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Table with columns: Shipments of Ore, Mine, Tons. Rows include Le Roi, War Eagle, Columbia, Iron Mask, Jumbo, Joste, Centre Star, Red Mountain, O. K., I. X. L., Total.

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ORE SHIPMENTS. The ore shipments of the camp for the past week reached 2,332 tons, a slight increase over the week before. This is a very satisfactory showing in face of the fact that the War Eagle people have determined to make no further shipments until they can secure better treatment rates.

A RAILROAD TO ROBSON. It may not be generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that freight rates to Rossland are from 20 to 30 per cent higher than those for any other place in Kootenay and this despite the fact that Rossland receives and dispatches more tonnage than any two other towns in Kootenay put together.

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The attention of the Hon. A. G. Blair is respectfully drawn to the above, so that he may realize that in building the Crow's Nest line and stopping short at the Columbia river he has only half solved the problem so far as Rossland is concerned.

THE CLONDYKE CRAZE. We have no doubt that a great deal of gold will be taken from the Clondyke region, but the rush that way just now is sure to be attended by many disappointments and suffering. People who go there at this season of the year are taking desperate chances. In the first place they go into a long, cold winter which is made praiseworthy by almost continuous darkness. In the next place they take the chance of finding neither work nor gold. The area known to possess rich gold deposits is small and every inch of ground believed to possess pay gravel has been taken up long ago.

OF all forms of mining placer mining is the most treacherous and uncertain. The gold deposits depend upon the eccentricities of water currents, and if you find a rich deposit at one spot there is no assurance that it continues six inches from that spot. It is not so in lode mining. If you find a vein of pay ore the chances are much in favor of its continuing with depth.

As a matter of fact there is vastly more gold taken from lode mines than from placer mines. Rossland has yielded far more gold than the Clondyke and probably will continue to do so. The difference is the Clondyke gold is more easily taken out when it is found and is in more attractive form.

Thousands are going to Clondyke who have barely enough to pay their fare there. They are going on the mere chance of finding work or paying claims. Suppose they are disappointed in both. What will they then do? It now looks as though there would be 15,000 people in and about Dawson City this winter. Food is sure to be very high if not beyond the reach of people of ordinary means. It strikes us that if people are going to Clondyke at all they should wait till next spring so they can get out again before winter sets in, if the country proves a disappointment. The present rush is wild and senseless and is sure to result in disaster.

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NORTHPORT'S GOOD FORTUNE.

IN WHAT THE MINER HAS SAID ON THE smelter question it has never been moved by any feeling of antagonism towards Northport or any other point on the American side, but as this paper is published in British Columbia, its first duty is to British Columbia. If we can assist in building up the mining and smelting industry in this province we are going to do it. At the same time we shall be glad to see the smelting industry flourish at Northport, and believe it will be established there. Northport will not necessarily have to depend upon British Columbia ores. Many good mines are being opened in the northern part of Stevens county, Washington, and in the Colville Indian reservation. These ores will naturally gravitate towards Northport over the lines of Mr. Corbin's railroad system. His purpose is no doubt to build into the Indian reservation and up to the Boundary country of British Columbia. It is one of the finest railroad schemes in the west and must result in an enormous ore traffic, the central point of which will be Northport.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL boundary should be just where it is. Northport is a natural smelting point for a large scope of country, including many portions of British Columbia, and while British Columbia will seek to treat her ores at home there will be an abundance of ores on the other side to make Northport a busy and successful place.

BRING THEM TO KOOTENAY. The British Association meets in Toronto on the 18th of this month, the B. M. A. a week later at Montreal. The members of the former are invited to meet the American association at Detroit the week previous. Several excursions have been arranged for the visitors, one by the Canadian Pacific railway over Kicking Horse pass to Vancouver.

THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION are not likely to be nearer than Revelstoke and will have to content to hear only of the Kootenay and its wealth, although they may see a few sacks of ore. The least the people of this country can do is to ask those in high places not to allow some of the best judges in the world to pass us by as if there was nothing more to see than the idle smelter at Revelstoke. Men who come to the west ought not to be allowed to narrow their ideas by seeing only the canyons of the Gold and Cascade ranges.

FOR MARTIN'S CONSIDERATION. The members of the bar of this city should take advantage of the presence of the Hon. G. B. Martin, commissioner of lands and works, and impress upon him the urgent need of a suitable building here in which to hold courts. As it is now the judges of the supreme court refuse to hold sessions here for the reason that there are no accommodations. The consequence is that all business before that court originating here is compelled to go to Nelson. This is a severe tax on litigants and a great inconvenience to barristers. Fully two-thirds of the cases coming before the supreme court from the West Kootenay district come from Rossland. It is an inexcusable injustice and hardship that this business should have to go to Nelson.

EDITORIAL NOTES. ALL THE FINE PROMISES OF THE C. P. R. to make the smelting of Rossland ores cheaper in Kootenay than elsewhere are idle until the C. P. R. builds a line to Rossland and adjusts its freight rates so that ore, fuel and fluxes can be brought together at some point in Kootenay at less cost than at any point in the United States.

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NOTICE. Ninety days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 300 acres more or less of agricultural land on Sheep Creek, Osoyoos Division of Yale District, British Columbia, commencing at a post marked "A. B. Anderson's N. W. corner," close to the south line of B. H. Lee's land, running thence east eighty chains, thence south forty chains more or less to the international boundary line, thence west eighty chains, thence north forty chains more or less to the point of commencement.

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