

THE VOTERS' LIST

It is to be Revised for Coming Provincial Election.

CONTAINS 400 NAMES

It is Thought That There Are Fully 1750 in the Trail Creek Division Who Are Eligible to Vote for Provincial Officers.

An effort is being made to secure a revision of the provincial voters' list, for use in the coming provincial election. The provincial list, as at present compiled, contains barely 400 names, although the city list comprises about 1,200 voters. While all the names on the latter list are not qualified to be placed on the former, yet on the contrary, numerous residents are provincial voters who can not act at municipal elections, and it is expected that in all about 1,750 people residing in the Trail creek division are eligible to vote in the coming provincial election.

An attempt will be made at the coming session of the legislature to secure a redistribution of seats so as to give Trail creek a representative. To succeed in this as many names as can possibly be obtained should be secured on "the voters' list." Those who are in the movement hope to be able to secure the services of a canvasser, who will give his whole attention to compiling a complete list of provincial voters.

BOUND FOR DAWSON

A Unique Pleasure Party That Comes From Cincinnati.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 20.—Three parties, consisting of five persons, arrived this afternoon on their way to the north, British Columbia and the territories. They go west this evening in a special tourist car over the C. P. R. Ten are from Cincinnati bound for the Yukon on a pleasure trip; six are from North Dakota and have decided to prospect in Northern British Columbia for gold. Sixteen are farmers from Bathgate, N. D., all being Canadians by birth. The destination of the party is Peace river, the intention being to go into farming and stock raising. The Cincinnati party is the most novel that has yet reached here northward bound to the gold regions. The travelers are H. M. Woods, leader and organizer; Mrs. Woods, Miss Zemple, one of the belles of Cincinnati, 18 years of age; Mrs. Woods' sister, Dr. C. L. Domhoff, a physician; C. E. Heiser, druggist, and sister, Miss C. E. Heiser; Mr. Heiser, traveler, and John Meyers, merchant. The women are dressed "just like the men," with leather coats lined with sheepskin, woolen sweaters, buckskin trousers lined with corduroy, chambray underwear, leather caps, moccasins and fur mitts. They will travel over the proposed route in bobbeled drawn by horses, from Edmonton via Little Slave lake and the Nelson river. There they will exchange their sleds for canoes and paddle into Dawson City.

NEW FIRE CHIEF

He Was Formerly at the Head of the Vancouver Department. Wilson McKinnon, the new chief of the Rossland fire department, has not yet decided upon his assistants, but choice will probably be made today. A number of good men are available, and Mr. McKinnon anticipates that a thoroughly efficient brigade will be obtained. Mr. McKinnon, who, by the way, organized and led the first fire department formed in Rossland in the summer of 1895, was for nearly six years with the Vancouver fire department, of which he was chief, and in that position he gained an invaluable experience in protecting from fire towns of the size and character of this. He is a member of the Northwest Fire Chiefs' association. Mr. McKinnon, who was not desirous of leading the city's new fire department, was prevailed upon to do so by the council, and he consented to serve without salary, but the aldermen thought it only right that he should receive a gratuity of \$100 per quarter to indemnify him for the expense he would be in filling the position.

ROSSLAND IN THE EAST

People There Have the Greatest Confidence in Its Future.

J. B. McArthur, the president of the board of trade, is back from a trip through the east. "I have never seen such confidence and faith in Rossland as is being manifested throughout the east," said Mr. McArthur. "All feeling of distrust has vanished, and that is certainly a fact that intelligent investment in the mines of the camp is almost sure of the most substantial rewards. Hundreds and thousands of dollars will be invested in Rossland during the coming year, and I anticipate that these will be most important twelve months in the history of the district. Not only in Eastern Canada but New York and Boston as well are waking up to the great field which the Rossland camp affords."

NEWS OF NELSON

Prisoners Taken to the Penitentiary. Mayor Houston's Trip. NELSON, Jan. 19.—[Special.]—George Beer, C. P. R. ticket agent at Nelson, will remove next week to Victoria, in connection with the Klondike business of the company. The Nelson Dramatic club will give a dance in Carney hall on the 27th inst., to which a large number of invitations have been issued. Thomas Gray is erecting a sawmill on the pier projecting from the city wharf. Chief of Police McKinnon left last night for New Westminster in charge of the prisoners, Demars and Evans, who will serve a three years' sentence in the provincial penitentiary. Superintendent Hussey is in the city making arrangements for the taking over and furnishing of the new jail. Ward Fitzstubs will assume charge in a few days and Jailer Liddle of Victoria will be first jailer. Mayor Houston left yesterday for a short visit to Morje. During his absence Alderman Malone is in charge of city affairs.

WORK OF THE FLAMES

The Shaft House of the Iron Mask Destroyed Thursday.

The shaft house at the Iron Mask burned about 8:30 Thursday morning. The cause of the fire is not certain, but it is believed to have originated in the stove used to heat the building. Some poor blacksmith's coal was being burned and it is thought that it either burned out the grate and allowed coals to drop on the floor, or else an explosion of gas in the stove occurred, and started the conflagration. Chas. Fonday, who was temporarily in charge of the hoist, stepped out for a moment on an errand, and when he returned he found the interior of the shaft house in flames. An effort was made to put out the blaze, but it gained strength steadily, and in a few minutes the building had been burned almost to the ground. The loss will aggregate hardly less than \$2,000, and there was no insurance. The hoist was not seriously disabled, but the pipes and connections were practically ruined, and a drill and some small machinery were likewise destroyed. The gallow frame, while still standing, must be replaced. A number of miners were at work in the shaft at the time, but escaped safely through the tunnel, with which it connects. The debris was cleared away yesterday and work will be started up at once, building the shaft house. Work in the shaft will be suspended for only a few days.

THE SKATING CARNIVAL

A List of Those Who Were Awarded the Prizes.

The masquerade skating carnival given Thursday evening at the Palace rink by the proprietors, Messrs. Hampton & Drever, was no less enjoyable than its predecessor had been. A big crowd was present, and the ice was in fine condition, while the costumes were both pretty and entertaining. Mayor H. E. Wallace, Magistrate G. A. Jordan and Geo. Fraser were the judges, and they awarded the prizes as follows: Ladies' Costume—First prize, Miss Dickson; second prize, Miss McCreary. Girls' Costume—First prize, Hattie Jones; second prize, Hattie Heacock. Girls' Graceful Skating Race—First prize, Miss Harris. Ladies Graceful Skating—First prize, Miss Husband; second prize, Miss Nellie Jones. Gentlemen's Costume—First prize, Fraah Bailey; second prize, A. E. Taylor. Gentlemen's Graceful Skating—Mr. Jones. Boy's Costume—First prize, Eddie Funk; second prize, Howard Owens. Gentlemen's Comic Costume—Chas. Adams. Boy's Comic Costume—John Muir.

TRANSPORTATION OF CORPSES

Provincial Board of Health Adopts Rules Governing This Matter.

The issue of the British Columbia Gazette for last week promulgates the regulations adopted by the provincial board of health, governing the shipment and transportation of corpses and disinterred bodies, approved by the lieutenant-governor-in-council on the 6th inst. The transportation or shipment of bodies of persons who have died of small-pox, cholera, leprosy, typhus, yellow fever, diphtheria, anthrax or scarlet fever is absolutely forbidden, nor shall bodies of any persons who have died of any of the diseases enumerated be transported or shipped into the province. Specific directions are also given as to the methods to be followed in the preparation of bodies for shipment or transportation. The body must be accompanied by a certificate, signed by the local health officer, or some qualified practitioner, that the person whose body it is, did not die of any of the prohibited diseases, and also by a statutory declaration, made by the undertaker or other person who has prepared the body for shipment, to identify the body with one of the persons mentioned in the medical certificate. Provision is also made that these regulations for shipment within the province shall not apply to cases in which bodies of persons who have not been dead for a longer period than 36 hours, are transported or shipped from the place of death to a point within the province, not more than 12 hours' travel distant by rail or water from such place of death, for the purpose of burial.

A Lump of High Grade Ore

In the window of the Silver Queen Mining company, next door to The MINER office, is a 250-pound sample of ore from the property of that company, located in the Cariboo Creek camp. This big specimen attracted considerable attention yesterday. An assay shows that it contains 10 per cent silica, 7 per cent alumina, 27 per cent iron, 13 per cent sulphur, 4 per cent copper and 7 per cent lead. The property of the Silver Queen company is being rapidly developed and some good sized bodies of ore have been encountered and it promises to be one of the big producing groups of the Cariboo Creek camp. The ore is of such a nature that it will smelt easily. It is probable that a matte furnace will be erected by the Silver Queen company as soon as the result of certain experiment are that are now under way are known. The large lump that is on display will be sent to Hon. George E. Foster, the president of the company, who is a resident of Ottawa.

Work Began on the Great Western

The first actual work done by the British American Corporation was put to work by Superintendent John Maynard on the Great Western. The miners began the task of straightening the shaft which had been sunk to a depth of 100 feet. This force will be increased as the exigencies of the work demand and it will not be long ere a large force will be employed in the development of the property. In a short time the intention is to put men to work on the Josie, the Nickle Plate and the other properties that have been purchased in this camp and before the year is very old it is expected that fully 300 miners will be given employment on the mines of the B. A. C. This will give a great impetus to the camp and lead to the development of many other properties.

THEY ARE STARVING

Fishermen of Halifax County in a Terrible Condition.

IS A SCARCITY OF FISH

About 100 Houses Were Visited and in 98 There Was Neither Food Nor Fire—A Few Have a Little Corn Meal—Are to Be Believed.

HALIFAX, Jan. 21.—Alarming news was received here yesterday concerning the fishermen residing in East Dover, Shad Bay and other villages along the northern shore of Halifax county. Many families are starving and destitution exists all along shore. The mayor has been requested to forward food and clothing immediately to sufferers. A committee was organized last night to proceed in haste to the scene. There have been five successive failures of the fisheries and more than 300 persons are living solely on cornmeal and water, while others have nothing. More than 100 houses have been visited and in 98 there was no food or fire and the families were starving. Many of the families have eaten small children have been badly frozen. One family was found huddled in small unfurnished room in which ice had formed during the whole week. This family and others had subsisted for days on a scanty supply of cornmeal mixed in cold water.

A LAW LIBRARY WANTED

The Benchers Refuse to Allow One for Rossland.

The local association of barristers and solicitors is making an earnest effort to have the provincial law society install a law library in Rossland. The law society is permitted by the statutes to charge fees on all admitted to the bar in British Columbia, but in return it is supposed to establish law libraries in the more important cities of the province. The license fee required of a barrister on being installed is \$250, and an annual fee of \$20 is demanded thereafter. In these matters the barristers of Rossland have contributed about \$3,000 to the provincial society during the past year and the local organization feels that it is entitled to a library here. A strong petition was presented to the benchers of the provincial association a few days ago, in which the local legal men asked for the nucleus of a library at this point, and promised if the library were established, not only would the resident members contribute to it books and funds but would also see that a fire proof building were secured for the reception of the volumes, or else would insure them. A reply was received a day or so ago by Edward Cronyn, the secretary of the local association, acknowledging the receipt of the petition, but informing the association that the benchers of the provincial society, who retire in April next, feel indisposed to take any action during the remainder of their term of office.

WATER PIPES FROZEN

Hence Water Has to Be Carried to the Main Public School.

A number of complaints have reached The MINER lately that the main public school is so poorly provided with drinking water that the pupils are compelled to go thirsty or eat iced cakes. W. A. Blair, principal of the schools, was seen last evening in regard to the matter. "The pipes are frozen so badly that we cannot get water from that source," said Mr. Blair, "but nevertheless we are using ample water carried in buckets. The children are eating iced cakes it is because they do not do so, rather than for the reason that there is no water for them to drink."

The Chinese New Year

Friday was the commencement of the Chinese New Year holidays and the festivities will last for a week. In the Chinese quarter there will be interchange of visits and every house is open to the visitor for whose entertainment there will be candies and sweetmeats of the most curious kinds imaginable. Another feature that is followed among the Celestials is that they pay all their debts, if it is possible, on or before New Year's day so that they may start on the new year free of incumbrances and liabilities. This is a policy of honor and a religious duty. One of the accompaniments of the celebration is the burning of lots of fireworks, for the Mongol loves the din of exploding fire works as dearly as does the small boy of our own extraction. One of the leading Chinese merchants was seen last night and he said that the Rossland Mongolians intended to have a splendid time during the coming week. That there would be almost an entire truce from toil and business, and that each of the next seven days would be devoted to the pursuit of pleasure; at least, on the part of those who could afford it.

The Columbia and Kootenay

Fred Loring, who is in charge of the Columbia and Kootenay, has five men at work cleaning out the property. The tunnel has been freed of ice, and the numerous air and water pipes throughout the mine have been thawed out ready for use. The big water pipe leading to the compressor has likewise been freed of ice and sections and freed of ice, while things have been arranged so as to pump the water from the shaft at any time. The machinery at the compressor has been overhauled, and in fact the entire mine has been put in shape to commence operations at any time. The task is virtually completed, but five machine men are being retained at the property.

Gives a Good Assay

Recent assays from the strike on the Abe Lincoln give values of 23 per cent copper, \$18 in gold and a small valuation in silver. The pay streak is about 18 inches wide, and the bottom of the shaft contains a great deal of mineral, mixed with calcite. The shaft is now down about 95 feet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iron Colt. ST. BONIFACE, Man., Jan. 7, 1898. EDITOR MINER.—Sir: Allow me again to trouble you, this time for information regarding the Iron Colt Mining company. We hear that it has lots of ore on the dump, and we are wondering why no shipments to the smelter are made. Is the ore on hand of a high or a low grade, and when does the company intend to make shipments? If no high grade ore has been obtained why isn't a shaft sunk, to get this sort of ore, as was done in the case of the Le Roi. Not long ago we heard that the company had \$18,000 on hand. I hope that it won't stop work as other companies have done. Everybody coming from Rossland tells what a great camp it is. If such is the case, why aren't there more dividend paying mines? Any information you can give me will be very much appreciated. Very truly yours, SHARPEOLDER.

[The Iron Colt has several thousand tons of low grade ore running from \$6.50 to \$8, in sight and on the dump, but it is not sufficiently valuable to make shipments profitable under existing circumstances. "Stockholder" should not imagine that good ore is assured by sinking a shaft, or on the other hand that a tunnel may not be the most advantageous means of opening up a property. There are occasions when a tunnel is most suitable to the development of a mine, as was the case some time ago when a shaft is the best method. The company closed down its property a few days ago, but the officers say that they still have about \$5,000 on hand, and they expect to resume operations shortly. A shaft may be sunk on the ledge confidence that good ore will be met in the sinking of the shaft. There are half a dozen properties in the camp that will be able to pay dividends as soon as a means of treating low grade ores is obtained, and as a radical reduction from the present rates is assured within the next 18 months, by reason of cheaper rates on fuel, it is reasonably certain that they will be in the dividend paying column not later than that date. The development of great mines is slow work, and the progress that has been made in this camp during the past two years is almost unparalleled.—Ed.]

The Montana Company

LANE, B. C., Jan. 18, '98. EDITOR MINER.—Sir: Can you tell me anything about the Montana Gold Mining Company? Yours, DELTA.

EDITOR MINER.—Sir: Will you be good enough to inform me how the shareholders in the Montana Gold Mining company, owning a claim of the same name on Murphy creek, can obtain their certificates? With several others, hold interim receipts, but cannot get them exchanged for stock. Yours truly, A SUBSCRIBER.

[The Montana Gold Mining company has never sold any of its treasury stock, and all the promoters' shares are held in an indefinite pool that will be broken when the company is in a position of financial security. In the meantime, all the promoters' shares remain in the pool, and in lieu of them only interim certificates, such as "Subscriber" evidences, are issued. Under the circumstances it is impossible to get these receipts exchanged for scrip, and as the company has no immediate intention of breaking the pool, it is impossible to say when regular shares can be obtained.

The company's property, the Montana, on Murphy creek, has a large surface showing, but not enough work has been done to open up the property. However, all the work required to obtain a crown grant has been done, and the property has been surveyed and application made. Having sold no stock, and having no immediate intention of doing so, it is not in a position to carry on work.—Ed.]

The White Bear

ROSSLAND, JAN. 20.

EDITOR MINER.—Sir: Please state the amount of development work done on the White Bear, and also the prospects of the property becoming a paying investment. Very truly yours, C. H. L.

[The development of the White Bear includes a shaft down 175 feet and drifts to the amount of 240 feet. Of the latter, a 100-foot tunnel has been driven at the 100-foot level from the shaft and a drift 140 feet long has been constructed at the 160-foot level. A chute of low grade ore running from \$4 to \$5 and 12 feet wide has been opened up. Picked assays have returned assays as high as \$37 per ton. A promising ore chute to the east of the main shaft has been disclosed by recent surface workings, and when the company resumes operations it is the intention to open up this chute.—Ed.]

THE DREYFUS WREAGLE

It Was Warmly Renewed Yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—The chamber of deputies was thronged today and there was great excitement when ex-Minister Cavagnac repeated the interpellation of the government on the subject of Captain Dreyfus, of which he had previously notified the ministers. The premier, M. Meline, said he could not communicate the contents of Captain Le Brun Renaud's report, which, however, the government, he continued, did not think it right to publish, because the ministers thought a parliamentary discussion would affect the judicial character of the whole affair, and was the discussion once opened it could not be closed. A warm discussion on both sides of the chamber followed and resulted in a several flights. The premier of the chamber was powerless to restore order and left the chair saying: "I am going to consult the procurator-general." There is much talk of a duel between M. De Bernis and M. Meline, but the friends of the latter declare that he will not fight.

The Engineers' Strike

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has recommended the strikers to accept their employers' terms, practically giving the latter sole control of their shops. If this advice is accepted, work will probably be resumed on January 31.

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Coolgardie Smith Coming Back. Archie E. Smith, better known as "Coolgardie," who left for Skagway about the first of the year, has returned to Victoria from Alaska, and is expected here again soon.

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