

TO INCORPORATE ROSSLAND

The First of May Will See It a Full-Fledged Town.

ALIENS WILL HAVE NO SHOW

Qualification Will be Allegiance to Queen Victoria.

A Proposal that the R. C. Government Pass a Tax on Mining Companies to Prevent Wild-Catting—These Same May Be Doing to Aid B. C. Smelters—The Great Le Roi Mine—Mining in Nova Scotia.

Rossland is to be incorporated as a town. Leading citizens of the camp have received assurances from the Provincial Government that the necessary legislation shall be completed by March 1st, and the first municipal election is to be held within 30 days after passage of the act of incorporation. The council is to consist of a mayor and nine aldermen, and to be eligible for either the chief magistracy, or the position of councillor, a candidate must, besides possessing a certain property qualification, be a British subject resident in Rossland for at least three months.

As the Act will also require as a qualification for voters, allegiance to the Queen and three months' residence, it will be seen that citizens of the United States and other foreign countries are not to be allowed to run the new city.

An important incidental Act is to empower the corporation to at once borrow \$50,000 for the purpose of carrying out such local improvements as the establishment of an efficient fire service and a good sewerage system and a proper grading of the streets.

PRACTICAL PROPOSAL

To Prevent Wild-Catting and Assist Development Work.

Leading writers on the British Columbia press take exception to the proposal of the Board of Trade of that province that the Legislature should impose a tax of no more than per cent. on the capital stock of incorporated companies for the purpose of preventing wild-catting. It is thought that the exaction of such a fee would prevent honest men of limited means from embarking on mining, and that at the same time the expedient would fall of attaining the desired end, for the simple reason that promoters of wild-catting are the least likely to be at a loss to raise a few hundred dollars for the furtherance of their designs.

In the opinion of the Revelator Herald what British Columbia requires is a more rigid system of inspection. There should be an inspector located in each district, whose duty it should be to make stated intervals every mining claim recorded and report on it, as to the amount of development work done in which the character of the lead and reasonable indications of the prospects of the mine, and to furnish the Provincial Assay office with a sample of the ore. These reports, together with the assay values, should be collected into a pamphlet, one for each district, issued at stated intervals, and made available to all recording offices. In order to defray the expenses of this system a stamp duty on all recording offices, per 100 shares might be imposed on mining companies, which, together with the proceeds of the sale of the pamphlets, would certainly more than balance the cost of the inspection bureau.

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This announcement is likely to be welcomed by promoters of British Columbia smelting propositions, for the change, if it goes into effect, will greatly enhance their chances of success. At present one of the chief objections to the way of the carrying out of smelting operations in the Kootenay is the fact that the duty on galena ores is so much lower than that on lead ores that a premium is put upon the shipment of the product of the Kootenay smelters to the reduction plants across the border. The effect of the proposed re-arrangement of the duty will therefore be readily seen.

It is understood that it was decided also to change the law dealing with the assaying of imported lead ores, and instead of having them assayed at the port of entry, to admit them under bond, and having them assayed at the office nearest their destination. Copper, brass, gold and silver were also restored to the rates of the McKinley law, which are 38 per cent. ad valorem on copper, 1-2 cents per pound on brass, and 5 per cent. ad valorem on gold and silver.

THE GREAT LE ROI.

Some Interesting Facts About the Famous Property.

It is declared that all deals for the Le Roi are at present off, and that the old company will go ahead with its development. The proposed location of the mine may be gauged from the recital of a few facts. One hundred and thirty persons are now upon the Le Roi, and the company last month disbursed over \$14,000 for salaries and wages, and about \$10,000 for fuel, supplies and other expenses. The company is now hoisting and shipping about 150 tons of ore weekly, and the ore goes to the Trail smelter, and the rest goes to Everett, Tacoma and East Helena. The output is equal to a train load daily. The ore to Trail goes over Heinze's road, and the ore to Tacoma and Everett is shipped by the coastwise line. At present, owing to the icy condition of the rails, six car loads constitute a train, but in the summer months both roads will be able to handle larger loads.

The new machinery now being installed has cost the company about \$70,000, and will be worth \$100,000 when ready for operation, which will be in about 25 days. The new plant will be the largest of its kind in the Dominion of Canada, and will be capable of operating 40 drills. It has been a difficult job putting in the bed plates and leveling them up. The new plant will have a capacity of lifting 500 tons a day.

Mines in Jordan Pass.

The Jordan Pass is a narrow pass running in a north-easterly direction from the west bank of the Columbia River at Revelstoke and striking through

the divide between the Columbia and the Snake. Through it the Jordan Creek empties into the Columbia. The Pass has numerous lateral branches, striking through the hills, in some cases at a distance of about 12 miles from Revelstoke. Messrs. Fitch and Reighley, two Kentucky boys, struck what they believe to be good leads in the summer of 1894. They had no mining location, but they took upon as one lead, divided into two groups, the Wildgoose and the St. Lawrence. Reighley and Fitch own six of the locations and Bruce Horn the other. The first group, the Wildgoose, is the one on which the most development work has been done. On one of the claims an open cut has been made to the level and a shaft sunk down on it 35 feet, which at its lowest depth is entirely in solid mineral. This work has been done on a 12-foot ledge of silver-lead ore, carrying gold, but no copper.

IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Rich Gold Mine at Carleton, in Halifax County.

The old McDonald mine, now known as the Elk mine, is the scene of one of the most remarkable discoveries of rich gold ore ever made in Nova Scotia. The following facts will probably be of considerable interest to our readers: About 20 years ago a very rich strike was made on the McDonald mine, and it is estimated that in a single shaft to a depth of 90 feet in the McDonald mine was taken out more than \$70,000 in gold was taken out. At this stage the lead was lost and another shaft was started. Different people and companies have worked on this shaft from time to time with indifferent success. Recently the mine was sold for \$2000, including a stamp mill and hoisting and pumping gear. Last week the present owners appeared to have got on to the old strike of gold, and I estimate that in two shafts not less than \$200 in gold was taken out, the whole being easily contained in two small barrels. It would thus appear that these lucky miners have 175 feet of this ore above them alone, to say nothing of what may be underneath. The vein is from 6 inches to 2 feet wide, and the quartz recently cut out contains from 10 to 50 per cent by weight of gold. The mine is situated at Carleton, in Halifax County, Nova Scotia.

Victory—Triumph.

Mr. Doug. Macdonald, the Victory Triumph Gold Mining Company, has received the following report from the secretary, as to the progress in the mines: We have now six men working on the property. The shaft on the Victory vein was sunk 30 feet before what was apparently the foot-wall was reached. It had the appearance of the vein, but as the surface indications led us to believe that the foot-wall was on the other side, i.e., on the northeast, we crossed in that direction to explore the vein. The cross-cut was driven 20 feet through ledge matter, carrying considerable mineral, before the true foot-wall was reached. This wall had a gauge nearly twelve inches wide, and the ledge matter is heavy with mineral. The cross-cut was continued for ten feet past the foot-wall, and the country rock was found to be mineralized over a distance of 100 feet. Between the foot-wall and the ledge matter is a beautiful quartz, very heavily mineralized, and carrying considerable silver and copper. It will concentrate five or six to one, which will make this ore a very profitable one for sale. The last of this quartz brought in shows a beautiful peacock copper, and it is about the richest looking ore we have seen. These reports, together with the assay values, should be collected into a pamphlet, one for each district, issued at stated intervals, and made available to all recording offices. In order to defray the expenses of this system a stamp duty on all recording offices, per 100 shares might be imposed on mining companies, which, together with the proceeds of the sale of the pamphlets, would certainly more than balance the cost of the inspection bureau.

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The ROSSLAND GOLD MINING DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT Co.

The dividends announced in this advertisement are paid out of the commission earned by our brokerage department at 114 Yonge Street.

BUFFALO BROKERS' OFFICE.
We have now opened an office in the Elliott Square Building, Buffalo, in connection with our brokerage department, and the profits of this branch of our business will therefore be greatly increased for the future.

DIVIDENDS.
DIVIDEND NO. 1.
OFFICE 114 YONGE-ST., TORONTO.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of half a cent per share on the paid-up capital stock of this Company on record Feb. 15th has been declared, and the same will be payable at the Imperial Bank of Canada, 100 King Street East, Toronto, on and after Thursday, Feb. 25. The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 25th, both days inclusive. By order of the Board. FRED. ROPER, Secretary and Treasurer.

Toronto, Feb. 8th, 1897.
Cheques will be mailed on Feb. 25th to all shareholders.

NEW MINING PROPERTIES.
We have just closed a new deal for five properties, considered of great value, in the Slocan District on Twelve Mile Creek, near the Galena Farm. The assay shows \$50.00 gold and 263 ounces in silver, and another for several miles in the Lake of the Woods, containing in all 600 acres, each carrying rich veins from 2 to 6 feet wide, surface assaying \$11.

These are in addition to several options we have in other mining districts. Reinvest our brokerage department deals in shares of all other mining companies as well as our own. All shares are issued fully paid up and non-assessable. Present price and for a short time will be 10c per share.

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The advance is based upon the known improvement in the character and resources of the property.

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The stock is non-assessable and without personal liability, under and by virtue of a contract dated January 7, 1897, between Alexander H. Dixon, Geo. H. Maurer and William Hanson Boone, of the one part, and The Smuggler Gold Mining and Milling Company (Limited), of the other part, duly filed with the Provincial Secretary for the Province of New Brunswick.

Send for Prospectus and latest information about the mine to the Secretary.

Remit by Bank Draft, Marked Cheque, Postal Order or Telegraph.

Certificates will be mailed upon receipt of order by

Geo. H. Maurer, Secretary,

59 Victoria-Street, Toronto.

OVER \$400.

Port Arthur Contributes More to the India Famine Fund Than Any Other Town of Its Size.

Port Arthur, Feb. 16.—(Special).—The Mayor has been handed the following contribution to aid the Indian famine fund by Port Arthur people: Ward 1, \$125.75; Ward 2, \$22.90; Ward 3, \$79; St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, \$40; Baptist Church, \$100; St. Andrew's, \$12; Port Arthur school children, \$11.10; total, \$309.75.

These are the first contributions to the famine fund from Port Arthur. The money will be transmitted through the Acting Lieutenant-Governor at Toronto.

Madame Albani and company give a ball on Thursday in the Port Arthur Town Hall on Thursday.

Public School Board salaries.

The Board met again yesterday afternoon.

Decided to reduce the salaries of the school board members to \$1200 to \$1500 and \$1500 to \$1800.

Never went to the school board meeting, but the school board members were put in a special class where they were to receive \$1800.

Three of the assistants at the Public School Board received an increase of \$50 in their salaries.

Will Invite the Queen's Own.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 16.—The Board of Trade Committee to provide for the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee last night and decided to recommend that the celebration be held on May 24, that the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada be invited to come to Windsor, and that the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada be invited to come to Windsor.

Talks to Young Women.

A Young Woman's Association, Young Women's Association, is the title of a series of talks to be given by Miss Carson, of the Young Women's Association, to the 25th, every evening, at 4 p.m., at the Young Women's Association, 100 King Street East, Toronto.

Fast Time by Dog Train.

St. Ignace, Mich., Feb. 16.—There is no hope for a sleigh brought by the dog train to this place, as the dog train has been delayed for 65 miles. One of the dogs has a trotting record of a mile in 3 minutes.

West Durham Boys in Toronto.

The following communication has been received from Inspector William Stark, of the Police Force, Toronto, a West Durham boy, giving an account of several others who have gone from this county and are making their mark in the Queen City. We hope to give other names shortly.

These Murderers Must Die.

Cincinnati, Feb. 16.—There is no hope for executive clemency for Scott J. Wilson and Alonzo Walling, the murderers of Pearl Bryan.

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Montana 22

O. K. 22

Silver Bell 22

Alt. 22

Yule (1000 shares) 10

Lowell Hill 10

Waneta and Trail Creek 10

Investors' Trust & O. M. Co. (Cripple Creek) 10

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Seized a Bill.

Inland Revenue officers of Toronto yesterday seized a bill on the firm of W. E. Bridgman in North Ottawa township.

On the farm of William Baxter, a neighbor, seven bags of malt were found. Proceedings will be taken against both parties.

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different styles of "Bo" pianos are made and guaranteed by the largest makers of pianos in Canada.

Take notice that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto intends to carry out the following local improvements, viz:

MACADAM PAVEMENTS.

1. Construction of a 32 ft. macadam pavement, with wood curbs, on Bellwood avenue, from the north side of Queen-street to the south side of Gerard-street.

2. Construction of a 21 ft. macadam pavement, with wood curbs, on Bellwood avenue, from the north side of Queen-street to the south side of Gerard-street.

3. Construction of a 24 ft. cedar block pavement, with wood curbs, on Bellwood avenue, from the north side of Queen-street to the south side of Gerard-street.

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