

### Mr. Kirby's Reply To the Council

The city clerk received the following letter from Mr. Kirby yesterday in reply to the council's proposition to the War Eagle and Centre Star companies regarding the water question. The letter is self-explanatory and throws some light upon the question at issue:

Rossland, B. C., Nov. 8, 1902.

To the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Rossland:

Gentlemen: In reply to your communication of the 4th instant we would say that we have never been able to see why the applications for water records on Stoney creek. They were made for surplus water now going to waste with the object of piecing out our other recorded supplies. The fact that they could not in any way impair the city's rights but might make Rossland possible as a milling site led us to believe that the city, if it took any official notice of our proceedings, would do all in its power to aid and further them.

We are surprised to find that instead of taking this view it has opposed our applications vigorously. We are still more surprised to find that during the prolonged contest it made no objection, but gave consent for what the law authorizes, namely, secondary rights to those of the city. The first and paramount right of the latter is not only freely acknowledged, but is so strongly established by the Municipal Clauses Act and the Water Classes Consolidation Act that we could not, if we would, impair it. We are, therefore, not attempting to take anything away, but merely to utilize to mutual benefit what now goes to waste, as will be evident to anyone who will take the trouble to visit the streams in question.

We trust that this explanation of the situation will make itself evident that the proposition submitted is not one which would aid us in any way or lessen the difficulties of the Rossland location. Respectfully yours,

The War Eagle Consolidated Mining and Development Company, Limited. The Centre Star Mining Company, Limited.

EDMUND B. KIRBY, Manager.

### The Trail Smelter Has Not Been Sold

Mr. Edmund B. Kirby, manager of the Centre Star and War Eagle mines, was seen yesterday by a Miner representative and asked concerning the story printed in the Nelson News of Sunday regarding the sale of the Canadian Pacific Smelting Works at Trail to the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, which was alleged to have occurred recently. Mr. Kirby declined to discuss the matter beyond stating that there was not the slightest foundation for the story. No sale of the smelter to the Centre Star and War Eagle companies had occurred; in fact, he declared that there was not a grain of truth in the article. Little was known at Trail about the matter, outside of what had appeared in the Nelson newspaper. As far as those in

### INTERVIEW WITH A BOUNDARY MAN

W. B. Wilcox, editor of the Phoenix Pioneer, came in last night from the Interior Press Association meeting, held at Halcyon Hot Springs. In an interview with a Miner representative Mr. Wilcox stated that while the Boundary country had not been as lively as expected this last summer there is now a much more hopeful feeling generally throughout that district. The three Boundary smelters were forced to close during a portion of the summer on account of coke shortage, and the mines in turn also closed for a short time. Now, however, five furnaces were in blast in the three smelters and before the first of the year three more would be blown in.

The Granby smelter at Grand Forks is the largest of the three smelters, having two furnaces and two copper converters. Only two of these furnaces are now in blast, owing to low water in the North Fork of Kettle river. This will be remedied, however, in two or three weeks, as the auxiliary power from Cascadia will be available. The Mother Lode smelter at Greenwood is steadily operating two furnaces and is said to be making over \$1000 per day at mine and smelter. The Sunset smelter, at Boundary Falls, is also doing good work with its single furnace, expecting to have a second one in blast some time in December.

When the three additional furnaces are blown in employment will probably be given to some 300 more men. It is believed in the Boundary that early in the spring the Great Northern will build to Phoenix and Greenwood, which is looked forward to as being of no small benefit to the entire Boundary.

Boundary mines are now sending out nearly 2000 tons of ore daily, valued at about \$15,000. Before January last this output will be increased to about 3000 tons per day. Shrewd observers are of the opinion that this winter will be a good one in Boundary camps.

Thus far this year the several mines of the Boundary have shipped over 400,000 tons of ore, nearly all to local smelters. The year's total will doubtless be over half a million tons, or 25 per cent more than last year. The six large shipping properties are the Granby, Mother Lode, Snowshoe, Sunberg, Emma and B. C. mine, all of which are being extensively worked. Phoenix is the most central point for all these mines, and is growing steadily.

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### September Report of The Le Roi No. 2

The following is the manager's report of the Le Roi No. 2 for the month ended 30th September, taken from the London Financial Times:

"Output.—There were approximately 6070 tons of ore shipped to the smelter during the month.

"Approximate contents and values in 6070 tons of ore:

2,646 ozs gold at \$20.00—\$52,911 or \$8.72	Per ton
6,031 ozs silver at .52—3,196 or .52	
352,036 lbs copper at .12—30,244 or 4.98	

Making a total gross value \$56,351. Or the average per ton, \$9.29.

"Pitman tunnel stopes.—Two machine drills were employed in this stopes during the month, and Pitman stopes No. 1 above this level was the largest producer during the month. Assay values from the stopes were somewhat erratic and the ore produced required to be carefully sorted to maintain shipping grade.

"Shaft tunnel stopes.—Pitman stopes.—This stopes produced a small quantity of high grade ore from the east end. This was recently developed by extending shaft tunnels towards the east. Pitman No. 4—Improved considerably in grade over previous month, and produced a satisfactory tonnage and grade of ore.

"300 foot level.—Annie stopes.—A stopes was commenced in the Annie shaft about 80 feet vertically above the 300 foot level on what is supposed to be the Annie vein in the dykes that cut off this ore body in the 500 foot level stopes. The ore shoot at present is considerably disturbed by the action of these dykes, but the ore is high grade and easily sorted; consequently a good grade of shipping ore is obtained in this stopes—maintained former values, and produced good proportion of shipments for the month. 500 foot level, footwall stopes.—Ore produced from this stopes during month was of good grade, carrying high copper values, but owing to the strike of the vein month from this source was not possible.

"Annie stopes, 500 foot level.—What ore remains to be stoped above the fourth level floor is of such uncertain grade owing to the disturbance of this stopes by the dykes that it is quite doubtful if much shipping ore can be extracted between the ton of this floor and the 300 foot level. The stopes opened east of the dykes in the Annie shaft above the 300 foot level is the upward continuation of this shoot, and recent developments showed it to be quite profitable. No shipping ore exists in the Annie shoot between the fourth level floor of the Annie stopes above the 500 foot level and the bottom of the stopes commenced in the Annie shaft above the 300 foot level, a vertical distance of approximately 170 feet, 800 feet level. This stopes produced a somewhat reduced tonnage and lower grade of ore than last month owing to small local disturbance in the stopes. 700 foot level, Annie stopes.—Two machine drills were kept employed during the entire month breaking ore in this stopes, and a large increase is expected to result during the present winter.

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### Boundary Survey to Move Base of Operations

The last members of the international survey party leave town this morning for Cascade, Midway and from thence to Ottawa. The work here has not been as complete as they would have liked it to be, but owing to the coming of the heavy mists up the valley and through the fall of snow and the subsequent condition of the weather, it was decided by James M. Bates, the head of the party, to leave the work undone and come back here early in the spring and finish it up. The work of the party in this section in the spring will be confined chiefly to the ascension of Old Glory and a couple of other peaks in its immediate vicinity. These peaks were climbed early in the year by two members of the survey, but no observations were taken, as it was expected that they could be taken when the party returned from their summer's work. However, the party failed to finish their work as soon as they expected, owing to the constant presence of forest fogs and mists along the Columbia river. These mists forbade any attempt at the taking of topographical surveys until they cleared away, which in some cases was nearly a week. The result was that the work for this year was greatly hampered.

The reason that the party leaves for Cascade and Midway is that there is some ground that was left out of the records when the party went through that section early in the spring, and as the records are absolutely essential, Mr. Bates is returning to try and get them. The work at Cascade will only occupy a few days, but it is expected that Midway will take considerably longer.

Next spring the work of the party will be resumed on somewhat the same lines as was done this year, the only difference being that the base of operations will be removed from this city to Nelson. The work next spring will take in that section of the country from the summit of the Selkirk to the Kootenay divide and beyond and the completion of the work left undone this year. The survey will be in charge of Major O'Hara, with James H. Bates as assistant.

### Meeting of Directors Of the Skating Rink

That the skating rink will soon be put in the proper condition for skating was amply evidenced at the annual general meeting held yesterday at the board of trade rooms of the Rossland Skating & Curling Club, Limited. The meeting was remarkable for the number of shareholders present and the unanimity of opinion expressed by the officers and directors at the head of the rink last year. Of the officers of last year the only one missing was W. Wylie Johnston, the secretary-treasurer, who is now residing permanently on the coast.

At yesterday's meeting the question brought forward before the board was the ways and means of putting the rink in good skating condition at the earliest possible moment. It was reported that caretaker Williams, who has had charge of the rink for several years, had commenced making ice in the rink several days ago. At present he has laid the first layer of snow, having packed it thoroughly, and has flooded the rink for the first time. The rain of yesterday and the lack of frost, however, has delayed the formation of skating ice, and unless present conditions of the weather change greatly and a heavy frost comes no skating can possibly be looked for for at least two weeks to come. If the frost comes the directors think that there will be skating possibly by next Sunday, although that is something that they are not prepared to go on record about.

The directors think that this will prove a banner year in skating, as each year has added to the number of skaters, and a large increase is expected to result during the present winter.

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### More High Grade Ore Uncovered at Velvet

The predictions made earlier in the year that the conditions with respect to the Velvet mine would show a marked improvement, are more than being realized at the present time. It is now with the discoveries made during September and through other developments, almost sure to become a large and profitable shipper, and that before many months are out.

The strike and discoveries made in late September in the No. 1 level of the mine matter assayed no less than \$100 in gold to the ton and which was reported in due course in London, has been followed by another interesting discovery of fairly high grade ore, this time on the No. 5 level of the mine.

The ore, according to Manager Gray, who telegraphed the discovery to the London office of the company, is of a very high grade and is said to be a fine body of the present time five feet of this new ore body and that he had sent a portion of it to the smelter from

which he received very good returns, the ore averaging somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25 or \$30 a ton. The ore is not quite as high grade as the body struck a month or more ago on the No. 1 level, some of which went almost as high as \$100 to the ton.

On the ore from the new body sent to the smelter at Northport, Manager Gray stated that he received the following returns: Out of 54 tons shipped, the ore yielded 49 ounces gold, 44 ounces silver, 7074 pounds of copper, the net proceeds being £4 2s 6d per ton.

The work on the Velvet is said to be progressing in a very favorable as well as satisfactory manner. Most of the work being done at the mine at the present time consists of development work and preparation for active shipping when the concentrating plant is finally constructed. The heavy snows of the past week have been the cause of the cessation of shipments to a certain extent, the roads being in such condition as to prevent any great amount of ore being sent over it to the railroad.

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### RECIPROCITY WITH NEWFOUNDLAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11.—An important feature of the reciprocity treaty just negotiated with Newfoundland is a safeguard against the differential in favor of all goods entering Newfoundland from England or of the British colonies. This differential in the case of the Dominion amounts to 43 per cent, which is a very heavy handicap on imports from the United States. It is true that the differential has not yet been imposed by Newfoundland upon the treaty. The treaty provides against the imposition of the differential duties. This, in the case of flour, amounts to a large enough sum to warrant the expectation that the United States will continue to command the trade in that line. The attitude of the Newfoundland senators to the treaty is problematical. They have committed themselves to a treaty in theory, but it is not known whether they will accept the details of the new arrangements.

**HEAVY SNOWSTORM.** Lake Superior in the throes of a Winter's Gale.

UXBRIDGE, Ont., Nov. 11.—Judd Forsyth, son of the Forsyth hotel keeper of Goodwood, was killed while attempting to board a train in motion today. The young man's body was cut in two.

A Port Arthur dispatch says: A heavy snowstorm is prevailing on Lake Superior today. The steamer Orisko from Cleveland with coal came into port this morning, having experienced bad weather all the way up. From Whitefish Point the kept to the north shore. When near Silver Islet Captain Alsworth discerned a vessel, which had evidently stranded on the rocks. The water was rolling over it. Owing to the heavy sea it was impossible to get near the vessel.

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R. A. C. McNally, who has long been connected with the John Cooper Manufacturing company as local agent and Kootenay agent, left last night for Montreal. He was accompanied by Mrs. McNally. Quite a few personal friends were at the depot last night to see them off.

**RETURNED.** Graham's orchestra returned from Grand Forks after spending a pleasant time in that city discarding music at the Bachelor's ball given by the young men of Grand Forks at the opera house. The affair is said to have been the greatest thing ever attempted in the Boundary country, and was a huge success socially and otherwise. According to the Grand Forks News man, "the spectacle was perliously near a veritable beauty show." The orchestra was well treated at the Forks.

**LEAVES TOWN.** W. B. Pool, the well known mining man, left yesterday for his home at Ferguson, where he is interested in the famous Silver Cup mine. Since being connected with the Silver Cup property, Pool has become interested in the mining properties in and about the Boundary, and is said to be one of the likeliest prospects in that section under his charge.

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