

ALL SORTS OF NEWS

Canadian Mining Institute Is to Meet at Nelson.

GOLDEN BICYCLE CRAZE

A Train on the Crow's Nest Railway Reaches Wardner—The Sunday Law Being Enforced at Cranbrook—The Boundary Line Marked With Posts.

The council of the Canadian Mining Institute has decided to hold the next meeting of the members in Nelson early in October. Already a number of papers have been promised, including: W. Blakemore, Crow's Nest Coal Company, Coal Creek; Wm. Braden, Pilot Bay; J. C. Gilliland, Slovan City; P. Perry Leake, Revelstoke; J. L. Parker, Rossland; O. E. S. Whitehead, Anticosti, and H. A. Guess, Kewatin, Ont.

The first freight train on the Crow's Nest railway reached Wardner on Friday and carried as passengers A. H. Buchanan of the Nelson branch of the Bank of Montreal, and C. Sweeney of Vancouver, the head of the great banking concern in this province.

S. Edwin Oliver, of the firm of Palmer & Oliver, has received his commission as postmaster of Wardner, and has been duly installed by his predecessor.

Judge Forin will hold court at Windermere on the 15th inst., the two principal cases being W. Dinsdale, committed for trial on a charge of indecent assault on a child, and Hanks for filing a pair of handcuffs off a prisoner.

It is reported that the steamer Echo, on Moyie lake, will discontinue making trips to Swansea on account of not having water enough to pass through the narrows.

It is remarkable how the bicycle craze has struck our town this year, says the Golden Era. In 1897 we could only boast of one, and an old timer at that, now we have no less than about eight ladies and sixteen gentlemen owning wheels.

The townsite of Fernie, on the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, will shortly be placed on the market, this survey having been completed. This promise to be an important trade as well as a railway centre. Already over 100 coke ovens have been constructed. These will be supplied from the Fernie coal mines, and the coke from them will be shipped to the Trail and Nelson smelters.

The steel in now laid to the Crow's Nest railway to Kootenay river. The temporary bridge will be completed in a few days.

The body of the unfortunate miner McGibbons was found in the Red Fox slide recently. His brother, who has been in the vicinity for several months watching for the body, intended having it embalmed and shipped to their California home, but it was too far gone when found and had to be interred at Kaslo.

A great many tongues were hanging out at Cranbrook on a recent Sabbath. Every business house was closed up tighter than a clam shell, owing to an order from the police enforcing Sunday closing. In some ways the rigid enforcement of this law works a hardship on the public.

The trail and wagon roads on the South Fork of Kaslo creek have been vastly improved. The powder magazine at Nelson has been reported dangerous to the community by City Engineer McCullough.

A survey party is setting iron posts and granite monuments on the boundary line between British Columbia and the State of Idaho.

The widow of the C. P. R. employe Smith—who was killed at Donald last year—has just obtained a verdict of \$2,500 against the company.

It is said that the C. P. R. proposes to construct a reservoir with a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons, 1270 feet above the townsite of Cranbrook.

Sergeant Smith, of the Northwest Mounted Police, arrived at Cranbrook from Alberta recently and will remain in charge of this station. The sergeant has seen 13 years of service and what is more he is a thorough gentleman and one who will perform his duty in the face of any obstacle.

The steamer Victoria, built this spring at Trout Lake City, is completed and has made several satisfactory trips to the foot of the lake. She is a square-bowed scow, about 70 feet long, with engines and a stern wheel, and much resembles the Illiwaewa on the Arrow lakes.

A few days ago at Cranbrook Creighton's pet crow strayed over near the C. P. R. storehouse, where an old hawk was making desperate efforts to capture it. Mr. C's dog was the first who attacked and he rushed to the rescue of his feathered friend. Their combined actions attracted the attention of their owner, who made the discovery that the hawk had a nest in an adjacent tree, and was endeavoring to get the crow for a meal for its young ones. Mr. C secured the services of a man with a shotgun and the whole roost was killed—two old and two young ones.

Lieutenant J. W. Twiss of the Kaslo Rifles, has received orders from Lieutenant-Colonel Peters to investigate with reference to establishing an armory at Kaslo.

The Upper Columbia Navigation company has kindly offered to assist the Columbia river ranchers by carrying at half rate the two stud bulls which W. C. Wells is presenting to the stock-owners of the district from his Calgary ranch—Golden Era.

Some excitement was caused in Golden recently, says the Era, by a case of diptheria being brought from Beaver to that place, the victim being a child of Mrs. McCrimmond, which was quarantined at the skating rink, where it is doing well. Another child has been taken ill and the house at Beaver has been quarantined.

The fire on the banks of the Columbia river south of Revelstoke is still raging and under a heavy wind might be a serious affair. The cause of a good many bush fires is the neglect on the part of loggers and campers in not putting out their camp fires when they are through with them. The province loses thousands of dollars every year by the carelessness of campers and others in not exercising a little more care.

Fort Steele has been very busy all summer with its building boom in the business part of the town, and the residents are now awakening to the importance of getting the residential portion in shape. A large number of handsome homes are under construction, and many more will be erected before the snow flies.

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MINING PROPERTIES DEVELOPED.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS ON MINES.

Rossland, August 11, 1898.

Dear Sir:

The Giant shipments have been increased to two cars—something over 30 tons per week. This is not a bad record for four weeks' work. In the near future the shipments will be still further increased, but the management has decided not to increase the shipments beyond a point where they can be kept up continuously. The ore shipped gives smelter returns of \$15 to \$16 per ton and the smelter charge is \$7.75. This charge will be reduced when the shipments are increased. At 10 cents Giant stock is a safe investment. Something like 30,000 shares are on this market at 7 1/2c. When these are picked up the stock will be firm at the company's price, 10c.

Four new stocks are offered to the public this week. The Homestake, Gopher, R. E. Lee and Novelty. These stocks call for more than a passing notice. The Homestake mine is considered one of Rossland's best properties. Over 200,000 shares in this company were sold last week to Rossland mining men when it was known that the company was to be reorganized and the stock made assessable. This is a tip Eastern investors should take. Rossland mining men make their money by buying at ground floor figures. They never buy expensive stocks. If they fail to get in before a stock reaches 10 cents they rarely buy. A five-drill compressor, pump and hoist are in place on the Homestake. The stock is assessable to the extent of 5 cents per share, insuring a development fund of \$50,000, which should make a mine, considering that the property is already well developed and an excellent plant in place. The first assessment, 1 1/2 cents per share, will be levied in about 30 days time.

The R. E. Lee and Maid of Erin have a seven-drill compressor, hoist and pump in place. The ore is of high grade and the property is already well developed. Large blocks of this stock were also sold to local buyers.

The Gopher lies between the Homestake and R. E. Lee and is a well developed property. It obtains power from the R. E. Lee and Homestake at cost and will not install a plant for the present. Over 30,000 shares of this stock changed hands last week.

The Novelty joins the Giant on Red Mountain and is considered a valuable property. The property has been taken over by the Novelty Mining & Smelting Company, Ltd., a British Columbia corporation, with a capital of 1,500,000 shares, par value 10 cents. There are 500,000 shares set aside as treasury stock and 100,000 shares are now offered at 5 cents. The Giant lead runs into the Novelty, and we advise the purchase of this stock before it advances, and we predict it will have a sharp advance.

Homestake, Gopher and Lee can be obtained today at 6 cents per share, assessment unpaid. Giant is firm at 7 1/2c. Novelty 5c. Virginia is offered at 9c, but we think an order for 10,000 shares would send it over the dollar mark. Deer Park is quoted at 18 1/2c. Monte Christo 34 1/2c, Iron Mask 90c, Victory-Triumph 8 1/2c, Canadian Gold Field 9 1/2c, War Eagle 2 1/2c, Canada Western 10c, Evening Star 8c.

The market is a rising one and the demand good. We consider it a good time to buy. Once more we call attention to Rossland real estate as a good investment.

Sincerely yours,

C. O'BRIEN REDDIN & Co.

P. S. Wire or write us if you want to buy or sell good stocks.

THEIR FIRST SHOT

Turner Faction Ask That Le Roi Receiver Be Removed.

THEY FILE A PETITION

The Case Will Be Heard in the Supreme Court in Vancouver on the 17th of August—Several Irregularities Are Alleged in Petition.

The minority shareholders of the Le Roi company, as they are called, yesterday began their fight to regain control of the Le Roi mine. Through their attorneys, Messrs. Macdonald, Clute & Cronyn, they filed a motion in the supreme court asking that Judge Spinks' order appointing a receiver be set aside on account of various alleged irregularities and illegals. The motion for the setting aside of the receivership is supported by several affidavits from Colonel Turner and others of the minority stockholders. The petition will be heard in the supreme court before Mr. Justice Irving on the 17th inst.

The motion sets forth, among other things, the following reasons why W. A. Carlyle should be removed from the position of receiver: It is alleged that the receiver has no jurisdiction over the mine. It is claimed that as syndicate is a foreign corporation, organized under the laws of Washington, the court had no jurisdiction over the actions of the board of trustees and officers, and therefore had no power which warranted it to interfere with the management of the company.

It is further held that the court had no power to appoint a receiver and to place the mine in charge of the affairs of the company without its being made a party to the suit. Then it is alleged that the affidavits of W. J. C. Wakefield were sworn to without being entitled in any action, and were afterwards tampered with by the insertion of the affidavit of W. J. C. Wakefield were sworn to by his partner, George M. Foster, which is contrary to the practice and rules which govern in the matter of such instruments. Finally, it is held that the affidavits on which the order appointing the receiver was granted are untruthful and misleading and do not state all the facts known to the deponents and which were material to be known to the court before granting the order.

Wherefore it is prayed that the order made by the honorable county court be set aside and the order appointing the receiver be declared null and void, and that the affairs of the Le Roi mine be placed in the hands of the petitioners. In support of the petition J. C. Williams, Colonel W. W. D. Turner, Senator George W. Turner, Frank H. Graves, W. J. Henry, Colonel W. M. Ridpath, W. P. Dockerill and H. C. Bellingher have filed affidavits. These allege that there was no legal ground for the application for the appointment of a receiver. They further claim that the plaintiffs rushed into these proceedings because of a motion made at a meeting

AN IMPORTANT STRIKE

It Has Been Made on the Ground of the Nelson-Foorman.

News reached here yesterday of an important strike that has been made on the ground of the Nelson-Foorman company, which is located on Toad mountain, 2 1/2 miles from Nelson. This property is one of the best known in the Kootenays, being a free milling proposition, and having produced many thousands of dollars of ore. Formerly it was worked from the surface of the main lead, but since the company was formed to work it a year ago by Hector McRae, J. Fred Ritchie and Lincoln Davenport, much development work has been done. The vein is three feet wide on the surface, but has been tapped at a depth of 750 feet from the surface, and five feet of ore is now exposed in the face of the crosscut, which shows high values in free gold and gold-bearing sulphurets. The vein is three feet wide on the surface. It will thus be seen that the latest development gives the company 750 feet of stoping ground. On the adjoining ground, the Granite, the Duncan Mines syndicate has a deep shaft that shows five feet of ore on the Poorman vein.

The Nelson-Poorman company is controlled by Messrs. McRae, Ritchie and Davenport, the first named owning over 170,000 shares of stock. The shares of the company are now quoted at \$1.40, four times their par value.

Sale of Ymir Properties Made. A syndicate of eastern capitalists has purchased the Golden Treasure, situated White Iron and the Venusium, situated within a half mile of the Ymir mine, and having the same ledge. Assays from the surface of this property show values ranging from \$5 to \$75. The development work will commence at once. The sale was effected by J. Fyie of this city. The price paid was \$10,000.

Sailed With Sick Soldiers. SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Aug. 10.—11 p. m.—The Spanish hospital ship Alicante sailed for Spain today with 1,000 sick Spanish soldiers on board. The Spanish steamer Isle de Luzon arrived here this morning and will take 2,136 Spanish soldiers. She has beds for 230 sick. The St. Louis sails north today with the Ninth and Tenth infantry. The St. Paul is expected to be the next transport to leave here with American troops.

Fatally Injured by a Mower. OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 10.—F. Threl, the four-year old son of Jos. Threl of Rockland, was playing in the hay field when he became entangled in a mower. One leg was nearly severed from his body and will have to be amputated, while the other was badly cut. It is believed he will die.

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Stock Market.

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