

# IT WAS CANCELLED

Wide West's Certificate of Improvements Recalled.

## ELLACOTT'S AFFIDAVIT

Gold Commissioner Says it Was "Misleading—He Swore to Sixty Day's Publication in the Gazette When the Notice Only Appeared Thrice."

The certificate of improvements issued to the owners of the Wide West mineral claim on the application of C. H. Ellacott, P. L. S., has been cancelled by the gold commissioner. Readers of THE MINER will remember that in our issue of March 12 we stated in our extracts from the records that one had been issued. There is quite a story connected with the issuance and cancellation of this certificate of improvements, and THE MINER will now proceed to tell it.

The Wide West is an 1895 location on Deer Park mountain. It adjoins the Goldhunter, Alabama and Sunset, but each of these claims was located long before it. When the Wide West was surveyed its owners ignored the Alabama altogether and took in a large portion of it. The Alabama people were, of course, aware of this and kept a lookout for the notice of application for a certificate of improvements so that they might file an adverse suit and protect their title.

O. C. Woodhouse, secretary of the Alabama company, read the notice when it first appeared in the British Columbia gazette and prepared to oppose it, but the publication of the advertisement ceased. He called on Mr. Ellacott, who had done the surveying for the owners, Dan Burke and others, and was informed by him that there was no need to file an adverse as he had taken the advertisement out of the Gazette because the Wide West owners refused to pay him.

Mr. Woodhouse was therefore much surprised to read in THE MINER of March 12 that a certificate of improvements for the Wide West had been granted. Mr. MacNeill, the counsel for the company, immediately made a representation of the facts to Recorder Kirkup, who telegraphed to the gold commissioner at Nelson asking him to cancel the certificate for the Wide West, pending an investigation. Acting Gold Commissioner W. J. Gospe did so, and under date of March 15 sent a letter to Mr. Ellacott, the gist of which is as follows:

"In reply to your application I beg to state that it has been brought to my attention that the notice of your application for a certificate of improvements only appeared for two consecutive weeks in the British Columbia Gazette, namely, on the 3rd, 10th and 17th of December last, and yet in your affidavit you state that the notices appeared in the Gazette continuously for 60 days.

"This, to say the least, is misleading, and you are not legally entitled to the certificate.

"I therefore return you all the papers and your \$5, and so far as this office is concerned you may consider the certificate of improvements cancelled."

Mr. Ellacott was called upon and asked if he had any explanation which the acting gold commissioner very mildly stigmatized as "misleading, to say the least," and it must have strained the worthy official's sense of justice to apply so mild a term.

Mr. Ellacott was by no means mild. He did not embrace the opportunity of defending what reputation he may have as a provincial land surveyor. He emphasized with angry words the statement that he was "too busy to bother about it," and added, "Go to the owners."

### FOR KOOTENAY TRADE.

All the Railroads Seem to be Making a Fight for It.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 19.—At a conference held here today between the Grand Trunk and Northwestern railroads measures were taken to meet, via Chicago, the Canadian Pacific rates from Canadian points to the Kootenay gold mining regions. There is a large amount of business around Toronto which is expected to move in the next few weeks.

### FUNERAL OF JOHN H. JAMES.

Knights of Pythias and Many Friends Form a Long Procession.

The funeral of John H. James, civil engineer, was one of the largest ever seen in Rossland. It took place on Sunday afternoon, and the Knights of Pythias, who conducted it, turned out in strong force, to which was added many friends of the deceased. A full band, playing the "Dead March in Saul," headed the long procession which slowly paced up Columbia avenue to the cemetery, where Rev. H. Irwin read the beautiful Episcopal service for the dead with great impressiveness. Special hymns were sung at the evening service of the Episcopal church, and Mr. Irwin, in his sermon, laid strong emphasis on the ready helping hand as one of the features of the life of the camp, and of the coming universal brotherhood of man.

### NOW FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

The Order in Council Arrives Providing for Rossland's First Election.

In another column will be found the order in council for the first election of "The Corporation of the City of Rossland." It provides that the council shall consist of six aldermen and a mayor; that the nominations shall be made on April 3 and the election on April 7, when the polls will be open from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. William Borradaile Townsend is appointed returning officer, and he will open books for the registration of voters, which will be kept open until the day previous to election. The qualifications for mayor and aldermen, and for voters, have already been given.

It will be noticed that the order pro-

vides for but six aldermen. The bill submitted provided for nine, and upon the assumption that this would be the number, 15 candidates have been put forward. If all these are formally nominated there will be a plenty of candidates to choose from. The order also says that the candidates are to bear the expenses of the election, such expenses not to exceed in the whole \$100.

### TO WORK THE GOLD BAR.

A Gang of Men to Be Sent Out During the Week.

The Gold Bar Mining and Development company held a meeting last night and confirmed the election of officers as follows: E. J. Lennox, Toronto, president; A. McBride, vice president; John T. Heridan, Toronto, treasurer; J. S. Patterson, secretary; T. Alvin Helm, managing director; John H. Inkster, consulting engineer. The other directors are William Snedler, Waterloo, Ont.; George E. Toms and A. P. VanSomeren.

It was decided to send out seven men during the week to continue the work. The property is close to the international boundary at the Red Mountain railroad, and the tunnel is now in 32 feet, with a drift of seven feet. The ledge is 18 feet wide.

The meeting resolved that all the promoters' stock should be pooled in the Bank of Montreal until \$8,000 had been paid into the treasury.

### THE EXCHANGE BUILDING.

Lower Part of the Shaw Hotel to be the Board Room.

The board of trustees of the British Columbia Stock Exchange of Rossland held their second meeting last week, when the report of the sub-committee appointed to confer with J. S. Clute, jr., in regard to the drawing up of memoranda of association and bylaws, was received and adopted. Mr. Clute, who was present throughout the sitting, presented the memorandum of association prepared by him, and said he would at once forward it to Victoria and request the registrar-general to notify him by wire as soon as possible of the incorporation, so as to enable the new organization to get to work with the least possible delay.

The report of the sub-committee in regard to the leasing of premises was also received and adopted. A satisfactory arrangement having been concluded with Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Clute was instructed to draw up a lease for the tenancy of the ground floor of the Shaw hotel.

The bylaws were then taken in hand and carefully considered, and a meeting was called for tonight at 8 o'clock for their further consideration.

Two Public Meetings. A meeting of the Lalonde general committee was held at the headquarters Monday, at which addresses were made by Dr. Sinclair, D. D. Bogle and H. J. Raymond. The committee then divided the city into four divisions, each under a separate committee, these committees to immediately begin a systematic and energetic canvass. It was also decided to hold a public meeting on Friday evening in Dominion hall, to which invitations will be extended to Colonel Scott and his supporters. Mr. Lalonde and his friends are to be invited to Colonel Scott's meeting on the previous evening in the same place, so the campaign opens with a great show of amiability and courtesy.

Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh. A private telegram received from Regina states that Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh has been in Winnipeg for a few days. He went east last Monday and should be in Ottawa long before this, remaining there for two or three weeks. He will also visit Toronto and Montreal in the interest of the Kootenay mines. We are requested to state that letters addressed to the Rideau club, Ottawa, will reach him.

V. P. Wiesenthal, president of the Salmo Consolidated, took out a gang of men, with a full equipment, to the properties of the company on Friday. These properties are situated about three miles from Salmo townsite, and are named the White Cloud, Blue Jacket, Yellow Jacket and Sitting Bull. Development work will be immediately begun on the White Cloud.

Letters of incorporation have been filed of the London Consolidated Gold Fields Exploration & Mining company, the trustees being John Lineham, Joseph B. McArthur and Lorne Becher, the capital stock being \$100,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of 10 cents. There is no promoters' stock and no commission on shares, the promoters paying the same price for their holdings as the public. The object of the company is to deal in mining properties.

The first meeting of the Rossland & Green Mountain Mining & Development company was held in the office of Hon. T. Mayne Daly Saturday. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. T. Mayne Daly; vice-president, Andrew Kelly; Brandon, Man.; secretary-treasurer, John M. Robinson; managing director, John J. Moynahan. The directors are, in addition to the above, James M. Clark, Frank W. Peters and Frank A. Mackenzie. The company is stocked for \$1,000,000, and owns the Diamond Flash, Ace of Diamonds and Lone Star, on the north slope of Green mountain, near Murphy creek.

A hoisting engine with skips and other machinery arrived Monday for the Iron Colt, and was immediately hauled to the property.

A tunnel was begun Monday at the end of the open cut on the vein which has been made from the dump of Sunset No. 2 to the eastern boundary of the property. This tunnel when run in 250 feet will tap the present shaft at a depth of 110 feet.

The Tobacco Prospecting and Exploration company was registered on the 18th. The properties comprise six claims on the north fork of the Salmon river.

L. H. Northey has purchased the Yankee Boy and the Stanley claims on the north fork of Carpenter creek, in the Slocan district. These properties adjoin the Kootenay group.

The first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Rossland-Eastern Gold Mining company was held last week at the office of Good, Clark & Co. The financial reports that it is now in good standing, and that work will be commenced as soon as the snow will permit.

Billy Lane is down from the North Fork of Salmon river and reports an

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enormous showing of ore in the Robert J. The value of the ore is not known.

The Yankee Boy Mining and Milling company has been incorporated, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The trustees are L. H. Northey, H. N. Stevenson and A. Edge. The properties owned are the Yankee Boy and the Stanley, 3 1/2 miles from Three Forks, in the Slocan dry ore belt.

Superintendent Smith, of the Elise, was in town Monday and reported that the pay streak was now wider than it had ever been, and looking exceedingly well. Edward Ponche leaves this morning for the mine to arrange for the shipment of two or three carloads of ore or as many as they can get out before rathiding becomes impracticable.

The White Bird company organized yesterday with C. A. Baldwin president, was in town Monday and reported that the pay streak was now wider than it had ever been, and looking exceedingly well. Edward Ponche leaves this morning for the mine to arrange for the shipment of two or three carloads of ore or as many as they can get out before rathiding becomes impracticable.

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PLANS FOR THE JUBILEE. Montreal's Celebration Will Include a Church Parade and Review.

MONTREAL, Que., March 23.—It has been decided that the military feature of the Queen's jubilee celebration in Montreal shall take the form of a church parade on June 20, and a grand review on June 22.

Sir Donald A. Smith proposes that Montreal shall celebrate the jubilee by erecting an establishment for nurses. Mayor Wilson Smith favors the building of a vice regal residence.



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