

(Editorial concluded from Page 4.) DISTRICT POLITICS.

The indignation of the people of West Kootenay concerning the injustice done to this district by the terms of the Redistribution bill as originally introduced in the legislative assembly, has undoubtedly caused the Government to reconsider the matter and give the district an additional member.

A careful review of the local political situation shows that the government party has lost many friends here by introducing such unpopular legislation as the Redistribution measure and the Teelin Railway Subsidy Act, and it would be waste of time to attempt to disguise the fact.

The MINER has sympathy for this movement. We believe that the claims of this district for just treatment in the matter of representation in the legislature and in the cabinet, and in the matter of appropriations for the several public departments, have been shamefully neglected during the last four years.

We believe that Premier Turner means well for the Kootenays and the Province as a whole, but that he is very ill-advised, and that the methods of administering the affairs of the Province so much desired by the electors will never be realized until new men replace several of those who now sit on the treasury benches.

We believe that by the organization of a Kootenay party, six members can be easily returned, who would control the balance of power in the legislature, no matter whether the Government is sustained or defeated in the next elections.

It is all too evident that the spirit of independence in British Columbia politics is dormant. Both the Government and the Opposition parties manifest an alarming tendency to be slavish to evil influences.

A PERNICIOUS PRACTICE. Loyalty to the camp is a virtue that should be cultivated by some of the promoters who go to London for the purpose of selling mines and mining properties.

greatest enemies that the camp has to contend with in London are citizens of Rossland, who temporarily sojourn in the big city for the purpose of disposing of local mining property. It is occasionally the custom of the speculators and operators there to ask questions concerning the merits of Trail Creek property in which, perhaps, they purpose investing. Too often those who are shortsighted, unwise, ungenerous and selfish give information that is calculated to hurt the property in the eyes of the inquirer.

Where it is positively known that a property has no intrinsic value, the inquirer should be told the facts, but a system of wholesale condemnation of all others simply through the hope of adding to the chances of selling the mine one is interested in, is both vicious and unwise. It is fortunate, therefore, that the mines here have sufficient merit to stand this sort of foul work.

Proposed Sewage System. The system which Mr. Mohun, the Provincial sanitary engineer, recommends for Rossland, is undoubtedly the best under existing conditions.

It may be said that the mines of West Kootenay only commenced to pay dividends during the past two years, and yet in that small period the returns have been phenomenal. On a nominal capitalization of \$3,625,000, dividends of \$3,444,465 have been paid.

EDITORIAL NOTES. SINCE the first of January, 1897, more than 100,000 tons of ore have been shipped to the smelter from the Rossland camp.

THE LE ROI DEAL. The purchase by the British America corporation of the Rossland interests of

the Le Roi Mining & Smelting company closes up the largest mining deal yet made in British Columbia. The price to be paid is \$3,000,000. In securing such a property as the Le Roi the B. A. C. has added a splendid mine to its collection and one that will for some little time, at least, be its principal source of revenue and dividends.

There is another matter in connection with the sale that is certain to result advantageously and to play an important part in the upbuilding of the camp. The dividends in the future will be paid in London. The effect of this regular monthly revenue, distributed as it will be among the British public, will make it the largest kind of an advertisement.

There seems to be considerable truth in the report that W. W. B. McInnes, M. P., will enter Provincial politics. The other day he was interviewed by a Winnipeg paper, and declared that he intended to resign his seat in the house of commons and devote himself to local politics.

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THE SUPREME COURT.

James A. Macdonald, of the law firm of Macdonald, Clute & Cronyn, returned Saturday from a visit to Victoria, where he was in attendance upon the supreme court.

In the case of Moore vs. the Hall Mines, a chambers motion asking for a stay of proceedings pending an appeal to the supreme court of Canada was made. The motion was allowed on the company giving security for the amount of the judgment.

There is still a chance that if Spain keeps her fleet idle until the United States triumphs signally in Cuba and elsewhere, the authorities at Madrid may conclude that Spain has done enough to satisfy "her honor," and that it is useless to throw a good navy after bad colonies.

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Montreal Red Mountain Gold Fields Company, Limited.

Take notice that an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Montreal Red Mountain Gold Fields Company, Limited, will be held at the registered office of the company, Rossland, on Monday the 23rd day of May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering a bylaw passed by the board and providing for the sale and transfer of the undertaking of the company to another company to be hereafter incorporated and having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this company.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Emsu Kurrsjong, Whitroos, Hotstufh, Du-plumme mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Little Giant, Tilly H, Copper King and Little Tilly mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Free Coinage mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Bear and Champion creeks and about 500 feet south of the Jeff Davis mineral claim.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. April Pool mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout mountain adjoining the Oriental.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Jeff Davis mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Bear and Champion creeks.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Big Chief mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one-half mile west from Barney O'Brien creek.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Red Bird mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About 4000 feet north of the International boundary line, six miles west of the Columbia river.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Blue Bird No. 3 mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About 4000 feet north of the International boundary line, six miles west of the Columbia river.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Black Diamond mineral claim, situate in Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: north of and adjoining the Independent and Black Horse mineral claims.

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