

THE LOCAL FIELD

The Latest Happenings in the City

A HIGH SCHOOL NEXT.

Provided There Are a Sufficient Number of Candidates.

Provided there is a sufficient number of candidates there will be an examination held in the Central School, Rossland, on December 10th and 11th for the purpose of examining candidates for admission to a High School.

In order to secure the establishment of this institution there must be, at least 20 persons qualified and available to be admitted as High School pupils; that is, they must be holders of certificates from the educational department showing that they have within one year of the date of their request for admission as pupils of said High School passed the standard laid down by the department.

The subjects for examination are: Reading, writing, mental arithmetic, English grammar, British and Canadian history, anatomy, physiology and hygiene, geography, book-keeping and dictation and spelling.

Intending candidates as well as duly qualified High School pupils will on or before December 7th hand in their names to either the undersigned or H. P. MacCrane, secretary of the board, who will furnish any further information that may be desired.

J. D. MacLEAN.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh on His Way Home

Mr. D. J. McDonald yesterday received a dispatch from Hon. C. H. Mackintosh from New York, which stated that he had just arrived in that city from England, and would leave on the evening train for Rossland. He requested Mr. McDonald to meet him in Spokane. Mr. McDonald returns for the purpose of attending the suit against the Le Roi, but while he was on the ocean the trial of the case was postponed for six weeks. Mr. Mackintosh intends to return to London just as soon as he can.

The Chief Forgot His Cap.

A few days since there was a fire on the roof of one of the bunkhouses at the War Eagle. The fire was extinguished by the employees of the War Eagle, including one member of the fire department. While this was being done the chief of the War Eagle fire department was seen to emerge in a great hurry from his residence, which is only a short distance from the scene of the conflagration. When he arrived near the scene of the fire he suddenly stopped and hurried back to his house and a moment after reappeared with his fire cap on. This was what he returned to procure. The crowd, which had in the meantime put out the fire, cheered the chief as he appeared among them with his fire cap in his proper position.

Fined for Fast Driving.

In the police court yesterday Charles Milne was fined \$10 for fast driving. The testin' only showed that he drove a horse at an illegal rate of speed up and down Columbia avenue. The fine was paid.

VISITED THE MINES.

Hon. Richard McBride Spends a Day in Obtaining Information.

Yesterday Hon. Richard McBride, minister of mines, in company with some local friends, paid a visit to the chief mines on Le Roi hill, and spent some time in examining the surface works and also went underground. During the forenoon he received a number of deputations. In the evening he addressed a meeting of the Conservative association and later paid a fraternal visit to the Masonic lodge, of which he is a prominent member, and where he was afterwards entertained at a banquet in his honor. Today Mr. McBride will continue his inspection of the local mines. His original programme had been to leave for the Boundary country tonight, but pressure of business has caused an alteration and he will in all probability remain until Monday evening.

Will Remove to Greenwood.

Mr. George B. Paul and family leave tomorrow for Greenwood, where Mr. Paul goes to accept the place of accountant of the smelter of the Dominion Copper company. Mr. Paul has been the cashier and bookkeeper for the Miner Printing & Publishing company for nearly two years and has ably filled these positions. While here he made a number of friends who will regret to hear of his change of residence. They will all wish him the best success in his new position. Mr. Paul has had previous experience in Colorado in keeping smelter accounts and his new employers may rest assured that he will handle the affairs entrusted to him in a first class manner.

WEATHER REPORT.

Conditions Prevailing During the Month of November.

The most noteworthy point about the past month was the amount of snow which fell, which was unusually phenomenal. For the past four years the nearest which approaches was that of 1896 when something over 20 inches of snow were precipitated. During November of last year there were only 10 inches, whereas the snowfall for the present year including the precipitation of October last has been upwards of 58.74 inches to date. The precipitation for last month alone amounted to 32.35 inches. Of this amount there remains a bare six inches on the ground. Rain fell on six days, the total amount being 1.478 inch. The total precipitation was, therefore, 4.713 inches, making the snow melted, or November, against 5.896 for October, the heaviest month of the year. Snow fell on 14 days of the whole month. There were 13 fine days, of which only two were without a cloud. The highest temperature occurred on

the 12th, ranging as high as 54.2 and the lowest falling to 2.6 below zero in the early morning of the 21st. This is the first time the thermometer has fallen below zero so early in the cold season since 1896. The average temperature for the month was 30, or two degrees below freezing point. The wind except between the 12th and 21st was invariably blowing from the south. During the week the wind was from the north.

Business is Good Everywhere.

Mr. Charles Auld, of Nesbitt & Auld, Toronto, is in the city. His firm deals in fine clothes for the garments of ladies and gentlemen. Business, he says, is good all over Canada. Asked whether it was much better in any one locality than in others he replied that while there might be shades of difference between different sections, but it was so small as to be hardly noticeable. The best feature of the situation, he declares, was that a most hopeful spirit was felt everywhere that in the immediate future business affairs would be still better than they are even at present.

Bank Clearances.

The bank clearings for the Dominion of Canada are as follows: Vancouver, \$837,842, decrease of 1.5 per cent.; Victoria, \$507,134, increase of 12.4 per cent.; Montreal, \$13,875,504, decrease of 7 per cent.; Toronto, \$9,953,693, increase of 6 per cent.; Winnipeg, \$2,803,272, increase of 14.7 per cent.; Halifax, \$1,549,132, increase of 1.8 per cent.; Hamilton, \$708,710, decrease of 1.9 per cent.; St. John, N.B., \$988,433, increase of 20.2 per cent.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

Imports and Exports and Duty for the Month of November.

Following are the imports and exports and duty collected for the month of November at the port of Rossland:

Exports	\$232,568.00
Imports, free	\$ 9,292
Imports, dutiable	\$5,296
Duty collected	\$ 17,155.30
Fire Alarm Material Here.	\$74,988.00

The material for the extension of the city fire alarm system has arrived and the work of placing it in position will occupy about three weeks. The new boxes are to be put in position and will require the stringing of about ten miles of wire. There are 20 boxes in place already and the additional 10 will give a total of 30. The new boxes are of the latest improved non-interfering type and if two alarms are rung in simultaneously it will not cause trouble at the fire hall.

A MAN FROM SHEFFIELD.

He Is Greatly Pleased With the Rossland Camp.

Mr. B. K. Martin of B. K. Martin & Company, steel manufacturers of Sheffield, England, who has been in the city for several days, left last night for the coast. He is on a tour round the world, during which he is placing the steel and wire which his firm already has a large trade but it is endeavoring to increase it. He says the drill steel which his firm sells is suitable for this country and he has been introducing it with considerable success. In speaking about the mines here he said the development and the attendant results, in the way of output, seems to him to be marvelous. While he had not visited the workings of the mines he was satisfied from the large and costly plants which were being erected that there was plenty of ore of a good grade underground, or else sensible men would not expend such large sums in plants. Mr. Martin said he was pleased with his visit to Rossland and that he had been a revelation to him as to the extent of the mineral resources. If the province had many camps like Rossland, and he had been told there were others which would in time be as large as this one, the future of British Columbia and Canada was certain to be one of great prosperity.

SCHOOL OF MINES.

It Should Be in Motion by the First of January.

Hon. Richard McBride, minister of mines, met in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday the officers of the Rossland School of Mines, consisting of C. O. Lalonde, president, and Trustees Smith Curtis, Ross Thompson, J. B. Johnson, H. Daniel and Richard Marsh. Mr. McBride, at the opening of the meeting informed those present that the sum of \$2,000 was available for the School of Mines. Mr. W. F. Robertson, the provincial mineralogist, had reported on the school to him. In this the course of study and recommendations of Mr. Robertson as to the employment of a lecturer and the purchasing of the necessary outfit was gone into. Mr. McBride stated that he was simply here for the purpose of co-operating with the officers of the school and he was anxious to see the school in motion.

Messrs. Lalonde, Johnson and Marsh explained to Mr. McBride what had been done and suggested that a lecturer be employed and chemical paraphernalia purchased and that a small fee be charged for those who attend the school. Mr. McBride, in reply, stated that he was anxious to have the school started by the first of January, and therefore, he instructed the officers to secure a lecturer and as to the other details he requested that they meet again when they desired as to the tuition fees and other details. When this was done he asked that a letter be written to him, embodying these, be sent to him to Victoria, and they would be approved of.

HOCKEY DURING THE WINTER

TWO CLUBS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN THIS CITY.

A League May Be Formed Made Up of Rossland, Nelson and Revelstoke—Meeting Should Be Called.

The outlook for hockey this season is good and there is certain to be some exciting games played, declare the enthusiasts. So far the two senior clubs of last year, the Victorians and Rosslands, have been reorganized. The Victorians organized several weeks ago and have succeeded in getting together a very strong team. Of last year's team the Victorians will have McCreary, O'Brien, Winn, Harris and Townsend with some four or five other players, who are already members of the club, to draw from. From this it will be seen the Victorians' team promises to be a strong one.

The Rossland club, which was organized only a few days since, is determined to put a good team in the field and of last year's team, which gave a good account of itself, there are still in town, Kerner, Lahey and Rea. While there are four players to secure to complete the team there is no doubt, by the time the ice is in condition, there will be gathered together a strong aggregation of hockey talent.

The hockey association of last year, which covered the Kootenays, and was not a very great success, due principally to the unfavorable weather, has not yet been reorganized for the season, but as it will be to the interest of the sport to have such a league, and it is thought, by those most in touch with the game, that a league including Rossland with two teams, one team of Nelson and one of Revelstoke would be most suitable. While in Rossland the ice is uncertain enough, in the Boundary a still greater uncertainty exists; at least, this was the case last year, in Revelstoke the ice is nearly always in touch with the game, that a league including Rossland with two teams, one team of Nelson and one of Revelstoke would be most suitable. While in Rossland the ice is uncertain enough, in the Boundary a still greater uncertainty exists; at least, this was the case last year, in Revelstoke the ice is nearly always in touch with the game, that a league including Rossland with two teams, one team of Nelson and one of Revelstoke would be most suitable.

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FISH FROM CHRISTINA LAKE.

Local Fishermen Say That They Are Parr or Salmonoids.

A number of fish have been sent into this city from Christina Lake. They are from about eight to ten inches in length and have minute scales and the backs and sides are covered with dark transverse bands on a light ground. The flesh is white. Local experts say that they are the parr or samlet, and the supposition is that they were caught by the Christina lake fishermen while going up the small streams for the purpose of spawning. The females are full of eggs of the same red color as salmon eggs and they are nearly as large, and this is remarkable when the difference in size between these fish and the salmon is considered.

Gunther, in his "Study of Fishes," page 630, says: "Shaw has demonstrated in the most conclusive manner, that these small salmonoids, which are generally called parr, are the offspring of the salmon and that many of the males, from seven to eight inches long, have their sexual organs fully developed, and that their milk has the same power of impregnation, however, as that of the offspring and much larger fish. That the parr is not a distinct species—as has been maintained by Couch—is further proved by the circumstances that these sexually mature parr are absolutely identical in their zoological characteristics with the immature parr, and that no parr has ever yet been found with mature ova."

Another authority, D. S. Jordan, says of the parr: "It is the young of the salmon and trout, after it has passed the fry stage and before it has reached that of smolt. These stages appear to be of indefinite duration, varying according to the food supply and other conditions. It was once thought that the parr (called also samlet, pist or brandling) was a distinct species of fish. All salmon and trout pass through a parr stage, during which the body is marked by dark cross bands."

It is claimed that parr rise to the fly and that, therefore, they are a game fish and under the protection of the law, which should prevent them from being caught except during the open season for fish. This is a matter which should be looked after by those who have charge of the enforcement of the game laws. These fish are being caught in large numbers and sent to Nelson, Rossland and other points in the Kootenays and Yale.

NEW COUNTERFEIT.

How to Detect the Spurious Five Dollar Bill Now in Circulation.

Business men in this section are advised to be on the lookout for the appearance of a new counterfeit \$5 silver certificate which the treasury department has just discovered in circulation. The counterfeit is on the series of B-21, 1899, which bears the portrait of Benjamin Franklin. It bears the number 2,418,003. The most noticeable defect is the portrait, the right cheek showing white spots, the left eye lacking life-like appearance, and about the mouth appears a smiling expression. The color of the number 5 at the left end of the note, the seal at right end, and the treasury numbers are a lighter shade of blue than on the genuine. Notes bearing other treasury numbers than the one above will no doubt appear. The back of the note is a darker shade of green than the genuine—Berkshire Democrat, Mass.

A Fire in Oroville.

A letter has been received from a citizen of Oroville, Washington, near the Okanagan mine by Mr. Edward Bailey of this city stating that the Oroville Trading company's store was totally destroyed by fire on the 22nd instant.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL IN ROSSLAND

THE DANCE AT ATHLETIC CLUB A SUCCESS.

About 70 People Present—The Telegrams Exchanged—The Scotch Reel—The Dancing and Finale.

St. Andrew's dance Friday night may be said to be the great social function not only of Rossland but also of the Dominion of Canada. In every large city in this country last night there were held larger or smaller gatherings, which equally rejoiced on the one day with the possible exception of Hogmanay, when those of Scottish birth and of Scottish descent gathered holding in this city count not more than a few. The dance at the Athletic Club was no exception to the rule. The hall was crowded to the rafters with the larger of the Canadian cities in point of numbers, yet in point of hilarity and general enjoyment it would give place to none.

Telegrams were received from kindred societies in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Nelson, Kamloops, Greenwood, New Westminster, Halcyon Springs and many other cities, which were at the same time similarly celebrating. Nor were these forgotten by the Scots of Rossland, telegrams of compliment and greeting were sent all over the Dominion from this city.

The decorations were the best yet seen in the halls of the club. The walls were draped with flags, among which the Scottish lion rampant was markedly to be observed. The decorations were the best yet seen in the halls of the club. The walls were draped with flags, among which the Scottish lion rampant was markedly to be observed. The decorations were the best yet seen in the halls of the club. The walls were draped with flags, among which the Scottish lion rampant was markedly to be observed.

Supper was served in the gymnasium, which was so altered by flags and flowers that its character was unrecognizable. Little tables placed at odd corners all over the room were each and each decorated with chrysanthemums, which made a particularly pretty effect.

The program had of course its special Scotch features. Not only did the Highland schottische figure prominently but the Scotch reel was the dance of the evening par excellence. The room was filled with spectators when after a few preliminary skiffs on the pipes the piper, Gavin Harvey, broke into the reel and J. F. McRae and Miss K. Bouchie, John M. Smith and Miss Fraser, George MacDonald and Miss Ruff, and Thomas S. Gilmour and Miss Humphries, took the floor and footed through the mazes of the dance with great spirit. As the piper quickened the music and the time grew faster the "kicks" of the male dancers and the stamping on the floor drew down the plaudits of the onlookers and such applause was evoked more than once as the vigor of the dancers did not seem to abate, although the fun came fast and furious. Indeed, it is a moot point with some as to whether the dancers grew tired or the piper lost breath.

During the extras which were danced during the supper interval, the piper played many a stirring Scottish melody. At this point of the proceedings the sheet of telegrams were read and one was also at hand which came from John McKane, telegraphing from Slocan City and regretting his absence on the great occasion. Never was a ball more enjoyed than this. Even for the few among the men who had not learned the graceful accomplishment of dancing, provision was made. Whist rooms were provided for these misanthropes, but it may be stated to their credit that they derived no pleasure in watching the dancers. Other cosy nooks which were not for whist players but which gave an excuse to the "sitters out" were one and all filled and the presence of the guests of the ball pervaded in the whole club.

It was in the "wee sma' hours ayon' the twal" before the dancing finished and even after the fair had departed a few happy spirits were heard in the strains of "Wha wad fecht for Charlie," "Scots, wha hae" dwelling for the moment in that old Lang Syne" so worthily dear to Scottish hearts wherever they have made their homes over the broad earth.

SISTERS' HOSPITAL.

Typhoid Fever Decreasing—The Hospital Building Painted, Etc.

The Sisters' hospital is filled with patients at present, there being 26 in the several wards. There are not as many typhoid fever patients as there were a few weeks since, and most of these are doing very well. The hospital is not nearly large enough, but when the proposed addition is made it will accommodate 70 patients. The hospital has now been painted inside and out and rustic put on the exterior walls. This work cost about \$2,000. The Sisters are that very well supplied with funds, and say that just as soon as possible the addition must be made to the hospital in order to accommodate the patients. The intention, therefore, is to start on the addition at the earliest possible moment that funds are available for the purpose.

Robert MacCann, the veteran prospector, who was taken to the hospital several days since, is in a very critical condition, was a little better last evening.

Death of Mrs. Hungerford.

Mr. J. H. M. Hungerford, the well-known telegraph operator at the Canadian Pacific station in the city, died on Friday night of the past four years, and is one of the best respected citizens of Rossland, suffered a sad loss yesterday morning in the death of his wife from an asthmatic trouble, which was thought as lately as the end of last week to have passed out of the critical stage. Mrs. Hungerford leaves one child, a boy aged about 2 years, besides her husband, to mourn her death. Deceased was aged 30 years. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but will be announced in a future issue.

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A VALUABLE DIRECTORY.

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Mr. Frank W. Peters, assistant general freight agent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific, is preparing a complete directory of the shipping, mining properties of East and West Kootenay and the Boundary country. This is a very important piece of work and will be of great value to all mining men and the public generally. It will contain the situation, name of the owners, and the names of each property in each district. The names will be in a tabulated form and the book will be a most convenient one. Along with the name of each property, there will be given a description of the mine and smelters will also be given.

Mr. Peters, owing to the position he holds, and as the Canadian Pacific handles nearly all the various mines of Eastern British Columbia is probably the best informed man in the province in this connection. Time and again he has been asked for such information, and he feels that this will readily meet the requirements. It will be published especially for the capitalists of the east who are largely interested in this province, and the public generally.

THE CATHOLIC CONCERT.

Miners' Union Hall Was Crowded to the Doors Last Evening.

The concert given under the auspices of the Catholic church for the purpose of raising funds for the Church of the Sacred Heart was a great financial and artistic success. The hall was crowded to the doors and more seats had to be brought in, some of the audience having to put up with wooden benches and many more having to stand.

The programme was delightfully varied. The children bore a prominent part, and one that was well applauded, especially in the drilled numbers. The quartette "Good Night, Beloved" (Piniatti), rendered by Messrs. Morkill and McInnes and Messrs. Fortin and Le Maistre, was an especially good feature. The solo singing by Miss Quigley and Miss Olding (who rendered in particularly good voice the old melody by Bishop, "Should He Uphraid"), Mr. E. White, Mrs. McInnes and Mr. Fortin, was excellent, and each of the singers got thunders of applause. The instrumental pieces were also well appreciated, and the recitations by Mrs. T. B. Linton were extremely sympathetic.

Trouble Settled.

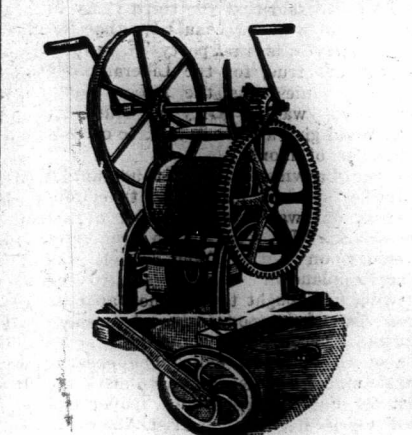
The trouble between J. R. Martin, assistant timber inspector, and the Kaslo & Slocan railway was settled last Friday by the company putting up bonds for the payment of dues and at the same time entering a claim for all dues which have been paid to the government. Since 1895 the company have been paying stumpage for timber taken off their own land under protest and this year decided to take a stand. Consequently when Mr. Martin arrived here Wednesday he was met with a refusal to pay. Upon this he immediately seized three of the locomotives and locked up the roundhouse. Friday morning an agreement was arrived at, by which the company put up bonds and

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the roundhouse and engines were released. The company intend pushing their claim and expect ultimately to win.

—Kaslo Kootenaman.

Odd Fellows' Ball.

The Odd Fellows intend giving a ball on Christmas eve at the Miners' Union hall. The last ball was given in the autumn and was a success. On this occasion the Odd Fellows have declared their intention of beating all records and surpassing themselves. Tickets are to be procured at \$1 apiece from any of the committee.

Internal Revenue Collections.

The inland revenue collections for Rossland for the month of November are reported to be as follows by Mr. H. P. McCroney, the collector:

Spirits	\$2,217.78
Malt	419.85
Cigars	36.00
License	20.00
Total	\$2,993.63

Mr. George A. Hinton, general agent of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance company, is on business in the city. He is to be found at the office of the local agent, Mr. B. F. Casselman.

...NEWS FROM THE BOUNDARY

COULD NOT QUALIFY.

Grand Forks People Wanted Mr. Spraggett for Mayor.

Grand Forks, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The well-known lumberman, to be a candidate for the mayoralty has been in circulation for two days. It already the names of nearly one-third of voters when Mr. Spraggett today died that he was not qualified, owing to an oversight of the land office at large in registering certain property. General regret is expressed his election was a foregone conclusion. Those who signed the requisition include Mayor Manly, George Fraser, R. A. son, Fred Wollaston, P. T. McCallum, Commodore Bidwell, Mr. Spraggett, pioneer of the Boundary district, settled in the Kettle River valley sixteen years ago. He owns extensive sawmill and mining interests and representative and progressive citizen.

A FATAL RIDE.

A Handcar Struck by an Engine and Man Killed.

Grand Forks, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—section men, Lewis Anderson and J. rie, while going up the line on a section while going up the line on a car last night at 11 o'clock, were by an east-bound freight near Fish Creek. Currie escaped unhurt but Anderson sustained injuries from which he died today. The engineer did not die of the accident until some hours later.

IN THE BOUNDARY.

The Liberal Candidate Speaks at Greenwood Last Night.

Greenwood, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—withstanding counter attractions, a big St. Andrew's banquet, a large attendance at the Liberal rally at the town tonight when Candidate V. Gallier addressed electors on the issue of the campaign. He retailed in most eloquent language to the odium cast upon him by the Conservative candidate. Mr. McKane was at Kamloops, regretting his signature to a petition praying the suspension of the eight-hour law which McKane had from which he was being a Judas to laboring interests. Mr. McKane had himself stirred up race cry, which in the speaker's opinion proved him, McKane, to be a traitor to his country and beyond the confines of the electorate.

Gallier goes to Midway tomorrow to Phoenix, Columbia and Grand Forks, closing his campaign at Ross and Nelson.

MBRIDE AT GRAND FORKS

Needs of That Section Put Before by Board of Trade.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The public requirements of this section of the Boundary district were the subject of representations today to Hon. R. McBride, minister of mines, by the Grand Forks Board of Trade. This provincial government was asked to begin the posed bridge across the North Fork of the Kettle river at Eagle City with delay, to extend the North Fork road to Franklin camp, to provide a school accommodation for Grand Forks, to revise the mining laws, to tend the operations of the Rivers Streams act to the North Fork of Kettle river permitting that stream to be proved for lumbering