

# MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Inquest Stands Adjourned For A Post Mortem Examination.

## JOHN HALL FOUND DEAD IN BED

No Marks of Violence Found on the Body—Deceased Was Suffering From No Disease—Had an Old Injury in the Skull for Which He Was Treated.

John Hall, a miner formerly employed at the I. X. L. mine, was found dead in bed at the St. Charles hotel at noon Tuesday by the chambermaid, Alice Thompson. Deceased had not been complaining, and there was apparently no reason why he should have died. The coroner, Dr. Reddick, was summoned to the spot and examined the body and the surroundings. He found no marks of violence on the body. There were some old scars, which were healed up. Death had apparently supervened eight or ten hours before. Deceased had been in the accident on the brow of the hill overlooking the I. X. L. mine on September 18th last, wherein Edward Hughes had met his death. John Hall had his skull fractured on the same occasion, for which he was treated by Dr. Senior. The fracture had gone clean through the skull but had been practically healed up, although there was still a dressing upon the seat of the wound, which was found upon the forehead of the deceased. This dressing had evidently been there for some time, and Dr. Senior said he had not seen his patient for some days. One of the friends of the late John Hall stated that the deceased had complained some time since, while working in the I. X. L., that the use of a pick often caused an intense pain in the skull over the left ear, the injury to the skull being upon the left brow. This pain would cause him to stagger on his body and the pain would then go away.

The deceased had been staying in the St. Charles hotel ever since his arrival in Rossland, and in fact had never boarded anywhere else, according to Mr. Hammond, one of the proprietors of the hotel. On Monday night he had seemed as usual. He had played a couple of games of cards and had drunk one small glass of beer. Deceased had not touched whiskey for several weeks, although he was a habit of drinking a glass or two of beer occasionally. After playing cards on Monday night he retired to his room, which was situated in that part of the St. Charles hotel formerly used as a dance hall. This had been partitioned off into rooms, three on one side and three on the other. On the side that John Hall slept the partitions did not run clear to the ceiling. Consequently every sound could be heard in the adjoining rooms. Deceased slept in the middle room of the three. On the one side was a packing room, which was not used as a sleeping apartment. On the other side a tailor, J. Singer, who had retired to his room at about the same time as had the deceased. Singer had said that he had heard the deceased moaning heavily, rather more heavily than was his wont. He had thought nothing of the circumstances, and had dropped off to sleep and had heard no more. This was between 10 and 11 o'clock on Monday night.

Another room, sleeping opposite, had also heard the moaning. Nothing further was apparently known till noon yesterday, when the chambermaid went to the room. On seeing what had happened she called the proprietor. Deceased was lying in bed with his arms folded across his chest. He was upon his back. On a chair alongside of him lay his pipe, as though he had smoked it while in bed. On the table opposite the candle was blown out. Deceased must have wound up his watch before retiring, as the watch was still going at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had divested himself of all his clothing with the exception of his vest and drawers. There was no appearance of any struggle. The expression the face was calm. He seems to have died easily. When the coroner saw the body there was a white froth on the lips, which he wiped off. This was at noon. Later in the afternoon the froth had regathered, and was tinged with blood, giving the idea of some internal hemorrhage.

As there was no means of telling how long he had supervised the coroner decided to hold an inquest. A jury was therefore called at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the following jurymen were sworn in: J. E. Squires, J. Jacobs, A. McGowan, M. McIver, J. McKinnon and K. Morrison, the last named being chosen as foreman. No evidence was taken. The coroner went over the scene of death accompanied by the jury, and viewed the body. The inquest was then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. In the meantime there has been a postmortem examination ordered, Dr. Senior being a witness in the case. The body was removed last evening to Beattie's undertaking parlors.

Deceased came from the north of England, and was supposed to have been a native of Berwick upon Tweed, although he had passed a good deal of time in London, England. He has no relatives in the city.

### THE NEW SCHOOL ACT.

It Will Effect a Great Saving for the Province.

An examination of the new School Act, which is pending before the legislature and the report of the minister of education for the fiscal year which ended in June last reveals that they should be read together and the former should be entitled "The Act for the placing of certain educational areas for schools on the municipal district." It must be remembered in this connection that the former act, the New Westminster and Nanaimo were forced to take their schools over some ten years since under a per capita grant and have since supported their schools. According to the report of the minister of education, with salaries, incidentals, per capita from the government for the four cities mentioned the cost for the entire province for educational purposes last year was \$2,500,000. The total attendance was 121,221 and the per cent of attendance was 82.41, giving an average attendance of 438. The latter is the basis on which the per capita grant would be paid. The

government acknowledges that the pupils cost them \$21.29 each per annum on an average. This is for school expenditure alone and takes no account of capital expenditures. On making a rough calculation as to what the government would have to pay under the new Act, it is found that it will save \$120,000 a year over its present expenditures. It may be a meritorious thing for the province to save money, but it is only shifting the responsibility from one foot to another. The government proposes raising the poll tax from \$3 to \$5 which will add a further burden to the people of this city of about \$6,000 per annum. This addition to the poll tax is simply a means of further taxing the people of the province and has nothing whatever to do with the schools or their maintenance.

One of the worst features of the new school law is the small grants for high schools. Only \$300 per annum is given for each teacher in the high schools which is only about 15 per cent of what each will be paid. This means the shutting off, to a large extent, of higher education in the province. If the intention is to give attention, which amounts to anything, to higher education the grant for the teachers of the high schools should be larger. Besides this, the province should, before it turns over the schools to the cities, make liberal grants for school buildings both in Rossland and elsewhere.

### A LAKESIDE RESORT.

Halcyon Days at the Famous Sanitarium and Lakeside Resort.

This now famous sanitarium is most frequented by Rosslanders during the summer season, and for aught they seem to know it might be closed during the winter months. Such, however, is not the case, for guests from far and near, fill the available space at the present time of this deservedly popular health sanitarium.

Visitors are agreeably surprised at the atmospheric and climatic conditions now prevailing at the Springs. Were it not for the snow-covered peaks in the distance they might (so mild is the climate) well imagine that it was indeed summer. The grass is green, song birds abound, and the placid lake, gay with merry boats, bespeak a summer outing, rather than a winter visit. Many find amusement in fishing, and fish abound at this season of the year. Others pass their time, while not engaged in bathing, in Alpine climbing. Not does Mr. MacNaught, the genial manager, forget that which promotes the pleasure and enjoyment of his guests in a social way. Frequent concerts and dances are held, which are joined in, not only by the guests of the hotel, but by pleasure seekers from Nakusp and Revelstoke, and other towns hard by.

On Saturday evening last, a concert of unusual excellence, by reason of the varied talent, that happened to be sojourning at the hotel, took place, at which our esteemed townsman, Mr. G. H. Bayne of the Homestake Mines, presided, and made an excellent chairman. He opened the programme in a few well chosen words, informed his audience that the pleasing duty had been thrust upon him, and although a more competent man might have been chosen, still he would fill the position to the best of his ability; the chairman stated that his avocation was mining, which required the force of hammer and drill rather than the force of words or logic to make it a success; that he was therefore, a man of action rather than of words. The worthy chairman then formally opened the programme by reciting "The Death of the Flowers," a poem by Wm. Cullen Bryant, which was as well received as his opening remarks. This was followed by an overture on the piano by Miss MacNaught of Arrowhead. Judge Nelson in his usual admirable style next recited Riley's "Old Man and Jim," giving as an encore "Little Breeches," later on he contributed to the entertainment of the audience, "The Old Folks," followed by "Laska," an encore. Mrs. Ross Thompson of Rossland, made her debut before a Halcyon audience, by contributing a piano solo entitled "The Flowers of Spring" in F Minor. She was warmly received and gave in response "The Georgia Camp Meeting," Mrs. J. Thompson next contributed, by reciting in a pleasing manner, "Anna, the Quakeress." She subsequently contributed a vocal solo "I Will be True to Thee" in excellent style. The Edger Brothers, from Chicago, contributed a "violin obligato" with pianoforte accompaniment, entitled, "Dulce far niente." This was much appreciated and responded to by another classical selection. Mr. Joseph Fuller of the Strathcona Horse, who was invited home, and is now convalescing at the hotel, was the next performer in action, singing in a fine baritone voice "Olliver Porter's Daughter." Miss Annie Goupill of the Sanitarium staff, next contributed a piano solo, followed by a vocal solo "The Faithful Sailor Boy," by Mr. Fred Zaneiff. Both contributions were well received. A vocal solo by Mrs. Goupill and a closing address from Mr. MacNaught brought a very pleasing and high class entertainment to a close.

After the concert was concluded a "Cinderella" dance was held in the spacious ballroom adjoining the Sanitarium, at which some 20 couples were present. An excellent orchestra furnished well-timed music, after which a light supper brought a very enjoyable evening's amusement to a close.

The guests of the hotel speak in the highest terms of praise of the efforts of the hotel management to provide for their comfort and amusement. The Rossland contingent cannot speak too highly of the curative qualities and beneficial effects of the Springs. The management upposes holding these "reunions" weekly for this time on, and they will certainly add to the popularity of this health resort.

### THE CITY COUNCIL.

Business Transacted Purely Formal—The Allan Hotel.

At the meeting of the city council last evening at 8 o'clock, the city hall the mayor and Alderman Clute were absent, being at the coast, and the chair was taken by Alderman Hamilton.

The business transacted was purely formal; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted; were also the reports of the various committees. That of the board of works, dealing with an application by the proprietors of the Allan hotel to enlarge a portion of the building, required that a plan of the alterations be first submitted to the council.

# IS STILL MYSTERIOUS

How John Hall Came to His Sudden End.

## POST MORTEM SHOWS NOTHING

Evidence Taken Yesterday Before Coroner Reddick—Doctors Unable to Assign the Cause of Death—Deceased Had No Diseases Known to His Friends.

The inquest on the body of John Hall, who was found dead in his bed at the St. Charles hotel on Tuesday morning, was resumed yesterday, but from the evidence submitted there was no reasonable cause of death to be found. Neither of the doctors making the post mortem examination, Drs. Kenning and Senior, were able to state how death had come to pass. No examination of the stomach and intestines was made, as there was not sufficient time nor, indeed, the proper appliances for undertaking such a chemical inquiry in this city. Under the circumstances the coroner and jury, after inquiring carefully into all the surrounding facts, came to the conclusion that the contents of the stomach should be examined in order to detect any traces of poison should such be in the body. The manner in which the body was found does not tend to create any belief of poison being administered, but there was just the possibility that such was the case. In order that this analysis should be made the inquest was adjourned till 7 o'clock in the evening of April 10, when the results of the further examination should have been made known by the government analyst, to whom the stomach and intestines are now to be sent.

Dr. Kenning stated he had made a post mortem examination on the body of John Hall. He found all the organs normal, lungs, brain, liver and heart. It was impossible to say what was the cause of the death. It was impossible to say whether deceased had died from poison or not, nor what the poison was. There were no flesh wounds. The wound on the skull was not the cause of death. There was no rupture of the blood vessels. The stomach had been sealed up, together with the liver, kidneys and oesophagus, in one bottle, and the whole of the intestines in another, stated that he had assisted Dr. Kenning at the post mortem examination, but was unable to state the cause of death. Witness had been attending deceased since Sept. 16 for a fractured skull. The skull wound had healed entirely. There was a slight wound in the skin through which the dead bone had been coming until six weeks ago. This was healing very rapidly. The internal organs were all healthy and so was the brain. The stomach and intestines were not examined, but were sealed up for future examination, should such prove necessary. The right lung was adhering, and the matter was trifling, and the adhesion had been in existence for some years. The stomach might contain some poison. There was nothing to indicate that this was the case, but it might be so. There are post mortems which never reveal the cause of death.

The position in which the body was found militated against the idea of poison. Deceased was receiving no medicine since leaving the hospital, on Oct. 5. In reply to a question from the foreman, witness stated that any alcohol, food or drink, would be poisonous if taken in sufficient quantity. There was no reason to think that such had been the case. Witness had been visited by the deceased frequently, but had never seen him drunk. Henry Gillis, sworn, stated he was a carpenter. He had been an intimate friend of the deceased. About three weeks ago deceased drank beer pretty heavily for about three days, but was afterwards sober. Deceased had not been drinking since. Witness saw him last on the night of his death, at about 10 o'clock or 10:15. That was at the St. Charles hotel. He had the witness and others good night, and went upstairs to bed by the shortest way. Deceased had not been a despondent man, nor was he addicted to the use of any drug. He had no enemies and was not a quarrelsome man.

I. Hammond, sworn, stated he was part proprietor of the St. Charles hotel, and ceased had been staying with him for the past three or four weeks. Witness had been part proprietor of the hotel since Nov. 5. The name of his partner was Thompson. Witness had been working in the hotel for the past three years. Deceased had first come to the hotel in November, 1898. He had always stayed in the St. Charles hotel when he was in town. Deceased was not a quarrelsome man. On the night of his death, after supper, deceased took a little walk and, coming back, played a game of cards, and after chatting a little, went to bed at about 10 o'clock. Witness first knew of the death on being informed by the chambermaid a little after 11 o'clock the next morning that the deceased was still in his bed. Witness went to the room and noticed at once that he was dead, but going over, touched the body and found it cold and stiff. Witness knew of no person who had seen the deceased between the time of leaving the room until he was found dead. A miner named Muller went to bed at about 1:45 a.m. When Muller came down in the morning and said some one must have had a nightmare on the previous night. This, the witness thought, must have been the deceased snoring. Muller expressed his regret that he had not waked the sufferer up so as to relieve him. The deceased had drunk some beer before going to bed. This was the last thing he took before going to bed. The beer was for some time. It was cleaned every week. There was nobody else sick in the house that night. Deceased, witness thought, had a claim on Record mountain. Witness' partner, Thompson, had had no dealings with the deceased as far as witness knew. Thompson had been with the deceased on the night of the accident, on Sept. 15.

Mr. J. S. Carter, travelling passenger agent of the C. P. R., is in the city from Nelson and leaves today for a tour through the Boundary Creek country.

### BLAIRMORE COAL FIELDS.

Comprise Over 4,000 Acres and Are Being Developed.

S. W. Gebo of Red Lodge, Mont., who, with the Hon. H. L. Frank of Butte, Mont., owns a large section of the Blairmore coal fields, was in the city yesterday, says the Nelson Tribune. They own about 4,000 acres, situated immediately to the east of the land controlled by Messrs. Proctor and Mahburn of Nelson and V. Hyde Baker of Cranbrook. They secured the property about two months ago, and since that time active development work has been carried on. As yet only one seam has been located, but Mr. Gebo said there were probably several more. They got into the country during the winter and consequently will not explore extensively until the snow has left the ground.

On the seam which was located a large amount of development has been done with a staff of forty miners. A tunnel of drift on the lead has been run over 300 feet. A shaft has also been started on the seam. A large amount of machinery consisting of hoists, drills, and in fact everything to carry on development work successfully has been installed as the workings. Although the shaft has been sunk but forty feet the machinery is sufficient to carry it to a depth of 2,000 feet. The vein on which the work is being conducted is twelve feet in width, but in places is much wider.

The mine has already reached the shipping stage, and now two cars per day are being sent out by the company. On the market the coal finds a ready demand, and by those who have seen it is pronounced of an excellent quality.

Being on the line of the C.P.R. ready transportation facilities are available. A considerable amount of the coal has already been used in Nelson. Mr. Gebo is in the city arranging for further shipments.

The construction and establishment of coke ovens will follow at an early date this spring. Just how many ovens will be erected will depend entirely on the demand for fuel.

### FROM THE RECORDS.

- Bills of Sale.
- Feb. 14—City Fraction, all, J. F. Ritchie to W. S. Heron, \$1.
- Feb. 15—Dardanelles and Liverpool, 1-2 and 1-3 respectively, R. Fox to T. Bath, \$1.
- Feb. 19—Mariposa, 1-3, J. H. Hawley to G. Davies, \$1.
- Feb. 20—Red Hill, 1-4, B. Kimmel to A. Garvey, \$1.
- Feb. 21—Alliance, all, J. D. Heath to D. E. Moore, \$1.
- Feb. 21—Alliance, 1-3, D. E. Moore to T. W. Stack, \$1.
- Feb. 25—Blondin, 1-4, G. A. Holmes to C. A. McPhee, \$1.
- Feb. 26—City Fraction, all, W. S. Heron to L. Linneman and C. Schmidt, \$1.
- March 2—Delta, Spokane and Iron Clad, 1-2 each, S. Cameron to T. Cameron, \$1.
- March 2—Pittsburg, 3-4, G. Dennison to T. Cameron, \$1.
- March 2—Nellie Gray, 16-64, J. L. Drumheller to T. Cameron, \$1.
- March 2—Iron Clad, Spokane, Nellie Gray, Pittsburg and Delta, 1-32 in each, T. A. Cameron to R. E. Young, \$5.
- March 2—Delta, Iron Clad, Pittsburg and Spokane, 15-64 in each, T. A. Cameron to J. L. Drumheller, \$5.
- March 4—Lucky Streak, all, C. E. Peterson to J. Olson, \$1.
- March 4—Green Copper and Big Sis No. 2, 1-2, W. Stephens to R. Fox, \$1.
- March 4—Gorilla, 1-2, F. S. Algiers to N. F. Townsend, \$1.
- March 5—Green Copper and Big Sis No. 2, 1-4, R. Fox to A. Lockhead, \$1.

Notices.

- Feb. 2—Olive, 1-4, claimed by W. Griffith against F. B. Salisbury.
- Certificates of Work.
- Feb. 18—To J. F. Finnegan for J. Finnegan et al. on the Dexter fraction.
- Feb. 25—To W. H. Dawson for J. R. Roaf on the Comstock.
- Feb. 18—To R. Lamont for the same on the Burlington.
- March 4—To Jens Olson for the same on the Eva fraction.
- Feb. 21—To B. C. (Rossland and Sloan) syndicate, limited, on the North Star, situated on Columbia mountain.
- Feb. 21—To the B. C. (Rossland and Sloan) syndicate, limited, on the Violet, situated on Columbia mountain.
- Feb. 21—To the B. C. (Rossland and Sloan) syndicate, limited, on the Grey Eagle, situated on Columbia mountain.
- Feb. 21—To the B. C. (Rossland and Sloan) syndicate, limited, on the Good Hope, situated on Columbia mountain.
- Feb. 25—To E. J. Balofur on the Sampson, situated on Sullivan creek.
- March 5—To J. L. Drumheller, T. A. Cameron and R. E. Young on the Iron Clad, situated on Sullivan creek.
- March 5—To J. L. Drumheller, T. A. Cameron and R. E. Young on the Spokane, situated on Sullivan creek.
- March 5—To J. L. Drumheller, T. A. Cameron and R. E. Young on the Nellie Gray, situated on Sullivan creek.
- March 5—To J. L. Drumheller, T. A. Cameron and R. E. Young on the Pittsburg, situated on Sullivan creek.
- March 5—To J. L. Drumheller, T. A. Cameron and R. E. Young on the Delta, situated on Sullivan creek.
- March 6—To F. A. Heinze and W. Vincent on the Harrisburg, situated on Trail creek.
- March 6—To the B. C. (Rossland and Sloan) syndicate, limited, on the Copper Bar, near Fort Shephard.
- March 6—To the B. C. (Rossland and Sloan) syndicate, limited, on the Grace Darling, situated near Fort Shephard.
- March 6—To the B. C. (Rossland and Sloan) syndicate, limited, on the Magna Charta, situated near Fort Shephard.

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### THE NEWS OF THE MINES

SECRETARY NEWELL'S REPORT ON CONDITION OF THE ST. KILMO.

How the Work Has Progressed on the North and South Veins—Extent and Character of the Ore Bodies.

Mr. W. F. Newell, secretary of the New St. Kilmo Gold and Copper company, has just issued a report on the condition of the property to the shareholders.

Among other things he says: "Since the new compressor was installed last August development at the mine has been pushed continuously, with the exception of about three weeks in December, when the mine was shut down to repair damages done by two severe snowstorms. The results have been of the most satisfactory nature, and there is strong reason to believe, when we go further into the mountain, we will uncover a large and permanent ore body, the existence of which there is every indication in the work already done on the surface of the property."

"We are following from east to west two veins, known as the north vein and the south vein. There is yet to go to reach the west end of the property approximately 1,000 feet in the direction of these two veins. Every foot advance we make in the mountain gives us additional depth, and when the west end line is reached there will be a depth of between 800 and 900 feet to our present level."

The report goes on to say that following the advice of Mr. Henry Krumb, the superintendent of the property, and that of Mr. John M. Long, superintendent of the Le Roi, effort is being concentrated on the extension of these drifts to the west end line of the claim. The north vein was first encountered October 15, 1900, in a crosscut run to the north from the main tunnel, at which point it was about three feet wide and assayed \$547 about 12 feet, at which depth sinking had to be abandoned until pumps could be purchased to take care of the water. The ore in the bottom of the winze assayed \$13.46 to the ton. After leaving the point where the winze was sunk, going west along the north vein it continued strong and well defined, and is of an average width of from four to five feet; the ore is less concentrated in the vein, and appears nearer the two walls. The last assay of this ore on February 2nd gave \$25.80 from an average sample. The south vein has been followed at the date of the report for 300 feet, and was strong and well defined. The assays of the ore from the south drift go from \$4 to \$21.22, while a picked sample went \$126.87. On October 15th a dike was encountered in the south vein, but this has since been passed through and the ore body met at a point about 75 feet west of the dike. The circular further states that assessments of 2 of one per cent per share has been levied and is now due.

### A STRONG COMBINE.

The White Warrior Mining Company to Commence Work.

The White Warrior Gold Mining company of British Columbia, limited, with its head office in Ferguson, B. C., and executive office in Lapeer, Mich., is a new company which will be operating in the Lardreau this season upon properties they acquired last fall. J. H. Bidwell, Lapeer, Mich., is the president of the company; W. B. Clarke, vice-president; Paul A. Cogwill, of Lapeer, secretary, and S. A. Lockwood of Lapeer, the treasurer. The directors and advisory board consist of some most prominent persons, indicating that the company will have plenty of money to proceed with development work on their recently acquired properties, which consists of three full-sized mineral claims, the Horse Shoe, White Warrior and Snowflake, situated in series along the same location line, and covering possibly 150 acres.

The claims are situated on the divide between Gainer creek and the little west fork of Duncan river. Along their south-west line is situated the famous Lade group, a very rich gold property, while a short distance from their northeast line lies the Bad Shot group, a high grade silver-lead proposition.

The properties are reached from Ferguson by going up the south fork of Lardreau creek, six miles over a good wagon road, thence up Gainer creek over a pack trail to the divide, some seven miles. Here is an area of highly stratified metamorphic rocks, consisting of schists, slates and limestone, the latter occurring

in strata varying in thickness from 10 to 400 feet. From the manner in which it projects above the surrounding country the thickest of these strata is known as the "Great Lime Dyke," and the area is called the Lime Dyke belt. All along this belt rich finds of argentiferous galea have been made, so that it is all staked for miles. Here are situated such well-known claims as the Wagner, Abbott, Hancock and Black Prince, the Bad Shot and Black Diamond, as well as the numerous claims belonging to the Primrose and Old Gold Mining companies. In all these properties the ore is found in the contact between schist and lime. Two strata of lime, one about 40 feet in width and the other 30 feet, traverse the White Warrior group. The strata we shall call No. 1 and No. 2 respectively, No. 1 being the lower and that nearest the northeast side line of the claims. The strata in this area stand almost vertically, and trend northwest and southeast, the dip being toward the southwest. In the contact on the upper side of No. 1 stratum there is an excellent surface showing of galena on the White Warrior claim, while in the contact on the lower side of No. 2 stratum there are fair showings of copper pyrites on both the Horse Shoe and the White Warrior claims, and on the upper side of this stratum there is a small quartz ledge, mineralized with galena where it outcrops on both the White Warrior and Snowflake claims.

The White Warrior group affords an excellent tunnelling proposition, and from the position of the surface showings, comparatively little dead work is required in order to gain considerable depth. A 150-foot tunnel driven along the ledge will reach a point 100 feet below the best surface showing, viz., that along No. 1 stratum on the White Warrior claim, while crosscut tunnels, varying in length from 150 to 400 feet, will gain corresponding depth on reaching the same point, and if extended through the intervening 70 or 80 feet of schist will crosscut No. 2 stratum at a depth of 50 or 60 feet further from the surface than No. 1. Practically the same conditions are to be obtained in developing the other showings on these claims, so that it may be readily seen that the property can be thoroughly proved at a very moderate cost. There is on the property an ample supply of suitable mining timber, while water is also abundant.

Since very little development work has been done as yet, the assays are from the surface, and are lower in value than would be obtained with depth. If the results from developed properties along the same belt have any significance, Assays taken from the surface of these ledges run as high as \$27.70 to the ton, in all values. They are in detail as follows: Ledge I—value of gold at \$20.60 per oz.; \$8; value of copper at 16.34 per lb. \$20.25; value of ore per ton, \$38.25. Ledge II—gold, a good trace; silver at \$3.00 per oz.; \$7.80; copper, \$33.75; value of ore per ton, \$91.55. Ledge III—silver, \$22.70; lead, \$60; value of ore per ton, \$22.70. Without doubt there will be a very considerable increase in values when with depth the more solid formation shall have been reached.

This work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Every effort will be put forth to make it a shipper at an early date. Since it is a tunnelling proposition, the expense of bringing the property to a shipping basis will be small, as there will be no need for expensive machinery.—Lardreau Eagle.

### ATHLETIC CLUB SMOKER.

Delegations Coming From a Number of Neighboring Towns.

Arrangements have been made for a special train for the first smoker of the Rossland Athletic club. This train will leave Spokane at 12 o'clock on the 20th instant reaching Rossland so that the voyager visitors can see something of the city before the smoker begins. It is anticipated that 120 will attend from Spokane. There will be delegations from Trail, Nelson, Sandon and other points to the north, while the Boundary country promises to send a strong contingent. The fare from Spokane has been fixed at \$5 for the round trip. The smoker promises to be the most successful ever held in the Kootenays.

### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Burlington mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Between Sophie mountain and O. K. Mountain on Ivanhoe ridge. Take notice that I, T. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Robert Lamont, free miner's certificate No. B 30,888, intend, sixty 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. Dated this 12th day of March, A.D. 1901.

T. A. WILKIN.