

Railway Items.

The rapid development of means of communication in the Kootenays is receiving a great impetus this year. No less than five wharves are now under construction at Nakusp, Roseberry, New Denver, Silverton and Slocan City in connection with the new rapid transit route via Nakusp Slocan Railway, Slocan Lake, Slocan River Railway, and Columbia and Kootenay Railway to Nelson. There will be a choice of routes from the coast to Nelson, Trail and Rossland—one by the Columbia River and Arrow Lakes and the other by the mixed rail and steamer on Slocan Lake. The distance from Nakusp to Nelson over the new route is about ninety miles, and as it is proposed to make the trip in daylight the varied scenery and numerous attractions on this route cannot fail to make it popular. The Slocan River Railway will be in running order in September next, the work being very actively prosecuted. The surveys of that portion of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway from Goat River to Balfour along Kootenay Lake is nearly completed. Mr. C. E. Perry, who has had charge of the Surveys is superintendent of construction.

A Promising Enterprise.

THE National Mining and Development Company has been organized in Toronto, and has purchased the following properties:

Victoria, North Star, Mary Ann, Scott, Gold Drop, Charlotte L., Margarette S. and Irma. These claims are located in Fairview, Trail Creek, Rock Creek, North Fork of the Salmon, and Boundary Country. From the reports and assays made there is every reason to think that they will prove to be valuable properties. Some of the most influential men in Toronto are interested in this enterprise, and we understand it is their intention to fully prove the value of the claims by development work and then place them on the English market. Mr. C. A. Godson, of Victoria, is the prime mover in the matter; he having secured the claims from the original owners and placed them at a low figure in the hands of the National Mining & Development Company. We expect to hear good reports from the operations of this company in the near future, which will no doubt be one of the most successful mining organizations on the coast.

Held Over.

Interesting articles from Rossland, Greenwood City and New Denver, also an account of the New Victor Mining Co. are unavoidably held over till next issue, having reached us too late for publication.

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Companies.	No. of Shares.	Par Value.	Price.
TRAIL CREEK.			
Alberta	1,000,000	\$ 1 00	\$0 15
B.C. Gold King	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Beaver	750,000	1 00	0 10
Big Three	3,500,000	1 00	0 15
Bluebird	600,000	1 00	0 10
Bruce	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Butte	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
Caledonia Con.	500,000	1 00	0 06
California	2,500,000	1 00	0 15
Camp Bird	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
C. & C.	500,000	1 00	
Celtic Queen	750,000	1 00	0 04½
Centre Star	500,000	1 00	
Colonna	1,000,000	1 00	0 26
Commander	500,000	1 00	0 23
Crown Point	1,000,000	1 00	0 0
Deer Park	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Della Colla	1,000,000	1 00	0 04½
Delaware	1,000,000	1 00	0 12
Eastern Star	500,000	1 00	0 20
Enterprise	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Eric	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
Evening Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 13
Georgia	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Gertrude	500,000	1 00	0 10
Golden Drip	500,000	1 00	0 15
Golden Queen	1,000,000	1 00	
Great Western	1,000,000	1 00	0 17
Hattie Brown	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Helen	600,000	1 00	0 04
High Ore	500,000	1 00	0 06
Homestake	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Idaho	500,000	1 00	
Imperial	1,000,000	1 00	0 05½
Iron Horse	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Iron Mask	500,000	1 00	0 44
I.X.B.	1,000,000	1 00	0 13
Josie	700,000	1 00	0 50
Jumbo	500,000	1 00	0 62
Knight Templar	500,000	1 00	0 05
Kootenay-London	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Le Roi	500,000	5 00	7 75
Lilly May	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Mabel	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Mayflower	1,000,000	1 00	0 14
Monita	750,000	1 00	0 25
Monte Cristo	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Morning Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 04
Nest Egg	500,000	1 00	0 11
Northern Belle	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Novelty	1,000,000	1 00	0 09
O. K.	1,000,000	1 00	0 30
Palo Alto	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Phoenix	500,000	1 00	0 13
Poorman	500,000	1 00	0 06½
R. E. Lee	2,000,000	1 00	0 15
Red Mountain View	1,000,000	1 00	0 11
Red Point	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Rossland, Red Mountain	1,000,000	1 00	0 22
St. Elmo	1,000,000	1 00	0 09
St. Paul	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
Silverine	500,000	1 00	0 08
Southern Cross & W. Con	500,000	1 00	0 20
Trail Mining Co	2,500	100 00	
Union	600,000	1 00	
Virginia	500,000	1 00	0 12
War Eagle Consolidated	2,000,000	1 00	1 10
West Le Roi	500,000	1 00	
White Bear	2,000,000	1 00	0 19
AINSWORTH, NELSON AND SLOCAN.			
Argo	1,000,000	0 10	0 10
Athabasca	1,000,000	1 00	0 25
Bondholder	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Alamo	500,000	1 00	
Cumberland	50,000	10 00	
Dardanelles	1,000,000	1 00	0 25
Dellie	750,000	1 00	0 15
Eldon	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
Elise	1,000,000	1 00	0 07
Ellen	1,000,000	1 00	0 07½
Elkhorn	1,000,000	1 00	0 10