

A RAILWAY POLICY.

Turner Government Likely to Indorse the British Pacific.

CROW'S NEST PASS LINE

As a Sop for Kootenay They Will Probably Favor Its Construction, Too—Direct Line to the Coast Will Be Left to Heinze.

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—[Special Correspondence.]—The mineral wealth of British Columbia now about to be revealed and made available in the business of the world, will make great and startling changes both in the interior of the province and on its coast line. There will be a large city near here somewhere; it may be Victoria or it may be Vancouver. The former has the advantage of being near the open highway of the sea, while the latter has the advantage of being the terminus of a great transcontinental railway. Both are now suffering from reactionary influences and the new current of commercial life which must arise from the development of the mines in the Kootenays, in Yale and in Cariboo is not yet perceptible in either.

The only outside city which is exhibiting any great evidence of its revivifying influence is Spokane on the American side. The mines of the north made Spokane a prosperous place last year and will make it even more prosperous this year, because Spokane is more immediately under the influence of the new mining district of British Columbia than Vancouver and Victoria. However, the same wave of prosperity which has moved that way will come here later on and in a more permanent and effective manner perhaps than to Spokane or any other place south of the international line.

If the American government insists on adopting harsh measures such as the Corliss amendment to the immigration bill and a tariff which will check if not prohibit the export of British Columbia ores and smelter products, the American cities will have to look to the resources of their own country for support.

Be this as it may, the east and west lines of transportation must inevitably be established through British Columbia will create a great commerce on the Pacific coast of Canada. The government of Great Britain is spending a great deal of money in the fortifications of Esquimaux near the finest in the world. It is now the chief naval station of Great Britain in the north Pacific. In years to come the centralizing of large naval forces here must have an important bearing in the growth of Victoria as a city.

The Projected Railways.
At present there are two ambitious railroad schemes on foot, designed especially to enable Victoria to reap a direct benefit from the mining boom which has now set in. Both are liable to absorb the serious attention of the Dominion government, as well as that of this province, during the next few months. One of these is to build a road from some point in the mainland, where good ferry connections could be made with Victoria, direct through to Rossland and Trail, the aim being to get a line south of the C. P. R. and cover the rich Boundary district as well as West Kootenay. A deleterious is now in Ottawa conferring with the Dominion government on this project. Of course the C. P. R. company and the city of Vancouver will oppose such an undertaking.

The British Pacific.
The other is the British Pacific road into the Cariboo country. This is the enterprise in which R. P. Rihet is so deeply concerned. The proposed line of this road leaves Butte inlet, 300 miles north of here, and runs to Barkerville, 276 miles. The distance from here to Butte inlet would be covered by steamers, the whole distance from here to Barkerville being 576 miles. One of the great advantages claimed for this scheme is that it would be independent of the C. P. R.

Another plan for getting into Cariboo is to build a railroad from Ashcroft to Parkerville, a distance of 310 miles. Ashcroft is on the main line of the C. P. R., and any road built from there into Cariboo would necessarily be tied up with that system.

The Government Program.
The people here are not favorable to the Crow's Nest Pass railway as they think it will be for the sole benefit of eastern business concerns who wish to build up a Kootenay trade. By their own opinion, after having obtained all the information possible on the subject, is that the provincial government will favor the British Pacific scheme in preference to the proposed line into Cariboo from Ashcroft, and that they will favor the Crow's Nest road on the ground that it will bring cheap fuel into Kootenay to aid mining and smelting, and that it will not favor the project to build a line from this coast to Kootenay, though on the last point a good deal will depend on the attitude of the Dominion government.

The most conservative opinion is that there are already enough ways of getting from here into Kootenay, one being by the C. P. R., another a third being by the Great Northern, although two of the lines are through American territory.

EAST ONTARIO LIBERALS.
An Association to Control Thirty-Three Constituencies.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—The new Eastern Ontario Liberal association completed its organization today by electing Sir Richard Cartwright president, H. A. Bate secretary and treasurer, and appointing G. W. Dawson, ex-M. P., organizer. The meeting was held in the rooms of the Reform club and was well attended. Many letters and telegrams of regret at inability to be present today were read.

It was decided that there should be a council of 30, consisting of members of

the house of commons from Eastern Ontario, defeated candidates and officers of liberal associations, with an executive committee of seven. A strong council of 30 prominent liberals was elected. The organization will have control of about 33 constituencies. Mr. Dawson, the organizer, will make a tour of these and then come to Ottawa to reside, Ottawa being the headquarters of the association.

TANNERS LOCKED OUT.
All the Leather Shops of Chicago To Close Today.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17.—Two thousand tanners and curriers, employees of half a dozen of the big tanneries of this city, were locked out today and will be until the trouble between employees and employers, which was precipitated yesterday by the strike of the 500 men employed by W. N. Eichendath & Co., has been settled.

All the companies affiliated with the hide and leather manufacturers have united in declaring a reduction of 10 to 20 per cent. in wages and raising the working hours from eight to ten hours per day, and when this was put into effect at the Eichendath tannery yesterday a strike occurred at once. Other tanneries in town are expected to take similar action and it is expected that by tomorrow nearly every tannery in the city will have closed its doors.

Great Freight Carrier.
New York, Feb. 17.—The new twin-screw freight and passenger steamer Pennsylvania, for the Hamburg-American line, will leave New York tomorrow with a full cargo, carrying a total of over 18,500 tons measurement. It is claimed by the Hamburg-American line that this is the largest cargo that was ever taken out of New York on one ship. It is interesting to note that it would take 616 ordinary freight cars or about 18 freight trains to transport this enormous quantity.

Among its miscellaneous cargo the Pennsylvania carries 294,089 bushels of grain, equalling 6,847 tons, which is in itself more than the average freight steamer can take if completely filled.

Victoria Wheat Yield.
MELBOURNE, Aus., Feb. 17.—The wheat yield of Victoria is estimated at 6,775,800 bushels.

Spokane Closing Quotations.
Spokane, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—Closing quotations on the exchange today were as follows: Butte, 3½ bid, 4 asked; Commander, 15 asked; Crow's Nest, 50 bid; Deer Park, 20 bid, 21 asked; Evening Star, 14 asked; Iron Mask, 47 asked; Josie, 49½ bid, 52 asked; Monte Cristo, 15½ bid; Novelty, 7 asked; O. K., 27 asked; Phoenix, 18 asked; Poorman, 5 bid; St. Elmo, 8½ asked; Silverline, 7 bid, 9 asked; White Bear, 16½ asked; Noble Five, 58 bid, 63½ asked; Rammer, 47 asked; Reco, 13½ asked; Wonderful, 10 asked; Reservation, 8½ bid; 9½ asked; Delle, 10 asked; Cariboo, 47½ bid.

The only sale on exchange today was 1,000 Evening Star at 12. After the call the following were announced: 1,000 Silverline at 7½; 3,000 O. K., buyer 60, at 30; 9,500 Silverline, at 7½; 1,000 Butte, at 4; 2,000 Butte, at 3½; 100 Monte Cristo, at 15½; 1,000 Evening Star, at 12. After hours 500 Monte Cristo were sold at 11.

Metal Quotations.
New York, Feb. 17.—Bar silver, 64½; silver certificates, 65; Mexican dollars, 50½c.
Copper—Steady; brokers' price, \$11.87½; exchange price, \$12.00.
Lead—Strong; brokers' price, \$3.05; exchange price, \$3.30@3.35.
Tin—Drill; straits, \$13.40@13.50.
Plates—Easy.
Spelter—Quiet; domestic, \$4.00@4.10.

ROSSLAND MINING MARKET.

Stocks have fluctuated widely in the local market in the past week. The most notable gains have been made in Monita and Rambler, which have been in especially good demand. The heaviest fall is in Jumbo, which is not being traded in at all, as another War Eagle episode is feared. Butte, Monte Cristo, Bruce, Deer Park, Evening Star, Golden Drip, Great Western, High Ore, Novelty, St. Elmo and St. Paul have been the most eagerly bought after the favorites above mentioned. Big Three advanced to 15. Butte picked up half a cent to 4. Columbia advanced half a cent to 27½. Comanche dropped two and a half cents to 17. Crown Point is quoted at 55 and Deer Park is half a cent lower at 21½. Eric slumped from 7 to 4. Evening Star advanced three cents to 12½. High Ore dropped from 7 to 5½. Iron Mask lost two and a half cents to 46½. Josie is half a cent lower at 51. Jumbo fell off on the report that it was under bond at 50 cents and is quoted at 55. Monita advanced three cents to 25½. Monte Cristo, after many changes, is quoted half a cent lower at 14. O. K. advanced half a cent and a half to 28. Palo Alto fell off half a cent to 7½. Poorman lost a cent to 6. Red Mountain View is two cents lower at 10. St. Elmo dropped two cents to 8½. Silverline gained half a cent to 9. Virginia is a cent lower at 17. 16 and West Le Roi gained a cent to 4. Delle, after dropping to 10, has recovered to 14. Hall Mines gained 25 cents to 47. Orphan Boy lost another cent to 7. Noble Five advanced 3 cents to 64. Rambler jumped 10 cents to 47. Slocan Star fell a cent to 10. Columbia and Ontario, Sultana and Giant were added to the list during the week.

Local Sales.
Among local sales of stock last week were 5,000 Butte at 3½; 10,000 Butte at 3½; 2,000 Iron Mask at 46; 1,000 Iron Mask at 48; 2,000 Monita at 18; 2,000 Heather Bell at 20; 2,500 High Ore at 7 and 10,000 Yale at 2½; 6,000 Red Eagle at 10; 9,000 Cromwell at 34½; 3,500 Monita at 19; 2,000 Deer Park at 22; 1,000 St. Elmo at 3½; 2,000 Butte at 34½; 2,000 Ottawa at 25; 17,000 at 34½; 4,000 Silver Bell at 6; 1,000 Bruce at 10; 18,000 Royal Gold at 3c; 4,000 Silver Bell at 6; 1,000 Columbia at 25½; 5,000 Dardanelles at 20; 125 Le Roi at 7.30; 10,000 High Ore at 5½; 2,000 Silverline at 8½; 3,000 Evening Star at 9; 1,000 O. K. at 26; 15,000 Royal Five at 6; 6,000 Old Gold at 5; 5,000 Dundee at 10; 4,000 Silverline at 8½; 2,000 Deer Park at 21½; 4,000 Yale at 2½; 500 Mayflower at 13c; and 2,500 Royal Gold, price not stated; 13,000 Silverline at 8; 3,000 Butte at 16½; 2,500 O. K. at 26½;

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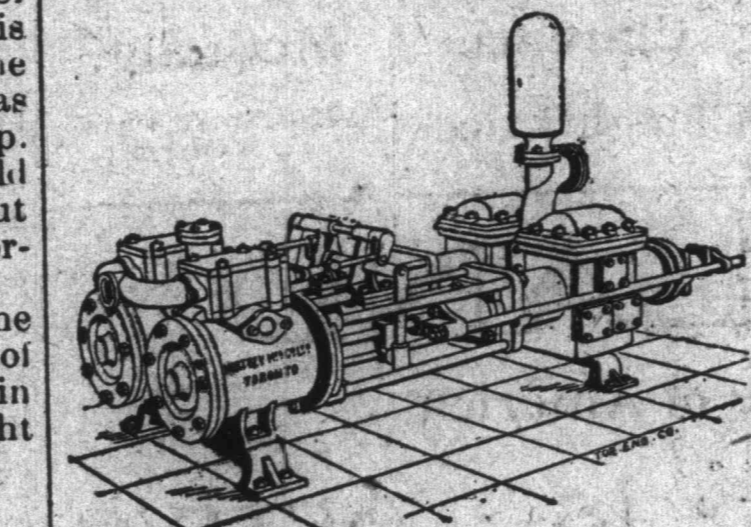
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[Note—No stocks are listed in the following table unless the property on which they are founded has been fully paid for, and the title perfected.]
Quotations corrected daily by the Reddin Jackson Co. Ltd., mining brokers Rossland, B. C.

Companies.	No. of Shares.	Par Value.	Price.
Alberta.....	1,000,000	\$ 1.00	\$ 15
Beaver.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.10
Big Chief.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.15
Big Three.....	3,500,000	1.00	1.00
Butte.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
B. C. Gold King.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.10
Bluebird.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.10
Bruce.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.10
Caledonia Con.....	2,500,000	1.00	1.15
Carlotta.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
C. & C. S.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Celtic Queen.....	700,000	1.00	1.00
Centre Star.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Colonia.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Col. and Ontario.....	750,000	1.00	1.00
Comstock.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Crown Point.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Deer Park.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Dardanelles.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Eastern Star.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Enterprise.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Eric.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Evening Star.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Georgia.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Gertrude.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Giant.....	2,500,000	1.00	1.00
Golden Drip.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Golden Queen.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Great Western.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Hattie Brown.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Helen.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
High Ore.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Homestead.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Idaho.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Imperial.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Iron Horse.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Iron Mask.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Jumbo.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
J. & L. F.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Josie.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Knights Templar.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Kootenay-London.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Le Roi.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Lily May.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Mayflower.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Monarch.....	700,000	1.00	1.00
Monita.....	750,000	1.00	1.00
Monte Cristo.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Morning Star.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Nest Egg.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Northern Belle.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Novelty.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
O. K.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Orphan Boy.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Phoenix.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Palo Alto.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Poorman.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Red Mountain View.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
R. E. Lee.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Red Mountain View.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Rossland Star.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
St. Elmo.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
St. Paul.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
South Star & W. Con.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Sultana.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Trail Mine.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Union.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Virginia.....	2,000,000	1.00	1.00
West Le Roi.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
White Bear.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Young Brit. Amr.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
AINSWORTH.....	750,000	1.00	1.00
Delle.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
OLD TRONDIS.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Cariboo.....	800,000	1.00	1.00
RELSOM.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Excelsior.....	300,000	1.00	1.00
Hall Mines.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
NORTHPORT.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
REVELSTOCK.....	700,000	1.00	1.00
Orphan Boy.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Alamo.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Cumbarland.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Dardanelles.....	750,000	1.00	1.00
Grey Eagle.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Glen.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Kootenay-Columbia.....	400,000	1.00	1.00
Minnesota.....	2,000,000	1.00	1.00
Noble Five Con.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Rambler Con.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Reco.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Slocan Star.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Sunshine.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Washington.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00
Wonderful.....	1,000,000	1.00	1.00

No stock on the local market.
Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, \$30,000; War Eagle, \$187,000; Cariboo, \$140,000; Slocan Star, \$300,000; Reco, \$100,000; Rambler, \$200,000; Cumbarland, Alamo, Idaho and Noble Five have also paid dividends.

War Eagle in Toronto.
[By special arrangement with the Mail Empire of Toronto we are enabled to give daily quotations on War Eagle Consolidated.]
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17—[Special.]—War Eagle, rather firm: \$13 asked, \$10 bid.

LATEST MINING MAPS.

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