

THE LOCAL FIELD

The Latest Happenings in the City

SOPHIE MOUNTAIN ROAD.

Mr. H. B. Smith Has Just Completed a Survey of It.

Mr. F. C. Gamble, public works engineer for the province, is in the city for the purpose of looking after the work on the court house, school houses, trails, bridges and roads. He has had several conferences with Mr. John Kirkup, the gold commissioner, Mr. J. J. Honeyman, the architect of the court house and public school buildings, and Mr. H. B. Smith, the provincial land surveyor, who has just completed the survey of a road to Sophie mountain. This road was surveyed over a different route from the one which was made by Mr. J. A. Kirk. Mr. Smith reports that the road, which has its western terminus at the Velvet mine, starts at the Jumbo mine and is under 13 miles in length. The greatest grade is 8 per cent. From the Jumbo mine it goes over the pass between Sophie and Record mountains. Then it follows back of Record mountain, and descends the west slope of Record and Sophie mountains to the Velvet. To recapitulate: From the Jumbo to the Velvet, the distance is five miles; then it runs along the slope back of Record mountain a distance of two miles; then it goes down the west slope of Record and Sophie mountains for a distance of six miles. A remarkable feature of the road is that it can be constructed at a comparatively small cost. The cuts are nearly all earth side cuttings. Another beauty of the survey is that the grades can be made of almost any per cent. required. For instance, to make the grades 4 per cent. the road would be 24 miles long, but to make it a 1 per cent. grade for the distance between here and the Velvet, the road would have to be 102 miles in length.

A STOVE EXPLODED.

Result Was the Burning Out of Two Establishments.

A gasoline stove exploded in the rear portion of the Washington Dye Works, owned by Mrs. Wedlake, yesterday, a few minutes before noon. The flames spread rapidly and communicated to the building occupied by Cooper & Petch, of the Rossland bakery. The Ottawa Hotel, which adjoins, was scorched. The dye works building was completely gutted. The bakery shop was badly burned and its stock and fixtures damaged. There was no insurance on the dye works or the bakery. The loss on the three buildings, which are owned by Mr. W. H. Geer, is fully covered by insurance.

COYOTES ARE PLENTIFUL.

Large Numbers Visit Mr. Peterkin and Disturb His Summers. There is considerable snow in the tops of the mountains, and as a result it is driving the coyotes down into the lower lying sections where there is but little or no snow. Mr. Peterkin, who has a farm between Rossland and Trail, reports that he has been plagued of late by large packs of coyotes. They come around his house at night looking for something to eat. At times they make so much noise that he cannot sleep. Then he goes out among them with a club and drives them away. They are cowardly animals, but he says they do not appear to be much afraid of him, as they sometimes let him get close enough to hit them with his club. As soon as they are struck they scamper off, howling as only coyotes can howl.

The Railway Crossing.

Negotiations between the city and the Canadian Pacific with regard to the establishment of a proper means of crossing the line of railway coming into the depot over St. Paul street are still pending. Something is, however, being done. Mr. F. P. Gutelius, for the railway company, and Mr. Van Buskirk for the city, have had a conference and it now remains for the city engineer, after the submission of certain plans by the railway, to make a report to the city council. One of the proposals before the conference is that of an overhead bridge, another is for a subway and the third is for the establishment of gates which will involve the engagement of a permanent gatekeeper.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Various Orders Are Making Preparations for Seasonable Festivities.

Not only are the secret societies of this city making great preparations locally for the Christmas and New Year festivities, but there are to be no less than three events to come off in its neighborhood. The Knights of Pythias will give a bill in Trail on New Year's eve, the Ancient Order of United Workmen will give a similar function at Northport on Christmas day. Quite a large contingent are going from this city and they have secured the services of a local orchestra—that of Prof. Wiley.

More Fire Protection.

The city engineer is placing an additional hydrant at the west of the city for more complete fire protection. The new hydrant is being put in at the corner of Cook avenue and Davis street.

City Scales.

A foundation is being dug for the new city scales on Second avenue on a line with the prolongation of Queen street to the north. The scale will be upon the northern side of Second avenue. The scales themselves are expected to arrive within the next few days and would be in place before the end of the year. A by-law is on its passage through the city council for the purpose of appointing a weighmaster and for the providing of a scale of fees for the weighing of various articles and animals.

A NEW MAP OF ROSSLAND.

It is Small But is Accurate—What It Shows.

Mr. R. K. Young, provincial and Dominion land surveyor, has just received from the engravers the corrected proofs of a map he has prepared of the city of Rossland. His map is seven by nine inches in size and the engraving is done with much distinctness and the map is prepared with such thoroughness that it is remarkable that so much information could be compressed within so small a space, yet the surface is not overcrowded. Every detail of the map is from surveys on file in the land office, and where wagon roads have not been laid down on any plan, Mr. Young made the surveys himself, so that the whole is to be considered an absolutely correct. The area shown extends from the St. Elmo and Evening Star on the north to the Sunset No. 2 on the south, and from the California on the west to the Mascot on the east. Every mineral claim, wagon road, railway street or subdivision of the city, with its name, made prior to Nov. 1 of this year, appears on the map. Besides these are indicated also most of the better known landmarks of the city, such as the Bank of Montreal building, Hotel Allan, city cemetery and park, schools, churches, public halls and several private residences. Distance circles drawn at one-quarter of a mile from the postoffice as centre are also a valuable feature. Some statistical information in tabulated form in reading matter at the bottom, such as the tonnage of the camp by years, the smelter rates by years, the number of miners employed, and the list of B. A. C. properties, complete a map which for accuracy and distinctness leaves nothing that could be suggested as wanting.

PUBLIC THANKS.

Chris Foley's Executive Committee Thank Their Supporters.

Christopher Foley, his executive committee and the Independent Labor club, on behalf of the Independent Labor party, beg leave to return their sincere thanks to the electors of Yale-Cariboo district, to those of Rossland, Slocan, Slocan City, Greenwood, Phoenix, Moyie and Kimberley especially, and other places, to those residing in the district that rolled up such handsome majorities in his favor, and also to those electors in other places where, though in a minority, the vote for the Labor candidate showed a decided sympathy with the inalienable principles for which the Labor party and its independent supporters are struggling viz: representation in the parliament of our common country and for just and equitable rights to all entitled to those rights. In the late contest the Labor party and their independent supporters had to carry on their fight against two political parties viz: the Conservatives and the Liberals, both of which parties, while professing friendship and sympathy for the principles approved by the Labor party have so far endeavored to make those principles subservient to political party purposes rather than to those of justice and equality. The handsome vote of 519 polled for the Labor candidate in Rossland accentuates the correctness of his position before the people and it emphasizes the additional fact that a considerable percentage make up of all classes and occupations voted for the Labor candidate and his course. According to the official returns, besides having a majority of 35 in Rossland over his two rivals, the Labor candidate had a plurality of 296 over Mr. Galliber and 238 over Mr. McKane. The handsome majorities from the mining centres demonstrate the trend of public opinion on the question of our leading industry which the Labor candidate is a proper representative. It is to be regretted that the managers of the two political parties into which the people are divided have endeavored to make the Boundary constituency the battle ground for defunct personal and political issues and are endeavoring to make our people slaves to the mandates of political despotism.

The friends of labor and independent action are everywhere assured that the supporters of the Labor cause in the late contest throughout the district acted nobly. The few exceptions can easily be accounted for. In nearly every mining centre which has given the Labor cause a handsome majority there can be no just complaint, so far, at least, as we know against the management; it has acted impartially, even honorably, but in a few places a prejudice and partiality have been shown and this is to be regretted. One great corporation has been more discreet than it was in the past, yet it has shown its hand, though its support was about equally divided between the two political parties and its influence was to some extent used against the Labor candidate and his cause.

The full and final returns have not yet been received and there are some that yet believe the Labor candidate stands a fighting chance. While not yet conceding the election of Mr. W. A. Galliber, the indications point in that direction and we sincerely hope if Mr. Galliber is elected that he will be able to establish a clear and honest title to the position, so far, at least, as the conduct of the election is concerned.

We are not inclined to suppose or insinuate that everything has not been fairly conducted. There are some complaints of dark lantern proceedings in remote polling booths and we may be excused for suspending judgment on that particular, because we do not of our personal knowledge know that any unfair methods have been done by those entrusted with the sacred duty of collecting the votes. We

THE TIMES ARE IMPROVING

DISTINCT CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

A Large Body of Ore of a Good Grade Recently Located in the Mother Lode.

Other Strikes of Importance.

Mr. Alfred McMillan, who has just returned from a three months' visit to the Boundary country, gives an encouraging account of the mining and general outlook of the district. During his absence he visited all of the smelters and most of the leading mines. The Grand Forks smelter is found to be working admirably, better even than its projectors had anticipated, smelting as it does over 600 tons of ore per day and producing 30 tons of matte per day. In a short time the capacity of the smelter will be increased to 1,200 tons per day, and in the near future it is intended to install a converter to treat the matte on the spot, avoiding the necessity of sending it to New York and other distant points and thus affect a saving in freight.

The Knob Hill and the Old Ironsides mines at Phoenix, which during the new year, increase their output to 1,200 tons to 1,300 tons per day. Hon. Richard McBride, minister of mines, who visited these mines on Thursday last, expressed surprise at the magnitude of the ore bodies, the Knob Hill mine having, it is estimated, 2,500,000 tons above the present tunnel.

The Snowhoe mine, which is in close proximity to the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides, is being vigorously developed and an additional compressor of seven drills and one extra machine drill is about to be installed to push the work on the large ore bodies recently disclosed. In addition to this Mr. James Breen, late of the Northport smelter, and Mr. J. L. Parker, engineer, are making arrangements to renew work on the Dominion Copper company's properties, including the Brooklyn and Stewinward, within the next few days. The Winnipeg, which was recently successfully reorganized, will commence active operations during the present month under the most favorable circumstances with every prospect of making a successful mine.

Mr. McMillan reports that considerable building is going on in Phoenix, including a hotel, large store and office building, a Presbyterian church and a skating rink, so that the prospects of this newly incorporated town are brighter than they ever have before. In the Deadwood camp the Mother Lode mine has nearly completed the installation of several large bodies and other machinery, including a forty-drill compressor. The values in the mine are increasing with depth, a large body of high-grade ore having been encountered on the 300-foot level recently.

On the Crown Silver, adjoining the Mother Lode, an important strike was reported last week, and on the Marysville, owned by the Pyritic Smelter company, a body of very fine ore was encountered on Wednesday last. The British Columbia mine in Summit camp is making an excellent showing and is already shipping some 250 tons per day, while other properties in the various camps around are making good progress.

Early in the new year two new smelters, now completed, the one in Greenwood, and the smelter at Boundary Falls, will each commence operations with about 300 tons per day, with every probability of increasing their capacity at an early date.

"Hence it will readily be seen," said Mr. McArthur, "that the people of Greenwood and the Boundary generally are in a very sanguine frame of mind and believe that the coming year will prove a record one."

IMPROVING THE SERVICE. Telephone Company Installing New Switchboards and Cables.

M. G. C. Hodge, superintendent of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone company, is here superintending the installing of three cables. One is a fifty, one a forty and the other a twelve-wire cable. The idea in adding this additional equipment is so as to be able to accommodate the many new subscribers which are coming in. In addition to the cables a new 50-point switchboard has been put in and two additional 30-point switchboards are on the way and will shortly be placed in position. The management reports that business is very good and that the number of telephones that they have in Rossland is the largest of any town in the interior of British Columbia, with Nelson a close second.

MLNE TIMBERING. Editor Miner, Sir: In your issue today you publish an article on mine timbering which seems to call for a few remarks. I agree with the author when he says there is a great lack of good literature on the subject. But surely his contribution has hardly helped matters in this respect.

I shall just touch on a few points in

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SUPREME COURT STOPS CONSTRUCTION ON RED MOUNTAIN SPUR.

The Enjoinment Secured by the Red Mountain et al.—Case to Be Heard on Its Merits Thursday Next.

The old trouble between the Great Northern and the Canadian Pacific which was thought to have been amicably settled has broken out afresh. A motion for an injunction was brought before Mr. Justice Walker to restrain the Canadian Pacific from running a track along the side of the Le Roi mine to the Black Bear. It was applied for by Mr. A. H. Mac Neill on behalf of the Red Mountain railway. A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. J. L. G. Abbott on behalf of the Columbia and Western for next Thursday. This was granted on the understanding that neither party should do any work in the interim. Another application was made on behalf of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Land company to restrain the line being run over the Legal Tender, Nick of Time, Pearl Fraction and Annie Fraction, the surface rights being owned by the company applying.

It seems that, according to the acts bearing on the subject, when a survey for a line is made the plans of the same have to be filed at Victoria and if the railway concerned is under the Dominion acts plans have also to be filed at Ottawa. Now as the Red Mountain line crosses the boundary it comes under the Dominion acts and as far as the Columbia and Western is concerned a special act has been passed so that it was declared for the good of Canada generally, and consequently it comes also under the Dominion acts.

The priority of the filing of the plans of survey lines with the Columbia and Western at Ottawa, the Red Mountain not filing their plans until Nov. 27 last. The position of affairs at Victoria is just the reverse. The Columbia & Western have filed their subsequent to Nov. 27, whereas the Red Mountain had had their plans in for some time.

The plan of the Red Mountain was to run a switchback from the north and west from the Black Bear and then run up to the Centre Star ore bins. There is another another switchback doubled track bringing the Red Mountain parallel to the highest line of the Columbia and Western at the War Eagle, but coming below the rival track.

The C. P. R. officials, however, in commenting upon west from the Centre Star ore bins lately ran right over that portion of the platted line of the Red Mountain lying between the two switchbacks just mentioned. The injunction for restraint therefore refers to this portion of the line.

Since the agreement which was tacitly arrived at some time since a connection between the Red Mountain and the Columbia and Western has been made just north of the Red Mountain railway yard. Over this several carloads of machinery have been passed. It seems that the friction has arisen in the other direction—the proposed yard at the Black Bear. The quid pro quo between the two lines has not as yet been settled and it is probably over this that the disagreement has arisen.

Vardon Seils for England.

New York, Dec. 10.—Henry Vardon, the golf champion, will sail for home today.

Lost Two Fingers.

On Saturday Norman Fraser, engineer at the Columbia and Kootenay mine, was cleaning the engine when he tried to pull a piece of waste out of the machinery. The result was that his force and middle finger were smashed. Dr. Edwin Bowes amputated them down to the first joint.

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IT IS GAINING PUBLIC FAVOR

CHAMBER OF MINES PROMISES TO BE A SUCCESS.

Letters From Those Interested in Mines Commending It—What the Manitoba Free Press Says Concerning It.

The sentiment in favor of the Chamber of Mines is growing steadily and it now looks as though it is certain to be successful. The papers are warm in their praise of it all over the country and many letters commending it have been received. The desire seems general to co-operate with it all over the Kootenays and the membership is constantly increasing. Mr. J. B. McArthur is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Oliver Durand, who is one of the pioneers of Rossland and who formerly was one of the chief owners of the Centre Star and who is now the chief owner of the Idaho mineral claim. The letter is dated Culpepper, Va., Dec. 2, 1909, and says:

"Mr. Dear Friend McArthur: Your valuable and interesting letter of the 22d instant has come to hand and the contents were greedily devoured. I note your remarks in reference to your new formation or creation, the Chamber of Mines. If I were there I would lend you any assistance within my knowledge; in any event, I would do what I am capable of to bring out all reliable information of Rossland, as well as of all the other mines, elsewhere in that section, for the good of the owners, and the great good of the entire province as well as of Canada. Your new creation can be made a true source of honest tabulated information for those seeking remunerative investment and employment. Your circular letter has touched upon some very vital things that the Chamber of Mines can accomplish for the benefit of mining and to draw capital to British Columbia. I mention article 7. If your chamber organization by its strength can and will influence proper and helpful legislation and see that no laws or taxation are oppressive on capital invested, making them so that capital will be taxed only on income and not as it is now, on gross output, etc., as the tax is now.

"You will find it a little hard to carry out article No. 2 as a shipping mine will not care to give out for publication the amount of tonnage shipped or reduced and its correct value, as it would be evidence for the tax collector to use it as misapplied evidence against a mine as to its report to the government, as they are now compelled to pay on the gross yield. If the government tax were only on net profit, and not exorbitant, you would be able to get mines to make reports and capital would invest in the country.

"I can see much good that can be done by the Chamber of Mines and you can put me down as one of your members, although I may not be with you. Every membership fee is a help, although the member is not present to help carry on the work. If I were a younger man you would find me with you in helping on any good work for the advancement of

Rossland and its mines, as well as of the mines of the entire province. "No doubt there has been great change on Red Mountain and in my own baby mine, the Centre Star. If nothing prevents it, Rossland, I believe, can be made the second, if not the first, mining centre of the northwest."

Mr. McArthur has received a letter from Mr. Duryea, the great starch manufacturer and the president of the New St. Elmo Mining company, and Mr. H. F. Newell, the secretary of the same company, one paragraph of which reads as follows: "We all recognize the advantages to be gained for all concerned in the Chamber of Mines and think that it should be encouraged."

The Manitoba Free Press has the following to say of the Chamber of Mines: "The Chamber of Mines of Southern British Columbia has been organized to furnish information and statistics concerning the mining industry in the various districts of Southern British Columbia and to promote such legislation as will be of advantage to the industry. Mr. J. B. McArthur, of Rossland, is president, and the committee includes the name of Mr. John McKane, the former Conservative candidate for Yale-Cariboo. As Manitoba and the Northwest are deeply interested in the development of Southern British Columbia we are glad to see this evidence of activity and enterprise on the part of those interested in the mining industry of British Columbia. Owing to the retroactive nature of the ore a large amount of capital is necessary to develop the Kootenay mines and one of the objects of the new organization is to invite the introduction of capital in a large way. It is to be hoped that the interest in the organization will not be confined to the Rossland and Boundary districts and that representative men in the Slocan will turn in and help to make it a success."

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NEWS FROM THE BOUNDARY

GRANBY SMELTER.

Its Progress Since Its Inception—Str on the Sunset.

Grand Forks, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Granby smelter, which was blown in Aug. 21, has in 108 working days treated 45,000 tons of ore, which produced 15 tons of 50 per cent. matte. This is equivalent to 825 tons, or 1,650,000 pounds metallic copper, in addition to the gold and silver values. It requires no extraordinary knowledge to figure out that the daily capacity of 600 tons will considerably exceed \$1,000,000. The plant will be completed in the new year, when a converter will also be installed. Of ores above referred to, 1,000 tons of custom ore from Boundary and Kootenay mines, the remainder contributed by Knob Hill, Old Ironsides, Victoria, City of Paris mines. The Granby smelter is clearing \$900 per day with the complement of Paul Johnson, superintendent at the Mother Lode smelter at Greenwood which arrived in town this afternoon. Under contract 200 tons of the monthly output of the Granby smelter is sent to the refinery at Swansea, Wales. The monthly portion is refined in New York.

It is announced that James W. N. Hunt, superintendent of the Tag Huntontons sampling works, and superintendent of the General Mining company, Lake City, Utah, has been appointed superintendent of the Standard Pyritic smelter near Greenwood. Supt. H. O. of the Granby smelter and Paul Johnson state that Neil is an expert metallurgist. Mr. Johnson stated that two feet of recently encountered in the 300 foot level of the Mother Lode mine averages \$7 gold portion. The average values of ledge in the same level varies from 10 per cent. copper and from \$2 to gold per ton. He added that the Mother Lode smelter, owing to various delays will not begin operations before Feb. Mr. Johnson also authorized the statement that rich ore was recently encountered a drift in the 200 foot level of the set group, Deadwood camp, and that York parties who recently became interested, had wired authorizing the expenditure of \$100,000 in additional development work.

Grand Forks Liberal Majority. Grand Forks, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—R. Dickson, local Liberal organizer, secured a telegram today from W. A. C. Her, M.P., complimenting him on his success in piling up big Liberal majorities in Grand Forks and Columbia. Mr. Dickson also came in for many congratulations many others.

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A RAILWAY PROJECT. It is to Run From Grand Forks to Lower Arrow Lake. Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 8.—(Special.) Application will be made to the British Columbia legislature to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing a railway from Grand Forks to Lower Arrow Lake, via the valleys of the North Fork of the Kettle river to East Fork of the same and Summit and Nagle creeks a distance of about sixty miles. The projected railway is designed to tap the In and Gloucester camps, where the best of low and high-grade ore are being opened up. The applicants are Mr. R. A. Dickson, George Fraser, E. Spang, R. R. Gilpin, A. W. Fraser, J. Woolston and J. A. Coryell.

THE BROOKLYN. Resumes Operations After a Shut Down of Eight Months. Phoenix, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—After being closed for eight months the Brooklyn mine, in the heart of the Phoenix camp, started operations today. Yesterday Breen, the new manager, and James Parker, the new engineer and superintendent, arrived and at once began preparations for resuming work. Engineers, men, etc., were engaged and the work was heard tonight for the first time in last March, steam having been gotten this morning. The first work to be done will be the pumping out of the water levels which have become pretty high during the close down.

The Brooklyn group is owned by Dominion Copper company and its resumption of operations is looked upon as a most encouraging sign, coupled with the intention of the new management to erect a smelter for the re-duction of their own ores.

Mr. Parker brought his wife and are now settled in the residence formerly occupied by Frank Robbins, the late superintendent.

PLACER DIGGINGS. Report That Such a Discovery Has Been Made on Fourth of July Creek, Nelson, Wash.—A Stampeded. Grand Forks, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Promises to be a stampeded tonnage of the newly discovered placer diggings on Fourth of July creek, about a mile from Nelson, Wash.

The locations have been made just west of the international boundary line. Mr. L. T. Housman, the United States customs officer of Nelson, telephoned this afternoon that nuggets valued at \$100,000 have been found on one of the claims and that the pay dirt went in the claim at 30 per cubic yard.

Fourth of July creek rises in the