

OUTLOOK IS BETTER

Grant-Govan Thinks London Money Will Flow Freely to Kootenay.

PLANS OF HIS COMPANY

It Will Try to Make Dividend Payers of Its Albert Canyon Properties and Then Take Hold of Some Rossland Mines.

Before his departure yesterday Ernest W. Grant-Govan, of the Gold Fields of British Columbia, limited, of London, England, gave a MINER reporter his impressions of the Rossland camp. He said it was, on his opinion, cause for congratulation that the stock fever had burnt itself out as companies organized on the lines of most of the locally registered companies were doomed to failure, as they seldom provided sufficient working capital. He said, however, that the movement had not been an unmixed evil, although it had tended to render investments here unpopular for the time being in the London market. It had resulted in developing mining properties to a point where they were nearly ready to become producers and such properties were now in just the shape that they would be ready to take hold of by British capital and added to the dividend paying mines of the province.

"My visit to Rossland at the present time," continued Mr. Grant-Govan, "is not for the purpose of taking up such properties, but it is my intention to come early date and with certain funds which I have at my disposal to take over several valuable properties which can no longer be considered as prospects, and convert them into producing mines with all possible speed. There are several reasons why I am deferring going into this matter at present. For instance, I anticipated that within the next few months some rapid strides will be made as to the reduction of the cost of this camp. At present the reduction facilities leave considerable room for improvement, not only as to the cost, but also as to the mode of reduction.

"There is also another important reason why I must delay making a thorough inspection of the properties in this camp for the purpose of investment. The company of which I am managing director, and which, according to some of the unenlightened newspapers of this province, has been inordinately capitalized, has most valuable interests in the Downie Creek district, some twenty miles north of Albert Canyon. I am assured on all sides that those interests comprise some of the most valuable properties yet discovered in the province. I have reason to believe that with proper management some of those properties may be converted into mines which will rank as the largest producers of high grade ores in the country.

"As nothing can be more beneficial to the interest of the province in the London market than the establishment of producing and dividend-paying mines, it is my intention during the next few weeks to devote the whole of my time to the development of these properties. The boom of the well-known contractor of Toronto, together with my company's engineers are now surveying and preparing estimates for a wagon road which will be some 25 miles in length. The largest amount of labor will be utilized for the speedy building of this road, and I anticipate it will be completed by the end of September, and that by Christmas we can ship about a thousand tons of ore. It is my belief that this ore will average at least \$100 a ton, and if all my anticipations are realized, such realization will do more to benefit the London market than any other means which could be adopted. There are many other important operations which have to be carried out in and around Albert Canyon, and in the meantime it is premature for me to mention them.

"As soon as things are sufficiently advanced in that locality I shall pay a visit to our numerous properties on the coast and select those which are most promising, so that active mining operations can take place. Thereafter it is my intention to return to Rossland in the hope that I can find properties and arrange terms and conditions with the owners, which will probably establish several shipping mines, within the next twelve months."

FEELS MUCH ENCOURAGED.

Frank Paul Gives His Impressions of Rossland-Power Company Organization. A meeting of the West Kootenay Light & Power company was held yesterday for the purpose of election of officers. There were present Sir Charles Ross, Frank Paul, of Montreal, Oliver Durrant and J. B. McArthur. Mr. Durrant was elected president, Mr. McArthur secretary, and Mr. Paul treasurer. After organization a large amount of business pertaining to the construction of the electric power plant on Kootenay river, was transacted.

After the adjournment of the meeting Mr. Paul was asked if he had any statement to make concerning the intention of the company or of his own impressions of the country. "All I can say," said he, "is that I am surprised and pleased with the cordial reception being extended to our efforts to furnish cheap power for this camp, and other localities beyond. Rossland and the mines are beyond what I expected to see. You are going to have a great camp. No one can be here long without feeling this. I am now about to leave for Montreal, but I hope to return here soon and shall probably be more or less closely identified with the camp for the future."

BONDED FOR \$80,000.

New Discovery on McDonald Creek of High Grade Ore. John G. Devlin came down from Nakusp last evening and brings news of a big discovery on McDonald creek which flows into the Columbia river about nine miles below Nakusp. The claims are held by the Snowflake and Silver Blaze and were located by Byron Burton. Mr. Devlin has bonded them for his Scotch syndicate for \$20,000. The ledge crops on the surface for 2,000 feet and seems to average three and a half feet in width. Samples from the surface went 270 ounces in silver and \$14 in gold.

W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, completed his work here yesterday and left for the Lardeau country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Pug Mine. WANETA, B. C., July 7. EDITOR MINER—Sir: For lack of funds to continue development we were obliged to close our mine on Saturday last. A large block of stock was being negotiated for which would have given us plenty of cash for some time, but for some reason, unknown to us at present, the party who was about to buy it backed completely out, and as we had no funds in the treasury we were compelled to take the steps we have taken. We implicitly believed that this deal would go through or we should have closed a month ago.

We trust some arrangement will be made in the near future whereby we can resume operations on the Pug. Yours truly, COLUMBIA & OYSTER, M. Co. J. WHITE, President.

Challenge to Le Roi Miners.

ROSSLAND, July 8. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I would like to say a word in reply to Captain Hall, of the Le Roi mine, in his interview published in your issue of June 29. He says the miners from eastern Canada are inferior to those from Montana, Colorado and Lake Superior. Now, I think Captain Hall's knowledge of eastern miners is very limited from the way he speaks of them. For Captain Hall's information I would like to tell him that there were skilled miners in eastern Canada long years before he knew what a mine was. I would also tell him that the greatest returns of any gold mines in the world, for the money invested, were obtained in eastern Canada, so the skill of both management and workmen will compare favorably with some of the big mines of the west. It is a fact that machine drills are not much used, as the veins are not adapted to their use.

Now, as we hail from eastern Canada and gained our little knowledge of mining there, we hereby challenge any pair of men on the Le Roi mine for a day's work with either tripod, bar, or column, or hammer and drill, or at general mining, for \$100 or \$500, the contest to take place away from the Le Roi mine. M. A. HARRISON, Red Mt. Mine. S. CAMPBELL, Monte Cristo Mine.

The Buffalo Company.

PORT FRANK, Ont., June 24. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I received, some time ago, a prospectus of the Buffalo Gold Mining company, which stated that the company owned three claims, viz., Buffalo, Ontario and Great Britain No. 1.

You tell me, is this company still in existence, is its stock pooled and your candid opinion of it? What is its treasury stock worth? Yours truly, ICKOBART.

[The company is in existence, but is doing no work, as it is out of funds, never having succeeded in selling much of its treasury stock. Its property is on the south end of O. K. mountain and has a fairly good showing. We understand that the promoters' stock is all pooled.—Ed.]

Wants Monthly Reports.

ST. BONIFACE, July 2. EDITOR MINER—Sir: When I made inquiry about Iron Colt, Ibox, Big Three and Silver Bell companies you were good enough to inform me about the progress of the several mines, and we should like to hear continually how they are getting on. You have been very quiet lately, and said nothing about these mines. Certainly when these mining companies issued their prospectus they tried to boom their mines and induce people to subscribe shares, but after we have bought shares they are silent. I think every mining company should inform the shareholders monthly, how they are progressing, and not keep them in ignorance. Yours truly, SUBSCRIBER.

[The four claims named by Subscriber are only four out of over 4,000 in this vicinity. We, therefore, cannot undertake to mention each company in each issue, especially when there is nothing new to chronicle. We agree with him that companies should make periodical reports to their shareholders, and are glad to say that a few of them do. We tried to have such a provision inserted in the new Companies' act, but the legislators thought that they knew more about it than we did, and the amendment was not made.—Ed.]

Silver Bell Company.

EVERETT, Wash., July 7. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I have some stock in the Silver Bell and have heard some ugly rumors about the management of the same. Has anything of importance occurred? Yours respectfully, THOS. MIDDLETON.

[We have heard no "ugly rumors" here regarding the Silver Bell company. Work on the property is still suspended pending a stockholders' meeting, which cannot be held until M. O. Tibbitts and some other large shareholders arrive to make a quorum. Manager Pounder informs us that THE MINER or any shareholder in the company is at liberty to make a thorough examination of the company's books. We do not care to undertake this work, but if any absentee shareholder is dissatisfied we would suggest that he come here and spend a day or two inquiring into the company's affairs.] Ed.

That Le Roi Challenge.

ROSSLAND, July 11. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I was quite surprised to see in this morning's MINER that Sutherland Campbell, of the Monte Cristo mine, says he did not authorize the use of his name in the challenge to the Le Roi miners. He told me personally on July 2 that he would drill with me against any team from the Le Roi mine for one day's work, and subsequently sent word to me through Daniel Church and George McKenna, to publish the challenge. Yours truly, M. A. HENDERSON, Red Mountain Mine.

Inquiry From Michigan.

CANTHIA, Mich., July 6. EDITOR MINER—Sir: If not too much trouble please state what are the prospects of the success of the St. Paul, Northern Bell and Hill Top companies of Rossland, Ibox and Legal Tender companies of Slokan and Kootenay. Grand Cariboo Mining and Investment company. Yours truly, CHAS. A. CHANDLER.

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The last block of stock was placed upon the market at 15 cents per share. Your correspondent can procure such further particulars as he may require upon application to the secretary or the undersigned. J. H. GOOP, Director.

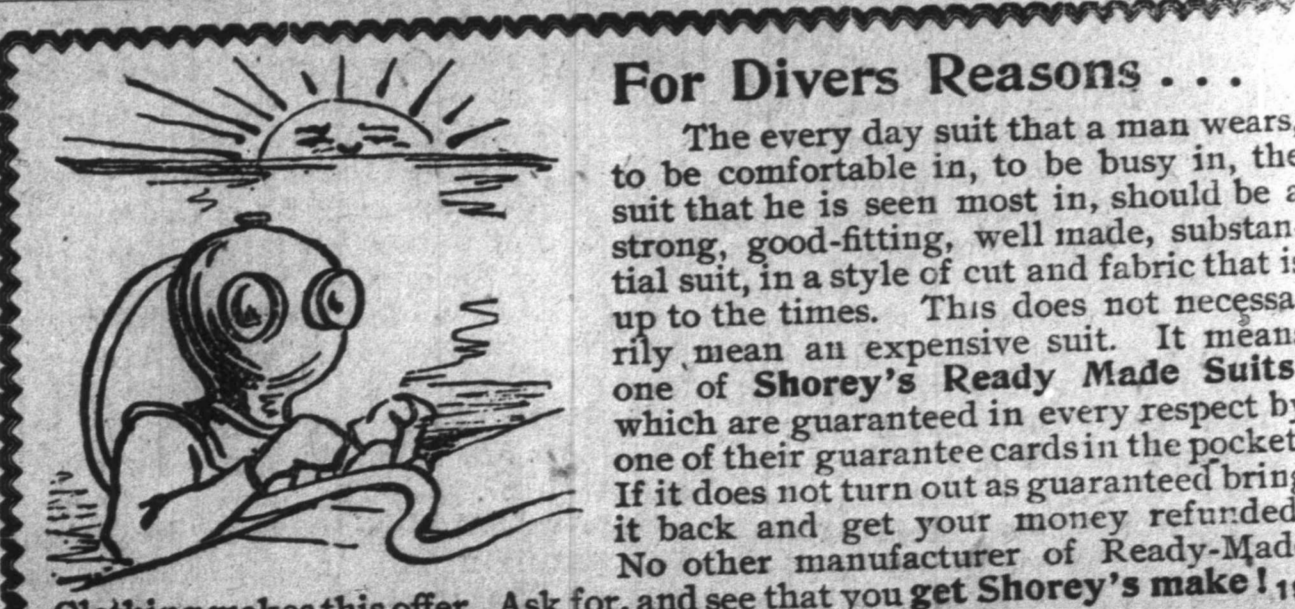
Good Hope and Mr. Campbell.

VICTORIA, July 12. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I see in your issue of the 9th instant a paragraph in reference to W. A. Campbell's absence from the camp. This I suppose is the same Campbell who was reorganizing the Good Hope company. As it is impossible to get any information in regard to this company I would esteem it in favor if you would let me know if they are doing any work on the claim or has it been abandoned? I understood that the Good Hope under Mr. W. A. Campbell's able management was likely to turn out a promising property—so I read some time ago in your paper. I have been guided to a certain extent by your paper, but it seems you have been taken in as well as your readers by unscrupulous and irresponsible men. Yours truly, COLIN CAMERON.

[Now that Mr. Cameron has drawn our attention to the Good Hope we shall look it up and find out what has been done. We do not think the claim any less valuable because Mr. Campbell has absented himself from the camp. It adjoins the Good Friday from which very good results are expected.—Ed.]

Fishermen's Strike Ended.

VANCOUVER, July 12.—The fishing season opened last night. The trouble between the cannery and fishermen is practically settled by a compromise at ten cents per fish, instead of 15 cents as demanded by the men and eight offered by the cannery.



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CARIBOO CREEK NEWS.

High Grade Ore Struck in the Tunnel On the Duchess. BURTON CITY, July 12.—[Special.]—Mr. McMillan, of Rossland, who is interested in the Tryo Group, arrived in town on Sunday morning with a force of men to begin work on the property which is located in Goat canyon, eight miles from Burton City.

R. S. Burton has given a contract to C. Racine of Nakusp for the erection of a handsome building on one of his lots on the Strand.

Messrs. Clark and McGinnis have recently completed a 47-foot tunnel on the Duchess and Chieftain, Tye Gulch, Cariboo Creek. They have struck a good body of ore, which runs on an average about \$150 in gold and silver. This is one of the most promising properties in the camp, and it is rumored that the owners are negotiating a sale for a large sum.

Messrs. Pearce & Sons, the sawmill men, are entitled to the thanks of the citizens of Burton for the erection and equipment of a commodious public bath house.

F. G. Fauquier, government agent, was in town on Saturday and let two sections of additional work on the wagon road. C. Racine and J. R. Jones are the contractors. Work is being pushed all along the line on this road. It will be through to Mineral City by September 1.

YMIR NEWS NOTES.

Forrester Appointed Constable—Another Mineral Discovery. YMIR, July 11.—[Special.]—Another mineral claim has been located, covering the greater portion of the new part of the town. The initial post is only a few yards from the railway depot, and the claim is being graded. The discovery was made during the grading operations, which disclosed a fine ledge of decomposed quartz, averaging about six feet in width.

W. C. Forrester has been appointed permanent constable for this district. Mr. Forrester, who is an ex-captain of the Royal Canadian infantry, has already demonstrated his determination to look well after drunks and hoboes, and the new jail which he has had made had occupied long before it was completed. Mr. Forrester has supervision of all points between Waneta and Hall's Siding, but will make his headquarters here.

WAKEFIELD'S FIRST SHIPMENT.

Thirty Tons of High Grade Ore Being Forwarded—Bridge Contract Let. SILVERTON, July 14.—[Special.]—The first shipment, consisting of 30 tons of high grade ore, is now being made by the Wakefield silver mine, which is owned by the Bremner (Scotch) syndicate. The contract for the erection of a handsome bridge to cost \$2,500 has been given by the owners of the townsite of Silvertown.

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