

WINDERMERE FLOURISHES

J. A. Kirk Gives Interesting Details of Progress in Vicinity of Wilmer--Mining Propositions Promise to Bring Windermere to the Front.

J. A. Kirk, of the Kootenay Land & Exploration company, is in Rossland for a few days. Mr. Kirk is well known here and a number of Rosslanders are interested in the corporation of which he is manager.

"Progress of the mining industry in the Windermere district during the past year has been very satisfactory under the adverse conditions that prevail in this province. While no noted transfers of titles, opening up of new properties or influx of strangers can be recorded, steady development as far as means would permit has been characteristic of the industry in operation."

NO POWDER NEEDED.

"A remarkable feature of this property is that the ore known locally as sand carbonates is mined with pick and shovel, no blasting being necessary excepting for country rock. Mr. Bruce, the manager, says that not a blast of powder has been used in the last three months although from 30 to 40 men have been engaged on underground work."

Mines Will Pay For Ambulance Service

"You may state that so far as the 'Father Pat' memorial ambulance is concerned the Le Roi regards it simply as a means of contributing to the comfort of miners who may be injured and that we expect and are prepared to pay as much in the future as in the past for the transportation of men who may be so unfortunate as to meet with accidents in the mine."

the operating charges will be for labor for mining, timber, teaming, etc. In other words it will be spent locally. The management will put up a sawmill next year on timber secured near the mine.

"If the condition of the market is favorable and the industry is placed upon a better standing by expected legislation, this mine will in all probability commence to make shipments on a large scale. The Ptarmigan mine has for several months almost abandoned mining and the management devoted its attention to the introduction of machinery and supplies preparatory to the initiation of mining on a large scale. Since the end of August the Horse Thief road has been traveled daily by a procession of from 12 to 16 four-horse teams carrying machinery and supplies from Wilmer to the mine--and distance of some 30 miles--and the procession still continues."

The machinery includes a sawmill, which has been in operation, and valuable work has been done. The wagon roads built by the government during the last three years, radiating from the steamboat landing at Wilmer to the mining camps, have reduced transportation charges and afforded comparatively easy access to sections formerly inaccessible from a business point of view.

"The most noted work has been done on the Paradise mine in the Toby Creek camp and on the Ptarmigan (formerly Red Line) mine in the Horse Thief range. Under steady development the Paradise has improved to such an extent that the management, with some assistance from Victoria, recently built a wagon road connecting the mine with the Toby Creek road. This road cuts off 4 1/2 miles of rawhiding and in many ways permits of reductions in working expenses. Tunnels have been drifted for half a mile on different levels and a contract for an additional 1000 feet was let a few days ago."

Will Take Up Mineral Tax Again

The Rossland board of trade is again to take up the question of agitating for the modification of the existing mineral tax. The theme is not new, but it is generally felt that the importance of the point at issue makes it obligatory for all commercial organizations to once more draw the attention of the legislature to the necessity for remedial legislation.

"The suspension of the tax as at present levied with an assurance that a permanent change will be made in regard to the taxation of ore, will probably be the main points aimed at, and every effort will be made to secure the assistance at this juncture of other boards of trade having interests similar to Rossland's."

The statement is made that the Hon. Colonel Prior, leader of the government, fully realizes the necessity for readjusting the tax on mines, and that had he a free hand the two per cent tax would be eliminated from the statute book without further delay.

The Rossland Liberal association did not transact any business at the regular semi-monthly meeting last night. The principal topic now being debated by the association is the silver-lead problem, and the members feel that there is no special haste required in disposing of the matter.

Notes of Interest in Local Fraternal Circles

"Although Rossland is nearly ten times smaller than Spokane," said a well known lodge man, "the city of mines has probably as many branches of prominent organizations and societies as the premier city of western Washington."

There is probably more enthusiasm and more people working for the good of their respective orders in this city today than in the case with lodges in Spokane. This reason probably is that the people of this city have nothing else to do at night, no place to go to and naturally float into the lodge rooms. Whether this is the case or not, the fact remains that the Rossland orders are on a far more successful basis than a good many of the branches of the same orders across the line."

The above is true in nearly every point, as the interest developed during the past week in local lodge circles goes to prove. Last week was probably the most eventful week in the history of local fraternal societies. Elections occurred in nearly every one of the lodges, which, taken with a dance by the Knights of Pythias, a social affair by the Eagles and other matters, served to make the week fly swiftly.

Last night the members of Corinthian Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., gathered at the occasion being the election of officers. A great deal of interest was aroused in the election, as was evidenced by the excellent attendance. The election resulted as follows: Worshipful Brother John Dunlop, worshipful Brother Joseph D. E. Kerr, past master; Brother W. S. Rugh, senior warden; Brother John Anderson, junior warden; Brother John Kirkup, treasurer; Brother Wm. McQueen, secretary; Brother Thomas H. Long, tyler. The above officers will be installed at Rossland on St. John's Day, December 29th. It will be a joint installation of the above officers with those of Fidelity Lodge, Trail, by the District

seem as though there was room for excellent educational work on the part of those interested in the removal of the tax, and this embraces everyone whose interests are embraced by the gold-copper camps of the Kootenays, and to a greater or less extent, with every other mining camp.

The forthcoming session of the board of trade should result in a comprehensive discussion of the mineral tax being elicited. Those men qualified to discuss the effect of the tax from a technical standpoint and to produce statistics bearing out the assertions as to the manner in which the tax militates against the prosperity of what are termed "low grade mines," should be invited to place the facts before the public and the report of the proceedings might at trifling cost be put in pamphlet form and distributed in the districts where opposition might be expected to arise through ignorance of the real facts. Taking it for granted that the majority of electors are fair-minded, it cannot be denied that such action would have the effect of generally lessening the alleged opposition to the removal of a tax that is aptly described as "iniquitous."

organization as one of the few liberal associations in close touch with the situation and that its presentments will, in consequence, carry more than ordinary weight. This aspect of the situation makes it essential that when a decision is arrived at, the association should not err in its judgment.

The natural deduction is that no harm can result and much good may be attained by permitting the matter to rest in statu quo for a few weeks, until the members are able to utilize all the information that may be elicited from time to time in arriving at the best possible solution of the most interesting question in hand. That such is the object in view goes without saying, and the adjournment of the debate was accordingly decided upon.

The next meeting of the association takes place on the 15th inst., when several important matters will be submitted to the members. Deputy Grand Master, George Hering, on the occasion of his visit to Rossland, was the guest of Corinthian Lodge of this city.

At the regular meeting of the Rossland Chapter, No. 122, of the Royal Arch Masons, on Tuesday last, the annual election of officers was taken up along with other lodge business. The officers elected were as follows: First principal, G. A. Mitchell, second principal, N. E. Townsend; third principal, D. E. Kerr; scribe, E. Keith Lackey; scribe, N. Dan Bruhn; treasurer, George Hering; principal sojourner, R. E. Plewman.

Kootenay Curlers Will Come to Rossland

The annual bonspiel under the auspices of the Kootenay Curling association will be held in Rossland commencing on Tuesday, January 20, 1903. If the weather is unpropitious, the executive committee of the association has the authority to postpone the event.

The decision was arrived at yesterday afternoon when the annual meeting of the association took place at the office of A. B. Mackenzie. In the absence of the president, Mr. Mackenzie took the chair. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Judge John A. Forin--Patron. J. S. C. Fraser, of Rossland--President. George S. McCarter, of Revelstoke--Vice-president. A. B. Morris, of Kaslo--Vice-president. Dr. Boucher, of Phoenix--Vice-president. Rev. A. M. Sandford, B. A., of Rossland--Chaplain. Thomas S. Gilmour, of Rossland--Honorary secretary-treasurer.

Robert W. Grigor and A. B. Mackenzie, of Rossland, M. L. Grimmer, of Sandon; S. Brown, of Revelstoke, G. C. Hodge and J. H. Wallace, of Nelson--Members executive committee. It was resolved to approach the new Greenwood curling club with a view to securing the organization as a member

of the association. Other minor matters were gone into; after which the bonspiel came up for discussion. The Nelson curling club was represented by Judge J. A. Forin and G. C. Hodge. They moved that the bonspiel be held in Nelson, and supported the motion with speeches in which Nelson's claim on the ground of rotation was urged, together with the fact that the facilities in respect to accommodation and ice were equal in Nelson to those of any other point in the Kootenays.

The statement was made that the Nelson club was most anxious to have the Kootenay curlers foregather in the Queen City and that the invitation was backed up by citizens of the town generally. Rossland's admirable facilities for the bonspiel were then presented, and on a vote, the Rossland men carried the meeting.

By resolution it was decided that the bonspiel should commence on Tuesday, January 20. The executive was empowered to postpone the affair if in their opinion the weather was deemed unfavorable. An adjournment was then taken. The Nelson delegates stated prior to leaving the city that while their club would be disappointed over the decision against the bonspiel, the Queen City organization would be represented here by its usual quota of crack curlers.

Police Raid Chinatown and Collect Poll Tax

Amid the click of chips in black-jack, fan-tan and other games and with a blue haze overspreading all, Chief of Police Ingram, backed up by Sergeant Bradshaw and Officers Stewart and Heavener, along with Assessor Harp and Sanitary Inspector Thomas H. Long--not he of the "Good-bye Boozie" fame--invaded the precincts of Kwong Wing Chong's joint in Chinatown on an annual poll tax collection tour last night.

Instantly a scene of confusion ensued. Games were abandoned with a haste that would have done credit to one of New York's white flirts, while some of the chattering Celestials tried to hide the paraphernalia in sight. Other Chinamen tried to get out back ways and through windows and others passing the doors of the establishment instantly dropped to the conclusion that a raid was on and scuttled up along the railroad track with all possible speed, with Officer Stewart in hot pursuit. Every laundry and mercantile joint in Chinatown was visited and their denizens or proprietors were dragged up to Kwong Wing Chong's place regardless of what tongue they belonged to. For once all Chinatown fraternized at one given spot without getting into trouble among themselves.

In the hunt for Chinamen last night several exciting chases resulted. The Chinamen, as soon as they saw the policemen and the mighty form of Tom Rossland is to have its free reading room, and public library in embryo, before Christmas. This statement emanates from officers of the Sons of St. George, which organization has undertaken the task of floating the library scheme.

At the last meeting of the fraternity, sub-committees on rooms and literature were appointed. Rev. Charles W. Hedley, M. A., is chairman of the committee on literature and Judge William B. Townsend is convener of the rooms committee, which will have in charge the fitting up of the public library apartments adjoining the fire hall, and the furnishing thereof. Both committees have commenced work, and their intention is to open the reading room on Christmas. The literature committee is preparing a scheme whereby the public will be enabled to assist in the formation of the library, and the details of the plan will be published in the course of a few days.

It is generally believed that the library proposition will elicit the support of many citizens, particularly as an excellent way of assisting the scheme will be to donate one or more books to the library. Modern fiction is usually in demand at libraries and this is just the class of literature which the average citizen is willing to donate for such a purpose. Current periodicals will be supplied by the Sons of St. George and from other sources. The agreement between the corporation and the fraternity with respect to the use of the library rooms has not been executed as yet, but this is not an essential as the terms have already been arranged and agreed to by the parties of both parts. The execution of the agreement is, therefore, more or less of a formality that can be attended to when convenient.

Long looming up in the distance, instantly dropped to the conclusion that something out of the ordinary was on and did their best to get out of sight as rapidly as possible. Fate was against them, however, and Chinaman after Chinaman was dragged out and brought up to Kwong Wing Chong's place. Policeman Heavener had an exciting tussle with a couple of Chinamen, who swore that they would pay no tax, which resulted in the Chinamen landing on the ground in short order and finally out into neighboring snowbanks. Outside of a few footraces, and tussles with fleeing citizens and the chattering protests of scores of men little of interest cropped up as a result of the raid.

After getting all the Chinamen or their employers in the one room, Officer Stewart was stationed at the outer door, Officer Heavener at another and other officers around at advantageous points to see that no one slipped out. A trunk line between Lake Michigan points and Buffalo, having an entrance to Chicago over its own tracks and crossing the Niagara river under a bridge to be built near Tonawanda, N. Y. The members of the directorate interested in the syndicate are said to be Nathaniel Thayer and F. H. Prince of Boston and Thomas F. Ryan and Mark T. Cox of New York.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS FAILED. Temperance Sentiment Is Strong But Failed to Pull the Votes. TORONTO, Dec. 4.--Ontario will not have prohibition. Though the actual vote will not be determined for probably a couple of days, enough is known at this hour (9:30) to indicate that the prohibitionists have failed in the task the legislature set them to poll 212,723 votes, or one-third of the total vote cast in the election of 1902. Without the stimulus of a party organization and the presence of political excitement in the campaign the task proved too much, but nevertheless the prohibitionists have succeeded in recording that so far as they and their opponents were able to bring out the vote, that the sentiment of Ontario is largely in favor of prohibition.

At 9:30 incomplete returns from 50 out of 94 constituencies show a total vote of 72,200 for and 4,920 against. Examination of the details of these returns show that they are about two-thirds of being complete, and making allowances the majority in favor of prohibition given by these constituencies may be placed at about 40,000. This is a most liberal estimate. On the same basis the 93 constituencies of Ontario would give a majority for prohibition of about 70,000, but majorities do not count in this contest. If a liberal estimate can only give 105,000 votes for fifty of the leading constituencies it is easy to see that the remaining 44, included among which are the more sparsely settled constituencies, can hardly be expected to contribute 105,000 votes.

How far the prohibitionists will come from attaining the desired number of votes it is as yet impossible to state, but based on the returns received it will not be surprising if they are at least 40,000 shy. Toronto was the greatest surprise of the day. It had hitherto recorded itself in favor of license, but today voted by 1470 in favor of the act. The other dwelling centres of the province were North Waterloo, Windsor and Belleville, which voted against the act, North Waterloo by 1700, Windsor by 547 and Belleville by a scant 25.

The cities which voted against the act were Kingston, 22; London, 151; St. Catharines, 222; Ottawa, with suburbs, 700; Hamilton followed Toronto with a majority of 573 for the act. ST. LOUIS BOODLER. Charles Denny Will Serve Two Years in Prison. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 5.--After a two days' trial, Charles Denny, the millionaire brewer, and director of the house of delegates, charged with perjury in connection with the suburban bill boodle deal, was found guilty tonight and his punishment fixed at two years in the penitentiary.

VIOLENT SCENE

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PARIS, Dec. 6.--The chamber of deputies was the scene of violent disturbances this afternoon. During a general melee, which occurred in a space in front of the tribune, it was found necessary to summon the military commandant of the Palais Bourbon with a platoon of colonial infantry, who forcibly ejected two disorderly members who declined to retire after an order for their temporary expulsion had been voted.

The affair was the outcome of intense feeling, which was aroused lately between the government's supporters and the minority. The government has decided to close parliament today for the holiday recess, and this was resisted by the minority, on the ground that the chamber should remain in session to discuss the budget. The feeling was intensified when Revisionist Deputy Gauthier made a savage attack on the government for its laxity in prosecuting parties connected with the Humbert scandal. Even worse than this scandal, he declared, was the state of anarchy existing within the courts, within the police and within the government. He called on Minister of Justice Walle for an explanation of the affair.

The minister made an emphatic rejoinder, declaring that the scandals of the republic were far less numerous than those of the empire, which still lived in memory. He closed with the assertion that Frederick Humbert had been a Boulainvillist deputy. This immediately threw the chamber into a violent tumult, the members

DEVELOPED INTO A TRUNK LINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.--The Herald will say tomorrow that the passing of the control of the Pere Marquette railway into the hands of the Pere Marquette syndicate, the road will within a few days formally take over the Lake Erie & Detroit railway, and that the proposed trunk line developed into a trunk line between Lake Michigan points and Buffalo, having an entrance to Chicago over its own tracks and crossing the Niagara river under a bridge to be built near Tonawanda, N. Y. The members of the directorate interested in the syndicate are said to be Nathaniel Thayer and F. H. Prince of Boston and Thomas F. Ryan and Mark T. Cox of New York.

PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INDIAN CURIO WILL SOON OPEN IN ROSSLAND

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An extremely interesting Indian curio hangs at the Rossland Club in the form of a huge dance mask such as enters into the religious and social exercises and ceremonies of the coast aborigines.

The curio has been deposited at the club by W. F. Ferris, of this city, who obtained it through the kindly offices of a trader, whose many years' experience among the particular tribe to which the mask originally belonged, enabled him to treat for its acquisition. The Indians have a sort of reverence for these apparitions of their tribal customs, and the ordinary white visitor to their villages would be effectually snubbed were he to open negotiations for the purchase of masks or other articles of a similar nature.

The mask is four feet eight inches in height and two feet six inches broad. It has been carved with no small degree of dexterity from a solid section of timber, and constitutes an excellent reproduction of a strong face with aquiline features. The countenance is rudely decorated with paint that was evidently brilliant when first applied, but which has been dimmed by exposure to the elements for decades.

Mr. Ferris obtained the curio at Mahquah's village, a winter harbor on Quatsino Sound, at the north end of Vancouver island. Mahquah was among the last of the warlike chiefs, and his deeds are held in veneration by the inhabitants of the village. The dead warrior's residence is still preserved with religious care. The mask's history has been traced back for ninety years, and it was probably in existence for several decades previous to the point where the present record ceases. It was called by the Indians "Ka-Kwu," which is presumably the name given to the spirit which the mask represents.

Mr. Ferris regards the mask as an exceptionally rare and valuable curio, and it has been examined with keen interest by those who have seen it since its arrival in Rossland. While encamped near Mahquah's village, Mr. Ferris was fortunate enough to secure a magnificent panther's pelt, the animal being captured in a bear trap within two hundred yards of the camp. The fur is almost as yellow as that of a red fox, with white markings underneath and a curious black stripe on the tail, ending in a solid black tuft.

Mr. W. Sifton of Vancouver is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Barrett.

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Want New Postoffice To Be Opened

The statement is made that the board of trade will devote some attention at an early date to preparing representations to the department of public works with respect to the opening of the new federal building in Rossland. It is felt that the matter should be stirred up and the postoffice put to its proper use instead of standing idle while the old premises with inadequate accommodations are still used by the department, and not with anyone in authority here. The building is now ready for occupation--steam-heating plant installed and other facilities available--with the exception of the fittings. These include the boxes to be rented to the public, and furniture used by the office staff in performing their duties. Robert W. Grigor, supervising architect, states that plans for the fittings have been made. So far as can be

learned the contract for the finishing features has not been let, and the delay appears to be entirely in respect to this one point. Some weeks ago it was said that the plans had been prepared by Thomas Bradbury, the contractor who erected the building and who is now in California. The idea seemed to be that Mr. Bradbury would furnish figures for the work required, but this would seem to be doubtful in view of the statement emanating from Mr. Bradbury prior to his departure for California to the effect that he did not propose to take any sub-contract on the work because of his pressing business interests elsewhere. The board of trade might be able to accomplish something in the direction of stirring the department into action, and if successful in such an effort their work would be appreciated by the public generally.