ACROSS THE WATER A SPOKANE LETTER.

John McKane Tells of His Recent Experience There.

LONDON IS MOST RESPONSIVE

fleet Us Half Way, But Nothing But the Very Best Properties Should Be Sold to

John McKane, ex-secretary of the board John McKane, ex-secretary of the board of trade has returned from a four months' trip to the old country. While he was away he visited all the principal cities of the United Kingdom, including London, Glasgow, Belfast and Dublin. He also visited France and her colonies Algeria McKane reports that he Glasgow, Belfast and Dublin. He also visited France and her colonies Algeria and Tunis. Mr. McKane reports that he had a very pleasant time, and was quite successiul in his business ventures. Everwhere that he went those whom he met seemed glad to listen to the story of the wonderful development of the Kootenay country. He found that even some of the residents of Algeria were interested in the shares of the B. A. C. In fact, the success of that company and its subsidiary corporations, has drawn a great deal of admiring attention to this section in a considerable portion of the Old World. Mr. McKane says that while he was in Scotland in January he disposed of a number of shares there of the British America corporation, and now that these shares have advanced the fortunate investors can now realize a handsome profit from them. They got in at a low figure and can now get out with a good profit. He feels that the proper way in which to secure the confidence of the investors of the Old Country is to sell them the very best that we have. This will inspire them with confidence and lead to larger investments and the upbuilding of this section. The conditions in the United Kingdom are fast ripening for a large interest to be taken in this section. The people there are in a responsive mood, and if they are met haf fway they are certain to come the balance of the distance.

"I see no reason why," he said, "provided the proper steps are taken, and no mistakes are made, there should not be an increased interest taken hereafter in British Columbia by the large promoters and the public generally. There is no good reason why this interest should not grow in time to the proportion of that which is now being manifested there in South Africa and Westralia. We have just as good mines here as anywhere, and all that is needed to make them produce is money for development. Therefore, when the tide of British investment begins to set in this direction we may look for some thing phenomenal in the way of both development and production.

"On the return trip I met James J. Hill, the very brilliant and able president of the Great Northern railway, and he expressed the utmost faith in the future of the mining industry of the Kootenays and British Columbia, as he also did of the Pacific coast section generally.

"Among those who seem to be in close touch with the development of the Kootenay, and with whom I conversed while I was away, were the following: Mr. Rule, a preminent resident of Inverness; Captain Barr of Dundee, Captain W. H. Hope of Aberlady, W. S. McDowell of Liverpool, and many others. They all spoke highly of the province and hopeful-Hope of Aberlady, W. S. McDowell of Liverpool, and many others. They all spoke highly of the province and hopefully of the mining industry here, which they were certain would grow to large importance. So you can see that the interest in the mines of this country is growing, and that this will shortly bear fruit that will be useful to us, is certain. I talked to a large number who have promised to visit Rossland during the summer and fall for the purpose of making investments."

Mr. McKane says that while he had a very pleasant time while abroad, he is greatly pleased to be back among his Rossland friends again, and feels that he is indeed at home.

OUR HOSE TEAM BEATEN.

Assistant Chief Charles Collins Tells How

Charles Collins, assistant fire chief, returned Thursday from New Denver, whither he went with the Rossland hose wintner ne went with the Rossland hose team. In describing how the hose team was defeated he said the course was clear-ed shortly after 2 o'clock for the race be-tween the Rossland and Nelson team. tween the Rossland and Nelson team. There was one false start and then the fun began. Both aggregations ran with the speed of greyhounds. Mr. Collins says he ran alongside the Rossland team and that our boys kept drawing ahead inch by inch, that when 180 yards ...ad been traversed they were about a foot ahead. The men were running so rapidly that the write the start of the start ahead. The men were running so rapidly that they, without intending it, drew closer and closer together. Finally the Nelson cart collided with the Rossland cart. This collision caused a slight slackening of the speed and lost the Rossland team the race, which the judges declared that Nelson won by about four inches. Mr. Collins does not blame either team for the collision. In running both teams went at the top of their speed and the effort was so great that the conand the effort was so great that the con-testants became partially blinded owing to the great exertion put forth. Both to the great exertion put forth. drew together without knowing it and drew together without knowing it and the collision occurred, and no one was to blame. The time in which the 200 yards was made was 23 seconds. This is good time, as the fastest time on record, 22 seconds, was made in Georgia. Mr. Collins only in the control of says he had no protest to make or kick coming at the decision of the judges; that the Rossland team was beaten and that the Rossiand team was beaten and that is the end of the matter, so far as he and the rest of the team are concerned. There will be an opportunity before long to again meet the Nelson sprinters.

Mr. Collins returned on the train via the Red Mountain read vectories after.

Mr. Collins returned on the train via the Red Mountain road yesterday after-noon. J. Allen, C. R. McBride, C. W. Wilson, R. McIlmoyl, J. W. Ross, C. G. Atkins and the remainder of the team returned via the C. & W. railway at 12

o'clock last night.

The game between the Nelson and the Sandon baseball teams was won by the former with a score of 14 to 3.

The lacrosse game between New Denver and Nelson was won by the latter by a score of four to nothing.

The members of the team reported when they returned last night that they had been royally entertained in New Denver They were given the full free

when they returned last hight that they had been royally entertained in New Denver. They were given the full freedom of the city and their money was no good. In short, they were loud in their praises of the open handed hospitality of New Denver.

Coeur d' Alene Mine Owners Hopeful for the Future.

RETROSPECT OF ROSSLAND CAMP

okane Capitalists Who First Developed the Properties and Made Their Fortunes Out of

Spokane, May 22.

The Coeur d'Alene country is indeed couresd. With the highest prices and the biggest demand for lead and silver known for six years, nearly every mine in the Coeur d'Alene will be compelled to shut down for the greater part of the summer. Five hundred thousand a month would have been disbursed there this would have been disbursed there this summer, and this will now be stopped. It is a deplorable condition of things, but summer, and this will now be stopped. It is a deplorable condition of things, but matters had come to such a pass that anarchy had really taken the place of law and order in the Coeur d'Alenes. I am no enemy of labor combinations. Labor has just as much right to organize as capital; but when organized labor is used to keep at work lazy and incompetent union men and to exclude from employment competent and industrious non-union men, it becomes a criminal organiment competent and industrious non-union men, it becomes a criminal organi-zation. The Miners' Union of Coeur d'Alene had become an utterly lawless criminal and communistic body even be-fore the final infamy of murder and in-cendiary. The organization was really in control of mining operations in Canyon cendary. The organization was really in control of mining operations in Canyon creek, and the owners could employ no labor or no officers unless satisfactory to the Union. This organization had set at defiance the laws of God and man, and it is well that at last it has been outlawed, and that the decree has gone forth that it must be rooted out of the Coeur d'Alene root and branch.

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The vast majority of the mine owners live in Spokane, and they are heartily glad that the end of this gang of organized brigands is at hand. The mine owners are relieved that the atmosphere is being cleared, for they look to greater prosperity for that country than ever when the Coeur d'Alenes are purged of this horde of banditti. of banditti.

Coeur d'Alene produces one-third of the lead product of the United States, and under the better conditions soon to be born, it will yield fully 50 per cent of the lead product of the United States. Its galena deposits are simply fabulous; and since its discovery 15 years ago it transformed numbers of poor and advenurous miners from obscurity and poverty to wealth and affluence. It was Coeur d'Alene that gave Spokane its first erty to wealth and affluence. It was Coeur d'Alene that gave Spokane its first impetus on the road to wealth and greatness, and the palaces, mansions and villas that adorn this beautiful, grand city are chiefly built by the pioneers of early Coeur d'Alene days. And it will do more for Spokane in future, for lead mineral is certain even of a greater boom than copper mining. It is not long since America used to buy its lead from European countries. But European lead mines are no longer equal to the home demand. The mines are being rapidly exhausted and supplies must now be had from America and Australia. Last year the United States sent 30,000 tons of lead to Europe. This was lead from Canada and Mexico refined in the States. This year the European demand is greater than ever, and her own supplies less; and with the Coeur d'Alene mines shut down there should be a virtual boom in that metal. This will benefit the Slocan and East Kootenay districts. There is only one mine in East Kootenay, the St. Eugene, in a condition to ship steadily. The first 100 tons of crude ore we shipped from the St. Eugene to the Trail smelter netted over \$35 to the ton. This, after deducting nearly \$40 for freight, treatment and duty.

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The Sullivan and North Star, also in East Kootenay, cannot become steady shippers till a branch road of about 20 miles is built to the mines. But the St. Eugene has the Crow's Nest Pass railroad passing right beneath the mine.

The Slocan country will be greatly benefitted by the coming boom in lead, and it is a curious fact that English and Scotch capitalists are gradually getting hold of Slocan mines. They own now the Whitewater and the Whitewater Deep, the Idaho, the Ruth, the Bosun, and they have just purchased the Enterprise for \$350,000. They are wise in their generation, for they will reap rich harvests therefrom.

The stock of the Payne mine is being gradually absorbed by Montreal people. This is the mine that S. S. Bailey of Portland, Seattle and Spokane bought in 1891 for \$5,000. In 1896 he sold out to Scott McDonald and A. W. McCune on the basis of \$4,000,000 for the mine. Scott McDonald is a Coeur d'Alene pioneer, a stalwart fellow, who toiled and plodded and dreamt of fortune for 20 years amid the snows and winters' blasts of the Rockies, and it came at last in the Slocan, where he cleaned up \$500,000, and he has built him a lovely home in Spokane to enjoy the evening of his affe among his old friends and associates.

Rambler-Cariboo, Noble Five, Slocan Star, the Wonderful and a number of other excellent mines are being absorbed by Eastern capitalists. The Slocan at one time was little else than a suburb of Spokane, Spokane folks exploited the mines up there as it did in Couer d'Alene, but these mines are being gradually transferred from Spokane to English and Canadian owners.

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Rossland also was exploited by Spokane, and Rossland has really done more for Spokane than any other district. It was a bevy of Spokane lawyers with Senator George Turner at the lead that developed the famous Le Roi. That mine brought five million dollars into Spokane, and when English capitalists purchased it they bought a mine that can pay two million dollars in dividends for 20 years to come. "Vive Le Roi" is now a favorite expression on the London and Paris stock exchanges, and the stock of the great Rossland mine is a prime favorite among the mining investors of France and England. It is selling there for about the basis of \$10,000,000 for the mine. This is by no means an excessive price. The

gone out to open up new gold fields, and Republic owes its development to the men who made money at Rossland. It is only three years since the Republic camp was discovered, and it is little more than two years since Denis Clark bought one-eighth interest in the Republic mine for \$500. Tommy Ryan, the discoverer, sold him that interest. Both Ryan and Denis Clark had been miners in the Coeur d'Alenes and at Rossland, and both were poor men two years ago. Denis Clark recently sold his interest in Republic for \$250,000 and he is now a capitalist and a man of importance. So is Tommy Ryan, one of the kindest and most popular of the prospectors that have haunted the Rockies for a quarter of a century. The stock of the Republic mine itself is rapidly being absorbed by Montreal people on the basis of \$4,000,000. This is not bad for a property that three years ago was set weath \$1.000. It is a great mine, and

for a property that three years ago was not worth \$1,000. It is a great mine, and should pay \$500,000 a year in dividends for many long years to come.

The Surprise, the Lone Pine, the Insurgent and the Jim Blaine are also assured rich Republic mines. Another, and probably the greatest mine at Republic, the Mountain Lion. has been developed by

rich Republic mines. Another, and probably the greatest mine at Republic, the Mountain Lion, has been developed by Jonathan Bowen of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Bowen is another spoilt child of fortune, who began life rich, and fortune seems resolved to enrich him still more. A large interest in this property has been bought by the McLarens of Ottawa.

There are other mines at Republic in process of development that may rival and even surpass the great Republic and the Mountain Lion. But enough is known to satisfy the most conservative that Republic will rival, if not surpass, Cripple Creek as a gold producer. It will be the Johannesburg of the west; and President J. J. Hill on his return from Europe will immediately run a railroad across the Columbia and up the San Poil to Republic, and from thence to Midway to connect with the C. P. R.

North of Republic and west of Rossland are the various camps of the Boundary or Kettle River country. These are essentially copper-gold camps, and in course

or Kettle River country. These are essentially copper-gold camps, and in course of time there is little doubt that this country will be the greatest copper pro-

country will be the greatest copper producer on the globe.

Deadwood, Brown's, White's and Summit camps are all within a dozen miles of Greenwood camp, and I should not wonder if each and every one of them made a Butte. That means immense mining industry. They really cluster on a mountain of mineral, and they are located so that the treatment and dressing of the ores can be done cheaper than at of the ores can be done cheaper than at

of the ores can be done cheaper than at Butte.

The Morrison is owned principally in Spokane, and this promises to be a phenomenally rich mine.

I do not share in the views of some of the London financial writers, that copper is bound to have a collapse on account of excessive production, and the liability of the great copper trust to control the price. It will take 20 years to open up the Boundary mines to equal Butte in production, but in the meanwhile the wants and needs of the commercial world make an evergrowing demand for copper. There is far greater danger of a deficiency rather than an excess of copper production, and Marcus Da'y, the copper mining king of the world, who presumably should know more of copper than any man on either continent, fully believes that the supply of copper is going to run short of the demand. He has had, prospectors scouring for copper mines all over the American continent for 15 years, and he knows that it is a lack and not an excess of copper mines the world has to fear. That is why I believe that Rossaland and the Boundary country is on the eve of a wonderful mining boom.

P. A. O'FARRELL.

Is \$20,000,000 and the Earl of Aberdeen. Former Governor-General of Canada, Is at

Before Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh left for London the last time he told some of his confidents that he had in contemplation the formation of a large company on a still more collosal scale than the British America corporation with its capital of \$7,500,000. His idea was to organize a company with almost unlim ited capital, say in the vicinity of between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000, with which to exploit the mines of this section. It was his idea that as large as had been the results that had been attained by the investments he had made for the British America corporation, they would be as nothing to those which he would be able to achieve with four or five times the sum at his command. A few days since there came the news from London, which was published all over the country, to the effect that Mr. Mackintosh had rethe effect that Mr. Mackintosh had resigned the position of managing director of the British America corporation, and the further statement was made that he contemplated forming a company in this country for the sale and registration of London & Globe, British America corporation, Le Roi and other shares. This to a certain extent is a confirmation, of to a certain extent is a confirmation of the statement that he made before he left the city.

left the city.

It is now stated by his local friends that Governor Mackintosh had formed a company while he was in Great Britain, and it is claimed that it is on the magnificent scale which he contemplated before his departure. It is stated that he has succeeded in promoting a company with immense capital and that Lord Aberdeen, the former governor general of Canada.

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And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this thirtieth day of March, 1899.
3-30-rot.

KENNETH L. BURNET.

THE JURY

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All Bolts to P Bolts"-Men The investigation accident, in which on the morning

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