

OUTRAGE ON THE SMELTERS

The Price of Coke Has Been Raised Again.

More Activity at Trail Smelter--Construction Started.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

"It is an outrage on the smelting industry in the Kootenays and Boundary that the Crow's Nest Coal company should have advanced the price of coke again," said Walter H. Aldridge, general manager of the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail, yesterday. "This action was taken immediately upon the settlement of the strike at the coal mines, and is probably defended on the ground that the cost of production has been enhanced by the increase in wages secured to the Morrissey and Michel miners in the form of the settlement. The increase cannot be justified on this ground, however, for it is an indisputable fact that at Fernie, where the bulk of the coke is produced, the price of production was decreased substantially by the same terms of settlement. In fact, Manager Tunkin is understood to have expressed great satisfaction at the net outcome of the negotiations, and a scrutiny of the situation will reveal that he loses nothing by the arrangement. Despite this the price of coke has gone up and the smelting industry is saddled with additional costs after a period in which the industry was practically paralyzed as the result of the coke famine."

"Six months ago," continued Mr. Aldridge, "we were purchasing coke at \$4.40 per ton. Then the price was advanced twenty-five cents to \$4.65. Now comes a further advance to \$4.50, and with it a distinct hardship that affects the entire country inasmuch as the mining industry is indirectly affected just as seriously as the smelter people are. Where 'low grade' ores are being handled on a narrow margin every increase in costs is serious."

Incidentally it may be stated that Mr. Aldridge's views on the action of the Crow's Nest Coal company in respect to the price of coke is shared by every consumer in the interior. The advance means that the price of coke from Fernie delivered at the Northport smelter, where much Rossland ore is handled, will now be over \$7 per ton.

Mr. Aldridge is disposed to believe, however, that the prospect for activity at the smelters is bright despite the advance in coke. At Trail another copper furnace was blown in yesterday, and the force at the works is now something over 300. During the period when lack of coke hampered the smelter's operations a number of trained men left the town and have not yet reported for work. Accordingly the works are in the somewhat unique position of having positions for which there are no men. Mr. Aldridge remarked that this was worth mentioning, as it was not usual for work to go begging.

The company has plans arranged for extensive additions to its refining department. "We will increase the refinery to a capacity sufficient to handle the entire output of the country, whatever this may be. Arrangements are also being made to install a plant to treat the slimes remaining after the metallic lead is secured. These slimes carry gold and silver in solution, and after treatment the two precious metals are recovered in pure form. The initial steps have been taken by starting construction, but we would like to know what the government will do before increasing our investment."

TO A CLOSE.

City Assessment will Shortly be Completed and Returned.

"The assessment is proceeding steadily and will be completed at the time set by the council, the 20th inst. The roll is to be returned to the council eight days later," said Mayor Dean yesterday when asked as to the progress made with the assessment for 1903. The outcome of the assessment is awaited with considerable interest inasmuch as it is in the hands of a new official, Mayor Van Buskirk having assumed the assessorship at the first of the year in succession to William Harp. Moreover it is expected to embody the opinions of Mayor Dean as enunciated in regard to certain reductions from the valuations that have existed heretofore.

"The assessor has not followed the old assessment in its entirety with a specified percentage of reductions," continued His Worship, "but has followed his own judgment, thereby securing the decreases I have advocated in a rational and equitable manner. The net result is that we have an entirely new valuation instead of the former assessment less any specific percentage. In this way the city's hands will be substantially strengthened in connection with the assessment."

WENT TO CHURCH.

Rossland Turned Out in Strong Force to Easter Services.

Easter Sunday saw larger congregations at the city churches than had assembled since Christmas. All the churches held special services appropriate to the day, and much interest was manifested.

At St. George's church the services were of unusual interest. The sacred edifice was beautifully decorated with flowers and plants, the stately Easter Lily being much in evidence. The choral service by the choir elicited warm commendation.

A. G. Creelman is somewhat indisposed.

REFUSE TO WORRY

SCHOOL TRUSTEES DECLINE TO LOSE SLEEP OVER ESTIMATES.

REST SECURE IN KNOWLEDGE THAT COUNCIL IS CINCHED.

The public school trustees will not take action at this juncture in respect to the cutting down of their estimates by the city council. The council has not officially notified the trustees of any such action, and Mayor Dean is authority for the statement that the council's estimates have not been carried as yet in a formal way. Moreover, the reduction of the board's estimates does not affect matters at present, and the question will be gone into thoroughly before the available funds are exhausted. Before the school board gets into a financial hole the question will be thoroughly thrashed out.

"There is no inclination on the part of any member of this board to put the council to the expense of a single cent over and above the actual necessities of the schools. We understand that the council has a difficult problem to solve in financing the city, and we know that they know they have to furnish the money to run the schools, so that so long as the funds are forthcoming we do not need to worry over the matter." This is Chairman McCrann's viewpoint, and when he expressed these sentiments at yesterday's meeting of the trustees there was a general murmur of assent.

The board received and accepted the resignation of Miss Walker, first assistant at the Cook avenue school. Principal Bruce expressed his regret that the schools are about to lose a valuable teacher, and this sentiment was shared by the trustees as a whole. A resolution expressing the board's appreciation of Miss Walker's services to the city schools will be spread on the minutes and a copy forwarded to the retiring teacher, whose resignation takes effect on April 30.

Other minor matters in connection with the board were attended to.

The public schools closed last night for the Easter holidays. All the classes except those taught by Messrs. McTaggart, Bruce, Elley and King will resume Tuesday morning.

CREELMAN FOR ARBITRATOR.

Corporation Selects Well Known Contractor as Arbitrator.

The corporation has made its selection of an arbitrator in matters at issue between the city and the firm of Blue & Deschamps. A. G. Creelman will represent the corporation in the arbitration and will have an equal voice in the third man selected to act on the board.

The company's choice is E. A. Rolf, but as Mr. Rolf is now resident in the Northwest it is possible a change may be made in this respect.

The arbitration will not be proceeded with immediately. A few weeks may elapse before the board commences taking evidence on the matter, but the legal requirements have been fulfilled by the selection of the arbitrator.

SETTLED AT LAST.

Governor Mackintosh Successful in Long-Drawn Litigation.

Advices were received here yesterday to the effect that Hon. C. H. Mackintosh had been successful in the cases of Manley vs. Mackintosh and O'Brien vs. Mackintosh, both of which were taken to the full court of the province on appeal.

In Manley vs. Mackintosh, Judge Walker gave a verdict at a supreme court sitting here in favor of the defendant. This was appealed to the full court and the decision has been upheld.

In O'Brien vs. Mackintosh, Chief Justice Hunter ruled in favor of the plaintiff. The case was taken to the full court, which reversed the judgment by the chief justice and ruled in favor of the defendant appellant. Governor Mackintosh is therefore successful in both issues. Charles R. Hamilton appeared for the plaintiff in Manley vs. Mackintosh and also appeared with J. A. Macdonald in O'Brien vs. Mackintosh. MacNeill & Deacon represented Governor Mackintosh in both actions. The litigation has been under way for almost three years.

THE LOST IS FOUND

The whereabouts of the Winter Carnival championship ski running trophy has been located. The attention directed to the missing cup has had the desired effect, and the carnival committee will now have little difficulty in recovering the \$300 trophy.

Last night The Miner received a telegraphic message from W. K. Ebling, formerly of the Trail Creek News and now of Tacoma, stating that the trophy was at the home of S. A. Hartman, St. Paul, Minn. Hartman's present address is Central Y. M. C. A., Chicago, Ill., and the carnival committee will be able to communicate with him there.

The Miner offered to supply the silver bullion necessary to make a replica of the missing cup in case it was not found, but the necessity of this has been averted through the discovery of Hartman's whereabouts.

A resolution was carried expressing sympathy for the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees in its strike against the Canadian Pacific.

Most of the business transacted was of a private nature, but the proceedings are described as cordial and unanimous throughout.

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PICTURE DEAL AGAIN FOREST GOES HIGHER IN WHITE AND GOLD

AGENT FOR ART ENLARGING CONCERN SEEN BY POLICE.

COMPELLED TO RETURN A PHOTOGRAPH--HOW 'T WAS WORKED.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The chief of police devoted some attention yesterday to the case of a party named Schupp, who is connected with a picture enlarging house that has transacted considerable business in the city under a trader's license.

The police state that some time ago an advance agent of the concern canvassed the town, his method being to ring a door-bell and when the door was opened to propound the query to the lady of the house: "Are you lucky?" at the same time offering a choice of envelopes. There was no charge for a chance and the ladies frequently drew envelopes, always finding themselves favored by fortune to the extent of securing an art enlargement free of charge of any photograph they might desire. Later it developed that a frame for the enlargement cost a considerable amount.

In one instance at least a second canvasser appeared with proofs of the enlarged pictures and samples of picture frames. The lady he approached didn't like the picture and wouldn't take it. Then she apparently failed to secure the return of the photograph originally given, and the police were called in. Chief Bradshaw instructed Schupp, who now represents the company, to return the photograph without any further sparring, and the agent undertook to comply with the instructions.

In the past many complaints have been received at the police office against the methods followed by agents of alleged art companies. On the start their propositions seem to favor the customer almost exclusively, but eventually the customer finds himself compelled to put up a couple of dollars for a picture frame which he does not particularly want or need.

FROM CONVENTION

ROSSLAND DELEGATES TO WESTERN FEDERATION ARE BACK.

ROSSLAND MAN HONORED WITH PRESIDENCY--THE PROCEEDINGS.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

"The convention was of an interesting and successful nature," said M. P. Villeneuve, secretary of Rossland Miners' Union and delegate to the fifth annual convention of District No. 6, Western Federation of Miners, yesterday. Mr. Villeneuve had just returned from the Queen City, accompanied by Peter Rolf, McDonald, his co-delegate, who was honored by election to the presidency of the district union. "The voting strength of the convention was three less than in the previous year, but the sessions were animated and interesting. I don't suppose there was a single item of any interest to the mine workers of the Kootenays and Comox that did not come up for a thorough discussion."

Mr. Villeneuve served on the committee which drafted the following resolution relating to labor matters at the coast:

"Whereas, the miners of Ladysmith and Comox coal mines have shown the true spirit of unionism by refusing to be deprived of their liberty as British subjects, and

"Whereas, Dunsinuir has refused to hire employees the privilege of organization; and

"Whereas, by his arbitrary action in closing the mines at Ladysmith and Comox, he has deprived a large number of men of the right to earn a livelihood; therefore be it

"Resolved, by District Union No. 6 in convention assembled, that we heartily endorse the noble action of the Ladysmith and Comox miners' unions in upholding the right to organize; and be it further

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the miners at Ladysmith and Comox, given to the press, and spread on our minutes."

"M. P. McDonald, chairman; John C. Tyrone, M. Dunsinuir and M. P. Villeneuve, committee."

The recent settlement of the trouble at Fernie was debated at considerable length, and the facts gone into in detail. Much of the discussion hinged on the question as to whether George Dougherty, president of the district union, was justified in calling the strike off in the face of protests from the Fernie local union. The decision of the convention was that his position was the proper one in the premises, and a resolution was carried endorsing the action taken by him. In arriving at a conclusion the convention did not have before it the report of the conciliation committee, but this was overcome in some measure by the presence as a delegate of M. P. McDonald, who served on the conciliation committee. Mr. Dougherty was elected secretary-treasurer of the district union, an office which he vacated last year to take the presidency.

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ROSSLAND LACROSSE CLUB AD-opts THESE DAINTY COLORS.

ORGANIZATION PROCEEDED WITH LAST NIGHT--MUCH INTEREST TAKEN.

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Lacrosse was given a splendid start here last night, when the Rossland lacrosse club was organized with a set of officers that augurs well for the future. Much interest was manifested at the meeting, and sufficient cash pledges were received to indicate that the people interested in the pastime mean business.

Archibald Mackenzie occupied the chair, and after a preliminary resolution to the effect that a club ought to be organized locally, the election of officers was proceeded with. This resulted as follows:

S. P. Parrish--Honorary president. S. C. Fraser--Honorary vice-president.

A. B. Mackenzie--President. John P. Cosgro--Vice-president. Dr. Kenning--Vice-president.

R. R. Leslie--Vice-president. Wallace Fraser--Secretary-treasurer. Charles Summers--Captain.

Executive Committee--G. Paul, Stewart Martin, W. N. Dunn and R. A. Laird.

It was resolved that the club colors should be gold and white, white jerseys with "R" in gold, white caps and immaculate knickers should constitute the club uniform. It was resolved to order fifteen jerseys for the club.

Membership was fixed at a dollar, and a special membership committee was appointed as follows: Charles Summers, Wallace Fraser, Walter Robinson, Julius Levy and Stewart Martin.

A number of those present promptly became paid-members, so that the club is in the somewhat unique position of having no liabilities and ten or twelve dollars in the treasury.

It was resolved to have three dozen lacrosse sticks brought into the city, and by the time these arrive, a fortnight hence or thereabouts, the club will be ready to start play. It was announced that the grounds were large enough to play on this season at least.

Throughout the session keen interest was manifested in Canada's national game, and the consensus of opinion was that the pastime should flourish in the Golden City this summer.

HE VENTURED FORTH

SHERIFF FERGUSON OF COLVILLE MAKES FIRST TRIP ABROAD.

HE WAS NEVER OFF UNCLE SAM'S LAND BEFORE.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Two officers of the law from Washington spent yesterday in Rossland, leaving this morning for the south. They were H. G. Kirkpatrick, prosecuting attorney of Stevens county, and Frank Ferguson, sheriff of Stevens county, both of Colville. The two officials were here to consult the management of the Le Roi company with respect to the prosecutions of parties charged with the theft of valuable smelter products from the company's reduction works at Northport.

It will be remembered that a couple of months ago one Bartlett, a business man of Northport, was arrested on the charge of stealing copper bottoms, the material being of considerable value.

The charge was afterwards amended to read "having stolen goods in his possession," the facts in the case indicating that Bartlett had purchased the material from a second party who committed the actual theft.

Bartlett made a confession implicating others in the stealing of material from the smelter, and the first fruits of this were forthcoming a few days since, when Peel, a shift boss at the smelter, was arrested charged with the theft of the material. Peel is now on bail in sureties of \$8000. The company is determined to put an end to the larcenies at the works, and it is believed that the actions taken up to the present time will have a salutary effect in the desired direction.

As prosecuting attorney, Mr. Kirkpatrick will take charge of the cases against the prisoners for the state.

Yesterday was a red letter day in Sheriff Ferguson's career. For the first time in his life he passed the confines of Uncle Sam's domain. Also, for the first time he stood under the shadow of the gallant old Union Jack. In view of the fact that he has resided almost within a stone's throw of the frontier for some years, the incident was somewhat unusual.

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"3. Licenses shall be transferable. Existing licenses to be transferable to the mill operators or loggers."

"4. Whereas the timber east of the Cascades is not as heavy as timber west of the Cascades, it is therefore submitted that no increase be made in the license fees for licenses issued over lands east of the Cascades."

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