CUNCENTRATES.

The Grand Forks City Council has, like the people of Rossland in public meeting, declared itself opposed to an export duty on ores.

The construction of the Le Roi smeltor at Northport is rapidly proceeding, much to the satisfaction of the Corbin group of railroad townsite speculators.

The Pilot Bay smelter is being rapidly repaired and the works will soon be once more in full blast, much to the benefit of Ainsworth and the districts surrounding.

The Le Roi skip shaft has reached the 500 feet level and will soon reach that at 600 feet. Hence the mine is expected to produce shortly more ore than ever, and thus maintain its pride of place amongst Rossland's shipping mines.

Rossland ought to have a good mayor, for as a young city it pays a goodly price for his services, considerably more, for example, than Vancouver. His salary is at presant \$1,600 a year but as things are, Rossland's mayor has doubtless more to do, than most of his provincial confreres, so large an amount of work having of necessity to be done under his close supervision in a city wherein, previously to its recent incorporation, the veriest minimum of improvement work was done.

It is said that a party of well armed miners lately set out for Clondyke from Tacoma, intending to resist the enforcement of duties by Canada's revenue officers in the Yukon. When however these gentry arrive, it may be taken for granted that they will, as others of their ilk have done, submit as mildly as most men to the enforcement of the law at the hands of officials backed by men of the finest semi-military organizations in the Empire, to wit the North West Mounted Police.

Among the directors of a big Yukon exploring organisation formed in New York in a capital of \$5,000,000 in \$1 shares fully paid and nonassessable appears the name of Mr. J. M. Buxton of Vancouver. Another director and an intended representative of the company in the Yukon, is ex-Governor McGraw of Washington State, who is now on his way to the Clondyke. The company in point is the Yukon Cariboo Gold Mining Development Company Limited.

New Denver badly needs a decent water supply, for the present drinking water of the town is, it seems, taken from a sewerage contaminated part of the adjoining lake and borne away for peddling to customers in a wooden box on wheels, that is never cleansed. The lack of a sewerage system also threatens to inflict upon the town a dire epidemic of typhoid so the Provincial Board of Health and Capt. Phillips Woolley, as travelling Sanitary Inspector might well

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Professor Carlyle, the Provincial Mineralogist has lately visited Lardeau and Trout lake districts, there producing on excellent impression. He however confesses himself disappointed by the small amount of development work done, whilst he thinks the general stratification of the country most promising for a large yield of many kinds of ere

