

THURSDAY, October 10, 1901

THE GRANBY PROGRAMME

President Miner Speaks of the Company's Wide Plans.

Great Bodies of Ore and Great Smelter Facilities.

GRAND FORKS, B.C., Oct. 3.—(Special).—S. H. C. Miner, of Montreal and Granby, Que., president of the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting company, has just concluded his annual visit to the Boundary country. Mr. Miner, who is accompanied by Mrs. Miner and Miss Miner, leaves for the east tomorrow. The fortnight spent in this section proved a busy one. There was the inspection of the Granby smelter at Grand Forks as well as the big group of mines at Phoenix, besides the holding of important conferences with Jay P. Graves, general manager and A. C. Flumerfelt, assistant general manager, respecting general matters of policy, future enlargements, etc. Despite the time devoted to other large business interests, Mr. Miner seems to have grasped every detail of the mining and smelting industries. The knowledge he possesses of contemporaneous progress in various mining sections, and the facility with which he can quote statistics to illustrate results comparatively, would indicate no little study and investigation of the subject on his part. Mr. Miner was the first among eastern capitalists to grasp the possibilities of the Boundary country, and from the moment of his first visit before the advent of railroads when he invested heavily his faith has never faltered, rather has it increased with the years. In regard to mining he frankly declares that he has no illusions. But his cheery optimism is infectious. He recognizes and applies the factors which as in any other commercial undertaking, must be secured in order to earn dividends. Most of his knowledge of mining has not been recently acquired. To the task of solving the question of handling and treating the ore, comparatively low grade ores of the Boundary he brought the experience derived as a shareholder in at least a dozen American mining companies. Labor-saving devices in mining, cheap transportation, and cheap smelting are the three factors he has steadfastly held in view. Economies effected each succeeding year, as the result of experience, will, he says, go a long way towards making mining in the Boundary not only a paying but a very profitable industry. Mr. Miner also spoke appreciatively of his staff as a whole, notably mentioning Supt. W. Yolen Williams at Phoenix, and A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the Granby smelter.

"British Columbia, developing by regular and proper methods of procedure, in my opinion, will be all right so far as its mining interests are concerned," began Mr. Miner. "The days of 'fakes' are practically over. True development and equipment, properly done, will ensure the future of the province with its enormous bodies of low grade ore. But honest work must be done instead of 'playing the stock market' and leaving the mines to take care of themselves. I am firmly convinced that the stability of Grand Forks as a centre backed up by the producing ability of Phoenix, Republic and other camps, is assured, and that smelting in and around Grand Forks will go on by leaps and bounds for some years to come. The Granby company alone will soon have in operation four furnaces, representing a capacity of 1300 tons daily, and the next step will be six furnaces, and in all probability in the near future a double smelter, each with practically a daily capacity of 2,000 tons will be installed."

"The work, I may say, has gone on exactly according to plans and calculations, save a little hold-up on account of the machinists' strike in Chicago. Development at our Phoenix mines, including the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides, has proceeded during the past twelve months on a larger scale than ever. Strange as it may appear, the ore bodies are so vast that it is difficult for any engineer to calculate the ore in sight. It is the opinion of prominent engineers, who vary more or less in their calculations, that the ore in sight runs all the way from eight to fifteen million tons, and it is not difficult to estimate, with treatment facilities of anywhere from 600,000 to 1,000,000 tons annually, how many years the present available tonnage will last without another day's development."

"As a rule I object and decline to make any statements respecting these ore reserves. An account of their vastness, but the field of inspection is open to all visitors to see for themselves. Furthermore, I think the country at large ought to be satisfied that we are proceeding along lines of true and legitimate development. It is our hope to restore largely the reputation of British Columbia as a mining section."

"In view of the largeness of our ore bodies, we are adopting a new process, known as the 'cave-in' system, and which hitherto has not been applied to copper mining. After careful investigation we ascertained that we can adopt the methods used in iron mining in Michigan and Minnesota. By means of large open cuts in a mountain of ore we can break down the ore and load it onto the cars with steam shovels, thereby obviating all timbering and pumping, and reducing to a minimum the cost of handling the whole mass. "It is conceded, so far as our smelting operations are concerned, that we are treating ores at a less cost than any other smelting plant in the world. Moreover we intend to beat our own record

by at least 25 per cent, an achievement that will be due to complete equipment and the increased quantity of ore handled."

"And for the benefit of 'doubting Thomases,'" added Mr. Miner in conclusion, "I may say that practically all the expense of increasing the plant at the smelter and at Phoenix is coming out of the ground, without a penny being asked from the shareholders. Instead of striving for dividends too soon we are building up with our earnings a very large and important mining and smelting proposition, which we trust will be sure and permanent for all our investors."

Jay P. Graves left today for Spokane, accompanied by S. H. C. Miner, president of the Granby company. Mrs. Miner, Miss Miner, A. C. Flumerfelt and James MacKinnon, assistant general manager of the Eastern Townships Bank.

THE PHOENIX BRANCH

EXCUSE OFFERED BY THE DUNSMUIR GOVERNMENT FOR DELAY.

TRAFFIC REVENUE FOR THE PAST MONTH BEATS THE RECORD.

GRAND FORKS, B.C., Oct. 4.—(Special).—J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V. V. & E. railway, has left here for the Similkameen for the purpose of inspecting the route now being surveyed by his assistants. The delay of the provincial government in granting the right of way for the proposed branch from here to Phoenix is ascribed to the fact that the C. P. R. has not completed the selection of its lands secured under the Columbia and Western land grant. The excuse is of the flimsiest character, as the lands between here and Phoenix are mostly situated at a high elevation and are valueless for timber purposes; in an event the minerals they may contain do not belong to the railway company. On the plea of protecting the interests of the C. P. R., the moribund Victoria government is wilfully delaying the construction of an important competitive branch that will cost several million dollars to build. The plans for the branch have already secured the approval of the Dominion government.

A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the Granby smelter, has returned from a trip to Arizona and New Mexico. R. W. Brock, of the Dominion Geological Survey, having completed his examination of the north fork coal fields, will resume the work of making a topographical survey of the Boundary country.

Dal Hawkins, the ex-champion lightweight, was given a benefit at the Olympic hall last night. He gave an exhibition of boxing with Danny Dean, of Phoenix.

The revenue of the C. P. R. depot here last month proved the largest since the completion of the Columbia & Western.

ORE FROM REPUBLIC

A HEAVY SUPPLY AVAILABLE WHEN RAILWAYS ARE COMPLETED.

REPORTED FIND OF BITUMINOUS COAL IN FRANKLIN CAMP.

GRAND FORKS, B.C., Oct. 7.—(Special).—L. S. Moulton-Barrett, of Greenwood, is here on business in connection with the Golden Eagle mine, north fork of Kettle river. Mr. Moulton-Barrett hopes to complete financial arrangements to enable him to resume work on that property. He spent two months during the past summer in the Cariboo district, and was successful in securing a lease of four and one-half miles of placer ground on Horse Fly creek. With one man he was able to make \$5 per day by means of a sluice box. He expects to organize a company to work the diggings by means of hydraulic power. The gold occurs in a gravel bank, the distance to the beach being 30 feet. The Cariboo Hydraulic company, in which Sir William Van Horne is interested, is operating on the same creek very successfully. Mr. Moulton-Barrett also secured seven miles of placer ground in the Omineca district. He expressed the belief that quartz mining in those districts will eventually prove a very profitable industry.

D. Woodhouse, Jr., a pioneer of Republic is here. He states that the camp will be in a position to ship 800 tons of ore daily to the Grand Forks smelter as soon as railway connection is established.

R. A. Brown, general manager of the Sunset mine, has left for the Similkameen on a business trip.

Wm. Minion, a prospector, claims to have discovered bituminous coal at Franklin camp on the east fork of north fork of Kettle river, across the divide from the coal fields on the west fork of the same river. He has recorded his find.

A lodge of the Knights of Pythias will be established here Wednesday. Several Rossland visitors are expected to participate in the ceremonies.

Seven Years in Bed. "Will wonders never cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Pease, of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Pains, and Dizziness will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed. I. R. Morrow and Goode Bros. Price 50 cents.

GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN

Mr. Eberts Expected to Form a Conservative Ministry.

Northern Indians Rescue Prisoners From Constables.

VICTORIA, Oct. 3.—The resignation of the Dunsmuir government is expected tomorrow. It is probable that D. M. Eberts will be recommended to the governor as premier and that a Conservative government will be formed.

In the supreme court at Ottawa today the appeal from the ruling of Judge Walkem, who dismissed objections taken to petition against Prior and Earle, was dismissed, the judges being unanimous. The case now goes on to trial on its merits.

Indians at Kingcombe Inlet, on the northwest coast of Vancouver Island, took two of their number, who were arrested for theft, from two special constables by force on the 18th ult. The authorities have been asked to send a posse to punish them, and are requesting the Dominion government that the steamer Quadra be despatched to the scene. It is probable that the request will be complied with. The two Indians were arrested for stealing a \$200 check.

Mayor Hayward has authorized a deputation of Extension miners to collect for the sufferers by the Extension accident, heading the list himself with \$20. The fifth regiment band will give a benefit concert in the drill hall on Saturday night.

The Duke of Cornwall sent a telegram to Premier Dunsmuir, regretting his absence from the city at Extension and the sad cause of it, and asking that his sympathy be extended to the bereaved families.

Black damp was found in such quantities in the Extension mines today that the work of reopening the mine and continuing the search for the bodies had to be stopped. The presence of so much of this damp strengthens the theory that the fire is out.

The New Vancouver Coal company at Nanaimo today completed their new railway to the Harwood mine and will commence shipping from that mine immediately. This will greatly increase the output of the company's coal, which is in so much demand in San Francisco.

The air is full of political rumors. It was generally understood that the Dunsmuir government, having been defeated in their attempt to elect a minister in New Westminster, would resign after the visit of the Duke of York, and today their resignation was looked for by the public. Hon. D. M. Eberts, attorney general in the Dunsmuir government, it was said, would be recommended by Mr. Dunsmuir to the lieutenant governor as his successor. A long cabinet meeting was held this afternoon, but nothing definite was decided upon, although Mr. Eberts was given time to decide whether he could rally enough supporters to ensure his success should he form a ministry. He met several members of the legislature this evening, but what assurances, if any, he received of support is not known. Mr. Dunsmuir is being urged by many to continue in office.

SPEEDING EASTWARD

THE ROYAL PARTY ARE ONCE MORE AMONG THE B. C. MOUNTAINS.

REACH BANFF TODAY, WHERE THEY WILL SEPARATE FOR A TIME.

ASHCROFT, B.C., Oct. 3.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall are more in their special train and are returning eastward over the Canadian Pacific railway. They left Victoria early in the morning on the steamer Empress of India with a convoy of cruisers from the North Pacific squadron, and reached Vancouver shortly after 7 o'clock. Delegations from several of the large Indian tribes, headed by bands, awaited the royal party on the wharf, and when the Duke came ashore he replied to the address which they presented to him on Monday. Both military and naval guards of honor were drawn up on the landing place and the Duke was given a royal salute. He inspected the guards and thanked and congratulated both the officers and men. A crowd that numbered several thousand gathered about the depot and gave a hearty cheer of farewell when at 10 o'clock the royal special pulled out.

Several members of the party went through the Fraser Canyon on the engine, and a moving picture of them was taken as they emerged from a tunnel. They greatly enjoyed the ride through the deep cut defiles and along the ledges high above the swift running river. The royal special reaches Banff tomorrow afternoon, and the party will divide there. The Duke remains at Banff, while the Duchess continues on to Poplar Point, Manitoba, for a few days' shooting.

Richard Plewman left yesterday for the Winnipeg mine. He will meet Thomas G. Holt, president of the Winnipeg mine, at Robson, and the two will inspect the property.

MINERS ARE INDIGNANT

Extension Men Asked to Give Place to Lady-smith Men.

Liberal Convention to Decide Party Lines Question.

VICTORIA, Oct. 5.—(Special).—The Extension coal miners held an indignation meeting this morning on learning that the mine boss had ordered Extension miners to make room for Lady-smith men. A deputation waited on Manager Little, who said Mr. Dunsmuir would give the preference to Lady-smith miners. The report was received by the meeting with general dissatisfaction, it being held that Mr. Dunsmuir had broken his promise of last April, when he assured them they would not be interfered with because they did not live at Lady-smith. Several felt it a hardship because they owned property in Extension. Several advocated censuring the company. It was finally decided that the men should take work wherever it offered, and to test the truth of the statement as to their being displaced. The Lady-smith miners generally refuse to take the places of Extension men.

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V. V. AND E. ROUTE

PROSPECTIVE LOCATION BETWEEN MIDWAY AND PRINCETON.

PROGRESS OF THE ROAD FROM MARCUS TO BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

GREENWOOD, Oct. 7.—(Special).—The prospects of the Great Northern railway building into the Similkameen in the near future are most encouraging. For several months past there has been in the field a party of surveyors locating the proposed line from Midway west to Princeton. J. H. Kennedy, engineer in charge of the construction of the Great Northern line from Marcus to the Boundary, was here recently on his way west to examine the work of his surveyors. To the correspondent of the Miner he said: "The line has been located as far as the Okanagan river. It will be longer than had at first estimated, as I am desirous of keeping it down to a one per cent grade. From Midway to Sidney lake, via Rock creek and Boulder, it will require 44 miles, with one loop. Westward we cross a high plateau to the Okanagan river, where a considerable drop is necessary to get down to Oro. This is overcome by swinging directly south for a distance of 25 miles and looping back at a lower altitude until we come down to the bank of the river at Oro. The Okanagan will be crossed a few miles north—just above the mouth of the Similkameen river, which in turn will be followed direct to Princeton. When this point is reached the Hope mountains will be surveyed, and I have little hesitation in saying that a suitable pass will be found through this range. The surveyors will be kept in the field all winter, if necessary, until Princeton is reached."

"So far as the construction work is concerned good progress is being made between Marcus and Grand Forks, though it will be impossible in many places to complete the grading according to the terms of the contracts by November 1st. Steel should be laid early in January."

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"I had catarah for one year." "I had catarah for two years." "I had catarah for five years." "I had catarah for 20 years." "I had catarah for 50 years." And Dr. Agnew's Catarah Powder cured me. These are sentences from the volumes and volumes of testimony for this great catarah cure, not mythical patients, but words from men and women all over the continent who have been cured. It relieves colds and headaches due to catarah in ten minutes—13. Sold by Good- eve Bros.

CHASED BY WOLVES.

The Story Told by Two Vancouver Island Prospectors.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 3.—A run for life through underbrush and over boulders for a distance of a quarter of a mile and then chased the whole distance by a band of ferocious wolves, numbering at least a score, is a synopsis of the tale told today by George Skinner and Peter Starrett, two prospectors who arrived this afternoon from an expedition to the north end of Vancouver Island.

While camped on the shores of San Josef bay, Vancouver Island, Skinner started out to prospect a find, carrying only a shotgun. He soon met a number of deer running helter skelter, pursued by a pack of wolves. When the latter spotted Skinner they made for him. He had a start of 300 yards and he ran for his life, but the wolves had all but caught him when he fell panting into his camp. Starrett, his comrade, was in the tent, and with his rifle killed several of the leaders. The rest of the pack then turned and fled.

KETTLE VALLEY COAL

MR. R. W. BROCK TELLS OF HIS VISIT TO THE NORTH FORK FIELDS.

DISCOVERY OF ORE ON THE RAILWAY GRADE NEAR GRAND FORKS.

GRAND FORKS, B.C., Oct. 3.—(Special).—R. W. Brock of the Dominion Geological Survey, Ottawa, has returned from a trip to the recently discovered bituminous coal fields on the west fork of the north fork of Kettle river, 70 miles north of Grand Forks. Mr. Brock stated that time did not permit him to make an exhaustive examination of the district, but he convinced himself that the coal occurs in tertiary rocks, an exceptionally favorable formation. He added that coal undoubtedly existed there, but whether in paying quantities or not would depend upon prospecting and further development work. Thus far no real work has been done, except at two points where the outcroppings were uncovered and opened up to the extent of a few feet. The coal, he said, was undoubtedly of the bituminous variety and of good quality. He brought back a considerable quantity of specimens. Asked whether the coal fields would prove permanent of commercial utility, Mr. Brock replied that it was impossible to decide until the measures had been further prospected and opened up. A good deal would depend upon the conditions under which the coal-bearing rocks had been formed; besides further work might disclose other coal seams, and it was possible under favorable conditions that the seams would be found to increase in width at depth. At the coal fields, met Colonel Linsley, of Spokane. Colonel Linsley is reporting on them for the Granby smelter, which recently bonded a group of 15 coal claims from the locators, last residents of Grand Forks. In his last annual report devoted to the geology of the east fork of Kettle river, Mr. Brock drew attention to the existence of tertiary rocks and the probability of coal being found in that formation. To the information he gave to prospectors is ascribed the success of Joseph Wiseman in making the discovery; at all events Mr. Wiseman at the coal fields expressed his obligations to Mr. Brock for the data furnished him last year.

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RUMORS ARE FLYING

Many Reports Concerning the Provincial Government.

Dunsmuir Coal Company's Badly Crippled Condition.

VICTORIA, Oct. 4.—(Special).—The air here yesterday and today has been thick with rumors in regard to the political situation. It was rumored last night that the premier had resigned and the governor had sent for Fred Peters. Up to noon today, however, nothing official transpired in regard to Mr. Dunsmuir, although it was learned for a fact that Mr. Brown's resignation had been in the hands of the premier for some days. That the premier is undecided what to do is evidenced by the fact that though the Gazette this morning announces that Mr. Prentice will act as provincial secretary and minister of education it does not contain a line regarding Mr. Brown's resignation. Your correspondent learned at noon of Mr. Brown's action, and when the news was communicated to a number of prominent politicians the consensus of opinion was that it presaged the withdrawal of the premier. It is known definitely that the premier now sees his mistake and would do anything to recall his action in allowing Joseph Martin to dictate his course, but it is too late.

A prominent island representative, who has been regarded as one of the personal as well as political supporters of Mr. Dunsmuir, said this morning: "Dunsmuir has been a rank failure as premier, and the worst of it is he doesn't see it."

There is a well defined understanding that Messrs. Eberts and McBride are joining hands, and that the next combination, in case Mr. Dunsmuir resigns, or even if he does not, will number them among the prominent leaders.

The city is full of politicians and members, and this week will likely see some move made.

VICTORIA, Oct. 3.—(By Associated Press).—It is expected that work will be resumed in the Extension mines on Monday. There are now two colliers there which the company cannot load, having no coal. At Comox the company is about short, the mine in which the explosion occurred last summer not yet having been flooded. The company has been pouring a million gallons of water into the mine every day since the beginning of August last, and it is estimated that it will take 15 months to pump it out. At Extension they smothered the fire by closing all the air shafts and tunnels.

Members of the government announced tonight that there was nothing new to announce in connection with the political situation although it was discussed at a cabinet meeting today.

Ernest Stevens, who shot John Hazenfratz with a pea rifle on Thursday night, was today charged with shooting with intent, the wounded man having recovered consciousness and sworn that Stevens went behind some trees and fired at him because he had remonstrated with him for throwing dirt around a field.

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CLARK'S LATEST SCHEME

Designs to Establish a Big Coal Camp in Wyoming.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 4.—A special to the World-Herald from Cheyenne, Wyo., says:

Senator William A. Clark, the Montana millionaire, will establish at once one of the largest coal mining camps in the west near Meeteetse, in the Big Horn country, where he has secured 5,000 acres of coal lands. He will also build a railroad to connect his camp with the Burlington at Cody City. Senator Clark now has a force of men opening veins. Twelve mines in all will be opened and the coal shipped to the Pacific coast and intermediate points.

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