

# THE CITY COUNCIL

**Pawnbrokers and Second-Hand Dealers Protest Against Regulations.**

## A MESSAGE TO THE FRONT

City Solicitor Will Go to Victoria on the Water Rights Application—Reports of Standing Committees—Tender Accepted and Other Business Transacted.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen, Messrs. Talbot and McKenzie, were present at the regular weekly meeting of the city council last evening. City Solicitor Abbott, Dr. Reddick, medical health officer and Chief Guthrie were also present to give information to the council regarding their respective departments.

The following patriotic resolution was unanimously passed by the council and the Mayor sent Col. Otter a cable after the adjournment.

Moved by Alderman McKenzie, seconded by Alderman Talbot that this council learn with pleasure of the defeat of Gen. Cronje by Lord Roberts, chief in command of the British forces in the Transvaal, and that the congratulations of this body be conveyed to Col. Otter upon the gallant behaviour of the Canadian contingent (which this city contributed 20 of her citizens) at the final engagement.

The city solicitor advised the council that the Littleton, Fraser River and Cahoob gold fields offered to give the city a lease for five years of the right of way over the city of Spokane claim for the water works but the company claimed that right to terminate the lease at any time during the five years upon giving two months' notice. This is objectionable, but the company will not make any further offer.

Mr. Abbott further directs the attention of the council to the necessity of a survey of the right of way of the pipe line.

"The application of the city for water in Sheep Creek," writes Mr. Abbott, "comes up before the Lieutenant Governor in council on the 7th of March. In view of the fact that I have always looked into this matter and that there are two or three other companies opposing the city's application, I think it advisable that I should personally go down to the coast to look after it, and as a trip of this kind is not contemplated by the law which defines my position, I would ask the council to authorize me to do this by resolution with the understanding that I shall be paid a reasonable sum for my expenses and services over and above my regular salary."

"I may say that the two or three companies above mentioned have contributed together and secured the services of Mr. E. P. Davis, Q. C., one of the most eminent counsel of the coast, and I think that the matter should be very carefully gone into before the Lieutenant Governor in council."

"I am presuming that the council have thoroughly made up their minds that Sheep Creek water is absolutely necessary because not only will we have the expense of this application but even if we cure the water shortage, that we will have litigation with some of the various companies before our right is absolutely secured." Mr. King, of the Hotel Allan, wrote a strong protest on "The excessive rates the Hotel Allan has to pay for both light and water." The dealers in second-hand goods presented a petition asking for a repeal of certain clauses in the by-law concerning second-hand and junk stores recently passed by the council. The clauses complained of are 13, 14 and 15 requiring a strict record to be kept of all business transacted for the use of the city officials.

The petitioners think that the clauses objected to should relate to the pawn-broking business only and should be repealed. Mr. Silverstone, who was present, was asked to address the council, and that gentleman asked that certain clauses in the pawnbrokers' by-law be repealed or altered. As it is at present worded it prevents him from doing business. He thought an alteration could be made which would suit all parties. Alderman McKenzie gave notice that he would bring in a bylaw at the next meeting of the council amending the clauses of the by-law complained of, and also amending the by-law relating to second-hand dealers already mentioned.

The reports of the fire, water and light; the health and relief; the finance committees and the board of works contained no other recommendations other than the payment of sundry accounts, as follows: Fire water and light, \$1,043.45; finance, \$2,010.75; health and relief, \$279.82; board of works, \$61.50. None of the items call for special mention.

The tender of the Yale-Columbia Lumber company for a car load of firewood at \$4.50 per cord being the lowest of four tenders put in, was accepted on motion of Alderman McKenzie.

The Henderson Directory Company wrote the council offering to print certain information concerning Rossland in the forthcoming issue of the British Columbia directory for \$15 per page. The city clerk will supply all necessary information as to statistics, figures, etc., but if printed it will have to be free of charge.

Alderman Dean's motion instructing the city solicitor to go to Victoria on the water rights question, and allowing him a reasonable sum for his expenses met with the approval of the council. The other matters referred to in the city solicitor's letter were allowed to stand for the present until a city engineer is appointed. There being no other business to be disposed of, the council adjourned at 9:40 p. m.

## UNDESIRABLE VISITORS.

Slavonian Laborers Who Say They Were Engaged at Duluth for Sandoz.

Considerable curiosity was excited on Monday when it became known that between 25 and 30 Slavonian mine hands had reached here by the Red Mountain train, that they had come straight through from Duluth. The opinion of the minds of many of the citizens and of the miner were that they were the same class of people who had come hither voluntarily or been brought for the purpose of working in the properties in Rossland. They were met at the station by a number of the members of the Miners' union and escorted to the hall of the union on Columbia avenue. It was then discovered that

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among the entire outfit, numbering exactly 26, not one of them was able to speak English, and for a long time it was utterly impossible to obtain any satisfactory answers from them in regard to the place from which they had come, how and why they had been induced to come here, and by whom, what they expected to obtain in the way of employment, whether this was their ultimate destination, and if not, what point in British Columbia was. To all these questions the strangers were utterly unable to reply owing to their ignorance of the language. At length, however, the services of a fellow countryman who has been in America for some years and who is now living here, were engaged, and he acted as interpreter. It was then learned according to their own account, that they came from Duluth, and that they were engaged at that city by the agent of the Northern Pacific Railway company, to go to Sandoz to work in the Payne mine at the rate of \$3.50 per day. They had formerly been working near Duluth for \$2 per day. The agent who engaged them, charged them \$15.85 each for their tickets as far as Spokane, and accompanied them a certain distance on their journey. When they reached Spokane they were transferred to the Spokane Falls & Northern railway and brought to Rossland, where they were now are. They had no idea how they were to get to Sandoz, and few of them had any money to pay their passage. A telegram sent to Sandoz yesterday by the Miners' union brought back the answer that these men were not wanted there, as plenty of miners were to be had, and all orders for men sent to Duluth had been cancelled ten days ago. This leaves the men in a very peculiar and embarrassing position, and what is to become of them they are unable to say. They are not up to the average in intelligence, and there does not seem to be any occupation for them in the city, even were it not most undesirable that such a class of people should exist in a community.

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# THE STOCK MARKET

The Sales for 1900 Aggregate Over 1,000,000 Shares.

## THE FEBRUARY SALES 435,000

North Star is Selling Well in the Toronto Market—Toronto and Spokane Show Signs of Vigor But in Rossland the Stock Business is Quiet.

The Toronto and Spokane stock markets are beginning to show signs of the vigor which has been imparted to them by the cheering war news from South Africa. The past week has been full of stirring events, and British arms have won more decided advantages in this period than during the entire previous campaign. It will take some time, however, to make the stock market rise. These victories would have sent prices up, but the talked of complications in the labor situation, and the partial shutting down of the War Eagle, Centre Star and Le Roi, and the consequent cessation of dividends, has tended to depress the market. This simply means a short delay, and if the British continue to win, and it is certain that they will, the market will advance despite these partial shut downs. The few properties do not by any means make British Columbia the mining country that it is. There are scores of properties which are near or at the shipping stage all over the Kootenays and Yale. This is shown by the fact that the stoppages of shipments to Trail by the War Eagle and Centre Star will not cause the immediate shutting down of the smelter there, as was expected. Ore is coming in from several points, and the outlook is that the smelter will be kept running for a long period. The North Star, for instance, is sending in from 75 to 100 tons per day, and considerable ore is being sent to Trail from the Boundary country. The Lardeau is producing considerable tonnage, and this is enough to keep the plant in motion.

The sales by days were as follows:

Thursday..... 10,000  
Friday..... 18,500  
Saturday..... 47,500  
Monday..... 9,500  
Tuesday..... 28,500  
Wednesday..... 8,500

Total..... 122,500

This is against 137,800 for the previous week, showing a slight decrease for the first week under the present one.

The sales for the month of February were as follows:

Week ending Feb. 7th..... 91,000  
Week ending Feb. 14th..... 83,700  
Week ending Feb. 21st..... 137,800  
Week ending Feb. 28th..... 122,500

Total Feb. sales..... 435,000  
Total January sales..... 577,000  
Total for 1900..... 1,012,000

There has been considerable dealing in the past few days in Blacktail. The dealing was principally in Toronto, and the price ranged from 7.8 to 8 cents. It was by the good reports which continue to come from the property. A carload of ore sent to the smelter yielded \$1,025 tons, and the development continues to bring forth good results.

North Star shares have sold to a considerable extent in Toronto, and the price has ranged from \$1.11 to \$1.12 per share. The company has commenced shipping its ore to the smelter, and the management says they will be kept up continuously. The company's shares were recently placed on the market, and already there is a good demand for them.

Rathmullen has been traded in to a large extent during the past week, but the price has not lifted, and has ranged from 4 to 4 1/2 cents.

Morrison is half a point weaker than it was last week, and is selling for 3 1/2 cents. The railway spur is completed almost to the Morrison property, and this will give the company facilities for shipping, which it is claimed, they will soon be able to take advantage of.

King (Oro Denoro) has sold for from 17 to 19 cents during the week, and on the board yesterday 18 was asked for it. The development of this property is being energetically pushed, and as soon as the lower tunnel taps the ore body, which event, it is anticipated, will take place shortly, there will be an immense body of pay ore in sight. The management says that it will not be long before Oro Denoro will be shipping 50 tons of ore per day.

Tamarac has been largely dealt in. On the board yesterday 7 cents was asked for it and 6 cents bid.

Okanagan has been quiet during the week, and from 4 to 4 1/2 has been paid for whatever was sold. The new superintendent, Mr. Finlay, takes charge today, and it is anticipated that he will get good results out of the mine and the mill. While he has direct charge of the affairs of the company he will be under the general direction of Mr. Frank D. Howe, who is the consulting engineer of the company.

There were some sales of War Eagle during the week, and on the board yesterday \$1.35 was asked and \$1.20 bid for it. The price of Republic has ranged from 95 to 98 cents.

The price of Winnipeg has ranged from 20 to 21 cents. Nine carloads of ore were sent to the smelter by the company from the Winnipeg, and the ore was found to run about \$20 to the ton.

ASKED BID  
Athabasca..... 31 24  
B. C. Gold Fields..... 34 26  
McKenzie..... 24 20  
Brands & Golden Crows..... 24 20  
Canadian Gold Fields..... 64 58  
Cariboo (Camp McKenney)..... 24 20  
Crows Nest Pass Coal..... \$36 30  
Dardanelles..... 34 26  
Eagle Star..... 24 20  
Deer Park, new..... 11 11  
Dundee..... 11 11  
Eagle Star..... 24 20  
Fairmont..... 44 40  
Giant..... 34 26  
Homebush..... 24 20  
Iron Mask..... 40 34  
Iron Coll..... 18 18  
L. E. L..... 21 14  
Iron Horse..... 21 14  
Lumbo..... 18 18  
King (Oro Denoro)..... 18 18  
Knob Hill..... 64 58  
Eagle Star..... 24 20  
Mintchaka..... 14 14  
Monte Christo..... 44 40  
Montreal Gold Fields..... 24 20  
Morrison..... 44 40  
Mountain Lion..... \$1 00  
Stable Fire..... 164 164

THE EDITOR'S DOMESTIC TROUBLES

Quit Him the Day His Wife Commenced Using Dr. Von Stan's Pimple Tablets for Stomach Ailments.

"I was attracted by one of the little chapters 'telling about the merits of Dr. Von Stan's Pimple Tablets, and my wife, being a sufferer and having doctor for years for stomach troubles, we procured them, and it's well within the truth to say that she never got anything to give her relief until she used them. They worked like magic. She has not only been relieved of distress, but they have effected what she believes will be a permanent cure."

Editor "Light," Yarmouth, N. S. Sold by Goodhue Bros.

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| Northern Belle.....              | 5% | 14 |
| Novelty.....                     | 5% | 14 |
| Okanagan.....                    | 5% | 14 |
| Old Ironsides.....               | 5% | 14 |
| Palmer Mountain.....             | 5% | 14 |
| Peoria Mines.....                | 5% | 14 |
| Princess Margaret.....           | 5% | 14 |
| Rambler-Cariboo.....             | 5% | 14 |
| Rathmullen.....                  | 5% | 14 |
| Republic.....                    | 5% | 14 |
| St. Elmo Consolidated.....       | 5% | 14 |
| Seagull.....                     | 5% | 14 |
| Summit Camp.....                 | 5% | 14 |
| Tamarac.....                     | 5% | 14 |
| Trail Creek Hidden Treasure..... | 5% | 14 |
| Van Ande.....                    | 5% | 14 |
| Victoria-Timber.....             | 5% | 14 |
| Virginia.....                    | 5% | 14 |
| War Eagle Consolidated.....      | 5% | 14 |
| Waterloo.....                    | 5% | 14 |
| White Bear.....                  | 5% | 14 |
| Winnipeg.....                    | 5% | 14 |
| Wonderful.....                   | 5% | 14 |

Friday's Sales.

Rathmullen, 5,000 at 4 1/2; 5,000 at 4 3/4, 500 at 4 3/4; War Eagle, 2,000 at 1.30, 2,000 at 1.31, 1,000 at 1.30; Okanagan, 1,500 at 1.31; Republic at 50¢; Peoria, 1,000 at 1.34; Canadian Gold Fields, 500 at 6¢.

Saturday's Sales.

Rathmullen, 5,500 at 5¢, 3,000 at 4 3/4, 1,000 at 4 1/2, 3,000 at 4 3/4, 1,000 at 4 3/4; Tamarac, 1,000 at 7 1/4, 1,000 at 7 1/4, 1,000 at 7 1/4; Morning Glory, 15,000 at 3¢; War Eagle, 2,000 at 1.33, 1,000 at 1.32; Baker City, 3,000 at 1.41; Peoria, 500 at 1.34; Waterloo, 1,000 at 7¢; Giant, 1,000 at 5 1/2; Brandon & Golden Crown, 500 at 22¢; total, 47,500.

Monday's Sales.

Winnipeg, 1,000 at 20¢; Rathmullen, 3,000 at 4 1/2¢; King, 500 at 17¢; Rathmullen, 500 at 4 1/2¢, 1,000 at 4 1/2¢; Dardanelles, 2,000 at 5 1/4¢; Pathfinder, 400 at 11¢; Tamarac, 1,000 at 6 3/4¢.

Tuesday's Sales.

Tamarac, 1,000 at 6 1/4¢, 1,000, 2,000 at 6 1/2¢, 2,000 at 6 5/8¢, 2,000 at 6 3/4¢, 1,000 at 7¢; King, 5,000 at 17¢, 500, 500 at 17¢; Rathmullen, 3,500 at 4 1/4¢, 5,000 at 4 3/8¢, 5,000 at 4 1/2¢.

Wednesday's Sales.

Rathmullen, 2,000 at 4 1/4¢, 1,000, 1,500 at 4 1/2¢; Morrison, 3,000 at 3 3/4¢, 1,000 at 3 1/2¢. Total sales, 8,500 shares.

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GRAND FORKS NEWS.

A Mann-Mackenzie Property—A New Member of the Council—Other Notes.

Grand Forks, Feb. 21.—(Special).—Operations will be resumed shortly on the Emma claim in Summit camp. It is owned by Mann & Mackenzie, the well-known railway contractors. The surface showing is very fine, and a 100-foot shaft on the property is all in ore.

A big strike is reported from Skylark camp. On the Blue Jay for a depth of 100 feet the footwall of the ledge was followed by an incline, and then drifting was started. A few days ago the ore body, whose width has not yet been determined, was encountered.

Jay P. Graves, manager of the Knob Hill, Old Ironsides, City of Paris and Majestic mining companies, in a recent communication from Montreal gives a quietus to the reports that these properties would close down in order to hasten the repeal of the eight-hour law. He said: "We discussed the question last April, and concluded to make the best of the act. We continued operations on these lines, and we have adapted our work to conform with the law in question. We expect to continue our operations, and have never given the question any further consideration."

T. W. Holland, secretary of the townsite company, has been elected a member of the council of the town of Grand Forks. He is a great source of strength to that body. Mr. Holland although a new arrival, is thoroughly in touch with the requirements of the Boundary country, and his progressive methods have already evoked warm commendation.

While there are many business openings in Grand Forks, the requirement for which there is the most public need is a foundry and machine shop. The facilities afforded by the private plant in connection with the Grand Forks smelter are entirely inadequate. Custom work there is only undertaken as a favor. A foundry and machine shop established here would enjoy a practical monopoly.