

MINISTER OF MINES IS HERE

CONFERS WITH THE BOARD OF TRADE AND MINING CHAMBER.

The Wants of the Section in the Way of Roads, etc., Outlined to Him—What He Promises to Do.

Hon. Richard McBride, minister of mines, arrived in Rossland yesterday afternoon, and acceding at once to a request to meet a deputation of the Kootenai Board of Trade and of the Chamber of Mines, an arrangement was made for an interview at the Allan Hotel at 2 o'clock, when there were present: Hon. Mr. McBride, and Messrs Thomas Taylor, M.P.P., or the Revelstoke riding, C. O. Lalonde, president of the Board of Trade, J. B. Johnson, vice-president of the Board of Trade, C. S. Walls, J. B. McArthur, J. S. C. Fraser, John Smith, J. Ferguson, McRae, W. T. Oliver, H. F. Mytton, J. Stillwell Clute, H. W. C. Jackson and Smith Curtis, M. P. P. Mr. Mytton as chairman of the committee which had been appointed to bring several matters before the attention of the hon. minister was the spokesman.

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only quarterly instead of monthly, but this suggestion did not meet with a unanimous reception.

Mr. McArthur brought up the question of the Chamber of Mines, and thought that the government should deal with this matter by direct legislation, putting the Chamber of Mines, which should be established in different portions of the country on the same footing as the agricultural societies, letting them come under a special act, so that there would be no difficulty in having them formed and assisted.

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with their suggestion. To this Mr. McBride responded in one of the most graceful little speeches that has ever been made. He stated that he had no objection to the suggestion that the Chamber of Mines should be established in different portions of the country on the same footing as the agricultural societies, letting them come under a special act, so that there would be no difficulty in having them formed and assisted.

VANCOUVER LIBERALS.

Maxwell Is Attacked by J. Coote of Atlin. Vancouver, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Frequent interruptions characterized the Liberal-Labor meeting this evening, when Maxwell spoke on Sir Hibbert Tupper. Early in the evening a torchlight procession was held for an hour on the streets. Maxwell first went into a discussion of the trade questions, and when he was referring to Sir Hibbert Tupper as dishonest over the Yukon and other questions, J. Coote of Atlin, arose and tried to ask a question. He came to the platform and for an hour sprang and there asked Maxwell how many hydraulic leases he held in Atlin and Maxwell answered that he had carelessly allowed his name to be used, but had later prohibited this and he had no direct or indirect interest or benefit in Atlin. Mr. Maxwell concluded by a declaration, treating on Sir Hibbert and the Conservatives generally.

Changed the Situation.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 28.—As a result of the recent Conservative victory here three seats to the Liberals two in Prince Edwards Island.

CENTRE STAR MEETING

Report on the Condition of the Property—A Dividend Declared.

Toronto, Nov. 27.—Following is the directors' report of the annual meeting of the Centre Star Mining Company, Limited, which was held in Toronto to day. The report showed that a reduction of over 30 per cent in the cost of mining had been made during the year; that developments were proceeding rapidly; labor troubles had been happily settled at Rossland, while a superior class of miners were coming into the camp. The Canadian Pacific railway has offered to reduce the rate for freight and treatment of the company's ore by \$1.25 in consideration of their obtaining a larger tonnage. The directors, however, while appreciating the very fair spirit in which the offer has been made had not been able to see their way to accept it. Negotiations were still pending on other lines, which it was hoped would soon put the smelting question on a permanent and satisfactory basis.

The report of the general manager, Mr. E. H. Kirby, was also before the meeting. This showed the great progress that had been made during the year in the development of the mine and in the installation of a first-class permanent plant and equipment. Mr. Kirby also went very fully into the reasons which led to the adoption of the contract system, whereby miners were paid according to the quantity of work performed instead of by the time spent in doing it, and explained how impossible it was to have introduced this system without closing down for some months. It being the general feeling of the shareholders that dividends should be resumed a resolution to that effect was passed.

Messrs. George Gooderham, T. G. Blackstock, W. H. Beatty, W. G. Gooderham, A. Gooderham and Charles R. Hoemer were elected directors for the ensuing year. At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. Gooderham was re-elected president, and Mr. T. G. Blackstock vice-president. A dividend of one per cent was declared, payable on the 1st of January next. It is understood that this means the resumption of monthly dividends at that rate.

NEWS FROM THE COAST

Sir Hibbert Tupper Again Puts His Foot In It—General Items. Vancouver, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Sir Hibbert Tupper and Frank Burnett are engaged in a wordy war. In this morning's paper Tupper charges Burnett with writing a letter to an Eastern friend saying that Sifton's "iniquitous Yukon administration" be investigated. Tonight Burnett denies writing the letter which is signed by his name and declares it a forgery. The Hibbert Tupper and Clarke Wallace left for the interior today. Two city residences were entered in broad daylight by burglars and tar-sized hauls made. A political sensation has been developed by a charge against Mayor Garden of having used the torches of the city for his Conservative parade last Saturday. These were purchased by an Eastern friend in Seattle on Dominion Day, but were unused. Maxwell is devoting Wednesday for a special lecture on Sir Hibbert Tupper and the Yukon charges. It is officially announced that a garrison of a hundred men and an artillery school will be established in Vancouver. The steamer New England arrived yesterday with the record haul of 200 tons of ore. She took one hundred thousand pounds in 20 hours.

Political Meetings at Grand Forks. Grand Forks, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—W. A. Gahner, the Liberal candidate, will address a public meeting on the 3rd prox. At a meeting of the Conservative executive committee today arrangements for the Conservative meeting here on Wednesday evening were completed. The speakers will include Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. T. Mayne Daly and Major Goodere.

WEEKLY STOCK REVIEW.

Four Companies Declare Dividends—The Sales, Etc.

Within the past few days four of the mining companies of this section have declared dividends. These are the St. Eugene, the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, the Centre Star, and the Slocan Star. The effect of the payment of these dividends should be to greatly stimulate the stock market and brokers regard these declarations as most favorable incidents for the betterment of their business that have occurred for a long time. The fact that the Centre Star has resumed paying dividends is regarded as a most important event. The effect of the dividend paying by the Centre Star, it is thought, will be to stimulate the prices of shares of the companies operating in this vicinity. It is, therefore, one of the best things that could have happened. The War Eagle should soon follow the Centre Star in paying dividends and this will be of great benefit to the market. The shipments of ore are increasing and it will not be long before some of the mining companies of the Boundary country should be paying dividends. Matters from a mining standpoint are on the up-grade and will continue to rise; in fact, matters are in an optimistic mood and regard the outlook as more encouraging and full of promise than it has been for over a year. They feel certain that the distribution of profits in the shape of dividends is certain to result in a largely increased investment in shares. The sales for the week ending yesterday by days were as follows:

Thursday... 22,000 Tuesday... 21,250 Friday... 9,500 Wednesday... 12,700 Saturday... 17,000 Monday... 18,500 Total... 100,950

Against 142,500 for the previous week. Richelieu appeared on the board during the week and 1,000 shares were sold for 14 cents. The wagon road to the Richelieu properties from Crawford Bay is completed and shipments will be commenced in a few days and kept up all winter. A sale was made of 1,000 shares of Spitzee for 2 1/2 cents. The Spitzee is developing well and gives considerable promise of making a valuable property. Giant was a little stronger yesterday than it was a week since. There were 28,000 shares sold during the week. It opened on Thursday last at from 2 1/2 to 2 3/8 cents and closed at 2 1/2 and 2 3/4 cents yesterday. Shipments continue to be made from the Giant. There were 11,500 shares of White Bear sold during the week. It opened the week at 3 1/2 cents, but weakened at 3 cents. Yesterday it rallied in the local market to 3 1/8 cents. In Toronto, however, sales were made yesterday as low as 2 7/8 cents. It is thought the bears are trying to force the price down there. The diamond drill last evening had penetrated from the 300-foot level north a distance of 160 feet and the formation being passed through was very hard and strongly mineralized and it is thought that this indicates the presence of a ledge. Rambler-Cariboo sold to the extent of 13,000 shares during the week. It opened at 24 1/2 cents and sold as high as 23 1/4 cents, and yesterday it was worth 24 cents. It is strong and firm at the price and brokers report that holders are averse to parting with their shares at the current figures. Winnipeg sold to the extent of 8,500 shares. It opened at 3 3/4 cents and closed at the same figure, but in the middle of the week there were sales at from 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 cents. Centre Star has advanced about ten points in the past few days. A few days since \$1.43 was asked for Centre Star and \$1.30 bid for it. During the past few days \$2,000 shares were sold here at prices ranging from \$1.46 to \$1.55, which was the highest selling price of yesterday. The cause of the advance is the resumption of the payment of dividends by the Centre Star, and the report of Mr. Wayne Darlington, the mining expert, to the effect that he considered it the largest mine in the Rossland camp. There were 1,400 Sullivan sold from 14 to 14 1/8 cents. There were 3,000 Tamarac sold for 4 3/4 cents.

Appended are the official quotations for yesterday of the Rossland Mining and Stock Exchange:

Table with columns: Name, Price, and other details. Includes Athabasca, B. C. Gold Fields, Black Tail, Brandon & Gold, Canadian Gold Fields, Centre Star, Crown Nest Pass Coal, Deerpine, Dundee, Evening Star, Giant, Homestake, Iron Mountain, Jumbo, Kootenai, Kool Hill, Loss Pine, Monte Christo, Montreal Gold Fields, Morrison, Mountain Lion, Noble Five, North Star, Old Ironsides, Payer, Peoria Mines, Princess Mary, Quip, Rambler-Cariboo, Republic, St. Eugene, St. Rimo Consolidated, Tamarac, Tom Thumb, Van Andia, Virginia, War Eagle Consolidated, White Bear, Winnipeg.

Thursday's Sales. Richelieu, 1,000 at 14c; Spitzee, 1,000 at 2 1/2c; Giant, 5,000 at 2 3/8c, 5,000 at 2 1/2c; Morrison, 3,000 at 3c; White Bear, 2,000 at 3 1/2c, 1,000 at 2 3/4c; Rambler, 2,000 at 24 1/2c; Winnipeg, 2,000 at 3 3/4c. Total sales, 22,000.

Friday's Sales. Slocan Star, 500 at 75c; Winnipeg, 1,000 at 3 3/4c, 1,000 at 3 3/4c, 1,000 at 3 3/4c, 1,000 at 3 3/4c, 1,000 at 3 3/4c; Rambler-Cariboo, 2,000 at 25 1/4c. Total sales, 9,500.

Saturday Sales. Centre Star, 1,000 at \$1.46; Giant, 5,000 at 2 1/2c; White Bear, 1,000 at 3 1/8c; Rambler, 1,000 at 25c, 2,000 at 24 3/4c.

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White Bear, 3,000 at 3 1/4c, 2,500 at 3 1/2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1,000 at 25c, 2,000 at 25 1/2c, 500 at 25 1/2c; Giant, 100 at 2 1/2c, 3,000 at 2 1/2c; Centre Star, 1,000 at \$1.48; Winnipeg, 2,500 at 3 3/4c; Sullivan, 2,000 at 14 1/8c. Callis—5,000 Rambler-Cariboo, 30 days and 27c, \$125.50 per 1,000 down; 3,000 Rambler-Cariboo, 60 days at 28 1/2c, \$15 per 1,000 down.

Monday Sales. White Bear, 3,000 at 3 1/4c, 2,500 at 3 1/2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1,000 at 25c, 2,000 at 25 1/2c, 500 at 25 1/2c; Giant, 100 at 2 1/2c, 3,000 at 2 1/2c; Centre Star, 1,000 at \$1.48; Winnipeg, 2,500 at 3 3/4c; Sullivan, 2,000 at 14 1/8c. Callis—5,000 Rambler-Cariboo, 30 days and 27c, \$125.50 per 1,000 down; 3,000 Rambler-Cariboo, 60 days at 28 1/2c, \$15 per 1,000 down.

Tuesday's Sales. Giant, 1,000 at 2 1/2c, 1,000 at 2 3/4c, 1,000 at 2 5/8c; Winnipeg, 1,000 at 3 1/4c, 2,000 at 3 1/2c, 10,000 at 3 3/4c; White Bear, 1,000 at 3c; Rambler-Cariboo, 500 at 25c, 1,500 at 25c; Centre Star, 2,000 at \$1.52, 250 at \$1.53; Sullivan, 1,000 at 14c.

Wednesday's Sales. Winnipeg, 1,000 at 3 3/4c; White Bear, 2,000 at 3 1/4c; Tamarac, 3,000 at 4 3/4c; Centre Star, 500 at \$1.50, 200 at \$1.54; Sullivan, 1,000 at 14c; Giant, 1,000 at 2 3/4c, 250 at 2 1/2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1,000 at 25c.

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A BUSY SECTION. Athletane Finished Its 1,000-Ton Contract With the Trail Smelter. Grand Forks, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—The Athletane mine in Wellington camp, on Saturday fulfilled its contract to ship 1,000 tons of ore to the Trail smelter. The shipments will be resumed as soon as the ore bodies on the 100-foot level are blocked out. Robert Clark will start this week to ship 100 tons of ore from the Seattle, a North Fork property, to the Granby smelter. The Seattle is only a prospect, the ore having been taken from open cuts. A new shaft house is being erected at the Golden Eagle in the North Fork of the Kettle river. The shaft, which is 150 feet deep, will be sunk an additional 100 feet immediately. The shipments to date are 150 tons. Recent assays of the ore have ranged from \$32 to \$103 per ton. The Dominion government, despite the existence of small pox at Republic, has not yet enforced quarantine at the boundary line. It is understood that the Pathfinder mine has been bonded to a Boston syndicate for \$130,000 on a nine-months bond. About \$35,000 has already been expended on the property in development work.

MINING NEWS. Masam & Laidlaw Bond a Rich Silver Claim. Greenwood, B. C., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—J. E. Boes, at one time manager of the Dominion Copper company, owning a group of three mines in Phoenix camp, was here for a few days this week. Considerable interest was manifested in the gentleman's doings, which gave strength to the much talked rumor that work was to be resumed on the company's properties. Asked by the correspondent of the Miner regarding the future operations of the company, Mr. Boes refused either to deny or confirm the report, confining himself to saying that he expected to be back of the vein, if it could not be given out something definitely.

ROSS Two Dollars a Year FROM O. Late Mining News from East Kootenay, Kaslo. The widespread prevalence of the mild weather seems to have played with the rawhiding of ore over the last month. On other hand the quantity of snow has fallen, especially in the Boundary country, has been such as to prevent completion of the C. P. R. survey that country, which up to recently been in progress with a view of p in the railroad some time next. Notwithstanding the lateness of the season strikes have been recorded in the district, notably near Cranbrook on the mountain, and in the Slocan, the Monitor and the Bismarck are doing remarkably well. The latest report of the Payne mine are eminently show what a really great property it is. The Lardeau is still energetic, and Nettie L. is developing rapidly. In the Boundary some notes of mines in Bodie camp are worthy of mention.

KAMLOOPS. The Iron Mask and the Copper Work on the Python. Good progress continues to be made with the Python tunnel. The new hoisting and pumping at the Iron Mask is working well, says the Standard. Yesterday Clarke Wallace visited this city in company with Caut. Argall, the manager, and A. D. Macin. Hon. Clarke Wallace was heavily interested in this property before he was both a greatly surprised and pleased at the transformation that has place in the last three months. The Copper King at Cherry Creek has been started up under the direct Messrs. Redman & Outhett, who forming a limited liability company take over the property. We understand that the first issue of the stock, guaranteed by local people and the many is to be formed immediately. Shares will be put on the market and the East, as well as this prospect is one of the richest part of the country, and under able direction by Mr. J. Redman, of the above firm, it will soon demonstrate its wonderful richness and value. We will give a short historical description of this mine in our issue.

LARDEAU. Busy Work on Fish Creek—The and the Nettie L. The Harvey boys are pushing ment work on their properties. Contracts are being pushed at the Black Bear and Wide West. Several tons of Beatrice ore, which been distributed along the trail to the Foreman, Sharnpe, who had the work on the Canadian Lard the North Fork during the summer. The Triune Fraction is located. Silver Cup hill on the south fork Lardeau and is situated on the Triune lead, in fact it is a claim to the famous Triune mine is now the talk of the whole. There are a number of wonderful located on this same mineral belt as the Nettie L., Brow, Towser, Cup, Triune, Triune No. 2 and On. The owners while doing prospecting on the property discovered a fine well mineralized throughout and the owners shipped a piece from the fact and brought down same to Shannon, getting returns of \$14 and \$10.07 in silver, besides copper lead.

Conversation with people who seen the Nettie L. lately has a veiling effect on one's faith in the mining industry. The amount of eight years has not seen it say the ager Poole will have no difficulty in his 1,100 ton shipment. As himself says, the amount of ore sent smelter this winter will be gone by the ability of the freighters. It away. Rawhiding is in full swing and the miners are materially helped. It is said, and there is no doubt the accuracy of the statement that this property could easily ten tons per day with present ment.

EAST KOOTENAY. Diamond Drill Work—The Estella on Palmer Mountain. Al. Jones has a small force at developing the Greenhorn Fraction. Paul Handley, who has the for hauling ore for the Sullivan is busy building sleighs for that. The Pollard boys, who have the Palmer mountain, adjoining the ton boys, are running a 200-foot this winter on the property. Work on the Estella is progressing rapidly. Parties from Tracy did past week say that a high grade is being taken from the shaft. Work commenced on the Fleece mineral claim, situated on Wednesday. Mr. Wainwright will have charge of the work, consist of running a 100-foot tunnel. The diamond drill is still under the management of R. O.

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Bored 160 Feet. The diamond drill boring in the White Bear last evening was in for a distance of 160 feet. The formation passed through yesterday was very hard and consists of quartz mixed with diorite strongly mineralized with copper. It is thought by the management that an ore body is near at hand, although according to the course of the vein, it ought not to be cut for another 70 feet.

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