

THE CITY COUNCIL

Team That Has Been Tested for Three Weeks Purchased

FINANCES OF THE CITY

Street Improvement Money Bylaw Read a First Time—Fees for the Horse of the Various Departments to Be Purchased in Bulk.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday night there were present Mayor A. S. Goodwin (in the chair), Aldermen Hoosen, Lalonde, Edgren and McCrea. This was Alderman Edgren's first appearance since he went away, February 1st, and he received the congratulations of the other members on his safe return.

Letters were read from Premier Selin and Hon. F. Carter Cotton on the question of the sewerage, in which the latter recommended the council, as the local board of health, to make application and submit plans and specifications forthwith to the lieutenant governor in council. Mayor Goodwin said the plans had been sent to the secretary of the provincial board of health. The matter was referred to the local board of health, which is identical with the city council.

Also from the British America corporation by W. A. Carlyle, asking the council to grade Spokane street from Second avenue north to Fourth avenue, crossing the Great Northern railway and to lay a sidewalk thereon, and stating that the railway company had agreed to keep the crossing open. Referred to the board of works.

Also from A. McManis, enclosing a memorandum with reference to the sending of one or more cable dispatches to British newspapers every week through Dalziel's Press agency, and suggesting that the council donate towards the cost of the service.

The financial statement of the sanitary inspector for the month of April showed that the receipts had amounted to \$453.95, and the disbursements \$312.15, leaving a balance in favor of the city of \$141.80. Referred to the health and relief committee.

The city treasurer reported that the receipts of the city during the month of April had amounted to \$2,156.28, and the disbursements to \$3,988.99. Also that the balance to the credit of the city at the Bank of British North America is \$11,454.55, and that there is cash on hand amounting to \$381.37, or a total of \$11,835.92. Referred to the finance committee.

The board of works recommended that accounts amounting to \$682.21 be paid. Also that with reference to the petition presented to the last meeting of the council (a) Approaches to mine; (b) Sidewalk on Davis street; (c) Improvements near C. P. R. station; that these petitions be received and filed, and that the best means of granting the improvements asked for will be considered, if the bylaw for street improvements is passed and the money becomes available.

Also that the joint committees of fire, water and light, board of works and the sanitary department buy feed for horses jointly in large quantities, and that a single room be provided in the city pound stables.

The fire, water and light committee recommended that horses "Dave" and "Nell" be accepted and purchased from the Rossland Warehouse & Transfer company at the price of \$300, to be used as a fire team. This was adopted after discussion.

The finance committee recommended accounts amounting to \$2,931.11 for payment, and that the council grant \$700 towards cable news as per letter of A. J. McMillan.

Ald. Hoosen moved, seconded by Ald. McCrea, that a bylaw to raise \$25,000 by debentures for improving certain streets and alleys, be adopted. Carried.

The council then adjourned to Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Local Board of Health.

After the city council had adjourned Tuesday night the members met and organized as a local board of health, and the mayor was made a committee of one to communicate with the government in the sewerage matter and to give the lieutenant-governor in council the information he asks for.

It was also decided that some new regulations about stables should be framed and submitted to a subsequent meeting. The health officer will hereafter have a committee of one to examine the nature of which was not decided upon.

May Burdens and Perils.

Disease and Ill Health Should Be Banished This Month.

Paine's Celery Compound Is the World's Great Health Restoring Agent.

It matters not whether your trouble be rheumatism, neuralgia, kidney disease, dyspepsia, nervous prostration or some nasty blood disease, Paine's Celery Compound possesses virtues sufficient to meet your case and overcome your sufferings.

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The management of the Anacostas states that an order for 12,000 shares of Anacostas Consolidated was received from England two days ago at 4 cents.

George Buscombe of J. A. Skinner & Co., Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday.

THE ODD FELLOWS' BALL

A Most Enjoyable Event That Took Place Last Night.

Northport Sent a Delegation of 110, and There Were Nearly 300 Guests Having a Good Time.

One of the most enjoyable balls ever given in the city was held Thursday night by Rossland Lodge No. 36, Order of Odd Fellows, in Miners' Union hall. As special train came up from Northport bringing 114 passengers to attend the ball, and when the Grand March began there were 125 couples on the floor. This was the fourth annual ball of the lodge and was held on the 81st anniversary of the founding of the order. Every arrangement had been made by the committee to ensure success and when the time approached for the arrival of the train from Northport the Rossland band was out and marched up the hill with the members of the local lodge to welcome the visitors.

After the arrival of the train, the visitors were escorted to Miners' Union hall, the band playing appropriate music, and on arrival there the committees took charge of them. The hall could not be decorated owing to the short time between the rising of the supreme court and the arrival of the guests, but what was lacking in decorations was made up for by the hearty reception.

The committees in charge were as follows: Rebekah's committee—Messdames Martin, Stough, Hutchins, Day, Clemis and French; and Misses Moffatt. Reception committee—H. Ravmer, Mrs. Kenning, McKenzie and Campbell, Judge Townsend, E. W. Lihgman, John Jackson, Mr. John Dean, W. M. Wood, J. M. Martin, M. P. L., George Liering and A. Shirley.

Floor committee—D. E. Kerr, M. B. Bridgeford, Arthur Pendray, M. A. Henderson, Theo. Herkimer, W. F. Murphy, F. W. Prett, John Ruffner and J. D. Blevins.

Committee of Arrangements—D. E. Kerr, I. B. Kenty, F. McDonald, M. A. Henderson, M. B. Bridgeford, J. E. Cummings, P. E. French, O. L. Houston, John Ruffner and Theo. Herkimer.

Before the ball was opened Mayor Goodwin addressed the visitors, welcoming them in the name of the city of Rossland, and Judge Harkins of Northport, replied in a few suitable words.

Then while the orchestra began playing martial music, the Grand March began, and the merry dance followed. At midnight the guests began to wander out to the Clarendon, where a recherche lunch had been spread, consisting of soup, salads, fish, turkey, chicken, ham, tongue, beef, mutton, and a variety of sweetmeats, to which between 250 and 300 guests did full justice, and then returned to the hall, where dancing continued till daylight appeared.

A METHODIST MEETING

A Good Attendance and a Deep Interest Shown.

The Church is in a Very Flourishing Condition in the Kootenays—The Growth Shown.

The annual district meeting of the Kootenay district of the Methodist church convened on Wednesday afternoon, April 26, and finished its work Thursday evening.

The first afternoon was occupied by the ministerial session, when the plans of the work, which are of particular importance to the ministers of the district, were considered. In the evening a special religious service was held, in which several of the visiting pastors took part, the sermon being preached by Rev. A. M. Sanford, B. A. The discourse was an able presentation of the philosophic grounds of faith, and the greatly appreciated by all who were privileged to hear it.

On Thursday morning the general session convened. The ministers present were: A. W. Kelly, chairman; James Woodworth, superintendent of missions in Manitoba, Northwest Territory and British Columbia; George H. Morden, Rossland; James Nelson; James Hicks; Ymir; A. M. Sanford; B. A. Sandon; R. Newton Powell, New Denver.

The laymen elected from the several circuits and missions were as follows: Rossland, B. T. Casselman, A. B. Osgood; Nelson, T. L. Irving; Trail, C. A. Richardson; Ymir, C. J. Cremer; Kaslo, W. J. Greider; R. Sandon, J. R. McMillan; New Denver, W. J. Andrews.

The reports of work accomplished during the year on the various fields were most gratifying. There is an increase of 15 per cent in the membership of the church on the district. The sum raised for all purposes was \$11,500. Kootenay district was formed at the conference of May, 1896, when there was a total of three ministers and three church buildings. Now there are nine ministers and nine churches. The progress along all lines fully justified the confidence manifested by the Methodist church in the Kootenays. The recommendations forwarded to the ensuing annual conference will doubtless result in still further advancement in the operations of the church in South Kootenay.

St. Andrew's Church.

Thursday evening was the occasion of a pleasant congregational social in the Presbyterian church, where there was a large turnout of members and friends. Solo were rendered with much acceptance by Miss Aldrich, Mrs. McInnes and Edward White, while Miss Bessie Ralston gave pleasing recitations, and Mr. Patton a cornet solo. After the propounding and solution of various quaint riddles, refreshments were served, and the meeting dispersed with the recollections of an evening pleasantly spent, and the hope that these socials may be more frequent.

PORT OF ROSSLAND.

The Customs Returns For April Show enormous increase for the port of Rossland show that the imports and exports at this port had a very large increase over last year. The imports for April, 1898, of dutiable goods were valued at \$47,800, against \$7,350 for April, 1897, an increase of \$40,450, or over 55 per cent. The exports were valued at \$33,221, an increase of \$19,385, or over 50 per cent. The amount of duty collected this April was \$2,975, against \$7,350 for April, 1897, an increase of \$4,375. The exports, consisting chiefly of products of the mines, for the month of April, 1898, amounted to \$288,817, against \$103,131 for April, 1897, an increase of \$185,686, or an increase over the month of March of \$21,628.

The Prospector says it is reported that C. M. Edwards has resigned his position as mining recorder of the Fort Steele district.

FROM THE B. C. BUDGET

The Appointments Made by the Provincial Government.

Examination of the Managers of Coal Mines Will Take Place at Nanaimo on July 6th.

Victoria, B. C., April 27.—The Official Gazette of the week contains notice of the following provincial appointments: Robert M. Smith of Vancouver, to be a notary public for the Mainland; James Maitland Dougald of Duncan, to be collector of votes in Cowichan, vice H. O. Wellburn; J. S. T. Alexander, Kaslo, a notary public for the Mainland; Thomas T. A. Boys of Ladner, to be a notary public for Westminster and Vancouver counties; C. A. Holland and R. L. Drury, to be directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital, vice George Byrnes, deceased, and John Braden, resigned; Mark Sweeten Wade M. D., of Kamloops, to be coroner for the province; Alex. E. Garrett of Vancouver, to be a notary public for the Mainland; Charles Ernest Johnston of Vernon, to be a clerk in the office of the government agent in the city.

The minister of mines gives notice that an extension of time during which placer claims legally held in the Atlin Lake and Bennett Lake mining divisions of the Yukon, have been granted to the first of July.

Notice is given that the John Irving Navigation company, limited, proposes to build and operate a tramway from Taku city, thence to the western shore of Atlin lake, thence to the eastern shore of Atlin lake at or near Atlin city, along Pine creek to the west end of Kusinoh or Surrie lake, and thence to the head of the lake in Omineca, has been reserved for government uses: Commencing at a point situated near the junction of the Hazel, Manson and Windy river trails, on the north bank of Slate creek, thence easterly up the creek 100 chains, thence north 100 chains, thence east 100 chains, thence south 100 chains to the point of commencement, containing 1,000 acres, more or less.

Sealed proposals will be received by the commissioner of lands and works up to noon on May 20th from persons desiring to operate ferries across Bridge river at Jack's landing, and across the same river at the mouth of Sucker creek. The privilege is to be for a term of five years.

The minister of agriculture has authorized the organization of a farmers' institute in the Langley division of Westminster, and also for the Mission division of Westminster.

An examination for certificates of competency as managers of mines, under the Coal Mines Regulation act, will be held at Nanaimo on the 26th inst. Candidates must be 23 years of age and must file notice of their intention of competing in writing with Thomas Morgan, chairman of the board of examiners, Kamloops, by May 26th. They must also present certificates of at least two years' service under mine from their employers. The examination includes the mining act and rules, mine safety, general work, ventilation, mining machinery and surveying and levelling.

A TELEPHONE PRESIDENT

John I. Sabin, of the Pacific Telephone Companies, in the City.

He Expresses Surprise at the System Here and the Small Number of Residences Served.

John J. Sabin, president of the Pacific States Telephone companies, which have control of all the auxiliary Bell telephone companies in California, Oregon, and Washington, was here Thursday. The companies, Mr. Sabin said, have 51,000 telephones that can be connected one with another in the United States, and the distance now used for commercial purposes is nearly 1,400 miles from Spokane, to San Francisco, but they have lines connected for over 2,000 miles. As far as distance is concerned, it has been twice as thick as it is in use in America.

Two of the principal officials of the British Postal department were in San Francisco a short time ago, and expressed themselves surprised at the lightness of the wire used in California and other parts of the Pacific coast. When the companies built their lines from Spokane to Portland and other points, the wire cost them but 13 cents, now it costs 20 cents per pound. The companies do not, however, grieve over that, but rather rejoice, because high copper means more money and more money means more telephones.

Mr. Sabin was asked whether any system had been devised whereby more than one message could be sent over the same line at the same time. He said that the quadruplex telegraph system, and he said "not yet." Experiments had been made and were being made looking to that end but as yet none had proved a success, but the confidence manifested by the Pacific Telephone company in the wire was to send a telephone message over the wires and four telegraph messages at the same time by the quadruplex system.

This was Mr. Sabin's first visit to Rossland and he expressed himself as highly pleased with the city and its bright future.

Throughout the systems under his management he said that they now had a uniform schedule for residences where 10 subscribers were on one line, of \$12.50 per month, and this was found very satisfactory. In Spokane they had over 1,700 subscribers and many of these were residence subscribers, but they had canvassed out all the time and they were the best they could get. At present his companies connected with the Vernon & Nelson Telephone company at the boundary line, but it was not found that this was altogether satisfactory, and some change might be made very soon that would increase the value of the service.

Mr. Sabin will leave for the south about noon today.

THE BASEBALL CLUBS.

Suite Ordered, Grand Stand to Be Enlarged and Grounds Fixed Up.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Rossland Baseball club in the Dominion Athletic club rooms Thursday. It was decided to commence work today in fixing up the grounds, getting the diamond in shape and enlarging the grand stand. Every effort will be put forth to get grass on the grounds so as to do away with the dust, that has been such a detriment heretofore, and which has prevented good ball being played. The players' suits have been ordered from Charles Hiteshew, the West Columbia avenue tailor, and all apparatus that can be obtained in Rossland will be bought here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Abell mourn the loss of their little boy Willie O., who died yesterday afternoon of typhoid fever. He will be buried at Laurel Hill cemetery tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. G. H. Mordeh officiating.

A Machine Man's Untimely Death

in the Columbia & Kootenay.

He Was Picking When His Implement Came in Contact With the Stick of Giant Powder.

At 8 o'clock Friday evening J. Munro was killed in the raise in the No. 4 tunnel of the Columbia-Kootenay mine. His face was blown almost completely off and the upper part of the body badly mangled. The accident was caused by a missed shot of giant powder. Munro and his partner, Walter Ross, who are machine men in the mine, went on shift at 7 p. m.

When Munro and Ross ceased work yesterday morning at 3:30 they fired a round of holes and one of these failed to go off. When work was resumed last evening Munro and Ross began to clean down in order to put in a new round of holes in the raise, which is 14 or 15 feet up from the floor of the tunnel. They were engaged in this work when the fatal blast went off at 8 o'clock. No one knows exactly how it occurred. Munro was using a pick and the point probably struck one of the sticks of giant powder and it exploded. The blast struck him hardest in the head and tore off most of the right side of the face and mangled the neck. Pieces of the rock also riddled and mangled his chest. He fell dead on the scaffolding and his body was actually covered by the rock which came down with the blast.

Walter Ross, his partner, was at the bottom of the raise, and when the blast went off he hurried to the mouth of the tunnel for the purpose of securing help. Frank Woodside, a miner, went into the tunnel with him, and when they got to where Ross was and took the rock off his body they found he was still stone dead. The two brought the body of the unfortunate man outside to the blacksmith shop, where it remained until the undertaker was summoned.

James Dean, a friend of the deceased, came into town and secured the services of Lockhart & Jordan, and they removed the body to the undertaking parlors, where it now is.

Dean was a fine young man and was deservedly popular. He has been in the camp for the past eight months and previous to that time he resided in Vancouver. He has been working in the Columbia-Kootenay since his arrival here. He is a native of Wallace, N. S. He was aged 23 years, and is unmarried. He was the main support of his widowed mother. He is a member of the Columbia-Kootenay union, and he was only two weeks since that he joined the union. The time for holding the funeral has not yet been determined.

CALLAHAN VS. COPLIN.

Text of the Judgment Rendered in This Case by Mr. Justice Martin.

The text of the judgment of Mr. Justice Martin in the celebrated case of Callahan vs. Coplin tried before the supreme court here in February last has been received in the city. The judgment is for the defendants with costs. Hon. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick appeared for the plaintiff, and C. R. Hamilton for the defendant. The judgment is as follows:

"On the 24th day of May, 1892, the defendant located, and subsequently recorded, the Cube Lode Mineral claim, which divides between Cody and Sandon creeks in the Slocan Mining district. Over four years afterwards the plaintiff located, on August 2nd, 1896, the God Fraction Mineral claim, and on the 27th of September, 1896, the Joker Fraction Mineral claim, and duly recorded them. The Cube Lode claim, as now surveyed, would occupy most of the ground claimed as that of the Cody and Joker fractions.

"It is contended on behalf of the plaintiff, first, that the present situation of the Cube Lode is not according to its original location, or, in other words, that the defendant has fraudulently 'swung' the posts of the Cube Lode so as to place it practically on the wrong (eastern) side of the divide. This, of course, is an allegation of a very serious character, and to substantiate it I must be satisfied beyond doubt that the defendant has deliberately committed what is tantamount to a criminal offence. In view of the positive assertion of the defendant that the location line of the Cube Lode is in the divide, which is written on the map, and that the defendant is a party to the location, I am not prepared to believe that the defendant has committed such a crime. I must, therefore, find in favor of the defendant on this point, though without explanation it was a strong case of circumstantial evidence. I might say here that it was a pleasant feature of this case that I had no reason to believe from anything in the demeanor of the principal parties concerned that there was any intention to deceive the court, or that anything other than a straight story was being told; there is practically no direct conflict of evidence.

"Second, the plaintiff contends that in any event the present location of the Cube Lode is invalid, because upon No. 1 post, which is the dividing line, the plaintiff has placed a post, and that the plaintiff is bound to remove it to the evidence offered on behalf of the plaintiff on this point, though without explanation it was a strong case of circumstantial evidence. I might say here that it was a pleasant feature of this case that I had no reason to believe from anything in the demeanor of the principal parties concerned that there was any intention to deceive the court, or that anything other than a straight story was being told; there is practically no direct conflict of evidence.

"The plaintiff contends that the proper bearing is 'north-easterly,' and according to the evidence of Mr. Heyland, P. L. S., who made the survey for the defendant, the compass bearing, that is magnetic, (under which he states surveyors according to the mineral act are always made) would have been N. 74 degrees, 9 minutes East. I have come to the conclusion that 'south-easterly' is not the 'approximate compass bearing' within the contemplation of the act, and it is quite clear that the plaintiff in this case was misled by that description. Further, I do not think that where an approximate compass bearing is not given the plain requirement of the act can be cured by a reference in the record to another claim.

"But the defendant claims the benefit of sub-section (2) of section 36 as amended by the mineral act amendment act of 1896. Assuming for the moment that the defendant is otherwise entitled to the benefit of this section, so as to cure his non-observance of the formalities required, I am of opinion that in this particular case he does not come within the scope of the section, because I find the non-observance was of a character calculated to mislead other persons desiring to locate in the vicinity, and did in fact mislead them.

"But he also claims the benefit of section 28 as curing the irregularity. This section is as follows: '28. Upon any dispute as to the title to any mineral claim no irregularity having been previous to the date of the record of the last certificate of work shall affect the title thereto, and it shall be assumed that up to that date the title to such claim was perfect, except upon proof by the attorney-general based upon fraud.'

"It is shown on the part of the defendant that for several years before the plaintiff located his claim, he, the defendant, had recorded certificates of work and has continued to do so up to the present time. The plaintiff has also duly recorded his certificates of work, and he likewise claims that this section places him in as good a position as the defendant. As pointed out by Mr. Justice Drake in Fero vs. Hall (unreported) July 26th, 1893, the position is one of difficulty, and I reserved judgment largely on this ground. On mature reflection I have, with some difficulty, come to the conclusion that the defendant is entitled to the benefit of the section. If effect is to be given to it at all, the irregularity complained of was cured by his recording his last certificate of work, for I am directed in positive terms by the statute to 'assume that up to that date the title to such claim was perfect,' nothing could be stronger. The same remarks apply to the plaintiff's case, but with this exception, that other things being equal the defendant has the prior location (now cured of all irregularity) by over four years. As Mr. Justice Drake said in Fero vs. Hall, under such circumstances the court has to fall back upon prior location and record, and I feel this is the only safe rule to be guided by. It is in accord with the legal maxim 'Qui prior est tempore, potior est jure,' which seems particularly applicable to mining titles.

"The action will be dismissed with costs."

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Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday at 1 o'clock. Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday at 1 o'clock, or on arrival of C. P. R. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 2 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C. P. R. train No. 2 going east Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. For Morehead and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock. Leave New Westminster to Victoria Monday at 12:15 o'clock; Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 o'clock. For Plumper Pass—Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 o'clock. For Pender and Morehead Islands—Thursday 7 o'clock.

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Steamships of this company will leave for Port Simpson and intermediate ports via Vancouver the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. And for Skeena on 1st of each month.

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KLONDIKE ROUTE.

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