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B. C. UNDER OPTION

The Clarence McCuaig Interests After the Property.

PRICE NOT MADE PUBLIC

The Property is One of the Best Known Propositions in the Boundary—The Deal Put Through by E. G. Edward Leckie—The Virginia Getting Down.

The famous B. C., in the Boundary country between Grand Forks and Greenwood, is under option to R. G. Edwards Leckie, of Rossland. Mr. Leckie is representing in the deal the same interests that control the Montreal Goldfields, which owns the Coxy and is operating the Gertrude in the Rossland camp. Clarence J. McCuaig is understood to be one of the principals most interested in the negotiations to secure the B. C.

A. H. Harrison and E. E. Richard, the owners of the property, are now in the city and negotiations for the deal have been quietly conducted here. The terms of the deal cannot be learned, but it must be a sum ranging in the hundreds of thousands. Both Mr. Harrison and Mr. Leckie were seen last night in regard to the matter, but refused to discuss the deal.

The B. C. is one of the best known properties in the Boundary country. It has an immense body of copper ore, which carries small values in gold.

Virginia Shaft Down 400 Feet. The vertical shaft in the Virginia has passed the 400-foot level, and sinking is steadily continuing.

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.

The Bright Prospects.
SUBSCRIBER, Ymir: THE MINER has no personal knowledge of the Bright Prospects Gold Mining company, but in this connection the Nelson Miner in a recent issue says: Work has been suspended on the property of the Bright Prospects company. Contractor Wright has disappeared and pending a settlement of his accounts, which are forming the subject of litigation, nothing is being done on the property.

The Iron Queen.
CURIOUS, Toronto: THE IRON QUEEN company, from the best information obtainable, is defunct. It was never registered in British Columbia, and as a consequence its legal position is somewhat precarious.

Re Several Properties.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG, of Perry: The Red Mountain View Gold Mining company, limited, is a British Columbia corporation. Its property, the View, near Rossland, is crown granted, and about 250 feet of development work has been done upon it. The company is out of funds, and a new organization, known as the Red Mountain View Gold Mines, limited, non-personal liability, is being formed to take over the assets of the present company. Stockholders in the present corporation will receive share for share in the new concern, which probably be assessable to the amount of about five cents per share. The Olga Gold Mining company is an American company with headquarters at Tacoma, Wash. The company is out of funds sufficient to carry on work and is doing nothing. We believe that the properties owned by the corporation have been developed sufficiently to procure a crown grant, although we do not know that the grants have been as yet issued. The properties are the X-Ray and the Olga, on Sophie mountain, about 12 miles southwest of Rossland. The Olga company is doing nothing. Its property was the Olga, on the southeast slope of Deer Park mountain, near the Silver Bell. The development includes a tunnel in 100 feet. It has been surveyed for a crown grant. The Delacola Gold Mining company is a British Columbia corporation, owning the Delacola on Monte Cristo mountain, about two miles north of Rossland. The property has been developed sufficiently for a crown grant to be applied for. The company is out of funds and is doing nothing at present. The Eureka Consolidated Mining company is an American company. It owns two properties, the Eureka and the Evening, on the south slope of Red mountain, near the Giant. They are crown granted. A shaft is now being sunk on the Evening and the showing is good. The Morning Star Gold Mining company owns the property of the same name on the northeast slope of Red mountain. It has been developed by a shaft down 20 feet. The company is out of funds. The property has been surveyed for a crown grant.

Hearing Postponed.

The preliminary hearing of Eber C. Smith, charged by the crown with having criminally libeled Charles E. Bace, commenced yesterday morning before Magistrate Jordan. A. H. MacNeill appeared for the defendant, while MacDonald, Clute & Crony represented the prosecution. The only testimony taken was that of Percy F. Godenrath, who gave evidence regarding the publication of the copies of the Record containing the alleged libels. At the request of the defendant the preliminary hearing was adjourned until tomorrow morning. Mr. Smith is at liberty in \$4,000 bail, of which he assumed \$2,000, while Charles Bace and Hector MacNeilson are sureties in the sum of \$1,000 each.

The firemen wish to acknowledge the receipt of \$50, donated to the department by the British America corporation, in recognition of their services of the fire boys in extinguishing the blaze in the B. A. C. assay office on Sunday morning.

A Strike on the Elmore.

Smith Curtis of the Belcher Gold Mining company, reports that an important strike has been made on the Elmore group, which is operated by that company. Twelve feet of good copper ore has been encountered while crosscutting and only one wall has been reached. The Elmore group is located on Shamrock mountain at the head of Baker and Sullivan creeks, three miles east of Christina lake and about seven miles from Cascade City. It is the intention to push work on the new find and to generally develop the property.

Ore From the Grand View.

A. B. Acorn, general manager for the Grand View Mining company, is in receipt of some ore from the properties of that company, which are located on Myers creek, west of Republic, on the Colville Indian reservation. He caused some of this ore to be assayed and it went 14.88 ounces to the ton, and \$297.30. The specimens were sent by John McMullen, who is doing the assessment work. Colonel William M. Riddpath and Edward Sanders and others of the Le Roi company are interested with Mr. Acorn in the property.

JO-JO TO WORK AGAIN

Development of the Property Will Be Recommended Today.

SHAFT WILL BE DEEPENED

New Building Erected and Everything in Shape For the Winter—The Company Lately Reorganized as a Provincial Corporation.

Work will be started up again today on the Jo Jo, adjoining the Commander, on the road to Trail. The property is owned by the Jo Jo Gold Mining company, which was lately reorganized and put on a good basis. The future work will include the sinking of the shaft, which is down 30 feet. A contract has been let for continuing it to the 70-foot level, and it will be carried down to the 100-foot station, where crosscutting will be commenced. The shaft is being sunk vertically and no attempt will be made to follow the ledge. Future crosscuts will be resorted to for the purpose of exposing the vein at depth.

The work already done on the Jo Jo includes a large open cut about 50 feet long and 20 feet deep at the higher end. A shaft has been started from the open cut and a depth of 30 feet has been obtained in this manner. The showing has disclosed a large body of mineral, with neither wall in sight. A shaft 14 x 20 feet in size, and it is expected that operation will be continued all winter.

The Jo Jo company was formerly an American company with a capital of \$500,000. It was recently reorganized with a capital of a million, of which 600,000 shares are set apart for development purposes. Since the reorganization not a little stock has been sold, and the company is getting on its feet. Besides the Jo Jo the company owns the Dip, a fraction lying just to the west of the other property. The Dip has just been acquired by the corporation.

J. Fyfe of Rossland, is the president of the company; W. H. Jackson of Toronto, is vice-president, and George N. Taylor of Rossland, is the secretary-treasurer and resident manager.

CHRISTIAN SOCIETIES.

They Meet in Fellowship and to Further Christian Work.

The first convention of the Trail Creek Union of young people's Christian societies, was held in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening. The attendance was large and from the moment President Dunlop called the gathering to order until the adjournment the interest did not flag. Ten delegates from Trail attended, though the night was stormy.

Rev. G. M. Morden delivered the address of welcome in his usual cordial manner. Rev. T. S. Glasford of Trail, responded.

President Dunlop then explained the object of the union. He said: "The object of this union is to unite in fellowship and Christian work the various young people's societies in the Trail Creek division; to deepen their spiritual life; to improve their methods of work; to increase their mutual acquaintance and thus render more effective their efforts to bring about social and moral reform; and to organize new societies in churches or missions where none exist."

The secretary reported four societies in the union with a membership of 72. Reports of various committees followed. Papers were read on "Our Responsibilities," "Why Should We Join," and "Trusting."

The very interesting question box and open parliament conducted by Rev. D. McG. Gandier brought out many practical questions and answers. The closing consecration meeting led by George McKenzie was the crowning success of the convention. After the Mizpah benediction, refreshments were served and a social time followed. The 1899 convention will be held at Trail in February.

Police Magistrate Jordan has been having a busy time of it for the past week, receiving the depositions of citizens who wished to be placed on the voters' list. All day yesterday and the day before there was a steady stream of citizens coming to the magistrate's office to make affidavits as to their qualifications to vote at the coming elections. In order to enable everybody to register Magistrate Jordan has been waiting at his office until 9:30 o'clock nightly, and remained in his office all day.

A CHAT WITH CLARK

Mining Magnate Tells of His First Experience in Rossland.

MADE SOME MONEY HERE

The War Eagle Paid \$240,000 in Dividends Under His Management and Was the First Lode Mine in B. C. to Declare Dividends.

One of the prominent figures among the Elks who visited Rossland is Patrick Clark, the manager of the Republic mine on the Colville reservation. Mr. Clark enjoys the distinction of being the first mining man to make a lode mine pay dividends in the Coeur d'Alene, the Poorman; the first to make a dividend pay in British Columbia, the War Eagle; and the first to develop a dividend payer in the state of Washington, the Republic. This is a record that any mining man might well be proud of and stamps Mr. Clark as a most successful individual in his business. That he is successful is further evidenced by the fact that he is a millionaire and as he is still a comparatively young man and full of vigor and enterprise and backed by ample capital there is no reason why a few years will not see him a multimillionaire. He is the J. W. Mackay of this section, and possesses many of the characteristics of that mining and financial magnate. Both started in life with energy and a miner's pick as their capital and with these they have made their way to prosperity. Success has not spoiled them and both are just as approachable as they were before fortune smiled on them.

In speaking about his first experience in this camp yesterday Mr. Clark said: "When I first visited Rossland it was in the spring of 1893. Ross Thompson, the last of the persons who were here before John R. Cook, Ross Thompson, myself and a few others. There had been considerable work done on the Le Roi mine before that time and 1,000 tons of ore had been shipped. The mine, however, was shut down temporarily. This camp has a changed a great deal since that time, and the quantity of ore that is shipped is simply wonderful. Ore that was worthless at that time is now valuable, for the reason that the freight and treatment charges are much smaller than they were. All the conditions have changed for the better, so far as the mining man is concerned. I called on J. B. Hastings, superintendent of the War Eagle, and Nick Tregear, the superintendent of the Le Roi, today. The latter was shut down temporarily. The Le Roi and the War Eagle are both wonderful properties. I did not enter the workings, but the output is the thing that tells the story of their merits as mines."

There is a little matter which I wish to call the attention of the people here to. I would not have spoken of it, as it is hardly worth notice, but I am here as a guest and a visitor I wish to place myself in a right light before the public. Since I sold the War Eagle, a newspaper correspondent has written me several papers that I had blackballed the Rossland camp from New York to San Francisco; that I went out of my way to do this. There is not a scrap of truth in this statement. It is simply a lie made out of whole cloth. I have still more interest in this camp than the party who wrote these letters," said Mr. Clark with considerable spirit and emphasis.

In speaking of the Republic camp, Mr. Clark said: "Republic is a new camp. It differs from the Rossland in that it is a good many years ago. It is true as to the character of its ore and the formation. There the ore is of the cyaniding variety and carries no copper or other base metal. The values are principally silver and gold, mostly the latter. The cost of reduction in both camps is about the same but when we have a railway it will be cheaper. The ore in Republic is not of much higher grade than is found in the Rossland mines. There is this difference, however, that at Republic the ore can be treated on the ground, which is some little advantage. The greatest drawback that we have in the way of more economical extraction and reduction of the ore of Republic is transportation facilities. Rossland is well supplied now with transportation facilities, which was not the case when I first came here. We expect that we will have railway transportation at Republic next year. I think we will have a city at Republic of about the same size as Rossland. For its age Republic has done well to have one good dividend payer in 18 months. There will be others in my opinion, that year. None so far, however, have as high grade as the Republic."

"To return to this camp I wish to say, not in any spirit of boasting, that I was fortunate in my operations here. This is shown by the fact that the War Eagle while under my management paid dividends to the extent of \$240,000, to say nothing at all about what it was sold for. Hence I have only the kindest feelings for Rossland and its most hospitable people," concluded Mr. Clark.

Last Day to Register.

Today is the last day on which persons entitled to vote as householders, which includes roomers, can register if they wish to vote at the municipal election next year. So far about 275 voters have been registered against 405 last year, and a rush is expected today that will bring the total above that of last year. The city hall will be open till 9:30 o'clock tonight to afford everyone a chance.

W. D. McFadden left yesterday for Grand Forks on mining business.

EIGHT MEN LOST

Steamer Ainsworth Sunk in Kootenay Lake Near Pilot Bay.

SHE WAS CAPSIZED

Could Not Stand Up Against the Storm on the Lake.

CAPTAIN TOOK CHANCES

Put Out of Pilot Bay in the Face of a Heavy Gale—The Boat Was a Craney One—The Mate in Trying to Escape Was Drowned—The Death List Not Yet Fully Known—A Fearful Struggle for Life in the Cold Waters of Kootenay Lake.

The Death List.

The dead so far as now known include:

HENRY JACQUES, second engineer, Nelson.

JAMES MCNEILL, fireman, Nelson.

JOSEPH DAVIS, deck hand, no address.

PARIE, mate, no address.

JOHN GURIN, steward, Nelson.

KAIN, cook, Nelson.

TWO ITALIANS.

NELSON, Nov. 30.—The steamer Ainsworth, plying between this port and Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, foundered in a gale on the lake at 8 o'clock last night.

Eight are known to have perished, and the death list may reach 11.

The Ainsworth, which had recently been undergoing repairs, was placed on the route between Nelson and Bonner's Ferry on Monday, when she made her first trip in three weeks. Yesterday she cleared from this port at 2:15 for Bonner's Ferry, having aboard 19 passengers and 12 members of the crew.

She was heavily freighted.

The journey across the lake had been rough and there were indications of a storm when she cleared from Pilot Bay at 7:45. The captain, when at Pilot Bay, though the storm was raging, deemed it advisable to push on.

Threw Everything Overboard.

When about eight miles south of Pilot Bay, about 8 o'clock, the vessel, beating up against the storm, had taken in so much water forward that it was decided to lighten her, and all cordwood was thrown overboard. Instead of this relieving the craft it had a contrary effect.

The lightning of the bow threw all the water aft, with the result that her wheel sunk so deeply in the water that her machinery could not turn it, and she began to settle aft. Slowly the water crept on the lower deck, and as her fires went out she heeled over on her beam ends and lay floating on her side, with the waves beating over her. The crew and passengers had climbed up on her shore and a half away could be easily seen.

They were within a short distance of Crawford Bay, where there is only a lime kiln, and they could expect no help from shore.

Officers Man a Boat.

Seeing that they would all be washed off if they remained in their present position, Parie, the mate, succeeded in cutting away the starboard life-boat and with James McNeill, fireman, Joseph Davis, deck hand, and Henry Jacques, second engineer, climbed into her. They had no sooner taken their places than she was dashed against the floating wreck and swamped, throwing the men into the water. All four of the men were swept away and drowned.

Captain Lean then managed to launch another boat, which was speedily manned by Engineer Kane, John Donnelly of Kaslo, and Robert Lang, hotel-keeper of Goat River. They called for the passengers to get in as rapidly as they could and a body of Italian navvies, who were among the passengers, crowded into the boat and upset her. The captain, Engineer Kane, Donnelly and Lang managed to get back to the wreck, recovering the upturned boat, but two of the Italians were drowned. The rest clung to the boat until hauled in.

Paddled Off to Shore.

The boat being righted another attempt was made to get the passengers off, this time with success. The oars had been lost, but Kane pulled a board off the pilot house door and made paddles. With these they paddled the boat ashore, landing three passengers. They had to paddle over two miles before they could make a landing. Returning to the wreck they took off seven more, and on a third trip conveyed eight to land, making a total of 25 survivors.

THE HEART WAILS

Of Thousands Have Been Turned Into the Joy Songs of the Cured by the Almost Magic Medicine, Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—It Relieves in Thirty Minutes.

Mr. John Fitzpatrick of Gananogue, was for five years a great sufferer from heart disease—spent some time under experts in Kingston hospital without getting any benefit and was pronounced incurable. She commenced taking Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and when she had taken three bottles all dropsical tendencies, palpitation and pain left her, and she had no return of it, and ascribes her cure to this greatest of heart remedies. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

The Ainsworth a Poor Craft.

The Ainsworth was an old boat and was considered cranky. While laden with stone she reeled over in the same way at Kaslo 18 months ago and had she not been near the shore all on her would have been lost. She was owned by Braden Bros. of Pilot Bay, or rather they are in the company. Marshall, the purser, held the majority of the stock. There was no insurance. It is held that the vessel should not have left Pilot Bay, when it could easily be seen that a storm was brewing.

Progress at the Salmo Consolidated.

The new hoisting plant having arrived at the mine, development work is progressing apace, with very satisfactory results. The management is still concentrating its attention to the speedy sinking of No. 2 shaft to the 200-foot level, and progress satisfactory to those in charge is being made. The condition of the workings continues to fulfill all expectations, and now that the work will be greatly expedited, interesting developments may be looked for.

AMONG THE MINES

The Shaft on the Commander Down 300 Feet and Good Ore Met.

OKANAGAN'S OFFICERS

Development of the Okanagan Group Will Commence at Once Under the Management of Dr. P. Langhammer. The Jumbo Looking Well.

The shaft on the Commander is down just 300 feet. It has been sunk 120 feet since operations were resumed under the management of W. J. Harris some time ago, and the showing now is the best that has been met since work was revived. Bunches of ore are met all over the bottom of the shaft, and much of it returns shipping values. The whole of the shaft is in mineral. For the most part the better grade of mineral shows a marked increase in the proportion of quartz, with a corresponding decrease in the proportions of copper that were met above the 200-foot level. One stringer of high grade copper ore was met, however, near the bottom of the shaft a few days ago. It was passed through. Although the shaft is being sunk vertically, the foot wall has not yet been transected. Thirteen men are at work, under the supervision of J. Houghton.

The Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited.

held a meeting yesterday, when officers were elected as follows: President, Hon. T. Mayne Daly; vice-president, Ross Thompson; secretary, K. K. Feiler, of the International; treasurer, G. M. King, of the Hotel Allan. The officers, with Dr. Erich Reichter of Spokane, compose the directorate. Dr. Paul Langhammer was made the general manager of the company, while S. Thornton Langley was appointed the official broker. Dr. Langhammer leaves in a few days for the corporation's properties in the Okanagan country for the purpose of commencing work with a good sized force of men.

Meers, Bridgeford and Herring have just received from their properties in the Pend d'Oreille country, the Bright Future and North Star, a quantity of samples of the ore. This was all from the surface, but the assays which have been made show an average value of \$31.40 per ton. This indicates a very "bright future" for the fortunate owners.

The lower tunnel in the Jumbo has reached the 70-foot station, and it is expected that it will reach the ore body within the next 100 feet. The upper tunnel continues a body of quartz, iron, and the showing continues to be very satisfactory.

The Mugwump company has secured a crown grant for its property, the Mugwump, on Red mountain, near the War Eagle and the Iron Mask.

Early Closing Unanimous.

A rousing meeting of the Clerks' & Salesmen's union was held last evening, and they desire to announce that all the business places now close at the agreed hour—7 o'clock p. m. A vote of thanks was extended to the leading firms of the city for the manner in which they lived up to the agreement in the face of the fact that one or two firms still kept open after 7 p. m. Thanks is also due the public in assisting this movement. An adjourned meeting of the union will take place this evening at their hall at 8 o'clock p. m., when important business left over from last evening will be transacted. A full attendance of the members is requested.

R. T. Riley, managing director of the Canadian Fire Insurance company and director of the Sandford Manufacturing company, is at the Allan.

Dr. G. S. Armstrong, the American consular agent, made a flying visit to Northport yesterday.

OF THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO THE JOY SONGS OF THE CURED BY THE ALMOST MAGIC MEDICINE, DR. AGNEW'S CURE FOR THE HEART—IT RELIEVES IN THIRTY MINUTES.

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THE STOCK MARKET

The Feature of the Week Was the Rising Prices.

A FLURRY IN DEER PARKS

Monte Christos Advanced Rapidly and the Volume of Transactions in These Shares Was Large—Outlook Good For Lively Times.

The local stock market was lively during the week ending last evening. There was a demand for the standards, and there is, after a long period of falling prices, a rising market. This was evidenced by the rise in Deer Parks, Monte Christos and others. The indications are that there will for some little time be advances, which will carry up all the standards and some of the cheaper shares. A lively market in the immediate future is looked for.

The most pronounced flurry of the week was in Deer Parks. These shares rose from 16 cents to 21 cents. Then there was a slight relapse and yesterday Deer Parks were selling for 20½. There is no reason for a decline as there is a splendid showing of ore in the Deer Park, and there ought to be an increase in prices. The increase should keep pace with the development of the mine, which is now making rapid strides. It is estimated by a local broker that fully 100,000 shares changed hands in this market in the past week.

Iron Masks are stiff and strong. They were sold during the week at from 72 to 73 cents. Investors seem to have a special liking for these shares.

Monte Christos have advanced from 10 to 14 cents. There is no good reason for the advance in the price of Monte Christos. Work on the property is suspended and there seems to be no immediate chance for a renewal of operations. The spur of the Columbia & Western was partly extended toward the mine and suddenly operations ceased thereon. This was said to be because the company owning the City of Spokane asked for \$50,000 for the right of way and the railroad company thought this sum exorbitant and the building of the spur was suddenly stopped. If the spur were to be finished to the mine, the investors would regard it as a favorable sign and, at present prices, there would be a rush to buy.

Virginia are stiffening. The shaft of the Virginia has reached the 400-foot level and a shaft is now being cut out on the east side of the mine. It is expected today or tomorrow, and then work on the shaft toward the 500-foot level will be resumed. When the 500-foot level is reached, crosscutting for the ledge will be commenced and then look out for an advance in the price of these shares. Provided, of course, pay ore in large quantities is found. Virginia are quoted at from 40 to 42 cents, but are scarce and hard to get. One broker has an order for 10,000 shares which he is finding some difficulty in filling.

There is considerable trading in Novelties at 4 cents.

White Bears hold their own and there was a good deal of trading in them at from 6½ to 7 cents.

Iron Horses are selling at from 17 to 17½ cents. The machine for the compressor plant has arrived in Spokane from the east and should come to hand in a few days. As soon as the compressor is installed work on the double-compartment shaft will be resumed. There is a good deal of inquiry for War Eagles at \$2.93, ex-dividend.

Fairmonts are in enlarged demand at 10 cents per share. Work on the property of the Fairmont company is making good progress.

Monarchs are in increased local demand at 7 cents. Those who have seen the property of the Monarch company say it has a promising future.

Sarah Lees are in local demand and sell readily at from 7 to 7½ cents.

Salmo Cons are selling well in Eastern Canada and in London at the recently increased price of 20 cents.

Lone Pines were among the best sellers in the Republic group of stocks. They were disposed of at 21 cents and the demand was of a good size.

Jim Blaines also moved freely and the price ranged from 56 to 61 cents. There was some movement in the other Republic shares.

CHEAP FUEL FOR KOOTENAY.

Great Strike of Coal Oil Near Crow's Nest Pass.

One of the most important discoveries for the benefit of the mining districts of Kootenay has just been made in South Alberta, near the Crow's Nest pass coal fields. This is a rich strike of coal oil, said to be of excellent quality and abundant in quantity. Great excitement prevails around the Crow's Nest pass, and many prospectors have already gone out to the new fields well equipped for boring wells.

As it is now well known, crude oil is exceedingly valuable for fuel, and is used on the locomotives on several important railway systems in the United States. As it can be transported in tanks at small expense to this point when the Crow's Nest Pass railway is opened this new strike opens up a vista of enormous possibilities in the way of cheap fuel for mining and other operations in the Kootenays. The oil floats on the surface of the creeks and other streams to a wide area around the point of discovery.

Board of Trade Excursionists.

The committee from the board of trade which will take part in the excursion to the Crow's Nest Pass lines will leave Rossland shortly after Thursday of next week. The exact date on which the excursionists will leave has not yet been decided. The Rossland party will include J. B. Johnson, A. B. Clabon, W. N. Dunn, D. B. Bogle, F. W. Rolt, Richard Marsh and W. B. Townsend.