ALL SORTS OF NEWS

Victoria Chinese Put Letters in Fire Alarm Boxes.

GREENWOOD IS GROWING

Twenty-Five Hundred Men Are Working on the Construction of the Nelson & Bedlington Railway—Lady Curlers Play at Sandon.

The Great Northern hotel at Kaslo was burned on Monday of last week. The loss was about $2,500, which was more than half covered by insurance.

The Kaslo custom house, collected 2,107.40 during the month of February.

The steamer Marion has been purchased by the Lone Star Mining company. She will be overhauled for the season's work on the Howser lake and Upper Duncan.

The Chinese in Victoria have of late been endeavoring to put letters and postal cards in the fire alarm boxes. This results in turning in false alarms, much to the discomfort of the firemen and the uneasiness of the citizens.

A petition is being circulated at Cranbrook requesting the minister of mines to appoint Mr. Patmore as successor to C. M. Edwards, a mining recorder.

The Vancouver city council has arranged to raise the salary of Mayor Garden from $1,500 to $2,000.

Natives of the Green Isle at Revelstoke, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an "at home" at the opera house.

Burglars are busy at Vernon.

James Anderson has retired from the management of the Greenwood branch of the Bank of British North America, and F. T. Short, of the Ashcroft branch, has been made his successor.

Greenwood city assessment roll has just been completed, and shows that there is $550,000 worth of property. This is $[illegible],000 more than last year.

G. W. McDowell, the sampling works promoter, came to an understanding with the Canadian Pacific railway officials on Monday with respect to a sampling works site on the company's right of way. He did not secure the exact location he desired, but got one which will probably answer his purpose, although it will be necessitate a change in the plans prepared for the sampler. Just what changes will be nesessary are being determined this afternoon by McDowell and an engineer.—Nelson Tribune, March 13.

The mail service between Rossland and Greenwood continues to get worse daily, says the Boundary Creek Times. Once upon a time, not many years ago, Rossland mail reached Greenwood in less than two days. Five days is about the swiftest service at present.

The present government of this glorious province might be more economical than they really are, says the Sandon Paystreak. Their reckless extravagance in paying some of their mining recorders $40 and $50 a month is enough to fill even a tenderfoot with amazement. Such salaries are truly wonderful in a country where scenery can be had for every meal and water runs down hill.

A few of the provincial newspapers are still subscribed for by the British Columbia government, says the Sandon Paystreak. This seems like a waste of money, as most of the members are so highly educated that common papers are of no use to them. We know they are highly educated by the legislation the pass. It requires a Greek scholar to understand some of their acts, and occasionally a law bobs up that even Greek cannot assay. Verily, there are some things that pass all understanding.

John Breckinridge, who has a piece of work on the Nelson & Bedlington road, was in Nelson recently. He says that there are 45 miles of road under construction, and that 2,500 men are strung along the work. He expects that the grade will be finished about July 1st, and that trains will be running over it a month later. The sub-contractors will not make much out of the Nelson & Bedlington. What there is to make will be secured by the chief contractors, Foley Bros., Larsen & Halverson.

The Toronto Telegram has the following to say about the editor of the New Denver Ledge: "It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome to this city's midst R. T. Lowery, of the New Denver Ledge. Mr. Lowery has upheld the flag of Canada in the brilliantly humorous writings which make the Ledge the brightest jewel in the crown of western journalism. There is genius enough in the Bret Harte of the Kootenays to make a dozen reputations such as the Canadian Society of Authors raves over."

A branch of the Aberdeen association for the distribution of good literature in outlying districts, has been established at Kamloops.

A curling match between the "married" and "single" ladies of Sandon was played in the curling rink recently. Mesdames I. Crawford, A. Crawford, H. H. Pitts and Wm. Wilson were the married ladies who curled against Misses M. Crawford, M. Cliffe, Rawlins and Blomburg. The single ladies won by a score of 12 to 2.

The report is current, but upon what authority is not stated, that the proposed railway connecting Arrowhead with Kootenay lake via Trout lake, is to be commenced shortly at the southern or Kootenay end, says the Kootenay Mail. While Revelstoke would undoubtedly like to see the road start from this end (why not do work at both terminals simultaneously) the policy, for the company, of commencing at the Kootenay lake terminus is quite comprehensible. It is generally believed that the provincial allies of the Great Northern have eager eyes fixed on the Lardeau with the hope of drawing its product to and supplying the trade from the south. And, as their principal entry point would be from Kootenay lake without any connection with our northern system up here, to commence from that end would be stealing a march on them and a stroke of policy on the part of their powerful rivals. It is the Slocan struggle over again, but if this report is true, with the tables turned.

STREETS TO BE GRADED.

Improvement of Republic Will Soon Be Begun.

Republic, Wash., March 8.—[Special.]—As soon as the frost is out of the ground Messrs. Woodhouse and Wells will begin grading the streets, which is the "long-felt want" of the town, as falls are frequent.

The tunnel on the Fannie is in 100 feet, and a contract has been let for an additional 100 feet. It is thought the ledge will be cut in the next 70 feet.

Work commenced yesterday on the Enterprise, one of the four groups of claims lying south of the Merrimac. A shaft is being sunk.

The buildings on the Mable have been completed, and work will commence on the tunnel at once.

The Black Diamond Gold Mining company is sinking on the ledge, which is eight feet wide, and assays very good.

The Republic Giant, on the north of the Rebate, is developing in good shape.

A. W. Coleman, aged 36, an attorney in Torado Creek, is dead. The body was embalmed and will be sent to Washington, D. C., where his father is a distinguished lawyer.

Newspaper men are getting into the mining field. The Monitor Gold Mining company [illegible] president Lucien Sniff, editor of the Minneapolis Journal, and following him in the various affairs of the company, are capitalists whose names stand high in the financial world. F. L. Darrow is the resident manager.

A tunnel has been run on the Sallie Ann claim, the south claim of the group, about 176 feet. After running some distance a well-defined foot wall was reached, and the assays ran from a trace to $5. As the tunnel was pushed along the values increased to $12.50 in gold. A narrow seam in the ledge assayed very high Mr. Darrow contemplates sinking a winze, as the average assays are now going up to $27. The property is in Torado Creek.

PUGILISTS ARE PLOTTING

Holding Off the Bout to Obtain the Highest Bid.

Best Offer Sent From San Francisco—A Purse of $30,000 Proposed to Be Put Up.

New York, March 15.—William A. Brady, representing Jim Jefferies, and Martin Julian, manager of Robert Fitzsimmons, met today in this city to consider the bids made for the proposed fight between these pugilists. H. P. Taylor was on hand, representing a San Francisco syndicate which offered $30,000 as a purse. W. B. Gray, representing the West Chester Athletic club, bid $21, 000, and John P. Dunn, on behalf of the Coney Island Athletic club, made an offer of a $20,000 purse. As soon as Brady and Julian read the bids, the San Francisco proposition was taken up. Julian said that if any person connected with the National Sporting club of San Francisco was connested with the new syndicate he would not accept the proposals from that body. In fact, he said he would rather have tue bout take place in the east. Brady asked Taylor what he was prepared to concede for picture privileges, and the western representative replied that the purse was large enough to cover all that. Brady objected, and so did Julian. Both claimed that picture privileges would prove to be a large factor in the matter, and that no club offer would be considered unless the participants in the bout would receive a percentage of the profits arising from the reproduction of pictures of the fight. Mr. Taylor asked for time to communicate with the San Francisco people whom he represented, so that he could find out what he could offer as a definite proposition. W. B. Gray, representing the West Chester club, offered a purse of $25,000, but would not concede any privileges to the fighters, claiming that the purse in itself was sufficient. His offer was tabled quickly. Then came the Coney Island club's representative. He said the club was willing to put up a purse of $20,000, and also, so far as he knew, to divide the proceeds of the picture privileges equally between the two contestants and the club. He also requested 24 hours' time to enable him to communicate with the management of his club. It was finally agreed to give all parties 24 hours' extra time, so that they may be able to make final arrangements as to what bidders will agree to, and all parties interested will meet again tomorrow afternoon, when, it is thought, a final settlement will be arranged.

PURCHASED BY ENGLAND.

The Inventor of the Submarine Torpedo Boat Leaves for Europe.

New York, March 15.—John R. Holland, the inventor of the submarine torpedo boat, Captain L. K. Bell of the Royal navy, and L. V. Bennett of the Hotchkiss gun and American Ordnance company, were fellow passengers today on the American line steamship St. Paul, which sailed for Southampton. It was said that Holland's mission abroad is to sell his boat or secrets to some European power. The fact that he was accompanied to England by a captain of the Royal navy, who has been here for the last four months on an alleged mysterious errand, is said to confirm the suspicion that the British naval authorities are desirous of securing a submarine boat which will prove as effective as the French boat.

THE UNREST IN CUBA

Native Feeling Against Continued U. S. Occupation.

IT WILL BECOME BETTER

Shared By All Classes Except Wealthy Plantation Owners—The American Cabinet Considering the Policy to Be Pursued Toward Cuban Assembly

New York, March 15.—Among the passengers who arrived today from Havana on the Vigilancia was Colonel Ashley W. Cole, president of the state railroad commission, who was accompanied by his wife. Colonel Cole has been in a number of interior towns of the island of Cuba, and in many of the principal cities on the southern shore, and declares that the condition of affairs in Cuba is serious and that there is a chance that there will be trouble for the United States. "I have found in Cuba," he said, "a feeling of unrest among the people because of the continued occupation of the island by the American troops and at the delay in forming a government. This feeling I found among all classes except the wealthy plantation owners. I believe it will ripen into bitterness and that the Cubans will look upon us as they did upon the Spaniards."

Washington, D. C., March 15.—In considering what policy should be adopted toward the Cuban military assembly, the authorities have consulted Gonzales Quesada, the Cuban representative, who has advised that the assembly be allowed to run its course without molestation, as he holds that it has no strength outside its own membership and that any move to disband it would give the members an opportunity to appear as martyrs. This view has been accepted thus far and may continue, although General Brooke, being on the ground, has considerable latitude of action.

John Inkster, M. E., left yesterday for a visit to the Lake of the Woods country, whither he goes to examine some mining properties on behalf of clients. While en route he will stop off a week at Winnipeg and visit his relations. Mr. Inkster expects to return in about three weeks, as he has an engagement to examine some mining properties in the Boundary country.

Geo. P. McLaughlin, representing Lawrence A. Wilson & Co., of Montreal, is at the Allan.

MINISTER CHOATE

First Public Appearance of the U. S. Ambassador in England.

HIS BRILLIANT ADDRESS

Speaks of the Growing Feeling of Cordiality Between the Two Nations—Their Harmonious Relations Means Peace to the World.

London, March 15.—Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador to the court of St. James, made his first public appearance in England at the banquet of the Association of the Chamber of Commerce of the United Kingdom, which was held at the Metropole hotel this evening. There was a brilliant gathering, about 250 persons having been invited to meet the ambassador, including the Lord Chief Justice of England, Baron Russell; the Hon. Sir Henry Stafford Northcote, the president of the association; the prime minister, the Marquis of Salisbury; the Earl of Jersey, the Earl of Dartmouth, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, James R Carter, second secretary of the United States embassy, and many members of parliament. Mr. Choate, who, on arriving, was heartily welcomed by the chairman and officials of the association, sat in the place of honor, on the right of the chairman.

Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who replied to the toast to the navy, declined to be drawn into a discussion of the Chinese situation. He concluded his speech by saying: "The company is willing to hear a distinguished gentleman, the new ambassador of the United States, whom every man, fore and aft, in this country is delighted to see, but I cannot be seated without saying that I took every opportunity to see the fleet of America in both Pacific and Atlantic. I saw a very excellent fleet, not only in the way the ships are built, but in respect of general organization and preparedness." I need not extol its officers and men. They are of the same blood as ourselves, and it has been proved what they could do when called upon. I hope the time will very shortly come when there will be such an understanding between the two countries that if anything occurs disagreeable to us, or affecting our honor and safety, these two fleets will be together. They will make for peace.

The American Ambassador.

Vice-President Harper then submitted the toast of "Our Guests," coupled with the names of Mr. Choate and Baron Russell of Killowen. He expressed his keen pleasure at the advent of Mr. Choate, at "a time when there is every disposition to tighten the bonds of the Anglo-Saxon race, whose only objects are peace, prosperity, freedom of trade and progress." The toast was received with loud cheers, the company standing and shouting the name of Mr. Choate, who was thrice cheered.

Mr. Choate on rising to respond, received an ovation.

Mr. Choate's Speech.

The United States ambassador began jokingly protesting that he was overwhelmed with embarrassment at being called upon to respond in priority to the Lord Chief Justice. He felt that when the British lion was about to roar, even the American Eagle should hold his peace. He was delighted, he said, to receive and accept the invitation to the banquet, although he was not at liberty to discuss British commerce. His general instructions from his government were not to discuss politics, or only at extraordinary festal occasions. (Laughter.) After a few words on the subject of commerce, which he characterized as truly the "mainstay of the British Empire," he continued as follows: "I have felt, however, that I might properly avail myself of this first public occasion to express the appreciation of my countrymen for the forbearance, goodwill and friendship manifested to them so freely by the British people. It is true, gentlemen, that peace between the United States and Great Britain is the first interest not only of the two nations, but of the whole world."

The Open Door.

In expressing his gratitude for the cordial greeting he had received from all sorts and conditions of men since his arrival in England, Mr. Choate said: "Everywhere I have been treated as a friend, and as the representative of your friends and brothers. In fact, I have actually discovered the open door; open to such an extent as would satisfy even the yearnings of the rear admiral who has made the circle of the globe in search of it. I think I may say, as a testimony to the good feeling sought to be encouraged on our side of the water, that the president gave the best illustration of it when he said in my letter of credence, that he relied with confidence upon my constant endeavor during my stay in Great Britain to promote the interests and prosperity of both nations.,, (Cheers and cries of bravo.)

After another reference to the "open door," and the "enlarged sphere of influence which a cordial brotherhood has opened up," the ambassador continued:

"I beg that you will not mistake my meaning. I do not believe that, although friends, we shall ever cease to be rivals. In the future, as in the past, we, on our side, and you on yours, will still press every advantage that can fairly be taken, but it shall be a generous and loyal rivalry, and all questions, disputes and controversies arising shall be settled by peaceful means, by negotiations, by arbitration, by any and every possible means, except war."

After pointing out that this was no new sentiment, Mr. Choate remarked: "While the last great conflict between Great Britain and America failed to settle any of the great questions upon which each side took up arms—showing that between brethern war is the worst possible means of settling any controversy—yet in the 84 years that have since elapsed, tremendous questions, heated words, threatening demonstrations, which would inevitably have brought any other two nations into open and frequent conflict, have occurred on each side, and all have been arranged and adjusted without resort to arms."

The Venezuelan Imbroglio.

Referring to the Venezuela imbroglio, he observed: "You know that on our side of the water we love occasionally to twist the lion's tail for the mere sport of hearing him roar. (Laughter.) Well, that time he disappointed us. He would not roar at all. He sat silent as the sphinx, and by dint of mutual forbearance—our sober second thought aiding your sober first thought—we averted everything but a mere war of words'

Alluding to the satisfactory dispelling of the clouds between Russia and England over the Niu Chwang railway extension loan by means of peaceful diplomacy," Mr. Choate said: "That is the kind of diplomacy which, just entering upon a diplomatic career, we desire very much to understand, for I am fresh enough to believe that if these two countries, laboring together for peace, unite their voices in demand, it is almost sure in every case. (Cheers.) I would like to quote my president again, for the last words I heard him say were that the United States today were on better terms with every nation on the face of the earth than it had ever been before. (Cheers.)

Now, I have little more to say of my own country, (cries of "go on," "go on.") Our young republic had hard work during the past century to subdue the continent, and to turn a wilderness into a smiling and wealthy garden. But that business is now pretty well finished, and so, last year your Brother Jonathan started out to see the world. He donned seven hundred league boots and planted his footsteps on the isles of the sea. And what giant strides he made—Hawaii, then Manila, and another step, my Lord Charles, would have brought him to Hong Kong. Well, our interest and commerce differ only in degree, and it is—I won't say as Lord Charles Beresford did, by putting fleets side by side—but by a common purpose and a united voice, for us to command peace for the mutual support of the commerce of the two countries."

After paying eloquent tributes to the late Baron Herschell, and ot Mr. Rudyard Kipling, Mr. Choate concluded as follows: "Gentlemen, we are almost one people. What I say is, that our voice be always be lifted together for the cause of hunan progress and the advance of civilization, and my word for it, law, order, peace and freedom, which are nurses of commerce the world over, will prevail, and the cause of humanity will be advanced." (Cheers.)

Baron Russell of Killowen, the lord chief justice, who followed Mr. Choate, complimented him upon his eloquence, the width and depth of his observation, and the statesmanlike tone that prevaded his speech.

The other speakers dealt with matters of local interest. The chairman, who said he joined most cordially in welcoming the American ambassador, expressed the hope that during his tenure of office no cloud would ever arise between England and the United States. The proceedings then terminated. Mr. Choate spoke deliberately, and in a rather low tone. His humorous remarks met with peals of laughter. He had a wonderful reception, made quite the speech of the evening, which was listened to with the deepest attention and resumed his seat amid a perfect thunder of applause. Lord Russel personally congratulated him.

COUNTY COURT TODAY

Judge Spinks Will Open a Session This Morning.

Forty-Five Cases Are on the Docket, and Some of Them Will be Quite Interesting

County Court Judge W. W. Spinks will open a session of the court here today, and the court may be in session for some days, as there are 45 cases to be heard. Among these are suits against the committee who conducted the campaign in the late contest for the seat in the local legislature in the interests of John McKane. The largest amount sued for is by J. E. Sinclair, who wants $1,000 commission from Alexander and Stussi.

The following are the cases on the docket:

Judgement Summonses.

Hunter Bros. vs. O'Connell, $59.65.
Hunter Bros. vs. O'Farrell, $52.20.
P. C. Costello vs. J. L. Black, $21.41.
Robert McKay vs. Hessie Taylor, $60..24.
H. H. Revesback vs. Arthur Dick.
Peck & Co. vs. Thos. Houghton.
G. H. Bayne vs. M. A. Wright, $827.10.

Adjourned Cases.

Louis Blue vs. Longsley for lumber, $50.72.
Matthias Bros. vs. Henderson, partnership accounts.
M. J. O'Hearn vs. Barbara and Terzick, damages, $600.
Hunter Bros. vs. Langley et al, goods sold, $103.20.
Edward Cronyn vs. J. C. Drewry, shares, $170.16.
Fred Gribi vs. J. McMillan, promissory note, $319.50.
Globe Rubber Co. vs. S. A. Hartman, bill of exchange, $270.71.
Fred E. Empey vs. John McMartin, order, $106.
Edward Logan vs. Hessie Taylor, goods sold, $119.89.
J. F. Ritchie vs. E. W. Talbot, survey, $178.25.
J. G. Sinclair vs. Alexander and Stussi, commission, $1,000.
G. E. Seymour vs. Harp et al, draft, $159.61.
John Lane vs. Peoria Mining & Milling company, stock.
Commercial Bank of Manitoba vs. H. H. Smith, judgment, $91.80.
Leslie Hill vs. Alex Dick et al, rent, $115.
Swan Nelson vs. Merryweather, men, etc., $216.
R. W. Grigor vs. John McKane, account rendered, $610.84.
W. H. Jones vs. Harp et al, goods, $70.
N. McArthur vs. Stussi et al, commission, $800.
E. J. Austin vs. Ross Thompson, plans, $330.

New Cases

Thomas Smith vs. Watson and Edgren, mechanics lien, $113.50.
Fred Holt vs. Joseph Trainer, Canadian Gold Fields syndicate. garnishees wages, $96.50.
Isabel Kettleson vs. M. H. Gilliam, wages, $40.
W. H. Dawson vs. C. M. Weller, city of Rossland garnishees wages, 70.45.
Peter Albo vs. Joe Trainer, Canadian Gold Fields syndicate garnishees wages, $62.15.
Louisa Schnabile vs. C. G. Mount, Mac Machine company, lien garnishees, goods, sold, $54.44.
M. Nolan et al vs. Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, mechanics lien, $252.50.
Mary Anderson vs. Thomas & Griegor, goods deposited, $102.50.
W. J. Macdonald vs. David Terhune, promissory note, $39.40.
W. T. Hayes vs. Wm. King, Canadian Pacific Railway company garnishees, professional services, $37.60.
M. J. O'Hearn vs. Patrick Gill, B. C. Mining company garnishees, goods sold, $50.50.
R. E. Strong vs. D. Corsan, Canadian Pacific Railway company, garnishees, goods sold, $227.
W. L. Berg vs. Black and Henderson, Canadian Pacific Railway company, garnishees, board, etc., $43.
Hessie Taylor et al vs. Lockhart & Jordan, rent, etc., $224.75.
James Chambers vs. Elizabeth Langley, rent, $34.
Milo Munroe vs. Wm. Farnsworth, Cameron Construction company, garnishees, board, etc., $43.50.
Alex McKenzie vs. Charles Mills, rent, $50.
W. C. Wells vs. Samuel Parrish, Jennie Parrish claimant, interpleader, sums.

Col. E. S. Topping came up from Trail yesterday, and is at the Kootenay.

STRIKE AT ALBERNI

Discovery Richer Than the Most Sanguine Could Have Expected.

IS PLENTY OF FREE GOLD

It Has Been Purchased by Patsy Clark of Spokane, Who Is Well Known in This City—Death of an Early Cariboo Miner.

Victoria, March 13.—George Byrnes, the autioneer, who was in Cariboo in the early gold rushes, died today of heart failure. He has been in a precarious condition for several months, but today felt well enough to go to the Union club, less than a block from his residence. He had a bad turn and was assisted home, dying just as he reached there.

Authentic news was received from Alberni today of a strike of remarkably rich ore on Granite creek, on a claim recently purchased from two prospectors named Nelson and White on behalf of Patsy Clark, the millionaire mining operator of Spokane. Mr. Short, who is Clark's representative, is on the way out with some of the ore, in which the gold is easily visible to the naked eye. There has been confident expectation for a considerable time of a rich strike on Granite creek, but this discovery is said to be richer than the most sanguine expectations. The fact that the claim is owned by so enterprising and wealthy an operator leads to expectations of early developments which will mean the establishment of a large camp. This Granite creek strike eclipses the one which a few days ago had already put new heart into Alberni, being the discovery in Hayes camp of a mother lode of genuine peacock ore.

PROMISING PROPERTIES

A Description of the City of Paris and Lincoln Groups

The Ore Carries High Values in Gold, Silver and Copper—Will Soon Begin Shipping.

Greenwood, March 11.—The Sailor mine, Camp McKinney, has just been stocked for one million shares at 15 cents by McDonald & McIntyre of Greenwood.

The Golden Crown is sinking a shaft to the 300-foot level and Manager Collins reports a big body of high grade ore in sight.

A. B. Clabon of Rossland, is here looking up real estate.

The C. P. R. is pushing work here. Their hospital is completed. One of the contractors is following the usual C. P. R. custom of "all hog" by taking contracts for excavating city lots with his cheap labor at regular prices.

W. D. McLeod of Anaconda, B. C., has just sold the Baltimore in Copper camp, to a London, Ont., syndicate, for $8,000. It is to be stocked and men put to work at once developing it. There is now a 100-foot tunnel on a 35-foot ledge going 30 per cent copper and fair in gold.

Ralph Cunningham, formerly of Rossland, is securing mining properties near Greenwood for Butte capitalists.

A complete telegraph and telephone service and electric light and power plant will be inaugurated here before July 1.

The last share of Brandon & Golden Crown stock in this market was taken Thursday by the company on an order from Rossland.

A mass meeting will shortly be held by the business men to protest against the action of the custom house officials in Grand Forks in handling Greenwood goods and to petition the government for a customs house here.

The Highland Queen Consolidated M. & M. company, limited, have just placed their stock on the market here at five cents. They have made a good strike in the Highland Queen recently and are taking out pay ore.

Several brick three-story buildings are in process of erection on Copper and Government streets.

George Andrews, L. A. Smith and W. J. Lee has given an option on the Queen of Sheba in Deadwood camp to E. C. Finch of Rossland for $5,000, $200 cash being paid to the owners.

An election in the South ward will be held Saturday for two aldermen. The liberals are confident of electing their men.

It is reported that 100 miners will be put to work in 30 days on the Mother Lode, three miles from here in Deadwood camp. A fourth interest in the Montana Fraction, Deadwood camp, owned by Charles Friend, Charles Stooke and W. J. Lee was sold Thursday to C. W. Vedder, general agent of the Equitable Life of Spokane.

The Camp McKinney Gold Mining & Milling company property has been surveyed and the work of development has been commenced in earnest.

A big strike was made in the Tiger in Summit camp.

There are nine business blocks and 15 houses in course of erection in Greenwood.

BLUE BIRD MAY SOAR

The Ledge Will be Cut in a Short Time.

W. C. Birdsall Purchases the Paymaster Group—Republic Streets to Be Graded as Soon as Frost Goes.

Republic, March 12.—[Special.]—There are great assays reported from the west belt; in fact they can get any assay they wish from wide little seams, but the tonnage would hardly run a large mill, so development will be watched with considerable interest.

On the Blue Bird they are pushing along almost as fast as a Chinook wind drives away the snow. Superintendent Longshore states that the tunnel has been driven 60 feet in the past 12 days, and along the tunnel stringers of quartz, from an inch to three feet, have been continually encountered, assaying as high as $10.50 in gold. The next 20 feet will give a depth of 90 feet, and will cut an intermediate ledge of known richness. In fact, the Blue Bird promises to flutter high in the great Republic belt, and Superintendent Longshore is pushing development as rapidly as possible.

W. C. Birdsall has purchased a group of claims on the belt south of the Golden Harvest, which he has named the Paymaster group. The surface assays are very good for this district, running from $1.26 to $8.45. As soon as the snow will permit work will be commenced on the claims. Mr. Birdsall and his friends have invested considerable in the district, and so far, have been successful.

W. T. Roberts, one of the best known mining men, and a prospector who has followed most of the trails from Montana to British Columbia, and recently the foreman of the Golden Harvest, left this evening on mining business, to be absent for a couple of weeks, in Rossland and Spokane.

John Duffy, foreman of the Mephisto, is in town. The shaft is down 32 feet, following the ledge, and the foot wall may be struck at any time. The assays run from $5 to $81 in gold.

Messrs. Woodhouse and Wells, the townsite owners, will start grading the streets as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

The Mountain Lion is happy now. All the compressor machinery has arrived, and the plant will be put in operation as soon as possible.

Superintendent Brown expects great results when the drills begin to run through the Mountain Lion veins.

Superintendent Hinckley expects that at a depth of 11 feet in the new shaft of the Mary Ann he has cut a fine foot ledge, assaying from $4 to $16.

A colored man named Batters was shot a couple of days ago by a colored woman. He died last night.

The Sale of the Republic.

A well known Rossland broker received private information yesteruay from the east stating that the Republic mine had been sold to a Montreal syndicate and that the deal had practically been closed a week ago. The consideration was not mentioned, but the additional fact was stated that Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock were in no way connected with the deal. The whole matter has been concluded in Montreal and it is not possible to obtain the details in the west. The sale, however, is probably a fact.

THE CHURCH IN CUBA.

The Apostolic Delegate Discusses the Matter With General Brooke.

Havana, March 15.—Archbishop Chappelle, the apostolic delegate to the West Indies, discussed with General Brooke today the situation of the Roman Catholic church in Cuba. He asks nothing, except that the church be allowed to retain its property, jurisdiction and rights as a corporation under the Spanish laws. To this General Brooke sees no objection, though there are some titles in dispute that may have to come before the courts. The church will continue to control the cemeteries and in cases where these have been taken by the municipalities, the latter will be ordered to give them back. The archbishop realizes that a certain amount of distrust is felt regarding the church, in Cuba, and he may suggest to Rome some plan to "Cubanize" the church, gradually recruiting the hierarchy from the Cubans themselves and giving the local Spanish element less authority.

Kennedy, Cronyn & Race

Stock Market

The market was active today with a good inpuiry for Novelty, Rathmullen, Rambler and Fairmonts. We look for a steady advance in the price of Fairmont shares, the report from the mine being most encouraging. In Republic stocks, Jim Blaine and Republic were most inquired after, it being almost impossible to fill orders for the latter at anything under $3.50.

Big Three	40
Brandon & Golden Crown	32
Commander	15
Deer Park	8
Evening Star	11
Giant	5
Good Hope	2
Homestake	7
Iron Horse	17
Iron Mask	92
Iron Colt	20
Jumbo	50
Lily May	20
Merrimac (Republic)	9
Monte Christo	14
Novelty	5
Rathmullen	6½
Rambler	37
R. E. Lee	3
St. Elmo	6
Virginia	47
War Eagle	$3 60
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Winnipeg	26
YMIR STOCKS.	
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Alf	10
Dundee	40
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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

"Ed Fractional" mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About an ½ of a mile northeast of corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street, and adjoining the Golden Chariot on the southeast.

Take notice that I, Wm. E. Devereux, acting as agent for D. G. Kennedy, free miner's certificate No. 34,044A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements

Dated this 13th day of March, 1899.

3-16-11t WM. E. DEVEREUX, P. L. S.