

SEWER IS ILLEGAL

City Cannot Make Use of It When It is Completed.

THE HEALTH ACT IGNORED

The Report of Secretary Duncan, of the Provincial Board of Health, Makes the Sewer Contract a Worse Muddle Than Ever.

There was a special meeting of the city council on Friday afternoon to hear the report of Dr. Duncan, secretary of the provincial board of health. At this meeting Dr. Duncan brought several matters of the greatest importance to the attention of the city authorities.

Dr. Duncan's report is as follows: ROSSLAND, Sept. 3.

To the mayor and board of health: Gentlemen: Having the honor of visiting your city for the first time in my official capacity as secretary of the provincial board of health, and after a careful inspection of the premises, I beg to lay before you the following points for your consideration, with the hope that they may receive your prompt attention, and thus place your town in a sanitary condition as possible under existing circumstances.

The sanitary condition of the city will depend upon its health officials. If you have an efficient health officer and an active, competent sanitary inspector, backed by a good sanitary law, epidemic disease will be a thing unknown in your city.

Isolation Hospital Needed. Situated as Rossland is in close proximity to United States towns and in the center of an important and populous mining country, it is necessary to construct a large floating population. By reason of this fact the city at any time may have thrown upon it any of the contagious diseases, such as smallpox, etc.

The spirit which prompted the inauguration of a liberal sewerage system is highly commendable, but the laying of mains and connection therewith does not complete the undertaking. The important point to be considered is the disposal of the sewage matter after collection at your hands, and also consideration of the provincial board of health, to the end that it may be done efficiently and with due regard to the interests of the city.

Wherever the establishment of a public water supply or system of sewerage shall be contemplated by the council of any city, town or village, or by any incorporated company, it shall be the duty of the said council to place itself in communication with the provincial board of health and to submit to said board, before their adoption, the plans in connection with the said system.

Disposal of Sewage. The object of your council and that of the provincial board of health being the preservation of the public health, I can assure you that all possible assistance will be given you by the latter body. I need not remind you that the principles laid down by the provincial board of health, subject to appeal to the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

subscription I understand, extending from First Avenue to Centre Street gulch, where it discharges on the surface, only to create a dangerous nuisance and finally reach Trail creek. The government dunes also enter into the creek. I have been informed that a number of water closets are connected with this drain, thus making a further source of contamination. These matters require immediate attention.

There are a number of other matters requiring the attention of the sanitary inspector, such as existing wash-houses, privy pits, the cleaning of yards, etc. From reports made by Captain Clive-Phillips-Woolley, provincial sanitary inspector, the sanitary condition of Rossland was highly unsatisfactory last year, but through his efforts and those of your honorably body, great improvements have been effected, and if the suggestions above outlined be carried out, Rossland will, I believe, be in as sanitary a condition as any city in the province. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

Talked Matters Over. After Dr. Duncan read his report each section of it was discussed. The members of the council expressed themselves as anxious and willing to do everything in their power to co-operate with the provincial board in placing Rossland in a first class sanitary condition. In regard to the provision of the health act, requiring the consent of the provincial board of health to the construction of any sewerage system, they said that while it had been overlooked so far, through ignorance of its existence, the council would at once see that complete plans were laid before the board at an early date.

Water Supply Inadequate. Dr. Duncan then drew the attention of the council informally to the present water supply for the city, stating that when he visited the source of supply he found the water rushing into the intake pipe was only 12 inches by 2 1/2 inches, which through leakage of the pipe, a large percentage of this water would necessarily be lost. From now on till February the supply would naturally decrease and several important industries must be cut off from water in order to preserve enough for household consumption. At best, for a city of the population of Rossland it seemed to be an inadequate supply.

He recommended strongly that the proposed additional water supply from the Rock creek be at once made available. Of course this would necessitate a good settling basin, which nature seemed to have paved the way for at the source of the present supply. Properly constructed reservoirs along the pipe-line would also be necessary. Should this be done the water supply would be very ample and in volume for a population of 3000. Extension of the water-mains to all parts of the city would follow, and the consequent closing up of old wells, now, in many cases, a serious menace to health.

LILLOOET COMPANY'S AFFAIRS. Rumors Regarding Horne-Payne's Management. We alluded Friday to the fact that reports had been circulated to the effect that the Lanark mine, at Laurie, was about to be shut down. We now hear reports from authentic sources that some of the Lilloomet company's properties in the Lardo are also to be closed.

To sum up the situation briefly we may say that of late most discouraging reports have been circulated in connection with this company's properties, one of which, the Lanark, has been formed into a subsidiary company. We believe that the Lilloomet company has got an extremely large quantity of very high grade ore on the dump of the Free Colonge in the Lardo district; and further that the other properties, although neglected, are not looking at all badly. We also are informed that for the last six months absolutely no development work has been done on the Lanark mine. Here concentrating plants of its size in the west has been installed.

What we wish to ask is, why has the first A B C of mining being neglected in the Lanark, and how is it that these discouraging reports have been circulated? We should like to know how the stock in the Lanark company is held and what purchases have been made of late in the Lilloomet stock. We especially desire to impress upon all stockholders of mining companies to be extremely careful in keeping themselves thoroughly and reliably informed as to the actual position in which their properties are interested in and stand, and also as to the position and personnel of the management, if any. We believe that the Lilloomet company has been without the advice of a competent mining engineer for six months. We should be glad to receive an explanation, and publish any communication the company may choose to make.

TO DEVELOP THE VELVET. Tupper's Company Will Put a Big Force of Miners to Work. Captain James Morrish, consulting engineer for the New Goldfields of British Columbia (Sir Charles Tupper's London company), returned Friday from Nelson. He at once went out to the secretary of the local board of health interested.

No sewer or appliance for the ventilation of the same shall be constructed in violation of any of the principles laid down by the provincial board of health, subject to appeal to the lieutenant-governor-in-council. The object of your council and that of the provincial board of health being the preservation of the public health, I can assure you that all possible assistance will be given you by the latter body.

Deeds Sirs.—Having used Dr. Chase's Pills for constiveness, I am very pleased to say that I consider them superior to any pill I ever used, as they have perfectly cured me of this trouble. THOS. J. WALLACE, Fireman.

LOTS BOUGHT AGAIN

Second Avenue Site Purchased and Fire Hall to Be Built.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PLANS

New Apparatus to Be Kept on the Hill. Two Paid Firemen Will Be Employed—Team of Horses and Swinging Harness on the Program.

The vacant lots on the southwest corner of Washington street and Second Avenue have been practically secured as the site for the new fire hall. At the last meeting of the city council, authority was vested in the board of works and the finance committee to arrange for the use of the lots by the city and as the deal has been practically completed, the task of clearing off the site was commenced Friday.

It is the intention to erect a one-story frame building, which will be completed inside of a month. The plans for the new house are not yet finished, but it is the intention to have room for the chemical engine, the hook and ladder, and other accommodations for the members of the fire department, and stalls for the horses. The fire house complete will not cost more than \$1,000.

It is the present intention to have two men in the paid fire department. They will include the chief and an assistant, both of whom will be stationed permanently at the new fire hall. Later on, if the finances of the city will permit, more professional firemen will be employed. At present it is the intention to give a bonus to each member of the volunteer fire department who responds to an alarm.

Two horses will be secured for use in connection with the chemical engine. Swinging harnesses, such as are used by all first class fire companies, will also be provided. Chemical engines are useful in putting out fires before they get to the point where they are in such cases every effort will be made to get the new chemical engine at the scene of a fire without delay.

The location of the new fire hall is at the top of the long hill on Washington street. It will command all the upper portion of the city, while at the same time it is a downhill haul of only two blocks to the heart of the town. While all of the new apparatus will be kept at the fire hall, it is the intention to keep the hook and ladder in such cases every effort will be made to get the new chemical engine at the scene of a fire without delay.

JUST BACK FROM ALASKA

Correspondent of the London Chronicle on the Klondike Rush.

Skagway Route is Almost Impassable. An Aquitous Conspiracy—Wealth of Klondike Held by 300 Men.

Among the arrivals in the city yesterday was Captain A. H. Lee, special correspondent of the London, Eng., Daily Chronicle. Captain Lee is on the staff of the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont., and made a trip to this province for the purpose of reporting on the mining industry. While on his way to the coast the Klondike excitement set in and he went north with the first rush. He returned from Skagway on August 24, coming down on the Islander. He was accompanied by a couple of days in Rossland looking over the better known and developed mines and will then return to Montreal via Nelson and the Shocan.

"I have no intention of visiting any other camps at the present time," said he to a Miner representative. "Ontario mines are not attracting much attention as yet in London. What the Chronicle is interested in is the mining industry in British Columbia, in which there is now a very lively interest both in London and throughout Great Britain generally."

Situation at Skagway. Talking of what he had seen in Alaska Captain Lee said: "Skagway and the Skagway trail are the centers of interest at present. I was last at the summit of the Skagway pass on Aug. 22. That was my second trip. At that time about 40 men had got to the summit and 40 miles from the sea. Between the summit and the sea there were then 6,000 men and from 2,000 to 2,500 pack animals, the latter mostly untrained and entirely unfit for the work of packing over a rough trail. The men who had got to the lakes had not got the whole of their outfits over, the average outfit of each man weighing about 1,500 pounds. At a sanguine estimate, probably 500 men may get through to Klondike this year by the Skagway route.

Chilcoot Route Passable. "At Dyea there is no particular excitement, and men are going steadily through the pass, which is difficult but practicable. About 3,500 have already got through this season, and 1,000 to 1,500 are on the way, most of whom will be in Dawson City all right. Two parties came out from Klondike over this route in August. They had but little treasure left with them, and they were in a very bad way. I interviewed those who were with them, and they said there is nothing to justify the present excitement. "As to the crowd of adventurers now congregated at Skagway nearly all are disappointed. Some few have had home, and several suicides have already taken place. The majority of them will be extended to Klondike this year, but they will never get to Klondike at all.

I regard the whole thing as an insidious conspiracy between the press, the outfitters and the transportation companies of the Pacific coast. The chief culprit is the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The blockade at Skagway is due to the fact that there is no trail, whereas the company controlling the trail owns the what has represented it as not only practicable but

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easy, and far superior to the Chilcoot route. Production Overestimated. "As to the amount of gold taken out of Klondike since the big strike in August of last year, the total does not exceed \$1,700,000. Of that amount about \$1,000,000 has come south. The remainder has gone in wages, expenses and reinvestment in claims. During the same period over \$1,000,000 has gone in provisions and supplies. At the present moment the trading companies at Dawson have orders for food and supplies for the coming winter from miners already there, to the amount of \$1,500,000. On this summer's rush alone about \$600,000 has been spent. More has been spent in steamboat passages to Alaska than has been taken out of the Klondike. In other words, the Klondike excitement has cost \$10,000,000 up to date and has produced about \$2,000,000.

"At the same time it is undeniable that there are extraordinarily rich claims on Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, and it is quite likely that several millions will be taken out during the coming winter. The whole of the Klondike, however, is auriferous by 300 men, and the 10,000 who are now on their way will get one grain of gold dust out of these claims, unless they are rich prospectors. It is not enough to buy themselves in. New strikes, may, of course, be made, as the whole country is auriferous to a certain extent, but no new strikes have been made this year though an army of experienced prospectors has been at work. I would strongly dissent from any capitalists from going to Klondike under any circumstances, and even capitalists would do far better by coming to Kootenay."

ROSSLAND'S THIRD BANK. Merchants' Bank of Halifax Will Take the Garrison Property. J. B. McArthur on Friday received instructions from the representatives of the Merchants' bank of Halifax, N.S., who visited Rossland recently, to take over the option held by them on the two lots owned by Mrs. Garrison and Columbia street. It is understood that the bank will open up its branch within the next week or two. As stated in THE MINER at the time the bank officials took the option on the lots in question, the Rossland branch will be the only one of the Merchants' bank has west of Montreal.

Tribemen Defeated at Balishkhal. SOBERY. Sept. 4.—On Wednesday night 1,500 natives made an attack upon the garrison at Balishkhal, in the Kurum valley. The assault lasted five hours, and when the post was reinforced and the tribesmen were compelled to retreat with heavy loss. The British force lost two killed and one wounded.

The Behring Sea Conference. HALIFAX, N.S., Sept. 4.—The Behring Sea Claims commission this morning sustained the objection of the United States that the British counsel could not discuss evidence so far as that evidence concerned operations since the year 1890. E. V. Bodwell then resumed his argument on the British side.

FOURTEEN YEARS IN TERROR. But Dr. Agnew's Cure For the Heart Gave Relief in 30 Minutes and Three Months. Effort was made to try it, and before the relief of Physicians. This is what Mrs. J. Cockburn of Warkworth, Ont., says: "For fourteen years I have been a great sufferer from heart disease, troubled very much with sharp, shooting pains constantly passing through my heart. Very often the spasms were so severe that I would be some unconscious. My limbs would be cold and become quite cold. For these fourteen years I doctored with the best physicians without relief. Having seen Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart advertised I determined to try it, and before I had taken half a bottle I found great relief. I felt the beneficial effects inside of 30 minutes. I have taken three bottles and it has done me more good than any medicine or any physician ever did. I can conscientiously recommend it to all sufferers from heart trouble."

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Montreal Court News. MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 4.—The protest against J. H. G. Bergeron, M.P. for Beaurharnois, will be carried to the superior court. The commercial case of Costigan vs. Snasinger has been decided in favor of the defendant with costs.

AN INSURANCE MAN'S STORY. J. J. Hanratty, Inspector for the Standard Life Assurance Co. at Peterborough, Ontario, cured of Muscular Rheumatism by the Great South American Rheumatic Cure—It Turns the Midnight of Suffering into Midday Brightness of Good Health—These Are His Words.

I was a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism in my arm; so much so that for days at a time I could not sleep. I walked the floor in pain the greater part of the night. I procured a bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure and used it after a few doses. It's a sure cure, and I heartily recommend it. Sold by McLean & Morrow.

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Kaslo & Slocan Railway TIME CARD. Subject to change without notice. TRAINS GOING WEST Daily. GOING EAST

Mr. Youngblood Editor of the Rossland Miner—Sir: The deceased James wish to correct the error of your issue of yesterday. The Record of tonight the above. It is signed

THE IRON

First Ledge Has Been of 320

CARRIES SOME

Drift Will be Run the Vein for a Tunnel to be Connected with other Ledges.

Much interest is felt work on the Iron Col is able to present them. The Iron Col people a long crosscut tunnel chased the right to the vein, which ran in 300 feet of this they have account nearly 400 feet length of the tunnel. It was expected that vein would be cut at little over 600 feet. The wide was encountered where it was very pretty ore was found no solid ore chutes matter consisted of rhyolite copper, and in say of some of the gold and copper. A east on the vein, and summed in the breast of the purpose being to next vein. A close examination of the first vein gave results. It is a strong, honeycombed and being tapped at feet below the surface. The company second drill and will this vein. It is believed the entire 1,500 feet of vein there will be a drift vein. One of the best features is that the ore is in copper. No free iron found in this vein. It was provided with machinery to explore the mine in manner. A new was constructed to the tunnel, and it is being there will be a haul mile to the Columbia road, and the ore that road for 50 cents.

Mechanics' Club A general meeting of the Mechanics' Club and Thursday at the club house, for the officers for the ensuing important business. was elected, viz: J. Dent, J. M. O'Toole, Honeyman and G. J. being also appointed several important positions were made in the club in future, which will be the comfort and members. Any person can give in his salary-treasurer, or to committee.

Funeral of J. The funeral of J. was killed, Monday, sewer on Spokane street day morning from the undertaking parlors. The funeral was held at the residence of the deceased. The pall-bearers were fellow-workmen of the act in that capacity Contractor Davey, wife of the funeral in Laurel Hill cemetery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Mr. Aszlay and the R. advertisement in THE MINER—Sir: I and Co. are floating a float, in this town under the name of the Exchange company, \$5,000, divided into \$1 like to state through the MINER that during the Mr. Aszlay commenced a stock exchange here of the Rossland Stock Exchange, divided into 40 value of \$5 each. Since this latter-mentioned since the taking of notice received no notice of stockholders for any and has received no notice of it. In fact, only attempt made by to sell the shares.

I should like to ask Mr. Aszlay and the "changes" as he describes in the papers of his methods being out what guarantee the new "exchange" have a "run for their money" on any intending purchase the new "exchange" value of the shares. I can also offer chased by friends of above at a like price, save you will oblige.

(When the above Mr. Aszlay he said the three papers here to the Rossland Stock Exchange to meet at the end of do so. They take it in, leaving me to present that they can accept secretary and manager was just going to incorporate it into a Now they can come own business."—Ed.

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