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## THE C. P. R. IN THE SADDLE.

Our special telegram from Nelson contains two very important pieces of news. One is that the construction of a railroad by the Canadian Pacific company is to be begun at once from the foot of Slocan lake down the Slocan river to the Slocan crossing on the Columbia & Kootenay railroad extending from Nelson to Robson.

The other is that a party of Canadian Pacific surveyors, under Engineer Perry, has gone to opposite Balfour on Kootenay lake to begin the preliminary survey for a railroad around the head of Kootenay lake which it is declared is to be a portion of the great Crow's Nest Pass line.

All this looks very much like the C. P. R. had determined upon an aggressive policy so far as the Kootenays are concerned. The line from the south end of Slocan lake is of great importance in the establishment of a chain of quick communication between Rossland and the new mining camps that are starting up all along the east side of the lake. Connection will no doubt be made at Robson with the road now being built from Trail up to that point by F. Aug. Heinze, so that within a few months passengers can leave Rossland early in the morning and be at New Denver and other Slocan Lake points by noon.

But of course the great object of this line will be to facilitate the shipment of ore from the Slocan lake mines. Many of these mines are now becoming notable producers of very rich ore. With the better shipping facilities which seem now about to be afforded the output of the mines will be greatly increased.

The inauguration of the survey for the Crow's Nest Pass road round the south end of Kootenay lake is of even greater significance. It means the C. P. R. is determined to build and operate the Crow's Nest line. It is now in the field armed and equipped for the great undertaking. On what conditions it will be permitted to do it, if allowed to do it at all, depends on the Dominion government. The issue is now about to be made and we expect to see some very interesting developments in this direction within the next three or four months.

## A NEEDLESS MISSION.

THE MINER has already made reference to the self-constituted committee of gentlemen who went to Ottawa to interview Premier Laurier and members of the cabinet on the necessity of the government doing something to encourage immigration to Rossland and Kootenay. These gentlemen did go to see Premier Laurier and did make representations as here indicated. It may be that their intentions were good and that they thought they were doing Rossland and Kootenay a service, but they were never authorized to do anything of the kind, and indeed there is no necessity for the government taking any action in the matter.

Rossland and Kootenay are already sufficiently well known. There is abundant capital waiting to buy any good mining property that is found and of immigration we shall probably have too much rather than too little.

The best way to advertise Kootenay is to increase the output of the mines. It is nonsense that tells the story better than all the boom talk of all the boom committees that ever went on a boom trip.

The report of the collector of customs for this district for the month of December last, showing that West Kootenay exported nearly half a million dollars worth of ore and matte, is worth a thousand times more than all the eloquent

persuasiveness of Rossland's self-constituted junketing committee.

If the gentlemen of the committee are still booming they had better come home and leave immigration to Kootenay to take care of itself. It will not suffer for lack of their attention, as we are in great danger of having more people come than we can find employment for.

## THE MOVEMENT THIS WAY.

The indications all point to a very large immigration into southern British Columbia this year. Many will come from eastern Canada and many will come from the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Colorado. Some will be disappointed, but the chances for those who can go out into the mountains and do prospecting work will be excellent. The mineral bearing area of British Columbia is very extensive—five or six hundred miles long and two or three hundred miles wide. This vast region has not been carefully prospected; indeed it has hardly been penetrated and there are many thousands of locations yet to be made and many rich discoveries yet to be brought to light.

We know of no similar area of country anywhere else in the world today which offers such inducements to the prospector and miner. Fortunately, too, the prospector will not have to wait long to find a purchaser if he has something good to offer. There will be capital here in abundance. We shall not only have capital here from the states and from Canada, but from England as well, and perhaps from France. The attention of the world is now directed this way. British Columbia is on the tongues of mining men everywhere.

There never was a mining movement which did not have its attendant disasters and misfortunes and we will have them here, but the general result will be a tremendous increase in the population and wealth of British Columbia and a vast increase in the general prosperity of the Dominion of Canada.

We believe the opening of the mines in British Columbia will be the most potent stimulus which has ever been given to the industrial growth of Canada and that it will go far towards placing British Columbia in the front rank of nations. We therefore welcome the movement now gathering for British Columbia. It is not a wild and senseless stampede like that to Alaska last summer. It has taken three or four years to get it started. It is not without reason or cause. On the contrary it is well founded and will result in the betterment of a large porportion of the people who come here if they exercise industry and good judgment.

## THE FREE MILLING BELT.

The rich strike reported in both the O. K. and Golden Drip will excite renewed interest in the Rossland free milling gold belt. It has been but a short time since the announcement of a rich discovery on the I. X. L. These three properties adjoin one another, but there is reason to believe the free milling gold belt extends much beyond their limits and that it runs along the east slope of O. K. mountain for a mile or more. A number of quartz leads have been found on the surface and whenever these have been followed to any considerable depth they have been found to be rich in gold.

The O. K. is much the best developed property in that part of the camp, and in it have been opened some very extensive ore bodies of gold bearing quartz. The grade of this ore is unusually high for free milling quartz, and THE MINER confidently expects some substantial returns from this property at an early day.

The advantage that free milling ores have over the refractory sulphides, which prevail most largely here, is that they can be easily, quickly and inexpensively treated. If, therefore, the free milling belt on O. K. mountain develops into the proportions now indicated there will be established an unexpected and surprising element of wealth in the camp. The present showing is certainly very encouraging.

## FIGURES THAT TELL.

We desire to invite special attention to the figures supplied to THE MINER for the month of December by George Johnstone, collector of customs for this district. It is upon figures like this that we base a just claim for the growth and solid wealth of West Kootenay. It is shown that the mineral export for the month of December consisted of gold dust to the value of \$250, ore to the value of \$145,264 and matte to the value of \$37,936, or a total in value of \$433,450. In other words, West Kootenay exported in the month of December nearly half a million dollars worth of ore and matte.

It is a satisfaction to know that much the larger part of our mineral export is in the shape of matte. This product comes from the smelters at Nelson and Trail, the smelter at the latter place supplying the major portion for December, since the Nelson smelter was shut down for a portion of that month. We hope that the day is not far distant when the proportion of ore exported to that of matte will be still less. Canada should smelt its own ore.

A further examination of Collector Johnstone's report furnishes very conclusive evidence of the position Rossland holds in the matter of customs re-

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at 40 cents. Remember we only require a certain amount of cash and when this is subscribed there are no more shares for sale at any such price.

In South Africa shares in such companies that were originally sold at \$2.50 were advanced to \$137.50 in five months and we believe there is no limit to the price to which ours may advance when a few months work has been done on our properties.

A testimony of the stability of our system is the incorporation of many companies on the same lines but this company is the parent and the pattern of them all.

Send your subscriptions with cheque to the Reddin-Jackson Co., Ltd., Rossland or any respectable mining broker in Canada or the States or direct to any of our offices at Toronto, Ont., Spokane Wash., or Victoria, B. C. and the stock will be forwarded.

C. B. MURRAY, GENERAL EASTERN MANAGER, TORONTO.

HERBERT CUTHBERT, GENERAL WESTERN MANAGER, VICTORIA.

ceipts. The entire amount collected in the district for December was \$33,423.69, of which \$12,085.56 came from Rossland. Trail has the second place, with \$7,841.54 to her credit. The showing all around is most satisfactory.

## CROW'S NEST RAILWAY.

Hewitt Bostock, M. P. for this constituency, in an interview published in the Revelstoke Mail and reproduced in our columns yesterday, declared himself squarely in favor of the government building and operating the Crow's Nest Pass railway. THE MINER is very much gratified to learn that our member takes the same view of this question that we do, for the reason that Mr. Bostock's views ought to have, and probably will have, great weight with the government. Representing, as he does, the district through which the proposed railway is to be built, he is, above all other members of the house of commons, entitled to be heard on this question.

The fact that the Hon. Mr. Blair, the minister of railways and canals, after coming to the province and thoroughly investigating the question for himself has come to the same conclusion, should greatly strengthen Mr. Bostock's position, and we think that government ownership and control of the Crow's Nest Pass railway can now be secured without unnecessarily delaying the construction of the railway. Mr. Bostock has his constituency with him heart and soul, and we shall hope to see his views embodied in the statutes passed at the next session of parliament.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

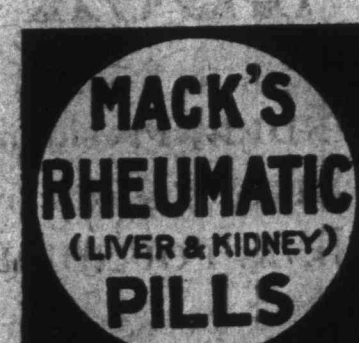
The construction of a line of railway from Slocan lake to Slocan crossing will fill another gap in the line of railway from Rossland to Revelstoke. It looks now as though all the gaps would very shortly be filled.

Both old and new residents of Kootenay will be glad to hear that Captain J. W. Troncy's connection with steamboating in the inland waters of the province is not to cease. The C. P. R. is to be congratulated on having retained his services.

KOOTENAY enters on the new year with good prospects for making a good record. At least she wound up the old year in good style with exports of ore of nearly \$500,000 from the port of Nelson during the month of December. In this connection it is well to remember that a good percentage of the exports from Slocan leave the district by way of Revelstoke and are credited to the port of New Westminster.

There seems to be very good reason to believe that the Boundary country, more

especially that section of it in the vicinity of Grand Forks, will be the scene of a great immigration in the spring. There are also some camps near Rossland which at present have better means of communication, which ought to develop rapidly next year. We should be greatly disappointed if the Salmon river country does not develop several shipping mines and one or two busy towns during the coming summer.



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Population of Rossland December, 1894,	nil
Population of Rossland December, 1895,	2,000
Population of Rossland December, 1896,	6,000

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Kind West of Montana.

## RUNNING IN THIRTY DAYS

It Is Built to Hoist a Thousand Tons  
Each Day, But Will Only Be  
Required to Hoist Five Hundred Tons  
to Begin With.

THE MINER has already had a reference to the new hoisting plant now being installed at the Le Roi mine. A more detailed account of it will no doubt be interesting at this time as showing substantial progress of the camp. The contract for this new hoisting plant was let last June to James D. Sword, of the Ingersoll Sergeant Drill company and the Dominion Wire Rope company of Montreal, after competitive bids several big concerns in the U. S. States.

It is the largest hoisting apparatus built for a metal mine in the Dominion of Canada. The engine is of special construction, having been made expressly for the Le Roi company. The cylinders of the engine are 20 inch diameter and the pistons have a 44 stroke. The full capacity is to lift tons on a single rope, but the work capacity will not be much over two at a single lift.

The regular duty service of the plant will be to raise 500 tons of ore per day at a distance of 1,000 feet, although this work could be done if needed. The hoisting engines of the great Colorado copper mine at Butte have cylinders two inches smaller than the engine now going into the Le Roi plant.

The galloway frame of the hoist was erected over the new incline shaft by being put down to the 500-foot level and will be very massive. It will be 50 feet high and is being constructed of fir sticks 18x20 inch size, brought here from the coast. The timbers are now on the ground and the ore will be brought up in a skip, which will run on guides laid in the incline. The skip will carry a over two tons of ore and will move round trip every five minutes.

The building which is to house the engine plant is now being erected. It will be 40x137 feet in size. Hall, superintendent of the Le Roi plant will be the largest and complete west of Montana. If the order in a little over 30 days, when the output of the Le Roi mine will be greatly increased.

## INVESTIGATION ENDED IN SPOKANE

Belt and Boulton Did Not Pro-  
ceed Against Chief Hawthorne

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 9.—[Special.] The meeting of the finance committee of the city council called together evening to investigate the charge of immorality against Chief Hawthorne ended in smoke. It was discovered the committee had never been authorized by the council to proceed with investigation, and secondly it was that no charges had been formally presented before the committee. Mayor Belt, who said he had been the originator of the story against the chief who repeated it to the committee the man Boulton, who started the tale, both failed to show up at the hearing, although they had been subpoenaed. Chief Hawthorne was present, and he vigorously insisted that his personal character had been attacked by the committee in all justice shown on with the investigation in order to have the council upon his own side. He might have an opportunity to clear the council of any charge upon his own side. After considerable discussion taken place as to the legality of proceeding with the investigation, in Councilmen Schiller and in the council going ahead, and Councilman Acquisti, Dunning and Oliver to negative, upon a vote being taken decided by a vote of three to two to proceed without action.

From remarks passed it was evident that Hawthorne will bring the matter before the next council in order that Chief Hawthorne get an opportunity to vindicate his character. Hawthorne proposes it hot for Mayor Belt and Boulton he is through with the matter.

## THE FAMOUS RUTH

It Has Been Opened by Over  
Feet of Tunnels.

Shipments Now Average 15 Tons  
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don Pokes Fun at New Denver

SANDON, Jan. 9.—[Special.]—capital is taking an unexpected in silver mines, as instanced by the opening of the Victoria a few days \$25,000, one-third interest in claim was bought last October for \$100,000. This fact is still further impressed upon by the purchase by Mr. F. English capitalist, of two-thirds Ruth mine some time ago.

The Ruth, which is situated 1,000 feet above Sandon to the east of the few mines in the district, can boast of a wagon road to the product to the railroad. It claim credit for rapid development. Located in 1892, it has been worked for two years, but to such a degree that the sale to Mr. F. made on a basis of \$250,000 for forty, which consists of four claims, Ruth, Ruth Fraction, Hope and No. 1 tunnel is in about 125 feet the vein is two feet wide. No. 2 is 500 feet long and the vein is to eight feet wide. No. 3 tunnel is 100 feet long. No. 4 tunnel is in and will probably strike the lead