Commssioner Clute concluded his labors here Saturday. During the day a good deal of important testimony was given showing the changes made in the cost and methods of working the mines under the 10-hour system and under the eight-hour law now in force. The working and effect of the contract system was also gone into very thoroughly in detail and the commis-sioner has obtained any number of statistics from several sources on the labor question generally. Incre was a lairsized audience present at yesterday's session. Mr. Clute on several occasions during the sittings has addressed those present, pointing out the extreme desirability of approaching the matters under consideration with the greatest care and the utmost fairness. If this were done, he said, he felt sure that any serious difficulty might be avoided to the great and benefit of all concerned. The proceedings under the commission in this city have been carried out with the utmost cordiality, there being no jarring note to disturb the good feeling that apparently exists under admittedly high pressure generally. The evident desire of Mr. Clue to obtain every available niece of obtain every available piece of reliable information and his scrupulous care to avoid giving offence to any of the witnesses has created an exceedingly favorable opinion of the commissioner's absolutely fair methods in conducting the

Mr. Bernard McDonald, general manager of the British America corporation properties, continued his evidence from the previous day. He stated that for the past four years he had been repeatedly called upon by capitalists to report on properties in all the important mining camps in Kootenay and Yale, instancing Rossland Sandon and other points in the Slocan. All through the Boundary Creek district and in Republic camp, and added that as a result of his personal inspection and report and urrough his innaence, during wise constitutes almost the entire sup-the time mentioned, capitalists had been ply of the Canadian Pacific smelter at induced to invest very large sums of money in the mining industry in and about the camps named. He had conting ed to be and was still in touch with Can-adian capitalists and since the passing of recent legislation resulting in the present recent legislation resulting in the present labor troubles and general uneasiness that was now manifest all through this section of the province the capitalists mentioned have clearly manifested a preference for investing out of British witness went into details of several instances coming within his own personal knowledge, in which the eight-hour law and the labor troubles generally had been the means of driving out Eastern Canadian capitalists, adding that the fear of further unfavorable legislation by the local parliament had absolutely prevented large sums of money from being invested here, and gave as an instance the request of a wealthy Montreal syndicate made to him instance to his coming out to assume the syndicate made to him instance to his coming out to assume the syndicate made to him instance to his coming out to assume the syndicate made to him instance to his coming out to assume the syndicate made to him instance the request of a sible to use heavy machinery and operate on a large scale. In this way went into details of several injust prior to his coming out to assume operate on a large scale. In this way his present position, to proceed to Mexico low grade ore which would be unprofitable and look after some heavy mining investments there for the syndicate. That
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the B. A. C., showing that the total investments made by that corporation in the province amounted to \$6,198,761.94 up to December 22nd, 1899. Some of the fig. ures given are interesting. The statement shows that the following amounts were inshows that the following amounts were invested in obtaining the properties mentioned and expended upon them for development to date: Le Roi, \$3,950,362; West Le Roi group, \$921,675:17; Least Le Roi group, \$559,185.12; Columbia-Kootenay group, \$471,165.21; Caledonia group, \$47 creek, \$31,291.63; Tootsie Whoop Up, Sophie mountain, \$17,944.15; Hoskins group, East Kootenay, \$7,530.14; Argentine group, north fork Salmon, \$,6-722.02; Wild Horse group, Ymir, 4,185.24; making a total of \$5,978,060.68. Expended for examination of mines and mining districts in British Columbia and on options on mining properties, \$42,832.52. On surface improvements and other expenditure \$39,682.48. Supplies carried in stock, \$32, 000. Cost of administration, \$106.186.25. Making a grand total of \$6,198,761.94. The number of men now employed and their nationality were given as follows:

In the office, British subjects, 14; Amer-Shops, British, 11; Americans, 3; Dan-

Teamsters, British, 5; Americans, 2. West Le Roi, British, 28; Americans,

mast Le Roi, British, 18. Americans, 20:

Columbia-Kootenay, British, 15; Amer icans, 15; Italians, 1.

The figures for the Le Roi hau not been totalled, but were filed in detail. When the machinery that is now being installed is in working order the number of men

quanfied miners in the country to satisfy the demand either at the present time or in the future. The supply would but to come from other mining centres, principally from the United States. A few might come from Nova Scotia and from ing points in Ontario and Australia, but the bulk of the men would naturally come from the United States. Any attempt made to restrict the entry of skilled miners into the province would undoubtine development being edly result in n

greatly retarded. To Mr. Houston the witness said he had not experienced any difficulty in obtaining miners so far, but his superiatendents had reported that contracts let to some of his men had been abandoned, the men being intimidated and forced to The witness said further that he was in favor of the mining in-dustry being cultivated to the highest ex-

THE INQUIRY CLOSED

said he had let very many contracts for all kinds of mining work and since the passing of the eight-hour law he had let 2,500 feet of work in the Slocan. He had personally frequently worked as a contract miner and had no recollection of any occasion in which the amount paid him was less than the average weges paid. In Sandon this year contractors made from \$5 up, and the men all made not less than \$3.50 per day. The most skilled miners will do the best work and the foremen or managers were never so exacting as to has created a mutual industrial depen. managers were never so exacting as to involve the probability of the men making managers were never so exacting as to low less than the regular wages. One reason by, S. W. Hall, Nicholas Tregear, W. S. Haskins and Others Speak of Contract Work—Capital Invested Here.

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Star mines, was then called and gave the following facts and figures:

The capital invested at the mines them selves is about \$3,500,000, nearly all of this being Canadian. The principal owners live in Toronto. This, however, is but a fraction of the capital invested and absolutely dependent upon the above mines. It includes the Trail smelter and railroad connections, the entire town of Trail, and about 40 per cent of the town of Rossland. The relation of these mines to the comnunity may be briefly stated as follows

Present Average daily tonnage about British America Corporation 354 tons War Eagle and Centre Star 416 tons

Average from published official figures for the past two weeks.

The British America corporation ore constitutes the main supply of the Le Rii smelter at Northport. Shutting down its mines would close the smelter and depopulate the town.

The War Eagle and Centre Star ore like

Trail. A stoppage of the mines would close this smelter and depopulate the town

The town of Rossland is also entirely dependent upon the mines-having n other productive industry. The mengem ployed and, therefore, the wages paid ou are distributed approximately as follows: British America corporation, about 45 per cent; War Eagle and Centre Star, about

had not been for the trouble referred to."

Mr. McDonald then verified a state:

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Archive the product to lower in grade with the product to ment prepared by the proper officials of increasing depth. While developing and

> For all these reasons it is necessar; to ower the present expense of mining and treating ore. The future of the community depends upon the extent to which these economies can be carried.
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> The present rate of wages is as follows

Machine miners, \$3.50, and in shafts \$4 to \$4.50; shovelers and car men, \$2.50; timbermen, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4; mechanics (machinists), 3.50 to \$4; engineers, \$3.50 and \$3, for underground eight-hour work.

The present shift is eight (8) hours for all underground work. Surface work is

ten (10) hours, including time for dinner The number of names upon rolls December 19th, 1899, is 617. Reducing this to the number of men at thirty (30) shifts per month gives about 590 as the average number of employes. In the future hope to have work for from 750 to 1,000

In accordance with your instructions a census of our pay roll employes was taken December 22nd, 1899. Each man was asked his nationality and reported as follows: British subjects, 265; United States citizens (born or naturalized) 281; Italian, 7; German. 3; Swede, 3; Frenchmen, 3; Finlanders, 12; Laplanders, 2; Belgium, 1; Austria. 1; Switzerland, 1; total, 578. Out of our force of 264 machine miners, 83, or 31.4 per cent report themselves as British

subjects. There has always been a surplus of unskilled labor and a shortage of skilled machine drill miners. These are greatly needed and for want of them it has hithertoo been necessary to employ a number The manager said he was quite conndent of men who are not competent for this particular work. This is because each smelter must have a certain minimum tonnage in order to operate at a reasonable cost. The mine's production must reach this minimum tonnage and, falling to Go so, the smelter and, therefore, the mine supplying it must shut down. The mines have continued to operate in this uneconomical way in the endeavor to build up complete force of skilled machine men They cannot continue to do so and still less can they enlarge their operations without a supply of such men. It take years of experience to make a skilled miner, and his work is worth good pay.

The mining companies here are anxiou to secure such men and to make it worth their while to remain. It is well u stood that the only source of supply is the United States. Eastern Canada cannot furnish them because of the distance, the limited number of mining districts and the that he was in favor of the mining industry being cultivated to the highest extent and for that purpose be was in favor of the importation of alien labor.

Referring to contract labor at a later stage of the proceedings Mr. McDonald

has created a mutual industrial dependence which cannot be severed by a poli

who were skillful and thoroughly competent go in for contracts, where their skill, knowledge and practical experience is sure to bring them a handsome return. And inexperienced miner or a new hand would be useless to the management for contract work. Contracts to be satisfactory to the company should only be given to the best men. He had never had contracts objected to before and asserted that he did not believe that the effect of giving out contracts would reduce the wages earned by the proper men or result in the employment of inferior miners for the reasons he had already given.

Mr. Edmund B. Kirby, the manager of the War Eagle Consolidated and Centre Star mines, was then called and gave the following facts and figures: work or to all mines. In these cases one or both parties must suffer from the attempt to legislate comforts for one class out of the pockets of another.

The majority of mines do not pay, but are circles.

are sinking money in the effort to find pay ore. Any increase of their burden disis enough to destroy its profits and create a loss. Any persistent interference will "kill the goose that lays the golden eggs." A difference of two-tenths in the labor received for wages amounts to a profit in itself. Few mines can stand such a burden if it is imposed upon them. If unable to get relief by the contract system, many mines must close. I need hardly add that capital is proverbially timid and nothing will scare it off so promptly as class legisman.

witness said he never knew of contracts being objected to. Contracts did not tend to lower wages. If the average pay for contract work did not greatly exceed the

staff as they now had, but a time would of their trip, and consider the Pend d' come when they would require to again Oreille section an ideal hunting ground. increase the laborers in proportion, and so on from time to time the increase would

be necessary. The ore in the Iron Mask and Le Roi were identical. Fifteen feet

Arbitrators allow Roberts et al., \$9,500 week is about the average of the camp. Nicholas Thomas Tregear, manager of

shifts, they averaged 157 feet per month per machine, or 5 feet 4 inches per day. They could not accomplish the same results under the eight-hour law. He differed from Mr. Hall in thinking 15 feet railway people will appeal the decision, a week the average work obtained in the camp. He did not tunk there was a but it is generally thought that both sides will accept the finding of the arbitrators. great difference in the hardness of the rock at the mines named, but thought the average was about the same. He concluded by saying that in his opinion contract Tuttle to Mr. Bert Hunter, of Hunter vork would not have a tendency to lower Brothers and company. The marriage the wages of the miners. There was no which will be a very quiet one, will I trouble in letting contracts to the very

best miners. Mr. Hall maintained that there was a great deal of difference between the rock encountered in the Columbia-Kootenay and the Iron Mask, the rock of the form-

er being much softer. Mr. Devine put in some figures showing the membership of the local union to be about 1,300. They owned \$15,000 worth of property, and had paid out for deaths and

sick benefits \$3,638.

Gold Commissioner Kirkup handed in each of the messengers, \$10 for the opersome statistics asked for and Mr. Clute. innounced that the commission was closed so far as Rossland was concerned.

Mrs. J. T. McKenzie and Miss Jennie

THE DOMINION BUILDING SITE

MR. WM. HENDERSON HAS RECOM-MENDED FOUR LOTS.

The Site Not Definitely Chosen as Yet, But Probably Will Be in a Saort Time.

street and First avenue, the lot on the

an undertaking from parties interested in having their own particular sites chosen, that they will make good the difference between \$12,500 and the particular With all these townsmen in South Afficial to the Miners' Union in Rossland and Lindsay and Macdonald, have also sent in their names and had built a hall which cost \$7,000. The union paid \$10 a week sick benefits, the members making their two sites on the avenue mentioned are unwith Oom Paul's legions. doubtedly suitable sites, it almost seems a pity that some effort should not be made courages or stops the enterprise. A large pay mine, like any other producing ousiness is a complicated affair, delicately adof Columbia avenue and Washington justed to its conditions. A slight change is enough to destroy its profits and create present postoffice now stands, together

wall scare it off so promptly as class legislation or labor trouble.

Referring to the contract system, the mount asked by the seller. No one will amount asked by the seller. No one will amount asked by the seller.

A Successful Hunting Trip. where the wages were \$3.50 for 10-hour shifts. He had managed the Iron Mask messrs. G. E. Townshend and George under both systems—the 10-hour and 8-hour shifts—there was little or no difference in the work attained under either system. They made an average of 15 feet per week with two shifts in all the work—nega under the old law, and 14 87-100 feet under both systems. It cost more under both systems are a storm of 15 for 10-hour shifts. He had managed the Iron Mask messrs. G. E. Townshend and George Dan Godfrey was overheard to remark that he received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in the there was of 15 miles, to the lodge of George Amorine, a hunter and stance of 15 miles, to the lodge of George Amorine, a hunter and stance of 15 miles, to the lodge of George Amorine, a hunter of 15 miles, to the lodge of George Amorine, and about 20 minutes at that he received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in the there was overheard to remark that he received a colder reception in the there was overheard to remark the received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in the there was overheard to remark the received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in the theta the received a colder reception in the theta the received a colder reception in the that he received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in the that he received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in the that he received a colder reception in the that he received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in the that he received a colder reception in that he received a colder reception in the that he received a colder reception in that he received a under both systems. It cost more under the eight hour, as they were obliged te employ three more laborers at \$2.50 per Grouse are plentiful in that vicinity, and distributed in such a grand cause once their at the was they were obliged to eight hours. Or whether the men worked assist in such a grand cause once their at the was they were obliged to eight hours. Or whether the men worked assist in such a grand cause once their at the was they were obliged to eight hours. Or whether the men worked assist in such a grand cause once their at the was they were obliged to eight hours. day to keep the ore sorters busy. They could employ more drills with the same They are greatly pleased with the result

A DECISION REACHED For Lots.

Nicholas Thomas Tregear, manager of the Giant, and at one time foreman of the Le Roi, said that under the new law about 20 more men were necessary in various capacities in order to do the same amount of work. This would mean a daily increased cost of about \$65. The average miner will not do as much work in eight hours as be will in 10 hours. In the arbitrators in the Roberts-C. P. R. matter lost no time in coming to a conclusion. They gave their decision Thursday evening, and after taking all the evidence given into consideration, they unanimously decided that \$9,500 was a fair price to be paid by the railway to Mr. Roberts for the four lots expropriated.

It will be remembered that the railway offered the sum of \$7,000, and drifting there was very little difference under either system of the number of the number of feet made per month.

W. S. Haskins, manager of the Nickel Plate and Columbia-Kootenay said that under the old system, working two 10-hour.

It will be remembered that the railway to the same and development of the western portion of the western portion of the western portion of the western portion of the number of the vendors refused to accept the north belt will cause Rossland to grow in to the west and is getting ready which would be acceptable. It is underfor the real estate boom which he feels stood, however, that the price figured under the old system, working two 10-hour. upon by them was \$10,000, and it will be town. seen that the amount allowed by the arbitrators comes within \$500 of amount.. It is not known whether the

The engagement is announced of Mis celebrated in this city early in the year. Mr. Hunter's new residence, near the home of Hon. T. Mayne Daly, is very

A Merry Christmas.

Mr. J. J. Taylor, of the War Eagle and Centre Stare mines, who has been on an extended trip to the east for the past Mrs. J. T. McKenzie and Miss Jennie extended trip to the east for the passin, leave this morning to spend Xmas four months, has returned to the camp. in Northport with Dr. and Mrs. Geo. While away Mr. Taylor visited, among Armstrong. Dr. McKenzie will join them tomorrow.

OFF TO THE WAR.

Messrs. Squires and Hughes Have Beer Accepted-Start This Evening.

Mr. Joseph Squires and Mr. Thomas Hughes of this city, some days ago apolied for places in the second Canadian Two Witnesses Examined Yesterday-Mr. contingent for South Africa, and ever since their application was made, have been eagerly looking for a favorable reply. Saturday evening the answer came in the Mr. William Henderson, the resident shape of a wire from Commissioner Her-

Police, two and a half years street and First avenue, the lot on the southeast corner of First avenue and Washington street, and the lot on the northwest corner of Columbia avenue and Lincoln street, where the Bowling alley now stands.

Police, two and a half years today and tomorrow. Yesterday the southeast corner of First avenue and as farrier, drawing a non-commission with the side of the question was taken up and two witnesses were examined for about an hour in the morning before are clute started up to the mines.

Northwest Mounted Police.

Mr. James Devine, secretary of the

now stands.

It is understood that in the case of any of these lots that the government will not be obliged to pay more than \$12,500 for two lots having a joint frontage of 60 to the front. He wired, offering his services, some days ago. Two other exponent of the miner of the miner of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary of the past 16 years, was a resident of Rossland and Secretary

amount asked by the owner. There is a general concensus of opinion that the buildings should be located, if at all possible, on Columbia avenue, and while the seat of war, and citizens will, if possible, their maintenance paid, if they have take still further interest in the struggle

A Present for the Chief.

Mr Donald Guthrie, chief of the fire Mr Donald Guthrie, chief of the fire department, was presented with a hand-some gold badge Saturday. The pres-entation was made by Assistant Chief Collins on behalf of himself and the other members of the fire department, to which Chief Guthrie made a fitting response. The badge is a handsome gold one and bears the inscription: "D. Guthrie, chief Ross-land fire department." The centre por-tion is ornamented with hooks, ladders tion is ornamented with hooks, ladders and trumpets and the rim with rays and for \$3, and in outlying mines they were laurel leaves.

MANSION HOUSE FUND.

fuse to take contracts at all and the system would be ended. The great inducement to take contracts in place of wages was the increased amount earned by the hard workers. Otherwise the miner could get his wages and take it easy when the shift boss was not around. Pay under the shift boss was not around pay around pay around pay around pay around the site shift boss was not around pay arou tention was aroused. Why wont some of Ontario, but who worked in the Ymin our prosperous citizens take the initia-tive? While I feel you will not grudge this space, allow me to thank you for same. I remain, dear sir, yours, etc., "BRITON."

Rossland, Dec. 23, 1899. Bought the White Bear Surface.

Mr. John Y. Cole has purchased the surface rights of the White Bear for town- day they all went to work at Ymir. He site purposes. He will, within a short worked three days, some of the party time, commence the erection of ten resi- worked five, others six, and he quit bedences on the ground. Mr. Cole has not cause he had been brought out under false it to this municipality. He thinks the agreed to furnish him work development of the western portion of for six months from his arthe north belt will cause Rossland to rival, subject to good behavior and

A Pleasant Christmas Party.

A pleasant Christmas party was given last night at the Cosmos by Mrs. M. A. Nashwander. About 15 couples were present, and the entertainment consisted of

DISCHARGED TO DIE.

But Mrs. Fitzpatrick Didn't Lose Hope. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Accom-

go to it as a first resort, how much misery and suffering would be spared. Mrs. John fitzpatrick of Gananoque, after being treated by eminent physicians for heart disease of five years standing was dis-charged from the hospital as a hopeless incurable. The lady procured Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, she declared as lest recent the Heart, she declared as friends, in his affliction through the loss

Over 15 Chinamen complained to the Deposition of R. G. Maxwell, M. police that they had been snow-balled by P., will be glad to learn that he was able boys on Sunday.

SHORT SESSION OF THE ENOURY

COMMISSIONER CLUTE INSPECTS THE WAR EAGLE AND LE ROL

Devine of the Miners' Union and Mr. Brown or sudbury Testify.

Commissioner Clute paid a lengthy Vision Some important testimony will be given today and tomorrow. Yesterday me

a sick member goes to the hospital. The miners in this district pay \$1 a month to the doctor and he usually pays for main-tenance in the hospital. Of the 1,500 members 850 were born on British soil, but he could not say positively whether they were citizens. A great many aliens had taken out papers in this country. There were at least 500 aliens, mostly Americans, probably American-born, quite a few Italians and some from Sweden. The prevailing rate of wages in this section was: Machine men, \$3.50; ham-

mermen, \$3, but a great many receive paid \$3.50. The large mines use machinery. Muckers get \$2.50 a day. Of course, a certain class of machine men, called shaftmen, receive \$4, and in some instances Editor Miner:—Referring to your edi- \$4.24. It was also customary to pay more torial note in Sunday morning's issue, re in wet shafts, or where the ventilation the painfully inert condition of the Ross-was bad. Very little work was done unland contribution to the Mansion House der contract; none that he knew of here. general wage paid, the miners would refuse to take contracts at all and the system would be ended. The great induce the manufacture of the Bank of Montreal, is away, and Mr. Mackintosh is also out of the subject. A casual observer marks on the subject. A casual observer meet the demand, and he thought the outcannot but note that on the occasion of look bright in this respect. He did not marks on the subject. A casual observer meet the demand, and he thought the outcannot but note that on the occasion of any particular banquet in the city our think the demand could be supplied en-

> enthusiastic and substantial appreciation on top till 7 in the morning, and there of the appeal for funds, but Rossland was from 15 to 20 minutes lost in going stands conspicuously idle and content with to work, and the same amount of time lost

> W. F. Brown, formerly of Sudbury, mine last summer under contract, was then sworn. Mr. Brown testified that he Josie mine in this camp for some three months, but was out of employment now. He was a Canadian and British subject, and had always worked eight hours. H had left Sudbury on August 4th with 11 other miners, and on the following Mondecided yet whether he will start a rival pretenses. He produced a contract dattown to Rossland or whether it will be ed July 30, between himself and John E. called the White Bear addition and add Mitchell of Nelson, by which Mitchell

told him there was no strike in British Co'umbia, but that the mines had shut down at the end of May and they wanted to start up again, but could not get

All the 12 men who came out did not leave the Ymir mine; he thought three of dancing and refreshments. It was a very Sudbury his wages were \$1.90 a day, and the miners furnished their blankets. At them were there yet. At Sudbury board uSdbury his wages were \$1.90 a day, and three men who had remained at the Ymir mine were paid \$1.42 a day at Sudbury, but they were not miners.

At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's evicomplished What the Physicians dence the commissioner announced that no further evidence would then be taken, If the thousands of people who rush to but that he would sit again in the morn worthy a remedy as a last resort would ing at 10 o'clock. It is probable that a lengthy and important session will be held

Lost His Only Daughter.

Mr. J. R. Fraser, employed at the War a last resort. One dose relieved a very by death of his only daughter, Ella. The acute spasm in less than half an hour, and three bottles cured her. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

The Main Event Was the

OUTPUT LAST WEEK 4.9

suming Shipment

erties in Sheep Creek Being X. L. Continues to Improv Tupper Coming on the the After His Mining Interests.

The principal event of the ing circles was the resumpt ments by the Giant. Three 75 tons, were shipped to the ing the past week. This is shipment from the Giant. In 114 tons of ore to the smel earlier history of the camp th bonded by the management o ma smelter and then sever were forwarded to Tacoma a there. There are tons of ore on the Giant dun is to be sent to the smelter Creek valley two companies commenced operations on claims. These are the Evening claims. The surface showing and the ore carries gold, silv zinc and lead. This mineral s extension of the rich leads mountain. The miners there able to get their ores out via There are a number of claims ley, and also up the sides of Ni tain, and if the two companies ing there are successful, it will opening of other properties.

Sir Charles Tupper, the chair
New Gold Fields of British Col be here on December 28th, for pose of examining the proper

Rossland some two years since resulted in the investment of co capital here, and it is hoped the r result will follow his pr I. X. L. continues to important to make a mine of co portance. There are a numb aked on O. K. mountain, and fair surface showings, and the gattained by the development of L. should have the effect of indu ers of neighboring prospects to

Velvet and Portland companies the New Gold Fields of British

s the parent company. Mr.

very enterprising, and has god tions and following. Sir Char-

developing them.

Considerable attention was dra exestigation of the mining la on by Mr. Clute. Both the mi nd the miners gave testimony clearer understanding of the both sides, and mutual c ere should result a healing of fferences have arisen. has won the good will of all vappeared before him by the fa his bearing and his evident in get out the facts.

The Ore Shipments. The output of the camp for well up to the average, 4,932 been sent down to the smel nclude the output sent down y up to 4 o'clock the shipments been entered up, otherwise, the would have exceeded 5,000 tons. I ments for yesterday will be incertain this week's figures. It will be not the Giant joins the list, being credit tons, dispatched during the Northport. The I. X. L. sent out shipment of 25 tons of rich ore, Monte Christo is credited with oads, or 100 tons. The Le Roi l ist with 2, 272 tons; the War Centre Star combined sent out 2, while the Iron Mask's output

ons. The Northport smelter 2,372 tons, and Trail 2,560 tons. The Ore Output. Appended is a detailed stateme roximately) of the camp's output eek ending December 23rd, and

Week, Tons. Ye le Roi..... 2,272 War Engle...... 1,440 Iron Mask...... 120 ening Star... eer Park.... entre Star.... 900 olumbia - Kootenay --irginia.... ---otain Trail..... X. L..... 25 lonte Christo...

Total tons... 4,932 War Eagle and Centre Star .- Mr. manager of the War Eagle an Star, has been very busy at th the week in preparing figures C. Clute's inquiry, the result of pears in another column. The h gle compressor has been runni ek, and the output of the cones speaks for itself of the p The diamond drill has bee usy all week with good results, ulty has been experienced in v machine. Beyond the fact the Cooper Manufacturing Co., defendants in the big suits mer week, has got back at the War ome w by issuing a writ for de here southing of special interest rt this week about the two big Sunset No. 2.-The strike on the on the 100-foot level is, it seen t important that has yet been n the property. The ledge was cor a distance of 26 feet, and ha brifted along on the south side for ce of about 20 feet. The ore when crosscut, was bunch; , it is claimed, to be getting d more copper is coming in. The grade. It is expected, too, the will improve when it has bee

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on a little further toward the