THEY ARE BARRED

Gold Commissioners, Recorders, Etc., Cannot Hold Claims.

THIS IS A NEW RULING

It Has Been Made by the Newly Appointed Minister of Mines—A Meeting of the Silver Bell Shareholders to Be Held Today.

Hon. J. Fred Hume, the newly appointed minister of mines, has issued instructions barring gold commissioners, mining recorders and their employes from dealing in mineral claims of any sort. The only condition under which an exception will be allowed is in the case of mineral properties already owned by the officials to be affected by the new rule. A statement of all such holdings must be filed at once with the minister. The officials affected by the new ruling will not be permitted to hold miners' licenses except to protect the properties they already have at the time the ruling went into effect. Gold commissioners will not be permitted in future to act on the affairs of any company in which they or any of their employes hold shares.

A RICH PROPERTY.

A High Grade Copper Proposition Located on Dog Creek.

A syndicate, composed entirely of well known Rossland men, has acquired the Mountain Chief claim, a Dog creek property with an exceptionally good showing for the limited amount of development done. The outcrop is large and well defined. In sinking four feet about 10 tons of ore were raised, which is as rich as any copper ore yet seen in Kootenay. The rock is mostly peacock and grey copper and solid pyrites.

Some time ago Mayor Wallace, Alderman J. S. Clute, Police Magistrate Jordan and David B. Bogle organized among themselves a syndicate to purchase a good piece of mining property. Mr. Bogle was the prime mover in the matter and after diligent search heard of the Mountain Chief. He then inspected the property and found it to be satisfactory in every respect. Mr. Bogle's opinion is backed up by a favorable report made by J. Edwards Leckie, M. E. Yesterday Mr. Bogle returned from the mine and he reports that he has concluded arrangements for its purchase on behalf of his syndicate.

The property will be incorporated within the next two weeks as the Golden Gate Development company. There will be no treasury stock, however, on the market as opposed to promoters' shares. The proceeds of a portion of the sale will be devoted to development and others to the purchase.

A Mistatement Retracted.

The Saturday number of the Toronto Mail & Empire contains the following article on the Grand Prize, under a Rossland date:

"The sale of the Grand Prize reported yesterday, transpires not to have been all treasury stock. Spokane speculators are at their old tricks of unloading their private holdings which cost them little or nothing, on the public along with treasury stock, and under the pretence that the sale will go into the development, when they really go into the promoters' pockets. At the price at which the stock is now selling, treasury stock would produce only six or seven thousand dollars, a sum quite inadequate to develop any mine in this camp."

The manager of the Grand Prize, Charles Liftchild, is in town, and he is very indignant at the story telegraphed to the Mail and Empire. He denies the whole story as a fabrication pure and simple. The management of the Grand Prize is acting in the best of faith, and has not parted with a share of its holdings. A block of 50,000 shares of Grand Prize was sold lately in Toronto, along with a block of treasury, but it was not negotiated by the management. It was picked up in small blocks on the open market by a local firm of brokers. Mr. Liftchild is particularly incensed at the reference to the "Spokane speculators' old tricks of unloading their private holdings which cost them little or nothing on the public along with treasury stock and under the pretence that the proceeds would go into development, when they would really go into the promoters' pockets." H. W. C. Jackson, who telegraphed the story to the Mail and Empire, was called upon to wire a retraction to that paper last night, and he did so.

Work on the Commander.

"The shaft in the Commander is down past the 200-foot level, and we shall be 300 feet deep in 30 days," said W. J. Harris, the manager of the property, last evening. "When sinking was resumed, a week ago, there was only a little ore in sight and it was considerably broken. The first shot showed a marked improvement in the character of the rock, and it is becoming steadily more solid. Now there is between a foot and a half and two feet of good ore on the foot wall side of the shaft.

"At the 180-foot level we have built a sump so arranged that all the water is caught in the drifts at that level. The pump is in place and everything is working admirably. The shaft is making very little water and it is no trouble to keep it dry. The ore now being met in the bottom of the workings is almost identical with the rich ore met at the 100-foot level. In fact, samples from the two points can scarcely be distinguished apart. We are saving all the ore coming up. It is of shipping value."

Separate Company to Take Over Ymir.

The British Columbia Review contains a paragraph to the effect that a special settlement on the stock exchange has been applied for by the New Golden Twins, Ontario—2,293 £1 shares, fully paid, and 59,714 Vendors' £1 shares, fully paid. The company will carry into effect an agreement with the London & British Columbia Goldfields for the purchase of the Ymir gold mines, situated at Wild Horse creek, West Kootenay, comprising four claims, known as the Ymir, Rockland, Mugwump and Golden Horn.

Try a want ad in THE MINER.

C. & W. EXTENSION.

Tote Road Finished to the Lake—Pushing Construction.

The contractors are pushing operations on the C. & W. railway extension into the Boundary country, and will continue the work through the winter unceasingly. The tote road has been completed as far as Christina lake, and within a few days will be opened to Cascade City. This tote road will be kept open all winter so that supplies can be easily gotten in to the contractors.

Contractor Phillips of McIver & Phillips' camp, four and one-half miles from Brooklyn, states that they have 40 men at work. They have secured another mile of work from J. G. McLean & Co., and are now establishing a new camp there, some 26 or 27 miles out.

Contractor Oleson, 23 miles from Brooklyn, has got the facing work done preparatory to beginning operations on the 700-foot tunnel. Drilling in the tunnel will be by hand. At present Mr. Oleson has about 100 men at work. He states that all of his two miles is let out to station men.

A. C. McLean states that his firm now has about 350 men at work. In a few days more the grading for the switchback will be finished. The compressor plant is to be shipped from the east on October 1st, and will be set to work on the tunnel proper as soon as it can be installed. This firm now has about 10 miles of work under contract.

Rod Cameron, who has a contract near Christina lake, has on the ground a big installment of his large outfit, including 19 head of horses.

On Koykendall's two mile contract there are now about 110 men, including station men, employed. Fifty more could be used to excellent advantage.

Pat Burns now has a slaughter house at Gladstone, the cattle being driven over the mountains from Brooklyn. Joe Davis, formerly of Brooklyn, is in charge.

AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

Fine Music Well Received by an Appreciative Audience.

The first of the subscription concerts under the auspices of St. George's Anglican choir was given last Thursday in the church. The rainy weather reduced the size of the audience, but it made up in appreciation what it lacked in numbers. The opening number was an andante in G, by Charles Fondey, which was well rendered by the composer. It was followed by a "Meditation," in which Mr. Fondey was heard to excellent advantage. He has had a thorough musical training, and his performance shows that he has real talent of more than usual merit. Mrs. Haskins, one of the most popular musicians in the city, rendered Jessie H. Farwell's musical adaptation of the hymn, "Come Unto Me," and was cordially received. "Salve Regina" was well sung by W. Hart-McHarg, whose powerful voice was well adapted to the character of the solo. A duet, "Ave Verum," followed, with Mrs. Simpson on violin and Fred Burroughs on organ. Their performance was cordially received. Mrs. Mc Innes, whose singularly sweet voice is all too seldom heard, rendered Mascheroni's "For All Eternity," with exquisite effect. The concert was closed by two organ numbers by Mr. Fondey, the first, Scotson-Clark's "Marche aux Flambeaux," and the second an improvision, "Dismissal." The latter was an especially pleasing number. The vocal soloists were accompanied throughout by Miss Beardsley, whose accompaniments were intelligent and sympathetic. The concert will probably be repeated in about ten days, with a revised program. It will probably be given for the benefit of the Sisters' hospital.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

James Barnard Accidentally Poisons Himself With Carbolic Acid.

GRAND FORKS, Sept. 21.—[Special.]—On Monday a miner named James Barnard, while under the influence of liquor, drank a quantity of carbolic acid, mistaking it for whisky. As soon as he had taken the deadly drug help was summoned and Dr. Westwood, with the aid of various remedies, succeeded in bringing the poisoned man from the brink of the grave. He was taken in the patrol wagon to the city lockup, where he remained unconscious for over 12 hours. He is now recovering slowly, living on a milk diet entirely. James Barnard was a former resident of Spokane, and for some time past was connected with Holley, Moson & Marks of Spokane, in mining interests in this section. As soon as Barnard is recovered he will appear in the police court to answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Word reaches here today to the effect that the new steamer Myrtle, recently set afloat on Christina lake, is lost. It seems that on Monday evening last a great storm raged on the lake and in the early morning of yesterday the steamer, which had been tied fast at Lavalley's landing, was no where to be found. Search parties went around the lake on both sides and can as yet find no trace of her.

The Myrtle L. had only been on the lake a few days when she was lost. The general impression is that she has gone to the bottom.

Mr. O'Toole, local representative of the Rathmullen Gold Mining company, left for Rossland yesterday to make final arrangements to work the Rathmullen group of claims all winter. It is proposed to expend $10,000 on this property this winter.

Development at the Whitewater.

The London & B. C. Goldfields company is meeting with great success in the development of the Whitewater property in the Slocan. The company has issued a circular to the shareholders informing them that the development done upon the property has opened up an ore body which exceeded the company's expectations, but the conditions have not been favorable for the shipment of large quantities of ore. Since March 24th to the latter part of August the shipments did not exceed 420 tons. The grade of the ore, however, is improving, the last carload averaging 160 ounces silver.

Silver Bell Meeting Today.

The meeting of the Silver Bell shareholders to place the company in position to resume work on the property, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the the offices of Harris, Kennedy & Co. All the shareholders are requested to be present. There are several plans to be put before the meeting with the view of placing the company on its feet. The officers say that work on the property will be resumed at once.

THE GOOD FRIDAY

Voight Syndicate Has Secured Extension of Its Option.

ANOTHER GOOD STRIKE

Twenty-Seven Feet of Ore Found in the No. 5 Tunnel in the Columbia-Kootenay—The Ore Body in No. 1 Widening—Development of the Josie.

The members of the Good Friday company who control its affairs have nearly completed arrangements with the Voight syndicate to resume operations on the property. The syndicate had an option on the control some time ago, but did not take the bond up at the stipulated time. There was some difficulty in arranging for the extension, but the matter has been virtually completed. In all probability work on the property will be resumed inside of a fortnight.

The syndicate did several hundred feet of work on the claim at the time it had the previous bond. The work was divided among five tunnels, which were driven at different points over the property. At the time the option expired, the work done had not exposed the ledge to any considerable extent, and the showing been inconsiderable. Thirty-five men were formerly employed at the Good Friday, and the resumption of work will mean the employment of a large number of miners.

The Good Friday is located on the westerly slope of Red mountain, across Little Sheep creek from the Jumbo. The Good Hope, the Northern Belle, the Nevada and the High Ore are all in the same locality. Except for the Jumbo, which is really on Spokane mountain, very little work has been done in that part of the camp, and on that account the result of intelligent development on the Good Friday will be watched with more than usual interest. If, as it is expected, favorable results follow the exploitation of the claim, it is probable that much work will be done in the same locality.

ELECTRIC COMPRESSOR.

A Fine Plant to Be Installed on the Big Three Group.

The Big Three Gold Mining company, which owns and operates the Mascot and the Southern Belle and Snowshoe, has just closed, through its secretary, C. E. Gault, a contract with James D. Sword, agent of the James Cooper Manufacturing company of Montreal, for a seven-drill electrically driven Ingersoll-Sergeant air compressing plant, hoisting engine and a complement of of Sergeant drills, etc. The power to operate the compressor will be furnished by the West Kootenay Power & Light company, a special line from the transferring station being built for the purpose. The dynamo is what is known as a three-phase synchronous motor, and will deliver upwards of 100-horse power at a speed of 900 revolutions per minute. It will be supplied by the General Electric company of Peterboro, the contract calling for its shipment in three weeks. The compressor plant and other machinery will be delivered immediately from the warehouse of the James Cooper Manufacturing company here, and will be on the foundation ready to connect to the motor when the latter arrives, which will not require as heavy foundations.

The site for the plant will be selected by W. Y. Williams, the superintendent, and a commodious power house erected immediately.

This will be the second electrically operated compressor plant in Rossland, and, in fact, Canada. The War Eagle plant, now in transit, and built by the same manufacturers, will be the first.

Several other mining companies are contemplating the installation of electrical plants, and there is every reason to believe that the power company will have to increase its plant in the near future.

J. P. Graves, one of the heaviest stockholders, visited the Mascot yesterday and was delighted with the appearance of the property.

The Mollie Hughes.

Work on the Mollie Hughes is not being pushed with the energy that characterized the opening of the property. This is not because of the lack of ore or favorable indications, but Mr. Sandiford does not feel inclined to spend a great amount of money on the property until he receives word from his company regarding the taking up of the bond, which is now in doubt, owing to the company asking for an extension of time of 90 days to permit of further work being done. The owners of the property are not inclined to give the extension.

Bonding Scheme Is Off.

The St. Keverne bonding scheme is off. The stockholders of the company were almost unanimous in favoring the proposed plan whereby John A. Finch was to take a bond of $20,000 on the property in the Slocan and to admit such of the stockholders as desired to become interested with him in the bond in proportion to their holdings of stock. The scheme was abandoned on account of the opposition of the minority shareholders in the east.

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Orders for extra copies of THE WEEKLY MINER should be given not later than Saturday.

R. M. Grogan, of Rolt & Grogan, has returned from Ymir, whither he went to examine some mining property. Mr. Grogan reports that there is great activity in mining circles in the Ymir district, and that the approaching winter will see more men at work there than at any time in the history of that section.

A. G. Fuller, of Vernon, is in the city. Mr. Fuller is interested in some mining properties in the Okanagan valley that bid fair to become valuable. He reports that large crops have been raised around Vernon this year and that the farmers are obtaining exceptionally good prices for the grain. They, however, are waiting anxiously for direct railway communication with Rossland. When this comes they expect to have the best possible market.

The youngest miner on record got a job with the Le Roi company last week. He is the 11-pound son of Nicholas Tregear, the superintendent of the property. Young Tregear arrived in camp early yesterday morning, and was at once put to work by W. J. Harris, the manager of the mine. He has not had a great deal of experience in practical mining, and is not yet able to operate a machine, but he was placed in charge of the nippers between the 600- and the 700-foot levels. The company does not expect much of him for a day or so, until he gets somewhat used to the work assigned him, but he will not be fired without considerable provocation. Tregear, jr., starts in on a salary of $2.50 per day, and he is promised a raise as soon as he gets a little experience.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Buckingham Deal.

ROSSLAND, Sept. 23.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: On reading over an article in your paper of today headed "The Buckingham," I notice that you say that Mr. Weeks, in company with Captain Kelly, went abroad some time ago to sell the stock of the Buckingham Gold Mining company, limited. This is not true. Captain Kelley went to England some time after Mr. Weeks' departure from here in my interest and to try and sell two excellent mining properties for me. I am in correspondence with the captain now, and I doubt very much if Captain Kelly is trying to sell any stock. He visited the Buckingham claim and reported on it, and if he said that it would make a mine I firmly believe it will. He is a thorough mining engineer, "not a surveyor," who never saw a mine or mineral claim until he visited Rossland and now knows it all. Kelly has examined some of the biggest mines in California and other states of the union and manipulated some very big deals in mines there, and came to Rossland with the best recommendations as a mining engineer and expert.

A. H. REVSBACK.

Is Renewing His Health.

Some two weeks ago C. L. N. Hayward left this city for Mexico for the purpose of trying the effects of that climate and certain medicinal springs there on his health, which has been badly undermined by cyanide poisoning. Mr. Hayward writes from Chihuahua, Mexico, to Fred Moffatt of this city, stating that his health has already been considerably improved by the climate, and he feels that he will ultimately be restored to his full vigor. In a few days he expected to try the effect of certain springs and this, he was certain would help him. He met a man at Chihuahua who had been similarly afflicted with cyanide poisoning, and though he had only been in the country a short time, he was already cured and in as good a condition physically as ever he was.

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