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THE SMELTING INDUSTRY.

The smelting industry in this country is equally important as the mining industry. This is because the ores, with very slight exception are refractory in character and require one or other of the methods of fire reduction. It is essential, therefore, that the smelting industry be fostered, aided and protected by all that the government can do for it, because on its success depends as much of the future of mining in this province as on any other one thing.

The effects of the marked reduction in the cost of smelting are frequently manifested in this camp. Every few days work is resumed on some property which was shut down many months since because the ore was of such a low grade that under the freight and treatment rates that prevailed a year or two since, it could not be mined and reduced at a profit.

The benefits are not confined to this division, but will extend all over the Kootenays and other sections will, so to speak, blossom and bloom under the effects of the liberal and beneficent policy inaugurated.

In the matter of locating smelters in proximity to mines the Trail Creek division is not the only one that is favored in this respect, for it is the intention to locate smelters in the Boundary and other sections on sites as close to where the ore is produced as possible, with due regard to economical operation.

THE SILVER-LEAD INDUSTRY.

No section in Canada is more interested in the outcome of the international conference, now in session at Quebec, than the Kootenays. This district hopes and expects that the commissioners will carefully consider the present condition of the silver-lead industry of Canada and the United States.

It is expedient that these barriers should be forthwith removed. As soon as this is done, and regardless of the price of silver and lead, the output of silver-lead ore in the Kootenays will be increased at least tenfold.

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

The appointment of Mr. Justice McColl as chief justice of British Columbia will give general satisfaction to both the legal profession and the public. It is hoped that the appointment of a new puisne judge will not take one-fourth as much time as was consumed in the appointment of a chief justice.

ROSSLAND'S TRADE.

Rossland is fast becoming a wholesale center for many of the surrounding camps. This has become the case to a large extent since the city was made by the transportation companies a common traffic point with Nelson, Trail, and other points along the Columbia river.

Considerable of the goods now consumed in the Boundary Creek country are sold by the merchants in this city. They are shipped from here to Bossburg, and from there by team into the towns and camps to the west.

The matter of the road from Rossland to the tote road has probably been overlooked in the crisis at Victoria, but even if this is so, the new government should be communicated with by the board of trade, to the end that something may be immediately done.

that the by-traffic, to say nothing of the direct trade between the two places, would in a very short time pay many times the cost of the highway's construction.

There will naturally be an increase in the wholesale trade of this city, but it will never be great until there are better facilities for getting in and out and roads as well as railways are essential.

THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

A requisition numerously signed by Liberal-Conservatives in all parts of the Province having been presented to Colonel E. G. Prior, M. P., of Victoria, asking him to call a convention of the party for the purpose of organization, he accordingly asks members of the party to meet at Odd Fellows' hall, Vancouver, at 10:30 a. m. on Thursday and Friday, September 1st and 2nd next.

Adopting the system generally in vogue, the basis of representation at this convention will be as follows:

- 1.—Liberal-Conservative privy councilors resident in British Columbia.
2.—Liberal-Conservative senators and members of the Dominion parliament from British Columbia.
3.—Liberal-Conservative ex-members of the Dominion parliament, resident in British Columbia.
4.—Liberal-Conservative members and ex-members of the Provincial legislature of British Columbia.
5.—Liberal-Conservatives, who were candidates at any election, either Federal or Provincial, in British Columbia.
6.—The officers of any Liberal-Conservative association, organization or club in British Columbia.
7.—A Liberal-Conservative representative, nominated for this convention, by the electors of any polling division, Federal or Provincial, in British Columbia.

Besides the above all persons in sympathy with the Liberal-Conservative party are cordially invited to be present, when ample opportunity will be given them to lay their views before the convention.

This convention will place the Conservatives in a condition to battle for the control of the next legislature, and it is more for this than anything else that the organization of the party is undertaken. It does not seem probable that the Semlin cabinet can continue in power for any great length of time, and another general election may be looked for before many months elapse.

THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

The situation in the far east is strained to the utmost point of tension, and Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, has notified the Sung Li Yamen that Great Britain will regard as a casus belli any further attempt on the part of China to disregard the wishes of Great Britain so far as concessions to other powers are concerned.

With an equitable arrangement of the customs duties and the opening of the towns to traffic a marvellously large trade could be established, and despite the intriguing of the Russians and other powers, Great Britain, should Salisbury's policy prevail, would have the lion's share of the trade of China.

It is felt in many quarters that if there is to be trouble between Great Britain and Russia over the Chinese question it had better come now than at any other time. Russia is not prepared for war and will not be in condition to put up a really good fight until the trans-Siberian railway is completed.

The following pointed paragraph is from the Toronto Telegram: "Wilfrid Laurier's ingratitude failed to keep Joseph Martin from coming to the top, and his favor will likewise fail to keep Clifford Sifton from going to the bottom,

to her lack of transportation facilities could not transport her troops to the principal scene of conflict (in China) in time to do any effective work. The war seems to be almost inevitable, and England could go to Russia even if the latter secured an ally and whip her so badly in a few months that she would never, for at least fifty years to come, have anything to say about the dismemberment of China.

The Manchester Guardian of a recent date makes an apparently authoritative statement that Great Britain and the United States will act together diplomatically in the Orient, wherever the interests of the two countries are identical. The United States is as much interested in the policy of "open doors" as Great Britain is and is as much opposed to the Russian policy of closing Chinese ports to all the world but herself.

With such a combination confronting the Russian policy of selfishness it looks as though that country will have to moderate her demands or receive a sound drubbing similar to that which has just been administered to Spain. Great Britain can do this without the help of the United States, provided the other powers did not get in and assist Russia. In such a case the help of the United States might be welcome.

A LIBERAL POLICY.

It is evident that the C. P. R. intends to adopt a most liberal policy toward the miners of Kootenay in affording them facilities for the cheap smelting and transportation of their ores. It is stated by an authoritative source that the C. P. R. intends to erect and maintain smelters, besides the one at Trail, in East Kootenay and in the Boundary country. From this it will be seen it is not animated by a desire to secure the longest possible haul for the highest rate on ores.

It may be said that the C. P. R. will do this because it fears competition. This is not true because it would be impossible for a small corporation to compete with the railway company with its immense capital and its great railway behind it. One of the heavy costs of a smelter is the sums that are paid for the hauling of fuel and fluxes.

It is evident from the fact that the C. P. R. is building a lead stack at Trail that one of its endeavors will be to reduce the silver-lead ores of this section. No small corporation has ever been able to do this successfully.

The work of pumping out the shaft of the Commander has been commenced, and by Monday it will be clear of water. As soon as the shaft is pumped out 18 men will be put to work. There is plenty of money in the treasury and the work of development will be kept up continuously until the desired result of making the Commander a mine is attained.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Winnipeg Tribune accuses the C. P. R. of pursuing Joseph Martin like a sleuth hound in his political career in this Province. The general supposition in British Columbia is that "Fighting Joe" draws a fat annuity from the great railway company.

By the appointment of Mr. Justice McColl to the chief justiceship of British Columbia a puisne judgeship has been made vacant. In appointing a successor to the position formerly held by Judge McColl it is hoped that the Dominion government will take into consideration the large and constantly increasing volume of legal business in the Kootenays and arrange for the residence of a puisne judge in this district.

I use every possible means to tell others of Faine's Celery Compound, and will always recommend it to those troubled with rheumatism. Yours very truly, Wm. Morrison, Roxton Pond, P. Q.

No matter what leaders may do, they cannot permanently alter the laws of gravitation, which makes strength tend upward and mere sickness tend downward.

The C. P. R. telegraph line went down west of Revelstoke last night and shut off telegraphic communication with Vancouver, preventing THE MINER from obtaining the result of the Semlin-Ootton-Martin convention. It is, therefore, impossible to state at this writing whether or not Joseph Martin has succeeded in ousting Mr. Semlin from the leadership of the party and obtaining the position for himself.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association hereafter will publish a bulletin, monthly or oftener, for distribution amongst its members. The object is to keep them informed of trade opportunities in other parts of the world. The initial number contains statistical information concerning Canadian industries and exports; trade with the United States; a summary of the conditions attaching to the preferential tariff, and notices of trade openings in South Africa, Russia, Guatemala, Spain, Italy, France and the Philippines.

The dispatches this morning announce that Santiago is to be Americanized by the introduction of letter boxes and house delivery of letters. The dispatch adds that the merchants there are greatly pleased, and the desire is general for the establishment of the American system of doing business. The next thing that we will hear will probably be that bull fighting has been abolished and that the Santiago Athletic club has offered a purse of 20,000 pesetas for a "go" between Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

IT WAS A PORCUPINE.

The Boys Used It to Play a Joke on Phil McDonald. Phil McDonald's many friends have been wondering why he always sits in a cushioned chair since his return from the Duncan river, where he has been for some time superintending work on the trails, says the Kaslo Sun. Phil arrived in the city on the 11th and previous to that some of the boys had caught a healthy porcupine, well supplied with quills, wandering about the lower part of town. To have a joke on Phil they placed the animal in his room. That night Phil retired and slept the sleep of the just, but next morning the trouble began. Arising from his bed he hastily pulled on his trousers and dropped into a chair. For a moment he thought he had been attacked by a regiment of Spanish soldiers, who were all sticking bayonets into him at once. He let out a yell which brought the city fire department to the scene and caused Chief Adams to quicken his pace so as to get to the cause of the commotion. Willing hands soon removed the trousers and with a pair of heavy tongs the clinging varment was yanked from his tender flesh. A pair of pincers used diligently for half an hour removed the remaining quills and Mr. McDonald was ready to take his breakfast standing up. Since that time a sympathetic friend secured the porcupine with a pair of scissors, and the animal was turned over to Arthur Goodenough with which to start a zoological garden.

Work on the Commander.

The work of pumping out the shaft of the Commander has been commenced, and by Monday it will be clear of water. As soon as the shaft is pumped out 18 men will be put to work. There is plenty of money in the treasury and the work of development will be kept up continuously until the desired result of making the Commander a mine is attained. There is a plant consisting of a pump, a 40-horse power hoist, a 4-inch drill air compressor on the property. Considerable development work has been done and the workings are to be deepened. Senator George Turner, W. D. Harris and W. W. D. Turner and others who are prominent in the Le Roi mine, are the principal owners. In fact, these parties control all but 90,000 shares out of a total of 500,000 shares. The intention is to change the incorporation from a foreign to a domestic corporation. The stamp tax levied by the United States to pay the expenses of the war and other inconveniences make such a move desirable.

Three-Story Building.

J. H. Bowes, barrister and solicitor, has returned to Nelson after a short stay in the city. Mr. Bowes is a large holder of Rossland real estate. While here he decided to erect a handsome three-story frame building on his lots on Columbia avenue, near Spokane street, now occupied by Robbins & Long and C. O. Lalonde.

Pronounced Incurable by Doctors But Made Strong and Well by Faine's Celery Compound.

WELLS & RICHARDSON CO., GENTLEMEN—Having been given up to die some time ago by some of the best doctors of the United States, I came to Canada last autumn terribly ill, and had lost all hope. Suffering agonies from inflammatory rheumatism, I was strongly urged to use Faine's Celery Compound. I gave it a trial as recommended, and the first bottle did me so much good I continued with the medicine until I had used seven bottles, when I found myself perfectly cured; indeed, I never felt better in all my life than at present.

I use every possible means to tell others of Faine's Celery Compound, and will always recommend it to those troubled with rheumatism. Yours very truly, Wm. Morrison, Roxton Pond, P. Q.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Bannock Red Top and Ethel mineral claims situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About five miles east of the Columbia river on the north-west fork of Bear creek. Take notice that J. P. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Anthony J. McMillan, Esq., free miner's certificate No. 13,189A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, 8-1-100. Dated this 24th day of August, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. No. 1 Le Blanc group, No. 2 Le Blanc group, No. 3 Le Blanc group, Drill and Northern Light mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About six miles east of the Columbia river on the divide between Champion and Bear creeks. Take notice that J. P. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Anthony J. McMillan, Esq., free miner's certificate No. 13,189A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, 8-1-100. Dated this 24th day of August, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. East Columbia Mountain, Fraction, Banner Hill Fraction and North Columbia Fraction mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Columbia mountain, about 1 1/2 miles northeast from Rossland. Take notice that I, William Hart-McHarg, acting as agent for the British Columbia (Rossland and Sloan) Syndicate, Limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,186A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. W. HART-MCHARG, 8-1-100. Dated this 4th day of August, A. D. 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Tootsie mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Sophie mountain, adjoining the Velvet mineral claim. Lot 3,375 Gt. Take notice that I, R. E. Palmer, P. L. S., acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,166A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. R. E. PALMER, P. L. S., 7-21-100. Dated this 21st day of July, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Whoop-Up mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Sophie mountain, adjoining the Velvet mineral claim. Lot 3,374 Gt. Take notice that I, R. E. Palmer, P. L. S., acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,166A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. R. E. PALMER, P. L. S., 7-21-100. Dated this 21st day of July, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Annie Fractional mineral claim, situate in Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of and adjoining the Annie and south of and adjoining the No. 1 mineral claims. Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate 13,166, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. SAMUEL L. LONG, P. L. S., 7-14-100. Dated this 14th day of July, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Frank H. and Fred J. mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the south slope of Columbia mountain. Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, acting as agent for Thomas E. Haley, certificate No. 959, and Fred Barker, free miner's certificate No. 187, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. SAMUEL L. LONG, 8-4-100. Dated this 4th day of August, 1898.

Novelty Gold Mining Company, (Foreign.)

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Novelty Gold Mining Company, (Foreign) will be held in the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Monday, the 6th day of September, A. D. 1898, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, disposing of the whole or any part of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or persons as may be named in the resolution, and to accept in consideration thereof such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. EDWARD BAILLIE, Secretary of the Good Hope Mining and Milling Company, Rossland, Aug. 15, 1898.

Notice to Shareholders.

Take notice that there will be a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Good Hope Mining & Milling Company, limited liability, at the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, on Friday, the 6th of September next, at 5 p. m. for the purpose of authorizing the disposal of any or all of the company's assets and for such other business as may come before the meeting. EDWARD BAILLIE, Secretary of the Good Hope Mining and Milling Company, Rossland, Aug. 15, 1898.

Red Mountain View Gold Mining Company, Ltd., Lia.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Red Mountain View Gold Mining Company, Ltd., Lia, will be held in the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Saturday the 10th day of September, 1898, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of (1) election of directors; (2) inquiring into and passing upon accounts and confirming the acts of the outgoing directors during their term of office; (3) to consider and determine upon means of obtaining working capital; (4) to consider, and if deemed advisable, assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or persons as may be named in the resolution, and to accept in consideration thereof such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. D. D. LINNARD, Secy.-Treas. Rossland, B. C., August 8, 1898.

Miss Anna Blackwood of Portland, Or., is visiting her friend Miss Aldrich. Miss Blackwood is one of the brightest young ladies of Portland and an excellent musician.

Advertisement for Great Northern Railway, featuring text like 'GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY', 'West', 'Shortest Continental Route', and 'Grandest Scenery'.

Advertisement for 'The Silver-Lead Industry' and 'The Far Eastern Situation', providing detailed information about mining operations and international trade.

Advertisement for 'The Conservative Convention' and 'The Far Eastern Situation', discussing political events and international relations.

Advertisement for 'The Far Eastern Situation' and 'The Far Eastern Situation', focusing on the geopolitical tensions in the East.

Advertisement for 'The Far Eastern Situation' and 'The Far Eastern Situation', continuing the discussion on international affairs.

Advertisement for 'The Far Eastern Situation' and 'The Far Eastern Situation', providing further details on the East Asian context.

Advertisement for 'The Far Eastern Situation' and 'The Far Eastern Situation', concluding the series of articles on international trade and politics.