

ALSO MADE MONEY

LESSEE OF PORTO RICO MINE IN ROSSLAND YESTERDAY ON BUSINESS.

GEORGE H. BARNHART MADE A HANDSOME CLEAN-UP ON PORTO RICO LEASE.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A striking instance of the possibilities of the leasing system in the Kootenays is afforded in the case of the I. X. L. mine at Rossland, and even more so in the case of the Porto Rico property in the Ymir district. The Porto Rico is under lease to G. H. Barnhart, former manager of the Ymir mine.

Under Mr. Barnhart's direction a five weeks' mill run of ore was put through the stamp mill. Six hundred tons of material averaging 83 per cent iron was treated, and the net profits accruing to the lessee were substantial. Extensive repairs to the mill were required before the plant could be started, but despite this and other expenses, Mr. Barnhart realized excellent returns from his venture.

Mr. Barnhart's mining experience covers twenty years' work in all parts of the continent. He now says: "British Columbia affords the best opportunity for investments in mining of any country I have ever been in. The mineral is plentiful and rich, the country young and practically unprospected, and there are opportunities on all sides. Of course it takes money to make money, and this must always be borne in mind."

The I. X. L. and Porto Rico leasing ventures are not exceptions by any means. It is only a year since three partners, two of whom were Rossland men, cleaned up \$6,000 each, or thereabouts, at the Queen mine and Yellowstone mill. Other well authenticated cases might be cited to demonstrate that the rewards for practical men in mining properties are substantial, possibly the most notable being that of the Silver King mine at Nelson, from which the lessee is reported to have already made an independent clearance.

With its excellent railroad facilities, abundance of ore and low rates of freight and treatment, the Rossland camp offers exceptional opportunities for practical men looking for leases. The matter has really not received the consideration it merits, and should be taken up earnestly by miners who are anxious to better themselves in a direction in which their skill and training equip them to succeed.

GENERAL IS COMING

WILL VISIT MILITIA AND INSPECT THE LEAD ARMOY.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Saturday night sees a distinguished gathering of Canadian militia officers in Rossland. It will be headed by General Lord Dundonald, general officer commanding the Canadian militia, and will include Colonel Holmes, district officer commanding the militia in British Columbia; Lieutenant-Colonel Evans, district officer commanding the militia in Manitoba; Captain Newton, aide-de-camp, and General Dundonald's private secretary. The party reaches Rossland on Saturday evening by the late train over the Canadian Pacific.

General Lord Dundonald and party will be in Rossland for Sunday at least. The preliminary notice as to their visit states that the members of the party desire to visit the principal mines of the camp. It is presumed that the business connected with the local militia will not be gone into until Monday. It is expected General Dundonald will make an inspection of any drill hall facilities at this season will prevent a parade of the company.

On being advised of the forthcoming visit, Captain Herbert R. Townsend placed the matter before several mine managers. It was promptly arranged that General Dundonald should visit the great Le Roi mine and traverse a portion of the Le Roi's deep levels. Thereafter he will probably inspect the headworks at various mines on Red Mountain.

The distinguished militia officers do not court publicity, it being expressly stated that Lord Dundonald's tour is largely for pleasure only. It has been intimated, however, that he is by no means averse to meeting the citizens of Rossland, and it is probable that on the strength of this an informal reception may be arranged during the sojourn of the party in the Golden City. Further details as to the duration of the visit will be required, however, before details of the suggested reception can be worked out.

At Nelson somewhat elaborate preparations are being made for the reception of Lord Dundonald. The militia company will parade and a reception will be tendered at the drill hall. The facilities afforded by the comfortable army corps to go into the matter more thoroughly than is possible locally so far as the Rocky Mountain Range are concerned. The Rossland armory is in excellent shape, however, and ready for a close scrutiny.

THE BEST INVESTMENT IN ROSSLAND—AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE ROSSLAND MINER.

FORECLOSED ON WINNIPEG.

The Bank Shuts Down on Well Known Boundary Mine.

A short time ago the Winnipeg mine, in Wellington camp, which had been working for three months, and in that time had shipped some 2,500 tons of ore, closed because the bank of Montreal had served writ for \$3,573 due on a demand note, given when the company was previously in operation, says the Phoenix Pioneer. Manager Richard Plewman says that the action was a total surprise to him, as he was assured that the bank would give him an opportunity to work out the debt. When the writ was served Mr. Plewman did all he could to get the claims of the men who had been employed secured, as well as those furnishing mining materials. This was done by mechanics' liens, the total being something over \$4,000, which came up in court yesterday in Greenwood.

The bank claims will be adjudicated later. Altogether the Winnipeg owes close to \$10,000, and this is about the amount that the Bank of Montreal will probably take the property in all cases others wish to purchase at the price. The Winnipeg has had a varied career with several ups and downs, but now Mr. Plewman, in view of the fact that but few of the old shareholders seemed to be willing to make an effort to get the property out of debt, does not think there will be any sale left for the shareholders after the claims are paid. He himself has put his entire private fortune into the property, which will now be a total loss. With the low rate of treatment since the mine resumed operations the last time, which was a good showing, more than enough to pay for the debt, and that it will be taken over in due time by people with capital, who will put it on its feet once more.

NEWS OF THE COAST

Work on the superstructure of the Point Ellice bridge at Victoria will be begun shortly, all the material having arrived.

A convention of Liberals at Vancouver unanimously nominated R. G. Macpherson, M. P., as the Liberal candidate for Burrard district at the coming Dominion election.

Mr. F. T. Gregg, of Nanaimo, a Fenian Raid veteran, has received a grant of 160 acres of land in the Rainy river district in recognition of his services in those stormy days.

H. M. S. Flora, being released from the rocks of Denman Island, has been taken to the government dry dock at Esquamit for repairs.

The C. P. R. steamship Athenian left for the Orient on Monday, carrying 2000 tons of cargo, of which 1415 tons are flour. The Iyo Maru followed yesterday with another large shipment from the Sound.

The prevailing wages of labor on the new postoffice extension which will be completed at Nanaimo next summer is the subject of inquiry by Dan J. O'Donoghue, fair wage officer for the Dominion government, who has arrived at the coast.

The Vancouver papers almost every day contain a number of burglaries and larcenies. Two cases of house-breaks are reported in the last issue of the world. The Vancouver police seem to be unable to check the epidemic.

W. S. Vaughn, brought down from Salmon River several days ago by the province police, has been having a time at the lodging. Owing to the coming of papers being wrongly made out by the Salmon river magistrate, Vaughn was not given admittance to an hotel, and he falls and is now being held in the papers are amended.

There is now building in Japan for the Asiatic-Establishment and Puget Sound trade another of those large freighters operated by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha company. The vessel is to be known as the Tonga Maru, and is to succeed the Rinsen Maru, now on the route. She is to have a tonnage of between seven and eight thousand tons, nearly double that of the latter vessel.

The Victoria Colonist says: "A Chinaman who peddles wood claims to have discovered a good seam of coal on what is known as Coal Island. He claims to have discovered a seam on a mountain side facing the water which contains the same quality of coal as is found at Nanaimo. In Victoria he says he has found Chinese prepared to develop the mine on a fifty per cent lay."

Twenty-five or thirty of the more vicious of the criminal element of Dawson have "mashed" out over the ice, having been ordered to leave the Klondike metropolis. In the crowd are said to be some hardened criminals with long records of misdeeds. These and nearly all the rest of the undesirable aggregation doubtless will bring up in Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver on steamers returning from Lynn canal. The Dawson authorities are said to have drawn out every suspicious character.

named Gilliey. The schooner has not been seen since March, and it is thought in Japan that she has either capsized or that her powder exploded.

J. A. Russell, who was police magistrate of Vancouver for eight years, had been summarily dismissed by the McGowen government and Adolphus Williams, M. P., appointed in his place at the same salary, \$1,800 a year. The salary is, of course, paid by the city. No reason is given for the dismissal of Mr. Russell, as his performance of his duties has given general satisfaction. It is popularly surmised that the despatch was done at the dictation of the Socialists, who objected to the decision given by Mr. Russell in the famous U. B. R. E. case. A petition to the government for his removal was circulated at the time. Attorney General Eberts reviewed the case and approved the magistrate's decision. It is supposed, however, that the Socialist feeling against Mr. Russell, voiced by Mr. Hawthorthwaite, has been effective in securing his summary removal, no preliminary notice being given him.

Since H. M. S. Flora has been docked, it has been learned that the lieutenant-engineer of the cruiser, by dint of cool bravery when the accident occurred, probably saved a number of lives. He was asleep when the cruiser struck on Village Point, and awakened by the crash and the rush of water, realized at once what had occurred, and, without waiting to clothe himself, ran in his night clothes to the engine room, where he closed the water tight bulkheads, and thus kept the rushing water from the engine room and the stove hole as well as protecting the pumps in the engine room. The water reached the closed bulkheads soon afterwards, and must have made its way into the engine room, had the officer not done his duty by closing them.

On his northern tour General Lord Dundonald looked over the situation with respect to the report that the United States intended to fortify Sitkan and Kananishant islands. He visited both the islands and also Pease and Wales islands, which were then awarded to Canada; Kitimat and Work Canal, which places have both been suggested as the trans-Canadian terminus. He declined to talk of his visit, but from others in the party it is learned that he regards Sitkan and Kananishant islands as unable to demilitate Port Simpson, if fortified. Vessels pass close to these islands entering Port Simpson, but Wales island is much higher, and a fort there would make any fortification on the United States islands untenable.

BIG DAY AT SCHOOLS

FIRST DONATION DAY IN AID OF PUBLIC CHARITY BY ROSSLAND PUPILS.

ANNUAL PUBLIC EXAMINATION TO WHICH PARENTS ARE INVITED.

This is a red letter day at the public schools of the city. When school closes this evening the children pack up their books and possessions, for there will be no further sessions until the first week of the new year, and when classes reassemble it will be after a general redistribution of the pupils.

But before the closing of the schools there will be "doings" in all the rooms, save those in which the candidates for entrance examinations are finishing their week's arduous labors.

The most interesting incident of the day will be the fruit and vegetable donation for the benefit of the Sisters' hospital. This is a novelty in Rossland's schools, which should make it more successful than otherwise. The idea involved is that the attention of children should be directed toward deserving charities while in attendance on the public schools, thus exciting an interest in such enterprises that is not lost in after years. The children are, therefore, invited to bring with them to school this morning little presents of fruit or vegetables. The quantities may be large or small, according to the desire of pupils and parents, but in the aggregate a considerable quantity of useful articles is expected to be offered to the hospital. The institution is not exactly a charitable concern, but under existing conditions it is in dire necessity of outside assistance to enable it to continue the good work being done from month to month. Although the children's donations will not go far toward meeting the needs of the hospital, the lesson will be inculcated and it is safe to predict that the youngsters will secure genuine gratification from proffering their gifts.

The annual public examinations will be proceeded with in the respective rooms. On such occasions the parents of pupils are cordially welcomed to attend and witness the proceedings. To be sure, this invitation has fallen on barren ground to a large extent in former years, but it affords parents an opportunity to witness actual school work, and even a single visit of this nature in the course of a twelvemonth brings a parent into closer touch with the school system than is otherwise the case.

All the proceedings are scheduled for the morning session. Later in the day the schools will disperse for the holidays with the season's compliments flying thick and fast on all sides.

AS ONTARIO DOES.

G. O. Buchanan Favors Disposition of Timber Limits by Auction.

G. O. Buchanan, of Kaslo, president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Southern British Columbia, was in the city yesterday. He is well known as a successful lumbering man, and his opinion, as follows on the question of the new land act as it affects the lumbering business, will be followed with interest:

"If, as I understand from the tele-

graphic summaries, the government proposes to drop the royalty or reduce it to one cent per thousand the new act will not prove such a hardship as it would otherwise have done. Formerly the lessees of timber lands paid a tax of 10 or 15 cents per acre, 10 cents if acquired some time ago and 15 cents more recently, and they also paid a royalty of 50 cents per thousand feet of timber cut.

"The new act as introduced first made timber land subject to the wild land tax, which might mean anywhere from 25 to 50 cents per acre, the rental and logs in booms and timber cut were to be liable to taxation as personal property. This act if enforced would obliterate the industry in the interior. If, however, the concession I have mentioned is made, that is, if the royalty removed, the taxation, although heavier than before, will be bearable."

"What would be the fairest basis on which to tax the timber industry?" was the next question put to Mr. Buchanan. "The fairest basis of taxation, the best method of raising revenue would be to exact a royalty of 50 cents per thousand feet on all the timber cut and to sell timber limits by auction in each district," was the reply. "There is no justice in making us pay on timber lands in the interior, which might be scrubbly timber to the acre, the same rate as is levied at the coast on level land carrying 100,000 feet of fir and cedar to the acre. Neither is there any fairness in the present system of tendering for the purchase of limits. Under this method the man who needs a limit is obliged to make his tender in the dark without knowing if there is any competition."

"I understand that the chief commissioner is talking of introducing the Ontario system of dealing with timber lands. If he introduces the public auction feature he will have done a very good thing."

J. J. HILL, INTERESTED.

May Secure Charter for Railway in the Northwest.

MacLeod Gazette: At the last session of the Dominion parliament a charter was granted to build a railway from Macleod to the boundary line by way of Cardston, with power to build a branch line to the Kootenay oil fields.

It is now stated on good authority that the famous J. J. Hill is negotiating for the purchase of the said charter and that there is every reason to believe that construction will be commenced on this road in the early spring.

DUDEE MINE SOLD

THE CELEBRATED YMIR PROPERTY TAKEN OVER BY A SYNDICATE.

A PROSPECT THAT IT WILL BE WORKED AND ITS DEBTS PAID.

Ymir, B. C., Dec. 18.—Upon good authority it is said that the Dundee mine here has been sold to parties representing C. D. Rand of New Westminster. The exact figure cannot be obtained, but it is known that \$7000 was paid down in Nelson, Wednesday evening to bind the bargain. Those putting the deal through are a prominent firm of Vancouver real estate men.

The Dundee company was stocked in 1896, and work was kept going on the property till 1898, when it closed down through lack of funds. A short time previous to this the stock was quoted as high as 75 cents per share. The banks advanced the management money from time to time, and at last the property was given as security to the Royal Bank of Canada. A few months back they obtained judgment and took the property over, and it is from the bank that Mr. Rand is purchasing.

The work on the property consists of a shaft 250 feet, with laterals running from the same. Places in these drifts show clear galena ore that went \$33 gold, \$17 silver and about 40 per cent lead. On the whole the property is a concentrating one. The company did erect an old style Cornish mill, which was not a success, this mill being destroyed about two years ago in the bush fire that raged around this vicinity.

The Dundee company owes considerable to merchants here, and it is understood that the purchasers of the property are arranging to pay these debts off, although they are not liable legally.

Bernard Macdonald, M. E., reported on this property some time ago for London parties, and his verdict was that there was a big mine, but that a long tunnel would have to be run, so as to get the lead at depth and incidentally drain off the water, which flows very heavy into the Dundee property.

An expert is coming from London to look into the Ymir mine property here. It is the policy of the company to send out regularly a man from London to look over the work that has been done. Under the management of Mr. Atwater the mine was never in a better condition.

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TON OF FRUIT FOR CHARITY

Outcome of Closing Proceedings at Public Schools.

Names of Clever Students in the Promotion List.

Approximately a ton of fruit and vegetables contributed by Rossland's school children was the outcome of yesterday's donations in the Central and Cook avenue schools. The entire offering was promptly delivered to the Sisters' hospital, where it was received with grateful appreciation and warm thanks. The incident thus closed is likely to be the first of a series of annual "fruit showers," the effect of which will be excellent in respect to its educational influence on the minds of the children.

When the schools assembled yesterday morning for the final day's proceedings, the interior of the class rooms resembled a grocery store. The children brought oranges, lemons, apples, fruit preserves in cans and glass, potatoes, turnips, cabbages, onions, celery and other common vegetables. A trip through the class rooms demonstrated that the suggestion had been adopted with surprising unanimity. The children had the right idea to no small extent, for the individual contributions were of a high order, and the whole, two hundred pounds per room is the average estimated for the two schools. The Sisters' hospital, which benefited by the "shower" was delightedly surprised by the magnitude of the aggregate donation, and the management of the institution has requested The Miner to express to the children and parents its genuine sense of appreciation for the substantial evidence of kindness toward the institution and the tangible indication of appreciation of the work of the hospital in the Golden City.

The attendance of parents at the proceedings, which included the public examination, was stated to be as large as the combined attendance in the preceding years of the schools' history. The visitors moved from room to room, and manifested deep interest in the proceedings.

One of the features for the entertainment of the visitors was a fire drill, in which the children gave a splendid exhibition. Two tests were made, one utilizing both doors and windows, the building in one minute, and the second using one door only, on the presumption that the other would be shut off; the second test required 90 seconds to empty the premises. Principal Bruce has trained the children in fire drills, and the expedition developed together with the strict order maintained throughout is a tribute to his qualities as a disciplinarian and instructor.

Felicitous is a term that applies admirably to the entire proceedings at the schools. The pupils in Principal Bruce's rooms founded a beautiful organization on each desk as they filed in for the morning's work, the flowers having been placed there by Mr. Bruce. A little later in the day the pupils recited, by presenting the principal with several handsomely bound volumes of prose and poetry, a cordial interchange of sentiments marking this incident. In the other classes similar incidents occurred, all the teachers being presented with more or less elaborate souvenirs of a pleasant and successful session.

ROSSLAND'S CLEVER STUDENTS.

Herewith are appended the promotion lists for the Cook Avenue and Central Schools for the session just concluded. A few of the promotions listed were made earlier in the session owing to the re-arrangement of classes necessary through the reduction in the teaching staff, while the remainder will take effect when classes reassemble next month. The entire list is as follows:

JUNIOR TO INTERMEDIATE.

- Mary Ann Bestulles, Bernice Marie Bowers, William Brown, Chester Campbell, Ernest Chenonth, Annie Crowe, William Ehlers, Edward Farquharson, Albin Freeman, Earl Fisher, Lois Gamble, Annie Glenn, Arthur Esking Goodeve, John Ingram, Edward Jewell, George M. Jones, Leonie E. LaFond, Alfred Lord, Mabel Malmstrom, Donald John O'Neil, Hazel Francis Schott, Frances Ward, Albert Otto Zedler.

INTERMEDIATE TO SENIOR.

- Priscilla Baxendale, Mammie Broken-shire, Hollis Brown, May Brown, Frank Cosgriff, Arthur Danby, Frank Darling, Nellie Davidson, Martha Demuth, Walter Demuth, Era Doel, Lottie Ferris, Ethel Fox, Bruce Haggart, Edna Harding, Ames Inches, Edith Ingram, Stanley Jones, Robert Kenning, Cyprienne LeBlanc, Horace LeBlanc, Edna Lewis, Irene Lewis, Mary Lewis, Rita Logan, Daniel McLean, Mildred McLean, Charles Morrison, Frank O'Hearn, Bessie Ohren, Fred Querlo, Myrtle Robson, Raymond Schott, Leota Seed, Edgar Stanaway, Edward Tippet, Benjamin Trezona, Dorothy Trezona, Joseph Turner, Richard Turner, Agnes Twaddle, James Twaddle, Armin Uphman, Florence Ward, Della Webb, Lillie Williams, Elsie Wood.

SENIOR—FOURTH READER TO ENTRANCE CLASS.

- Allie Braden, Regie W. Bradshaw, Frances May Brown, Elsie Cameron, Montague J. Danby, Lillie Demuth, Flossie Donahue, Olga Marion Freeman, Margaret Goodeve, Harold Grant, Ida Hoffman Grant, Robert C. Hicks, Eddie Keefe, Beatrice Levy, Mammie Ellen Logan, Diana Madory, Herman Nicholson, Stanley Northey.

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From Thursday's Daily. The corporation has record for 500 inches of water, which was made at Nelson. A. Renwick, assessor of lands and water.

Police Chief Braden of a telegraphic message, Petersburg, Ontario, as to the circumstances of W. party inquired for information on application office.

Mayor Dean and spent yesterday afternoon in a tour to be covered in the building operations, deputating with the report of the committee this evening in the

IS FOR FAIR WAGES

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SENDS AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH ARMOY.

WILL DRAFT SCALE OF PAY FOR ARTIZANS EMPLOYED THEREON.

The late Thomas was one of a party came south to Nelson, 1888, another member being John Kirkup, a pioneer here. From they crossed to Kootenay, and as the Indian Nelson now party was the com Queen City.

Much of yesterday's supreme court was argument in Dumas pany vs. Boulbee, which interestingly raised. Judgment was conclusion of the case of Robinson vs. E. proceeded with. A. H. for the plaintiff, judgment. A. C. G. defendants. The out- defendants were granted a defence.

The entrance exceeding steadily up of Sub-Principal C. charge during the at Wilson. The papers marked by the ab- questions, and in the tests there has been successful effort in terms that learning of the can- do require the app- thought.

Garfield A. King, Rossland high school holidays, has resign- where in the Kootenay trustees found no fault services, and he has recommendations for Hunter Drew and Steps are now being new principal for the bill of having attach salary paid to any den City.

Rossland is to close business men next and Andrews and Eric Hunter Drew are to Nelson to assume chaotic boot and shoe by them in the Queen's business in question. By Louis Godebolt, the mercantile man, is well didly stocked. Mess Morrison will take care.

The records of the debts courts afforded dication of improve in Rossland. A cou- was not uncommon nishees filed for this month the re- debts court contains ostensible two years been perhaps the best for workers that they have ever enjoyed in the history of Canada. There is no cessation apparent of the steady activity that prevails in all lines of industrial enterprise, and there is plenty of work for all, and at fair wages. My hope is that this excellent condition of affairs will continue, and there is no good reason to suppose that it will not, for the industries of the country are expanding at present in a marked manner, and there are good grounds for thinking that this expansion will continue for a considerable period. I anticipate, therefore, that we will continue to have good times, and that dense. The judges Mcintosh, Alderman, and William t- ward was only a consideration. Re- announced as follows: Mamie Balfour as Charles E. Summe- felter." Best susts- ter, Miss Lulu P- the Girl!" best su- ner, Richard Arthu- best comic charac- "The Dutchman," ladies in charge of Mesdames Wilcox, and Annable. No- coming's pleasure- defatigable efforts floor manager, the- furnished unusual-

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