A WINTER CARNIVAL

It Will Be Held in February or March.

PLENTY HIBERNAL SPORT

It Is Suggested That Ski Racing Be One of the Principal Features of the Occasion—There Will Also Be Snowshoe Contests and Other Events.

A big winter carnival, such as has not been seen in Canada, is being arranged to take place in Rossland late in February or early in March. All sorts of hibernal sports will be included on the program, and a huge snow palace may be constructed, but the great event of the carnival will be the ski running. Thus far, ski races, while common enough in the northern states, are almost unknown in Canada, and it is believed that the events here will be among the first public exhibitions of ski running ever given in Canada.

Skis, as everybody knows, are a Norwegian device, and they have never been equalled for the purpose to which they are adapted. Although simply ungainly long boards, perhaps 10 feet in length and four inches wide, with the forward end turned slightly up, yet a man on a pair of them can traverse 40 or 50 miles of unbroken snow per day, and be no more tired than if he were merely doing so much walking. However, it is not the practical use of skis as an aid in traveling that will be in evidence at the coming carnival. It is their qualities as a producer of speed that will be brought out then, and in that line the ski is unrivalled.

Steeple chasing and hurdle riding are mild and placid forms of recreation beside a good ski race, where the contestants come scurrying down the precipitous side of a mountain with a speed little less than that of a hurricane. Crags and gulches are nothing to the contestants in ski races, for they leap down from the one and across the other with as much indifference as though they were mere stepping stones along a pathway. The record for ski jumps is something over 100 feet, and leaps of 75 feet are so common as to excite no interest.

Olaus Jeldness is taking much interest in the proposed carnival. Mr. Jeldness, it will be remembered, made a ski run from the summit of Red mountain to the Le Roi last winter, and he is now arranging for some friends, who are excellent ski runners, to be here during the carnival, and together they will run a record-making race from the summit of Red mountain down into the heart of town. The distance is about a mile and a half, and Mr. Jeldness is confident that the trip can be made in two minutes.

Then, too, ski runs will be made down Spokane street, which is admirably adapted to the sport, and two jumps will be possible, one across the C. & W. railroad track, the other across the gulch near the electric light plant. At both places the audiences can have a close view of the leaps.

Besides the ski events, there will be snowshoe races and all sorts of similar sport, but it is believed the ski runs will attract the most attention of all. There are thousands of people in the province who have never seen anything of the sort, and to them it will have the added charm of novelty. A number of people on the coast, to whom the subject of the carnival has been broached, have indicated their intention of coming, and it is possible that an excursion from Vancouver may be arranged.

The hockey club is entering into the spirit of the carnival with enthusiasm, and a tournament with the Slocan teams is planned.

Details of the carnival are not yet complete, but a committee, including Messrs. Fraser, Jeldness, Jackson and Mackenzie, is at work on the project, and arrangements will soon be perfected. All the citizens who have been regarding the carnival speak most enthusiastically concerning it, and it is believed that substantial prizes of cash and trophies can be secured for the winning contestants.

NEWS OF THE COAST

Postoffice Department to Send a Mail to Teslin, Etc.

The Charge of Criminal Libel Against Hewitt Bostock Was Heard and Decision Reserved.

VICTORIA, Jan. 10.—The postoffice department has arranged for the dispatch of a mail, restricted to letters only, to Teslin lake, Telegraph creek, Glenora, and, indirectly, to Cassiar. Its conveyance will be entrusted to Henry Harris of this city, who leaves for Teslin by the steamer Tees tomorrow. The first stop will be at Fort Wrangel, Alaska, where all letters which may have accumulated for places in the north will be taken in charge by Mr. Harris and delivered to their respective destinations.

The benchers this morning called to the bar Messrs. A. S. Innes, W. C. Moresby, I. M. Miller, C. K. Courtney, and H. A. Stewart, and admitted as solicitors Messrs. Moresby and Miller.

Coming down Frederick Arm, in fine, clear weather, the steamer Tees ran upon a sunken rock, the mate, Mr. Tuttle, being in command at the time. Fortunately the tide was at the flood, and the vessel floated off in about 15 minutes, but the damage sustained will necessitate considerable expenditure.

The steamer City of Topeka arrived at 5 o'clock this morning having on board a number of passengers from Dawson City bound for Seattle.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney came down from Wrangel, where he has been on business connected with the Klondike Mining & Transportation company.

Among the passengers were two who had struck it rich in the Yukon country, one fortunate man having with him $40,000 in gold dust.

Mayor Redfern and Joseph Cary were nominated for the mayoralty. There will be contests for aldermen in all the wards and also for school trustees.

The full court today delivered judgment in Cunningham vs. Bank of British Columbia, dismissing the appeal with costs.

On Gordon vs. the city of Victoria being mentioned, Mr. Justice McColl stated that he thought all the bridge accident cases should stand over till Patterson vs. Victoria was decided by the privy council, as they must eventually all be governed by the one case. Mr. Justice Drake was of the same mind—it was the same bridge and the same accident. Mr. Taylor, for the city, was not content with such a proposition, as in different cases they had different facts found by the different juries. It was decided to adjourn the discussion until Thursday, when Mr. McDonnell will be present.

Davies vs. the Le Roi company was then gone on with. The plaintiff obtained judgment for $1,000 damages for injuries received in the mine. A new trial was ordered.

The hearing of the charge of criminal libel against Hewitt Bostock, M. P., was continued before Magistrate MacRae this afternoon. Mr. Martin, his solicitor, having withdrawn from the case, Mr. Bostock appeared in his own behalf. The examination of Mr. Coltart was continued, Mr. Cassidy asking him a number of questions regarding the shares held by the directors. In answer to Mr. Bostock, Mr. Coltart said that he (Mr. Bostock) had never dominated over the directors. When the alleged libel was published he was in the city of Toronto. This closed the case for the prosecution and Mr. Bostock addressed the court. He asked that the charge be dismissed, on the ground that he had no personal knowledge of the matter, stating that he regarded the prosecution as a transparent and malicious attempt to brand him as a criminal and adding: "Such a prosecution as this could not be begun in England without the order of a judge, and if it is the law in this country that shareholders, large or small, of companies, can be branded as criminals, because of acts about which they knew nothing, it is time people realized their danger plainly, because I feel sure they don't now."

The magistrate reserved his decision.

A LETTER FROM DYEA.

Thomas Lloyd Henry, who is sometimes known as the Hard Rock miner, who recently went to Dyea, Alaska, writes under date of December 16, to his friend Bob McCann in this city. Mr. Henry reports that Dyea is a good place for a rustler. He says that he got hold of two lots and sold one of them and is living on the other. Since he has been there he has been cooking, boating, time keeping, and for the last 30 days work he received the sum of $120, and before that he tried his hand at unloading lumber from a scow and also carpentering. Tht sun rises at about 11:15 a.m. and sets at 1:30, but the twilight lasts a long time. The boys who come out from Dawson report that food is scarce there, and that it costs from $1.50 to $2 per pound and that it will probably be dearer before the cold season is over. Mr. Henry reports that he intends to start over the pass in a few days. The sledding was quite good at the time Mr. Henry wrote and quite a number were going over every day, determined to be in Dawson at as early a date as possible. He says that there are about 1,500 people in Dyea and that some 3,000 more are strung along the line as far as Sheep camp, which is 14 miles up the canyon. All are waiting for a chance to start to Dawson. In conclusion Mr. Henry suggests to his friend that Dyea would be a good place for a man of his varied abilities and suggests that Mr. McCann change his residence place from Rossland to Dyea.

TOPPING AT GRAND FORKS.

Mass Meeting on Tuesday Evening to Consider the C. & W.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 11.—[Special.—Colonel E. S. Topping of Trail is here and will address a mass meeting of the citizens this evening on behalf of the Columbia & Western railway. Mr. Topping is a most enthusiastic admirer of Mr. Heinze, and seems to think that the well known Columbia & Western railway will be among the first to penetrate this section.

Mr. Topping is much pleased with the general aspect of Grand Forks, and thinks it is destined to be a large city.

Yesterday was nomination day for the city elections here. There were three candidates for the mayoralty, viz.: Robert Hewitt, W. K. C. Manly and Peter T. McCallum.

Many willing sacrifices were presented for aldermanic honors, among which were Jeff Davis, J. W. Jones, J. L. Wiseman, Robert Petrie, John Donaldson and L. A. Manly.

Judge Spinks is here holding county court. There are over a dozen unimportant cases on the docket. The court will likely last a couple of days, when the judge will proceed to Midway and hold court there.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers.

JANUARY 3.

Oriental, ⅓, D Dorg to Walter A Boultbee.
Oriental, ⅓, Elling Johnson to John Rankin.
Oriental, Walter A Boultbee, John Boultbee and John Rankin to the Montreal & British Columbia Prospecting & Promoting company, $2,000.

JANUARY 4.

Copper World, ¼, Australia, ¼, John Fraser to Chester Glass.
Viking, ½, Putnam, ¾, W S Norman to William McCrae.

JANUARY 5.

Waneta No 2, ½, John Ryan to B R Raymond, $250.
Britannica, ⅓, Majestic, ⅓, Celtic, ⅓, Gigantic fr. ⅓, Gigantic, ⅓, Henry P Jackson and John McNevin to J B Dunn.

JANUARY 5.

Nithsdale ¼, Eskdale ¼, Henry P Jackson, Geo Day, Chas S Warren to J D Dunn.
Midget ¼, Soft Snap ⅓, Midget Fraction ½, C F Taylor to Richard Marsh, $500.

JANUARY 6.

Vanderbilt ⅓, Hand Fraction ½, J F Reddy to Chas S Warren, $1,000.
Los Angeles, Maple Leaf, R E Robertson to J A Robertson, $100.

JANUARY 7.

Florence, Ed Watson and Ed Browne to J H Jones, $200.
Sulta ½, Polly, Steve Barbora to Hugh Ogilvie, $20.

JANUARY 10.

Abbotsford, Jos. Lawler to S C O Chalmers, $250.

JANUARY 11.

Copper ¼, W O Sanford to H Epstein.

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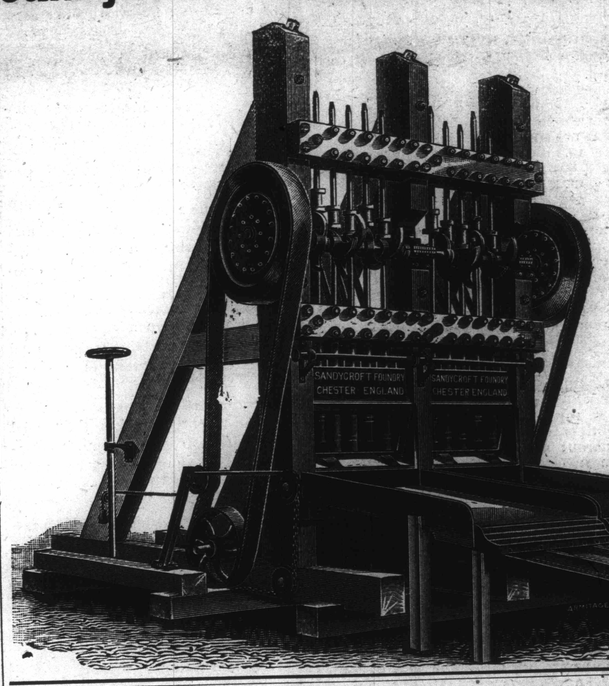

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THE BOND ELECTION

It Will Be Held in This City Today.

BYLAW TO BE ADOPTED

Debentures Amount to $65,000 and the Bank of B. N. A. Has Contracted For Them—Wards and Their Boundaries—Qualifications of Voters.

Nothwithstanding the fact that the entire Wallace ticket was put in office without opposition at the hustings Monday, today will be election day in this city, for the bond bylaw passed by the present council must be acted upon. Elections will consequently take place in each of the wards. The bylaw authorizes the issuance of debentures to the value of $65,000, for the purpose of paying off the city's present indebtedness of some $64,000. The bonds, which will be redeemable at any time, will run for a period of 25 years, and will draw interest at the rate of 5½ per cent. The Bank of British North America, which in the past has advanced all the loans that the city has contracted will purchase the entire issue of bonds in case the bylaw is approved at the polls. A two-thirds majority is necessary to enact the ordinance.

The incoming councilmen are desirous of seeing the bond bylaw adopted, and it is not likely that there will be much opposition to it.

Ward One comprises the territory from Lincoln street east to the city limits. The voting place in this ward will be the city hall. Ward Two, which includes that portion of the city between Lincoln and Spokane street, will have its polling place at Mr. Scott's old headquarters opposite THE MINER office. The Third ward, which comprises the territory west of Spokane street, will have its voting booth in the Pacific hotel, where the Wallace headquarters were located.

The following synopsis includes the qualifications of a voter:

Any male or female person of the age of 21 years who is a British subject, either by birth or naturalization, and who is

(a) the assessed owner of lands or of improvements, or the assessed occupier of lands situate within the municipality, or

(b) a householder within the municipality, who pays an annual rent to the amount of $60.

(c) any merchant or tradesman holding a trades license to the value of $5 or more yearly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Answer to Enquirer re the Elise.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 12.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In your issue of yesterday appears a letter re the Elise company signed "Enquirer," in which he sarcastically refers to what he is pleased to call the graciousness of the new but unorganized company, because it extended the time for the reception of the Elise certificates together with the payment of one half cent per share on the same, both of which are necessary to entitle them to certificates in the new company, which has just been organized under the title of the Lerwick Gold Mining company, and in which organization appear as directors the names of H. R. Dunlop and H. McGlynn, the parties who, when the property was about to be sold by the sheriff, put up the money to pay off the indebtedness, which, with interest to the first of January, 1898, amounted to $3,600. Now all they asked in return was that each shareholder would bear his proportion of the debt, namely, one half cent per share, they of course doing the same. "Enquirer" must know from experience in similar cases that had the property gone to sale by the sheriff the stockholders would likely have failed to receive anything, whereas by the agreement made at the meeting of the Elise company held in Rossland on November 27, 1897, every shareholder has a chance (by a very small payment) of becoming a shareholder in a company out of debt with a property from general appearance second to none in British Columbia.

Now so far as E. L. Clark is concerned the directors could not be expected to meet his personal obligations with the money of the shareholders. What he did as president under the direction of the board has all been met. What he did as an individual does not concern us as a board in the discharge of our duty to the shareholders. Positively E. L. Clark was not a partner of one of the large stockholders or personally connected with any of the present Elise directors in business.

As we do not wish to trespass too much on your space, we will close by asking "Enquirer" or any other interested party to call at the office of the Lerwick Mining company, or any of the board of directors, who will be pleased to answer all questions concerning the old or new company.

Yours truly,
J. L. WHITNEY.

Rossland United Gold Mining Co.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5, 1898.

EDITOR MINER — Sir: I should be much obliged if you will, in your weekly issue, give any information concerning the progress and development, if any, of the properties of the Rossland United Gold Mining company. These properties consisted originally of two claims on Green mountain, near the South Fork of Murphy creek.

Yours faithfully,
A STOCKHOLDER.

[THE MINER unfortunately can give no information regarding the status of the Rossland United company, other than that it is not credited with having paid its license fee for the present year. The president of the company is Thomas J. Humes, mayor of Seattle, while the secretary is Alpheus Byers of the same place. Any communication addressed to them should receive a reply.—ED.]

The Good Hope Company.

VICTORIA, Jan. 6, 1898.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Can you give me any information re the Good Hope company? Is it a live company, or is it numbered with the wildcats? I am a stockholder, and there are others here who would like to know if the scrip is of any value. Yours truly,

JAMES L. FORRESTER.

[A control in the Good Hope company has been purchased through C. O'Brien Reddin on the basis of 3½ cents per share. Work has been commenced and the shaft will be sunk at once 50 feet deeper, with the intention of continuing operations indefinitely. The showing is good.—ED.]

The Provincial Veterinary.

VICTORIA, Jan. 5.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Referring to an article in one of your recent issues entitled "Quarantine Against Glanders," I beg to make the following suggestions for the benefit of the public:

There is no provincial veterinarian in Kootenay, nor is it in the power of any provincial officer to make any ruling as to the importation of animals, such as you describe, those being matters altogether under the control of the Dominion authorities.

There may be a Dominion quarantine officer in Kootenay, but if such is the case I am not aware of the fact. However, in order that the Dominion minister of agriculture may be in a position to put himself right, in case anything is being done without his knowledge, I am sending him copies of your article and of this letter.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

An Inquiry Concerning Rossland Answered.

THE MINER has received the following inquiry, which it answers with pleasure:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 31.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I am very desirous of obtaining some information in regard to your town or city. If I am not asking too much, would you kindly answer the following questions?

1. Population.
2. Altitude.
3. Minimum temperature.
4. Estimated employed.
5. Is the general business conducted through company stores associated with the mining interests, or by individuals, in the general branches of business.

Your kindness in this matter will be duly appreciated, and any other information you can extend I shall appreciate. Respectfully yours,

J. R. SLATER,
P. O. Box 903.

[No census of the city has been taken, but the population is conservatively estimated at 6,000. The altitude of the place is 3,325 feet. The weather, being tempered by the chinook winds blowing from the Japan current in the Pacific ocean, is on the whole very pleasant. The coldest temperature on record was 12 degrees below zero, while the highest was a little less than 100 degrees. The cold weather generally lasts three months and a half, from the middle of November to the end of February. The heated term is in July and August. The rest of the year is balmy and pleasant. There is some rain in summer and there is about three feet of snow on the streets in the winter, but neither can be classed as very objectionable.

There are 750 men at work in the mines of the camp. The other men employed at various sorts of manuel labor, such as wood-cutting, saw-milling, railroading, carpentry and the sort, number perhaps 250 more, so that the total number of men employed in the camp is 1,000. The miners receive an average of $90 per month, and the various other classes of working men, $60 per month, so that the total monthly payroll aggregates $82,000.

All lines of business are conducted by individuals. The company store, with its attendant evils, is unknown here.—ED.

Graciousness of the New Elise Company.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 8, 1898.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I glanced over a letter in your paper last week re new organization of Elise company, and also read extracts from local papers regarding same. I was amused to learn that the new company had graciously agreed to let the old shareholders into the new company upon payment of one-half a cent per share before the 1st instant, and also to hear that the time had, by great persuasion and generous forbearance, been extended to the 15th instant instead. All this time no new charter had been definitely obtained by the new company, so no new stock could possibly be issued in lieu of the old.

It seems to me for the sake of the public and the shareholders in the old company that some public explanation should be given by the directors of the old company of the actions of one E. L. Clark, one of the late directors. It seems that certain blocks of stocks were sold by the said director, E. L. Clark, which have failed to materialize. It is also rumored that said E. L. Clark was a partner of one of the largest shareholders in the old company, who poses as an injured individual—the whole blame for want of success seemingly being thrown on the shoulders of the now long absent E. L. Clark. If the old company is not responsible for his actions, it surely should be so stated, if for no other reason than for the sake of the principal directors and promoters. In the case of a company like this, it seems to me the public and those interested should, for the sake of the reputation of the company and all concerned, be fully informed of all the circumstances.

Yours truly,
ENQUIRER.

Kennedy Bros. & Purgold

Weekly Market.

Stocks have been very active this week, and there have been more transactions, at better prices than for any week during the last six months. Great Western, Poorman, Virginia, Josie and Good Hope have been most generally dealt in.

Prices of stock in companies that are working right along show a steady advance week by week, so much so that during the last three months low priced stocks of this description show an average increase of over 50 per cent in value. This is a wonderful record, and may be taken as further evidence of the confidence local investors have in the future of the Rossland mines. In view of this result, we would repeat to investors, the advice that now is the time to buy. Stocks will probably never be as cheap again as they are at present, and people who invest at a future date will have to pay considerably higher prices for standard stocks, than those they are called upon to pay to day.

Treasury stock in the Kenneth Mining & Development company was put on the market in London this week, and we are in receipt of cable advise to the effect that 40,000 shares have been already sold at 15 cents.

NAME.	Par value.	Price this Week.	Price last week
Butte	$1 00	$ 01½	$ 01½
Commander	1 00	18	18
Deer Park	1 00	11½	11½
Dardanelles	1 00	15	15
Dundee	1 00	75	75
Elise	1 00	3	3
Evening Star	1 00	8	8
Great Western	1 00	10	10
Iron Colt	1 00	15	15
Iron Mask	1 00	36	36
Josie	1 00	30	30
Keystone	1 00	20	20
Le Roi	5 00	8 00	8 00
Lilly May	1 00	20	20
Monte Cristo	1 00	20½	20½
Poorman	1 00	10	10
Silver Bell	1 00	3	3
Tamarac	1 00	15	15
War Eagle	1 00	95	91
Salmo Consolidated	1 00	7½	7½

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