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PRACTICALLY A UNIT.

The British financial press is practically a unit in denouncing the proffer by B. C. Ministers of State of their official titles and themselves as guinea-pig directors of sometimes very dubious and always highly speculative mining, trading and townsite companies, often using Klondike as a bait for rash British investors, and sometimes also throwing in British Columbia's opportunities of a kind. Leading London dailies are equally adverse to such use of official positions. It may, therefore, reasonably be expected, that as the best people in the Province also condemn the thing, the Hon. Messrs. Turner and Pooley will govern themselves accordingly. If not, they will certainly not long govern—or as many think—misgovern a great Province of Canada. Their names are, moreover, no longer of much use as ornamental "advisory directors," since they now fail to enable the flotation of companies, and only succeed in discrediting their Province and themselves.

THE FIRST MAYOR OF ROSSLAND.

Rossland's first Mayor is, as the "Mining Record" noted last week, making himself and his City notable,

if not notorious, by his desire to cause the City to be run as a wide open town. There aient our lively contemporary the New Denver "Lodge," speaks scathingly, yet amusingly, as follows: The incorporation of Rossland as a City has not led to the suppression of gambling in hotels. Just what constitutes gambling in Rossland, is a present a debatable quantity between the Mayor and his two conferees: the Board of Police Commissioners, the former being disposed to be over liberal to the "tin horns" according to the estimate of the Chief of Police and other Commissioners. Rumor says the Mayor and his two coadjutors went into secret executive session on Monday week, when a compromise was effected by a game of "three-up," wherein His Worship held the four aces, which gave him the right of way, therefore, henceforth there is to be unanimity in the Rossland civic family, and stud poker only. His Worship's favorite, will be tolerated, while the patrons of roulette, faro and craps will be "juggled" or fined or both. This reminds one of the New York Dutch Judge, who, presiding on the bench for the first time, called the drunks before him: "Vel my man vat you got dhrunk on?" "I got drunk on whisky, yer honor." "Ah, zo, you got dhrunk on whisky, me fine you ten dollar." Going through schnapps and the minor tipples with a cash graduation, he came to the last on the docket, who owned up to having got drunk on cider. "Eh!" gasped His Honor, "me not fine you, me get dhrunk on zider meself."

GOLDEN MINING ASSOCIATION.

The mining men of Golden have just organized a local mining association with a strong committee, composed as follows: The Hon. F. W. Aylmer and Messrs. W. McNeish, E. A. Haggen, Thos. McNaught and H. G. Low. They will draw up a constitution and then elect an executive. One great object of the association will be to cause the construction by the Province, of new mining roads and trails much needed in many parts of East Kootenay, that are tributary to Golden.

ROSSLAND MIGRATION TO KLONDIKE.

Many Rosslanders will, it is said, make for the Klondike in the Spring. Not a few talk of going by the hard overland route by means of the Peace and Pelly rivers.

KAMLOOPS CLAIMS BONDED AND SOLD.

Twelve Kamloops copper-gold claims, amongst which are included the Bonanza, Pot Hook and Cliff, have been bonded by Vancouver representatives of English capitalists. Meanwhile the Neighbor and Champlon claims have been sold for \$6,000 to the B. C. Exploring Syndicate.

ROSSLAND'S GREAT WESTERN SOLD.

The Rossland Great Western mine has, it is stated, been sold to the English company organized by the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, the British-American Corporation Limited, for \$100,000, a sum of \$25,000 being paid down and the balance promised within three months. The British-American Corporation Limited has an authorized capital of £1,500,000.

THE WAVERLEY MINE.

Mr. Jno. D. Graham, Provincial Gold Commissioner at Revelstoke, has just resigned that appointment and accepted in its stead the management of the Waverley mine, at which 50 men are now working. Thence 1,000 tons of ore will shortly be shipped to Swansea for reduction.

WINTER WORK IN EAST KOOTENAY.

Messrs. H. L. Amme and W. Van Arsdalen mean to work the Cornucopia and Colossus claims on the east fork of Wild Horse Creek all Winter. Buildings necessary are already constructed, and 100 tons of ore lie on the dump. Meanwhile the famous North Star mine will, during the Winter, get out some 3,000 tons of ore, ready for Spring shipment.

ROYAL OAK GROUP.

The Royal Oak group near Ymir is turning out well, and a force of six men will be working on it all Winter. There are four leads running through the claims, and the Ymir lead crosses four of them. The Royal Oak shows a width of 8 feet, and assays give an average of \$25. The Carthage, one of the group, has a ledge 3 feet, six inches in width with a pay streak of 18 inches. An average of \$34 was secured from twenty assays, although one assay went as high as \$77. A 75 foot tunnel has been driven on the Carthage.