

IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

Force on the Second Relief Is to Be Increased.

DUMAS ORE RUNS HIGH

Pauper's Dream to Be Developed—R. E. Lee Group Bonded For \$100,000—Crystalline Lime Found Near New Denver—Machinery for Mother Lode

That capital is flowing into the Kootenays is shown by the fact that in numerous instances prospects are being developed, and here and there the announcement is made that working forces are to be increased. The capital for this work comes from Canada, portions of the United States and Great Britain, and from all classes of men, who have faith in the mining properties of the section. The outlook is that one of the effects of such steady and energetic work is that a number of shippers will be added to the list before the snow begins to fly this fall. Appended is the weekly summary of news from several of the mining divisions.

NELSON DIVISION.

Archibald McDonald and Harry Jackson will shortly commence work on the Ymir Bell, Wild Horse creek.

Thomas Kane, of the Second Relief mine, says that the Second Relief has 25 men working and the force will be increased to 60 or 75 men before the middle of the summer.

William and Ben Foot will commence work at once on their claim, the Toronto, situated close to the Nebraska Girl.

A. M. Bonillon of Seattle, Samuel L. Brisbois of Ymir, and J. M. O'Toole of Roseland, have a force of men at work on the Bruce, on Bear Creek. They have a fine ledge eight feet wide running through the entire claim. Surface assays give \$10.60 in gold and copper.

E. Grotreau, owner of the Dumas, situated on Wild Horse creek, will resume work on that claim in a few days. Over 110 feet of tunnel work has been done on this property and two and a half feet of solid ore has been struck which has assayed as high as \$70 in gold and silver to the ton.

One of the most promising properties in the Ymir district is the Bullion group consisting of the Bullion, Wadley, Mohawk and Crouch Hill mineral claims, situated about one mile west of Ymir, on Quartz creek, and owned by the Alf Gold Mining company, of Brantford, Ont. A shaft has been run 10 feet on a lead and another shaft 25 feet on No. 4 lead on the Bullion, and they now have a 2 1/2 foot ledge of quartz that runs high in gold and copper. There are seven leads on the Bullion within 500 feet running northwest and southeast. The ledge that the 100-foot shaft is on is 2 1/2 feet wide and the ore is of the same character as that of the Flossie R.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The Whitewater Deep on the same vein as the Whitewater, but lower down, has evidences already of an 18-inch seam of the very best ore. The company is now preparing to drive a new 2,000-foot tunnel lower down than its present strike, which will be near the level of the country but sufficiently high for a reasonable depth. The company will use a water wheel to secure a full supply of fresh air in its workings.

Ed Ward, manager of the Hillside, informs the Kootenayan that he expects to cut the main lead, where ore is thought to be, on the Adams one of the group, this week. The tunnel is now 75 feet, and the indications are excellent.

The Pauper's Dream, a promising property near the Whitewater, is to be extensively developed this summer. An appeal has been taken in the Mollie Gibson contest case recently decided at Vancouver. It will go to the higher court of Great Britain, the full supreme court of the Province having passed upon it. The claims are considered as rich as the richest in the Slooan.

There is a large number of prospectors camped near Kuskanook.

SLOOAN DIVISION.

The R. E. Lee group of five claims has been bonded by L. Alexander to an English company, for a figure in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Work on the 300-foot crosscut tunnel will commence in a few days.

The Chapeau will ship another car of ore to the Nelson smelter just as soon as it can be packed to the railroad. It is understood that the government is making inquiries about the probable cost of a wagon road to the Queen Bess mine.

The New Denver Ledge says an immense deposit of crystalline lime has been found on the High Tower across the lake from New Denver. There is no doubt but that from the formations there is plenty of lime stone in this country, but to find it in this form is much better news.

The Joe Bailey claim near Slooan City is showing up well. The Argo is shipping a car of ore this week. The Idaho people intend packing down ore from the mine until such time as the tram can be repaired.

The Ruth has resumed operations on a more extensive scale than ever, after having to shut down on account of the bad condition of the roads.

The Queen Bess has some 25 men employed and will increase the number when the roads are in such a condition that shipping can be done.

J. C. Eaton, at one time heavily interested in the Whitewater, is shortly to push work on the Madison, near Cody, in which he is interested now.

BOUNDARY CREEK COUNTRY.

There are over a dozen freight teams on the road from Marcus with machinery for the Mother Lode, Stewindler, Brooklyn and Athelstan mines. Work is being steadily pushed on the O. K. and Lucky Boy properties in Seattle camp. The ore now on the dump is said to assay from \$80 to \$100 in gold. The claims are owned by Alderman O'Connor of Grand Forks.

On the Snowshoe, under bond to an English syndicate, represented by R. W. McFarlane, for \$65,000, a shaft has been sunk 135 feet and a crosscut run at the

110-foot level. As far as the showing is very satisfactory, and 10 per cent of the bond has been paid. The mine will likely be equipped with machinery soon.

Machinery is being put on the Stewindler. A contract has been let to James Funch to run a tunnel of 800 feet to connect with the main shaft.

REVELSTOCK DIVISION.

A. W. McIntosh and other Keystone prospectors have been given \$500 by the commissioner to repair the Keystone mountain trail. The Waverley company has commenced the construction of a large corral at Albert Canyon. Most of their pack animals have been shipped there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Colonel Topping's Views.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I am not an apologist for the Government and I do not believe that it was expedient to grant the enormous cash bonus to the Yukon railway, but I do believe in fair play and think that the Oppositionists, whose main objection appears to be against the grants made to the several Kootenay railways, are not worth serious consideration. To these railways the government has granted large tracts of land of no value except for the mineral therein contained, and all minerals are reserved for the prospector. The only benefit that the railway companies can derive from such grants is the use of them as collateral to raise money with which to build their lines. If these barren lands of West Kootenay will cause railways to be built through our mountain passes and open up our mineral resources they are, to my view, well applied when donated to the railway companies.

The railways that are now running in this district would not have been built, and the greater part of West Kootenay would now be an uninhabited and undeveloped wilderness, if the railway policy of the government had been otherwise. I thoroughly believe in the land grant to the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, by which the Robson-Penticton branch will be built, and am convinced I am by no means alone in the belief that this road will be used as the main line of the C.P.R. within the next two years.

Now in regard to parties, I believe that, if the names of Government and Opposition could be dropped in this election in West Kootenay that we could achieve a wonderful success. If our six members could be elected as independents or as a Kootenay party, they could choose the best from either side and sway legislation nearly as they choose. Kootenay could be represented in the cabinet and would impress her force upon the government. We now pay one-third of the revenue collected and we shall increase that proportion. Why should we fritter away our power by party politics when in fact there is no party only "ins" and "outs"?

I sincerely hope for the good of the Kootenays and particularly the general advancement of the country contained in the Roseland electoral district that the voters of this division will give their unqualified and loyal support to the district's interests will count for more than mere allegiance to the old parties controlled by politicians who reside at the coast and who do not seem to be able to recognize the wants of the interior districts.

E. S. TOPPING.

OPPOSITION DELEGATES.

They Arrive From Grand Fork—A Demand for Good Properties in the Boundary.

John A. Manly, ex-mayor of Grand Forks, arrived in the city Monday from Grand Forks. He says there has been considerable feeling in the Boundary country about the opposition convention on account of the people of that district not being consulted as to time and place of holding same, and Greenwood may send no delegates. Mr. Manly thought that this oversight should be overlooked, and was instrumental in having a meeting of electors in Grand Forks on Saturday night when it was decided to send five delegates and Messrs. Van Ness, M. Carter, Spurgeon, P. McCallum and J. Manly were selected.

In mining circles there is an increased activity and quite a demand for good properties. One of the latest deals is the purchase by Smith Curtis for his own account of the Brady property, 12 miles up the North Fork of Kettle river, adjoining the Pathfinder. Mr. Manly went with Mr. Curtis to look over the property and found it with recent development quite beyond the good things he had heard of it. There was a quartz vein fully 30 feet wide, and the ore was a concentrating one, of at least 10 to one. Mr. Biden of Chicago, an experienced mining man, who was on a visiting party, expressed the opinion that the property was remarkably fine property and a mine-maker. Mr. Manly selected samples from the five feet of quartz next to the hanging wall, within two feet of the surface, and had them mixed together and assayed, the result being \$68.50 to the ton, the gold being nearly three ounces and the silver 10 ounces. He was so certain that the property would pay from the start that he at once opened negotiations with Mr. Curtis and purchased one-fourth of the promoting shares in the company to be formed to operate the property. The company is to be called the Pay Ore (B. C.) Mines, limited. Mr. Manly thinks the company's name is a very suitable one, as there is pay ore from the surface down, and that the company ought to be able to pay a dividend within a year after development work begins. Other properties up the North Fork are being opened up with excellent results. A band of six feet of pyritic ore was on Friday uncovered on the surface of the Bonita claim, which lies within half a mile of the city. Several veins of quartz, identical in appearance with that of the Eureka camp, lie two miles north of the city, and are said to be worth \$8 to \$8 have been got from them. When thoroughly prospected better values will likely be found.

MET A REGULAR FROST.

Trail is Evidently Strongly Opposed to the Oppositionists.

The peculiar circumstances of the Opposition meeting with its object directly defeated for want of sympathy, was witnessed at Trail Saturday evening and the meeting adjourned, not only without the number of American employees would be brought to Canada as soon as the Wabash railway commenced running extra passenger trains over the Grand Trunk railway. He informed the authorities at Ottawa, and since then has received assurances from the company that Canadian trainmen will be employed.

The majority of those in attendance were plainly in sympathy with the government, so that at the close of Mr. McHarg's remarks, there were repeated calls for Thomas Harginton, who answered Mr. Hart-McHarg and urged the people not to be hasty in pledging their support to the Opposition cause. He refuted the statements of Mr. Hart-McHarg and covered the ground thoroughly. Mr. McCutcheon followed with his railroad and land grant statistics, the audience took so many exceptions to his remarks that his argument seemed totally without weight.

When Mr. McCutcheon closed, there were repeated calls for Colonel Topping but both Mr. McCutcheon and Mr. McHarg urged that it was necessary to catch the train, and the meeting was abruptly adjourned. It was anticipated that Mr. McCutcheon would introduce a resolution antagonistic to the government, but the lack of sympathy from the audience evidently made this unwise. Had he done so, a counter resolution to the effect that the citizens of Trail were not in sympathy with the Opposition party, would have been introduced, and would certainly have been carried.

A gentleman who attended the meeting stated today that the people of Trail are not disposed to rush pell-mell into the legislature to discover the position of being waggled by any section of the district. They propose that their votes shall count in the production of the best results for the business interests of the community. They want a representative on the legislature to look after their immediate wants and they propose that their 250 votes of Trail and tributary camps shall not be wasted.

OPPOSITION CONVENTION.

Discussion Among the Delegates Causes it to Be a Failure.

The Oppositionists of the Roseland riding have postponed their much talked of convention, and the few delegates who were present from the Boundary Creek country have accomplished their purpose. The Boundary Creekers were an insignificant minority so far as numbers were concerned, but they can give their Roseland brethren cards and spades as politicians and best them.

The Boundary Creek delegation arrived here on the morning of the 23rd, and other Roseland delegates to the convention was a candidate for the nomination. They lost no time in deciding on a plan of campaign to govern during their stay here. They realized that the east side of the Ring was hopelessly divided and saw an excellent opportunity to arrange matters so that a west side man might in the end secure the nomination. They maintain that the Opposition vote in the Boundary Creek country is entirely to be considered as one. We were evinced by the east side delegates.

When the convention met in secret conclave last night, the Boundary delegates soon had it arranged that the meeting should be postponed until June 8. Besides the postponement of the convention they suggested that the convention be held at Grand Forks, instead of Roseland, and offered to pay the hotel and transportation expenses of all the east side delegates if the proposal was accepted. But gates if the proposal was accepted were closed to this effect was discreetly withdrawn when it was seen that the Roseland men were ready to refuse the offer. It was finally arranged that Roseland shall be the place for holding the convention.

The Trail delegation held aloof from the discussion. They found themselves in the same boat as the Boundary delegates. Roseland had a majority in the convention and seemed to be determined to hold the fort for a Roseland man. It is therefore not surprising that Trail was ready to join issues with the west side men, and this, it seems, they have done, though no definite arrangement has been made between the two factions of the convention last night would have been entirely different but for two reasons, one of which is James Martin's timidity and his refusal to announce two weeks ago his willingness to accept a nomination, and the other is the objection of Messrs. Single and Clabon to obtain proxies for the convention from the electors of the Boundary country.

It is almost a certainty that Martin could have been nominated last night if he had had the confidence of the Boundary delegates. By this action Martin has lost the confidence of the people of the Boundary country, and they are determined to nominate as their candidate the latter as a matter of fact. They figure that they are entitled to twelve votes in the convention and confidently rely on five votes from Trail, making a total of 17. This gives them within one of as many votes as Roseland can muster, provided the latter are voted solid to a man. The westsiders say that with the dissent that prevails among the Roseland delegates, they are certain of victory.

Several of the delegates came to the meeting and each gave his version of the affair. Among the number was the diplomatic chairman, J. A. Kirk, who smilingly intimated that the meeting was a harmonious one, and that there were no serious differences of opinion. He was denounced in very forcible terms by the secretaries of the meeting. They maintained that the cause they support has nothing to hide, and that the selfish ambitions of certain politicians in the Roseland riding seem to count for more than the cause of good government.

Canada Alien Labor Law Enforced. WINDSOR, Ont., May 25.—The Canadian alien labor law has been enforced for the first time in this vicinity. Park Davis & Co. are building a wing to their Walkerville establishment and a number of American establishments were employed on the job. They came to Walkerville on Friday morning and went to their homes in Detroit after finishing their day's work. The Windsor and Walkerville masons employed on the job objected to the Americans working there, and made the alien labor agent in Windsor, appointed by the Dominion government. Kenning conferred with the manager of the firm and the contractor. He explained that the law was being violated and he would have to report the matter to the department of justice unless the Americans were discharged. Accordingly the Detroit masons were discharged on Saturday night. Mr. Kenning also received notice that in all employees would be brought to Canada as soon as the Wabash railway commenced running extra passenger trains over the Grand Trunk railway. He informed the authorities at Ottawa, and since then has received assurances from the company that Canadian trainmen will be employed.

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ESMOND WAS THE VICTOR

Was An Easy Winner in the Military Tourney.

Elliot Was Out of Form—Excellent Work Done by Chalmers—A Big Attendance.

After a lively contest lasting nearly three hours, the all-round military championship of Canada was won yesterday afternoon by Staff Sergeant Fred Esmond of Roseland, late Eleventh Hussars and body guard of the governor general of Canada. S. G. O. Chalmers, late of South Africa, came in second, and Sergeant Major Frank Elliot, late Royal Horse artillery, was third. The score was: Esmond, 27; Chalmers, 15; Elliot, 8.

Besides the championship of Canada, Sergeant Esmond received a fine gold medal presented by the corporation of Roseland, and a share in the gate receipts, which were considerable. The day was perfect for such a tourney. The sun was bright and warm, but the air was crisp enough to keep the contestants from suffering from heat. The attendance was doubtless the largest ever gathered together at the hall grounds, and there were between 1,000 and 1,500 people present.

The Roseland Independent band was in attendance, and played during the afternoon. The entries including Sergeant-Major Elliot, Staff-Sergeant Esmond, S. G. O. Chalmers and Sergeant-Major Gannham, late of the North West mounted police, but the latter did not start in any of the events, which narrowed the competition to three first named.

The tournament was called at a little after 3 o'clock, with Mayor W. H. Cooper as judge, Captain P. McL. Forin referee, and R. G. Edwards Leckie score keeper. It was a gay picture that the arena. Sergeant-Major Elliot wore the blue tunic of the Royal Horse artillery, with a red cap, fawn colored riding breeches and russet boots. He was mounted on Ted, Fred Linburg's handsome saddle horse, which bore his heavy weight well. Staff-Sergeant Esmond, mounted on a wiry little gray horse, was attired in a white sweater, blue trousers and blue riding cap. Chalmers, who was a new man to Roseland for a short time. He comes from London, and formerly saw service in South Africa. Although out of practice, for he only entered the contest on the previous day, Chalmers gave one of the most pleasing exhibitions of the day, and his work was marked by fine dash and spirit throughout. He was attired in a white sweater with drab trousers and red riding boots.

The trouper opened with a lemon cut, the contest between Elliot and Esmond. The lemon was struck upon a post in the middle of the field, and the contestants riding by at full gallop, were to cut the fruit in two with their sabres. Further down the course a small two-inch steel ring was suspended from an arm, and after passing the lemon the contestants, riding by the ring full tilt, were to pierce it with their sabres and carry it away. Staff-Sergeant Esmond cut the lemon once, besides

knocked it off several times, but he was not able to impale the ring. Sergeant-Major Elliot captured the ring at his first trial, but was not so successful with the lemon. In elating at it the last time, he accidentally grazed his horse's ear with the saber. The frightened animal charged into the crowd, and while he was regaining control of the animal Elliot himself received a nasty cut to the bone along the base of his left thumb. The wound, which was bleeding freely, was sewed by Dr. Reddick.

The following contest was between Esmond with a sword, against Chalmers, who was protected by a breastplate and sword-mask, they were able to give a lively combat. Although Chalmers was mounted on a strange horse, which refused to respond readily, he gave a very pretty exhibition, while Esmond acquitted himself well with the sword and shattered his opponent's lance. The bout ended, Esmond 3, Chalmers 1.

Meanwhile Elliot had re-entered the engagement, and in the succeeding contest he was armed with a sword and a new horse to do battle with Esmond, who defended himself with a rapier. As each was armed with his favorite weapon, the contest was a lively one. Elliot made a number of clever attacks but was warded off and received a well directed blow in the neck from Esmond's lance. The bout ended, Elliot 1, Esmond 3.

In the final bout with Chalmers, who took the sword, Elliot handled the lance and scored two while his opponent made three.

In the Turk's head contest, Esmond won the bout easily by a score of eight. Tilted at the ring with the lance following, Chalmers and Esmond each scored two, but Elliot was not able to manage his horse, and did not score. In this event Chalmers acquitted himself notably, as he ran full speed every time, and impaled the ring very cleverly.

Tent pegging followed, where Chalmers again won commendation for the score in this event was: Chalmers, nine; Esmond, seven.

The final event was a sword contest between Elliot and Esmond, but Esmond was unable to keep his seat and rolled under his horse's heels twice. The bout ended with a score of three for Elliot and two for Esmond.

Howell Failed to Appear. OTTAWA, May 25.—H. C. Howell, Q. C., of Winnipeg, summoned to appear before the committee in connection with Manitoba election prosecutions, was called three times and no reply being given Sir Hibbert Tupper wanted him reported to the house. The committee did not hear Sir Hibbert out and matter stands till next morning.

McCoy to Face Choyneki. NEW YORK, May 25.—Kid McCoy and Joe Choyneki have been matched for twenty-five rounds for a purse of \$10,000, the fight to take place in this city, June 27. Peter Maher and Joe Goddard have also been matched for 25 rounds at the same club for July 6th for a purse of \$10,000.

Jeddh Won the Derby. LONDON, May 25.—Jeddh won the Derby.

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Stock Letter.

The stock market has been more lively during the past week, and there has been a steady inquiry for War Eagle, Monte Christo, Iron Mask and Josie. In consequence of the announcement that the Monte Christo is shortly to become a shipper, the stock is being held very firm, and we predict a sharp rise in the price of this stock.

The Mountain Goat Gold Mining company was recently stocked in Roseland with the object of operating the Jubilee claim at Ymir; capitalization, 1,000,000 shares, par value one dollar, of which 375,000 have been relegated to the treasury, proceeds from the sale of which shares will be devoted solely to defraying the cost of development. The prospects ahead of this company are considered to be very bright. Assays have been taken running into thousands of dollars, and a smelter test taken from 1,000 pounds of ore gave the phenomenal return of \$3,900 per ton in gold. We understand that the locators on the Jubilee previous to its being taken over by the company. The first block of 50,000 shares has been sold within one week of the stock being placed on the market. As it is the intention of the directors to raise the price of stock, intending investors will require to order quickly if they desire to buy at first cost. We can confidently recommend this stock both as an investment and also as being good for a rise in the near future. Prospectuses will be forwarded on application.

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