

ACCUSATIONS MADE

It Is Said Peter Costello Is Interested in the Sewer Contract.

STATEMENT FROM DAVEY

As Admits Costello Is His Partner, but Not in This Particular Instance—Davey Refuses to Give the Names of His Bondsmen.

The following communication was received Tuesday by THE MINER from a prominent and highly respected citizen:

ROSSLAND, Aug. 10, 1897.
EDITOR MINER—Sir: As a ratepayer of this city and a citizen interested in its welfare, I was much astonished this morning to learn on what was apparent, by the best authority that the partner of Mr. Davey, the contractor for the city sewerage system, is Mr. Peter Costello, late of the firm of Costello & Anderson, contractors, of the Heinze smelter contract fame. I may say that this statement is reported to me as coming directly from Mr. Davey's lips. It is significant in this regard to notice Mr. Costello's presence in the city and that he has the apparent superintendence of the work in the place of Mr. Cameron, resigned. Upon making inquiry today as to who or what engineer was watching the work on behalf of the city, from what I could learn there is absolutely no one at present in the city to do this important work. I suppose I must expect the board of works, if the members composing it are indeed competent. The city engineer is, I believe, absent from the city on a survey, and is not likely to return for two weeks. Before this time elapses much injury may be done.

My attention has also been called to the fact that more than half of the employees upon the works are American citizens and that the new foreman, just imported, is an American. Now, sir, this is contrary to the expressed opinion of the council, and also, I think, a breach of one of the terms of the contract. Complaint has also been made of the quality of the brick used. It is stated that brick is used that is brought from the O. K. brickyard and that the kind is unfit for such a purpose. I wonder, sir, why it is one of our engineers finds it so difficult to get access to the specifications. Surely there can be nothing to conceal, but if some of the above propositions are indeed true, what wonder is it that people should be suspicious and inclined to believe statements that some of the work already is shown to be below the mark and size and that brick is laid three inches where the specifications call for six. It is also true that there is only one copy of the specifications at present accessible.

The indecent haste shown by some of the members of the council board in awarding the contract and the fact that no attempt was apparently made to save the city some \$12,000 by investigating the tender of Mr. McMartin, a well-known, successful and responsible contractor, who, besides is a ratepayer, is in my opinion sufficient to put the public on enquiry. I would express the hope that the council will take the Rossland citizens into its confidence now and give full information regarding the important and expensive piece of work. We would like to know the names of the present contractor's bondsmen, the account thereof, and what steps if any the city is taking to protect the workingman.

We as citizens have suffered enough from slipshod actions in regard to contracts in this vicinity in the past and so has the laborer and the mechanic.

Contractor Davey's Statement.

Contractor Davey was seen in relation to the above communication, and said: "So far as the charge is concerned, that half of the men on the work are Americans, there is no truth in it whatever. There is not a single man employed on the construction of the sewers by me who is not a citizen of Canada. So far as Peter Costello is concerned, he is a partner of mine, but is not interested with me in the present contract. He has been my partner and will, I hope, continue to be so for some time to come. Mr. Costello was born and raised in Ottawa, and was with the Canadian Pacific railway as contractor and telegraph operator from the commencement to the end of construction on that railway. He is a good man and a loyal citizen. Now a word in relation to the laying of brick three inches when the specifications call for six. So far no brick has been laid, and hence the statement controverts itself.

"In relation to the statement as to home brick being used, I will state that when I first began the work I imported a lot of brick from Spokane, thinking there were none here that would suit, and later on I found that they could be purchased here in Rossland. I am now buying them in Rossland, although they cost \$2 more per 1,000 than if I purchased them in Spokane. I prefer, however, to patronize home manufacturers rather than to purchase abroad. The brick is all right for the purpose intended.

"As to there being but one copy of the specifications extant, that is all nonsense. There are three copies in the office of the city engineer, and the specifications were published in the two daily papers of this city for ten days. The evening that the bids should have been opened the council thought best to invite the bidders to make some reduction in the work by cutting off some of the streets, so that they might have sufficient money to construct the entire system this fall, and hence the specifications were on file for eight days longer.

"As to Mr. McMartin's bid, you know one of the first ordinances usually passed by a city is one requiring a certified check or bond to accompany a bid in order to secure a faithful carrying out of the terms of the contract. Rossland has such an ordinance or bylaw, and as Mr. McMartin's bid was not accompanied by a check or bond the council rejected it. There is no doubt but what if his bid had been accompanied by a bond, as required by law and by the city's advertisement, that it would have been accepted.

"No; I do not care to disclose the name of my bondsmen as they do not care to be known. I will state, however, that it is as good a bond as can be secured in Rossland and is for twice the sum it goes surety for.

"As I am simply digging trenches at present there is no necessity for the presence of the city engineer. The members of the board of public works are overlooking the work. In a few days, however, I will begin to lay brick and put in pipe, and then it will be necessary for the city engineer to see that it is properly done and he will be on hand to do his duty.

"I can refer back to a sewer system that I put in at Fairhaven in 1882. I have the written commendations of the city engineer and the mayor of Fairhaven for this work, which they say has not cost them a cent for repairs since it was put in."

A REMARKABLE CASE.

Doctors Could Not Agree as to the Trouble.

A New Brunswick Lady the Victim—Suffered for Thirty Years—The Attack Caused Partial Blindness and a Feeling of Semi-Paralysis.

From the Woodstock, N. S., Sentinel.

Mrs. E. P. Ross, of Riley Brook, N. B., says: "I have been a sufferer for 30 years, and I am sure I would be in the same lamentable condition had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was married at the age of 20 and am now 51 years old. I had always enjoyed good health until after my first child was born. About a month later the illness attacked me which has since made my life miserable. I consulted different doctors, but they did not agree as to the nature of my trouble. One said it was a species of paralysis, others said symptoms of fits. I would be feeling very well, when I would suddenly have a sensation of partial blindness, and everything before me would sparkle. Then my hand and arm on one side would become numb, and after about ten minutes, this sensation would pass to my lower limbs, when my tongue would become affected, as would also my hearing. Voices, no matter how close to me, would seem dim and far away. These symptoms would last for about 40 minutes. I would have a violent pain over the eyes, which would continue for 12



hours or more. Notwithstanding all that was done for me, these spells were coming more frequently, and at last I would sometimes have two attacks a day. I was also troubled with bronchitis, which added to my misery. I could not sew or knit, or do any work that required close attention to it. All this trouble has never left me for years, and at the age of 48 I consulted another doctor. The medicine he gave me, however, made me worse instead of better. Then I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was using the third box before I found any benefit, and then there was a decided change. By the time I used twelve boxes I felt as well as I did in my young days. Every symptom of the trouble that had so long made my life miserable had disappeared. For eighteen months I did not use the pills, and was as well as ever I had been in my life. Then one morning I felt a slight twinge of the old trouble and determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills again. I got a box and took an occasional pill and have never since had a symptom of the trouble. To say that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done wonders for me is putting it mildly, and I strongly urge their use on all who may be ill.

Pink Pills were also of great benefit to a niece of mine, Miss Ella J. Everett. Her mother died when she was quite young, and naturally much of the care of the household devolved upon her, and as she grew up she became weak, easily tired, subject to headaches, and her complexion was pale and wax-like. A young lady teacher, who was boarding with the family, and who had used Pink Pills with great success, urged her to try them. The result was that she soon was enjoying the best of health and is a fine robust young lady who shows no traces of her former illness.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Smelter Question.

ROSSLAND, August 10.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In reading your description of the meeting held last evening under the auspices of the board of trade one cannot but regret that this most important subject should be criticised by those who apparently have never held any position connected with a smelter. The art of smelting is not child's play nor like the comparatively simple process of free milling, but is the science of adding certain flues to obtain the best result. Surely this important feature is a question for experienced men and the fragile arguments (?) presented last evening will not tend to increase respect for some of Rossland's intellectuals, but rather point out the humorous situation of the blind and ignorant rushing in where angels fear to tread.

The question regarding duty on export of ores cannot be too carefully considered, and that by calm, clear-headed business men. The whole matter condensed is clearly to get the ore reduced to bullion by the most complete and economical process, and if this can be better obtained at Northport or elsewhere, in the interests of mines let them proceed. Should the defenders of British Columbian rights be depressed, let them remember competition will quickly arrange matters and practically prove the most favorable position for smelters in the interests of the mine owners. I am, sir, yours,
MINING ENGINEER.

The International Mining Company.

ROSSLAND, Aug. 10.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: There appeared in your Sunday issue a letter of enquiry from one J. Q. Dorned of Toronto about the International Gold Mining Company, limited, of Rossland. I think somewhere about the 14th of May last you made an answer to some one asking in formation respecting the said company. Now I think it is due me as president and you as journalists that you correct your Sunday article.

Since May work has been done on the Sullivan (a tunnel) to a considerable extent and the showing is very satisfactory. The work on the Snow Drop is discontinued for want of funds, but so far indications of making it a good mine are most favorable as well as the Sullivan.

A. C. SINCLAIR, M. D., President.

O. K. Brick Is All Right.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In yesterday's issue of your paper I noticed a scribble from "Ratepayer," who seems awfully sore at somebody or something, difficult to tell which; he mentions the O. K. brick as being unfit for the sewer, although Mr. Davey, an authority on brick, not only preferred the O. K. clay product, but pays \$2 a 1,000 more on account of its superior quality. He must be a very tickle person, who, in one breath denounces the employment of American labor on the sewer and in the next for not using American brick, even though inferior.

Competent judges claim that hand made brick, well burnt as these are, will stand more water than machine made brick, being more compact and better, so to say, knit together and consequently preferable for several purposes. He is the only man yet who has not claimed they are the best brick in Rossland.

BRICKMAKER.

Souris, Man., Sept. 21, 1896.

Messrs. Edmondson, Bates & Co.

"Dear Sirs,—I find your goods taking remarkably well with my customers and they appear to give every satisfaction, as indicated by the fact of our having sold one-half gross of your Kidney Liver Pills alone during the month of August."

S. S. SMITH, Souris, Man.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The property consists of La Regina Mineral Claim, aggregating an area of about 19½ acres. TITLE—The title of this claim is vested in La Regina Gold Mining Company by crown grant. There is no lien or incumbrance against the property.

LOCATION—The La Regina is situated in Trail Creek mining division, B. C., about two and a half miles distant from Rossland, about half a mile from Milk Ranch railroad station, and four miles from Trail smelter. The claim is traversed by a wagon road connecting Rossland and Trail, is fifty feet above and about two hundred feet distant from railroad track, consequently a claim with ideal shipping facilities.

The adjoining claims are the Bellevue on the north, the Blackbird Fraction and Buckeye on the east, the Vulcan Fraction on the southeast, and Vulcan on the south.

FORMATION—The formation of this claim is granite, crossed by porphyry dikes in a southeast and northwesterly direction. Along the outcrop of these dikes the country rock is stained for some distance, caused by the character of the ore, an iron pyrrhotite. The surface of the property is more or less covered by erosion and shows glacial action, but where the formation is bare a ledge can be traced through the entire length of the claim.

DEVELOPMENT—The development work consists of one shaft, 45 feet deep in porphyry, strongly mineralized; near the surface is oxidized matter, after this the rock carries fine grained arsenopyrite, pyrrhotite and copper pyrites, assaying .09 gold and 1 oz. silver, with trace of copper.

Shaft 2, 32 feet deep, about 50 feet north of shaft 1, in same formation, showing exactly the same character of ore and similar returns as former.

Besides above mentioned works there is a crosscut 40 feet long, 8 feet deep, and on another place further north an open pit, partly caved, giving returns of trace of gold and 7 oz. in silver.

On each of these openings, and also on the surface, are distinct signs that the claim is cut by an ore vein, as already has been proved by finds on more developed properties surrounding the La Regina, as the Com-

All the claims extensively worked around Rossland, and in the direct neighborhood of the La Regina, as the Com-mander, Palo Alto and San Joaquin, have furnished the proof that it is necessary to spend a certain amount of work before reaching paying ore bodies, and only a few exceptions carried higher value on or near the surface.

I have no doubt that by sinking at shaft 1 to a distance of 100-150 feet, and cross-cutting, there will be struck an ore body of good values.

ROSSLAND, B. C., July 7, 1897.

ROSSLAND, B. C., August 10th, 1897.

The attention of the public is invited to La Regina Gold Mining Company, incorporated for the purpose of developing La Regina Mineral Claim, with a capital stock of 750,000 shares, 300,000 of which have been placed in the treasury, and the entire balance pooled. It will be noticed how confidently Mr. Luekmann expresses his conviction in the concluding paragraph of his report as to the ultimate success of this mine.

The entire capitalization is practically intact, only 25,000 shares of Treasury Stock having been sold.

This company was organized for honest mining. The promoters are mining men. They have borne three-fourths of the expenditures for development work to date. They seek no money for "wild catting," and they have honorably sought to protect investors in the Treasury Stock by pooling every share of the promoters.

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