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FOR LARGE STAKES.

A Big Game Is Now Being Played Among Railroads in Kootenay.

FOUR BIG CORPORATIONS

Great Northern Has a Line From Albany Falls to Trail in Mind—Northern Pacific and C. P. R. After the Corbin System.

There is much speculation as to the meaning of the bonding of a large piece of ground adjoining the town of Trail on the south. There are about 80 acres in the tract and it abuts squarely up against the west bank of the Columbia river. There was a rumor that the Gooderham people of Toronto were back of the move and that they wanted the ground for a smelter site. This, however, was a very unreasonable story, for the purchasers would hardly build a rival smelter at Trail with Mr. Heinze owning the only practicable line of transportation from Rossland there. Mr. Blackstock, who is certainly competent to speak for the Gooderham syndicate, says that if they go into a smelter scheme anywhere it will be at Northport. It is not at all probable the Gooderham people or anybody else will embark in a smelting venture at Trail without being in possession of some real estate in the neighborhood of the mines from which they would expect to draw their ore supply.

The MINER has made very diligent efforts to learn the true meaning of the bonding of the land at Trail, and there is good reason to believe it was done for either the Northern Pacific or the Great Northern railroad company. Agents of both companies have been at Trail a good deal in the past month. It is positively known that an engineer in the employ of the Great Northern has been making careful observations all the way from Trail to Waneta. Presumably this is with the purpose of looking up a route for a branch in the Kootenay country from the main line. It is absolutely certain that the Great Northern desires to get into a position to secure a share of the growing business of Kootenay. There is an excellent route available from Albany Falls, where the main line of the Great Northern crosses Pend Oreille river, into Kootenay, by way of the Pend Oreille river to Waneta, thence up the Columbia river to Rock lake, and thence to Trail.

The distance from Albany Falls to the mouth of the Pend Oreille river at Waneta is about 100 miles. Construction of a line would be very inexpensive from Albany Falls to Box canyon, as it would be through the level Callie valley. The 40 miles from Box canyon to the mouth of the Pend Oreille is through a very rough country, but the engineering difficulties are by no means insurmountable. The distance from Waneta to Trail is about ten miles, so that a branch from the Great Northern from the main line at Albany Falls to Trail would be only about 110 miles long.

It need not be a matter of surprise if the Great Northern builds this branch during the present year. President Hill of that road went to New York the other day, accompanied by Mr. Stephens, his chief engineer, and it is hardly probable that he would have taken Mr. Stephens unless the purpose of his visit was to arrange for some important construction work.

The Northern Pacific is just as anxious to get a foothold in Kootenay as the Great Northern. What lends color to the story that the Northern Pacific has bonded the land on the south of the Trail townsite is the fact that agents of that company are known to have been at Trail frequently of late. One of these agents came direct from the general office of the company at St. Paul. But the more probable course of the Northern Pacific would be to make a close alliance with Mr. Corbin of the Spokane Falls & Northern. The personal relations between Mr. Corbin and the Northern Pacific people have always been of the most pleasant character. It was the Northern Pacific which purchased in 1888 the road that connects Corbin with Hauser Junction to Ostrud d'Alene City and the narrow-gauge from Mission, on the Couer d'Alene river, into the Couer d'Alene mines. It has often been hinted of late that the Northern Pacific would try to secure the Spokane Falls & Northern, Nelson & Fort Sheppard and Red Mountain lines. No doubt they would like to have such a property. It is today the finest thing of the kind west of the Rocky mountains if not in America. With this property in its possession, the Northern Pacific would occupy an almost impregnable position so far as its British Columbia business is concerned.

But there is another factor to be considered and that is the Canadian Pacific. That company proposes to get into the Kootenay country with both feet and the one thorn in the flesh to them is the Corbin system, which comes from the south and spreads out like a fan all over C. P. R. territory. Would it strike anybody there as being unreasonable if the C. P. R. tried to get the Corbin system. It would give an outlet to Spokane and the south and remove a dangerous rival. It is pretty certain that the C. P. R. has come to an understanding with Mr. Heinze and that the understanding consists of a traffic arrangement by which C. P. R. cars are to run into Trail and Rossland over the Columbia & Western from Robson, with certain lateral provisions such as the delivery of ore from the Slooan country to a coal smelter. The next thing to do with the Corbin system and we think a good deal more is going on in this direction than the outside world suspects. The railroad situation, take it altogether, is exceedingly interesting here in West Kootenay. This is a much coveted country just now. There is more prospective business for railroads in southern British Columbia than any other region on the continent and there are going to be some very startling plays made by those in the present game.

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TAKES HIGH RANK.

Monita Ore Continues to Yield Exceedingly Good Results.

Much interest is being aroused among mining men in the camp by the high assays from the Monita shaft. An assay made by the chemist of the City of Spokane last Monday showed five and one-half ounces of gold and 24 ounces of silver, a total value of \$125 per ton. An assay made yesterday for John B. Cook showed \$85 in gold and silver. Others made previously were \$41 and \$49 in gold. These tests leave no doubt whatever as to the high grade of the Monita ore; indeed, it seems to take rank with the highest grade ore ever found in the camp.

THE LAST CHANCE GROUP

It Has Been Incorporated by the Owners for \$500,000.

Three Cars of High Grade Ore Being Shipped Weekly—Deal Pending on the Cinderella—Cordelia's Strike.

SANDON, Jan. 25.—[Special.]—The Last Chance property, consisting of seven claims, the Last Chance, Blizard, Little Widow, Starlight No. 3, Starlight Fraction, Florida Fraction and Silver Chord, about 175 acres in all, is stocked for \$500,000. E. H. Tomlinson is president; W. H. Hendry, vice-president; F. A. Woods, secretary-treasurer and general manager. It is rather unique in its management and also in its being a mine stocked for private convenience and not for the public. The officers named are the only stockholders and there is no stock for sale.

Most of the work has been done on the Last Chance and it consists of two tunnels, one 250 feet long in which the ore is from 6 to 30 inches wide; the other tunnel was driven in 150 feet to crosscut the lead and then driven 200 feet on the lead. There are two stopes between the two levels from which the ore has been taken out. The levels are 85 feet apart. In the lower tunnel there are two feet of ore. Shipments are being made at the rate of three cars a week. The ore averages 185 ounces in silver and 75 per cent lead.

At this mine there has been no development work done this winter. Fourteen men are now employed taking out the ore between the two tunnels. This will keep them employed till February, when operations will be suspended for the season. A \$20,000 dividend was paid a short time ago and another of the same amount will be paid on March 1. This is the net profit on about 700 tons of ore after paying all charges for mining and development since work was first begun on the property.

There is a deal under way to bond the Cinderella, one mile from Three Forks. On this property is a 300-foot tunnel in which there are strings of quartz, the assay showing 140 ounces in silver and \$23 in gold to the ton. They expect to strike a paying ledge with 100 feet more tunnel. The bond is \$7,000 for a control.

The Black Hills property on the Kaslo & Slooan railway, recently sold to coast parties, will probably be turned over to the bondholders. An expert is now on the way to report on the property. The tunnel is now in about 75 feet and shows an eight-foot ledge of quartz carrying sulphides of silver, but no lead. The ore assays 110 ounces in silver per ton.

The Tripoli, Maggie, Nellie D. and Cody Star have been bonded by Victoria parties for \$7,000. These claims are near Cody.

W. E. Terrill has purchased Archie Ourre's one-half interest in the Cody sawmill.

Six inches of ore assaying 300 ounces of silver have been struck on the Cordelia.

CALLS IT A CARICATURE.

P. A. O'Farrell's Opinion of the Spokane Stock Exchange.

P. A. O'Farrell was asked the other evening by a MINER representative his opinion of the Spokane Mining exchange:

"The Spokane exchange," he said, "was conceived in darkness, brought forth in folly, cradled in stupidity, and it will die in decrepitude and disgrace. Its performances are so silly that they do not reach the rank of passable farce-comedy. The whole thing from start to finish is a hollow mockery, for this self-constituted exchange of mining brokers is without change of mining brokers, and is not buying stocks for clients, but strutting and fretting their little hour upon the stage. It is a funny stage, a parody, or, rather, a caricature of the real thing, and the sooner it disappears under public contempt and ridicule the better."

EIGHT FEET OF ORE

Kootenay Tunnel Has Opened Up the Columbia's Big Chute.

ORE IS OF SHIPPING GRADE

The Strike Is Made at a Depth of 140 Feet Below the Columbia Tunnel—Progress of Work in the Kootenay's Big Chute.

The Kootenay-Columbia tunnel has opened another large body of ore. Manager Martin King has had but one assay made and that showed \$30 in gold. The ore is therefore believed to be of pay quality. It seems to be a large body, though just how large it is not yet possible to say, since it has not yet been completely exposed.

The tunnel is now in 400 feet, the last 100 feet being in the Columbia ground. It is generally known of course that the Columbia lies almost exactly west of the Kootenay, taking in part of the east slope of Columbia hill and the whole apex and joining the Iron Colt on the west side of the hill. The Columbia is only 1,150 feet long, hence it is 1,050 feet from the present face of the tunnel to the west end line of the claim.

When the tunnel was started on the Kootenay ground it ran about 100 feet on the ledge and then exposed a magnificent body of ore, which is now being worked by both overhead and underground stoping. From this ore chute the mine is already shipping about 100 tons a week and will be shipping much more as soon as more stoping ground can be opened. Several troublesome porphyry dykes were encountered in running the tunnel the next 300 feet, but more or less ore was present between these dykes. It is a matter of surprise that they should be there for they had already been found on the surface and in a tunnel run on the Columbia 140 feet above.

In running the Columbia tunnel a pay chute of ore was found just west of the last one of the porphyry dykes discovered. A car-load of ore shipped from this chute gave a return of \$51.20 in gold per ton. Manager King has expected all along that he would find this same dyke in the tunnel 140 feet below, and that when he got through it he would come upon the pay chute. The dyke was found to be about the same width as above, and as soon as he had got through it he found evidence of an ore body. The last shot Monday evening located the ore pretty well. A chamber has been cut out fully 20 feet wide, and when a representative of THE MINER went into the tunnel Tuesday morning the ore appeared to be eight or ten feet wide. Enough tests have now been made to determine the grade of the entire mass, but no finer looking ore has ever been found in the camp. Some of it is as fine grained as bell metal and speckled with quartz. Samples can be seen at the office of THE MINER.

WILL HAVE TO HUSTLE.

Large Surveying Party Sent Out to Survey Railroad Lands.

The largest surveying party ever sent out to Rossland left Monday to commence the survey of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway company's land grant on the east side of the track between Waneta and Nelson. They were these parties sent out by C. B. Smith, surveyor in charge, and they were composed of 30 men. Other smaller parties are being outfitted and will join the first party in a few days. The work must be completed by April 1.

RECORD MOUNTAIN MINES.

Several Properties There on Which Considerable Work Has Been Done.

A good deal of attention is at present being paid to the claims on Record mountain, and it would seem as if some good properties would be opened up there during the coming season. The Wallingford has a good deal of development work done upon it and has a well defined ledge 3 1/2 feet in width, carrying a high grade copper ore assaying 20 per cent copper, 12 ounces silver and \$2.40 in gold. With a comparatively small amount spent upon this claim it will probably pay the expenses of further development.

The Freddy B., adjoining the Wallingford, was worked all summer in 1895 and has a great showing of mineral on the surface. This claim is well worthy of being developed and has every promise of being a mine.

The Zio Battino and Bismark Mining company, owned by the Walla Walla Mining company, has some good showings for the work done and it is to be hoped this company will get in and push development on its property.

On the Daily, just bonded by a company headed by Mr. Smith Curtis, a large amount of development has been done, principally in a shaft over 80 feet deep. A contract has just been let for a further depth of 50 feet in the shaft with some crosscuts. The showing on the Daily is very encouraging, and before long it is expected the ore body will be struck.

The Sandown and Syndicate claims have every promise of being mines also. The work done on the ledge shows every indication of the close proximity of an ore body. These properties have recently been purchased by a syndicate which intends to proceed with development work on a large scale early in the spring.

On the continuation of Record mountain, in the southwest, where the Prospect group is situated, recently bonded by Messrs. North and Govan, there

are some fine showings on the surface and here there is also found the same class of ore as that discovered on the Wallingford. This claim is about one and a quarter miles from the Wallingford.

W. C. Archer has just contracted with Mr. J. A. Kirk for surveying and crown granting the Wallingford, Freddie B. and Minnie Moore claims.

McMillan's Funeral.

The funeral of Daniel McMillan, who was frozen to death Tuesday morning, while on his way home to his cabin, will be held Thursday, 10 o'clock. A telegram received by J. H. Good, from his sister at Newton, Mass., requested that the remains be sent to his birthplace in Nova Scotia for interment and asked if there would be any expense attached. Her telegram was answered immediately saying that there would be an expense and her reply of instructions is being awaited. John McMillan of New Watcom, Wash., has also been written, it being thought that he is a brother of the deceased.

HE WAS FROZEN TO DEATH

Dan McMillan Overcome by the Cold on His Way Home.

He Was One of the Blytheat at the Burns Banquet—A Native of Nova Scotia.

Aged and feeble Dan McMillan rejoiced for the last time on earth at the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns at the Grand Union Monday night. He shook hands and parted with his fellows at 3 o'clock in the morning, and at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning was found lying frozen and almost lifeless near his cabin. At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon he died at the Sisters' hospital.

On Monday evening the Scotchmen of Rossland held a meeting to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. The event was duly chronicled in THE MINER, but the sequel comes now. At the banquet table Monday night Mr. McMillan was as bygone as anyone. In spite of his 60 odd years he took the floor like a callant. In the small hours of the morning he started out for his cabin, which is on the hill on Nickel Plate flat. He never reached it. In the morning darkness he missed his way and fell into another gully, and lay down to review the situation. The treacherous cold chilled him and in the morning he was found frozen stiff. He was taken to the Sisters' hospital where all possible restorative means were used, but he never regained consciousness except to utter "Sister, I'm a'goin' to die." At 3 p.m. yesterday Old Mac quieted his spirit in the Kootenay.

He was about 65 years of age and was born at Antigonish, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. He has followed mining for a number of years, coming from Hinkley, Mont., to Rossland about a year ago. The only known relative he has is a niece, Isabelle McMillan, who resides at 15 Adams street, Newton, Mass. His mining partner, Alex. McMaster, of Hinkley, Mont., was notified by wire yesterday of his demise, as was his niece, who was also informed that his friends here would attend to the funeral.

As his name was found his watch, a letter from his niece thanking him for a Christmas present and a bank book. He has no funds now deposited at his credit. D. W. McLeod has taken quite an interest in the affairs of the deceased and J. H. Good, who recently made some mining transfers for McMillan, is attending to the correspondence, having written his niece the facts in the case.

R. W. Wilson of the Mining and Scientific Press, when asked about Mr. McMillan's death, said: "Yes, I was present when he died. I was never so much shocked in my life. I left him at 3 o'clock yesterday, and when I heard he was at the Sisters' hospital I went to see him. He sat next to me at supper and we were 'joshing' all the time. There was nothing on the face of God's earth that I would not have done for him, and to think of his lying down in the pitiless snow when we were all comfortable and warm is too horrible."

"He went out into the cold night, and being a man well up in years a cold wave struck him. I was with him when he died and all I have got to say is that when I have to face my Maker I hope I can go to Him with the same peacefulness that poor old Mac did. I have been all over the world, but I never saw a man pass in his checks surrounded by more loving kindness and tenderness than Mac had from the sisters."

SHORT OF FUNDS.

Squatters' Committee Has Only \$112 in Hand to Fight With.

From the amount of cash subscribed to the squatters' eviction fund at a late hour Tuesday night and placed with A. Klockmann, treasurer of the committee, it appears that the special committee appointed to collect money to defray the expenses of resisting evictions, has not met with great success so far. The total amount of cash subscribed Monday was \$125.25 and since then \$2.75 has been paid, making a total of \$128. From this it is deducted \$16 paid out for information obtained by the investigating committee and the expenses incurred in the Eagles-Engleish case, leaving cash on hand \$112.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The criminal case of malicious destruction of property brought against Henry Eagles and Gus Engleish by Architect Taylor was called for hearing by H. M. Townsend, J. P., for the second time yesterday, and by consent of all parties concerned was again postponed for eight days to await termination of the eviction case at Nelson. Mr. Townsend stated to counsel that in order to take cognizance of the merits of the dispute involving a civil action, over which he had no jurisdiction.

REAL ESTATE SALES

Montreal Syndicate Bought 26 Lots Yesterday for \$8,000.

A GOOD DAY'S BUSINESS

J. R. Miller of Winnipeg Bought 22 of Them—He Has Been Here Before and Thinks the Area Has a Great Future.

The real estate sales Tuesday were the heaviest for some time. J. R. Mills sold for the Montreal syndicate 26 lots, costing over \$8,000. Of these J. R. Miller, of Winnipeg, took for himself and friends 22. The other four went to people here in town who will build homes on them. Mr. Miller, in making his purchase said he had visited Rossland several times and has become convinced the place would have a great future. He will make improvements on some of the lots purchased and sold the others for an advance.

It is understood that a number of large sales are pending. The activity of the real estate market at this season of the year can be accounted for only on the theory of well-founded expectations of a marked increase in population and business in the approaching spring and summer.

It is reported on good authority that arrangements are about completed for the building of a large hotel on a prominent corner on Columbia avenue.

SANDON REVIEWS.

Owners of the Rabbit Paw Have Let a Second Contract.

SANDON, Jan. 25.—[Special.]—A contract has been let to drive the second 100 feet in the tunnel on Rabbit Paw, a claim adjoining the Slooan Star, owned by the Star Mining and Milling company.

G. B. Young, one of the 15 who recently passed the medical examination at Victoria and are now authorized to practice upon the undisposed of this province, has located in Sandon, Hill, another of the recent graduates, has paid us a visit, but with five doctors here he will probably seek further.

Mr. Bogus, agent of the Colorado Iron Works, who has been here for several days, left today.

H. Hirschel-Galen is here looking after a property in McGowan basin.

IN SEVEN MINUTES.

O. Jeldness climbed to the summit of Red mountain Tuesday and made a trial run on his skis from the point where the St. Elmo ledge crosses the shoulder of the mountain near its apex to the St. Lawrence hotel. The trip occupied seven minutes, the distance being about a mile and a half. By making the run to the Le Roi compressor on the Black Bear Mr. Jeldness thinks he could make the distance in half the time. The view from the summit was so sublime that he feels he was amply repaid for his exertions, though the ascent took three hours.

MINING NOTES.

The fine showing in the Gopher tunnel continues. The tunnel is being driven straight ahead, without regard to the variations of the ledge so that the ore comes and goes, but there is certainly a large body of it.

There are two shafts on the Cracker Jack. No. 1 is down about 20 feet and No. 2 is down 33 feet. A contract was let Tuesday for an additional 50 feet on No. 2 shaft.

An extension of the wagon road from the North Star to the Iron Colt is being built so that the steam hoist and drill for the Iron Colt, which has arrived, may be conveyed to the mine.

At a meeting of the directors of the Elise Gold Mining company held at Rossland on Saturday, Geo. A. Fraser was appointed president to succeed Dr. Kilbourne, and Edmund Baillie secretary to succeed James B. Owens.

The ore taken from the bottom of the winze being sunk from the level of the No. 2 tunnel of the War Eagle is running very high in gold. An assay made last Friday showed \$100 and it is no uncommon thing for assays to run over \$100. The average of the ore is the highest ever known in the War Eagle.

The machinery for the Nest Egg has at last arrived. It is being hauled over the new wagon road to the mine and will be in place within two weeks. This property is now being operated by the Nest Egg-Firefly company and shipments will begin to the Trail smelter almost immediately.

The Bluebird on Green mountain, the property of the Kootenay & Northwest Mining company, is being developed with a force of five men. A tunnel has been begun on the vein and is now in 15 feet. The workings are all in ledge material showing some stringers of solid ore.

J. S. Patterson has organized the Gold Eagle Mining company to take over the Gold Bar property on Gold Bar hill, near the international boundary. The members of the company are Toronto people. About \$500 has been spent on the Gold Bar and the company has plenty of cash in the treasury for further work.

Additional samples of fine looking ore have been brought in from the Victory tunnel. An assay of some pieces of ore showed 12 1/2 per cent copper, \$4 in gold and about 8 ounces in silver. Other assays show a lower percentage of copper with about the same gold and silver. The tunnel is now in the last and is gaining depth very rapidly.

Montgomery Smith returned last Thursday from a two-day trip to

Eastern Canada, during which time he formed a strong syndicate to take over the Hattie mine. The syndicate proposes to develop the Hattie in a thorough and energetic manner. A contract has already been let for sinking a shaft 100 feet on the north or big vein, which will make a total depth of 125 feet. We may expect some good results in the Hattie at no distant day, as it is one of our most promising undeveloped properties.

The Deer Park shafthouse is completed and the machinery, which is expected every day, will be immediately hauled to the mine and put into place. The shaft is being timbered and wiced. In the crosscut at the 108-foot level about 40 feet has been run towards the footwall and the face of this tunnel is all solid ore. From this crosscut a drift has been run 12 feet parallel to the direction of the vein which showed very fine ore all the way. The veins in the drifts and crosscuts on the 100-foot level seem to average about \$30 per ton. It smelter returns show up equally well the Deer Park will be one of the biggest mines and richest bonanzas in the camp.

WILL TREAT SLOOAN ORES

Trail Smelter Has Made Contracts With Several Silver-Lead Mines.

Traffic Arrangement Completed With the C. P. R.—New Furnaces Will Be Added to the Plant at Once.

It was stated some time ago that F. Ang. Heinze, of the Trail smelter, had made the statement that if he could secure a sufficient number of contracts from owners of lead and silver mines in the Slooan country he would put in furnaces for the treatment of such ore. The MINER is in a position to say that a number of such contracts have been made with Mr. Heinze and that the necessary arrangements are now being made to treat lead and silver ores at the Trail smelter.

These ores are to be brought to Trail via Robson over the C. P. R. line to be put in operation between Slooan crossing and Slooan lake, and the line up the Columbia river to Robson, now being built by Mr. Heinze himself. These ores will come to the Trail smelter as a result of the understanding recently arrived at between the C. P. R. and Mr. Heinze.

The arrangement is one of very great importance to the entire Kootenay and Boundary country. It means that the capacity of the Trail smelter is to be very much enlarged and that in a few months it will be producing bullion as well as matte.

PERSONALS.

Fred Perrine of Spokane is in the city looking for a business site for Spokane parties.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manly of Grand Forks, arrived in town Monday from a trip to Victoria and other coast points.

Chester B. Ellis, representing the Melrose orchard of Moran Prairie, Washington, is in the city soliciting orders for apples, and reports good success.

James D. Sward, agent of the Ingersoll Drill company, started for Montreal Monday morning, and will be away for some time.

B. R. McDonald, local customs officer, left for Vancouver Monday to be absent two weeks. J. Stundon will take charge of the office in Mr. McDonald's absence.

R. D. Turner of George Gale & Sons, Waterville, P. O., is in town. He is an extensive manufacturer of brass bedsteads, mattresses, etc., and he reports very heavy orders on his trip.

S. F. Griawold, who was at Wainburg, Washington, during the earlier part of the winter, has returned to Rossland and is making preparations for active operations in his mining district in upper Shoop creek.

Perry Galt of Toronto, who came out as the legal representative of the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate in the matter of the War Eagle purchase, left for home Monday, having successfully concluded his business.

G. W. Callahan, manager of the Vancouver syndicate left for London Tuesday morning, and will be absent about three months. Before leaving he let a contract for continuing the tunnel on the Deadwood 100 feet further, which will give it a total length of 288 feet on the vein.

Alexander Dick, who, with A. B. Mackenzie, bonded some important properties on Slooan lake in December, is now in St. John, N. B. He was recently in Halifax and was interviewed about West Kootenay to the extent of several columns by one of the papers there. He carries with him an excellent store of very correct information.

V. A. Schilling, city passenger and ticket agent of the O. R. & N. Co., passed through Rossland Saturday on his return to Portland from the Slooan country. He is gathering data for advertising literature in West Kootenay to be published by his company. He says indications point to an enormous travel from the south to British Columbia this season.

EVENTS IN MONTREAL.

Board of Trade Election—Donarum Is Improving—Minor Mention.

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—John McKerron was elected president of the Montreal board of trade today by 11 majority. The other officers elected are as follows: First vice-president, James Chalmers; second vice-president, C. F. Smith; treasurer, Henry Life.

Minister Fisher announces that he has completed arrangements with a shipping company here for odd storage for agricultural and dairy produce.

A movement has been started for a subscription to assist Bishop Langens in the agitation for separate schools.

Mr. Beauregard ex mayor and proprietor of La Patrie, whose friends were summoned to his bedside Sunday, expecting death, is somewhat improved.