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Shipments of Ore.

From January 1 to November 25, inclusive, the shipments of ore from mines at Rossland to smelters were as follows:

Table with columns: Mine, Tons. Includes Le Roi, War Eagle, Columbia & Kootenay, Iron Mask, Jumbo, Cliff, Centre Star, Red Mountain, O. K. S., Evening Star, Giant, L. X., Velvet, Little Joe, Poorman.

Concentrates. From January 14 to June 10, inclusive, the ore milled in the camp was as follows:

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The shipments for the week ending November 25 were as follows: Le Roi, 1,485; Iron Mask, 90; Poorman, 30; Cliff, 15; Centre Star, 15—Total, 1,635.

THE ELGIE PROPOSITION.

The proposition of Thomas Gossage Elgie to the city is a remarkable one in more ways than one. If the city council would accept it in its present form it would be like taking a leap in the dark or similar to buying a pig in a poke. Let us look at Mr. Elgie's proposition and see just what it amounts to. Under the law by which cities are incorporated the government gives them the right to all the water within a certain radius of their limits for the use of its inhabitants for domestic services, for the suppression of fires, flushing of sewers and kindred purposes. This law is a wise one, as it prevents the monopolization of waters adjacent to cities by greedy corporations or individuals. In this instance no private individual or company has a right to the waters of Stoney, Rock, Murphy or Trail creeks or Violin lake, unless the permission of the city is first obtained. Mr. Elgie asks that the city authorities give him all its rights to the waters in the creeks and lake mentioned and also that the works that he proposes erecting be made free from taxation for a period of 20 years.

What does he offer in return for these privileges and immunities? Mr. Elgie says as a compensation for the city's kindness to him he will erect a plant for the reduction of ores that will cost, if necessary, \$1,000,000; that in this plant he will be able to reduce the low grade ores of Rossland so cheaply that even those that carry values of only \$7 to the ton will be made to yield a profit to the miner; that he will improve and extend the water system and reduce the cost of water to the ratepayers and householders, and that he will make a start on the construction of the \$1,000,000 plant within thirty days after these privileges have been granted him by the city council.

There is an indefiniteness about the whole proposition that strikes everyone who hears it. In the first place, he does not even tell the council anything about the process by which he intends to reduce the ores of the camp so cheaply. Is it chemical, electrical, or by means of concentration by fire and water? To our notion it seems that he ought to unbosom himself a little to the public from whom he is asking so much, in order that his plan of reduction may be submitted to the scrutiny of experts, so that they may determine whether it is practical or the crack-brained plan of some crank, who thinks he understands metallurgical processes.

Mr. Elgie should also tell the public to what extent he intends to extend the water system. This city is one that is destined to grow much larger than its present proportions, and the citizens owe it to themselves to see to it that the future supply of water is large enough for a city of at least 35,000 inhabitants.

Then he makes a promise of lowering the existing rates to the water consumers. Mr. Elgie should be more exact and tell just to what extent he will cut down the price of water. He should also have something to say regarding reservoirs for fire protection purposes. In fact the whole scheme, as presented by Mr. Elgie, is so vague that it looks to us as though it should not for a moment be entertained until a clearer and more coherent statement has been presented; even then, the city authorities should weigh well the circumstances, look at the four corners of the proposition before giving away one of the birthrights of the people of Rossland. The water rights of the city are far too valuable to the people to be given away to the first one who asks for them.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

The Trail Creek News is the authority for the statement that the British Columbia Smelting & Refining company is

preparing to erect a lead stack at Trail. It is to be hoped that the News speaks authoritatively, although it is impossible to understand what inducement exists for even that enterprising company to treat Slocan ores so long as the C. P. R. demands such a preposterously high freight rate from Sandon to the Columbia river. We fear very much that smelting in Kootenay will never thrive as it should so long as the C. P. R. controls the transportation business of the Slocan. However, the Trail people are much better off than the unfortunate purchasers of the Pilot Bay smelter. The British Columbia Smelting & Refining company can at least continue to operate its copper smelting plant because of the independence of the Columbia & Western railway. The Braden syndicate is in a much more serious predicament. It is completely at the mercy of the great monopoly. In the meantime the C. P. R. is doing a fine business hauling thousands of tons of ore to American smelters.

INDIGNANT DISAPPROVAL.

The recently expressed antagonism of the Toronto Globe to the granting of a subsidy of \$8,000 a mile for the construction of a railway from the Columbia river to Penikese, has been received by the Provincial press—Liberal and Conservative alike—with a shout of indignant disapproval. So emphatic has been the protest against the utterances of the Globe regarding this matter, that the administration at Ottawa cannot fail to realize that the people of British Columbia are not only firm in their demand for Dominion aid to develop the Boundary country, but are becoming very impatient, not to say disgusted, at the delay already occasioned.

From the Rocky mountains to the Pacific there is but one opinion on the subject. The policy of granting Federal aid to railways in this province, so far from being indefensible, is a paramount necessity; if that aid be withheld the progress of British Columbia—and consequently Canada—will be indefinitely postponed.

The Provincial legislature has already pledged itself to assist in the construction of the line to the extent of \$4,000. But this small sum does not begin to represent the expenditure necessary to build a railway across the Gold Range mountains. Unless the Dominion government comes to the rescue it is safe to say that the road will never be built.

In the meantime, however, the Corbin system of railways, a Yankee institution, can, at comparatively little cost, be built up the Kettle River valley from Marcus, in the state of Washington, to the heart of the Boundary country, and thus practically halt the prosperity of that rich district to a foreign country.

THE ELGIE DEAL.

The proposition of T. G. Elgie will soon come before the joint meeting of the city council and the board of trade for consideration, and it is felt that the interests of the city are in hands that will not give them away without receiving in return their full value. Let us consider the value of the concessions that are asked for by Mr. Elgie. It is an admitted fact that Rossland will in the course of a very few years have a population of at least 35,000, and it is within the range of possibilities that it will reach even a greater number than this. A conservative estimate of the value of the water rights asked for is \$250,000, and if the population reaches a larger number than 35,000 the rights will be worth even more. The plant that Mr. Elgie's associates proposes to erect and maintain will cost, they say, \$1,000,000. We will say for the sake of argument that the city tax levy will average one per cent per annum—an extremely low estimate—for the next 20 years. Following the rule of assessing property at but 50 per cent of its real value, the \$1,000,000 plant would be assessed at but \$500,000. One per cent of this latter sum is \$5,000. This would be the amount that the plant would have to pay annually to the city in the way of taxes. This in 20 years would amount to the large sum of \$100,000. This added to the value of the water rights, \$250,000, would make a total of \$350,000. This is a conservative estimate of the value of the concessions that Mr. Elgie is asking for the city.

In view of this, it behoves those who have the consideration of the matter in hand to require Mr. Elgie to demonstrate in the most circumstantial way that the city will be benefited to even a greater extent than this before a bargain is arrived at. The recipients of these concessions should be required to show beyond the peradventure of a doubt that they are fully able to carry out the agreement that they wish to enter into, and in such a way that the city will be the gainer by the transaction to a greater amount than the value of the concessions. To our mind, it is always a sign of weakness on the part of a syndicate to ask a city in which it is about to found an enterprise for a bonus before it begins operations. We have no doubt but that in the fullness of time, or as soon as it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of capitalists that works of the character proposed by the Elgie syndicate can be made to yield a profit, that they will be established here, and that, too, without a bonus or a concession of any kind. Capital stands ready, eager and willing at all times to invest in anything that can be made to pay. The word "pay" is magic that will summon

THE STOCK MARKET.

Buyers From London Here After Big Properties.

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The stockmarket keeps widening out and growing, and is today in better condition than it has been during the present year. One encouraging feature that gives it strength and tone is the fact that there are no less than two or three representatives of large English mining firms in the city. These men are not mere experts, who have to report to their principals and go through an almost endless list of red tape before a purchase can be made. The men who are now in the camp have for a long time been employed by the large mining operators of London. For years they have been purchasing properties for their principals in Australia, South Africa and other parts of the world. They know the mine when they see one, and they are not after small properties. They operate on a large scale. One of these wants a property that will cost from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 and stands ready to pay the cash for it without any tedious waiting. It is known among the initiated that these buyers are in town, and it tends to strengthen the market. When it is known that capitalists are ready to take hold of meritorious properties and to develop them for what there is in them and not to manipulate them for mere stock jobbing purposes, it is a great help to the stock market.

BOUNDARY'S JONAH.

Donald Graham, M. P. P. for South Yale, received a well merited "roast" in the last issue of the Grand Forks Miner. Mr. Graham's chief claim to fame is the fact that he deliberately attempted to retard the development of the Boundary country, which forms a part of his constituency, by strenuously opposing the granting of both the \$4,000 subsidy a mile and the land grant that the Government very wisely offered at the last session to any one who would construct a railway through the district. The member for South Yale recently emerged from the seclusion of his ranch in the vicinity of Armstrong, and ventured upon a discussion of local politics. On that occasion he was asked by one of his auditors what he would do if the \$4,000 a mile without a land grant should prove to be insufficient to induce capitalists to construct a railway into the district. In reply, Mr. Graham said he would advocate the construction of a road by the Provincial Government. The Grand Forks Miner then proceeds to say that Mr. Graham "does not" represent the popular opinion of the district, and claims that the development of the great mining center that lies south of Okanagan Landing is being held back and starved for want of a railway. Says the Grand Forks paper: "How many years would it take, let any reasonable man ask himself, before we had a railway line if it depended upon the Government to build it? The question answers itself. The Government has not got the money and years must elapse in such a case. Mr. Graham is talking for the sake of talking. He knows, or if he does not he knows nothing, that the Government could not construct such a road for years to come—neither the present Government nor a Government composed of Mr. Graham's friends.

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Whether \$12,000 a mile would be sufficient to persuade capitalists to undertake construction is another question. So far, the Dominion government has not (in spite of Mr. Graham's assertion) given the \$8,000 spoken of by him. The only inducement so far offered is \$4,000, and although this is a good inducement, it is not enough to draw the line there. If it is not enough, it is a pity, the road must wait, but in any event NO LAND GRANT, that is our present member's policy, and for such a policy the people of this district will cordially vote against Mr. Graham stay at home after June next.

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MINING NOTES.

The Iron Mask, which has been saving ore for several days past, made a shipment of 90 tons Thursday. It is likely that regular shipments of from 60 to 75 tons weekly will be made hereafter.

During the past few days D. D. Birks has placed in the London market several blocks of the standard stocks of the Canadian Goldfields, 10,000 shares Winipeg and Eureka, and 3,000 shares Josie.

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MARKET FEATURES.

The Monte Cristo stock on this market has been about all picked up. We were unable to fill Montreal orders yesterday. Poorman continues to sell. Great Western is also moving and, we think, one of the best investments on the market at asked price. If the demand for Monte Cristo continues the price should advance. Virginia is coming into demand and promises to be a good seller. Iron Colt continues to be a favorite and is a good seller. We have a small block of Josie which is a bargain at price asked.

Snaps for Today.

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