

GOSSIP OF NELSON

Paul Johnson Has Resigned to Take a Position in Mexico.

SMELTER MADE A RECORD

On Tuesday 321 1-4 Tons of Ore, Fluxes and Fuel Were Put Through Johnny Cannon Has Skipped Leaving Some Borrowing Creditors.

NELSON, Aug. 13.—[Special.]—When it was learned today that Paul Johnson, superintendent of the Hall mines smelter, had resigned his position to take a more lucrative one with the Guggenheims at Ajuz, Callepas, Mexico, his friends were greatly surprised, or appeared to be for it is said the deal has been on some time. Mr. Johnson leaves as soon as his successor is appointed. It is said it will be Mr. Robert Headley, of this city.

Everything is moving smoothly at the smelter. The reverberatory furnace will be shut down for a day or two to make a few repairs, probably on Monday. The new idle furnace No. 1 will be converted into a lead furnace, which will open a new field for ore buyers, as the Slocan ores can be treated. Last Tuesday the new smelter turned out the best day's work, 496,000 pounds of ore being smelted, 39,500 pounds of lime rock and 34 tons of coke. Add to this charge 19 1/2 tons of refining slag, and 25 tons of blast furnace slag, and a total of 321 1/4 tons were smelted. In all 22 car loads. Work is being pushed on the extensive track-laying facilities, and additional buildings will soon be commenced.

Another shipment was received from the Athabasca this week. About 200 tons come down from the Silver King mine every day, and the ore is richer than ever. The coke used at the smelter is now brought from Nanaimo and is giving every satisfaction.

Quite a number of Nelson people have become infected with the Klondike fever and last night Charles Wright, purser of the Kokanee steamer left. So did Johnny Cannon, bookkeeper for Farley & Simpson. The latter left some sorrowing creditors. A friend had fitted up a place for him, taking a bit of salary. Johnny sold the goods to another party forgetting about the bill of sale.

Among the visitors to Nelson yesterday were Chief of Provincial Police Hussey, who is going through the Kootenay on departmental business, Dr. George H. Duncan, secretary of the provincial board of health, and Olive Phillips Woolley also on business. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller, of Rossland, were spending a portion of their honeymoon here.

The coroner's inquest over H. V. Sweeney, the suicide, was adjourned until Monday evening in order to obtain the testimony of Alice Willis, the woman he shot. The testimony of the other witnesses was exactly according to reports telegraphed.

The board of license commissioners met this afternoon, and restaurant licenses for the sale of liquor were granted to Margaret Duffy and Mechin & Kidd. License for a saloon was refused to Thos. Moriarty. The application of O. Land for a hotel license was taken under consideration for two weeks. The commissioners will meet next on Friday, the 27th.

This afternoon the contract for the pipes for the water system was signed, the successful firm being H. J. Evans, of Nelson. Crane & Co., of Portland, were awarded the contract for valves, valve boxes, and fire hydrants, but refused to accept it, and bids will be called for again.

A number of residents were arrested for violating the health laws, among them being E. E. Phair, of the Phair hotel. One lone drunk graced the court and was fined \$2.50 and costs. The violators of the health law were fined \$2.50 and costs.

A VEGETABLE GARDEN

It Reveals that Rossland Soil is Quite Productive.

The soil about Rossland can be made very productive if it is tickled a little with the shovel and the hoe and has added to it some sort of fertilizer. On east Columbia avenue on the north side there is a vegetable garden in the front of a cozy cottage that any section might be proud of. It contains fine healthy looking cabbage, a lot of potato plants that are in full flower, good big radishes, fat, healthy looking turnips, a lot of vigorous bean vines, a row of tomato vines on which there will, ere long, be some ripe tomatoes and some lettuce that looks very enticing. All the vegetable plants show the most careful attention on the part of the owner of the premises and reveal that anyone who has a lot of cash raise more than enough vegetables for home use if he so desires, and will put forth a little energy in preparing the soil and planting the seed.

A DEMAND FOR WORKERS.

A Man From Anthracite Takes Away Twenty-Four Rossland Men.

An agent of the McNeill Coal company at Anthracite, Alberta, was in the city Saturday and reported that all the unemployed men in the vicinity of Anthracite had been employed by the contractors in the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The result was that he had to come to Rossland in search of workmen. When he left he had 24 men with him of which number two were machine hands and the remainder were laborers, who will find employment on the Canadian geological survey for several years, and has a good scientific knowledge of the ores and mining conditions of this and neighboring camps.

A Mining Catalogue.

Richard Ploeman has issued a catalogue of 57 mining claims and groups of claims he has for sale. It is gotten up in a very tasteful manner. There is a brief description of each claim and is grouped with very extensive circulation.

HAS HIGH GRADE ORE.

John Riplinger Gets Some Nice Specimens From a Slocan Prospect. John Riplinger has received some ore from his property near Slocan City. On the property, which is called the Bismarck, there are two leads. One is a galena vein which shows eight inches of clear ore. Assays from this ore give 116 ounces of silver and 77 per cent of lead. The other is a sulphide ore and gives 204 ounces of silver and \$19 in gold. On the vein of sulphide ore an open cut has been made of about two feet in depth and 20 feet in length which shows ore all the way. Some work is being done on this lead, and if it continues to improve a larger force of men will be put to work and the property developed.

Wallingford to Resume. P. W. Peterson, with one man, has gone to Record mountain to resume work on the Wallingford shaft. When work was stopped last fall the shaft, which was down 40 feet, was just coming into a good grade of copper ore, assaying 20 per cent. Samples of this ore are on exhibition in the window of Goodeve Bros.

THE SAME KICK COMING

Vancouver Like Rossland Treated Most Unfairly by the C. P. R.

Lack of Transportation Facilities Has Deprived It of Kootenay Trade Says Grand Chancellor Evans.

J. E. Evans, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of British Columbia, is in the city from Vancouver, his headquarters. On Friday evening he visited Rossland lodge, No. 21, K. of P. During the evening Mr. Evans delivered an interesting and instructive address in the secret and ceremonial work of the order, which he seems to have at his finger ends. The member of the lodge were greatly pleased with the address. At the conclusion of the lodge ceremonies a banquet was spread at the hall and a season of good cheer, interspersed with toasts and speeches followed.

When Grand Chancellor Evans was seen Saturday by a Miner reporter, he had just returned from a visit to the Sunset mine, whether he had been escorted by a number of fellow knights. He expressed himself as very much pleased with the appearance of the property.

"Judging from what I have already seen," he said, "this camp is destined to be one of the largest on the continent. You have abundance of ore here, and as soon as cheaper methods of reduction and lower transportation rates are afforded, the output of ore will be simply phenomenal."

"We, of Vancouver, have the same complaint to make against the C. P. R. that you have. They have not given us the transportation facilities that we should have. Why, if we had the facilities that we should have, Vancouver would now be enjoying the immense trade of the Kootenay country that has so built up Spokane, and this incidentally would have added a great deal to the revenues of the C. P. R."

Returning to the affairs of the K. of P. he said: "In the province of British Columbia we have 20 lodges and the membership is about 2,000. In Rossland there are 100 members. The lodges are located as follows: Vancouver (3), Nanaimo (2), New Westminster (2), Victoria, Duncan's, Kamloops, Langley, Trail, Rossland, Vernon, Wellington, Northfield, Courtenay, Union, Sandon, and New Denver, one each."

"On Tuesday I will leave Rossland for Trail, where I will visit the K. of P. lodge there on Thursday evening. In about ten days I will institute a lodge at Kaslo, and will visit the lodge at Sandon, and then I will return to my home at Vancouver."

Spokane's Fruit Fair. The management of the Spokane fruit fair is sending out invitations to the fair, which opens October 5 and closes October 16. It is promised that the exhibition this year will be the finest ever given in Spokane and thoroughly representative of the great Inland Empire, of which Spokane is the metropolis.

Laurier to Return to London.

TORONTO, Aug. 14.—A special dispatch from London says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected back from Rome, this evening. He goes to England on Monday."

SAD FOREBODINGS OF AUTUMN WEATHER

Thousands Who Dread an Attack of Catarrh as Winter's Cold Approaches—Yet Catarrh Can be Banished under the Magic Touch of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

This is not a dogmatic statement, strong as it may seem. Leading members of parliament, the most prominent clergymen of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic churches, have borne testimony to the effectiveness of this medicine. Mr. John MacEdwards, the popular purser of the Canadian Pacific steamer "Athabasca," is one who was cured of intense suffering from catarrhal troubles by the use of this medicine. Good Samaritan-like, he has ever since recommended it to any who suffer. Head off an attack of catarrh by having this medicine at your hand. Sold by McLean & Morrow.

NO USE FOR HIS LEGS.

Doctors Could Not Help Him, But Two Bottles of South American Kidney Cure Removed the Disease—The Story of a Wingham Farmer.

Kidney disease can be cured. Mr. John Snell, a retired farmer of Wingham, Ont., says: "For two years I suffered untold misery, and at times could not walk, and any standing position gave intense pain, the result of kidney disease. Local physicians could not help me and I was continually growing worse, which alarmed family and friends. Seeing South American Kidney Cure advertised, I grasped at it as a dying man will grasp at anything. Result—before half a bottle had been taken I was totally relieved of pain, and two bottles entirely cured me. To cure kidney disease a liquid medicine must be taken, and one that is a solvent, and can thus dissolve the sand-like particles in the blood. Sold by McLean & Morrow."

BEEF FOR CLONDYKE

Rossland Men Will Take in 80 Head of Cattle.

THEY WILL DRIVE THEM IN

At Dawson City the Fresh Meat Will Sell for \$1 a Pound, and the Projectors Will Make \$30,000 on the Deal.

The miners of the Clondyke will soon be reveling in the luxury of fresh beef if the plans of P. Burns and W. M. Perdue of this city do not miscarry. How do they purpose to perform this seeming miracle?

The cattle were purchased in Alberta a short time since. They are gentle, domestic cattle and cost an average of \$40 per head. There are 80 bullocks in the lot and they were shipped over the C. P. R. to Vancouver yesterday. Tomorrow they will be placed on the good steamer Islander, and will in a week from that time be landed at Dyea, on Alaska's frozen shore. During the sea voyage they will be watered and fed in order that they may be in good condition to stand the hardships of the journey that is before them. It is the intention to pack provisions and also some grain for cattle food on the backs of the cattle. They will not be heavily loaded for the reason that if they were the hard work would thin them down so that they would not be fit for beef.

W. M. Perdue will have charge of the party and the cattle. They will climb the celebrated Chilcot pass and pass down the other side to Lake Linderman. An attempt will be made to follow the banks of the lakes and rivers, and in many places on the journey there will be found splendid herbage for cattle. This is especially the case with the alluvial lands along the banks of the Yukon and its tributaries. There are said to be many valleys where there are thousands of acres that will furnish excellent food for cattle during the summer and early fall months. Mr. Perdue will change his plans to suit the emergencies as he is confronted by. It is his intention to drive the cattle just as far as he can toward Dawson City. All sorts of tools will be taken with him, and the exigencies of the case may make it necessary to build a large barge or raft and float down the stream. It is expected that the fresh beef will sell for an average of \$1 per pound. As the cattle are large and in excellent condition it is thought they will dress between 500 and 600 pounds. Say, however, that from each beef dress 500 pounds, and that \$500 is realized from each one, the 80 head will bring \$40,000, provided, of course, that none are lost during the long journey. The total cost will not exceed \$10,000, and this will leave a profit of \$30,000 on the venture, and yet people say that there are no opportunities left in the world for making money.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Export Duty on Ores. ROSSLAND, Aug. 13.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: The question of an export duty on gold-copper ore appears to be one in which business principles should prevail to the exclusion of all others. The first object of legislation ought to be to encourage the extraction of our ores. The mineral industry of Canada is still young and the encouragement of mining should be the first consideration. Any legislation tending to increase the cost and which per se would curtail the production of ore is of necessity vicious and unwise, now or at any time.

The smelting industry is and always must be subsidiary to that of mining. The object of legislation in the United States has been to encourage in every way the mining of ores within its borders, and it is only where the monetary value has been interfered that any legislative measures have contributed towards the curtailment of that industry. The aggregate of Canadian ores that have been smelted in the United States is very small compared with those of the United States that have been treated in England. America can be depended on to protect their own industries, but an export duty was never dreamed of there. Every cent of expense that is added to the cost of ore reduction means less ore production and less prosperity to any one who will take the trouble to figure the total produced tonnage of the district and compare it with the dividends that have been paid, they will find that a very small increase in stopping every dividend paid in this district, and yet we have been able to market only the very highest grade ores. It is acknowledged and never questioned that the future of this district, and for that matter every other mining district in Canada, depends on reduced cost in marketing its ores. In the face of this it is now proposed at this or some other time, to increase that cost. The congress of the United States, has recently passed an act intended to force the American smelter to give the miner in the United States a higher price for ores, thus encouraging one of the chief industries of the western states. Now comes the proposal of imposing an export duty on the ores, thus increasing the cost of the ores to the American smelters to buy only American ores. A more suicidal policy could scarcely be imagined.

The one bright and rising star in the horoscope of British Columbia is its mining industry. The present prosperity of the industry, it might be said, is the country's salvation from a depression verging on to bankruptcy, both commercial and governmental. Examine the increase last year in the government revenue; examine the increase in the earnings of the Canadian Pacific railway; examine the books of the merchants of Vancouver and even Toronto and other Canadian cities, and then say if you will that it is good policy

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IN LONDON

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LONDON, July 1897.—[Special.]—All change is closed will not reopen excitement over general and Clondyke times, and this work in the Yukon these (the Yukon) were forwarded yesterday saw the Clondyke Mining corporation, with under the auspices per's company, with Gerson that he introduce his comp addition to this Gray & Co. have in hand, and the next week of a fur now in process of object of conduct financial business.

Tupper is on the company mentioned from those interest of the other Explor the board will include the H.C. excitement is unab much as if we are boom in British Columbia, etc.

Many new companies and the outlook brilliant in the future. The Waverley (tory) was held yesterday, and while a reference to the United States, was the prospect of work marks were emphasized by Mr. W. E. W. turned and was a director of the bank not see their way per cent, although the 35 years and made and divided nearly shareholders. The directors knew rumored Canadian which I can give Halifax advice) a some such develop believed possible, it is at present quiet.

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MURDER A Harry Sweeney Fat man and E NELSON, Aug. 12, tonight Harry Sweeney injured Alice Williams, house of ill repute then placed the head, killing him tragedy is supposed by unregarded love some time ago was woman. Alice Williams about four years a send, Wash. Sweeney by trade, and three weeks. Part to date he has a spree.

SWINY L While a Resident H. V. Swiny, w wounded Alice Williams, at Nelson months ago he can Butte, Mont., and rooms in the career Scotch furniture gear for eight years, in 1880. He was a m family in Eastern C Swiny and Loth ship after they had weeks. About a bought a through t The supposition is