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GREAT CENTRE STAR

Enormous Bodies of Rich Ore Have Been Developed Lately.

THE WORKINGS DESCRIBED

Over 3,300 Feet of Tunnels—Le Roi Vein Traversed For 1,500 Feet and the War Eagle's For 500—The New Three Compartment Shaft.

The MINER has been accorded the privilege of sending a representative through the Centre Star mine, in company with Mr. Durant, the manager, and we are thus enabled to lay before our readers much interesting information as to the recent development in this great property.

The main tunnel has been completed to the Le Roi line and now runs from one end of the claim to the other on the main ledge. At a point about 500 feet from the mouth of the main tunnel crosscuts were run north and south. These crosscuts aggregate 500 feet in length and about 500 feet of drifting has been done on the largest of the four veins opened by the north crosscut. The whole amount of tunnel work on the property now aggregates 3,300 feet. This is all on the first level.

A new tunnel has just been started from the east end line, 160 feet north of the mouth of the old, main tunnel. This new tunnel is now in thirty or forty feet and is being driven to connect with the drift being run east on the north vein. There are only about 170 feet of ground between those two workings and as there is a drill in the face of each of the approaching drifts, they will be joined very shortly. When the connection is made the whole amount of drifting on the north vein will amount to about 700 feet and a perfect circulation of air through the east half of the mine will be established. Besides this system of ventilation there is in addition an upraise made last year from a point nearly midway of the main tunnel. These facts are here given in order that mining men may understand manager Durant's scheme of development so far as it has been worked out.

The Ore Chutes Opened.

Now something as to the extent, number and character of the ore bodies opened up in the mine. Up to the time the last lengthy article on the Centre Star appeared in this paper four ore bodies had been opened in the main tunnel, varying in length from 50 to 150 feet. Since that four more ore bodies have been found along the same line, making eight in all between the mouth of the tunnel and the Le Roi east end line. The entire distance, something over 1,500 feet, (the tunnel being a little longer than the claim owing to a slightly diagonal course) has been traversed along the vein, except possibly at one point where there was a deviation to the south owing to the presence of a water course which broke up the ground very much. The vein is thus shown to be continuous through the claim. Crosscuts have been run here and there from either side of the tunnel and the ledge is shown to be of enormous width at every point—often quite 70 feet from wall to wall. The ore chutes are strung along at irregular intervals through the ledge but the ledge matter is mineralized more or less at every point and it may be truthfully said that there is hardly a place along the whole length of the vein where the tunnel is entirely out of ore.

The West Ore Chute.

The last ore chute found was cut into 170 feet from the Le Roi ground and here is now one of the finest spectacles ever seen in any mine. Where the tunnel penetrated the ore a chamber has been cut out on the left hand side and a crosscut run off 24 feet on the right. On the left the ore is a solid mass of chalcopyrite—the most beautiful ore, perhaps, ever found in the camp. It runs over 20 per cent copper and about $100 in gold. The crosscut on the other side is all in ore, but some of it is of a decomposed, granulated character. It has bodies of solid ore all through it, which run from $40 to $60. The granulated, loose stuff, runs about $25. No assay below $24 has been had from it. It carries free gold, as Mr. Durant has often panned it, and found gold so far.

The main tunnel runs along the course of this wonderful ore chute right up to the end of the claim where it goes over into Le Roi gronnd. The crosscuts at the beginning of it show it to be fully 30 feet wide and it may be much wider since neither hanging or foot wall has yet been touched. The depth from the surface is at this place 350 feet on the incline of the vein. These figures will be sufficient to give an approximate idea of the extent of this ore body.

The War Eagle Vein.

We will now go over to the north vein and see what has been opened up there. When the north crosscut from the main tunnel tapped the north vein drifts were started both ways—that is to the east and west. The drift to the west was run 155 feet and cut diagonally a chute of ore 18 feet wide, which runs about 18 per cent copper and as high as $150 in gold. The average gold value is perhaps not far from $60. The display at the point where the drift enters the ore chute is enough to delight the heart of any miner.

Another large body of ore was opened just as the east drift was started, but this has been but little explored. It appears to be about 6 feet wide. The east drift for most of the distance seems to have been run on the south edge of an ore body since the ore was cut into now and then on the left hand side during the whole distance. The entire lower part of the face of the drift was in solid ore Saturday afternoon, the value of which was $40 in gold. In the preceding eight feet several stringers of ore had been cut, all of them being of high grade in both copper and gold.

Two Great Fissures.

The impressions made upon one who sees the Centre Star mine as it is today is that the entire claim is cut from one end to the other by two main fissures of great extent; that there are smaller intermediate fissures between the two main fissures, and that in all probability the several veins unite in one gigantic vein at some point below. The two main fissures are only 160 feet apart at the east end of the claim. One is the main vein of the War Eagle ground and the other the great Le Roi ledge. A line run from the point where the Le Roi vein leaves the Centre Star north to the War Eagle vein would be over 600 feet long. The two main Centre Star veins, therefore, spread out fan-like, the handle of the fan being on the Idaho ground on the east side of Centre Star gulch.

It is no use for one to dwell upon the extent of the Centre Star mine or to make estimates as to its value. It is not the purpose of this article to do this. The mine speaks for itself. There is no longer any doubt that it must rank as one of the great gold mines of the world. The question is often asked why the Centre Star people do not ship ore. Manager Durant answers this question in this way:

"We are developing our mine. We have yet a good deal of development to do before we can take out ore as we want to. When we are prepared to mine ore we expect to have our own smelting works. We have many different kinds of ore. We have silicious ore, pure pyrrhotite or iron ore and very rich copper ore. These will assist in smelting one another. Having the necessary kinds of ore and the necessary quantity why should we not do our own smelting? Where will we build our smelter? That is not yet determined. It depends a good deal upon what the railroads will do in the way of transportation."

Biggest Shaft in Canada.

One feature of the plan of development determined on by Mr. Durant is the sinking of a working shaft at some point on the north vein, perhaps not far from where the Columbia & Western railroad crosses the vein. This shaft is to be 7x 20 feet in the clear—the largest shaft in the entire Dominion of Canada—and of three compartment size. Two compartments will be for the use of cages to raise the ore and waste. The third compartment will be for a man-way and the pumps. The hoisting machinery will be of the most improved and powerful description.

There was a smile of incredulity on the faces of some people when Manager Durant said in an interview with THE MINER's Spokane correspondent several weeks ago that his company would not build a smelter until the mine was ready to produce at least 500 tons of ore per day. He is now about to commence a shaft and put in a hoisting plant to do this and even more. He probably knows what he is doing. Those who have seen the mine in the last two weeks have no doubt about it.

In conclusion THE MINER takes pleasure in calling attention to the excellent mining work done in the Centre Star by Foreman Peter Joyce. He has been foreman almost ever since Mr. Durant took charge of the mine and his fidelity and intelligence have been of great value in the comprehensive plan of development that has been carried out.

LATEST FROM LONDON.

Claude Vautien Interested In Highland Deal—The Gunnis-Neame Syndicate.

LONDON OFFICE OF THE MINER,
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LONDON, March 30.—[Special Cable.]—The stock markets are very dull, especially the mining section, and nothing of importance has transpired in British Columbia descriptions. A new exploration company to operate in your province is being formed, but neither the name of the company or the promoters has yet leaked out.

The Highland deal looks as though it might be closed up. An eminent metallurgist, Claude Vautein, is now connected with it.

The Neame-Gunnis syndicate appears to be inactive, and I shall be surprised if they take up their options on either the Jumbo or Commander, although a gentleman from your section, who claims to know what he is talking about, says they will.

HAS STRONG BACKING.

Vivian Gray & Co. Behind the Gunnis-Neame Syndicate—Hill in London.

LONDON, March 31.—[Special Cable.]—The issue of capital of the Quesnelle River Gold Dredging company is limited to £55,000.

The mining market is uninteresting. Nothing is doing in British Columbians. Hall Mines are flat at $5.

J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern is here.

Vivian Gray & Co., a leading firm of brokers, are behind the Gunnis-Neame syndicate.

The old Canada company had an ordinary general meeting today. The company owns vast tracts of lands in the western part of Ontario and the directors express the hope that that province will come to the front owing to the development of its mineral resources.

Mining Exchange Notes.

At a meeting of the exchange board yesterday, in accordance with a resolution passed on the previous day at the meeting of shareholders, H. E. Cover was elected to fill the vacancy on the board.

The subscription books for membership were again opened yesterday, and several paid the $50 entrance fee and were favorably reported by the membership committee.

Forfeited His Bail.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 31.—[Special.]—Joseph Donahue, the Rossland saloon keeper who terrorized the inmates of Frankie Hamilton's place by flourishing a couple of huge revolvers failed to appear in court today and his bond of $50 was declared forfeited.

SAVED 75 PER CENT

Complete Details of the Le Roi's Second Mill Test.

REPORT TO THE COMPANY

Captain Hall Recommends the Erection of a 200 Ton Mill—Believes All the Silicious Ores of the Camp Are Free Milling.

THE MINER today presents the official figures of the last Le Roi ore test at the O. K. mill. Those figures will be forwarded to Colonel Peyton of the Le Roi company this morning, accompanied by a long letter from Captain William Hall, superintendent. This letter, which is of the utmost importance, we are not able to publish today, because it is in the nature of a confidential communication to the company. Later, however, we may have the consent of the company to publish the letter.

We may summarize the views of Captain Hall as follows:

1. The test was a complete success.

2. Captain Hall believes the gold in the ores in this camp is almost wholly free, and that with proper machinery 75 per cent can be saved on the plates.

3. He thinks ore running $6 per ton can be more economically milled than ore running $10.

4. He would use Cornish rolls instead of stamps, as he thinks the rolls would more completely free the gold.

5. He recommends the Le Roi company to erect a 200-ton milling plant.

6. He thinks the Le Roi company has already broken down 35,000 tons of ore suitable to run through a mill.

Details of the Test.

The ore for this test was taken from the waste dump of the Le Roi mine and was considered absolutely worthless. All pieces showing sulphide ore to any extent were carefully excluded. The ore was run through the mill in three lots. Full details of each test follow:

Test No. 1.

Net dry weight of ore, pounds, 38,983.20, or 19 983-2000 tons.	
Value of crude ore per ton, $8 00.	
Gold and silver saved on plates	77 46
Value of concentrates	41 47
Total value saved	119 23
Per centage of extraction 76.42.	

Test No. 2.

Net dry weight of ore, pounds, 9,546.36, or 9 1546-2000 tons.	
Value of crude ore per ton, $10 40.	
Gold and silver saved on plates	$39 99
Value of concentrates	26 37
Total value saved	66 27
Per centage of extraction 65.22.	

Test No. 3.

Net dry weight of ore, pounds, 43,900.12, or 21 1900-2000 tons.	
Value per ton of crude ore, $8 40.	
Gold and silver saved on plates	86 35
Value of concentrates	73 39
Total value saved	159 74
Per centage of extraction 86.65.	

Summary.

Net weight of three tests, pounds, 102,429.68 or 51 429-2000 tons.		
Value of crude ore per ton, per battery sample, $8 93½.		
Gold saved on plates	$200 59	
Silver saved on plates	3 42	204 01
Value of gold in concentrates	127 90	
Value of silver in concentrates	5 43	
Value copper in concentrates	7 91	141 24
Total value saved		345 25

Percentage of extraction 76.1. Ratio of concentration 6¾ to 1.

Average of free gold saved on plates $4.00 per ton.

The fineness of the gold saved on the plates ranged from 615 to 653. The fineness of silver ranged from 347 to 374.

RUNS WELL IN GOLD.

Black Cock On Wild Horse Creek Has a Foot of Galena.

Alex. Audet and A. Julian have returned from Wild Horse creek, in the Salmon river country, where they have been working on their claim, the Black Cock. They have sunk a shaft 20 feet in the ledge, which seems to be about 11 feet wide. As a matter of fact, they say, neither wall has been found. They had assays made of the surface rock, and got $60.40 in gold, silver and lead. The chief values are in gold and the lead runs about 14 per cent. The last assay made from clean ore in the bottom of the shaft gave $81 gold, 12 ounces silver and 18 per cent lead. There are 12 inches of this ore and about two feet of second grade ore adjoining.

The clean ore looks like a high grade galena, but as will be seen from the above assays the silver and lead constitute the minor values. Messrs. Audet and Julian are much pleased with their property. They report a fine showing on the Ymir as well as on the Elise, both of which are near the Black Cock.

COMMANDER'S NEW STRIKE

Crosscut From the East Drift Has Four Feet of Solid Ore.

The south crosscut from the east drift on the 100-foot level of the Commander has come into a solid body of ore. The news of the strike was brought up to town yesterday. The east drift was brought up yesterday. The east drift was started from the shaft on the 100-foot level some time ago, and some very fine copper ore was taken out at the very beginning. When the drift had been run in about 19 feet a crosscut was started to the south, and it was in this that the strike now reported was made.

The strike was made on Tuesday, and up to yesterday afternoon the solid ore had been penetrated about four feet, with no sign of a footwall. Some of the ore was brought to THE MINER office. It is a solid sulphide, carrying a good deal of copper.

The Spokane Belle.

Chief Engineer Roberts, of the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad, has just returned from the Salmon river country, where he and President Corbin are developing the Spokane Belle. Mr. Roberts says they have a very large body of ore, which will run five per cent copper, three dollars in gold and a little in silver. Its lead value he does not know. He thinks the ore will concentrate. If so the Spokane Belle promises to be a very large mine.

COPPER FROM SULLIVAN CREEK.

Ironclad Reports a 15-Foot Ledge With Good Ore All Through It.

A good strike is reported from the Ironclad, on Sullivan creek. The claim is one of a group of six belonging to Lee Clearwater, George Dennison, Sol Cameron and H. W. Williams. The boys have been doing assessment work on the Ironclad, and in running an open crosscut on the ledge opened a body of rich copper ore. It is the finest copper ore yet found on Sullivan creek. Samples of the ore were brought in yesterday and will be assayed today.

The ledge is fully 15 feet wide, with iron and copper pyrites scattered all through it. The Ironclad is only one mile and a half down Sullivan creek from the Heather Bell. The ore looks much like that found in the Heather Bell, but is richer in copper.

Was Highly Respected.

One of the largest funerals ever seen in Rossland was that of John McRae yesterday. Deceased, who was but 26 years of age, had been in the camp since November last, engaged in the saddlery business. He came here from Chilliwack, and was not then in the best of health, and on Monday evening last he succumbed to his old trouble—heart disease—at the Portland house. He was a prominent member of the I. O. G. T., and that order took charge of the funeral arrangements and, headed by the Rossland Brass band, marched in solemn procession from the Masonic hall to the grave yard to the tune of "Nearer My God to Thee."

BUILD A TELEPHONE LINE

Spokane Falls & Northern Will Construct One From Spokane.

Parlor and Buffet Car to Run Between Spokane and Here When the Bridge Is Ready.

President Corbin of the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad said, in reply to a question last night, that he would probably put on a buffet car between Rossland and Spokane as soon as the Northport bridge is completed. "Later on," he continued, "we may establish a night passenger train service between here and Spokane so that people can leave here at say 11 o'clock at night and be in Spokane next morning. In this way business men here could go to Spokane and back and lose only one day.

"I do not think the Northern Pacific will run a through Pullman sleeper from Puget Sound to Rossland, as it is a daylight trip from Spokane to Rossland. You will notice, however, that by our close connection with the Northern Pacific east-bound train at Spokane we bring passengers from Victoria to Rossland in 31 hours. In other words, a man can leave Victoria at 8 o'clock in the morning and be in Rossland in the afternoon of next day. As soon as the Northport bridge is finished we will be in here by half-past 2."

"How is the Northport bridge progressing?"

"Very well. The traveler with which the permanent spans are to be laid will be in operation in ten days. Each span will then be laid very rapidly. The bridge will be ready in time."

Mr. Corbin was asked if there was any truth in the report that he had given an option on his railroad system to the C. P. R.

"I have heard nothing of it," said he. "I know it has been reported that several trancontinental lines have been trying to buy our system, but I am not aware that anything of the kind is going on and I suppose I ought to know.

"It may be of interest to the people of Rossland to know that we are going to build a telephone line from Spokane at once. The telephone wire will be strung on the same poles as our telegraph line along the railway."

Registration Over 1,000.

When Returning Officer Townsend closed his books last evening 1,008 names had been registered as voters at the forthcoming municipal election. This would seem to indicate that at least 1,200 votes will be cast on election day.

PERSONALS.

John R. Cook returned from the Slocan country last evening.

John A. Finch is in the camp after an absence of several months.

John McTeer Repass, who has been for two weeks in Spokane, returned yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Manly left for their home at Grand Forks yesterday morning.

Sir Charles Ross, Bart., who has been in Victoria several weeks looking after his water power bill, is to arrive this afternoon.

President D. C. Corbin and Chief Engineer Roberts, of the Red Mountain railroad, arrived yesterday afternoon and will return to Spokane this morning.

J. B. Miller, who has been in charge of the work on the Pug mine, near Waneta, is going east for several weeks, and his place will be taken by Jonathan White, of Sault St. Marie. Mr. White is president of the company.

I. X. Brands, manager of the American Type Founders company, of Portland, Ore., paid a flying visit to Rossland, leaving for Spokane again yesterday morning. Mr. Brands has supplied THE MINER with all the machinery, type and type material used in the production of the paper. He will open a branch of the Portland house in Spokane in a few days.

A KICK FROM TRAIL

Daniels Protests Against the Action of the Petitioners.

KOOTENAY WATER RIGHTS

Baker Informs Hume Only Three Have Been Granted Lately—An Order-in-Council Now Necessary—Kellie Has An Amendment to Offer.

VICTORIA, March 31.—[Special.]—In the house today a long letter was read from Mr. Daniels, secretary of the Trail Water company, protesting against the petition presented recently against the company's bill. The letter said the petitioners acted as if to prejudice the legislature against the company, which was not asking for exclusive privileges and did not intend to do so.

Kellie introduced a bill to make the Wide Tire act apply to Kootenay. He also obtained the postponement of the final passage of the West Kootenay Power and Light bill in order to take out what he called the unrestricted power over the whole of Kootenay conveyed by clause 29.

Dr. Walkem got after the ministers for not bringing down certain departmental reports. Premier Turner explained that the agricultural report would not be issued, while Colonel Baker said the insane asylum report would be issued later in the day. Walkem declared he would let the government off this time, at which the ministers laughed and expressed sorrow for robbing him of a complaint during the budget debate.

In the insane asylum report as presented, Dr. Bodington remarked that several lunatics had been shipped back to England and called attention to the necessity of keeping out of the country this most undesirable class of immigrants, which was considered too bad for home and was unloaded on the colonies.

Colonel Baker informed Mr. Hume that the government had instructed the gold commissioner for West Kootenay not to grant water rights in the district without the consent of the governor in council. The government had granted to the Reco and Noble Five companies 200 inches each and to Mr. Heinze 1,200 inches. Kellie wanted to know whether the interests of the town of Trail and the Trail Water company had been protected. Colonel Baker said he was sure the people would be satisfied that the government had acted entirely in the interests of the public.

A number of private bills were further advanced, and the Companies Clauses bill was put through committee with the exception of the preamble. The order paper was completely exhausted as far as possible by 4:40, so there was no necessity for a night sitting.

JUST ACROSS THE LINE.

What Is Doing In Northport and Vicinity—Spring Is Backward.

NORTHPORT, Wash., March 31.—[Special.]—A. T. Kendrick has let the contract for his new brick, which will be erected on the corner of Fourth street and Columbia avenue. Mr. Oleson is the contractor. He is arranging for brick and lime to be made.

Mr. Scofield is preparing to put a jewelry store in one-half of the postoffice store, and is having it overhauled and fitted up quite differently.

Mr. Mitchell, the old time freighter between Northport and Rossland, has several men at work cutting wood for summer use. He expects to run a big wood yard here during the coming season.

The A. O. U. W. people have $150 in their treasury, which will be applied on a new building. They expect to get at least $500 subscribed among the members for the erection of the new hall.

Mr. Crandall, who is now in Sandon, has decided to locate there, and has sent for his family.

Mr. Phillips is making preparations to move the warehouse on his lot on fourth street.

Mr. Dehaven said that there is apt to be a meat famine in this section of the country if spring doesn't come soon. Meat will be higher than it has been for a long time.

Mining Notes.

A new company was organized in Northport lately, known as the Northport Development company, of which W. H. Hutchinson is president; W. C. Colhoun vice-president, Perry J. Lyons, secretary and Treasurer; J. M. Long (superintendent of Josie Gold Mining company, Rossland, B. C.) consulting engineer; A. J. Fernandini, legal advisor. The trustees are: W. H. Hutchinson, W. C. Calhoun and, A. W. Ryan, of Northport; Paul Paulson and Robert McIntyre, of Seattle. The properties of the company consist of nine claims, all of which are situated on Iron Cap mountain, Colville reservation, in the Northport Mining district. The company will push work on the property as soon as the snow is off.

Messrs. Buckman and Reynolds purchased a one fourth interest in the Populist claim, an extension of the Coyotie on the Colville reserve opposite Northport.

Mr. and Mrs. Savage, who have been absent from Northport for the past three months are again in their home on Summit avenue. They look very bright since their long trip through China and Japan.

Some claims have been staked near Northport this spring. The snow is slowly fading away and if warm weather continues it will be all gone by the middle of April.

A mistake was made in the columns of the MINER a few weeks ago in regard to the Lisbon Mining Co's superintendent who was said to be Peet Clarke, but who is Chas. LaBreche.

Mr. Adams has quit work on the Lone Star property as he was only doing his assessment work.

OVER EIGHT FEET WIDE.

New Ore Chute in the Columbia is Evidently a Stayer.

There is no longer any doubt about the big ore body in the face of the Kootenay and Columbia tunnel. It was cut into just as the mine passed to the control of F. Aug. Heinze. No work was done for a few days because of the change of ownership, but work was resumed the last of last week and the ore body has now been penetrated about 20 feet.

There is a good clean wall on the left but the ore is wider than the eight-foot tunnel and there is no wall in sight on the right. The entire face of the tunnel is in solid, clean ore. There does not seem to be a pound of waste from side to side. J. W. Astley is in charge of the mine for Mr. Heinze and for the present at least will superintend its development. The value of the ore is reported to be satisfactory.

BERING SEA SEIZURES.

British Counsel Have Forwarded Their Factum to America's Representative.

MONTREAL, March 31.—The British counsel, before the Bering Sea commission, have completed, signed and forwarded to the members of the commission, and to the American counsel, their written factum of the argument in the case now pending before the commission.

The American counsel will again reply to this argument before the meeting of the commission in Montreal in June. The factum covers over 209 printed pages, and each claim is argued separately, the introductory remarks covering over 13 pages. The claims upon which interest is charged at the rate of 7 per cent from dates mentioned in particular until payment, are 26 in number, aggregating a total amount of $857,702, exclusive of interest, and covering the seizures of 1886, 1887, 1889, 1890 and 1892. The factum is signed by the Hon. Frederick Peters, F. L. Beique, Q. C., Ernest V. Bodwell and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper.

Anticipating the New Tariff.

NEW YORK, March 31.—In anticipation that the new tariff bill would contain a retroactive provision, the withdrawals from the custom house were again very large today. The receipts amounted to $1,726,453. Of this sum $458,220 was for duties on straight imports that had not been in a bonded warehouse. The balance of the sum represents the amounts of the withdrawals.

EXTENSIONS ASKED FOR

The Gunnis-Neame Syndicate Wants Until April 20.

Commander Company Has Agreed to the Extension—The Jumbo People Want $5,000 For the Option.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 31.—[Special.]—The Gunnis-Neame syndicate of London, holding options on the Jumbo, Commander, Gertrude and Maryland mineral properties at Rossland, is evidently not prepared to take up its bond at the expiration of the time limit, April 1, as in the instance of at least the Jumbo and Commander, a further extension of 20 days has been asked in which to close or reject these deals.

Mr. Galusha, when seen today, said that the Jumbo company this noon cabled to London that only on consideration of the syndicate putting up $5,000 cash would the option be extended. An answer is looked for tomorrow morning. The Commander company met this noon to consider the London cablegram asking an extension on the bond until April 20, without putting up any additional money.

President Harris was seen after the meeting adjourned and asked what action had been taken. He said the company had decided to grant the extension of time asked for, and without any addition forfeiture. The Gertrude company say the option on their property does not expire until April 6. They have received no request for further time, and say that none will be granted without the syndicate puts up money for it. It seems to be the prevailing opinion among mining men here that the Commander deal is the only one likely to go through.

TROUT FOR SPOKANE.

Fish Commission Will Plant 400,000 in the Rivers Near the City.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 31.—[Special.]—Through the efforts of Col. N. E. Linsey sportsmen in and around Spokane will have a species of fish new to this section of the country to cast the fly at in the near future. For some time Colonel Linsey has been endeavoring to have a supply of eastern brook trout sent here to be placed in the Spokane river. Application was made to the fish commissioner at Washington, but for some reason or other was neglected. When Congressman Jones left for the east he carried a new application from Colonel Linsey. John Brice, commissioner of fish and fisheries, looked into the matter and the application has been granted.

A large consignment of about 400,000 trout will be shipped here in the fall. They will be distributed along the Spokane river above Trent and will range for at least 25 miles between Post Falls and Spokane Falls. The Little Spokane will receive a share of the supply.

THE DINGLEY BILL PASSED

Sent to the Senate By a Vote of 205 to 122.

Extraordinary Amendment By Grosvenor Making the Bill Operative From Today If Finally Passed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Tomorrow morning the duties imposed by the Dingley bill will be enforced and the present law will cease to operate, provided the last amendment attached to the bill before its passage in the house today fixing April 1 to be the day on which its provisions shall go into effect be in the bill when it is finally enacted. The vote on the final passage of the bill stood, ayes, 205; nays, 122; present and not voting, 21, a majority of 83.

The events leading up to the final vote were replete with excitement and incident and not devoid of humor. Grosvenor's amendment fixing April 1 as the date on which the bill shall go into effect is as follows:

Section 27. That all articles mentioned in the several schedules of this act, which shall be imported into the United States between the 1st day of April, 1897 and the date of the passage of this act and which were not purchased and directed by the owner to be shipped for import into the United States by any citizen thereof prior to April 1, 1897, shall bear the same duties to be charged upon similar articles in this act, and such duties shall be made a lien upon such articles wherever and in whatsoever hands found, except in the hands of persons holding them for final consumption and having no purpose to sell or part with the same or any part or product of of same, and except also in the hands of persons shown to have obtained such articles without notice of the provisions of the act, and any person, not a final consumer or holder, without notice of having obtained an interest or possession of any such article or articles so subject to duty except a common carrier or warehouse shall be liable for payment of such duties thereon and the same may be recovered with interest, but without penalty in an action or suit by the United States against such person or perons in any district or circuit court thereof.

Cuban Affairs in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Cuban question came up soon after the senate met today. Mr. Mills of Texas presented a concurrent resolution instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire what, if any, obligations the United States government had assumed towards the people of Cuba in the way of preventing the acquisition of that island by any European power, and compelling the people of Cuba to remain subject to Spain. The resolution went over until tomorrow.

Mr. Morgan's Cuban resolution then came up. It calls on the president for copies of letters said to be written by General Maximo Gomez, the Cuban commander, to President McKinley and his predecessor, the letters being recited in detail. Owing to the absence of Mr. Hoar, who had taken some interest in the resolution, the matter finally went over.