

# MINISTERS' RULING

### Rossland Board of Trade to Enter a Strong Protest.

### HEAVY LOSS TO MINE OWNERS

#### Crown Grants Refused by the Department Although Many Times the Requisite Amount Expended—A New Ruling by Hon. Mr. Hume—A Special Committee.

At the special meeting of the Rossland board of trade, called for Monday, in the city hall, there was just a bare quorum present. In the absence of the president, Mr. W. T. Oliver was requested to take the chair.

The secretary read a communication from the Kaslo board of trade, enclosing a memorial on the eight-hour law, addressed by the board to the provincial government and asking that the Rossland board of trade should join them in the matter. After some discussion it was decided to defer action in the matter until Friday evening next, when another special meeting will be called.

The only other question brought up was an important resolution by Mr. J. A. Kirk, concerning a recent decision of the minister of mines as to the recording of assessment work so as to entitle the owner to a crown grant. Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. W. Dunn, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously carried:

"That respecting mineral claims located and recorded prior to the passing of the amendments to the mineral act in 1898:

1. Whereas the hon. the minister of mines has recently instructed the gold commissioners throughout the province not to issue a certificate of improvements for any mineral claim until the books of the mining recorder of the division in which such claim is situate show certificates of work amounting to \$500 have been duly issued and recorded.

2. Whereas, prior to the date of said ruling it was customary for the gold commissioners to issue certificates of improvements regardless of the number of certificates of work recorded.

3. Whereas, the owners of mineral claims accepted the said custom as the correct interpretation of the mineral act, and proceeded to apply for certificates of improvements after doing development work to the value of \$500 regardless of the number of certificates of work recorded.

4. Whereas the hon. the minister of mines has made a ruling in a letter addressed to J. S. Clute, Jr., Rossland, B. C., dated 12th February, 1900, as follows: "I am of opinion that work done on a claim in excess of the annual assessment work required, previous to the passing of section 2, Mineral Act, 1898, cannot be allowed to count at this late date," adding "However, it is my intention to have this section made plain during this session of the legislature."

5. It is plain that under the rulings cited: (a) Work done on a mineral claim in excess of the amount required as an annual assessment prior to the amendment to the Mineral Act in 1898, cannot be used in obtaining a certificate of work.

(b) That said excess of work, although done in good faith as conforming to the requirements of the Mineral Act, as interpreted at the time by government officials, cannot be applied as work done in the development of a mine for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of improvements.

(c) That said excess of work will have to be supplemented by new work of equivalent value, thus adding greatly to the cost of obtaining a certificate of improvements.

6. That the Rossland board of trade, after due consideration, is of the opinion that, as the rulings of the Hon. the Minister of Mines, heretofore cited, are not in accord with the previously authorized interpretation of the Mineral Act, great and uncalculated injury to the owners of mineral claims and to the interests of the mineral sections throughout the province will

result from the unexpected expenditure of a very large sum of money, which must be made not only to obtain crown grants, but to prevent claims from lapsing, and from the delays that will result in obtaining crown grant titles and the consequent interference with endeavors to obtain capital for the proper development of valuable properties.

7. That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to the draft and forward a petition to the Hon. the Minister of Mines setting forth the grievance outlined in this resolution, and requesting that the practice heretofore customary, with respect to procedure in granting certificates of improvements be reverted to.

8. That the minister be also requested to bring in legislation establishing the practice heretofore customary with respect to procedure in granting certificates of improvements.

9. That the boards of trade in the districts of Kootenay and Yale be requested to endorse this resolution and to use their influence in securing the object set forth herein.

10. That a copy of this resolution be sent to our member and to the minister of mines.

Mr. Kirk, in support of the resolution, referred to the importance of the matter. The minister of mines, in a recent letter to Mr. Clute, announced his determination to maintain the construction placed on certain sections of the Mineral Act by the Nelson gold commissioner, the effect of which was that for work done previous to the amendments made in 1893, only \$100 worth of work could be recorded in each year, so as to qualify and obtain a crown grant. Mr. Kirk quoted several instances in this division where owners had accomplished a large amount of work on single properties and on groups of claims, and under the decision referred to they would only be allowed to get credit for \$100 in each year before a crown grant would be issued. The Minister Act was quite clear on the matter, and it stated that whenever an owner had performed \$500 worth of work on a property he was entitled as of right to apply for and obtain a crown grant. Mining men had all along been doing work in good faith under this understanding, but the recent decision of the minister would compel them in many instances to go on and make further expenditures or forfeit their claims, although they had already expended far more than the clear meaning of the act called for.

The minister's ruling was a most unfair and unfortunate one, and the board should make a strong protest at once.

On the invitation of the chairman, Mr. Alfred McMillan, who was present as a guest of the board, was requested to address the meeting on the matter.

Mr. McMillan said the effect of the minister's recent decision was far reaching, and could only be regarded as an unfriendly blow to the mining interest of the province. He spoke as a mine owner, and declared that the matter complained of would create a bad impression upon the minds of English capitalists who were looking over British Columbia as a field for profitable mining investments. Mr. McMillan thought that the board would be wise if they took immediate action in the matter and entered a strong protest at Victoria against the ruling.

Mr. Clabon, while in sympathy with the resolution, second the ruling complained of was the result of the attorney-general's construction of the mineral act.

After the motion was carried, the chairman nominated as the special committee asked for, Mr. J. A. Kirk, (chairman), Mayor Goodeve and Mr. Alderman Clute.

It was decided to adjourn all other pending business until Friday night, and the meeting adjourned until that date.

### BANKER'S WIFE MOST DEMENTED

#### Nervous Troubles Had About Wrecked Her Reason—South American Nerve Lifted the Clouds and Cured Her.

The wife of a well-known private banker in the West was so afflicted with nervous disorders that her physicians feared she would lose her reason, but she rejoiced to-day with her family through reading a simple testimony of how South American Nerve cured another seemingly hopeless case. She was induced to try it, too, and to-day is a cured woman herself. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

### DEATH OF MRS. MERRYWEATHER.

#### Death Resulted From the Effects of a Cerebral Tumor.

Mrs. Olga Thekla Merryweather, wife of Mr. W. G. Merryweather, proprietor of the Windsor hotel, died yesterday at 1 p. m. Death was caused by a cerebral tumor. Mrs. Merryweather was one of the most popular ladies in the city, and to her large circle of friends the news of her demise will come with a shock. All will remember with what zest she entered into the fair held a few weeks since for the benefit of the Sisters' hospital. Those who saw her on the evenings of the fair would have taken many years' lease on her life, so apparently full of vitality and cheerfulness was she at the time.

During her last illness everything that medical skill and careful nursing could do was done, but it proved to be without avail. The funeral services will be held at the Windsor on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be private. The services will be conducted by Rev. George H. Morden. Deceased was aged 32 years and a native of St. Louis, Mo.

### THE BALFOUR EXTENSION.

#### A Contract Let For Constructing Two Miles of Road.

John McMartin is the first of the Nelson contractors to secure a slice of the work on the Balfour extension. He has concluded arrangements with J. W. Stewart to construct the two miles of the road from Five mile Point east. Other sub-contracts will doubtless be let in a day or two, although Mr. Stewart anticipates doing a portion of the work himself. The section which Mr. McMartin has secured is rock work throughout. The first six miles of the road at the Balfour end is earth work only, and this Mr. Stewart reserves for himself. An important member of the Stewart staff has arrived in Nelson in the person of D. McLeod of Trail, purchasing agent. His department includes all the buying of supplies for men and animals, and is perhaps the most important of all from a local standpoint. Mr. McLeod will buy during construction approximately \$75,000 worth of goods.

### Frozen Water Pipes.

The first cold spell this winter, which now holds this city in its icy grasp, has brought smiles to the face of the plumber and despair to many a householder. There have been many calls at the city office about frozen water pipes, and requests to turn off the water temporarily.

Mr. Fellows states that the city mains are all right, and so are the supply mains, but many of the service pipes, particularly on Second avenue, are frozen stiff, and the plumbers are correspondingly busy.

### Death of George Eickman.

A letter was received in this city yesterday by the Masonic lodge here from the master of the Masonic lodge at Baker City that George Eickman died there on February 8th. Mr. Eickman was a member of Corinthian lodge of this city, and left here about a year since. Mr. Eickman was well known in this camp, where he lived for several years. He was a miner and mining man. He was afflicted with smallpox and was well taken care of during his last illness by the members of the Masonic lodge at Baker City.

### The Wandering Minstrels.

A meeting of the Rossland Dandy Coons was held in the office of Judge Nelson yesterday and it was unanimously decided to give one performance in Nelson on the 24th and in Spokane on the 28th of February. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Mansion House fund.

### IT'S ALWAYS MIDNIGHT GLOOM

to the sufferer from stomach disorders and the diseases which can be directly traced there—neglect or ignorance may have produced the darkness, but so sure as night follows day, just so surely will Dr. Von Star's Pineapple Tablets let in the sunshine and bring back the full noonday brightness of perfect health. This is taking strong ground—but proof is to be had one tablet after eating—90 in a box—35 cents. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

### A Letter From Mr. Carlyle.

A member of the Miner staff yesterday received a chatty letter from Mr. W. A. Carlyle, dated January 20th, at Minas del Rio Tinto, Huelva, Spain. The "Senor Don"—which by the way is the ex-B. A. U. manager's new title—writes that he is enjoying a cloudless sky and weather just warm enough to have the doors and windows open, and many flowers are in bloom. Referring to the Rio Tinto mine the writer says they propose to extract some two million tons of ore during the present year. Later on Mr. Carlyle will contribute an article to the Miner on the great property of which he is now manager.

### Mr. Wilson Leaves For Denver.

Mr. W. B. Wilson, the former mine superintendent of the Le Roi, who fractured his knee cap in the mine some two months ago, has recovered sufficiently to be moved from the Nurses' Hospital, and accompanied by his wife and Dr. Senior, has gone to Denver, Colo., for special treatment.

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### Boers' Line Broken.

Cheiveley, Monday Morning, Feb. 19.—The Boers line of fortresses is broken. The British have achieved a decided success in capturing the enemy's position on Monte Christo. The Boers, however, effectively executed a retreat, removing their guns and convoy wagons. The British had comparatively few casualties.

Mr. E. N. Adams, of Hunter Brothers, left yesterday for the coast.

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### WHAT HE WANTED.

The Marquis of Queensberry's Will—No Christian Mummeries at the Grave.

London, Feb. 19.—A codicil to the will of the Marquis of Queensberry, who died on February 1, made the following provisions: "At my death I wish to be cremated and direct that my ashes be placed in the earth unenclosed—earth to earth, ashes to ashes—in any spot convenient to where I have lived. Particularly I request that no Christian mummeries or tomfooleries be performed at the grave, but that I be buried as an agnostic. If it should be a comfort to anyone, there are plenty of friends who would come to say a few words of common sense. No monument will be required, nor any procession, as the ashes can be carried in a man's hands. If the place I mentioned to my son should be inconvenient for burial, then any place would suffice where the stars shall ever shed their light and the sun shall guide each rising morn."

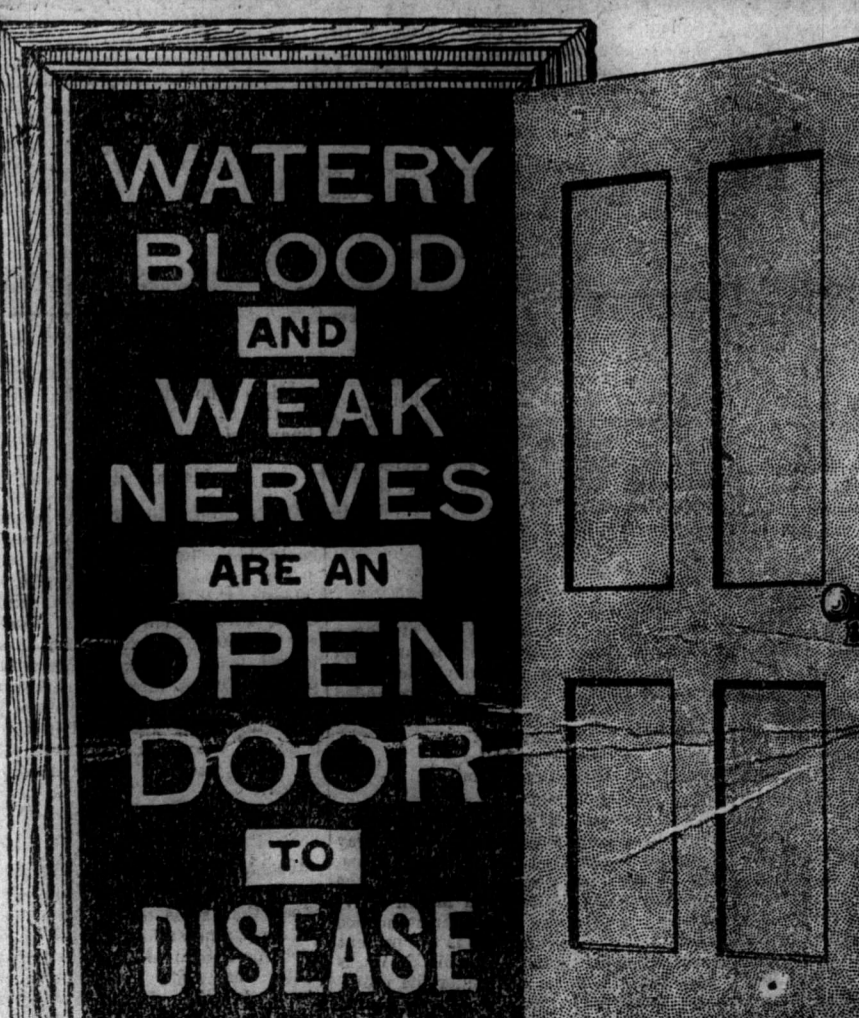
### A. C. GALT

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### Departing Visitors.

The carnival visitors have, for the most part, returned home. On Sunday evening the Victoria hockey club entertained the Boundary team with a supper at the Clarendon. Mr. A. H. Mackenzie presided, and between 30 and 40 guests were in attendance. The Nelson and Sandon visitors returned home on Sunday night, and the Boundary people left yesterday morning. In many instances the visitors carried away rather more than their fair share of the carnival prizes. They all seemed delighted with their stay in Rossland and hope to attend next year's carnival.



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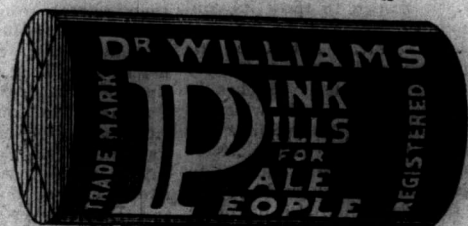
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# THE MINING

### The Camp Recovers From Shipping Episode

### WORK PROGRESSING

#### Light Shipments and a Reduction for a Time—Fluctuation in the Way—The Situation Considerably—No Further Change.

The comments of Montpress, principally in Montreal, over the War Eagle announcement, have at length ended, and the Le Roi and the Le Centre has seemingly concluded that the eight cause of all the trouble settlement of the Stock announced on Thursday last still further enlighten the mining situation in South America. Mr. Gooden management of the War Eagle Star has been roundly abused for his one "crude and unbusinesslike" which the recent announcement. The president has replied adding that "neither I or my family have benefited, fall in War Eagle or Centre having neither bought nor during the panic." Meaning of both stocks continues to and when the annual meeting is held in Toronto further explanations are the "fault finders" will be.

Some 400 men are now in the Le Roi, War Eagle and it is possible that even find employment as the mine to the new order of things Macdonald nor Mr. Kirby approximate date for the direct management. Mr. stated that the new machinery in three months' the mines would require a of three months more for ment work before it would resume shipments. During some ore at least will be will only be the case when in the development of the. The camp generally has a nation, and most mining met that the worst part of the iness is now fully known and that no further bad looked for.

The Ore Output As might be expected, ments from the camp for closed, fell down to 750 tons did not send out a single 10 carloads, or about 900 to go down tomorrow, and Centre Star between about 570 tons, and the down three carloads, or 91 car has been loaded, but in this week's shipment 810 tons and the Le Roi, the former getting out 30 tons. It will, of considerable time yet before ments rise to the 5,000-ton with the Le Roi, War Eagle Star only sending down of the total output for each ly to exceed 500 tons until some regular shipments, fidently expected on view that the ore output will ever before.

Appended is a detailed camp's output (approximate week ending February 1 date:

Week To:
Le Roi..... 36
War Eagle..... 21
Centre Star..... 91
Iron Mask..... 3
Evening Star..... 3
L. X. L..... 5
Monte Christo..... 5
Ganf..... 5

Total tons..... 73  
Le Roi—A visit to ground at the Le Roi, for tric hoist in the Black B ly installed, working v Only one side is used a ter a three days' run, th found to do its work ar The work of sinking and compartment shaft is be usual. It is expected th will be completed to t about May 1st. This w a five-compartment sha level, and a two-comp the tunnel to the surface for the new 40-drill co ished and ready for th was due to arrive here month, but which is n rive here for about th contractors for the ma penalty of \$25 a day f for the delivery of the understood that there any considerable delay floor of the new boiler evated and got ready f ments by which all th the mine will be co building. The steam p the compressor house is new building as soon receive it. Work with drill recently purcha commenced. Developm is proceeding as usu Roi but during the were made. Some thr go down tomorrow, an in development will be to time.

Announcements Consolidated been carried in to th the drills make much account of the softer. Some trouble has