...NEWS... FROM THE BOUNDARY

By the Miner's Own Correspondent

TO POST RETURNS.

American and Canadian Election Results at Greenwood and Phoenix.

Greenwood, B. C., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been completed by F. W. Hart, manager of the Auditorium, to give out the complete telegraphic returns on the evenings of the general elections in the United States and the Dominion. Those interested in the American election on the 6th will get complete returns from both the Canadian Pacific and Spokane Northern telegraphic systems, and on the evening of the 7th the C. P. R. Telegraph company will issue returns of the Canadian elections. Mr. Hart has also arranged to serve the Hotel Brooklyn at Phoenix by long distance telephone.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Doings of Mining Men and Others at Greenwood.

Greenwood, B. C., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—H. Stoecke after an absence of nearly three months visiting San Francisco, New York, Paris and Berlin has returned home again.

James Fisher has resumed development on the St. Eugene fractional claim adjoining the Mother Lode mine in Deadwood camp. Messrs. Ostroskey and I. Robert Jacobs have become interested in the property.

M. K. Rogers, superintendent of the Nickel Plate mine owned by Marcus Daly, is at the Imperial hotel. He reports times improving in the Similkameen, but is retient with regard to the property he is connected with.

Work has been started on the Skylark claim in Long Lake camp. It is owned by A. C. Ridout, Jack Hennager and M. McDonald.

At the Hotel Armstrong the following are registered today: A. B. Clabon, Rossland, who is over in connection with the Strawberry in Brown's camp; Lambert Bond, a solicitor of the Temple, London, England, here with a view to locating; H. T. Ceperley, the well-known insurance man of Vancouver. H. Phan, western manager of the Canadian Electric company, with headquarters at Vancouver, and Thomas Hilliard, the Rossland representative of the same company.

Superintendent Harry Johns of the Montreal-Boundary Creek company, owning the Sunset mine in Deadwood camp, made a record in shaft sinking that he can well be proud of. From September 25th to the 25th instant, with only one drill he continued down the main working double compartment shaft, timbered and finished a distance of 84 feet, sinking from a depth of 156 feet to 240 feet.

The management of the Carmi mine, up the West Fork of the Kettle river, propose to install a small pumping plant at once, and have ordered a No. 5 Cameron sinking pump and a small boiler and engine.

From the Lakes to Liverpool.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 5.—Five vessels of Andrew Carnegies' new venture are expected to sail from Conneaut, O., today, each loaded with 1,000 tons of steel sent from Pittsburg on Carnegie's own railroad, the Pittsburg, Bessemer & Lake Erie. The vessels are loaded to 14 feet draught, the greatest permitted in the Welland Canal. The vessels will each tow a barge loaded with 1,500 tons of wood pulp, and will go through the canal to the St. Lawrence. At Montreal the wood pulp will be loaded on the steamers, which will then sail for Liverpool.

VAUDEVILLE CONCERT HALL.

Ola Lofstad will Open One in the Hotel Ladysmith.

Greenwood, B. C., Nov. 6—(Special.) Ola Lofstad, the enterprising proprietor of the Hotel Ladysmith, has returned from a business trip to Spokane where he went to engage performers for his concert hall. During the winter months he proposes to run a first class vaudeville entertainment in the concert hall annexed to his hotel. With this end in view he made a personal trip to Spokane and was successful in securing some of the cleverest artists from the two variety theatres of that city. He also made a contract for the appearance of the Lady Orchestra of eight pieces. Mr. Lofstad is of the opinion that a properly conducted vaudeville concert hall should prove popular as well as remunerative, and with this end in view is securing the best talent for his place.

Fish River Camp.

Camborne, B.C., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Mr. Jackson of Rossland has started winter work on three of the properties he has taken hold of during the season in Fish River camp, and must be congratulated on the judgment he has displayed in his purchases, which comprise the Black Bear, Wide West and Elipse groups. It is further rumored that he has options on the Alma and Daffodil groups, and if this is so he is well set to make a big killing; a man who would take exceptions to any of these properties must be hard to please.

A company entitled the Imperial Development of Nelson has obtained control of twelve free mining gold properties on Lexington mountain, and are surveying and making preparations for extensive development work during the winter.

The Oyster and Criterion groups, adjoining this property, are worthy of the closest attention. The Oyster has a magnificent lead eight to ten feet wide, showing quite a little visible gold, and on the Criterion a record strike has been recently made, a small fissure vein, cutting the formation at an angle of 30 degrees, being literally spattered with coarse gold. No work has yet been done on the latter, but good news is confidently expected in the near future.

FROM THE WAR.

Jack Leckie Writes to His Brother of Boer Fighting.

Grand Forks, B. C., Nov. 5.—(Special.) Development work in the Oro Denero, Summit camp, has been resumed. Operations were suspended nearly a year ago. Thus far about $20,000 have been expended on the property, which, it is expected, will soon be placed on a shipping basis.

Fred Wollaston, C. E., of this city, has received an interesting letter from Jack Leckie, the well-known mining engineer, who went to South Africa as a lieutenant in the Strathcona Horse. Lieut. Leckie is a brother of Major R. G. Edwards Leckie and formerly resided in the Boundary country. His frank admission that British Columbia is more attractive than South Africa makes interesting reading. The letter is in part as follows:

On top of Spitz Kop, east of Lydenburg, elevation 7,100 feet; good dump and tunnel site. Sept. 12, 1900.

I received your cable long ago, but owing to the fact that private messages cannot be sent over our little military wire I could not cable you a reply. I would have written sooner only I thought I could cable from some point. We are now at Spitz Kop, east of Lydenburg, and I am up on top with eight men in an observatory fort. We got in here yesterday. We have had lots of scrapping lately and have been pushing on, but now have to halt and recuperate a bit. Fully half our regiment is on foot now as our horses were either shot or played out, but we expect some remounts to catch up here. The Canadian horses are far and away the best we get. Of course there is no hay for them, only oats, and they all get off their feed. However, they are beginning to feel better as the grass is getting better.

Lydenburg is a pretty town in a nice valley. We were in a valley at Budfontein for a few days before we could get on. We lost seven killed and three wounded while there. One day we were in a donga all day under the heaviest shelling the Boers have done in the war. The Mounted Infantry lost two killed and seven wounded and we lost two wounded. There were quite a few horses killed. The day we left Lydenburg they put a shrapnel over the Gordons, killing two and wounding 16. It was fine to see them marching right on as if nothing had happened. Even the wounded got up and tried to follow. We found 12 dead Boers the next day. They cart away most of their dead and wounded.

A couple of days ago I got out with my troop dismounted and we went into the firing line of the 60th Rifles. It was great sport. We took a kopje, losing one man, and on the other side could see the Boers—the whole Boer force, wagons and all—taking off. It was a magnificent sight. We sat on the hill, and fired at them until we were tired—long range. If we had had a gun we could have smashed the whole outfit. It was too steep a hill though to get up a gun. We found three dead Boers; if we got any more they must have "packed" them off. The day before yesterday we made a rush for their Long Tom and nearly got it. They saved it with their high velocity gun opening on us. We captured a wagonfull of supplies and ammunition. Two of our men were shot. We are all getting a little tired of chasing these beggars. They very seldom make a decent stand and this is a country as bad as the Slocan. Some men are going to stay out here, but most of them will go back. For my part British Columbia is plenty good enough. There is no timber and very little water here; lots of wind and dust and very cold at night; it is getting warmer lately. There are seven of our officers laid up with fever and two are prisoners, so we are a bit short.

"By Jove, I will be glad to get back to a town and get a decent meal. This hardtack and bully beef palls on one. We very seldom sleep with our boots off, and always with our clothes on. A wash is a luxury, as water is so scarce and we have so little time.

"We had a great old scrap one day near Dalmanntia, or some such place. The lyddite played old Harry with the Boers. I saw 17 dead, and some of them blown to pieces—cut in two, arms and legs off, etc. I assure you war is hell at times. The British Tommy is the finest fighter going. That day they marched up and had to cross an open country to reach the Boers, who had Mausers, maxims and pom-poms going on them (this was the Rifle Brigade). They lost 33 in killing the colonel and four other officers. I was on the left flank and could see the whole thing, the men dropping here and there and the others with fixed bayonets rushing forward. They showed little mercy when they got to close quarters. The Boers are said to have lost from 300 to 500 men in that fight. We captured two pom-poms and a maxim gun. The day before two squadrons of Strathcona's Horse had to hold the trenches, defending the camp until the main body marched on. It was the worst day I ever put in. I was on the right with my troop, and you couldn't show a hand without drawing a heavy fire. We encountered them just at daybreak, and had to fight all day under a broiling sun. When we left we had to make a run for our horses. In the retirement two men in my troop were shot. They got close to one man and called on him to surrender. One big Boer stood up. Our chap replied, "Go to Hades," whereupon the Boer fired and missed, and was killed himself a moment later. Well you must be tired of all this, but there is nothing else to write about. I will be glad to get back to the Boundary country again. It knocks spots off this country. Hope to see you ere long. Remember me to Mayor Manly and "Doc." Smith and all other friends."

WEEKLY STOCK REVIEW.

The Elections Interfered Considerably With Business.

The elections in Canada and the United States interfered considerably with the stock business during the week ending yesterday. This was particularly noticeable during the past two days, when only a few shares were disposed of, as politics was the all absorbing topic of discussion. The result of the election, however, in both Canada and the United States, is favorable for the stock business. The fact that both countries continued in office the parties in power will have a stimulating effect on business for the reason that there will be no radical change in the policies on either side of the line, and financial and business men are assured of a long period during which they may with safety calculate on what the general course of the government will be. Had there been a change it would have unsettled affairs so that new enterprises would not have been undertaken nor old ones enlarged until confidence had been established in the new administrations. As matters political have turned out, however, they will exert a good effect on the mining and other industries of this section. A dozen mining enterprises in this section, which were being negotiated with Americans, have hung fire as the parties who were to furnish the capital wished to wait until after McKinley was elected before they would close, and now that the event for which they were waiting has materialized, there is no doubt but what they will be immediately closed up. The effect of the elections will certainly be beneficial to the stock market, and a renewed interest should very shortly be manifested in the shares of the mining companies of this section.

The sales for the week ending yesterday, by days, were as follows:

Thursday	26,500
Friday	19,500
Saturday	19,000
Monday	21,000
Tuesday	9,000
Wednesday	11,000
Total	106 000
Total previous week	165,000

Calls for about 20,000 shares of Rambler-Cariboo and White Bear were purchased during the week.

I.X.L. is firm at 19 cents, although only 1,000 shares were sold on the board during the week.

Winnipeg started in at 3 cents on Thursday last, but has risen, and sales have since been made at from 3 1-4 to 3 1-2 cents, and it is firm at the latter figures. Nine thousand shares of Winnipeg were sold on the board during the week. As soon as the reorganization of the Winnipeg is effected there should be a change for the better in the price of its shares.

There were 21,500 shares of Rambler-Cariboo sold on the board during the week, and the price ranged from 25 to 28 1-2 cents. Yesterday the price ranged from 25 3-4 to 26 cents, and it was firm at these figures. The news from the mine continues to be of an encouraging character.

Giant was dealt in during the week to the extent of 4,000 shares, and the price is 2 3-4 cents.

Thre was a sale of 5,000 Waterloo at 3 1-4 cents.

White Bear has been dealt in more than any other stock on the list, 62,500 shares having been sold on the board besides some calls. The price on Thursday last was 3 cents, and it rose to 3 1-8c, and yesterday it was 3 1-4 cents. The water has been pumped out of the White Bear workings down to the 230-foot level, and by Monday next the diamond drills will be in operation. Within a short time thereafter it should be known whether or not there is a body of ore in the north end of the property.

There were 10,000 Evening Star sold during the week, and the price ranged from 6 1-4 to 6 1-2 cents.

There has been considerable dealing in Spitzee outside of the board, and the price has ranged from 2 1-2 to 3 cents, and will be held until the property is fully developed. The development of the Spitzee is proceeding and the showing of ore of a shipping grade is increasing.

Appended are the official quotations for yesterday at the Rossland Mining and Stock Exchange:

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	$5 75	
B. C. Gold Fields		3
Big Three	2½	1
Black Tail	13	9
Brandon & Golden Crown	9	
California	6	
Canadian Gold Fields	8	7¼
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	75	
Centre Star	$1 50	$1 43
Crowsnest Pass Coal	$54 00	$45 00
Deer Trail No. 2	3¼	2½
Dundee	15	
Evening Star	6	5½
Giant	2½	2¼
Homestake [assess. paid]	3	
Iron Mask [assess paid]	37	34
Iron Colt	2	
I. X. L.	20	18
Jumbo	20	
King (Oro Denoro)	6	3
Knob Hill	50	47
Lone Pine	9½	8
Minnehaha		
Monte Christo	4	
Montreal Gold Fields	3½	2
Morrison	3	2
Mountain Lion	50	
Noble Five	5	3
North Star [East Kootenay]	97	
Novelty	2½	1½
Okanogan [assess. paid]	1¼	½
Old Ironsides	60	40
Payne	87	
Peoria Mines	1⅝	½
Princess Maud	3	1½
Quilp	25	19
Rambler-Cariboo	27	25
Republic	60	50
St. Elmo Consolidated	4	
Sullivan	15¼	14
Tamarac (Kenneth) Ass'mt paid	5½	4½
Tom Thumb	20	
Van Anda	2½	1¾
Virginia	4	2
War Eagle Consolidated	$1 10	
Waterloo	3¼	2¾
White Bear	3⅜	3
Winnipeg	5	3¼

Thursday's Sales.

I.X.L., 500 at 19, 500 at 19; Winnipeg, 500 at 3; Rambler, 3,000 at 27 3-4, 2,000 at 28 1-2; Giant, 3,000 at 2 3-4; Waterloo, 5,000 at 3 1-4; White Bear, 10,000 at 3. Total sales, 26,500 shares.

Rambler-Cariboo, 60 days, 3,000 at 30; 60 days, 5,000 at 30 1-2.

Friday's Sales.

Sales—Winnipeg, 500, 3 1-4c; 1,000, 3 1-2c; 5,000, 3 1-2c. Giant, 1,000, 2 3-4c. Rambler-Cariboo, 2,000, 27 1-4c. White Bear, 10,000, 3c. Total sales, 19,500.

Saturday Sales.

White Bear, 1,000 at 3 1-8, 5,000 at 3 1-8; Rambler-Cariboo, 3,000 at 27, 1,000 at 26 1-2; Winnipeg, 1,000 at 3 1-2; Evening Star, 2,000 at 6 1-2, 1,000 at 6 3-4, 5,000 at 6 1-2. Total sales, 19,000 shares.

Monday Sales.

Winnipeg, 500 at 3 1-4, 500 at 3 1-2; White Bear, 10,000 at 3 1-8, 5,000 at 3 1-8; Rambler-Cariboo, 1,000 at 26 1-2, 2,000 at 27; Evening Star, 2,000 at 6 1-2. Total sales, 21,000 shares.

Tuesday's Sales.

Sales—Rambler-Cariboo, 2,500, 26 3-4c; 500, 25c. White Bear, 1,500, 3 1-4c; 5,000, 3 1-4c. Total sales, 9,000.

Calls—White Bear, 30 days, at 3 1-2c; 1-2c down.

Wednesday's Sales.

Rambler-Cariboo, 2,000 at 26, 3,000 at 25 3-4, 1,000 at 25 3-4; White Bear, 5,000 at 3 1-4.

Calls—White Bear, 5,000 at 3 3-8, 1-2 down; 5,000 at 3 1-2, 1-2 down.

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A FATAL ACCIDENT

Andrew Hawick Met His Death in the Nickel Plate.

HE WAS CRUSHED BY THE CAGE

How the Fatality Occurred—The Special Precautions Taken by the Management—Evidence to be Heard Before the Coroner's Jury Today—A Widow and Two Children.

One of the most extraordinary accidents that has as yet occurred in the camp resulted yesterday morning in the instant death of Andrew Hawick, an employe at the Nickel Plate mine. The superintendent, Mr. R. Desmond, who has had an experience extending over 25 years, states he never knew of a similar case, in which statement he is borne out by the foreman, Mr. J. Holmes, who has had a hardly inferior experience.

At about 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning the foreman of the mine instructed the deceased, Andrew Hawick, to go down the shaft on the eastern compartment and do some clearing up around the 400 and the 500 foot levels. Andrew Hawick has been employed in the mine off and on for about two years, practically ever since he has been in the camp. He had done a good deal of odd work around the mine, being a handy man and well up to the work he has been from time to time put to. He of course understood the danger of working in the shaft, which is supposed to be, and no doubt is, the most dangerous part of the workings of any mine. Special precautions were, however, taken. There were two compartments at work in the shaft. The western compartment was open all the way down to the bottom, the 600 foot level, where some work was going on. The eastern compartment, wherein the deceased met his death, was open only down to the 400 foot level. There some chairs had been placed, which effectually blocked the passage of the cage down the shaft until such time as they were pulled in by means of a lever. On the 400-foot level some work was going on. Foreman Holmes instructed Hawick to tell the men that he was going to work in the shaft below the 400-foot level, and to be careful not to fill the trucks too full, which might result in some of the ore or waste falling over the edge of the car and thus fall down the shaft on top of the man working below. As Hawick went down he told one of the two muckers at work on the 400-foot level, Alick Munro, what he was going to do. The other mucker, David Baxter, was at that time at the face of the drift filling his truck. Munro being at the shaft about to send his truck load to the surface. Munro set the chairs blocking the descent of the cage lower than the 400 level, and informed Baxter of what he had done, and that Howick was working in the shaft below.

Now, the instructions to the muckers on the 400 level, with respect to their work, was this, that they were to bring their truck loads to the shaft and send them up on the cage, giving the signal to hoist just as the truck was rolled on to the cage. They had no right to give any other signal but this.

Notwithstanding these definite instructions, supplemented by the special orders sent down by Hawick, Baxter, in a fit of absent mindedness, within a few minutes evidently forgot them entirely. He heard a tapping on a pipe below him in the shaft and for some reason came to the conclusion that the cage was wanted below. He accordingly gave the signal to the hoist man by means of pulling the bell wire to lower to the 600 foot level. At the same time he pulled back the lever so as to open the shaft and allow the cage to pass below his level. This was done, but hardly was it done than Baxter began to think of what he had done, and climbed down the ladder to see what had happened below.

The tapping on the pipe was, of course, the deceased below doing some work around the 500 foot level. Had the miners below wanted the cage they could have given their own signal by the bell wire, the established means, and used the other compartment. Had Hawick wanted to come up he could have done the same thing.

When Baxter reached the fifth level he saw that the cage had stopped there. He also saw that the reason of its stopping was that the deceased had pulled two planks across the shaft and had been putting a third alongside of the two others. It must have been while in the act of doing this that the cage, silently descending the vertical shaft, and all the more silently because of its slow passage when nearing a station came suddenly upon him and instantaneously crushed out his life between itself and the rough platform the deceased had been improvising in order to work upon.

Terribly shocked, Baxter pulled out the deceased from under the cage and, stepping upon it, gave the signal to hoist.

In the meantime the hoisting engineer, having received the signal to lower the cage to the sixth level, and having started to do so, finding that for some cause or another it was unable to pass the fifth, became alarmed and, leaving his engine, came up to the headworks and, finding the foreman and superintendent in the machine shop, reported the irregularity to them. They said they would go down the shaft and see what was the matter, taking the other cage for the purpose. While waiting at the collar to allow the engineer to get back to the engine, they heard the signal from the other compartment, which was given from the fifth level, by Baxter. They waited for his arrival, not knowing, of course, who was coming up. On the arrival of the cage at the surface Baxter got out, utterly broken up. All he could say was that there had been a bad accidine at the fifth level. More than this he was unable to say, as he was apparently incapable of coherent speech.

The body of the unfortunate man was brought up, the mine was shut down for the day, the doctor and the coroner were summoned and all was done that could be done. A jury was empaneled by Dr. Reddick and came up to the mine and went down to the level where the fatal accident had occurred, postponing the further taking of evidence until 11 o'clock today.

The management of the mine say that it is perfectly incomprehensible how Baxter came to lower the cage. It was against general orders. It was against special orders, for less than half an hour elapsed from the time that the deceased passed down the shaft till the time that he was brought dead to the surface. They could only ascribe the accident to a fit of absent-mindedness on the part of Baxter.

Deceased was a married man, and left a widow and two children behind him, who were dependent upon him for support. Hawick's brother-in-law engaged Mr. J. A. MacDonald to watch the proceedings of the inquest on behalf of the widow, while the interests of the mine are being taken care of by Mr. C. R. Hamilton.

AROUND PETERBOROUGH, B. C.

Peterborough, B. C., Nov. 7.—Mr. J. A. Kirk, formerly of Rossland, now residing here as resident manager of the Kootenay Land & Exploration company, limited, reports business very satisfactory at the new town. In an interview with him the following facts were gleaned: "The Silver Belt Mining company, limited, of Peterborough, B. C., will develop the Silver Belt, Silver Belt Fraction and Carbonate and Golden Rod claims, known as the Silver Belt group of mines, situate on Spring creek, on a large scale throughout the winter under the personal direction of A. M. Symons. Mr. A. M. Keep, the manager of the Silver Belt Mining company, expects to commence shipping within four months from date. The government has almost completed a wagon road to the mouth of Spring creek, and a sleigh road will be completed from there to Paradise basin within a week. The Silver Belt group is considered one of the finest showings in the Kootenay country, and it is only a question of time when it will rank with the foremost shipping propositions.

Capt. F. P. Armstrong has secured a contract from R. R. Bruce, C. E., of Peterborough, manager of the Paradise group of mines, Spring Creek, Paradise Basin, to pack out 3,000 tons of ore to Peterborough Landing, thence via steamboat on the Columbia river to Golden. The Paradise group consists of three claims, viz., Paradise, Royal Stag, Comstock. Fred Breneomain, an old reliable, practical mining man, is in charge of the development work. This group is considered one of the big things throughout the province.

Situated adjoining the Paradise mine is the Shamrock claim. Many practical men believe that the Shamrock will prove, with development work, to be even as promising a mine as the Paradise, of not better. It is understood that a Montreal capitalist purchased a three-fourths interest in the Shamrock during the past three months. Since the survey of the Paradise group of mines and Shamrock, the Shamrock takes in 110 feet additional ground from the Paradise mine. The Paradise Fraction claim adjoins the Shamrock and Paradise group of mines. In fact it is doubtful whether a more promising section of country can be found in the province than what is known as the Paradise Basin at headwaters of Spring creek, tributary of Toby creek.

The Iron Cap mine, situated on McDonald creek, tributary of Horse Thief creek, is being developed on a large scale by the McDonald mines, limited, office at Peterborough, B.C. This company is represented by Messrs. Starbird and Collett, two very energetic, practical mining men. In fact, Messrs Starbird and Collett deserve great credit for their perseverance and faith in the Windermere district. Iron Cap is one of the Red Line group of claims.

"The Peterborough sawmill is running full blast in order to keep up with the demand for lumber.

"All the shipping properties in the Windermere district will ship all ore via Peterborough during the coming season.

"George Goldie, recorder at Windermere, has been transferred to Fort Steele, and it is understood will take over the Kimberley recording office in the spring.

"John Bulman of Thunder Hill, East Kootenay, has been appointed mining recorder at Windermere, B.C. Mr. Bulman is an old timer in the Windermere district, and is well thought of, and will undoubtedly prove a good, reliable recorder."