stand on his head if he would and would not if he could. Mr. Earle "did not discuss the regulations," which is what the Times stated, but did discuss the absence of Liberals and the conduct of Liberal newspapers. That is, he was as much "out of order" as he would have been had he attempted the symnastic

feat mentioned, although very much more ridiculous. The Kamloops Sentinel denies the report that Hon. G. B. Martin had departed from Kootenay for the Clondyke.

To an invitation from the Times the Colonist replies that the item in the Times of the 10th inst., in which it was stated that "responsibility for articles that have appeared in the Colonist" may attach to the Messrs. Dunsmuir, (practically the owners of the Colonist), instead of the editor, was a threat of a libel suit. This is, of course, untrue and very absurd. The Times made no reference to legal or financial responsibility. Asy every person save the editor of the Colonist knows, it would have been worse than foolish to make such a threat. The Messrs, Dunsmuirs' "responsibility," if we are correct in our law, could only be a "moral" one, or are we to understand from the editor of the Colonist, who is a lawyer, that every stockholder in the. Colonist may be prosecuted for libel whenever the editor and the manager of. the Colonist render the paper liable for damages?

THOSE SCIENTISTS.

Interview With One of the Party Who Were on the Mexico.

Here is a special dispatch from Port Townsend to the Seattle P.-I., which will. be of special interest to the Colonist. which refused to believe the story in the Times about a party of scientists losing their specimens, notes and instruments in the wreck of the Mexico:

"Among the passengers on the steamer Mexico when she struck on West: Devil's rock, in Dixon's entrance, on last Thursday morning, was a party of scientists from Columbia college, all young men from New York city, as follows: Prof. Gary Calkins, J. H. McGregor, F. Paul Keppel, E. B. Wilson, Francis. Lloyd, Bradney E. Griffith and R. N. Harrington. This is their second season on the Pacific coast. Last summer they made Port Townsend their headquarters. and successfully prosecuted their study of the marine inhabitants of Puget Sound! waters. They came again in June of this year, and four weeks ago went to Alaska to work in the vicinity of Sitka. Regarding the trip down, Mr. Harrington, who spoke for the party, said: "We were very successful with our work in Alaskan waters. A large number of splendid specimens were secured. some of them entirely new to scientists and unclassified. Although we had by no means exhausted the field, we had more than enough material to keep us busy for the remainder of the season and decided to return here and work i up. Our collections, notes and books were all in the vessel's hold, and were lost. ... We also, Intt all onr instruments and paraphernalia for making colle tions, and these cannot be replaced on aget Sound, so we consider our entire season's work practically lost. The work is so important, from a scientific point of view, that we will undoubtedly be sent out again next summer to take it up. Prof. Calkins was accompanie by his wife on the trip north, and she was one of the bravest women on board the Mexico at the time of the accident.

MINES AND MINING Opposition at Rossland to the Imposition of an Export Duty on Ores. The Trail Smelter Turns Out Its First ore going Gold Ingot-A Good Clondyke in Rossland. Rossland's Attitude-Editor Race, of they are based." Nelson Miner, on Agitation for Imposition of the Duty. to ante Week in Kaslo-An Interesting Suit at New Westminster-Notes From Nakusp. Nelson, Aug. 10.-As a result of Prof. arlyle's tramp around the different tions of West Kootenay, an amendent to the mineral act may be expected ring the next session of the legisla-Throughout the entire district, but ada. Mr. Heinze has earned the distinct ore especialy in outlying districts, he | tion of building the first refinery north has observed a tendency on the part of) of the 49th parallel. There are only a aim owners to cheat the provisions of few institutions of this kind in the United States. Some new methods in the mineral act dealing with the perprocess of extracting gold have been formance, of assessment work upon adopted in the refinery of the Trail smelclaims. Though the present act is most, ter and this accounts for the delay in liberal, in that it admits of the record- obtaining actual results. It is believed of locations before performing any now every difficulty has been overcome elonment work whatever, there is a and that the refinery will be a great suc sposition on the part of claim owners cess. The crude ore can be put through shirk the annual assessment falling the entire process of smelting and rewithin the year following the locafining in six or seven days. In other n of claims by a system of re-locating. words, refined gold, copper and silver can The effect of this is that large areas be made available in that time. are staked off and no work is performed The gold in the brick produced last beyond the driving of the stakes. In night was melted in a graphite crucible, one district-Trout Lake-Mr. Carlyle and will probably be on exhibition in the me across one individual who was Bank of Montreal here. To look at it holding sixty claims. These men are makes one feel that we have a pretty unable to do the necessary development good Clondyke right here in Rossland. work themselves, and by evading the spirit of the act they stand in the way soon be producing a dozen of these 20-

those who are willing and able to do the necessary development. This sys-Miner. tem naturally tends to retard all new districts. To overcome the difficulty Professor Carlyle is of the opinion that the mineral act should be amended so that before a location can be filed in the record office the locator of a claim should be required to perform \$100 worth of work. As the opinion of Mr. Carlyle will no doubt have considerable weight with the minister of mines, some such amendment may be made to the mineral act next session, unless Prof. Carlyle can be induced to change his mind in this trips. respect before the legislature meets again. condition

The Canadian Gold Fields have ordered from the Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill Co., through J. D. Sword, a seven drill compressor. 80-horse power steel machine drills. Ledgerwood hoisting engine and all necessary adjuncts, to be delivered the Drill Company, ready for operation, in 45 days from August 7th. adix - Hill Confairy, has started development. cavations for boiler and compressor

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metallurgists to visit the various secons of the country which are mining ores containing pyrite, nicgel ,gold, cop-per, silver and lead, to mingle with mine owners and get their opinions as to the best interest of Canada and its great resources, and if they find that it is to the best interest of the Dominion to place an export duty on ore, that they will not single out one section and imday, as follows: Columbia and Koot- ' in the cost of mining. pose an export duty, but make it unienay, 250 tons; Centre Star, 1,000 fons; versal by placing an export duty on all into the United States, and further, that the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of three to prepare a memorial to the Dominion government, embodying these views, and setting forth in detail the facts on which The Trail smelter turned out its first gold ingot last night. The interesting event did not take place until a late hour, but it occurred in time for the Miner to get the news, because it had a represen-300 tative on the spot. A gold brick weighing 250 ounces, or a little over 20 tinues, "is cheap and direct communipounds, was turned out.' It bears the initials B. C. S. & R. Co., which stands direction of Robson. The C.P.R. has alfor British Columbia Smelting & Refining Company. Experiments have been grades. A railway along this route in progress at the refinery for several could be quickly and cheaply built at a weeks and much ground has been gone cost not exceeding \$250,000. The day over in arriving at the point reached this line is built Rossland will furnish last night. It was the first time refined the C.P.R. with not less than 1,000 tons leading members of the Kootenay Mingold has ever been produced in the Do per day of ore to haul." The memorial then goes on to say that the natural smelting point for Kootenay is in the neighborhood of Rossland, minion, and it is therefore not only an event in the history of the smelter, but in that of British Columbia and Canwhere all the different varieties of

Kootenay ore, together with fuel and fluxes, can be most cheaply assembled. It then states that several mining companies stand prepared to erect smelters when they are assured that the C.P.R. will build the line, and the manager of the Centre Star company is in possession of a letter from a well known banker of smelter of 300 tons capacity it will rethe United States, who has already in- quire approximately 40 tons of limestone vested over \$250,000 in this camp, stat- | daily to flux the excess of silica coning that he will furnish all the money necessary to erect and operate a smeller now costs the B. C. S. & R. Company, necessary to erect and operate a smelter of a capacity of not less than 500 tons whose smelter is located on the Columbia per day, and also stating that on no account would he build a smelter in the Rbi Company at Northport can deliver State of Washington. That the principal stockholders of the War Eagle company have also announced their intention of cents a ton, saving approximately \$50,building a smelter at or near Robson as soon as cheap transportation is provided is also recited. "There is a strong and apparently well

pound gold bricks every week .-- Rossland "among the owners of this camp that here exists between Mr. Heinze and :he C.P.R., some understanding by which the THE DUNCAN RIVER COUNTRY C.P.R. agrees to keep out of this camp, Duncan City, Aug. 9.-J. A. McVichie and that it shall be, as between them, as just returned from his claim on Bear considered Mr. Heinze's preserve. This creek. He has found three more ledges on ppinion is strengthened by the fact that the Mesaba claim, all of which run high in a recent authorized statement issued er than the discovery ledge, which asby officials of the C.P.R. it was said that sayed 80 ounces and \$6.50 in gold. they were negotiating with Mr. Heinze for satisfactory rates for the Rossland Notwithstanding the low stage of wa ter in the Upper Duncan the steamer camp, and if they were not granted the Idaho has as yet experienced no diffi-C.P.R. would build its own line. This culty in making her usual semi-weekly was over a month ago, but nothing fur ther has been heard of the matter and, Johnson & Hill, the assayers of Dunso far as the public knows, nothing bes

can City, report business in a flourishing been done.' The memorial then recites the claims Mr. Towney and partners have return of the Rossland mine owners on the Doed from development work on their minion government and the C.P.R., claims on Howser creek. They report showing how they have developed propan improvement in the grade of their ore in the last ten feet of drifting. they are in a position to ship not less in then 750 tons of ore per day over the Mr. Anderson, manager of the Gold

work on the company's claims on Howcavations for boner and compressor foundations have already been begun, and the work of erection will be vigor-

should appoint a competent committee of a mass meeting was held at which the large scale. Thus would a fourth smel- Mr. H. F. Clinton, who appeared for the in place, and it is expected that it will resolutions already published were ad-opted unanimously. It then quotes the dred tons be added to the list of com- case of his client. After hearing the evi-ing for the concentrator, site has been Nelson petition and proceeds to demolish the statements and arguments therein Roi Mining Company operates a smelter contained. First as to the capacity of at Northport without paying an export the Rossland mines, it says that within | duty on ore, such as is within the power | Mr. Cherry, offer the recorder, Mr. Shepa few months at the present rate of de-velopment the output of half a dozen will only receive the benefit that acmines will reach 2,550 tons of ore per | crues from the bare expenditure entailed

Yes.

A.-Yes.

moved for a non-suit.

ment, date to be fixed.

Both motions were adjourned for argu-

IN EAST KOOTENAY,

store keepers would not give the pros-

On the Trueman group of claims, situ

Permit me to remark that the silver-Le Roi, 800 tons; Josie and others, 250 | lead mining country is already seriously tons. The memorial then says that the hampered by the present exceptionally Trail smelter has a capacity not exceed- low price of silver and the United States ing 250 tons per day, while the Nelson import duty of 11 cents per pound on and Pilot Bay-smelters cannot be in- lead ores. Besides, there are not suff cluded, as with present railway facili- cient silver-lead smelters in Kootenay ties and freight rates neither plant can afford to purchase Rossland ores. It then states that if the charges for trans-buyers that is desirable. The case is portation and treatment of Rossland ores entirely different so far as concerns ores were reasonable the camp could to day be shipping 1,000 tons per day instead of poor argument to contend that silver-lead, "The great crying need of Ross- ores should be subjected to an export land camp to-day," the memorial con- duty because the Le Roi company propose building a smelter at Northport to cation with the Columbia river in the | treat ores that do not contain lead. I may add in conclusion that the petiready surveyed a line to Robson on easy tion for an export duty (of which I herewith enclose a copy) has been signed very generally and by all classes wherever it has been circulated. Among the signatures are the names of a number of

> ing Protective Association. I am your obedient servant. C. E. RACE, Editor Nelson Miner. THE LE ROI SMELTER. Jas. Breen, manager of the Le Roi smelter, gave to a reporter of the Miner the following reasons for the selection of

credit to the prospector. When the pros-pector gets the wealth he pays up honest-Northport as the site for the new plant: "One of the principal reasons," said Mr. Breen, "is that in the operation of a ly and faithfully. That is our experience of the man There is considerable development work going on now all over East Kootheir claims, must do the necessary assessment work; while investors, whether individuals or syndicates, who have acriver at Trail, \$3.50 per ton. The Le quired claims, are desirous of finding out by proper development work the precise a superior quality of limest be to any found in Kootenay in their works for 25 nature and value of their investment. scarcity of labor, and also inadequate 000 a year in this item alone. means of transporting supplies; whereas "We can lay down coke in Northport in Fort Steele labor appears to be plentifor \$2.50 per ton less than in Trail, and ful. Golden division could be doing with in our smelting operations we will use some of the surplus labor in Fort Steele. grounded opinion," says the memorial, about 45 tons of coke per day, making a Laborers who are working claims have saving in this item of \$45,000 per year. a tendency to over estimate the value coal of which we will use about 20 tons of their service, and expect a higher rate of remuneration than they can obtain year. Very few of them have any skill as prac-"The cost of our plant will be reduced tical miners, and if the country is to be 25 per cent, by reason of cheaper build-ing material and freight rates, without opened up and develop d, they will re-duire to be a little more moderate in

considering the innumerable articles end dure to be a nine mark how wealth has been tering into the construction of a smelter their demands until the wealth has been actually obtained or fise if will mean actually obtained, or else if will mean which have to pay duty notwithstanding getting labor from elsewhere at more that the machinery comes into Canada reasonable rates, or the development on duty free. On renewals and repairs there will be a monthly expense of \$2.500, a more limited extent of the great min there will be a monthly expense of \$2,500, eral resources of the district. Capital on which there will be a saving of \$2.50 can easily do without labor, but labor duties as against any point on this side cannot exist without capital. pen ton in freight and 30 per cent. in of the line. The saving in this item alone

ated three miles on the south of Tracy will approximate \$15,000 a year. creek and about five miles from Wassa, "We will save at least \$1.50 per ton on in Fort Steele mining division, there is outgoing freight. On a basis of 20 tons to be \$800 of development work expenderties under adverse circumstances until per day this will amount to \$15,000 per ed. The claims are gold, silver and cop.

they are in a position to ship not less year. then 750 tons of ore per day over the similar they also claim that they made the construc-is also claim that they made the construc-

first place,

dence on both sides, his honor put the completed; the lumber bill has been filled following questions to the jury: 1. Did the plaintiffs, or their solicitor, The mill is of 100 ton capacity, and was manufactured by the Edward P. pard, the legal fee for recording the O. Allis Co., of Milwaukee. It is the im claim on January 7th, 1897? A .-tion to have the plant running by the

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1st of October. 2. Was the O. K. claim marked out in Nearly a month ago the Ajax was purchased from Wm. Braden, of Helena, Mont., by Edwin Wallace, who set out such a way as to be calculated to mislead intending locators, or not? A .-- No. 3. Are the claims identical or not? to develop it as soon as the papers were signed. Mr. Wallace has some mining interests in Baker City, Oregon, and Signed by the foreman, Edward Johntelegraphed to Albert Straughan, of the Rachel mine there, to come and take charge. If three weeks' work may be The jury, were out only 15 minutes,

and their verdict was in favor of the plaintiffs, Francoeur and McDonald. accepted as a promise of what this bright plaintiffs, Francoeur and McDonaid, acception is creable of as a mining Mr. Cherry, for Mr. Macdonell, counsel young man is creable of as a mining Mr. Cherry, for Mr. Macdonell, counsel young man is creable of as a mining ment; and Mr. Clinton, for defendant, no mistake in his selection. The mine is now in ship shape order, and is looking very well. Next month is will be a shipper.-The Ledge.

NEWS FROM NAKUSP.

The Chieftain is taking in a large num-Ben. Abel, a well known mining man n East Kootenay, says that there are ber of ore sacks, and will begin shipping as soon as the snow falls. Recent aschanged times since 1896. In that year says run 8.000 ounces.

The Silver Queen Mining Company, at pectors credit for a single sack of flour on any of their prospects on any condi-tions, but the state of matters is entire-a crown grant. This company will also ship as soon as snow permits. No stock ly different now-store keepers have more faith in the country. They now is being offered. know that there is wealth that must be E. C. Finch and Mr. McMillan, of discovered and developed, and that can Rossland, are applying for a crown grant on the Trio group and have a fine showonly be done in the first place by the ing. They are doing development work man who as a rule has not much money, the prospector. Store keepers will not lose in the long run by the system of on the Golden Hope, one of the group. At the head of Trout creek a great strike has been made by W. A. Swan, who has uncovered a ledge running \$82 in gold and silver. This is only a 'ew,

miles from the head of Slocan Lake. On MacDonald creek, on the Arrowhead slope eighteen locations were made last week, and the assays from these Prospectors, in order to hold claims' run very' high in gold and copper with a little silver. Alex., McLane has made several good strikes there. Three of these claims, belonging to Alex. Me-Lane and Byron Burton, were bonded the other day for \$20,000, by a Scotch company represented by J. G. Devlin. In Golden division there has been a All the lots have been sold in Mineral City, Burton City, seven miles away on the Columbia river, is also

making headway. At the Needles there is another town-site to be put on the market shortly, and to be called Needles City. A trail has been opened to the White-Swan mineral claim. This trail opens up about eigh-teen claims, three of which are owned by the Aaron's Rod Mining Company. These are free gold propositions, runnin from \$83 to \$177. Needles is the un ns, running natural landing on Lower Arrow Lake for this rich district. There has been a rush to some rich

ground between Pingston and Nosthall creeks, and over forty claims have been located there, carrying galena. One ledge is said to be forty yards wide and traceable for four miles.

Nakusp itself is busy and forging ahead. A force of men are building the new boat for the C.P.R. to be called The ahead. A force of men are building Flyer which is to make a round trin daily between Arrowhead and Robson. -New Denver Ledge. 101-1

PROFESSOR CARLYLE'S TOUR. Prof. W. A. Carlyle provincial miner-alogist, registered at the Hotel Revel-

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

Victoria, August 16th. In the city markets this week there has been several changes in some of the lines-thegrocery. Flour has jumped up, and from the present indications it has a tendency to go higher. The cause of this rise is the great demand for flour from outside countries., For the some reason barley, middlings, bran and similar produce have all gone up. Butter is another article that has been advanced, but this will only affect the retailer, as the advance has not been sufficient to warrant him raising the selling price. The prices, as quoted in the city markest this morning are as follows: Wheat, per ton\$35 to \$37.50 Pineapples 25c. to 45c. Shonlders. Lard. Sides beef, per lb. Ments-beef, per pound. 100

ously pushed.-Rosslander The Miner is glad to be able to anfuture. nounce that the cross-cut tunnel started some time ago to cut the ledge of the NortFern Prince, on O. K. mountain, has been successful, and that a fine body of pay are has been opened at a depth of, 80 feet. The Northern Prince is situated

about half way up the east side of O. K. nountain, southeast of the O. K. mine, and is owned, by a Spokane company . Monier, manager.-Rossland Miner.

Rossland, Aug. 12 .- A mass meeting of citizens was held in the Opera House this evening, Mr. J. M. Martin presiding. Between 500 and 600 attended, there is no evidence yet given by the large working mines that they have con and the business, men were especially in evidence, and strong speeches in opposisidered the matter in a serious light, and work is progressing as usual. Should tion to the imposition of an export duty there be a general cessation of work on on ore at this time were made by silver properties here the campi will re Messrs. J. B. McArthur, Edward Hewceive a serious setback. At the present tt, Alfred Woodhouse, Dr. Sinclair and time all other tines of Business and im-provement are pushing ahead. The contract for building the wason Smith Curtis. Captain Hall, superiutendent of the Le Roi Company, explaind how Northport had come to be selectoad to Three Forks was let to Fost & ed as the site for the smelter now being McDonald, local Sbuilders, on a percen rected by his company, and whose conage basis. Four bids were received struction led to the agitation in favor of but there was such a wide divergend an export duty on ore. No speeches between the highest and lowest bidere made in favor of an export duty. \$1,100 per mile-the committee conclud ed to reject all bids. The basis on which The following resolutions, introduced by Mr. J. B. McArthur, were unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that this meeting views with alarm the agitation for the im-

position of an export duty on ores which are alone produced in the Rossland camp, and which agitation is both un-\$7.000. wise and impolitic, and not at all justified by the conditions which exist at the present time in this district.

"That an export duty on ores would not operate under present conditions. and, so long as they continue, would be an oppressive tax on the mine owners, and a continual menace to capital seeking investment, the purchase and deelopment of our mines. The imposition of an export duty on our ores would not meet the mining conditions as they exist in this camp, nor would it induce capital to make investments in smelters n this district so long as the present ailway facilities for transportation for The fact that a sampler is soon to be railway facilities for transportation for pres and fluxes remain unchanged. "That what this camp needs now i not an export duty on our ore, but a direct and independent railway connection to some point on the Columbia river, where the best smelting facilities may be obtained, and with this object in lew we beg to call the attention of the

federal government to the fact that the sampler so near, within a mile or two, it C. P. R., notwithstanding the enormous, will be an easy matter to work these subsidies which it has received, and properties; also those on the Wilson

which they intend developing in the near ing the enormous bonus. The memorial Now that the Upper Duncan river has proved navigable, the government should lose no time in cleaning it of snags and unnecessary delay to occur in building a sweepers. They are only avoided now with the utmost difficulty .-- Kootenaian. tion of Rossland ores in Kootenav.

the War Eagle.

NEAR NEW DENVER. The showing on the Sunset 's now one New Denver, Aug. 10 .- Much appreof the finest ever seen in the camp. The hension is felt here for this silver produc shaft on the south vein is down 40 feet, ing camp since the decline of the white showing over eight feet of solid, clean metal. The general opinion seems to be ore, averaging \$30 per ton. It is excellent that if the price of silver remains low the smelting ore, having a big excess of iron Slocan will experience a repetition of and carrying a good percentage of copthe panicky days of 1892-93. However, per. It resembles very much the ore of

THE OTHER SIDE.

The agitation for the imposition of an export duty is attributed by the Ross-landers to the citizens of Nelson. At the meeting above referred to the following letter, which gives the other side of the question, was read:

the road will be built will be at 15 per cent. of the actual cost, the builders to furnish all working appliances and men, everything but the powder and fuse. It estimated the cost of the road will be \$1,400 per mile, or a total cost of about

More than usual interest has been shown this week in railroad building A party of surveyors for the Kaslo & Slocan road are on the hill above town selecting a route down the lake. The present survey puts the road high up or the mountain, about half way between the Mountain Chief and California mines. It is said the road will be start the district as satisfactorily as at Northed this fall and will run straight through

to Ten-Mile, Its completion would be I think you will agree with me when I nestimable value to the Carpenter creek say that our aim should be not only to mines and those on California mountain produce ore but also to have such probuilding up an industry equal to that of inself in rendiness to leave for the mining, and beneficial alike to labor, capital and commercial interests. The clondyke in the spring with a party of 300 prospectors to stake claims for the company. So a barrow-minded and diminished by a erected at Rosebery has greatly stimulated interest in that burg and in mining properties on Wilson creek and on the mountain on the lake shore north of New Denver. The ores taken from the narrow-minded policy; nor should ill-considered sectionalism in any way miti-Mollie Hughes group and claims adjoining run high in gold and silver and are gate against the attainment of a condiconsidered valuable holdings. With a tion that would result in the greatest

good to the greatest number. At the present time there are three smelters in Kootenay with an aggregate

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sary and justified the government in vot- year, or \$1.50 per ton of ore smelted. It is patent to everyone that this is just so concludes by showing that an export much saved to the producers of ore in duty on ores would be a most injurious the Rossland district, and were an export and urging the government to permit no duty placed on ore this saving would not be affected. It should also be borne in road from Robson to Rossland, which is mind that besides establishing competi-all that is needed to secure the reduc-tion in smelting, the erection of the Northport plant secures a freight rate on ore of 75 cents per ton instead of \$2, as

heretofore charged." THE WEEK IN KASLO.

Kaslo, Aug. 14.-The Liberty Hill to commence development work on some Mining Company and the Trust Mining very promising claims they possess in Company have together let contracts for that 2.000 feet of tunnel work in their properthey have three claims, the Dragon, St. ties on the South Fork of Kaslo Creek. George and the Vulcan. The St. George An;air compressor plant, sufficient to do and the Vulcan, which are adjoining contract work and work the mines, is to claims, are on the opposite side of the be placed upon the ground this fall. The creek, about two and a half miles from prefiminary work is to be commenced bothe Columbia river. The Dragon is fore August 15th. twelve miles higher up the creek. The A prominent Slocan mine owner made A prominent Slocan mine owner made the statement in Kaslo this week that he could operate his mine at a profit if 26 per cent. of copper has been obtained.

the question, was read:
Nelson, B. C., August 11, 1897.
Oliver Durant, Esq., Chairman of the Rossland Board of Trade:
Dear. Sir.—You will doubtless concede that the more smelters there are near the mines, and in close proximity to each other, the better it is for the mining industry.
be could operate his mine at a profit if silver fell to 25 cents an ounce, without cutting wages either. He continued to express the opinion that if the truth were told, nearly every mine in the Sloe can district could be operated on the same terms. Whether all mine owners would agree with this sanguine estimate some terms. the mines, and in close proximity to each other, the better it is for the mining in-dustry. Those who have the welfare of Koot-enay at heart, and are loyal to this coun-try, will surely view with consternation and indignation the avowed intention of the Le Roi Mining Company to build their smelter outside of this district and should be the state of affairs, the best made of the ore from this claim the very beyond the international boundary, es-pecially when the point selected is with-in the price of silver, for that would mean obtained. The mecessary assessment that the world's supply of silver would work is now being done on this claim. The situation might not admit of this sentiment so forcibly if conditions did A report gained currency last week made on this creek. It, and Toby creek, sentiment so forcibly if conditions did not exist in Kootenay for economical re-that the Slocan Star mine was to be shut a neighboring stream, possess some of duction of ores. We have, however, down, but the managers of the property the finest mineral we have ever seen abundant proof that the product of our | indignantly deny this, and are increasing | from the Windermere mining division. mines can be treated at many points in their staff materially, a fact which leads | The Miner wishes the Mitchell-Innes to the conviction that instead of look- Brothers every success. They evidently ing for a further fall in the price of know and the Miner knows they have silver, they are expecting a rise. got hold of a good thing in these proper A resident of Kaslo received a cableties .- East Kootenay Miner.

gram this week from the English company which he represents here, to hold NEW DENVER.

Work on the Fidelity continues to go steadily on, day and night. The force now consists of six men, and more will be put on as rapidly as they can be AN INTERESTING SUIT. At New Westminster on Friday the Case of Francoeur and McDonald vs. M. M. English came up in the comparison of a 100-foot incline shaft, following M. English came up in the comparison of the prime M. English came up in the county court the ore, upon the completion of which minister will be the accession of Don before his honor Judge Bole and a spec- stoping will be begun. The Fidelity will Carlos to the throne of Spain.

be shipping ore in a very short time. A new discovery was this week made and could march into Madrid without This case has been before the public

deau and Trout Lake districts, and presents the appearance of a true fissure though somewhat disappointed at the vein, as it cuts the formation right in small amount of development done in two. It can be traced through the whole the country, he thinks from geological claim. The work is to be commenced formation and stratification of the counimmediately, and is to consist, in the try that it has no equal in the world for of an open cut to ascertain. the class of ore which one may expect to the width of the vein, after which it shall find in it. Unlike the Slocan, some porbe cross-cut to test its character. Then tions of these districts may turn out a shaft will be sunk of sufficient depth richly auriferous. There is scarcely any to find out the value of the property. part of the world in which, within the Messrs. Mitchell-Innes Brothers have same area, one can find such a diversity inst come down from Windermere, where of different minerals. As a matter of they have been busy making preparations fact, with the exception of platinum, there is almost every metal found in this district. mining division. On Toby creek

Professor Carlyle has made a host of riends in the country by his urbanity: and the friendly spirit with which he meets all classes. There is nothing of the government official about him and he is just as much at home in a prospector's camp as any other place. The work he is doing cannot fail to be of enormous benefit to Kootenay .-- Revelstoke Herald.

FUNERAL OF CANOVAS.

His Widow Forgave the Assassin Over the Coffin, Lid.

Madrid, Aug. 14.—The funeral of M. Canovas del Castillo yesterday was a most touching and solemn ceremony. All the troops of the garrison lined the route along which the cortege moved; the flags were lowered, and the public buildings, embassies, consulates and clubs were heavily draped with crepe. A poignant scene ensued as the Duke of Sotomayer, Marshal Martinez Campos, Marquis Pazo de la Merzed and the other pall bearers lifted the cof-fin. Senora Canoyas, in a clear, firm tone, said: "I desire that all should know I for-

give the assassin. It is the greatest sacrifice I can make, but I make it for the sake of what I know of my husband's great heart." The remains of Senor Canovas were

interred in the family vault in the St. Isadore cemetery, amid salvos of artillery and the tolling of all the bells

of the city. New York, Aug. 14.-R. D. Cortina,