

BIG INCREASE FROM OUTSIDE CAMPS CONTEMPLATED

Bonnington Falls Plant May Be Largely Increased Proposed Work Will Cost \$600,000--\$250,000 in Wages

"If milling operations are inaugurated in Rossland on any large scale this year, and we believe that this will undoubtedly be the case, the West Kootenay Power & Light Company will proceed with the extensions and additions to the works and facilities at the Bonnington Falls plant that were outlined over a year ago."

The present Bonnington works have an indicated electrical horse power of 4000, and this can be safely increased by legitimate overloading to 4500 horse power. For some months past the normal daily load has been 3300 electrical horse power, but the work recently done about the plant, whereby 2900 yards of loose rock was taken out of the canal and forebay, has increased the hydraulic horse power so that the maximum load can be turned on at any time.

When the present owners of the Monitor mine purchased the group in 1900 the former owners had shipped 688 tons of ore, which netted them the sum of \$68,800. Since then the Monitor and Ajax Fraction, Limited, have extracted 1520 tons, which produced a total of \$116,712, as follows: Gold, 504.5 ounces, \$9610; silver, 177,718 ounces, \$91,256; lead, 1,119,905 pounds, \$15,245. It is a peculiar fact that although none of the mines in the Slocan division produce any gold it will be seen that the ore extracted from this property contains high values in gold which occurs in the lead sulphides and, in much larger proportion still, in the oxides found nearer to the surface, where the ledge had been exposed and the ore decomposed by atmospheric action.

SMOOT ELECTED SENATOR. SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 20.—Reed Smoot was this evening elected United States senator from Utah, to succeed Senator Rawlins. The election will be ratified tomorrow in joint session.

LEWIS M. BALLARD DEAD. YONKERS, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Lewis M. Ballard died today in his 96th year after an illness of four months. Mr. Ballard was a member of the famous all-American rifle team which, in 1874, 1875 and 1876 defeated all comers at home and abroad.

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MANY FREE-GOLD QUARTZ PROPOSITIONS COMING TO THE FORE. News from the surrounding camps this week indicates that there will be renewed activity in the mining industry this season, approaching, to a certain extent, the halcyon days of the later nineties.

BOUNDARY. The C. P. R. will improve the Columbia and Western in view of increased traffic. Trestles will be filled in and heavier steel laid on some parts.

SLOCAN. The Fisher Maiden, near Silverton, sent out three cars of high grade ore last week. The American Boy shipped a car of ore to the American Smelting & Refining company's works in Colorado last week.

VERNON AND KAMLOOPS. Those who have watched the developments of the mining district around Monashee mountain and the headwaters of Kettle river are convinced that it is a district of great possibilities.

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the route of the Kootenay Central railway indicates that a grade of less than one-half of one per cent can be obtained from Elk to Golden. Arrangements are about completed to carry forward the completion of the Sullivan smelter at Marysville, and to provide it with working capital.

Recent contracts which have been let along the Kootenay and St. Mary's rivers to cut logs for the big mill which is now under construction at Wardner is now being felt in a marked degree by the merchants of Port Steele and other towns of the district.

LAKEVIEW AND REVELSTOKE. S. Daney has six four-horse teams hauling ore from the Ferguson mines to the steamboat landing.

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THURSDAY'S SALES. Republic, 2000, 6 1-2c; Centre Star, 1000, 35 1-2c; Giant, 3000, 2 1-2c. Total, 6500.

FRIDAY'S SALES. Centre Star, 500, at 35 1-2c; Republic, 2000, at 6 1-2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000 at 32c; Homestake, 4000 at 2 3-4. Total, 8500.

SATURDAY'S SALES. Centre Star, 500 at 35 1-2c; Republic, 3000 at 6 1-2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000 at 32c; Homestake, 4000 at 2 3-4c. Total, 8500.

MONDAY'S SALES. Bonanza, 500, 14 1-2c; 500, 14c; American Boy, 3000, 3 3-4c; Homestake, 500, 3c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000, 31c; Republic, 1500, 6 1-2c; Sullivan, 500, 4 1-2c. Total, 7500.

TUESDAY'S SALES. Novelty, 5000, 2c; Republic, 4000, 6 1-2c; Centre Star, 1000, 35 1-2c; Payne, 2000, 5 1-4c. Total, 12,500.

WEDNESDAY'S SALES. American Boy, 2500, 4c; Bonanza, 500, 25c; 1500, 15 1-4c; Cariboo McKInley, 1500, 17 3-4c; Homestake, 500, 2 3-4c; 500, 2 3-4c; 1000, 3c; Giant, 1000, 2 3-4c; Centre Star, 500, 35 1-2c; Sullivan, 1000, 4c; 1000, 1000, 4 1-8c. Total, 12,500.

There is a revival in the mining business throughout the Northwest, and more money is being made at present than at any time in past history by investments in securities of a conservative and reliable character.

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J.L. Whitney & Co. Mining and Stock Brokers. ROSSLAND, B. C. A GENUINE SNAP WE HAVE A SMALL BLOCK OF MINING SHARES OF THE BONANZA GOLD MINES OF ROSSLAND, LIMITED. AT FIFTEEN CENTS. We Have Special Bargains in Cascade and Referendum The REDDIN-JACKSON Co. Limited Liability.

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VISITED KING EDWARD. LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Duke and Duchess of Orleans visited King Edward and Queen Alexandra at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. This was the first time they had met since the rupture arising from the Duke of Orleans' approval of the insulting French caricatures of the late Queen Victoria.

DIED WITHOUT FEAR. LABELLE AND FOURNIER WERE HANGED AT DAWSON YESTERDAY. HEAD OF AN OPIUM RING WHICH OPERATED OUT OF VICTORIA.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 20.—E. D. Labelle, who was hanged today for murder at Dawson with Fournier, was formerly the head of an opium ring which operated out of Victoria, and many instances are recorded in the local papers of the latter's exploits of his daring runs across the border with opium. In June, 1888, he took \$50,000 worth of opium to Sarnia from Victoria, and crossed the St. Clair river on a stormy night, when the watching detectives had left the scene thinking no passage of the river could be made.

PAID THE PENALTY. VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 20.—Labelle and Fournier paid the penalty for their crimes at 7:45 this morning. Both met death without the sign of fear. Labelle was submissive, Fournier defiant as they stood on the trap. Labelle practically confessed his guilt, saying he deserved his fate.

INTERIOR PRESS ASSOCIATION. Meeting Held in Nelson Last Sunday—Officers Elected. NELSON, B. C., Jan. 19.—The annual general meeting of the Interior Press Association of British Columbia took place in Nelson on Sunday, there being a good representation of the 25 papers included in the association's membership.

NEW MINING ASSOCIATION. Is Meeting With Enthusiastic Encouragement—Non-Political. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 20.—The new provincial mining association is meeting with enthusiastic encouragement. The C. P. R. has offered return tickets to delegates (including their wives) at a single fare for the convention to be held on February 25th in this city.

THREE-CORNERED CAMPAIGN. Foley, McInnes and MacPherson Nominated For Burrard. VANCOUVER, Jan. 20.—As predicted there will be a three-cornered fight in Burrard. The nominations today were: Chris Foley, independent labor. Ex-Lieutenant Governor McInnes, independent. R. G. MacPherson, liberal.

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HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON TALKS. He Found the Country Through The West Prosperous. Thinks 40,000 Americans Will Come Over This Year.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 19.—Messrs. Osler, Hammond and Nanton's land department was exceptionally busy during 1902, and sales aggregating 1,446,698 acres of land were made. This acreage included a large block of 850,000 acres sold to the Saskatchewan Valley Land company, but the balance of the land was chiefly sold in small parcels to residents or men becoming actual settlers. The average price obtained, excepting the large sale, was about \$3.50 per acre. Payments on all purchases were well met during last year.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, arrived in the city this morning. Seen by a reporter Mr. Sifton said: "I found the country on my trip through the west exceedingly prosperous. I visited Brandon and Regina. The first is in better condition than it has ever been before, and business appears to be increasing all the time. Owing to the settlement in the neighborhood of Regina the business interests there have become more firmly established. I found that land which could be bought a few years ago for almost nothing is now selling at from \$12 to \$15 an acre.

So far as I can judge there will be probably between 30,000 and 40,000 Americans come over this spring and settle in the Northwest Territories. Last year about 35,000 American immigrants came over and settled. Mr. Sifton leaves for the east on Wednesday.

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richer than was at first at the time they were lo- this result is not confined to of a few properties. From mountains to the Okanagan, international boundary 400 ard is a vast area that is lled with the more valuable results so far can only as magnificent and wonder- progress is the grandest evi- duced to show what West- ern energy is capable of. only just commenced. As our efforts in this direction operations will be extend- greater extent. There is to the north and to the west, sea of mountains has been by a few adventurous vertheless, experienced ge- ographers that the character on of the country admits ence of mineral in paying much as do the treasure land. It is not unreason- that British Columbia con- as rich as those of ancient s extensive as the famous e, and that, with the as- Eastern and European capi- be made productive in the ing.

needs advertising. The world should be made the marvelous condition. The government should ter up and be prepared to siderable amount of money. ample and the benefits to be such an expenditure would be. There are a hundred s in which advertising could be that strikes us the most ld be the reorganization of neral's office in London. A competent man should be Mr. Turner's place, and the provide free of charge to areas of the British Isles a vice of B. C. news. The ld be in charge of men who actual situation here, and ppetent to convey a distinct of what they know to all might come in contact with. one of the forms of advert- might be employed. In d there is no such an aggres- as here, and all that is nake British Columbia lead ntries in the production of e metals for the next 100 draw the attention of the e actual conditions as they

A REMINDER. tion of the mayor and alder- ectfully directed to the ed- and intended to serve as a e against the perpetuation iber sessions of the council. ment moment the only import- of civic business is being in camera, a "committee of being evolved to dodge the e and open discussion of the e municipality. The Miner e to pry into private affairs, medium for conveying infor- the public and the ratepayers have an undisputed right to their business as a community nded, and to know exactly members of the administration matters relating to public For this reason The Miner ainst star chamber sittings, and suggests that if the coun- is to secure and retain the e sympathy of citizens as a members should take the pub- confidence when important under advisement. The pre- one in which no harm can ult from the fullest publicity, our council ought to avoid the e of a desire to conduct of the community sub rosa. "committee of the whole" here should be no secrecy proceedings.

late Dr. Dawson, chief of geological bureau and by et eminent geologist of es, visited Rossland four e expressed himself as pro- ressed with the great value eral resources of the camp- stinguished mining men of who have examined the ve value of the mineral re- the Trail Creek Mining di- each one of them has gone to the effect that Rossland ndia future so far as the e and richness of the mines ed.

Mackenzie, honorary secre- Rossland Midwinter Carni- tee, is doing splendid work no effort to make the ap- festivities an unprecedented e deserves the hearty support eration of all public-spirited the carnival will be a great e of much good in reviv- ing people of Spokane in Ross- e surrounding district. Klockmann was in the city his trip here was for the pur- ing after local business in-