

RATES MUST COME DOWN

The Government's Orders to the White Pass Railway.

Mr. Wells Reports Fa- vorable Progress at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—Owing to the incessant complaints against the excessive freight charges on the White Pass line Mr. Sifton has investigated and has applied to Mr. Blair, who now notifies the company that the rates that have been submitted will not be authorized and a large reduction must be made. Mr. Blair also points out that the rates now being exacted are contrary to law and the company must put itself into a proper relation to the law without delay.

The nominal surplus for the Dominion for the four months ending October 31st is \$6,871,000. The increase in revenue during the same period was \$1,177,137.

The rebate of 40 cents a thousand on lumber cut on Dominion lands in B. C. and exported to the States has been rescinded. The reason is that the licensees conduct their business under more favorable conditions than in the neighboring state of Washington.

W. C. Wells arrived in Ottawa last night along with Mr. Greenfield of Montreal. They met Mr. Tarte at his residence last night and talked over some matters connected with the development of business interests in the province. Mr. Wells says that whatever reasons may have actuated the Dominion in withholding railway subsidies from British Columbia in the past they have been largely removed by his presence here. He met some of the ministers today and left in the afternoon for Montreal. He goes from there to Toronto, and will return on Friday next to Ottawa.

FROM THE CAPITAL

CONTRACT FOR REPAIR WORK ON THE STEAMER CITY OF TOPEKA.

A SEVERE STORM AND A SHOCK OF EARTHQUAKE RE- PORTED.

VICTORIA, Nov. 16.—The C. P. R. ticket offices at the corner of Fort and Government streets and the Dominion Express office in the rear are to be vacated at the first of the year. A bank from Vancouver, reported to be the Imperial, is taking the stand and will establish a branch.

Damages to the steamer City of Topeka as revealed in the dry dock, where she now is, include 30 feet of stem twisted and twelve new plates required. No hole inside as reported. The Albion Iron Works company of this city have been awarded the contract for the repairs to the City of Topeka, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$7,000.

There was a severe storm here this morning, and at 8 this city was shaken by a shock of earthquake. A little damage was done to small shipping.

Alex. J. Lindsay, of this city, who has just arrived from Nome, intends to purchase two 400-ton steamers to be used on the run between Nome and Ketchikan, to connect with a steamer he has on the Keewalk river.

SAFE-CRACKER SHOT. A Seattle Robber Killed While at His Notorious Work.

SEATTLE, Nov. 19.—T. D. Rush, safe cracker, was shot and killed early this morning while he was drilling the safe in the Northern Pacific ticket office, where a large sum of money is usually kept.

Police men Hubbard and Burns and Railroad Detective R. C. Hunt were present at the shooting, but refused to state which one got the burglar pushing the corner's inquest.

Rush saved a hole through the floor, standing on the platform underneath the building. The office is over tide-lands and he had evidently been at work some time, as he had hinges on a trap door, which were not easily detected. The officials evidently had some kind of a plot because three officers were waiting in the dark.

When Rush opened the door and shined his light on the bottom of the safe and was about to commence drilling he caught sight of the officers, so he ran and quick as a flash drew a revolver on them. Then it was that the shooting commenced.

It is said by the officers that before Rush could pull a trigger he was shot through the brain. Only one shot was fired and it is claimed.

Rush was removed to police headquarters unconscious and soon died.

Rush has money in the People's Savings Bank. Nothing more is known about him.

LUMBER BURNED.

ASHLAND, Wis., Nov. 19.—The East Wisconsin of the Keystone Lumber company caught fire tonight from a burning tug and about 3,000,000 feet of lumber was burned. The steel tug was totally destroyed. The total loss will reach \$75,000, fully insured.

ROAD TO REPUBLIC HIS WESTERN VISIT HIS POLICY IS STATED

SOME HEAVY BRIDGE AND TRESTLE WORK TO BE PROVIDED FOR.

SPECULATION AS TO THE AF- FAIRS OF THE DOMINION COPPER COMPANY.

GRAND FORKS, Nov. 16.—(Special.) Dr. Westwood has been appointed district coroner, vice Dr. Stanley Smith, resigned.

Yesterday was pay day on the Republic & Grand Forks railway. About \$42,000 was disbursed. The company is building a four-story trestle across Trout creek, south of Curlew lake, on the Colville reservation. The structure will be seven hundred feet long, and the amount of timber to be utilized in its construction will exceed six hundred thousand feet. The bridge will have a seven degree curve.

John S. Knapp, of the Great Northern railway, has arrived from St. Paul on business in connection with the final settlement of right of way on the branch line to Republic.

J. E. Boss, a prominent Spokane mining operator, who is largely interested in the Brooklyn and Steward group at Phoenix, is here. He recently visited Toronto, where Robert Jaffray, Wm. Mackenzie and D. D. Mann, his leading associates in the enterprise, reside. The group is owned by a company styled the Dominion Copper company. Naturally a good deal of speculation has been indulged in respecting the object of his eastern trip and his present closed down for several months.

Mr. Boss contented himself with declaring that the visit had no significance, and that he was in no sense performing any special mission for his associates. He will spend a fortnight in Boundary.

In accordance with a request from the management for a railway spur, the Great Northern has sent an engineer to report on the First Thought mine, in the Pierre Lake district, Colville reservation, northwest of Bossburg. The mine is owned principally by Pat Burns, the Kootenay meat king, T. G. Holt, of Vancouver, and Wm. Mackenzie, of Mackenzie & Mann, railway contractors, Toronto. It has been under steady development, and the company has been assured that the First Thought is in shape to make steady shipments, and that a great quantity of ore has been blocked out. Several experimental shipments have been made to the Tacoma smelter. When the spur is built the mine will ship to Grand Forks.

Fred Lane of this city, who is associated with his father in the contract for building all the bridges on the Republic & Grand Forks railway between Curlew lake and Nelson, Wash., furnished a few details respecting the big bridge they will construct across the Belle river below Curlew. The structure, with approaches, will be 850 feet long and the main span will have a length of one hundred and fifty feet. It will cross the river at an elevation of sixty feet and will pass the line of the Great Northern overhead. Mr. Lane reports that work on the bridge will be started immediately. The lumber required in building the structure is now being sawn at Lequime's sawmill, a few miles distant from the proposed site of the bridge.

During the week ended today the Granby smelter treated 4,396 tons of ore. Total treated to date, 236,815 tons.

THEY PLAYED BRIGAND. Seattle Boys Tried to Hold Up Two Citizens for Ransom.

SEATTLE, Nov. 19.—Following closely the example of the Bulgarian brigands who abducted Miss Emma Stone, three North Seattle small boys yesterday held two citizens in duress for several hours because they refused to pay a ransom to obtain their liberty. The victims of the unpleasant experience were E. H. Wells, editor of the Evening Star, and Lyman E. Knapp, the former governor of Alaska.

The desire of these citizens to explore the gloomy interior of the new stand pipe now being erected on Queen Anne hill led to their capture and subsequent imprisonment. Wells and Knapp entered the structure through a steel door in its side. While they were engaged in their explorations they were suddenly plunged into darkness. A hurried investigation revealed the fact that they were prisoners. A youthful voice from the outer world commanded \$10 to be paid at once as the price of their freedom. In vain did the prisoners parley. Each overture was met with derision and a repetition of the original demand for ransom.

After fully an hour's parley Wells and Knapp grew nervous and desperate. They searched their prison for some means of escape. A circular bit of blue sky seen at the top of a cylinder of steel 100 feet in height held out slight hope of freedom, and soon scattering drops of rain from the opening above forebode the probability of an added discomfort.

At last, after considerable exploration of the bottom of the tank, Wells found an old pick ax. Taking turns he and his fellow prisoner made heroic onslaughts on the steel door which stood between them and freedom. Finally the door began to show signs of yielding. Stripped of all surplus clothing and bathed in perspiration the prisoners inserted the pick into a small aperture. Their united efforts burst the hinges of their cell door and they once more breathed the air of freedom.

Three scurrying forms simultaneously disappeared in the underbrush, and before the irate citizens could take the revenge which had been threatened no small boys were in sight.

Warrants for the young brigands are out.

E. J. Pears Smith, a former champion bicyclist of Canada, now retired into the ordinary walks of life, is in the city today. Mr. Smith sells the "Invictus" shoe throughout the west.

Local opinion is strong in favor of Pyralis-Balsam. It cures coughs and colds with absolute certainty. Pleasant to take and sure to cure. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LA- BOR SPEAKS OF WHAT HE HAS SEEN.

MUCH USEFUL KNOWLEDGE GAINED THROUGH PERSONAL OBSERVATION.

Mr. W. L. MacKenzie King, deputy minister of labor, leaves this evening for the coast. He will remain there a week or ten days with a view of familiarizing himself with conditions relating to labor. On the conclusion of his visit to the coast Mr. King goes almost direct to Ottawa to resume his departmental duties. While in Rossland a large number of matters appertaining to departmental business have been forwarded from Ottawa, so that the department of labor has been to some extent operated from Mr. King's apartments in the Hotel Allan for the past ten days, probably the first time in its history that Rossland has had a department of the Federal government located in its midst.

Mr. King's mission in the Golden City was to investigate the conditions relating to labor matters. This he has done, and the result of his efforts is contained in a report already forwarded to Ottawa. The tenor of this report is, naturally, a matter between the deputy minister and the department of labor. If the latter believes it to be in accord with good policy to divulge the nature of Mr. King's recommendations this will materialize at a later date. Referring to his investigation, the deputy minister confines himself to remarking: "I may state that I went into the matter thoroughly with the employers and the men formerly engaged at the mines. Both were very frank in discussing the situation." It may be said in passing that Mr. King was equally frank in his utterances to the parties directly interested.

Touching on his trip to the great West, Mr. King says: "I have found the journey through the western part of Canada wonderfully instructive. The time devoted to the visit has been gained from personal observation that I could not possibly have acquired had I remained in Ottawa. By personal inquiry and observation on the ground I have obtained a fund of information as to the obstacles and the aids to the development of British Columbia that should be of great value to the department, and this is dealt with at some length in the report I have forwarded to Ottawa. I have been impressed by the indications on every hand of the development of the West. In Rossland, for instance, I was pleasantly surprised with the size of the city and the evidence of business activity far in excess of what would be expected in a town of the same size in the east. Your public buildings, the courthouse, postoffice, the Bank of Montreal and others are what might be expected in eastern cities of several times the population of Rossland. These features have given me a grasp on the trend of affairs in the West that will be extremely useful."

A special feature of Mr. King's duties as deputy minister of labor is that of filling the editorial chair of The Labor Gazette, the monthly publication issued by the department. The volume now issued contains a publication that it has become a permanent institution the merit of which is becoming recognized more fully with each issue. The Gazette aims to give a resume of all matters occurring throughout the Dominion that affect labor without touching on controversial topics. Carefully edited it fills this mission admirably, and the first bound volume now issued forms a valuable work of reference.

During his visit to Rossland Mr. King added many names to his list of friends and acquaintances.

AN AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE. Steamship Companies Object to a Customs Regulation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—A despatch from Melbourne to the New York Times says the customs authorities, in pursuance of the provision of the customs regulations act, have sealed the stores of mail steamers at Sydney in order to prevent the consumption of their while the vessels are in that port or travelling between Australian ports.

The company's agents will probably test the validity of the law by breaking the seals outside the territorial limits.

SHORT SESSION.

Last night's session of the city council was exceedingly brief. The communication from the department of agriculture enclosing a cheque for \$337 on quarantine account was received and acknowledged. A communication from John Dean complaining of the condition of the sidewalk in the vicinity of the new postoffice and of the alley in the rear of the same building was received and referred to the board of works. It was resolved on motion to have a crossing constructed from the south to the north side of Le Roi avenue at the Le Roi Brewery. This practically concluded the docket of business and the meeting adjourned.

FINE FLOWERS.

Thomas Bath, the new proprietor of the Palm, has some of the most magnificent cypripediums ever brought in to Rossland on exhibition at the Palm. The flowers are from the Grizzelle hot-beds at Nelson and will be handled by Mr. Bath along with the other lines that have made the Palm a popular institution.

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The Platform on Which E. V. Bodwell Pro- poses to Run.

Skagway Fenians Get Credit for the Yukon Romance.

VICTORIA, Nov. 19.—(Special.)—An influential delegation, comprising both Liberals and Conservatives, waited on Mr. Bodwell last night, asking him to run in opposition to the government at the Victoria bye election. The delegation included T. B. Hall, W. A. Ward, E. Crow Baker, Gordon Hunter, K. C. and P. C. MacGregor. The latter was one of the most ardent Martinists, and consequently one of the strongest anti-Bodwellites, in the last election. Mr. Bodwell consented, and will make a very strong candidate. It is understood that he will drop his railway briefs. The Times comes out editorially tonight strongly in support of him. His election in the city will be almost certain, as a year or two ago a mass meeting in the A. O. U. W. hall almost insisted that he should stand, but he could not then be induced to do so. If he is elected and the government is overthrown, he will be a very probable successor of Mr. Dumsduir as premier. This would mean the advent of a Great Northern and anti-C. P. R. policy, as Mr. Bodwell has long been J. H. Hill's representative and the V. V. & E. sponsor in this province. It would also have the effect of driving Martin and Dumsduir even more pronouncedly into the same camp, as Martin and Bodwell are bitter political and personal enemies.

Mr. Bodwell in an interview this morning outlined the broad policy on which he intends to appeal to the electorate. He has no confidence in the government, believing it to be bound up to a policy which is contrary to the interests of the country. The great question to which the government should bend its energies, he says, are railways, the difficulty with mine owners, the position of the lead mines, reorganization of the fiscal system, and Oriental immigration. In connection with the first he advocates subsidies to trunk lines only, namely: Coast-Kootenay, Island extension, Kamloops and Northern railway through British Columbia. He would like to see a scheme by which these could be given without additional burdens on the taxpayers. He would take up the lead mines trouble with the Dominion government. Regarding Mongolians he says previous effort has been misdirected, because the province had no power to legislate and by doing only caused friction with Ottawa. He would enlist the sympathy of Ottawa, and then the Dominion and the province could jointly approach the Imperial government and ask for a modification of the treaties with Japan and China, restricting immigration. Mr. Bodwell this morning severed his connection with those clients, including corporations, whose patronage he could not retain because of his new relationship. Surveyor Bauer has returned this morning from the Mount Baker district, where he says all the miners have now mutually agreed upon the location of the boundary line according to the recent Canadian survey. He says the roads leading to the mines from the American side are impassable and that American goods have to be shipped in from Chilkoot.

The old U. S. cutter Corwin, which has lain here for over a year, goes out today under Captain West, having been chartered by Captain Johnson, of the Pacific Fish company, to engage in the halibut fisheries.

A prominent manager of a northern company here, just from the coast, says the Skagway story re the Yukon republic is not all a fake, and that Horrigan had the interview mentioned with the United States officers. The whole mischief is attributable to Fenian machinations, the Fenians being an active body in Skagway, to whom is attributable the insult to the British flag while ago, and the attempt to discredit British officials.

The promoters of the expedition to Coos island have purchased a schooner on the Sound to carry the party to the treasure island.

The annual meeting of the sealers' combine called for today was adjourned until December 20th, by which time the result of the London fur sales will be known and a programme for next season will be mapped out. It is not expected that the schooners will go out until January, a month later than usual.

The owners of the collier San Mateo, the Pacific Improvement company, have not yet put in a salvage claim against the collier Victoria, which the San Mateo picked up three hundred miles off the Cape. The contract for the repairs to the Victoria will be let on Thursday.

THE KOOTENAY.

The recent improvements at the Kootenay Cafe have placed that popular institution on a par with any similar institution in the Kootenays. The reputation of the Kootenay has been established on the merits of the service it has given the public for years, and the management has taken the proper steps to still further extend the business of the hotel and cafe. The popularity attained by the Kootenay is based on its admirable cuisine, courteous and prompt attendance and cheerful surroundings, all of which will be continued and improved upon wherever possible. The Kootenay's advertising in another column will contain from time to time announcements that cannot fail to interest the hundreds of Rosslanders who appreciate the advantages of a well-conducted and centrally located restaurant and hotel.

BAPTIST CHOR CONCERT.

The concert being arranged for by the choir of the Baptist church on Thanksgiving night promises to be a great success. The committee in charge have recognized the fact that there is a deficiency in the money market, and have in view of that fact placed the tickets at twenty-five cents, and while the price of admission is placed at this low figure it will not deter them from procuring the best talent possible. Among those who have already been secured are Mrs. Linton, Miss Jean Robinson, Miss Louise D. Impey, Mr. Hart-McGraw, Judge Nelson and the Golden City male quartette. Others will be added later on, and a full programme will be published in these columns.

PROPOSE NEW RULES IN EASTERN CANADA

PLAN TO DO AWAY WITH OB- STRUCTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OPPOSITION LEADER CRITICIZED FOR A FOOLISH SPEECH.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—It is understood that the British government intends to propose a reform of the procedure of parliament to overcome obstruction. The scheme will suggest that the house assemble at 2:30 p.m. instead of 4; that government business be taken up first; that an adjournment from 7:30 until 9 be taken for dinner; that questions then be taken up and that ordinary business be carried on until midnight.

Under the existing system questions form the first business of the house of commons, and give rise to much obstruction. It will also be proposed that estimates be first considered by a strong committee, representing all sections of the house, in whose proceedings the duration of speeches would be limited, and that the existing cumbersome method of taking divisions be superseded by the self-registering voting machinery used in most continental legislatures. Under the new scheme disorderly members would be more sternly punished for the first offence and suspended for a month with increasing punishment for renewed offences, and offenders would be compelled to apologize before being permitted to return to parliament.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is the subject of much severe comment for having declared in a speech last night at Plymouth that he despaired of overcoming the peril now facing the country in South Africa so long as Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Milner retained their present offices.

PROPERTY ATTACHED.—Robert Hodge, barrister, has procured an order from Judge Forin directing the sheriff to attach the real and personal property of Emile Dreyfus under the Absconding Debtors' Act. The estate includes three houses.

REMARKABLE CURIO.—Tom Smirrell, a Rossland man who has spent the past year in Nome, has in his possession a remarkable curio in the shape of a cribbage board carved by an Esquimaux out of a walrus tusk. The board will be useful in cribbage, but its special value is the rare skill exercised in the carving. The curio is unique and will constantly increase in value.

NEW PREMISES.

J. H. Robinson, one of Rossland's oldest clothing merchants, is now comfortably located in his new premises in the Dean block adjoining the new postoffice. He has a bright, neat store, well kept and well filled with men's fine clothing, furnishings, hats, gloves, boots, shoes and rubbers. Being a pioneer of the camp, Mr. Robinson thoroughly understands the requirements of the community in his line, and his advertising matter in another column is interesting reading to the purchasing public.

LEFT IT ON A TRAIN.

On November 5 W. F. Du Bois and his wife went from Nelson to Slooan City. On getting off the train at Slooan City a dress suit case, containing wearing articles, a wallet with \$50 in American bills, souvenir spoons and other things, was left on the train and nothing has been heard of it, although the name Du Bois was cut on the lock. It was seen on the train after every passenger had got off.

NO TRACE YET.

J. H. Brock, general manager of the Great West Assurance company, left yesterday for the coast after spending a couple of days in Rossland in connection with the affairs of his company. Mr. Brock informs the Miner that he has never been able to secure the slightest trace of the whereabouts of J. S. McLeod, the Great West agent who vanished so suddenly early in the year, leaving some of his effects undelivered in Rossland. Certain circumstances have led Mr. Brock to believe that McLeod left for parts unknown for reasons best known to himself. Incidentally referring to his visit to Rossland, Mr. Brock stated that he found matters much better than he had expected.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

A former Rossland man who left the city three months ago to look for a location elsewhere has come back to the Golden City for the purpose of making his home here. In the course of this absence he was almost continually on the move, spending most of the time in Washington, Colorado and Oregon. Many of the towns in these states, he says, are apparently prosperous, but the prosperity is largely on the surface. After all his journeyings he comes back to Rossland satisfied that no place he visited affords the opportunities that this city possesses. This is corroborative evidence of what has been stated by scores of others.

BRANCHING OUT.

Lem Ward, who made the Palm a popular place for Rosslanders seeking delicacies in the refreshment line, has branched out into the restaurant business by taking over the Windsor Cafe, which has been opened to the public. Ward is a host who takes well with his patrons. He possesses a fund of genial humor and hospitality that attracts trade and holds business once secured. In his new venture he has scope for the display of his talents in this respect, and the Windsor Cafe is well worth a visit. The institution will be run on thoroughly modern lines, and diners-out will find its regular advertising matter in the Miner well worth careful perusal.

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Further Talk of a New Contingent for South Africa.

Ontario Cannerns Likely to Have a Season of Rivalry.

OTTAWA, Nov. 19.—The militia department has been advised of the death of Abraham W. Armsden, South African Constabulary, of enteric fever, at Kimberley. He belonged to Melita, Manitoba.

The Imperial authorities are now in communication with the government regarding the acceptance of the Merritt offer of Canadian troops which was submitted to them last spring and declined. It is likely now that an opportunity will soon be given Canadians to again enlist for service in South Africa. It is understood that the force will be somewhat similar to Strathcona's Horse and will be chosen principally from Manitoba and the western provinces.

The grain men of Winnipeg and Montreal have requested the government to allow American vessels to carry grain between Fort William and Georgian Bay ports owing to the failure, due to accidents to their craft by the heavy weather which has prevailed the last two weeks on the upper lakes, of the Canadian transportation companies to furnish sufficient vessels to handle that commodity for the balance of the season. The request is likely to be granted.

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., Nov. 18.—John Derocher, six years old, was struck and instantly killed by a large pine log which he was watching being unloaded from a wagon yesterday.

HALIFAX, Nov. 19.—Daniel McKenzie, an intercolonial railway conductor, was instantly killed at West river yesterday while attempting to board his moving train.

WELLAND, Ont., Nov. 19.—Matthew Beatty, senior member of M. Beatty & Sons, manufacturers of dredges, steam shovels, etc., is dead, aged 81 years.

QUEBEC, Nov. 19.—There are now over 60 cases of smallpox in the city of Quebec. The authorities are having some difficulty in enforcing vaccination among the ignorant classes.

MONTREAL, Nov. 19.—Maximilien Mousseau, an employee of the postoffice, was this morning sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for having stolen letters.

HALIFAX, Nov. 19.—As a consequence of the recent big blaze in Sydney insurance rates there will be increased twenty per cent, with a further increase if fire protection is not improved.

QUEBEC, Nov. 19.—A syndicate of Canadian and American capitalists is to operate in Lake St. John district. The capital of the company will be several millions.

TORONTO, Nov. 19.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says that the Under Secretary for War says that Canada's latest offer of mounted infantry for service in South Africa is being considered. Imperial officials are in communication with Colonial and Canadian officials, but nothing has yet been definitely decided. Enquiry at the Canadian office elicited no information. However, the matter is receiving the most favorable consideration, and it is quite probable that on the arrival of Lord Strathcona a decision will be reached.

TORONTO, Nov. 19.—The Ontario Cannerns' Association met here today, but it is expected last year's restrictive agreement will not be continued. There will probably be an open market, a free fight and low prices. The small cannerns will suffer.

A successful builders' test was made of the new government dredge, "Hon. J. Israel Tarte," today. It is the largest and most powerful hydraulic dredge in the world.

The city authorities have received one of the solid gold medals struck by the City of London to commemorate the raising of the City of London Imperial Volunteers for service in South Africa.

OTTAWA, Nov. 19.—Hon. Dr. Borden was called back from Boston today in connection with the dispatch of another Canadian contingent to South Africa. The cabinet will decide tomorrow. It is expected that if one is sent it will consist of six hundred men, principally from the west.

NEW CLOTHES.

At a meeting of the police commissioners yesterday tenders were opened and awarded for the supply of winter garments required for the police force. The contracts were awarded in two lots, one for the uniforms and the other for the overcoats. Both will be made on the same patterns as have been followed in past winters.

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by the gentlemen who manage the Western Federation, with headquarters at Denver, United States of America, vice-president of the Western Federation of Miners made a trip way from Rossland to Denver to arrange for the "suspension."

announcement will cause great people of Rossland generally, and union men who find themselves in an opportunity of walking the streets and wearing out a quantity of shoe leather; the merchants who have been "suspended" would some day be "good" resumption of work by the men will be afforded every opportunity to compute their ultimate through the street-walking of the union miners, and the miners will be enabled to offer more positions to new-comers who work at good wages.

apparently, is about what the union of the Western Federation with headquarters at Denver, to "sustain" the strike to the Rossland union miners business people of the city.

this connection we ought to state there is a remarkable unanimity of opinion among all classes of that it is quite apparent that the managers have determined "ain" the decision to work their free from any union interior or any union dictation.

may be pardoned for saying they seem fairly successful in their determination.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

what of a sensation was created circles yesterday by the publication of the civic official records, which the gentlemen representing the "League," who are desirous of rolling Rossland's municipal for the next year, pay taxes to the huge sum of \$27.45.

any people took occasion to repeat the Miner that the printing information was very valuable at the present time; so, in push a good thing along, we keep standing in a prominent in our columns the little table shows what tremendous interests the demagogues have city whose policy they would dictate for the ensuing year.

seriously—has not the time arrived for a few plain words to be in in respecting the situation which the people of Rossland are faced today? We think so; and pose calling a spade a spade in in dealing with them to the one we are now discussing. The plain truth of the matter is that the business men of Rossland and all residents of sane tendencies for some years past been by the element of demagogues which professed to hold in the of its hand the destinies of all were engaged in business enter- in this community. The sword nooses—in the shape of the boys hung over the heads of all ad the temerity to oppose the certain loud-mouthed socialists and in harness the rank and file wage-earners. If one did not see in the views enunciated by magogues, he was immediately upon the "unfair" list and his interests placed in jeopardy.

apply, a change has come over the of our dreams. Thanks to tion of a few courageous men, upon heel of Reason has been upon the neck of Union Tyranny and the latter is now writhing the death-rattle in its throat; and w weeks Rossland will be freed from the attempted domination of a set of rascals whose interests the city amount to the huge \$27.45 in taxes paid on real estate.

and is awakening none too soon realization of the duty which it itself. Too long has it allowed itself to be dominated by a few loud-mouthed agitators at the expense of the whole community. The day of tyrant demagogism has passed—let us hope forever. It will be deep under an avalanche of popular opinion on the day when municipal elections are held in the city next.

the facts and figures which will interesting in view of the recent railway deal are as follows: The that will be brought together in the "nipper" settlement are:

combined capital stock is \$1,186, and their bonded debt, \$954.