, \$825,93.

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The London & Liverpool store, arterine, was damaged by fire last Sunya morning. The fire was caused by defective electric light wire. Clothag to the extent of \$400 was damaged, high was fully covered by insurance.

was fully covered by insurance, first through train to leave the coast, the cars of which were with fresh fish, pulled out of anadian Pacific Railway yards amouver last week bound for a Mass. It carried nine cars of halibut, shipped by the New half Pish Company to headquar-n Boston. One car salmon and hops was also in the shipment. Kamiloops board of trade hold.

Kamioops board of trade held mad meeting on February 12, good attendance of members. J. arth a good attendance of members, J. T. Roimson was elected president for the ensuing year; J. R. Mitchell, vice-president J.F. Smith, secretary-trensurer, and the council is to be as follows. M. P. Gordon, F. J. Futton, J. M. Harper, T. Rondley, J. A. Gill, A. P. Prostor, E. Goulet, J. Vair, N. J. Hopkins, H. G. Ashby, M. S. Wade, A. D. Ma (https://doi.org/10.1001/j.

D. Moorntyre.
There is a strong demand from the camery men for the privilege of using the company of the property of nearly as much as they do on this side of the boundary line.

The Grand Forks correspondent of the Nelson Miner says: It is said a syndicate of ranchers near Calgary will shortly open meat markets in every town in the Kootenays in opant shortly open meat markets in every town in the Kootenays in opposition to P. Burns & Co. A representative of the syndicate visited Grand Forks a few days ago to engage quatters. He stated that prices will be out in two. Meantime the notices from the syndicate visited for the syndicate forms of the syndicate forms. gage quarters.

will be cut in two. Meantime the
ploneer firm announces its intention
of erecting a brick block in the business centre and a cold storage plant

this spring.

The provincial legislature was opened on Thursday. Among the items decised in the address are the following the spring of the spring of the spring of the spring spring in the spring in ty and development." Also Negotiations are being carried r the purpose of securing the con-ruction of a railway from Bute Inlet Yellowhead Pass to connect with e railway system on Vancouver is-al and for the construction

MINING

BRITISH COLUMBIA

A 30-ton smelter under construction at Ferguson, in the Lardeau country, is about completed, and will be in operation soon, This smelter will have cost \$50,000 when completed.

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The Nicola Valley Iron & Coal Company, Limited, has been incorporated Locary on a general mining and trading business. The capital is \$1,-00,000 in \$1 shares. The Novelty Mines, Limited, has been incorporated for the same objects, with a capital of \$1,00,000 in ten-cent shares.

The Waterloo Consolidated Mining and Milling Company of Spokane has been resistered as an extraprovincial company. The capital is \$125,000, in company. The capital is \$125,000, in the province is at Camp McKinney, and Perick H. Graham is the attorney.

The War Eagle Consolidated Mining and Invelopment Company, Limited,

which has hitherto done business un-der a British Columbia charter, has been licensed to transact its business and hold its meetings in Toronto. The Centre Star Mining Company, Limit-ed, and the St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Company, Limited, have re-ceived similar letters of authoriza-tion.

The Granby smelter management has succeeded in securing a substantial reduction in the price of Crow's Nest reduction in the price of Crow's Nest, and in the railway fred from the Crow and the control of the Crow amounts in all to about \$1.25 per ton which is a most important saving to the mining industry. This coke now smelter the per ton delivered at the smelter of the control of the control of the crow of the control of the crow of the control of the control of the control of the crow of the control of the crow of the control of the cont

smelter.

A report from Rossland on Monday said: The management of the Le Rol mine announces that for the immediate future at least the production of the property will be increased to, and maintained, at 800 tons per day. During the week closing Saturday night, ing the week closing Saturday night, the Le Roi was the only mine to ship ore, on account of the stoppage of electric power from the Bonnington Falls plant. The Le Roi worked a night shift during the hours in which night shift during the hours in which the power was available, and shipped 5.545 tons, a substantial increase over the previous week's shipment. Next week the Le Roi No. 2 will ship close to 1,590 tons. The electric power has been restored and the mines are oper-

to 1,500 tons. The electric power has been restored and the mines are operating again on the usual lines.

The War Eagle's fifth annual relationship of the mines of the lating on Feb. 25, is of a very discouraging on Feb. 25, is of a very discouraging nature, showing, as it does, heavy indebtedness to the Hank of Toronto and to George Gooderham. The report of that there is owing to the Hank of Toronto and to George Gooderham. The report of the theory of the control o the veni is now accession, and its ea-ploration by levels is fairly under way. What its contents may be is yet un-tered to the content of the content of the its possibilities are great is evidence from the fact that the main shoot down to the sixth level, a depth of 751 feet, has contained about 165,000 tons, with a smelter's gross assay value of \$5,100,000. From the nature of the ground it is impossible to see ahead 83,100,000. From the nature of the ground it is impossible to see ahead or to make any prediction as to the chances of success or failure. That these chances justify the cost of ex-ploring it to a decisive point is he-yond question. Its contents, what-ever they may be, will be renched as propmtly and as cheaply as possible."

Northwestern Ontario.

The Imperial Bank, Rat Portage, has received three gold bricks from the Mikado mine, valued at \$7,500, and one from the Black Eagle valued at \$10,000.

The Consolidated Copper Compar of Parry Sound, Limited, has been i corporated and authorized to iss shares to the amount of \$5,000,000.

The Battle Creek Pure Food Co. will establish a branch factory in Toronto to be open by March 15.

J. E. McAllister, of McAllister-Watts, wholesale stationers, has gone on a visit to New York and eastern cities.

A coal mining combine with a capital of \$250,000,000 is reported from Pittsburg, Pa., as in process of incubation.

No. I buff hides still hold at 8c per pound Chicago, with some sellers ask-ing 8¼c. This means that the mar-ket is unchanged.

A Boston report comments on the wool situation in the United States as follows: "The wool market at the present time is constant of the being the excellent condition." The dot be in excellent condition. The distribution of the state of the comment of the state of the stat

Toronto Wholesale Trade.

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Dry Goods—Traore is interrupted by show blockades. Orders are fairly good. Ducks have advanced 3-4c to 1-4c, also drains are 1-2c higher for nearly all lines. As mills have with the commercial control of the control of the commercial control of the contr

drawn cotton prices a general advance is expected soon.

Hardware—Good demand for spring
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goods are steady. Stocks of tomatoe are light. Prices are firm. Stocks o sifted peas are about exhausted Sugars are quiet.

Hogs and Hog Products.

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Toronto, Feb. 22.
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Toronto Grain and Produce.

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Grain deliveries are light. Ontario
wheat is firmer at 73½ to 74c. Manitoba scarcer and dearer. Flour is
steady and the export demand only
fair. Oats are firm. Choice dairy
butter is still scarce. Blockad-droads keep down offerings. Low
grades are plentiful. Creameries are
the same. Receipts of eggs keep light,
and there are fewer coming from the
country than was expected. Demand ountry than was expected.

country than was expected. Demand is active, and the market is higher. Wheat—Red and white winter wheat is worth 73½ to 74c, middle freights, Spring, 76½ for No. 1. Manitoba wheat is worth 8 No 8½ for No. 10 northern, and 82c for No. 2 northern, and 82c for No. 2.

. -No. 2 white, 41c per bushel, middle freights.

Barley—No. 3 is quoted at 50c per bushel, east.

bushel, east. Flour—30 per cent. Ontario patents, S2.85 to 82.90 in buyers' bags, middle freights. Choice brands are held 15 to 20e higher. Manitoba flour is unchanged at 84.20 for Hungarian patents and 84.00 for strong bakers' in carlots, bags included, on track, To-

ronto.

Milifeed—Shorts, \$19,50 per too, and bran, \$18,50 per ton, middle freights; Manitoba feed, \$22 for cars of shorts and \$20 for bran, sacks included.

ided. Oatmeal—\$5.25 for cars of bags and Outmeat—So.25 for cars of bags and \$5.40 in wood for carlots, Toronto, Hay—Carlots on track, \$9.50 to \$10.25 per ton for No. 1 timothy, Eggs—Case lots new laid, 25 to 24c-per dozen, held fresh, 20 to 22c- and No. 1 limed, 20c.

No. 1 limed, 20c.
Butter-flest tubs and pails, 14 :;
pound rolls, 17 to 18c; medium, 10 to
12/2gc; creamery, tubs, choice, 20 c
21c; prints, 21 to 22c.
Cheese—10/2gc for job lots of cheese.
Hides—7c for No. 1 cows; No. 1
seters, 8c; country hides ½c under
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Cheese—10½ c for job lots of cheese. Hides—7 c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 steers, Nc; country hides ½c under these prices; caffskins, 9c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2; sheepskins, 75 to 80c cach; tallow, 5½ to 5½ c. Wool—Washed fleece, 13c; unwash-cd, 7½c. Beans—81.09 to 81.65 per bushel for job lots of boat obsleect

Beans—84.90 to 84.65 per bushel for job lots of hand picked.
Dried Apples—fic for round lots, exaporated, 9½ to 10c.
Maple Syrup—New is quoted here at 81.0 to 81.5 per imperial gallon, the standard of the standard properties of the stand

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Rolled Oats—85 per barrel, and 82.—43 for bags.

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Rolled Hay—Choice, 810 to 810.50.

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Montreal Live Stock Market.

Special to The Commercial, Feb. 18.
At the East Endouteral, Feb. 18.
At the East Endouteral of Monday offerings included 600 cattle and 25 sheep and lambs.
There was a decided improvement.
There was a civiled improvement trace was active, and aithough the supply was much larger than on last Thursday, yet prices show little-thanse. Choice cattle sold at 5 to 45, and common at 2½ to 35 per ib. The trade in sheep and lambs was quiet, owing to the small offerings at 4½ to 4½ per fb. The demand for calvee was good, and sales were made at 15 to 1

THURSDAY'S MARKETS

Montreal, Feb. 21.

Receipts at the East End abattoir yesterday were 400 cattle, and 25 million. There was a good demand for best stock. No prime cattle offered. Pretty good brought 33; to 43cc; common to half fatted, 22; to 33cc; calves, 82.0 to 88; sheep, 35; to 35cc; tambs, 44; to 45c; hogo, 6 to 67cc.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 19.
Receipts at the stock market yeaterday were 80 cars, including 1,546 cattle, 408 sheep and lambs, and 667

hogs.

There was a good trade at the cat-There was a good trade at the čattle market this morning, but the heavy receipts caused prices to fall off somewhat. Elverpool and London cables when the control of the co ket was generally strong. Frices were as follows: Export cattle, choice, cvt. \$4.40 to \$5.50; do. medium, \$8.50 to \$4.60 to \$5.50; do. medium, \$8.50 to \$4.60 to \$6.50; do. medium, \$8.50 to \$4.50 to \$6.50 to \$6.