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THE ORE SHIPMENTS.

Following are the ore shipments from the mines adjacent to Rossland from Jan. 1, to June 25, 1898:

Le Roi	22,970
War Eagle	10,561
Centre Star	974
Poorman	453
Iron Mask	1,753
Cliff	140
Velvet	350
Monte Christo	249
Total	37,653

The ore shipments for the seven days from June 18 to June 25, inclusive, were as follows:

War Eagle	1,088
Centre Star	64
Iron Mask	80
Monte Christo	64
Total	1,388

Shipments were divided as follows: Nelson, 208; Trail, 1,180; Total, 1,388.

The total shipments from the camp since Jan. 1, 1897, aggregate 120,493 tons.

REASONS.

No one really familiar with the situation will deny that the Turner Government will be returned to power on July 9.

What is there in James Martin to lead one to suppose that he is better qualified to represent the Rossland aiding in the legislative assembly than is John McKane?

For the next four years it is very essential that this district should be represented by a man who shall be in touch with the controlling party.

What sense, then, would there be in voting for the Opposition candidate?

A vote for John McKane is a vote for the candidate who, if elected, will enjoy a high position in the councils of the Turner administration.

Vote for McKane.

McKANE'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS.

The Independent Government party in the Rossland riding has commenced an active campaign. This city is being carefully and systematically canvassed, and arrangements have been completed by which at frequent intervals until election day, meetings will be held here at which the electors will be afforded opportunities to hear the various questions discussed from the platform by convincing and interesting speakers. The field at Trail is being covered in a similar manner, and arrangements are all but completed for the continuation of the crusade in the Boundary Creek country.

The prospects for Mr. McKane's success become brighter as time goes on. The electors have compared his qualifications for public office with those of his opponent, Mr. Martin, and find that in many respects he is the more superior of the two. The Independent Government candidate has the confidence of the business men and is rapidly winning to his support the so-called labor vote. Those who constitute the last named element are displaying what might be expected of any intelligent class, and that is their confidence in their ability to decide for themselves as to the respective merits of the two men without the advice or dictation of the would-be labor bosses. They see in Mr. McKane a man who is willing to do all within his power to advance their legitimate interests, and as Mr. Martin has never evinced a particularly keen desire to do so, they are preparing to mark their ballots in favor of the Independent Government nominee. The Martin men are beginning to realize this and are evincing no little uneasiness in consequence. In the meantime the voices of the labor orators who enlisted under the Martin banner, are not heard so frequently as they were during the earlier stages of the campaign.

Annother very significant feature in favor of McKane is the sudden subsidence of the bettors of the Martin faction. A few days ago they were wildly clamoring for McKane money, and some of their number were rash enough to offer odds; now, however, it is difficult to find Martin men who are willing to risk an even-up wager.

Viewing the situation carefully from all standpoints it now seems that Mr. McKane will have a very comfortable majority.

WAS BUILT IN A DAY.

The existence of the town of Brooklyn, where two weeks since was a primeval wilderness, shows one of the characteristics of western energy and push. It already has its hotel, its newspaper and a number of residences. It is already a microcosm or epitome of the larger world. It is the point where the construction of the extension of the C. & W. railway from Robson to the Boundary country commences. Churches and schools will follow and in a few months from now it is within the range of possibilities that the residents will be laying their plans for incorporation. It is thus the cities of the west are established and built up. The people of this country who have built up commonwealths along their paths, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will soon be at the end of their rope for lack of territory in which to erect new cities and communities, and the question is what will become of them, filled as they are with resistless activity and a desire to found new colonies in the virgin places which they visit. They will, doubtless like Alexander of old, weep on their weapons of conquest of the wilds and the wilderness, because there are no more of them to subdue. This is a question which the historians of the future will have to contend with. The Aryan race started from its cradle in the eastern part of Asia and has had a triumphal march across Asia, Europe and America and the beating surf and watery wastes of the Pacific are about all that stand between them and the point from which they started.

Luckily for British Columbia there are many thousands of these empire builders within its confines, and before the nomadic portion of it leaves for new fields they will have built up many flourishing cities, tilled the virgin soil, cleared the forests, developed mines and planted the seeds and fruit of Anglo-Saxon civilization. It will in the future be the home of millions of contented people. The nomadic class, however, will, like the Wandering Jew, go forth in search of new virgin fields for their industry, energy and love of adventure. The men who are building up cities like Brooklyn in a week are perpetually seeking that which is new and are haters of the conventional and the fixed customs that attain in the elder cities and communities of the world. They feel cramped and confined in a community where the population is congested, and seek elbow room on the frontier. They are the pioneers of the army of civilization and well do they perform the work that they usually assign to themselves.

THE MINER wishes success to the new town of Brooklyn and sincerely hopes that it, unlike Rome, as it was built in a day, may have a glorious future and that it may be one of the important centers of the Kootenays. It certainly deserves success for the plucky and enterprising start that it has made. Here's success to it and its enterprising inhabitants.

THE EASTERN MARKET.

A prominent Toronto financier and business man, who is an authority on mines, and who is in close touch with the investing public in Toronto and Eastern Canada writes as follows concerning ventures in the shares of local mining companies.

"The market as at present constituted will not stand any return to the games that were played 12 or 15 months ago. If reliable reports are given of work done or being done on properties held in the east, confidence will return, but any attempt to unload new propositions on the sensitive eastern market will bring a frost. After the people have made a little money out of working properties they will be disposed to put their capital in deserving prospects."

The writer may rest assured that the "games that were played from 12 to 15 months ago" will not be repeated. At that time there were hundreds of men, inexperienced in mining, and not a few of them from Eastern Canada, who blossomed out in a day, as it were, as mining experts and mining men. They bought or in some other way acquired control of prospects, good, bad and indifferent. Then they formed companies, issued flaring prospectuses which announced that the "Great Magniff," or some other company had the biggest gold mine on earth; that for the marvelously low prices of from one to 15 cents per share the investor was sure to make a fortune. The promoters usually took three-fourths of the shares, and with the paltry few thousands acquired from the sale of treasury stock, they began to develop the so-called mines. In nine cases out of ten they had bought properties which would never make mines if worked on till doomsday with unlimited capital at their back. In the meanwhile they were unloading the promoters' stock and pocketing the boodle. Soon the treasury fund would be exhausted and the affairs of such concerns would come to a standstill and would generally remain so until the sheriff would step in and wind up their affairs by selling the companies out for unpaid debts. Then the shares would, of course, lose all value and a howl about wildcats would go up that would be heard from Dan to Bersheba.

On the other hand, there were those who went into the mining business here who were past masters of the art of mining, and when they purchased a prospect it had merits, and they so conducted the affairs of the companies which they formed that their shares are today the standards of the camp. In mining, as well as in any of the other affairs of life, experience, skill and honesty win where inexperience, lack of skill and dishonesty fail.

The writer states that "any attempt to unload new propositions on the sensitive eastern market will bring a frost." This is a curious state for the Toronto market to be in. Must the mining industry in this section stand still because the market there is in a sensitive condition? We rather think not. New mining enterprises will be launched here notwithstanding the condition of the Toronto market. There is no danger that the conditions which prevailed here a year and a half since will ever again be repeated. The laws have been amended so that it now costs something to organize a company. There is a better class here which has replaced the horde of adventurers who preyed upon the public and masqueraded as mining men, when in reality they were simply confidence men. The wheat has been separated from the chaff and the result is that an honorable class of men is now engaged in the mining business in this section. Only the very best class of properties is taken in hand. While it is true that not all of these will prove to be mines, yet the chances of the investor in the shares of these new companies are a hundred to one better than they were a year ago, when some of the riffraff and rag, tag and bobtail of the entire continent was gathered around the "mining" feast that was spread in this vicinity. Even the honest promoters, who have energetically endeavored to make money for those who have intrusted capital to them, know more of the character of the mines in this section now than they did, and are therefore better equipped to judge of the merits of properties. The chances for making money today are greater in the new ventures than they even are in the standard stocks of the camp. An investor must use caution and the same amount of forethought and discrimination that he would in putting capital into any other sort of property.

As to waiting until the investors have made some money, it might be said there has been a rise all along the line of the standard stocks of the camp. Some have doubled and others, like the War Eagle, have trebled in value. What does the Toronto man want? If 300 per cent is not enough to make out of a venture what in the name of common sense is? Does he expect that every dollar invested will yield a hundred? If he does he had better go into some other sort of speculation than mining.

THE LE ROI DEAL.

"All's well that ends well" may be applied to the Le Roi deal, which has surpassed in interest some of the most lurid melodramas. "Truth is sometimes stranger than fiction," and had some of the scenes in the transaction been reproduced on the stage, they would be pronounced unnatural and impossible. The one where the deputy sheriff rode on the platform from Spokane to Northport, shivering in the night air and annoyed by the dust and cinders, while those inside of the car made merry, and enjoyed song, story and many creature comforts, was a case in point, and there are other incidents that would seem just as improbable if embodied, in a drama and placed on the stage. The players in this drama in real life did not hesitate at times to put on the cap and bells, if by doing so they were enabled to make what seemed to them to be a point.

The scenes and incidents simply emphasize the assertion of Shakespeare that all the world's a stage, and each man in his time plays many different parts.

The determination of the B. A. C., however, has been to acquire the great Le Roi, and according to the latest advices that object has virtually been accomplished. The fact that the oppositionists to the deal in the Le Roi company insisted that all previous agreements be declared at an end before they would consent to a new agreement, would indicate that they suspected that "there was a gentleman of African lineage in the wood pile." In other words, it is apparent that they suspected that some of those who favored the sale were getting a commission, or what is vulgarly known as a "rake-off." In order to prevent this, if possible, the previous agreement was wiped out and new negotiations begun on an entirely new basis without any talk whatever of commissions, and with no cabals or secret agreements. All must be open and above board.

Upon this basis an agreement has been arrived at, which seems to be satisfactory to all the parties concerned. It is understood that there remains a few little details, such as the securing of the consent of one or two individual stockholder, and then the matter will be closed.

It is understood, however, that the B. A. C. will only secure control upon the agreement that it will keep the Le Roi company at all times as a separate and distinct corporation, and that it will not be merged into the B. A. C. It is claimed that those hitherto opposing the deal will keep enough stock on hand to make it impossible for the B. A. C. to secure the two-thirds essential to sell the property. The only way that this could be done without two-thirds of the stock is to have the provincial companies' act changed so that less than two-thirds could sell the property of corporations. The latter course is not likely to be taken.

Governor Mackintosh of the B. A. C. is to be congratulated for the energy and finesse that he has displayed in carrying out to a successful issue this big deal.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A STRIKING commentary on the weakness of the Opposition is the editorial utterances with regard to the local political situation of such papers as the Vancouver Province and the Victoria Times. They are absurd, to say the least.

IT begins to look as though Oppositionists are so scarce in Trail that it is necessary for Mr. Martin's Rossland friends to invade the Smelter town in force at frequent intervals in order to make counter demonstrations at the enthusiastic and crowded meetings held there by their political opponents.

THE MINER has issued a supplement containing Premier Turner's manifesto to the electors of British Columbia. The document is admirable in every respect. One has only to read this declaration of principles to at once come to the conclusion that the public affairs of this Province could not be intrusted to a better man than he. The manifesto voices the sentiments of all those who have the welfare of the country at heart.

THE people of Rossland demand of the Provincial government the speedy settlement of the title to the land contained within the limits of the Zenith mineral claim. The full court of appeal of British Columbia unanimously decided some months ago that the Paris Belle company was entitled to a crown grant to the land in question. If the authorities at Victoria are charged with retarding the growth of Rossland by their negligence to satisfactorily dispose of this matter to the best of their ability they will have only themselves to blame.

PUBLIC interest in the forthcoming general elections is greater this year than ever before in the history of the Province. The fact that the natural resources of British Columbia have commenced to attract widespread attention, and the general belief that western Canada will become the theatre of great industrial activity in the next four years, has aroused the electors to a keen appreciation of the great necessity of a competent and stable administration of the public affairs. This is a very healthy sign and indicates very forcibly that the chances for the return of the Turner government to power are beyond the peradventure of a doubt.

A. S. FARWELL, the Independent candidate for the Nelson riding, has a general committee working for his election of which he may feel justly proud. On the committee are many of the most respected men of the Kootenays. Mr. Farwell is a man whose sterling integrity, undoubted mental qualifications, thorough knowledge of the requirements of the country, and absolute independence naturally make for him many friends and admirers. It is not, therefore, surprising that there have rallied around him the leaders of the intelligent and progressive element of Nelson riding.

THE Opposition workers seek to prejudice a certain element of the electors against the Turner government by asserting that the Administration is lacking in sympathy for the wage-earners. They contend that this is proved by the failure of the Government to secure the restriction of Chinese immigration. This is a most inconsistant and stupid argument, for the reason that the Provincial government has not the right to interfere with the immigration laws. That is a matter that really rests with the Imperial authorities, although the Dominion parliament has something to say. The Oppositionists should maintain strict silence concerning the question of Chinese labor until C. A. Semlin, their nominal leader, discharges the eight Celestials who are at present employed on his Yale ranch.

RECENT developements in two or three of the mines have revealed that in order to mine successfully in this formation depth must be reached. The idea is that the workings must get below surface disturbances in order to secure permanency of formation and the larger bodies of ore. The history of mining in the camp has been that those who boldly sunk down for a distance of from 250 to 500 feet found values, permanency and large ore bodies, while those who delved but a few feet below the surface have found little better values than that contained in the iron capping which covers the veins of this section. Of course, it is costly to sink deep, but in the end it is the cheapest, as only in this way can the best results be attained. Therefore, the miners of the future in this division should explore their ground for pay chutes with shafts instead of tunnels.

THE Nelson Economist has the following to say of the nomination of John McKane: "Rossland's Independent electors have done well in nominating John McKane as their candidate for the provincial legislature. Mr. McKane is as able as he is willing to serve the district, and in declaring himself an Independent candidate he is but adopting a course which those who know him best would naturally expect. Like our own Farwell, McKane declines to be bound by any party ties which are calculated, however remotely, to interfere with his duty to his constituents. He will go to Victoria as a representative of Kootenay, and will not be branded 'Government' nor 'Opposition.' His opponent is James Martin, whose opposition to the Turner government savors of fanaticism. In addition to a strong support from Rossland Mr. McKane is also assured of a majority of the votes in Trail and Boundary district, so that his success at the polls is assured."

The evidence is accumulating to the effect that the Northern Pacific railway has acquired the Corbin system. The Tacoma Ledger, which is known to be in the confidence of the officials of the Northern Pacific, has the following to say of the acquirement of the Corbin system: "The Northern Pacific has been taking immense strides since the reorganization of the company, in reaching out for the business. It has not only taken into camp a number of very important feeders, but has at the same time checkmated the moves of its principal competitor. The latest acquisition is the Spokane and Northern, which runs from the Falls City through the rich mineral section of Washington into the famous Kootenay country of British Columbia, the traffic of which will prove of great benefit to the Northern Pacific and the American cities. This system was greatly desired by the Canadian Pacific, for its ownership would give entire control of the Kootenay mining districts to that corporation."

ANSWERS TO INQUIRERS.

The Fairview.

CHARLES CARROLL, Hillyard, Wash: The office of the Fairview Consolidated Gold Mining company, of Fairview, B. C., is at 32 Fort street, Victoria, B. C.

The Mugwump.

JAS. COWIE, Nanaimo—As the original books of the Mugwump company are missing and no list of the shareholders is obtainable, Edward Baillie, the secretary of the company, requests all stockholders to forward to him at once the numbers on their stock certificates and the amount of stock held by them, so that they can secure credit on the company's books and can be placed in communication with it.

The Ellen.

DAN GODFREY, Wingham, Ont.: The Ellen Silver Mining company owns the Ellen claim, near the town of Ainsworth, on Kootenay lake. The claim is crown granted, and the title to it is secure, as no annual work of any kind need be done upon it to hold the property. The company is out of debt, and its treasury stock is practically complete, as only a few shares have been sold. No work is being done, as the company is out of sufficient funds to carry on extensive operations. L. J. McAtee of Spokane, is president of the company. There is no particular activity in the shares of the company, but they are quoted at 7 cents.

The Dibble Group.

GEORGES NORMANDIN, Bureau de L'Avocat, Montreal: The Dibble group in East Kootenay is now being worked by a double force of men, under the supervision of Thomas J. Hodge, late of Nelson. Operations were resumed about the middle of May, after a suspension of some months. Some rich stringers of ore are being met in the property, but thus far no large bodies of ore have been met. The North Star is making regular shipments each week from Fort Steele, via the boats plying from that place. An effort is being made to ship 125 tons of ore on each boat leaving Fort Steele, which ordinarily depart thrice a week. Other properties in the vicinity have ore, but are not making regular shipments. There is reasonable activity in the East Kootenay country, but lack of transportation facilities is still retarding the development of the district. The completion of the Crow's Nest Pass road should be the signal for a considerable increase in the work under way throughout that section.

Rossland Mining Stocks

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MARKET FEATURES.

The market was strong yesterday. Sales were few, which can be attributed to the fact that holders and buyers are considerably apart in their views. We do not expect much business will be done this week in stocks. People as a rule are preparing to enjoy themselves from July 1st to 4th.

Virginia is very firm at 42 cents and we advise buying. Investors who act on this information will make money. Deer Park, Monte Christo and Iron Mask are all good buys at present prices.

Canada Western	10	Lily May	20
Castle G. M. Co	10	Monita	14
Canada M. M. & D.	20	Noble Three(silver)	10
Deer Park	16½	Monte Christo Con. Min. & Dev. Co.	34
Dundee	75	Pick Up	1
Edgar	5	Poorman	10
Ellen (silver)	7½	Red Mountain View	5
Eureka North Star G. M. Co	10	Roderick Dhu	10
Evening Star	7	Salmo Con	15
Falls View G & S M	3½	St. Elmo	6
Good Hope	5	Silverine	6
Grand Prize	3	Silver Bear	10
High Ore	4½	Twin	25
Iron Colt	11½	Virginia	44
Iron Mask	85	White Bird	2
Josie	29	War Eagle	$2.70

We can also supply Republic, Ymir and Slocan stocks at lowest prices.

Snaps for Today.

We offer today subject to sale the following snaps:

1,000 Iron Mask	83	2,000 Deer Park	16
4,000 Morning Star	4	3,000 Monte Christo	31½
2,000 St. Paul	3½	1,000 Jim Blaine	35
5,500 St. Elmo	5½	10,000 Evening Star	5½
5,000 Arlington	5½		

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Aberdeen's Successor.

LONDON, June 29.—They are still guessing here as to the probable successor of the Earl of Aberdeen as governor general of Canada. The name receiving attention just now is Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner. The demand for tickets for the Dominion Day banquet is not up to the average.

Rolt & Grogan

THE STOCK MARKET.

Corrected by Messrs. Rolt & Grogan, 36 East Columbia Avenue. Telephone 45. P. O. Box 428. Cable address: "Kent." Codes: Bedford-McNeill and Clough.

War Eagle is again advancing and we were offered $2.60 in several places. Deer Park was a seller at from 15½ to 16 cents. We have some cheap Monita and a small block of Good Hope both of which should be good speculations at the prices.

Virginia keeps firm at about 40 cents; Monte Christe at 31.

We have buyers for War Eagle and would ask sellers to list this stock with with us. The tone of the market is firm with an upward tendency.

QUOTATIONS.

Arlington	8½	Josie	28
Brandon & G.Cr'wn.	25	Jubilee	5
Canada Western	10	Lerwick	15
Commander	15	Monte Christo Con.	32
Deer Park	16	Monita	14
Dundee	75	Poorman	12
Evening Star	6	Salmo Con	15
Good Hope	5	Virginia	40
Iron Mask	90	War Eagle	$2.70
Iron Colt	15		

We have the following bargains subject to sale:

1,000 Zilor	2	2,000 Virginia	41
500 Jubilee	5	500 Monita	10
1,500 Monte Christo	31	1,000 Salmo Con	14
500 Good Hope	3½		

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Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Rossland Homestake Gold Mining company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Tuesday, the 26th day of July, 1898, at the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering and if deemed advisable disposing of the whole or any part of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or company and upon such terms and conditions as the shareholders may deem advisable, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting.

6-30-4t A. F. CORBIN, Sec.-Treas.

Rossland, B. C., June 25, 1898.

Gopher Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Gopher Gold Mining company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Tuesday, the 26th day of July, 1898, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering and if deemed advisable disposing of the whole or any part of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or company and upon such terms and conditions as the shareholders may deem advisable, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting.

6-30-4t A. F. CORBIN, Sec.-Treas.

Rossland, B. C., June 25, 1898.

R. E. Lee Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the R. E. Lee Gold Mining company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Tuesday, the 26th day of July, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering and if deemed advisable disposing of the whole or any part of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or company and upon such terms and conditions as the shareholders may deem advisable, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting.

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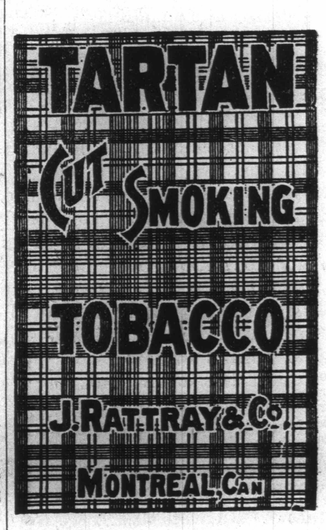
Rossland, B. C., June 25, 1898.



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