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THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF THE WEEKLY ROSSLAND MINER for all points in the United States and Canada is Two Dollars a year...

THE RAILWAY A NECESSITY.

The duty of the provincial government in regard to the application for a charter to construct the proposed line of railway to the United States boundary from the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields is plain...

If, then, the Crow's Nest Pass company can meet all the growing demands of this province for all time to come, can besides supply a large market in the United States and still make little real inroad upon the immense measures which exist...

Already the towns in the Crow's Nest Pass are hives of industry, drawing vigorous life from the mines; but without increased progress in the mineral development this natural growth will be retarded and the beneficial effect will be felt not in that district...

Today 312 coke ovens are in operation in Fernie, and these give more than a sufficient supply of coke for the British Columbia smelters now in existence...

At Michel 400 ovens will be erected at a cost of \$800,000; 100 houses at a cost of \$55,000; on plant and mine improvement \$60,000 will be expended, and \$5,000 on offices and store houses; making a total of \$1,000,000.

three places of \$335,000. This will mean the employment of hundreds of men and the inauguration of a period of activity in that district which will make it felt not in the province only, but also in Eastern Canada.

WORTHY PROJECTS.

The project, which has been definitely formed, of building a railway from Grand Forks to Franklin camp, is one in which the promoters should receive every encouragement, not only from their fellow citizens and those interested in the district to be traversed, but also from the government.

Another application, before the provincial government, which might reasonably be considered in connection with that of the projectors of this railway is one by the citizens of Grand Forks for a grant of \$3,000 to clear the Kettle river in order to allow of the driving of logs down the stream.

A LARGE OFFER.

Everything points to immense activity in mining development in the Boundary country during the coming summer. The residents of that district possess the most unbounded confidence in the latent wealth of their territory and this confidence is sustained and stimulated by the eagerness of outside capital to secure properties.

A TRIBUTE TO ONTARIO.

The esteem in which the school system of Ontario is held by educationalists has been abundantly demonstrated on this continent. It has been made the model for many of the systems at present in operation in various states of the Union.

EXTRAORDINARY PROCEDURE.

The Rossland police commissioners have advertised for a chief for the police department, and a telegram published a few days since stated that the position had been offered to a Montreal man.

derstand, when it is considered that there are a large number of citizens and taxpayers who are amply fit to fill the position. If, as the commissioners seem to think, there is no resident of this city fit to take the place, why did not the ratepayers think of it and select in some eastern city the two commissioners and the mayor?

A RESTRICTED MARKET.

The coal measures of the Crow's Nest region are as extensive as any in the world and it will take ages to exhaust them. There are immense beds of coal in Yale, Okanogan, and Similkameen, while along the coast and on Vancouver Island there are many large deposits.

At the coast the coal miners have the advantage of water transportation and are therefore not entirely dependent on railways for hauling their product to market. As the coast and Vancouver Island are well supplied with coal and coke the product of the Crow's Nest region cannot be considered a factor in competing with what is produced there.

The logical deduction from such a situation is that if the great measures of East Kootenay are to become the source of wealth to this province that they promise, and which they will, if properly fostered and wisely encouraged, a market must be found abroad.

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IS IN NO DANGER.

It is frequently asserted that if the charter is granted for a railway from the Crow's Nest coal deposits to the international boundary line, and the road is built, the smelting of British Columbian ores will nearly all be done in the United States.

In times, when the country is provided with factories in which the raw lead can be turned into manufactured products, such as white lead, litharge, shot, lead pipe, etc., except under extraordinary circumstances, none of the silver-lead ore produced here will be sent away for treatment.

The mining industry is yet in its infancy here, and it cannot be expected that all these conveniences can be provided at once. We are too impatient. They will come in due course of time.

The founding of these important branches of the mining industry are not a long way off, and some of them will be provided in the immediate future. They will be the direct results of the growth of the importance of mining, but they cannot be provided through the mere wishing for them.

In the meanwhile there are a number of projects on the carpet for building smelters in this province, and Mr. Robert Jaffray, vice-president of the Crow's Nest Coal company, says he knows of three large smelter propositions, and says that the plants will be erected and maintained in British Columbia.

In the matter of building up a smelting industry, British Columbia has made remarkable progress, and the increase in the number of plants and in additions to the capacities of those already established promise to be still more rapid during the next year or two than at any time since the first smelter was erected in 1896.

At Grand Forks and at Greenwood we have the spectacle of American ores being treated in Canadian smelters. One from Republic and other points south of the line is hauled in wagons to both these smelters for treatment.

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HAS THE RIGHT TONE.

The papers of the coast are beginning to realize the importance of the mining section as a factor in the economy of the province, and the following, taken from the Province, of Vancouver, agent the sending of representatives to the recent meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of Southern British Columbia, has the right ring:

"In sending a special representative to attend the meeting of the Southern Kootenay Boards of Trade, the Citizens' association of Vancouver is showing itself thoroughly alive and enterprising in advancing the objects of its existence along intelligent lines.

There are said to be sections in East Kootenay and in the Boundary country that contain strong indications of oil. These should be explored as mines of oil would be of immense benefit and add a new and important industry to the country.

Should an important oil find be made in British Columbia a like result as that existing in the California oil fields to the value of land would follow. Then we would have British and other syndicates bidding large prices for the land on which to sink wells, to say nothing of the value to the province of the oil produced.

SENATOR MORGAN'S SPEECH.

The speech made by Senator Morgan a few days since in the United States senate on the Nicaragua canal and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty voices only the sentiments of a very few extremists in the United States.

"Senator Morgan's recent speech, in which he threatened Great Britain with war and stated to all the other great powers that if the United States felt so inclined we could wipe any one of them off the map, was lacking, not only in good taste, but in good sense.

As soon, however, as the snow disappears the prospector purchases his outfit and gets out into the hills. The investor and his expert put in an appearance and mysterious visits are made to out-of-the-way places for the purpose of inspecting promising properties with a view to their purchase, and, as a result of this, many deals are made and considerable money brought into the country from the outside.

THE SCHOOL BILL.

A bill, which is now pending before the legislature, will, if passed, throw the larger portion of the burden of the support of schools upon the people of this city. There would be no particular objection on the

part of the municipality taking over the schools, provided they were in the condition that they should be. There is immediate necessity for the erection of an eight-room school house to furnish accommodation for the scholars, some of whom are being taught in hired quarters.

With the present totally inadequate facilities, therefore, it is not fair for the province to ask the city to take over the schools until buildings sufficient to accommodate the present attendance have been provided.

OUR LIBRARY NEEDS BOOKS.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has promised to give \$50,000 for a free public library to the city of Vancouver, provided the city donates a site for a building and \$5,000 per year for its maintenance.

WINTER IS ALMOST OVER.

Under the influence of the genial breath of the warm winds and the increased heat of the sun the snow is rapidly disappearing, and the end of the winter is plainly in sight.

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THE NEW SC.

It Will Effect a Gr. Provi.

An examination of which is pending in the report of the Commission for the fiscal year 1900-1901, reveals that together and the form of an Act for the ph. budgets for schools.

The coming spring promises to see a large number of prospectors in the hills, more capitalists looking for good things in mining properties than ever before, and a result of this will be increased business for the business men of Rossland and the other towns of Kootenay and Yale, and good times generally.

The Rev. J. G. A. Colquhoun leaves today for San Francisco, where he will visit some friends before returning east. Mr. Colquhoun takes with him the good wishes of all that have met him in this city or at the Velvet mine.

MYSTERIOUS Inquest Stands Adj. Mortem Ex. JOHN HALL FOUND. No Marks of Violence. Deceased was Suffered. Had an Old Injury. He was Treated. John Hall, a miner at the I. X. L. mine at the St. O. Tuesday by the deceased Thompson. There is no explanation as to why he should be there, and he was found on the body. There were no marks of violence on the body. He had been in the mine on the day of his death. John Hall had been on the same occasion treated by Dr. Senio, who had cleaned through practically healed up, still a dressing upon the wound, which was the head of the deceased. Dr. Senio said he had been in the mine on the day of the late John Hall's death, and had seen him working in the mine. He had been on the pick often, and had seen the skull of the deceased on the ground. The deceased had been in the mine on the day of his death, and had been in the mine on the day of his death. The deceased had been in the mine on the day of his death, and had been in the mine on the day of his death.