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A NEW OPERA HOUSE.

It is reflection on the enterprise and progressiveness of Rossland that Nelson, a town of much less importance, both as regards population and business, should have completed arrangements for the immediate construction of a handsome and commodious brick and stone theatre, while this city is content to put up with the accommodation afforded by a wooden play house.

Rossland should be provided with a theatre something on these lines, but about twice the size. As THE MINER has already pointed out, the building could be made a very profitable investment, and would be a great benefit and convenience in many respects.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

THE MINER's recently published editorial discussing the probable outcome of the next session of the legislative assembly has been widely re-produced by the Provincial press, and with many approving comments.

Such conduct is both unfair and stupid. We are led to believe that the Times, as a Grit organ, dreads the possibility of a combination on the part of the Conservative members with a view to gaining the control of the legislature.

When the Times says that the day for drawing party lines in British Columbia politics has not yet arrived, it displays great ignorance of the real Conservative sentiment. There is an overwhelming desire in the ranks of that party to see Dominion party lines drawn without further delay, and nowhere is this more noticeable than in the interior districts.

Probably the Times bases its calculations with regard to party lines upon the supposition that when they are put to the test Messrs. Semlin and Ootun will display more loyalty towards Mr. Martin than the Conservative party.

A STREET CAR SERVICE.

Rossland, owing to the rapid development of the adjacent mines, is growing rapidly, and it will not be a great while before a street car service will be needed. To be sure, the grades are steep, but cars propelled by electricity mount an 11 per cent grade as easily as a bird flies.

Fortunately the power is at hand in the electric energy that is generated at Bonington Falls and brought from there to this city. With this energy cheap and easily available, the cars could be propelled much more economically than if horses or steam had to be used as a motive power.

At first a comparatively short line would answer the requirements, but the system could be lengthened with the growth of the city. In time, perhaps, the service could be extended with profit to Silica, Trail and such other places as may grow up in this immediate vicinity.

It has been contended that snow would seriously interfere with the operations of a street car line in this city. With a snow plow propelled by electricity, just as the cars are, with a little heavier motor, perhaps, the tracks could be kept open to traffic, except during the prevalence of the heaviest storms.

There is one thing, however, that the city council must guard against. It must, in granting franchises to street railway companies, see to it that the city shall share in the profits that will be made and have a voice in the management of the line. This is an important matter, as there are cities which derive about all their revenues from sources of this nature. It might not be a bad plan for the city to own the street car lines that are to be built within the confines of the municipality.

THE C. P. R. EXCURSION.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company is pursuing a wise policy in arranging an excursion to East Kootenay over the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The management of the road has invited the business men of West Kootenay to take a free ride over the new line in order to bring more prominently to their notice the splendid business opportunities awaiting them in East Kootenay.

THE LE ROI DEAL.

The British American corporation now has that great prize, the Le Roi mine, within its grasp, and it is certain that it will not loosen its hold. The negotiations which have been in progress for the greater part of the present year are now closed, and all that remains to be done in order that Governor Mackintosh's company may enter into possession of what is its own, by right of purchase, is the closing up of a few formalities.

As the deal is now settled it will be seen that the matter of completing the purchase was simply one of price. The minority was satisfied that the majority had sold out the mine for less than it was worth, and determined to block the B. A. C. from obtaining possession until it was paid its price.

The people of this section are to be congratulated that these negotiations have been put through. The Le Roi mine is certainly the pearl of the Kootenays. It is the greatest mine to-day in British Columbia. Its possibilities are wonderful, when one considers the fact that the new chate of ore recently found contains more values than has up to the present time been taken from the workings.

As the Le Roi is a profit yielding mine and can easily be made to double its dividends, the effect of placing its shares on the London market will be of the greatest benefit to the Trail Creek division. It will encourage the receivers of these dividends to make other investments in the mines and shares of this camp. It is thought by many that it is one of the best events for the benefit of Rossland and the Trail Creek division that has ever happened, because it will hasten the coming of the British Columbia mining boom in London, the materialization of which has been looked for for a long time.

Hon. Mr. Mackintosh, the resident director, and Edwin Durant, the business manager, who have engineered this deal to a successful conclusion are to be congratulated on their success. In the days that are to come the story of how they finally secured the Le Roi mine for their company will be one of the oftentold tales of the early history of the Kootenays. It will be embellished more and more as the years go by, but the fact that they succeeded after many difficulties will be the main motif of the story. They have succeeded after many difficulties and THE MINER congratulates them upon their success, and more for the reason that it will benefit the camp than for anything else.

THE HOSPITAL.

The report of the Mater Misericordia hospital for the year ending November 3rd is interesting. It will be found in another column. It shows that 261 patients have been treated there during the year, that the sum of \$10,392.37 was expended and that of this sum only \$4,356.83, or considerably less than half of the amount expended, was received from patients. The balance was contributed from miscellaneous outside sources. This demonstrates that the hospital does a great deal for the sake of humanity and charity. The only question asked those applying for admission to this refuge for the sick is, "Are you ill?" Illness is the open sesame to the doors of the hospital. It is entirely non-sectarian, so far as the admittance of patients is concerned. It is only where the patients are able to pay that fees are expected. This hospital is, in fact, a perfect monument of unselfishness. The sisters are not attending the sick night and day for material profit, but rather because of their good heartedness. They have gone through many difficulties and endured numerous privations in order that the sick and the helpless might have proper care. There is some indebtedness on the hospital and its appurtenances. The amount paid in by the patients does not equal half the current expenses, and the indigent are treated free. This being the case, the hospital is entitled to an annual grant of money equal to the expense incurred in caring for those who are unable to pay. The government could not make an appropriation for a more worthy object.

ANOTHER MINERAL BELT PROVED.

The strike in the Coxy property of eight feet of \$16 ore is important to the camp, when taken in connection with the ore bodies in the Jumbo. The Coxy is situated on the west slope of Red mountain, and the strike just made is the most important that has been found on that side of that steep declivity. It is in the same belt with the Golden Queen, St. Elmo, Consolidated St. Elmo, Eddie J., Cliff and Monte Christo mines. These properties are all north of the Le Roi-War Eagle-Centre Star-Iron Mask belt, where the ore is of a higher grade. Ore that goes \$16 to the ton, such as that found in the Coxy, with a freight and treatment charge of \$7, can be mined at a good profit. This is especially the case where the veins are eight feet in width. It is evident from the finds in the Jumbo, in the Coxy, in the Cliff and in the Monte Christo that there are immense bodies of low grade ore in this belt. There is a great deal of iron and considerable copper and gold in the ores of this zone, and the probabilities are that with greater depth the iron will become less prominent, and that the copper and gold will increase. Should the values remain the same as they are at present in the Coxy, and in the Jumbo, and in the Cliff there is good profit still in extracting them.

With the cheapening of the cost of ore reduction, which is only a question of a comparatively short time, an augmented profit from ore from these properties is certain. The Jumbo ore runs in the vicinity of \$20, with some tellurides that assay very high, which will serve to "sweeten" the aggregate and make profits for the stockholders.

The development in this zone, which is north of the north belt, will be stimulated greatly by the discoveries that have been made in the Jumbo and Coxy. Work on these two will be pushed on the other properties on this belt. The result of this will be a second semi-circle of producing claims to the north of the city, that may in time rival the north belt proper in the amount of its product. It will thus be seen that the strike in the Coxy will have a most important bearing on the future of the camp.

The prophecy made by one of Rossland's best known mining men a year since is certain to be realized. He said: "The extent of the mineral deposits in the vicinity of Rossland are simply wonderful. There are boys in schools in other places today who will come here when they are men and make discoveries of valuable mineral bodies, and they will wonder at the stupidity of the present generation in failing to locate and exploit them. In other words, discoveries will be made frequently from now on for many years to come, because this section around Rossland has more of the precious and useful metals than any other section that I know of in Canada."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Grand Trunk and the C. P. R. railways have established a sleeping car service between Montreal and Toronto. It is to be hoped that the C.P.R. will go further and extend the system to the Pacific Coast. Two dollars is too much for many people to pay for a berth, and the company would add greatly to its popularity with its transcontinental patrons if it gave a \$1 service over its entire system.

LADIES and gentlemen alike attended the banquet given Lord and Lady Aberdeen in Toronto, and the presence of the ladies undoubtedly enhanced, rather than diminished, the enjoyment of the occasion. The departure is in the right direction, and the example is likely to be largely followed.

With the presence of the ladies at gatherings of this nature, more reasonable hours are likely to be observed than are at present kept.

The United States government could not have appointed as consular agent at Rossland a more suitable man than Dr. George S. Armstrong. He is in every respect eminently qualified to fill the position with honor to his country and credit to himself. With Rosslanders Dr. Armstrong's appointment will be really popular. He has a host of friends here, by whom he is greatly appreciated and respected for his many estimable qualities of heart and mind.

An eastern paper tells us that the voting machines used on election day in Rochester, N. Y., were a great success. Twenty minutes after the polls closed the result of the voting was known in that city. Fraud was made impossible in the casting and counting of the ballots, and voters had not the least difficulty in casting their ballots. This promises a reform that will be of great value. THE MINER suggests that the British Columbia legislature investigate the matter of these machines, and if they are not too costly, make such needed provision in the laws as will enable the use of them in Provincial elections.

The Manitoba Free Press is mistaken when it says that the cost of reduction of Rossland ores at the Trail smelter is \$9 per ton. Before the advent of F. Aug. Heinze in Kootenay, the combined cost of freight and treatment on Trail Creek ores was \$14.50, but in the face of the high transportation charges that he had to pay the C. P. R. on fuel and flux, he reduced the rate to \$11 as soon as the smelter was ready for operation. The combined rate is now \$7.50 per ton, owing to the fact that the C. P. R. is hauling fuel and flux to its own smelter. A further reduction is expected as soon as Fernie coke is available over the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

The British board of trade has issued a return showing the comparative growth of their foreign trade. The imports from the United States into the United Kingdom were £176,000,000 in 1891, £136,000,000 in 1894, £159,000,000 in 1897. The exports of the United Kingdom to the United States were £184,000,000 in 1891, £185,000,000 in 1894, and £218,000,000 in 1897. As the Dingey bill came into operation July 24, 1897, and the United States returns only up to June 30, 1897, the effect of that bill on British sales to the United States is not shown by the above figures. They show, however, that the United States is a better customer for British goods than either Germany or France, and that there is a large increase in sales to Belgium, Holland and Spain.

DESPITE the frequent complaints that have been made with reference to the failure of the postal department to establish a Sunday mail service between Rossland and points on the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, nothing has been done to remedy the grievance. The fault rests wholly with the Canadian officials. The United States postal authorities are prompt and regular in bringing the mails as far as Northport each day in the week, but Postmaster-General Mulock seems absolutely indifferent as to whether or not a daily service is inaugurated from Northport north. Ninety-nine per cent of the people of Rossland are in favor of a Sunday service. Here is another matter for the immediate attention of the Rossland board of trade and Hewitt Bostock, M. P. for Kootenay.

A Widow Drowned.

DESBERTON, Ont., Nov. 19.—Mrs. Markle, a widow, fell into the bay last night and was drowned. She leaves five children.

N. S. Macleod and W. J. Quinlan of Nelson, are at the Allan.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the maps or plans, and books of reference, covering the additional right of way required for standardizing the Columbia & Western Railway between Trail, B. C. and Rossland, B. C., as well as branches to various mines, has been deposited in the office of the Registrar at Victoria, as required by Sub-section 2, Section 10 of the British Columbia Railway Act; and Section 125 of the Railway Act of Canada. F. P. GUTELLE, Superintendent. 10-27-98.

Trail, B. C., Sept. 22, 1896.

Application to Purchase.

Notice is hereby given that I will, sixty days after the date hereof, apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the crown land hereinafter described, that is to say: Commencing at a post marked "Anthony John McMillan, S. E. Corner," and planted on the west bank of the Columbia river, about two miles north of the international boundary line, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to the west bank of the said river, thence south, following the meandering of the said river to the said post, containing 100 acres, and being situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district, and being the abandoned pre-emption of one Peatall. Dated this 25th day of October, 1898. ANTHONY J. McMILLAN. 10-27-98.

Rathmullen Consolidated Mining & Development Co., Limited.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Rathmullen Consolidated Mining & Development Company, limited, will be held at the office of the company, 124 Columbia avenue, east, Rossland, B. C., on the 27th day of December, 1898, at the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, passing a resolution disposing of the whole or any portion of the property, franchises and powers of the company to any person or company, and upon such terms and conditions as the shareholders may deem advisable to transact such business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. Dated this 25th day of October, 1898. L. H. MOFFATT, Sec. & Treas. and Director. 11-3-98.

Rossland, B. C.

THE DEEDS READY

Documents in the Le Roi Sale Prepared Yesterday.

NOT ONE SINGLE HITCH

Everything Ready for the Affixing of the Signatures on Monday—All Are Acting in the Best of Faith—Much Interest Evoked in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 19.—[Special.]—At 4 o'clock this afternoon all the legal documents in connection with the sale of the Turner holdings in the Le Roi were finally drawn up. All that now remains is for the necessary signatures to be affixed. Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh, of the British America corporation, is now on his way here from Vancouver and is expected in Spokane tomorrow. The formal affixing of the signatures of Senator Turner and his colleagues will be completed on Monday, when the B. A. O. will be in absolute control of the Le Roi company. Thus far there has not been a single hitch in the proceedings, and no difficulty of any sort is expected. Both the representatives of the B. A. O. and Senator Turner and his friends seem to be acting in the best of faith, and if the sale is not formally and finally completed on Monday it will be a surprise and a disappointment to all concerned with the negotiations.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, Edwin Durant, the office manager for the B. A. O., and T. Mayne Daly and Judge Hepburn, the solicitors for the corporation, met Senator Turner and Frank Graves, representing the majority interest in the office of Judge Hepburn. There the formal documents for transferring the Turner holdings were carefully drawn up. As the sale involves something like a million and a half, the legal formalities connected with the deal are considered with a seriousness worthy of so large a transaction. The style of the documents was studied with great care by all the four lawyers present. A few minor alterations were made, but there was no serious misunderstanding as to the legal technicalities, and the documents were soon drawn up.

The negotiations have been conducted so quietly that nothing was known here as to the sudden consummation of the deal until telephone messages began pouring in from Rossland brokers who had read the account published in the morning's MINER. The news created more excitement than any event since the Republic strike, a few weeks ago. The Spokane papers have been unable to give any information regarding progress of negotiations, and as a consequence the mining men here are looking with much interest for tomorrow's MINER, to get additional details of the deal.

HONORED IN CALIFORNIA.

D. J. Macdonald's Brother Elected to the State Legislature.

The Independent of Tuolumne, California, announces the election of A. M. Macdonald, brother of D. J. Macdonald, superintendent of the Columbia-Kootenay mine, to the California legislature. Mr. Macdonald is a republican. His popularity may be best gauged by the fact that the district which he represents has given him a plurality of 300 votes, although it is strongly democratic. The Independent, referring to Mr. Macdonald's election says, in part: "Mr. Macdonald is also to be congratulated upon his manly and open fight during the campaign. Never a word detrimental to his opponent has ever passed his lips and this was taken into consideration by the opposition. Mr. Macdonald is a graceful man, and attributes his success to the influence and hard work of his hearty supporters. As one of the all powerful electors 'Mac,' as he is familiarly termed by his many friends, can always secure some assistance to our able and willing democratic state senator, John B. Curtin, who will perhaps need all the republican friends to be found in the house in order to further Tuolumne's interests."

Mr. Macdonald seems to be as much esteemed by the people of Tuolumne as is his brother in Kootenay.

Mayor Beck Renominated.

GODRICHER, Ont., Nov. 19.—At the conservative convention yesterday Mayor Beck, the conservative candidate in March at the provincial elections, was renominated as the conservative candidate for the legislature, and Robert McLean was nominated as a candidate for the Dominion house.

Certificate of Improvements.

New Orleans, Carn Brea and Wallaroo mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of Kootenay district. Where located: On north slope of Sophie mountain. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for George C. Parker, free miner's certificate No. 13,291A, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 20th day of September, 1898. J. A. KIRK. 9-22-98.

Certificate of Improvements.

Helena No. 2 Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of Kootenay district. Where located: On the west fork of Sheep creek, two miles north of the boundary line. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Otto Johnson, free miner's certificate No. 8,879A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 19th day of September, 1898. J. A. KIRK. 9-22-98.

Certificate of Improvements.

Concordia mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Adjoining the Atlantic Cable, Dominion and Bureka mineral claims. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Adelia Stussi, free miner's certificate No. 76,822, and John A. Finch, free miner's certificate No. 12,721A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 14th day of September, 1898. J. A. KIRK. 9-25-98.

Certificate of Improvements.

Wide West Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About 1 1/2 miles south of the city of Rossland. Take notice that N. L. Townsend, acting as agent for Ross Thompson, No. 9,977, A, and D. J. Burke, No. 8,920 A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 4th day of October, 1898. TOWNSEND. 10-6-98.

Certificate of Improvements.

Ophir Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay District. Where located: Between the Gold King and Coxy Mineral Claims on Red Mountain. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for the Jumbo Gold Mining Co. 174 (formerly free miner's certificate No. 13,082A), intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of November, 1898. J. A. KIRK. 11-10-98.

Certificate of Improvements.

Oakland and Emma Weber mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the west side of the middle fork of Sheep creek, about two miles west of O. K. mine and adjoining the Cruiser mineral claim. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, acting as agent for Joseph B. Walters, F. M. L. No. 33,858, and A. Free miner's certificate No. 34,063 A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 17th day of November, 1898. KENNETH L. BURNET. 11-17-98.

Certificate of Improvements.

St. Bernard mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: One half mile southwest of the O. K. mill and is a re-location of the St. Bernard, located 14th of April, 1895. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (as agent for Victor Mounier, Esq.) free miner's certificate No. 34,063 A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 17th day of November, 1898. KENNETH L. BURNET. 11-17-98.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897"

"Northwest Development Company."

Registered the 20th day of September, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Northwest Development Company," as an Extra-Provincial Company, under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the legislature of British Columbia extends. The head office of the company is situate in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the company is six hundred thousand dollars, divided into six hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the company in this province is situate at Rossland, and William Williams, mine superintendent (not empowered to issue and transfer stock), whose address is Rossland aforesaid, is the attorney for the company. The time of existence of the company if fifty years. The objects for which the company has been established are: To work, operate, buy, locate, acquire, procure hold mines, metal, and mineral claims of every kind and description within the States of Washington, Idaho, Montana, and within the Province of British Columbia and the North-West Territory, Canada and the Territory of Alaska; to carry on and conduct a general mining, smelting, milling and reduction business; to purchase, acquire, hold, keep and operate electric light and power plants for the purpose of furnishing light, creating power for all purposes, and in connection with the mining and treating of ores; to bond, buy, lease, locate and hold ditches, flumes, and water rights; to bond, buy, lease, construct, build and operate railroads, ferries, tramways, lines of vessels, either on rivers or on the Pacific Ocean; to own, bond, buy, sell, lease, locate timber and mineral claims; to do everything consistent, proper, convenient, requisite for the carrying out of the objects and purposes aforesaid in their fullest and broadest sense, and especially to buy and sell for the purpose of gain and profit, mines, mineral claims and real estate and timber lands; to authorize and empower the Board of Trustees of this corporation to make all purchases and all sales of property owned by this Company, without the consent of the stockholders; and likewise to build tunnels for the purpose of developing or working mines and mineral claims, or any interest therein, or owned by this Company or not; and likewise to own, to purchase and otherwise to acquire and to sell stock and bonds in other corporations organized under the laws of this State and organized under the laws of other States of the United States and of foreign countries; and likewise to loan money upon any security or securities therefor as to the Board of Trustees of said Company shall from time to time seem meet and proper. Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 20th day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies. 11-16-98.

Charley Moth and Frank Unfried will meet at the International Tuesday night in a two-out-of-three catch-as-catch-can wrestling match.