reduction of the present United States

import duties on lead ore and lead bul-

MINING COMPANY REPORTS.

The stockholders in a mining company

are its owners and as such are entitled

to know at frequent intervals just how

matters not if a man owns only 100

outside stockholder may purchase a

large block of the shares and hold them

the advantage of the man who has held

on to the stock through a long period?

Very seldom. The management and its

coterie of favorites, who are in the secret

of the strike, manage by a series of mis-

representations of the true situation to

ports of their condition, includ-

holders. This would keep them so well

informed that they would not at any

they were worth, simply because they

spect, is one that must be done away

the interests of the smaller hold-

tion as is given to the greater. This is

done the most for the development of

the mines of this camp, and he should

be given a fair deal. One of the meth-

ods of doing this would be to furnish

him with monthly reports on the condi-

tion of the companies in which he has

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE Ontario government has sub

scribed \$2,500 to the New Westminster

fire sufferers. This is \$2,500 more than

was contributed by the British Columbia

THE election of nearly every member-

elect of the legislature was protested,

but none of those who were declared

returned have been unseated. The pro-

ceedings in each instance savored largely

they held shares.

its affairs are being conducted.

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THE COMING BOOM.

leaving the district without making a obtainable for the surplus exported be away greatly impressed with the vast- the lead in ore treated at the governness of the mineral wealth of the Koot- ment smelters. Thus the silver-lead enays, and none of them seems to antici- miner would not reap any more advantpate anything but the brightest future age than under existing conditions. The for the district. The number of this class idea of the government smelting only of visitors is rapidly increasing. But sufficient lead for home consumption is they are only the advance guard of the out of the question. Neither could the army of investors that will invade this government engage in lead smelting country within the next twelve months, without having to consider the question shortly advance all along the line is real duty of the government is to foster small sums. certain. The great demand for property and encourage the establishment of that a large majority of them will in- system of subsidies, until such time as crease many times in value in the next they can successfully compete in the

FAURE, DICTATOR.

Things seem to be shaping themous and for many miles runs under high, selves in France for a great political precipitous rock bluffs and until it crisis over the Dreyfus affair, and "the lion. reaches Nelson passes through what has man on horseback," who will probably so far proved an unproductive country. emerge from the scene as the dictator in The other route is almost a straight this particular case, is President Faure. line to the Columbia river. As soon as The action of the military in arresting it leaves Kootenay lake it enters one of Colonel Picquart on the charge of the richest mineral districts in the Koot- forgery and of using forged documents enays and thus continues for the entire is considered to be a step in the direcdistance. It traverses about one-half tion of a military dictatorship. The rethe distance to be covered by the Nel- opening of the trial of the unfortunate Dreyfus is very strongly opposed by the Unless the C.P.R. builds this line military authorities, and so strong is without delay, three-fourths of the this feeling, apparently, that they are trade of the Nelson mining division will ready to change even the form of govern be entirely absorbed by the Great North- ment rather than have the infamies of ern railway, which contemplates build- the means used to secure the con ing a branch line from near Ymir to viction of Dreyfus exposed. President Kuskonook, thus connecting the Nelson | Faure has stood with the army and is & Fort Sheppard and the Nelson & Bed- stubborn in his opposition to the reopenlington railway by a very productive ing of the Dreyfus case. In the event feeder. The C. P. R. can scarcely afford of an acute crisis it could be made easily successful with the connivance of Presi dent Faure, for, like Cæsar, he is said to be ambitious, and is more than willing to change the plain dress of the president for the purple and power of the

Yesterday another tragedy was added to the list that has grown out of the Dreyfus case, when Madame Paulmier shot M. Ollivea, one of the editors of La Lanterne. She wished to slay M. Millerand, another editor, but it seemed she was not particular so long as she satisfied herself with some sort o editorial blood. The lady explained her desire for gore by claiming that the paper had slandered herself and husband, who is a member of the chamber of deputies, because the latter had written a letter to the minister of war with reference to putting a stop to the attacks upon the army, provoked by the Dreyfus affair. It is an axiom that violence begets violence, and in the present acute stage of the situation in France, such an incident as the shooting of yesterday cannot fail to cause other attempts of the same kind. As the country is like a powder magazine it looks as though a crisis would come before long and the scenes of the time of Napoleon III may be repeated. It will be remembered that on December 2, 1851, he usurped the reins of power in a manner that history has since denounced as unscrupulous. and which Victor Hugo has described so aptly in his "History of a Crime." All the civil and military authorities likely to oppose the usurper's plans were at that time arrested, and the army which the street and there followed a wanton and brutal massacre of the crowds on the boulevards on December 4. This overawed the people and the reign so began continued until the Franco-Ger-

man war put an end to the Napoleonic dynasty. Who knows but history may repeat itself in this case. It is not the first time that a venal army has made its way out of difficulties by the short cut made by the sword. In this instance Faure would like to play the role former-

ly enacted by Napoleon III. GOVERNMENT SMELTERS.

Hugh Sutherland, the well known politician and mining man, proposes that the lead question should be solved by the government stepping in and es-The suggestion of "Temperance" that tablishing lead manufactories. He also a public meeting be held in Rossland at | thinks that the government should own an early deate to discuss the Prohibition | the smelters and refineries. This would question, is worthy of favorable consid- mean a government monopoly of the eration. It is highly desirable that the smelting, refining and manufacturing of true sentiment of the electors of this the lead products, as well as the smeltcity shall find expression in the vote to ing and refining of gold, silver and copbe taken next Thursday. So far the per and other metals, for the reason that meetings that have been held here in all smelting processes are closely allied.

this connection have not created the in- This would not work advantageously. terest justified by a matter of such im- In the first place it would cripple private portance. They have not been adver- enterprise. The smelting and refining tised to any appreciable extent, and, as industry of British Columbia will evena result, the public is apathetic. The tually rank in equal importance to that platform is by far the best place for the of mining. Scores of smelters will be put his money. discussion of the question. It is then needed in the near future to accommothat arguments from the several points date the mining industry. This will of view can be made, and the audience call for the investment of millions of can leave with an intelligent idea of the dollars. If the government smelted and situation, and so be aroused sufficiently refined all the silver-lead ore now proto record its opinion in the ballot box. duced in the Kootenays, and manufac-THE MINER suggests that the president tured all that is required of the lead of the Rossland branch of the Dominion | manufactures of the Dominion, it would Alliance call a meeting for this purpose. find itself at the end of the year with a large surplus of pig lead which would require to be marketed abroad. Our market for lead is the United States. Seldom a day passes but some notable and the import duties of that country are personage in Eastern Canadian and already so high that they are almost English financial circles lands in Ross- prohibitory; but with the government land. They are attracted here by the in the lead smelting business they

Grenadier Guards. Private W. Oldbury CIICOECC Toronto, was also at Omdurman.

> Almost the first to announce an intention to rebuild in the ruins left by the Citizens Subscribe Liberally For the New Westminster fire was the Dominion government. The reconstruction of the Federals buildings will be commenced

Some of the people of Canada must be and they are to be congratulated for of disposing of the other values saved in afflicted with poor memories. This is their shrewdness in securing interests the process of reduction, and this, in evidenced by the fact that there are unbefore the value of mining property in itself, is an extensive and complicated claimed balances in the Canadian banks this section has climbed to many times business. Mr. Sutherland's scheme is to the extent of \$400,000. Most of this the present price. That prices will impracticable and unnecessary. The is due to the forgetful depositors of very

will do this. In the standard stocks of private smelters, refineries and manu- rolled new districts are found offermarkets of the world with those of any other country. But as a temporary policy it would be well for our statesmen tivation of the finest kind of wheat. to do their utmost to obtain sweeping

BEYOND the preadventure of a doubt the Columbia-Kootenay mine is now property of great value. The recent development done shows enormous bodies of pay ore. It would not be surprising if, by next spring, the Columbia-Kootenay will be shipping as much ore as any mine in the camp.

WHILE great praise is due Sir Herbert shares he has that much proprietary interest in the company and is as much entitled to know how its affairs are being conducted as are the few who are in cantive at Cairo. To Lord Cromer is due its objects, is as follows: trol and direct the policy and management. The small shareholder has a the credit of making the power of certain amount of his capital tied up in Britain supreme in Egypt.

the stock which he holds and as a matter self protection should be fully in- the cosmopolitan conditions that have formed as to the affairs of the company. prevailed in the United States, remarks The tendency of the management of that the San Francisco Argonaut was way addition, being lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 many mining companies is to be secretive founded by an Englishmen. This is a as to the affairs of the properties under mistake. The Argonaut was founded their charge. There are various reasons and edited for many years by Frank M. of lots 10 and 11, taken by the railway for this policy and the chief one, per- Pixley, a citizen of the United States haps, is that the management and its and, if we remember rightly, a native of friends may profit by any favorable. New York State. change in the affairs of the company. The

As a result of the New Westminster fire Victoria is aroused to the inadequacy of its water supply for fire fighting purposes. It is very important that in the neighborhood of \$5,000 when for a year or two. Suddenly there is a towns should have plenty of water for completed. The price of the lots is apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of big strike made. Does this result to such purposes, and leave nothing undone to put their fire departments on a substantial asset. The lots alone at the tion 37, must be commenced before the issuance should be one of the first considerations of municipal governments.

It is expected that Sir John H. de induce the man who has held on so long to part with his holdings at perhaps a Villiers, chief justice of Cape Colony, cent or so above the market price and so will resign from the bench and take the curling clubs. In the center will have made had he held on, or had he like Hoffmeyer, but like him he has a been kept informed, as he had a right record as a strong imperialist, and while to be, of the true condition of the prop- he may not share the strong feelings of galleries, etc., will be provided. erty. The insiders make all the profit Sir Cecil Rhodes, it is probable that at of the strike. This not as it should be heart he cherishes the dream of an and is a form of dishonesty that should united South Africa.

be legislated against, although it has THE excitement anent Lieutenantbeen held that no form of legislation Governor McInnes' dismissal of the will make men honest, if they are Turner government has at last subsided. born with that peculiar disability. Legand nothing more is heard of the inciislative enactments against dishonesty dent except an occasional fling from the with severe penalties attached often Victoria Colonist. This silence will, in make some individuals act squarely who all probability, remain unbroken until otherwise would not do so were this sort the legislative assembly convenes early of law not on the statute books. It next year. Then the whole matter will seems to us that it would be a good idea, and one which would protect the stock- be threshed out and some interesting proceedings may be looked for. holder, to compel companies to send re-

A VISITOR from Vernon informs THE ing the amount of work done, the MINER that the farmers of the Okanagan ore bodies uncovered, if any, and the valley are anxiously waiting for the to the people of Paris, was disposed in pany, at least once a month, to the stock- railway. They realize that the Koot- J. A. Mara, ex-M. P. for Kootenay, on enays are an excellent market for horses, cattle, sheep, hay and all other farm time sell out their holdings for less than products. The two districts border on each other, but until a railway is built were ignorant of the actual condition of across the Gold Range it is the same as the property of the company in which if they were 500 miles apart. The cost of living in Rossland should be reduced almost one-half as soon as the railway The opinion, so universal, that a small stockholder has no rights in a stock is completed company that the larger ones should re-

HON. JOSEPH MARTIN, attorney-general, has gone to Quebec to watch British with or it will result in great injury to Columbia's interests at the International the mining industry. The better conference. If he is instrumental in gaining a reasonable reduction of the ers are protected the larger will United States import duties on lead ore the investments in mining shares beand lead bullion he will earn the lasting come. This being true it is certainly to gratitude and respect of the silver-lead the interest of every corporation operatminers of this Province. By a reduction ing mines and mining properties to give of these duties Kootenay mines will save the smaller interests the same informaannually many thousands of dollars, and an impetus will be thereby given to nothing more than justice, and the better the small shareholder is treated section which will almost immediately the more he will be induced to make inresult in the commencement of work in vestments in shares. After all, it has a hundred mines in this district. been the small shareholder that has

THE Victoria Colonist, referring to THE MINER'S plea that a supreme court judge be appointed to reside in Kootenay, intimates that it rests with the Provincial legislature and not the Dominion government to say in what locality a supreme court judge shall reside. THE MINER still holds to its St. George's church and their friends to opinion that it was the duty of Mr. Bostock, member of parliament for this district, to have urged upon the Dominion authorities the advisability of ar- erty for the purpose is now being negoranging for the residence of a supreme tiated for, so that definite steps to procourt judge in Kootenay. Even though the government at Ottawa had not the power to issue instructions in the land, and Keble college, Oxford, sent matter, the minister of justice could another denation a week since. The have made a recommendation to the style of church has not yet been decided Provincial government. This could have been done with propriety, and could of the British type. They say that such

QUEBEC claims to have a share in the S. Thornton Langley is in Brooklyn. recent fight at Omdurman. Among the George H. Bayne is back from a trip richness of our mines. The MINER has would probably be increased. This would participants were Major Herbert Smith yet to hear of one of these magnates result in the price that would be and Sergeant Bertie Nathan, of the to Halcyon Hot Springs.

Skating Rink.

CERTAIN TO PAY

Messrs. Becher and Strickland Secured Cash Subscriptions to the Extent of \$5,650 Yesterday Afternoon - An Easy Flotation.

A. Lorne Becher and A. W. Strickland, As the map of British Columbia is un- who are interested in the formation of the Rossland Skating & Curling Rink, the Rossland camp alone it is safe to say factories of lead products, by a liberal ing immense opportunities in the way of limited, broke all records yesterday in natural resources. It has just been dis- the way of company flotation. In a covered that the millions of acres of short time Saturday afternoon they semagnificent land in the Peace River cured cash subscriptions of \$5,650 to the valley are admirably adapted to the cul- capital of the company, which is placed at \$13,000. Only a small part of the business men was seen, and there seems to be no doubt that the rink will be floated without difficulty. Mr. Becher is satisfied that it will be a dividendpaying proposition, and he is presenting it to the subscribers on that basis. As it is desirable to scatter the stock as widely as possible the allotments to individual members have been small, and in many cases the amount allotted is of such certificate of improvements. considerably less than the amount which Kitchener for the thoroughness that he shareholders have offered to take. The has displayed in his campaign on the directors are Hon. T. Mayne Daly, John Upper Nile, let us not forget the splendid M. Smith, W. H. Goodeve, Ross Thompwork that has been done by Lord Cromer, son, George E. Pfunder, J. S. C. Fraser Great Britain's diplomatic representa- the company, which tersely puts forth

purpose of purchasing land in the city of Rossland and erecting thereon a large THE Kaslo Kootenaian, referring to and commodious skating and curling

and 11, bounded by Spokane street and Second avenue. These lots are 172 by 210 feet, except for a triangular portion

The rink will be 130 by 190 feet, and there will be 47 feet left vacant on the west side of the rink which could be It is expected that the rink will cost present trend of the value of real estate, will probably be worth twice as much in a few years as the present purchase

the view of accommodating the general skating public, also the bockey and loses a possible profit that he would premiership. He is of Dutch ancestry sheet of ice 80 x 100 feet; on each side of

climatic conditions prevailing in Rossland, it must be a self evident fact that winter sport will always be a popular feature in the city, and the past has proved that a first class rink is not only much needed and will be liberally patronized, but will prove a paying in-

It is expected that the sale of season the hockey and curling clubs and from hockey matches, carnivais and other

The management of the company is in the hands of reliable and practical men, and the belief is warranted that the shares in this company will prove to be at an early date a most profitable in-

OUR FORMER MEMBER.

the Political Situation. J. A. Mara, ex-M. P. for this district, has been in the city for several days past negotiating for the sale of the ground occupied by the Alhambra hotel on Washington street, near First avenue. The deal was consummated Saturday. The purchase price was \$6,000. Mr. Mara when asked to express his

opinion in regard to the probable divis-

ion of the Kootenay-Yale-Cariboo electoral district in the near future as outlined by Hewitt Bostock, M. P., smiled and declared he did not see how this could well be done until a census of the population of the country had been taken. It is only upon such a basis, he said, that a redistribution can be propundertaken. He remarked that confederation British Columbia became entitled to six members of the the house of commons, equally divided between the Island and the Mainland. At that time the bulk of the population of this province resided on Vancouver Now, however, it is the reverse, the silver-lead mining industry of this and by for the largest number of people are on the Mainland. Mr. Mara is strongly in favor of increased representation for Kootenay, but he is of the opinion that no legislation to that end will be passed until after the next census has been taken.

Mr. Mara expressed his warm approval of the arrangements that are being made to thoroughly organize the Conservative

party in this province. Will Build a Church. Steps are being taken by the ladies of organize so as to have socials and entertainments during the winter. The object is to raise enough money to build a new church in the early spring. Propvide for the building can now be taken. Several kind donations have come to hand from friends in England and Scotgregation runs towards a stone structure have been easily secured by Mr. Bostock. a church will be to them a perpetual reminder of the mother country.

> Orders for extra copies of THE WEEKLY MINER should be given not later than Saturday.

The Virginia Gold Mining Company. All shareholders of this company are hereby required to send in their stock certificates to the secretary, at Rossland, B. C., within 21 days from this date, to obtain certificates of The Virginia Mining company, limited (non personal liability) in exchange. The Virginia Gold Mining company is being disincorporated. Dated 14th September, 1898.

THOMAS CORSAN, Secretary

Certificate of Improvements.

Bannock, Red Top and Ethel mineral claims situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About five miles east of the Columbia river on the northwest fork of Bear creek. Take notice that I. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Anthony J. McMillan, Esq., free miner's certificate No. 13,189A, intend, 60 days

recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 24th day of August, 1898.

from the date hereof, to apply to the mining

Certificate of Improvements.

No. 1 Le Blanc group, No. 2 Le Blanc group, No. 3 Le Blanc group, Drill and Northern Light mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About six miles east of the Columbia river on the divide between Champion and Bear

agent for Anthony J. McMillan, Fsq., free miner's certificate No. 13189, A, 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

Dated this 24th day of August, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

The company has been formed for the Mining Division of West Ksotenay District. Where located: On Columbia mountain, about

Dated this 4th day of August, A. D., 1898

Certificate of Improvements.

Certificate of Improvements.

12,990, and Charles Freeberg, free miner's certifi-Dated this 19th day of September, 1898.

J. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements.

Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, agent for Thomas E. Haley. certificate No. 9609, and Fred Barker, free miner's certificute No. obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. f such certificate of improvements. Dated this 4th day of August, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

Concordia mineral claim, situated in the Trail trict. Where located: Adjoining the Atlantic Cable, Dominion and Eureka mineral claims. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as To. 76,852, and John A. Finch, free miner's cerificate No. 1,674A, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a cerbtaining 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 14th day of September, 1898. F. A. WILKIN

R. E. Lee Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

o the R. E. Lee Gold Mines, Limited, they must Shares not claimed within the above time will

9-17-14 dw Rossland Homestake Gold Mining

Co., Limited Liability. Shareholders in this company are hereby notiand executed for the transfer of the undertaking to The Homestake Mines, Limited, they must claim their allotment of shares and pay an assessment of two cents per share in new company within 30 days from this date.

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(Editorial concluded from Page 4.) THE CROW'S NEST EXTENSION

ELSEWHERE it will be seen that the C. P. R. is preparing to locate a line of railway through the southern portion of the Nelson Mining division from Kuskonook to Trail. THE MINER has frequently called attention to this route. As the Crow's Nest Pass railway will eventually be used as the main transcontinental line of the C. P. R., and it is highly important that it should follow the shortest practical route. The Crow's Nest Pass railway is about ready for operation from Kuskonook to the Territories; but it has yet to be constructed from Kuskonook to the Columbia river. One route for its continuation is along the shore of Kootenay lake to Nelson, there to connect with the Columbia & Kootenay branch. The other choice is via Salmo and Trail, there to connect with the Robson-Pen-

ticton railway. The Nelson route is extremely tortu-

to allow this, and hence it is that the

## survey referred to is being made.

THE ORIENTAL CRISIS. The news Friday morning reveals that there has been a reshuffling of the cards emperor. and a new deal in the Chinese empire. The weak and yielding Emperor has virtually abdicated and the Dowager-Empress, who has always been a strong and forceful personage, has taken into her hands the reins of power. Kang Humoi, Cantonese reformer, and friend of the British, has fled to Shanghai in order to avoid arrest and possible loss of life. While the Emperor was a mere puppet in the hands of his scheming mother allowed to reign, but when he showed a tendency to conduct the affairs of the Empire in a manner contrary to the policy of the dowager-empress, his royal mother, such pressure was brought to bear that he was compelled, owing to his weakness and general lack of backbone, to virtually abdicate. The dowager-empress was once a peasant, but is a woman of indomitable will and most persistent in carrying out her policy. This incident may be fraught with the gravest consequences. The ambitious and unscrupulous Li Hung Chang will doubtless be recalled, and this means than Russian influence dominant in Chinese court The lust of the Muscovites long as Russian gold holds Li Hung Chang, smarting under his recent dismissal from the Tsung Li Yamen or foreign office, through the influence of Sir Claude MacDonald, the British ambassader, will be liable to out Herod Herod in his efforts to frustrate the laudable ambition of Great Britain in China. This will go on till the patience of the British is completely exhausted and then, doubtless, there will be an appeal to arms. In that event Great Britain will get by the sword that which she has failed to secure by diplomacy. Indeed, the situation seems

must come sooner or later over the clashing interests of Great Britain and Russia in the Far East, and it might just as well be commenced tomorrow as

at any other date.

fraught with historic possibilities. War

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