

### AJAX GROUP BOUGHT

Ontario Company Pays \$25,000 for the Property and Starts Work.

### FREDDIE LEE STARTED UP

A. W. McCune Has Taken Up His Bond and Will Make a Mine of It—Sandon Likely to be Incorporated Before September.

SANDON, July 14.—[Special.]—E. Wallace has purchased the Ajax group, comprising the Ajax, Crown Point and Random Shot, for the Ontario Gold Field Mining and Milling company, for \$25,000, and has already taken charge of the property. This group is situated near the Noble Five and has been a shipper for the past year and a half. There are three tunnels on the Ajax, all in one of high grade, and also one tunnel on the Crown Point, which has as favorable a showing as the Ajax. In all there are about one dozen openings, all showing ore. A force of eight men is now at work on the property. The ore already shipped from the Ajax has netted \$2,000 a carload.

The Goose mine, about five miles from Three Forks, has reduced to a good winter's run.

A. W. McCune, who has had the Freddie Lee under bond for some time, has purchased the property and put a force of men at work. The mine has a good showing already, and the new owner is confident he will make it one of the leading mines of the Slokan.

There is little doubt now that Sandon will be incorporated before September. There is still some opposition to the movement, but those in favor are known to be greatly in the majority and are becoming more enthusiastic daily.

Much to the disappointment of the citizens of Sandon, the promised improvement in our postoffice facilities has not been realized. The authorities could not be prevailed upon to recognize Sandon as anything other than a small mining camp, and consequently no assistance could be secured. Quite frequently the general delivery is not opened until 5 or 6 o'clock in the evening.

The mill wheel at the Noble Five concentrator was broken last week, necessitating the temporary suspension of work; it will probably resume operations in 10 days.

Orangeman's day was celebrated at Oody yesterday by a large number of people. The features of the day were speeches by a number of prominent citizens, a rifle shooting match by several young ladies and a basket lunch. The day closed with a ball.

### SLOKAN CITY PRODUCERS

Arlington and Howard Fraction Shipping—Meteor to Start Shortly.

SLOKAN CITY, July 13.—[Special.]—At the meeting held last evening for the purpose of electing city commissioners the following citizens were chosen to act in that capacity: Messrs. Mowat, York, Bradshaw, Cran, Colpman, Cavanaugh, Henderson, Foley and Wichman.

Prospects for the country around Slokan City are of the very brightest. We have now three mines shipping ore from Springer creek properties, in limited quantities, it is true, but the quantity is only limited by the means of transportation at hand. The Arlington and Howard Fraction have to bring all their product down by pack train at a cost of from \$13 to \$15 per ton, whereas with a good wagon road from the Arlington basin to Slokan City, transportation would cost only from \$5 to \$5 per ton.

The question of the road to the Arlington basin was discussed at last night's meeting. It was the unanimous opinion that the town should co-operate with the mine owners in the construction of the road and the city commissioners will immediately circulate subscription lists to raise the amount required over and above the government and mine owners' contributions. The estimated cost of the road is \$8,500.

The government has signified its willingness to contribute \$1,000 towards the new road up Lemon creek, and the mine owners are expected to make up the balance required.

Machinery for the new sawmill to be erected between Slokan City and Lemon creek by Toronto parties, is on the wharf today and will be taken down the river this week. The owners of the mill have contracted for 25,000,000 feet of timber belonging to the C. P. R. in the Slokan river valley, and work will be commenced shortly.

### MINES IN GREENWOOD CAMP.

Old Ironsides Has a Big Surface Showing—Some of Its Neighbors.

BOUNDARY CREEK, July 14.—[Special.]—After nearly six months' suspension work was resumed last week at the Old Ironsides mine. The Old Ironsides claim was among the first locations made in Greenwood camp, the Knob Hill and the Stenwinder having been located about the same time. Greenwood camp lies about five miles to the eastward of the town of Greenwood, which was named after the camp. It is situated at the head of Twin and Lind creeks, which flow westward to Boundary creek, and of the west fork of Fourth of July creek, which runs south-easterly to Kettle river. These claims were located about six years ago, since which time several in the vicinity, now rated high, have been staked and recorded. The value of some of these claims was recognized early for in 1892 the Stenwinder was sold to the Messrs. Farro and Migeon, of the Parrott Smelting company, of Butte, Mont., for \$12,000.

The Old Ironsides and Knob Hill were owned by J. Hotter, Miss Jones, C. J. Lundy, H. Palmerton, J. Stevens and Henry White. They sold the larger part of their interest in the Old Ironsides to parties, who organized the Old Ironsides Mining company, interesting in a number of Montreal and Toronto men. When this company acquired possession of the claim last year the main shaft was only 25 feet in depth. During the winter of 1896-7 the company deepened this shaft to 70 feet, when water came in so strongly to admit of work being continued under the conditions then existing.

Recently, so it has been stated, a re-organization took place, control now being in the hands of Spokane and Quebec men jointly. It has been announced that pumping and hoisting machinery will shortly be placed on the mine. Meanwhile a contract has been let to sink the main shaft 30 feet deeper, so as to get down to the 100 foot level. It is in this connection that work was resumed last week, but bad air has compelled a temporary stoppage until effective arrangements for ventilation can be made. Work will be in full swing in a few days hence, and the expectation is that the Old Ironsides will be expected to soon come up to the expectations of those who have long looked upon the property as the makings of a good mine. The surface showing on the claim is about 100 feet in width, and the ore carries values in gold and copper, estimated to average about \$16 per ton.

Other good properties in the same camp are the Knob Hill, which is now being worked by a company including some of the same men as are largely interested in the Old Ironsides, the Stenwinder referred to above and upon which it is expected work will shortly be resumed, the Gold Drop, belonging to the Montreal and P. company, and the Innes of Vancouver is prominently associated, and the Snowshoe, Monarch, Brooklyn, Phoenix, Montezuma and others, the whole forming a group which, when the necessary transportation facilities have been provided for the construction of a railway into the Boundary Creek district, will probably ship large quantities of ore.

### GRAND FORKS NEWS.

Deal Made on 18-Carat Group—Properly Winded for Horse Stealing.

GRAND FORKS, July 14.—[Special.]—A deal was closed today between the owners of the 18-Carat group of placer claims, which lies within the corporate limits of the city, and was located July 4, and W. C. McDougal, of Roseland, who by the latter agrees to place mining machinery upon the property, demonstrate that the gold can be saved thereby, when a half interest in the Golden Shore and Nugget claims will be decided to him and the expense of operating the machinery will be equally shared. Work is to commence on Friday and the machinery is to be in operation by August 5 or the contract is forfeited.

The system, it is understood, that Mr. McDougal intends using will include a flume to separate the coarse gravel, this to be followed by an amalgamator and finally a patent gold separator to be used. The expectations are that 50 yards of gravel per day will be handled at an expense of \$20. If \$1 per cubic yard can be saved from the gravel, a fair profit will be made, and old placer miners say it will average at least \$2 per yard.

### Newspaper Man Jumps Out.

Gid R. Propper, a well known newspaper man, who has been operating in this section of the country for a year or more, has come out in a new role, that of being a horse borrower with no intention of returning the same. During the latter part of last week, Propper went from Greenwood to Nelson, Wash., and began soliciting patronage for a newspaper, which he said he intended to start there. Sunday evening he borrowed a horse, saddle and bridle for the purpose, he said, of coming to Grand Forks to pack up his newspaper outfit, preparatory to shipping it to Nelson. He sold the horse at Marcus and a warrant has been sworn out for his arrest.

### Elsie May Jumped.

R. H. Farren has relocated the Elsie May claim, which adjoins the English and French group, about two miles below Volcanic mountain. The claim was, or is, owned by the Elsie May Mining and Milling company, of Spokane. Farren was the original locator and acted upon the supposition that the company had not taken out its license. The resident members of the company claim that the license was taken out.

### CANADA'S RECORD YEAR.

Aggregate Trade in First Year of Liberal Administration \$244,852,000.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 16.—The aggregate trade for the first year of the liberal administration is the largest on record. This is shown by the returns of the customs department. The total aggregate trade on the basis of the goods entered for consumption and exported amounted in value to \$244,852,000, compared with \$228,728,000 in 1896. The figures are: 1897—exports, \$133,621,000; imports, \$111,231,000; duty \$19,841,000; 1896—exports, \$118,440,000; imports, \$110,288,000; duty, \$20,172,000. The imports for the month of June last year and exports to \$16,825,000 against \$11,931,000 in 1896. The duty collected for the month was \$1,501,000 as against \$1,572,000 in 1896.

### SECOND BIG STRIKE

Granite Mine Near Nelson Makes Another Astonishing Discovery.

### FIRST FIND DISCOUNTED

New Showing Consists of Four Feet of Extraordinarily Rich Free Milling Ore—The Ledger is Also Opened in the Poorman Group.

NELSON, July 15.—[Special.]—Another strike, more important than that of two or three weeks ago, has been made on the Granite claim near Forty-nine creek. Yesterday while Messrs. Swedberg and Johnson were ground sluicing along the projected line of the ledge and 104 feet from the original strike, they succeeded in uncovering four feet of decomposed ore that is full of gold. This is the same ore that they originally found and which they believe to be the best fact established beyond all doubt the fact that the ledge is the greatest gold find in the country.

The assay of the first find gave a return of \$517 in gold and the new strike shows much richer ore. A. Jensen of strength of the first find is decomposed and the last find has had the effect of sending him off in haste to the east so as to make sure that the money for the mine is forthcoming on the day specified.

The granite is an extension of the White, one of the Poorman group, and the ledge was first found within a few feet of the White line. Further in, a tunnel was run to crosscut it and yesterday the sluicing process disclosed the ledge as at bottom of the tunnel dump. The ore is wholly free milling and owing to its extreme softness, the cost of mining is comparatively slight. Ordinarily the ore does not last long and the White claim a shaft is down a great distance and still they are not through the decomposed rock. It is probable that the company will develop the option will at once being development work to erect a stamp mill.

### All Was Not Well.

The police commission met today for the first time and everything was not harmonious. Mayor Houston, E. A. Crease and H. Crossdale, in lieu of McDonald, were present. It was decided to have one chief of police and two patrolmen at salaries of \$90 and \$80, respectively. C. E. Wolverson was elected chief and R. W. Wines and J. McClinton, patrolmen. Mayor Houston vigorously protested against the election of Wines and said that the council would probably refuse to pay the salary. Mr. Crossdale became angry and said that when the council began to take care to protect itself. When a vote was taken the mayor voted in the negative.

### Greenwood News Notes.

GREENWOOD, July 14.—[Special.]—A baseball team from Nelson, Wash., yesterday met and easily defeated a local team of ball players in this town, by a score of 35 to 17.

Two social events of local interest occurred this week. On Sunday the 11th, a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smiles, this being their fourth child. Mr. Smiles is a member of the firm of Rendell & Co., pioneer merchants of Boundary Falls and Greenwood. The other event was the return to Greenwood of George McKague, accompanied by his bride. On Monday he was married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ohas. Mohr, Vernon. The newly married couple received a noisy welcome on Monday night, this being the first being yet too small to abandon so barbarous a custom.

W. E. Orde, secretary-treasurer of the Brandon and Golden Crown Mining company, of Roseland, paid a business visit to the city. On Monday he accompanied Manager G. H. Collins to the company's Golden Crown claim, in Wellington camp, to have a look at the property.

A. H. Lawder, well known in Manitoba, but lately a resident of Anaconda, has been appointed a special provincial constable and is now stationed at Greenwood.

J. W. McFarland, of Mahon, McFarland & Mahon, of Vancouver, was here last week to see the Jewel mine, Long Lake camp, which property is under bond to the Projecting Syndicate of British Columbia, limited. Mr. McFarland being one of the directors. He was shown over the mine by the company's superintendent, Leslie Hill, C. E., and later left for the Kootenay country.

A house painter named J. E. Goupil, fell from the roof of a new building to the ground yesterday, a new building 20 feet. The fall dislocated his collar bone and gave him a shaking up generally. He was taken to the Greenwood hospital, where Dr. Jakes gave him the necessary surgical attention. He will probably be able to go to work again in a week or so.

### Voted Themselves Salaries.

The council took up the matter of compensating the mayor and aldermen at its special meeting Thursday night. The statutes allow the mayor to draw \$2,000 per year, but Mr. Scott consented to accept \$1,000 annually, and that was made the salary of the office. The aldermen voted themselves a salary of \$400 per year each to be paid quarterly.

### Dying Man Grasps at a Straw.

"Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart has made so much for me that I feel I owe to suffering humanity to give testimony. For years I had smothering spells, pains in my left side, and swelled ankles. When I took the first dose of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, my friends thought I was dying, it gave me almost instant relief, and six bottles entirely cured me." Mrs. P. L. Lumsden, Scranton, Pa. Sold by McLean & Morrow.

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Mr. J. L. Parker, the mining engineer, in his report on the Keystone group says: "A shaft is sunk thirty-six feet on the Keystone and is in almost solid ore, having a little calcite which is usual in the Trail Creek ores. The foot wall of the vein is granite as there has been no crosscut made on the hanging wall side it is only a matter of conjecture as to the width of the ore body, but I am prepared to believe that it will be of enormous width, judging from the size of the solid iron capping.

"Although the ore at present is of low grade, yet at the foot of the shaft copper pyrites are coming in strongly and the ore will undoubtedly increase in value as depth is attained. This is the experience of Trail Creek ores generally, and I can see no valid reason why this should not do so. The veins are permanent fissures and will carry to unknown depths, and I believe that whoever acquires this property will get one of the most promising mines in the Trail Creek country.

"I reported favorably on the property of the Parker Group, afterwards acquired by the Dundee Gold Mining Company, which assayed only \$2.20 on the surface, and which improved very materially as successive assays of \$13, \$22 and \$49 were got, until at 100 feet, assays were obtained showing \$59 ore, which proves that low grade ore improves with depth, and I consider that the Keystone Group, while the ore is of a very different character, is unquestionably the "banner group," as far as surface showings are concerned, of any mines or prospects in and around Roseland or in the Trail Creek mining division.

"I have great confidence in recommending this property to the investing public as being something exceptionally good, and if the necessary amount of capital can be obtained to properly develop this property I look forward to a mine resulting from the company's efforts."

### FACTS TO CONSIDER.

All of the promoters' shares have, by agreement been pooled indefinitely and consequently cannot come into competition with treasury shares until the mine is on a paying basis, and none will be sold except treasury stock for development purposes and the putting in of machinery, thus showing that the purchasers are willing to stand or fall on the merits of the property.

The work of opening up and developing the property is going steadily ahead and will be pushed vigorously.

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### IS A MENACE TO HEALTH.

pestilential Drain in the Business Center Will Be Left Alone.

It is not likely that the disgusting state of the sewer passing across Columbia avenue at Washington street, will be remedied in the near future. Alderman Raymer, chairman of the board of health, stated last week that the board would take no action towards cleaning the drain till the new sewage system is undertaken. As it will probably be some time before the new system is inaugurated, the drain will continue to emit its noisome gases as heretofore. All the physicians here are of the opinion that in its present shape it is a serious menace to the health of the town, and should be repaired.

### Sandon Hotels Still Overcrowded.

SANDON, July 16.—[Special.]—The new hotel erected by Bartlett Bros. is being handsomely furnished throughout and will soon be opened for business under the proprietorship of McDonald Bros. There have been six large hotels erected here within the last seven weeks, and yet with the 14 others, it is often with difficulty that accommodations can be secured at any cost.

The extreme danger of fire during the dry season is prompting a number of the business men to build fireproof cellars in which to store a quantity of their stocks. It is very unfortunate that insurance can not be obtained here owing to the expense, but a move is now on foot to organize a mutual insurance company.

While here Frank Watson stated he would open up the Early Bird, adjoining the Wonderful, at once. He was enthusiastic about the showings on both the Arlington and Fisher Maiden.

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HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Winnipeg four-oared by the New College for beat for the Stewards' Cup was a magnificent rowing close throughout being close throughout were vigorously applauded from the shore time was 7 minutes and 34 seconds. Beyond the steering of the crew the Winnipeg. At the stroke, which was read out and 12 seconds, half a length behind point, although they had decreased the lead by three or four feet, catch the Oxonians, seven minutes and 33 seconds. The steering of the crew was decidedly better than were less exhausted. At the finish the three cheers for New College, which was caught after which the Winnipeg cheered in return.

The captain of the correspondent of the best race ever rowed first experience on the rowed equal to the old crew was that they were beaten by a better out in our boat, but course.

The Winnipeg after greeted on every side, fashion, all the English their quarters, complete their plucky behavior for the sport which they accepted. Winnipeg are enthusiastic ment they are received the student body will sail for home on Mr. Murphy, the would like to have seen may say that when a cabinet will give its quiet conference.

It is reported that international conference moned, probably to States, with Great Britain. The delegates with regard to the well known, of our States favors 16 days according to today's participation would there is a prospect as to the Bank of England silver certificates.

**Spanish-Japan**

LONDON, July 15. Paris says that inquiry embassy there has been the rumor that Spain and Japan offensive alliance States. The terms which is for the Cuba and Hawaii, and actively against the part of the United States toward interference persistence in the Hawaiian islands, I shall declare war if the United States will not withdraw its troops from the island and Pacific country.

**Got Rid of W**

KANSAS CITY, Proposition of the women prisoners effect today of clear for the first time in take the prisoners in jail had appeared there were no order that men ad stone breaking.