

PHONE SYSTEM
SERVICE BETWEEN
GRAND FORKS.

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With a Regular
ation of 30 Miles.

Aug. 14.—(Special.)
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son Telephone com-
information today
secured an import-
Miner-Graves peo-
of a 30-mile met-
phone system be-
Grand Forks via
connections at the
Hill and Old Iron-
White's camp,
City of Paris and
on to Grand Forks
the Granby smelter,
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d by the syndicate.
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of the line recently
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NOTES
Still Advancing
The Yukon
Fidelity.

(Special.)—A report
from Vancouver
that the royalty has
Yukon. This is in-
has been taken by
White Horse Naviga-
plying for incorpora-
tion of Dominion govern-
ment of July the first
year is issued by the
and shows the revenue
an increase of \$78,638
over the year of 1899.
The expenditure for
the month of August,
as compared with July,
1899, shows a decrease
of \$150,000, as the
revenue was \$150,000,
and the expenditure was
\$300,000.

GRAND FORKS.
Brown's Camp—Wagon
Camp—The Sunset.

C., Aug. 16.—(Special.)
working shaft of the
Sunset, north fork
two hundred tons of
ore has been attained.
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2 inches and is in place.
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IN CLAIMS
Sent North With the
Primary Powers Grant-
Last Spring.

Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Attorney
is announced in the Legis-
that arrangements were
completed for the sending
over endowed with the ex-
owners given last year to
the mining claim troubles
and Presbyterian districts.
has been selected and will
a few days, as the court
Atlin on the 20th of Aug-

AGNEW'S OINTMENT.
Skin Care—25 Cents.
Blanc of St. Jerome, Que-
bec in Dr. Agnew's Ointment
it by the dozen to take with
umber camp. He finds it a
for chafing, bruises, frost
ther emergencies incident to
it cures skin rheum, eczema,
head, and other skin eruptions.
three to five nights, 25
by Goodve Bros.

ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER.

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FROM OTHER CAMPS

The Smelters of the Boundary District.
SHIPMENTS OF THE ST. EUGENE
Notes of Interest From the Various Districts of the Kootenays—The Mist Fraction a B. A. C. Property in Ymir—The Strikes Near Grand Forks.

From other camps this week comes the usual news of activity over the subsidiary mining districts. In the Lardeau a recent shipment from the famous Tribune has gone extremely well as to the smelter returns, while the shipments from the Nettie L. give promise of both permanency and volume. In East Kootenay the output of the St. Eugene has made the residents of that district express themselves in no measured terms as to the way that their section is coming to the front. It is claimed that the shipments from the St. Eugene eclipse those of the Slocan. That district indeed seems slow for the moment despite the fact that should do much to help out in the majority of cases galena propositions.

The Lardeau.
The Silver Cup Will Ship—The Tribune Assays.

The Spokane group has some fine ore and its development is looked forward to with interest in the Lardeau, as it will soon add one more to the list of shippers. The Wide West, another Fish River company, is steadily developing. Their mineral property in that locality. They will push work all winter and hope to be heard from later on.

On the Nettie L. work is being steadily continued. Manager Pool is expected in daily. The Nettie L. will ship at least 500 tons of high grade ore as soon as the hiding season sets in.

The upper tunnel on the Rob Roy is driven in to the ore body as per contract and the advisability of continuing the long base tunnel demonstrated. A double shift is now working below.

The Morning Star, up near the Tribune, has been surveyed and the owners, Messrs. Abrahamson, brothers, will do considerable work next season. The survey was a most difficult one to make on account of the rugged peaks.

The Triune lessees have another 20 ton shipment ready for the packer and freighter. They will, if possible, have 100 tons down to Ken-Mile before snow flies. The result of their first shipment of 22 tons was not known up to yesterday.

THE BOUNDARY.

The Work Doing in the Camp of the Boundary Country.
George Vauhan came down from the East Fork of the North Fork on Monday, where he had been working on the Bay State, Silver King and McKinley. Work on the City of Paris in W. I. T. camp was shut down this week to make necessary changes in the air pipe and overhaul the machinery. Development will be resumed in a few days.

Assessment work has been done this season on a number of other claims in the camp, but Mr. Lover was unable to give particulars in regard to them, the claims mentioned above being the only ones visited by him.

George Cook is working on the Jim, another big showing in the camp. A shaft has been sunk 50 feet and the property has been thoroughly prospected. It is estimated that there is \$50,000 worth of surface crosscuts. An assay of \$50 from a pay chute on the hanging wall is the best return.

This week the Buckhorn shipped a car of high-grade copper ore to the Trail smelter. The ore is probably the highest grade copper ore that ever left the Boundary country, and it is safe to say that the smelter returns will be \$30 to the ton.

Among the big properties of Boundary district may be placed the Red Fox, owned by J. K. and R. S. Frazer, with its ledge over a hundred feet in width and averaging from samples taken across the ledge nearly \$30 to the ton. A 2-foot shaft has been sunk on the lead and surface crosscuts have been run prospecting the ore body. An assay return from the Trail smelter of samples taken across the ledge gave 10% gold, 5 oz. silver, 7.9 per cent copper, 24.7 per cent iron, 29 per cent silica, and 6.3 per cent lime. Assay returns from ore in the shaft gave \$46.40 and \$50.52 in all values. The ledge has been traced partly across the Silby, an adjoining claim owned by the same parties.

Frank Dargis has in the Golden Eagle claim, on Law creek, a tributary of Howe This, a very promising showing. He has already a tunnel in eight feet and will continue to work the property and expects to have the tunnel in at least 20 feet further by the first of next month. There is a lead on the property between three and four feet wide which has been traced over 30 feet. The pay metal varies from 12 to 18 inches in width of solid ore, carrying high values in silver and lead. Mr. Dargis intends visiting the property next week.

The steady output of silver-lead ore from the mines of Moyie and in the vicinity of Kimberley is now beginning to attract attention. Last month the St. Eugene Consolidated was the second largest producer of silver-lead ore on the American continent. At the North Star mine 100 tons of ore is going out daily as steadily as clockwork, while the Sullivan is sending out 25 tons, which amount will shortly be increased to 60 or 75 tons.

Ymir.
Work is to be resumed in a few days on the Mist Fraction, adjoining the Ymir mine, and owned by the B. A. C. A trial plant is to be erected on the new patent compressor designed by Mr. Alexander. The lumber has arrived and a 1,000-foot flume will be built. If the compressor proves satisfactory a longer flume and better plant will be permanently installed. The company did considerable development on this property this spring, and the results were so satisfactory that they have decided to push development on this claim and bring it to the producing stage. As soon as the compressor is installed a force of men will be put to work.

CAPE NOME SKINNER

Strong Arrangement of Boomers of Mining Fields.
THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE
Transportation Companies get the Bulk of the Money Expended—Subsidized Papers Assist in the Sleight of Hand Adopted—Value of Deposits.

Editor Miner: Notwithstanding the fact that the citizens of the United States are rated a bright and clever people, nevertheless the distressing results of these mineral stampedes demonstrate that they are the most stupid and gullible of all the inhabitants of our planet. If it were not so, it would not have been possible for the outfitters and transportation companies to create either the Klondike craze of 1898 or the Nome skinner of 1900. Nome, however, proves far more disappointing than the Klondike, because it shows the least merit—say, not more than one color at Nome to every ten thousand colors at Dawson. If, therefore, the general public has been wretchedly victimized, who are the transgressors? Certainly not the mining "fraternity." For all stampedes are pronounced against their best interests. The prospector who toils from one mountain range to another in search of either alluvial or vein matter, is not likely to divide his find with the general public. If it should be pay dirt, he either rocks or strikes it out; if, however, it proves to be a promising lead, he tries to enlist capital for its development avoiding for the time being, so far as possible, the general public. Who, then, are responsible for these senseless stampedes? As the outfitters and transportation people derive the most benefit therefrom, I would assert that they are the promoters thereof; but, as they could not reach the general public, they subsidized the press men thereof, either by fat ads or otherwise. Thereby the newspapers become the capping machines for these business shells. If the newspapers would fairly state the facts about all mineral discoveries, with a honest statement concerning all natural resources linked therewith, including climatic conditions, there would be no stampedes. Necessarily our newspaper men are morally responsible for such outrages against public morality, because they are the active instruments of the unprincipled jobbers thereto. I may add, all stampedes are distressingly demoralizing, which is painfully demonstrated through the Klondike and Nome, and by the humiliating stampede therefrom—steering and deck passage home for many worthy but misguided men, who are being scornfully alluded to by even the capitalists of the transportation steamships; "Why, these tramps get more than they pay for; the food is too good for them. If they had been kept in their pens and fed on hard-boiled potatoes, they could not have fared worse than aboard the Nome transportation steamships. And I shall further assert that no lady or gentleman made the trip to Nome but must have felt shocked by the immoral conduct of the officers of these steamships—in fact, the respectable women were continually made to feel out of place in a veritable cesspool of which I most respectfully refer to the late saloon passengers of the steamship Centennial.

THE FEDERAL BUILDING.

The Plans Have Arrived—Tenders Close September 10.
A complete set of plans, including detailed work and specifications, have arrived in Rossland, and are now on view at the postoffice, for the new federal building which is to be erected on the northeast corner of Columbia avenue and Lincoln street. The structure will cost in the neighborhood of \$65,000.

It will be a three-story building, of which the upper story will be within the main roof. Below there is a basement, part of which will appear above the level of the sidewalk on Columbia avenue. Up to the level of the first floor the specifications call for rock-faced courses granite with cut granite for the window sills and architraves. From the level of the first floor to the level of the roof, pressed brick is to be used, with cut granite sandstone for relief. The roof is a steeply slanting mansard, faced with slate, with a flat top formed of felt and gravel. The upper part slopes inward to a catch basin, which will carry off all water or melted snow by a pipe running through the interior of the building. It is anticipated that this scheme will prevent the lodgement of snow upon the sides of the roof, and that melting snow on the top of the roof itself will be carried off without the formation of large masses of dangerous icicles.

The entrance to the postoffice part of the building will be gained through flights of steps rising from Columbia avenue, giving access to a large lobby 50 by 40 feet, forming the main entrance. From Lincoln street a side door gives access on the level to the custom examination room, which forms an annex to the rear of the main structure. From this door entrance is obtained to the floor above, and cut tions departments. Above this there is an attic floor which contains six rooms of fair size which can be utilized in various ways.

There are the proper fittings for lavatories, etc., on the various floors, and a spacious basement is provided which will give the room wanted for the heating arrangements, storage and fuel. There seems to be but one drawback to the plans that have arrived, and that is the absence of a strong room or vault. It is probable that the authorities intend to supply its place with a safe.

The specifications say that there can neither be any subletting of the contract, nor even piece work employed on the construction. It provides a minimum of wages adhered to, which is required to include in his estimate the cost of removing the buildings now upon the site, but these buildings are for his own disposal. The interior is to be finished in a thorough manner, the details of which are set forth with divers pains and penalties in event of non-fulfillment in the voluminous pages of the specification. It is improbable that very much can be done this season, but there will be at all events a start made, and the work can be completed next summer. It will form an exceedingly handsome addition to Columbia avenue.

MINING NOTES.

The roof is being placed upon the ore bins and sorting floor of the Nickel Plate. Arrangements are being made by the White Bear company to have a diamond drill running within the next few weeks. A mining engineer of some experience thinks it not improbable that the placer workings below the I. X. L. are upon a fall out, and that the real bed will be found at some considerable depth below the surface.

A force of men are hard at work upon the dump of the No. 1 shipping, it to the North Star smelter. The dump is composed of some of the prettiest and highly colored rock in the country.

On the Annie joint shaft there is quite a sizable dump, which is gradually growing. The ore comprising this dump is, perhaps the highest grade in camp, some parts of it running into the hundreds of dollars, and it will very well repay shipping at a later period.

The headworks on the landing platform of the aerial tramway from the Le Roi are nearly completed. The bunker above is also well in hand and will be completed within the next week. The standard or towers are as yet untouched, though they are ready framed and lying in place.

The derrick for the travelling crane which is to go in over the big shaft at the Centre Star is nearly completed, and the whole thing should be in working operation before long. This is the first of its kind in the camp, and to those who are interested in machinery this great labor saving device is well worthy of a visit.

A general inspection of the fire applications at the War Eagle and Centre Star has been made, and was witnessed by Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock. It was found to work perfectly, and the fire brigade was well up in its duties. Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock were well satisfied with the precautions taken.

Seeing the demand that is sure to ensue for macadam for the streets, one of the best known mines in camp is thinking of placing a large bunker under the chute for its waste dump with an automatic grizzly above, so that all stone under a certain size would drop into the pockets of the bin and could be taken from there by the wagons for city use. Of course the city would be expected to pay for the macadam thus obtained, but the price would be far cheaper than if the municipality were to break the stone for itself.

MINES AND MINING

Judge Townsend's Experience With London Investors.
WANT IMPROVED PROPERTIES
James Martin has Some Valuable Silver Lead Properties on Wilsin Creek in the Slocan—The Ore Assays \$73 to the Ton—Other Notes of Interest.

Mr. W. B. Townsend, J. P., has just returned from a three months' trip to the old country. He spent the most of the time in London and the rest in Cambridge and in traveling about in England. In speaking about the mining in London (towards British Columbia) he said: "On my arrival in London I found that British Columbia had received considerable of a back eye. The moneyed men claimed that they had been badly bitten by investments made here, but before leaving things had changed considerably. This was especially the case after the notification of the Le Roi No. 2 and No. 3. Then I had numerous inquiries regarding those properties, and everything pointed towards the fact that some who had invested in British Columbia shares at a low price had been called upon to pay up the balance. In Great Britain it appears to be that fully paid up shares are the safest to purchase.

"I found that the British investor wanted a safe investment in mines, and is not inclined to take chances. The first question asked when I submitted a mining proposition was: 'Is it a crown granted property? Is it developed to a sufficient extent to warrant the belief that it will pay? If these questions were answered satisfactorily they were prepared to go ahead and send an expert to British Columbia to examine the property. If they were not answered and they were told that the properties were undeveloped and not crown granted they would refuse to have anything to do with them. So there is no use going to London with undeveloped prospects. I have not the slightest doubt that just as soon as the wars in South Africa and in China are over that there will be plenty of British capital seeking investment in British Columbia, as the feeling there is that we have a meritorious mining country.

"I am very well satisfied with my trip, as I have placed several properties before parties in London who are having them examined by their own experts. Pending their reports which, if favorable, steps will be at once commenced for closing up the deals.

"Representatives of considerable capital which will be in camp this fall, and I am sure that investments will be made as a result of my visit.

"While in London I met several old B. C. friends, among these were Mr. Ernest Kennedy, W. C. Ward of the Bank of British Columbia, Mr. Robert Ward, a merchant of Victoria, and Mr. Henry of the Royal City Planning Mills of Westminster and Vancouver. They expressed themselves as being of the opinion that we were going to have better times in the near future.

"I found everywhere I went that they were surprised at the political condition of affairs in this province. They could not understand how a man like Joseph Martin could come into a province, as he did, and throw everything political into such a chaotic condition in so short a time. This seems to them a matter of continual wonder. The hope was very generally expressed that the new government would restore the prestige that the province had formerly enjoyed. The look upon Martin as a political firebrand and a continual breaker of the provincial peace.

MINING ACT.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The estimates are finally passed. A bill amending the mining act was introduced by Eberts, setting \$25 as a penalty on mining without a free miner's certificate and providing for advertising out of delinquent co-owners of claims.

Government Wagon Roads.
Mr. H. B. Smith, M. I. C. E., has been for the past week engaged in making an accurate survey of the government wagon roads in the vicinity of Rossland, with the object of furnishing the provincial government with a complete set of plans for the same, when the proper steps will be taken for the expropriation of the lands over which they run. The completion of the plans will entail another ten days' work.

Eberts Introduces Another Amendment to the Code.
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Brandon & Golden Crown Shipments.
The Brandon & Golden Crown has so far shipped 85 carloads of ore to the smelter at Trail. The mine is looking very well. The ore so far sent gives returns of from \$12 to \$25 to the ton.

Mr. P. A. O'Farrell, the well known journalist, who came on Monday, left last night for Spokane.