

BRIEF

work of the Army in the various social and other work that the

head of the Internary survey, his son and two of the party, left Sunwa. Two other members of ft over the Spokane Falls Sunday for Victoria. The party are still in town.

from Cornwall, England, Hender, died Sunday at the Sisters' hospital of typhoid, who was 35 years old and three children. He will take place from the church Wednesday afternoon. The Union will hold services and Rev. A. M. Santhorpe.

Crime seems to exist among the element in this city at the moment. It is true that the amount of money stolen is trifling, but the effect on the younger element is very serious. A pocket-knife was taken from a school boy and one from a school girl are blamed for both.

Present grand marshal of the I. O. O. F. is Alderman Embleton. He would be in this city to visit about Monday. The members of the local order steps at their next meeting. The grand marshal reception on his arrival.

who is known to all old-timers, returned to town from his ranch near Edmond, Northwest Territories. He is in a prosperous condition, having made several thousands in the sale of the Velvet mine, of which he is the original locator.

part of the Spokane Army including Adjutant Nelson, and Privates Bowers and ... for the purpose of seeing to it that the target set there. The band met with a success, but returned home in a condition.

fire alarms turned in one morning from box 24, at the Fourth and St. Patrick streets. The fire department made a fruitless search that favored locality in the morning. The police notified of the matter and it was made today for the

in the city and a demonstration of the liquid air by Prof. W. E. ... it is probable that a date for the Spokane City. Liquid air atmospheric air in an ... condition, looking as if water—a liquid but also ... and 312 degrees below zero. It boils fiercely when ... and freezes the flame of ... and freezes alcohol. It will ... of about 3500 degrees above ... same tumbler in which ... are being frozen as hard as glass, while mercury is ... hard as steel, and nails are ... with a quicksilver hammer. ... have been propelled by liquid ... the New York hospitals have ... promising results with its ... properties in cancer cases ... as a local anesthetic in ... operations. It can be made an ... used as an agent for produc ... ete combustion of garbage.

STE. MARIE, Ont., Oct. 14.—The ... are unable to locate ... who shot his wife and killed ... The impression is that he ... suicide. ... Toronto Telegram says: A man ... the street in possession of ... by that the British admiral ... send naval experts to ... the purpose of consulting ... there on the questions ... harbor defences, supplies ... attendance of reserve crews. ... mund Barton was interviewed ... representative of the Daily ... thinks the Canadian ... almost more than abroad, ... Italian public man in attack ... the mother country.

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IS VITALLY IMPORTANT MADE THE LE ROI SLUMP THE SMELTER BLOWS IN

Board of Trade Points Out Why It Is Essential the Northport Smelter Should Have Abundant Coke-- Discussion of Business Men's Parliament. Has Coke Shortage Nipped Too Sharply--Smelter Only Running Two Furnaces--Another Mine Affected--The Solution to Problem. Coke Forthcoming for Operation of Plant--Marked Improvement in Conditions--Le Roi's Operations Will Not Be Interfered With.

"In view of the fact that a shortage of coke at the Northport smelter would prove disastrous to the miners of Rossland in that it would result in a partial closing down of the mines shipping to such smelter, therefore it is resolved that this board of trade would urge upon the Crow's Nest Coal company and the transportation companies interested that such arrangements be made as will ensure an immediate and ample supply of coke to the said smelter."

The foregoing resolution is intended to convey the sentiment of the Rossland board of trade upon a point that is felt to be vitally connected with Rossland's prosperity. It is expected that a perusal of the resolution by the companies to which it will be forwarded will impress upon the recipients the essentially important aspect of the case—namely, that Rossland's interests as a whole are tied up in the Northport smelter, despite the fact that the plant is located at a few miles south of the international boundary. The interests of local mines are so closely interwoven with those of the reduction works in question that what affects the smelter adversely has a similar effect upon the Golden City. Last night the Rossland board of trade adopted the foregoing resolution dealing with the question and it is hoped that the desired effect will be accomplished.

The session of the board was splendidly attended and the proceedings of an animated nature. The Grand Forks board of trade forwarded a resolution in which the railway committee of the house of commons was urged to grant the V. V. & E. road a right of way across the Canadian Pacific tracks to enable the first named road to secure an entry into Grand Forks. The Rossland board unanimously endorsed the resolution and will forward a copy to the railway committee.

The Atlin board requested the Rossland board's endorsement of a resolution asking that a certain dredge intended to be used in mining be admitted free of duty on the ground that it was not manufactured in Canada, and was therefore eligible for such free importation, although not specified in the list of articles admissible without duty. The resolution was endorsed, and the sentiment expressed that in future the customs department should interpret the regulations more liberally than in the past to prevent mining companies being subjected to exactions as had been the case in the past.

The question of freight rates between Spokane and Rossland came in for consideration. A statement was submitted demonstrating that Nelson consignees had a decided advantage

Over 8,000 Tons Again Last Week

The shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending last night held up surprisingly well in view of the fact that the situation at the Northport smelter with respect to coke supplies is anything but encouraging. Despite this fact the Le Roi shipments for the week show an increase over the previous week and are substantial in nature. Such Le Roi ore as is being shipped to Northport in excess of the tonnage now being treated is being placed in reserve, the smelter having ample storage capacity for a very large tonnage of ore. The Le Roi No. 2 has felt the pinch more than the Le Roi, and the result is the decreased shipments, as indicated by this week's tonnage. This is directly due to the conditions existing at the smelter in regard to coke, and is the first indication of what may be expected if something is not accomplished in the direction of remedying matters.

The Outlook For St. Thomas Mountain Mines

H. W. C. Jackson, secretary-treasurer and acting managing director of the Bonanza mine, returned yesterday after spending several days in the Norway St. Thomas mountains section. In the course of his trip he inspected various properties in the district, including the Cascade and Bonanza mines. Mr. Jackson was particularly interested in examining the new work done during the past summer. It is significant, he states, that on the three principal veins, which parallel each other, that the ore has been discovered in at least ten additional places on various claims. In all these openings the ore is three feet in width, and upwards, demonstrating that the possible strength of the veins is greater than was believed originally. After going over the Bonanza workings carefully, Mr. Jackson expresses great dissatisfaction at the manner in which

Le Roi shares have slumped undecently on the London market during the past few days. Tuesday's quotations for the shares were £1 16s. 3d., this representing a drop of almost a pound on the prices that have been ruling for several weeks past. The intelligence was received here by cable, which did not give any reason for the slump.

Locally no cause can be ascribed for the drop in the shares unless it is that the extreme shortage of coke has reached a point where an intimation has been given that a shut down is inevitable unless some remedial measure is found. It is known here to some extent that the coke question has assumed an extremely grave aspect. Otherwise there seems to be no ground for the weakness in Le Roi. The mine has been in continuous operation all year, constant profits have been reported and the outlook for the future with respect to the profitable operation of the mine is brighter than it has been for some time.

Those who know the inside of the coke question would be especially surprised if the smelter was completely shut down at any time. At the present moment the Northport smelter is only enabled to operate two furnaces out of its battery of six, and the operation of the plant is thus seriously interfered with. When it is possible to operate only half a smelting plant the cost per ton of the work is enhanced and the general equilibrium of the industry disturbed and upset. Unless there was a probability that conditions would be improved at a comparatively early date it is likely that the management would seriously consider the advisability of closing down the works for a term until some solution to the coke supply question was discovered or until a coke reserve was accumulated sufficient to tide the plant over a temporary shortage, such as now works have on operating. Had such a decision been reached and communicated to the London directors the intelligence would have had the effect on the stock exchange of causing Le Roi to slump.

The Le Roi smelter at Northport has continued to treat ore under conditions with respect to coke supply that were discouraging to put the case mildly. For months past the plant has never had a really ample supply of this essential in hand, and on frequent occasions the smelter manager has seen inroads started on his last car of coke before a fresh car was in the yards. At various times the works have practically closed for a few hours because of the shortage of coke, and at all times the cost of the commodity laid down in the smelter yards has been so high that a slight upward turn was sufficient to wipe out the margin of profit. This was demonstrated in the case of eastern coke, which has been largely used in the operation of the smelter—when the price was advanced a couple of dollars further the outside margin was thereafter prohibited. The management has evidenced a disposition to keep the works in operation under conditions of the most discouraging nature and with profits going to pay high charges for coke that must

be paid for the same worthy cause. It should be demonstrated to the province at large that remedial legislation is essential to the future prosperity of the mining districts and that the residents of the interior are a unit in urging the adoption of such legislation. Much can be accomplished in this direction by united action on the part of the boards of trade of the interior, and through their boards of trade and other organizations throughout the province."

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The coke situation at the Northport smelter has been relieved. Yesterday two furnaces were blown in after having been dark for several days, and the outlook is considerably more encouraging. The danger of any interference with the operation of the Le Roi mine is now obviated. Much of the difficulty just concluded at Northport with respect to coke supplies was caused by delays in transit. The coke was shipped, but it had been held up somewhere along the line, with the result that the shortage ensued. Furthermore the Crow's Nest Coal company, which owns these ovens, is willing to operate them at full capacity and the Great Northern road is willing to deliver the coke at Northport at \$5 per ton, plus 80 cents per ton for duty. The advantage of this will be realized when it is stated that the Northport smelter is paying anything up to \$12 per ton for coke and can't get a full supply, or half a supply, even at these comparatively enormous figures.

The trouble is claimed to be this: That the "dark" coke ovens are located at Fernie, while the coal supply is at Morrissey, 16 miles distant. The coal can only be hauled from Morrissey to Fernie by utilizing the Canadian Pacific tracks for 11 miles of the intervening distance, and the Canadian Pacific declines to handle the business at rates which leave any margin whatever for the Great Northern; in fact the Canadian Pacific has named a rate for handling the business which is practically prohibitive. This is one side of the story, and it should be looked into as the question at issue vitally affects Rossland. With the cheap coke from East Kootenay the potentialities of the Le Roi mine would be extended in a manner that would benefit the community as a whole. Shipments would be increased to a minimum of 800 tons per day, and the consequent large increase in the working force would improve matters locally to an extent that is generally understood.

But the shortage of coke at the Northport smelter is affecting other mines as well as the Le Roi. The Le Roi No. 2, which ships to Northport, has felt the pinch already. The ore from the Le Roi No. 1 workings are handled direct from the cars into the furnaces, but when the smelter is not operating at full capacity this operation is slow and the result is that the Le Roi No. 2 has determined to cut down its shipments. Yesterday four machines employed in stopping ore were cut off, reducing the total force at the mine by 25 men. Some of these men will be utilized on development, but the majority of them will be laid off pending the resumption of shipments at normal proportions. Manager Thompson says he does not look for any immediate improvement in the coke situation, but is confident that Le Roi No. 2 shipments will be increased again within six weeks.

It will thus be seen that the Northport smelter coke problem has a far-reaching effect upon the Rossland camp. If anything can be accomplished here in the direction of solving the transportation problem, the issue is one in which Rosslanders may properly and should assuredly take action forthwith.

tion works are available at Trail, only 12 miles distant by railroad. Application was made to the local office of the Giant mine for further information about the smelter matter, but no details were forthcoming. It was intimated that Governor Mackintosh alone possessed the information on the topic. It is probable that the Giant will act comparatively early date in a position to ship a considerable quantity of ore. The lower workings are now within 30 feet of the point where it is figured the vein should be intersected, and the connection is awaited with keen interest. Should the ore body prove to have retained its continuity and width at this level a large tonnage will be blocked out between the two levels and the shipping potentialities greatly enlarged. The wagon road to the mine is not in the best of shape, but with the ore ready to ship it is probable such improvements could be made as would enable the mine to produce on a considerable scale, probably 50 tons per diem at least.

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FAVORABLE LEGISLATION

Anthony J. McMillan Describes Attitude of Col. Prior and Other Ministers as Distinctly Favorable Toward Mining Industry of the Kootenays.

"I was pleased to find in the course of an interview with Hon. Colonel Prior, minister of mines for the province, that his attitude toward the mining industry of the Kootenays was such as augurs toward the mining district. Mr. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi company, on his return from the coast. While in Victoria Mr. McMillan had interviews with Colonel Prior and Hon. Mr. Eberts, attorney general, in the course of which he took occasion to present his claims of the mining industry for more favorable legislative treatment than has been accorded up to the present time, especially in regard to mining taxation. "Colonel Prior is disposed to do all in his power to foster and encourage the mining industry by showing relief from taxation. In accomplishing this end, however, it must be remembered that he has to combat the influence of the agricultural constituencies represented in the legislature. These constituencies have not recognized the fact as yet that prospective mining men will inaugurate more prosperous times throughout the province, thus affording better markets for farm products, and until they appreciate this aspect of the case their influence will possibly act as a deterrent to the efforts of those ministers who are disposed toward legislation that will encourage the great mining industry of the province."

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