

THE DEAL IS CLOSED

Great Western Passes Into Hands of B. A. C.

\$50,000 WAS PAID DOWN

The Purchase Price Is Fixed at \$101,000—Old Company Retains the Accounts Due on the Sale of the Surface Rights.

The sale of the Great Western to the British American corporation, Hon. C. I. Mackintosh's syndicate, was completed at a special meeting of the company held Monday evening in the office of Hon. T. Mayne Daly, the solicitor for the British American. It was a stockholders' meeting, and some 909,000 shares, out of a total of 1,000,000, were represented. Louis Bertonneau, the president of the company, was present, as was also J. B. Jones, the secretary, who brought up the company's seal from Spokane with which to legalize the documents. Among the stockholders present were General Charles S. Warren, Ross Thompson, C. O'Brien Reddin, E. E. M. Strickland and Victor Monnier.

The deal was made on the basis of \$100,000 for the property. Of this \$50,000 was cash and \$45,000 payable April 4. The old company retained accounts due it on the sale of surface rights to the extent of \$5,000, and the British American corporation assumes an indebtedness of about \$1,000 contracted by the company.

The deed was executed in triplicate, and the three copies of it were duly signed and sealed. The first payment of \$50,000 was made Tuesday morning by Mr. Daly, acting for the British American corporation.

THEAT DISPUTED GROUND

The Iron Mask Has the Centre Star Enjoined From Working on It.

An injunction was secured Monday by the Iron Mask restraining the Centre Star from working the shaft which it was operating on the ledge near the side line between the two properties. The hearing of the case will probably come up at the office of the Registrar on Tuesday.

At the same time the Centre Star undertook on its own part not to continue work on the ledge which was disposed of. The case was heard before Justice Walkem at Nelson, and he found for the Centre Star, at the same time making the injunction against the Iron Mask permanent. An appeal was taken by the latter company, and should have come up before the full bench of the supreme court on November 22, but as no quorum was obtainable at that date, the hearing was deferred and has not yet come to trial.

At the time Justice Walkem gave his decision he allowed the Centre Star to continue exploratory work in the disputed ground until the case should come up before the full bench. The purpose of this work would be to bring out any facts as to the dip of the ledge in dispute. Since then the Centre Star sank a shaft on a vein outcropping near the ledge yesterday an injunction was secured from Victoria by A. H. MacNeill, representing the Iron Mask, restraining its rival from continuing further operations at that point. The contention of the plaintiff is that the Centre Star has done some work either to show its right to the ledge or the reverse, and as it has not proven its title, operations should be suspended pending a decision by the supreme bench on the main point at issue. The injunction was accordingly granted.

SHOOTING AT EUREKA.

Three Men Severely Wounded During a Drunken Brawl.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 1.—[Special.]—Word arrived here this evening of a shooting affray at Eureka camp early this morning, during which three men were shot. From the meagre details at hand it appears that while engaged in a drunken altercation, Frank Godfres and Ike La Fleur, half-breeds, were shot in the arms, while an unknown white man received a bullet in the face. After the shooting occurred Godfres, one of the wounded men, was taken to his home for treatment, a few miles from Eureka, while the other wounded men are having their wounds dressed at Eureka camp.

A BIG DEAL BREWING.

The Republic Mine at Eureka May Be Sold to the Red Eagle Company.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 1.—[Special.]—News comes from Eureka to the effect that Messrs. Taylor and Hastings of Rossland, representing the Red Eagle Mining company, have just made a thorough examination of the Republic mine at Eureka, with a view to its purchase by their company. The Republic is a well-known situated some 30 miles from Grand Forks it is still tributary to it.

GRAND FORKS NOTES.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 1.—[Special.]—In anticipation of making a midnight run in relocating claims on New Year's eve St. Hill of Nelson, Wash., treated his saddle horse to a complete set of new shoes, which he intended should be worn by the animal while making his midnight run for some valuable claims. Dick Wynn, of the Big Four mine on the reservation, has just put three shifts

to work on a 50-foot incline shaft which is being sunk in the long tunnel that has been run on the Big Four mine.

Practically the entire male population of Nelson, Wash., was out celebrating claims on New Year's eve. Many of the boys carried guns, but so far as heard from there was no trouble.

COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY MINE.

Manager Grider of the Trail Mining company, owners of the Columbia & Kootenay, and a representative of F. A. Heinze spent Monday at the mine, taking an inventory of the machinery, supplies, etc. Manager Grider informed a reporter of THE MINER that this is the last business formality between Heinze and the company, preparatory to the latter again obtaining control of the property. It is said that Heinze's bond on the Columbia & Kootenay cost him in various ways, more than \$100,000. There is some uncertainty as to whether the owners of the property will commence development in search of richer ore bodies or sell immediately to an English syndicate.

Made Attorneys For Mining Companies.

Angus MacNish has been gazetted as notary public for the mainland. Hugh Nelson of Trail has been gazetted as justice of the peace for Kootenay.

Herbert E. A. Robertson of Victoria has given notice of application to incorporate a railroad from Robson to Rossland.

W. T. McDonald has been made provincial attorney for the Big Three, California and the Josie-Mac companies. H. W. Fellows has been made provincial attorney for the Jumbo and the Virginia companies.

J. B. McArthur has been made attorney for the Paris Belle, the Phoenix and the Ontario companies.

C. F. Jackson has been made attorney for the Centre Star and the West Le Roi & Josie companies.

F. W. Holt has been made attorney for the Iron Mask company.

C. R. Hamilton has been made attorney for the Centre Star company.

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CHAT WITH TUPPER

He Talks Hopefully of the Trail Creek Division.

THE RAILWAY SITUATION

Sir Charles Thinks That the Next Dominion Parliament Will Be Liberal in the Matter of Railway Extension in the Kootenay District, Etc.

LONDON OFFICE, ROSSLAND MINER, 125, Bishopsgate Street (Within). LONDON, Dec. 16.—[Special.]—Sir Charles Tupper sailed in the Majestic on Wednesday, but before going he gave an opportunity of gaining his views regarding several important matters concerning Canadian mining matters.

When I found him he was busy at a board meeting of his company, the owners of the Velvet mine. In reply to my request for a few minutes' chat, the general ex-premier said that he was almost unable to accede to the request, but he would make an exception for the ROSSLAND MINER.

"Your recent visit, Sir Charles, to the Kootenay was an eye-opener to you, I think, despite the fact that you had always been a foremost champion of the mineral wealth of the Dominion."

"Yes," he said with emphasis, "my investigation there made me come to the conclusion that we have been under-estimating British Columbia and her resources. When I was at Rossland I was struck, very much struck, with the enormous area and richness of the mines in the Rossland district. Their extent impressed me, and I was profoundly astonished by the significance attaching to the fact that as they went down in depth so they increased in richness. In view of the restrictions under which the Kootenayians have laboring in the matter of transportation and fuel, both of which have hindered development, I was much pleased with the progress made."

"You will naturally want to know a little bit about my opinions of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, I believe that this branch will revolutionize mining in the Kootenay district. It will facilitate transportation, and by cheapening smelting make available those large quantities of low grade ore which while they run to \$12 will not, under existing circumstances, pay."

"All this will be altered by the construction of the railway through the Crow's Nest pass, whose enormous quantities of coal will place at the disposal of the mines an excellent coke at half the present price. You will know how much this means to the Kootenayans. I must not forget either to say how significant are constant new discoveries of rich and valuable mines in the Kootenay. Of course, we all know that the Kootenay is very rich in gold, silver, lead and copper, but I feel that we are now only at the eve of those developments which, arising from the inherent virtue of the Kootenay mines deserve. In my opinion Canada will be the centre of mining enterprise during the coming decade."

"And now, Sir Charles, may I tell me anything particularly interesting about the railway question?"

"In my opinion," replied Sir Charles, "we are now about to witness special developments in regard to the railways of the past province, and I expect that the lack of railway facilities; all this will be altered now, and I expect that parliament, in the coming session, will make special provision for extension of the Lethbridge to Rossland, through the development of the Crow's Nest Pass, is very important to the country in which your paper chiefly circulates. But it will not also assist West Kootenay; it will also give facilities of transport and communication to East Kootenay, which, mineral region, rich both in gold and silver. I have no doubt that ere long it will be decided to extend the railway to at least as far as the mouth of Boundary Creek country, whose mines now await development. The line will probably be then carried on from Penitence to Fort Hope. Although in the cold shades of opposition, I have felt it a great pleasure to be able to support those who are now in power in their efforts to give increased railway facilities in the region where they are most needed."

Help for the Miners. I then had a general conversation with the ex-leader of the Dominion house of commons on the mines of Ontario and Nova Scotia, and also touched upon the question of the Yukon goldfields. Sir Charles said he did not think that there was much possibility of loss of life or unusual distress in the belt of the Yukon, but he held the view that at great personal inconvenience and heavy expenditure supplies could be got through for the relief of those imprisoned at Dawson City, and gave it his opinion that the Canadian government would not hesitate to afford moment so extreme a situation to one moment all the help in their power to limit the actual suffering which we have been led to expect.

Horne-Payne's Address. On Thursday, December 16, Horne-Payne addressed the shareholders of the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Goldfields. You will remember that last year Horne-Payne made a very optimistic speech, in which he predicted all kinds of good things from the development of this company's properties. At today's meeting, Horne-Payne, who has recently returned from British Columbia, had to climb down from the position he took up last year. During the course of his speech he gave it as his opinion

that until the expenses of working are reduced by cheaper treatment, labor and railway facilities, the low grade ore of the Rossland district cannot be worked with good profit, and that pending the expected facilities for the treatment of ore in this district it is advisable to "lie low." This is one of the companies with which the agent-general is connected in a dictatorial capacity. The disappointing results of the chief engineer's estimates of the value of ore bodies, the low price of silver, and the stoppage of the Llanark mine were all referred to as explanatory of the depressing results of the year. It was decided in the interests of economy to reduce the number of directors from nine to six.

Following are the prices of British Columbian and Canadian mining shares:

Alaska Goldfields	7-16	9-16	pm
British America Corporation	3-16	3-16	pm
B. C. Development	3-16	3-16	pm
British Columbia Finance Trust	3-16	3-16	pm
Glenora	3-16	3-16	pm
British Columbia and New Field Goldfields Corporation, 10 p	7-16	9-16	pm
London & S. C. Goldfields	1-16	1-16	pm
New Goldfields of B. C.	3-16	3-16	pm
Records Exploration Co.	3-16	3-16	pm
Vancouver and British Columbia Development	3-16	3-16	pm
Fairview	3-16	3-16	pm
Hillside	3-16	3-16	pm
Lillooet & Fraser River	3-16	3-16	pm
Wartec, partly paid	3-16	3-16	pm
Wartec, fully paid	3-16	3-16	pm
Dawson City Klondike Dominion Trading Co.	3-16	3-16	pm
Klondike-Columbia Gold Co.	3-16	3-16	pm
Klondike Mining & Tr. Co.	3-16	3-16	pm
Klondike & N. W. Territories	3-16	3-16	pm
Klondike-Yukon and Stewart Pioneers (Pioneers shares)	3-16	3-16	pm
Lillooet & Fraser River	3-16	3-16	pm
Ontario Limited 58 shares	3-16	3-16	pm
Canadian Goldfields Syndicate	3-16	3-16	pm
Dundee	3-16	3-16	pm
War Eagle Co.	3-16	3-16	pm

IT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE

The Present Administration Has Cost the Taxpayers \$82,000.

This Was at the Rate of \$9,000 Per Month, or \$300 Per Day, or \$12.50 Per Hour.

In the less than nine months in which Mayor Scott's administration has been in power it has expended the magnificent sum of \$82,000. No detailed statement of where this huge amount of money has been dispersed is obtainable, but the following table shows where the bulk of it was received:

\$8000 loans	\$4,000 00
From bank	12,700 00
From public fund	82 00
Total	\$16,782 00
Police interest	1,000 00
Police fund	9,000 00
Total	\$20,782 00

In addition to this the council has contracted an indebtedness of some \$1,500, which will have to be met by the next council.

Mr. Scott's administration has like wise borrowed the city for \$65,000, while loans received amounted only to \$64,000. This difference of \$1,000 should be considered, and the table then stands:

Total receipts	\$20,782 00
Total disbursements	1,500 00
Difference on bond issue	1,000 00
Total	\$81,282 00

This sum, spent in nine months, is on the basis of \$9,000 per month, or \$300 per day. For every hour that Mayor Scott has been in power the cost to the taxpayers of the city has been \$12.50.

Estimating that the population of the city is 5,000, it is evident that the cost to each for the administration of Mr. Scott has been \$16.

MINING NOTES.

The trustees of the Good Hope Mining & Milling company Monday let the contract for the sinking of 50 feet on the west shaft of the property to J. W. Wheatley. The work is to be commenced in three days. As soon as this contract is finished the intention is to sink another 50 feet, and other contracts will be let until a depth of 300 feet has been reached.

In the window of the Miner office is a fine piece of Cliff ore. It is a massive mixture of iron and copper sulphides, and will go about 15 per cent copper, one ounce in gold and eight ounces in silver, worth at the market prices about \$55. It is a fine sample of the high grade copper ore produced by the Cliff.

John B. Stages is back from a visit to Deer Park, which is located on the lower part of Arrow lake, where he has been operating some mining properties in which he is interested. It is his intention to begin the work of development on the Foothills, a claim which is practically within the limits of Deer Park.

Roy Clarke has been made provincial agent for the Rochester Mining company, which is operating the Blue Elephant near Blue's mill, and also of the Buffalo company, the owners of the Big Trout, lying south of the Blue Elephant.

Another Le Roi Dividend. The Le Roi will pay another dividend of \$50,000 on January 12. This makes the total paid by the mine \$725,000. As the company has completed its Northport smelter, it is expected that from now on the regular monthly dividends of \$50,000 will be continued without interruption.

A Carload of Machinery. F. R. Mendenhall, the general western agent for the Jenckes Machine company, yesterday shipped to the Kootenay Air Compressing company at Ainsworth a carload of machinery, including a hoisting, a pumping, and a drilling plant. It was the largest order for machinery placed recently.

The Surprise Sale. The Surprise, on Red Mountain, has been sold to the Mackintosh syndicate for \$30,000. The owners were the Pecks of Chicago, and Peter Porter of this city.

CAPT. HALL DEAD

He Made a Fatal Misstep From Le Roi Skip.

FELL DOWN SHAFT

In the Descent of 600 Feet, He Was Fearfully Mangled.

DEAD WHEN PICKED UP

In the Awful Descent He Came in Contact With the Timbers and Jagged Rocks and the Result Was That He Was Fearfully Mangled.

Death Was the Result of a Moment's Inattention—A Brief Sketch of His Career—Was One of the Best Known Mining Superintendents in the Country.

Captain William E. Hall, the superintendent of the Le Roi, was killed at 5:20 last evening by falling down the main shaft from the surface to the 600-foot level.

The body was terribly injured by the fall, and the remains were hardly recognizable. An inquest will be held at 9:45 o'clock this morning in the city hall, and the body will be sent on the noon train to Spokane, where his family resides and where the funeral will take place.

The captain went underground about 4 o'clock in the afternoon on his usual inspection of the mine. Arriving at the 600-foot level safely he examined the progress being made in extending the shaft to the 700-foot level, and subsequently made a tour through the west drift at the 600-foot level.

Came up with Nick Tregear. The steel is raised at five o'clock and at that hour Nick Tregear, the foreman, with whom Captain Hall was making his inspection, suggested to the latter that they should go to the top immediately in one of the skips then being raised or they would have to climb up.

The Fatal Ride. Acting on the suggestion, the two climbed into the west skip, and were hauled to the top. The trip was made in safety, and the only incident of it was when the captain, ever kind and thoughtful, changed his position on the skip in order to allow Nick to make the trip in greater comfort.

At the two reached the top, Mr. Tregear stepped safely on to the floor at the west side of the skip, and walked over to the shaft-house office, a few feet from the opening of the shaft.

A moment later Captain Hall stepped off the skip. What happened then will never be exactly known. The only witness was the engineer on duty at the time.

Instead of getting out upon the floor of the shaft house, the captain stepped off the east side of the skip upon the narrow beam, about 10 inches wide, which separates the two compartments. Perhaps he thought that he had come up on the east skip, and had stepped out upon the floor instead of upon the beam.

At any rate he lost his footing, and a moment later he fell down the compartment just opposite the one in which he had safely ridden. He made no sound as he fell but the engineer saw him clutch desperately at the side of the shaft as he started down. Then the Captain's candle went out and all was over.

As he fell past the 350-foot level, Antoine Sorenson, the timber boss, who was standing there, heard a cry, and the rush as of a man falling down the shaft, but that was the only sound that he heard from the captain during all his frightful fall.

The skip was standing at the bottom of the shaft, and the mangled body of the captain fell squarely across it, alighting on the ball. The station tender, horrified at the awful accident, scarcely recognized the remains, but with the assistance of two or three miners he got the body into the skip.

A minute later, Mr. Tregear, who had been notified of the accident by the engineer, descended hastily to the bottom of the shaft. The body was found by Antoine Sorenson, the timber boss, who had climbed down from the 350-foot level.

best of practice in mining that proved invaluable to him in his subsequent career. For many years he was at Butte. For a while he was superintendent of the Alice, but differences of political opinion between himself and the owners of the mine led him to resign, and he was subsequently superintendent of the Washoe Mining company operating the Poulin. Two years ago he made a thorough tour of British Columbia for F. Aug. Heinze, but afterwards resigned this position to accept the superintendency of the Le Roi.

Under his management the mine made a better record than it ever had before, and the manner in which he conducted its affairs showed that he was a thorough master of the mining business. In fact, it has been said no better man could have been chosen for the position, and the results that have been attained since he was placed at the helm carry out this assertion.

Captain Hall had many friends in the camp, whom he won by his hearty, unfeigned ways. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and could when the occasion demanded make an interesting and eloquent speech. He took a deep interest in public affairs and spoke on them at meetings and elsewhere.

He was strong in his views and once he took a stand which he thought was right it was hard to stir him from it.

Captain Hall leaves a wife and five children. His wife, Mrs. W. E. Hall, is a native of the Iron Mask mine. His other son, William E. Hall, is assayer at the Iron Mask.

His wife and two daughters reside at 1,294 Maxwell avenue, Spokane. Another daughter, Mrs. Newboro, resides at Butte.

Captain Hall was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows, the Knights Templars, and the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of St. George.

Funeral Arrangements. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock this morning from the Masonic hall on east Columbia avenue, and the Masons will have charge of the ceremonies. The remains will be forwarded to Spokane on the noon train for burial, accompanied by his sons, Samuel W. and William E. The employees of the Le Roi and Iron Mask companies, together with the Masons, will accompany the remains to the station.

Last evening the night shift foreman, E. N. Hutcheon, accompanied by Daniel Cahill, Walter Wallen and John Trembath, made a careful examination of the shaft in search of further remains. The captain's hat was found a little distance below the 100-foot station, and some of the mangled remains was discovered at the 600-foot station.

Resolutions of Condolence. At a special meeting of the Rossland Miners' union, No. 39, W. F. of M., held last evening, the following resolutions and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, By an accident of an unpreventable sadness Captain William E. Hall, the superintendent of the Le Roi, has come to his end, and

Whereas, This union recognizes in him a mining man of the highest and noblest type, honest, fearless, big-hearted and generous, and

Whereas, In his death not only have the members of this union lost a true friend, the Le Roi company a faithful and efficient superintendent, the citizens and the miners of this district a noble and loving husband and father; be it

Resolved, That the members of this union, individually and as a body, tender to the wife and the children of Captain Hall our sincerest sympathy and condolences in this their hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That as a token of regard in which we hold the memory of Captain Hall these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this union and published in the ROSSLAND MINER.

LOCAL BEAUVITIES.

There was a match game of hockey on Saturday evening between the Rossland and Victoria hockey clubs. It resulted in a victory for the Rossland club by a score of two to one.