

THE GOLDEN CITY

Immense Wealth From the Mines of Rossland.

MR. CARLYLE'S REPORT

How the Output of the Mines of British Columbia and West Kootenay in Particular, Have Increased Ready Capital for Investment.

The annual report of the minister of mines for the year 1897, detailing the mining operations of gold, silver and other minerals in British Columbia, has been submitted to the legislature. It is an extensive compilation of facts and figures, introduced by what is perhaps the last report of William A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, whose services will in the future be enlisted with the British America corporation.

Mr. Carlyle shows the total product of the province up to the year 1898, to be of a value of \$112,418,485, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Mineral, Value. Includes Gold, Silver, Lead, Copper, Coal and coke, Building stone, and Other metals.

The rate of increase has been steady from 1890, when it amounted to \$2,608,000 to 1897, when it reached the splendid sum of \$10,455,000, and these results are more gratifying in the fact that the output of 1897 exceeded that of 1896 by \$3,000,000. In East Kootenay and in West Kootenay it was \$4,022,735, while the magnificent increase for 1897 is shown of \$1,637,796 in East Kootenay, and \$8,765,703 for West Kootenay.

Mr. Carlyle refers to the great interest of English capital in British Columbia mines and the demand for gold and silver properties. It is shown that the mining resources of the country are becoming yearly more valuable and that British Columbia can now claim a place among the mining countries of the world, and that, with favorable climatic and natural conditions, excellent laws and good government, and rapidly extending means of transportation, and cheaper treatment of ores, many opportunities for the careful and proper investment of money are now here afforded.

There is a new Richmond in the field in the firm of C. O'Brien Reddin & Co. Mr. Reddin having sold out his interest in the Reddin-Jackson company, limited, has gone into the brokerage business for himself and has taken in his brother, William Irving Reddin, as a partner. The new firm, hung out its shingle on the outer walls of the Burns block, yesterday, where it has established itself on the ground floor, in the quarters formerly occupied by the board of trade. C. O'Brien Reddin is the oldest mining operator and broker in the city of Rossland. It was in May, 1895, that he began business here. In March, 1896, C. O. F. Jackson bought a half interest in the business and the firm name was changed to Reddin & Jackson. The firm prospered and in October, 1896, it was incorporated as the Reddin-Jackson company with a capital stock of \$20,000. The corporation has been very prosperous and has put through a number of big mining deals and has sold hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of stock. On the 23rd of the present month Mr. Reddin sold out all his right, title and interest in the Reddin-Jackson corporation, and in connection with his brother, W. I. Reddin, has embarked in business under the firm name of C. O'Brien Reddin & Co.

A word as to the personnel of the new firm. C. O'Brien Reddin is first of all a practical miner of many years' experience in different parts of the world. He has a most intimate knowledge of the mines of the camp, for the reason that he has watched many of them from the time that work was first begun on them, and he has also kept in close touch with the development work that has been done. The result is that he knows the various mines of Trail Creek district like an open book. In the matter of the shares of the several companies that are operating in this division, C. O'Brien Reddin is considered an authority, and no one in the camp knows better where to lay his hands on the shares of a company when they are in demand than he. He has made the matter a close study. As a mine promoter, the ability that he has shown in putting through several deals of the largest magnitude, reveals that he has a marked capacity in that direction. While he was east he established valuable connections in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities. These connections will give the new firm special facilities for the promotion of mining deals and those who have developed or partially developed mining propositions that will stand examination would do well to list them with it. It already has orders on hand for promising gold-copper and silver-lead properties of a meritorious character. C. O'Brien Reddin will give most of his attention to the mining promotion part of the business. W. I. Reddin will handle the real estate, stock and loan parts of the business for which he is eminently well fitted. W. I. Reddin was born in Canada, but received his business education in New York City where he has resided for several years past. During the past two years he has acted as the agent of his brother in the transacting of mining business.

The office of the new firm is in the Burns block, at 13 East Columbia avenue, and those who desire to invest in Rossland securities or to purchase mines in this and adjacent camps should correspond with it.

These figures represent the actual yield value returns of the ore as paid for by the smelters, or 95 per cent of the assay values in gold and silver, so that there should be an additional five per cent added to the total, or \$205,000, which would make the actual output for the past four years of \$4,525,000. In addition to these enormous figures, it must be remembered that today there is ore on the dumps to the value of \$1,000,000.

Condition of Mining. "More pay ore is now in sight than at any time in the camp's history," says Mr. Carlyle, "and the writer still holds to the belief that it is quite impossible that the large shutes of rich ore that have been shown on the surface by denudation, will be found to be the only ores."

As to the vexed question of Rossland ore increasing in value as greater depth is attained, it may be said that the shutes of pay ore that have been mined from near the surface downward, are not showing higher values in depth, but are maintaining well the gold values. It must be remembered that two years ago that could not be worked two years ago is now being treated at a profit, with the inevitable result that, as low grade ore is shipped, the tonnage greatly increases, but the average values decrease. On the other hand, if in sinking a new ore shute is reached, it is only natural and consistent to expect that the low values first found in the outlying portions, or the fringes, of the replacement ore bodies, should increase as the heart of the ore shute is reached, and in such instances as this value does increase with depth. In these ore deposits formed by replacement or impregnation of the country rock by mineralized waters passing up and along relatively small channels, it is proper to suppose that the richest ore, in most cases, will be the most distant ore will be of decreasing value directly proportionate to this distance. That this is so is very evident in the Le Roi, where the core, or the heart of the ore shute, is found to be of the richest grade, running from 2.6 to 4.5 ounces of gold, two to four ounces in silver per ton, and five to seven per cent copper. The ore body in the Le Roi has been found to maintain its high values to its present depth of over 700 feet.

The report deals extensively and in detail with the various mining districts of Kootenay, and is a work of much interest.

It is known as C. O'Brien Reddin & Company.

It has splendid connection and is run by men of experience in the Mining Business.

A NEW FIRM OF BROKERS

NEWS OF THE COAST

Victoria Bitterly Opposed to Giving Corbin a Charter.

INSULTED BOARD OF TRADE

The Salmon Pack For the Past Season Was Over a Million Cases—A Victoria Man Stakes a Valuable Place Claim on Walsh Creek.

VICTORIA, March 24.—Mr. Corbin's application for his Kettle River Valley railway charter has created no less interest in British Columbia than it appears to have excited in Ottawa. The resolution opposing the granting of the charter passed by the British Columbia legislature meets with the very strongest approval there. Much indignation is expressed on the street today over Mr. Corbin's reported insinuation that the action of the boards of trade of Victoria and Vancouver was inspired. The president and members of the British Columbia board of trade, when spoken to today expressed the strongest disapproval of what they termed Mr. Corbin's gratification. With the exception, it was stated, that when the question of such a charter was first mooted it appeared to meet with immediate and almost universal opposition, which has grown steadily, the trade of Canada and of British Columbia particularly. If such a line were built it is felt that not only would such a line tend to increase the introduction of American merchandise, but would mar the produce of a district a market for the produce of the Colville farming district of Washington, to the great loss of the farming district of the Northwest and British Columbia. Many of the farmers of British Columbia, situated directly to the north of Boundary creek, are almost entirely dependent for their subsistence on Kootenay and the district proposed to be reached by this American railway. Yesterday ex-Speaker Higgins, who is one of the largest personal holders in the Grand Forks Township company, and Grand Forks Township company, strongly acquiesced in the motion and voted accordingly. The opposition to the resolution was entirely in favor of the general principle of preserving to Canada the right of the coastwise route, and that which is here, and it was repeated by the speakers that if the government would give them absolute assurance that a Canadian road would be built no opposition would be raised. Had Mr. Shaughnessy's announcement, appearing in this evening's dispatch, to the effect that the P. E. would be in the boundary country by December, before the legislature, the resolution would have passed without a dissenting voice.

Master and Servant Act. The legislature today amended the master and servant act introduced by Mr. McPherson as to the limit of its application to contracts made outside of Canada. The bill was directed against the bringing into this Province of laborers from other parts of the world to work on the coast prevailing in British Columbia. As it passed its second reading the measure applies to laborers from other parts of Canada, as well as those from foreign countries, but in committee today Premier Turner moved and carried an amendment, limiting its application to contracts made abroad.

Sturgeon Impassable For Horses. Warburton Pike, of the Cassiar Central Railway company, who arrived yesterday from Wrangell, says the Stickeen river is impassable for horses or heavy outfits, nothing being able to go in or out save with light dog teams. Pike does not think that the Mackenzie & Mann party will get in for some time. They are scattered in small groups along the river, the greater portion, however, being still at Cottonwood island.

Over a Million Cases Packed. Statistics of the British Columbia salmon pack for the last season, just completed by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., give the following totals: Fraser river pack 860,459 cases, Skeena river 65,905, River's inlet 40,207, Naas Harbor 20,847, Lower inlet 10,666, Namu Harbor 4,357, Alert Bay 8,602, West Coast V. I. 4,434. Total pack for the season 1,075,477 cases, as compared with 601,570 during last season. The shipments were as follows: By sea to England 733,704 cases, overland 43,330, to Eastern Canada 130,815, to Australia 27,579. Salmon dealers have stocks amounting in all to 74,000 cases yet on hand.

Prize for the North. The steamer Navarro arrived from the Sound this morning, and after her 98 passengers had secured licenses she proceeded northward. The Tees and Centennial will sail for Alaska ports this evening. The former will call at the British Columbia way ports en route. Each will have about 40 passenger, including many bound to Omineca and other parts of British Columbia.

Made a Rich Strike. From a letter received from W. H. Burkholder of this city, who left last fall for the Klondike gold fields, it is learned that he has located and staked off a claim on Walsh creek, near the Big Salmon. Mr. Burkholder was encamped for the winter with 40 others in the vicinity, and when the news of his strike reached them, the stocks of the strike vicinity, which takes its name from Phil Walsh, brother of Major Walsh, administrator of the Yukon. Mr. Burkholder reached below zero. He staked off claim 14, and on prospecting it found coarse gold on the surface, and in the gravel nuggets about the size of peas. He is of the opinion that he has made a rich strike, and when the letter was written, on 18th of last month, was about to commence development work. He says there has been quite a stampede to that creek, and when the letter was written they were still coming in.

MINING NOTES.

The Reddin-Jackson company, limited, Saturday sold a block of 50,000 shares of Jose on an order received from Toronto. The price paid was 27 1/2 cents per share.

DISCUSSED THE TRUCK ACT.

Make It Much More Stringent and Impose Minimum Penalties.

A special meeting of the Rossland Trades & Labor Council, called by the executive committee, to discuss the Kellie Truck Act, was held Thursday in Beatty's hall. The different labor organizations in the camp were fully represented, and the bill was discussed section by section in a most thorough and exhaustive manner, several clauses being struck out entirely and many others altered so as to make the bill more stringent.

In the clause defining employer there was no reference whatever made to companies, and this no doubt might have permitted a company to run a boarding house. In another section a maximum penalty is imposed for a breach of this act, and no provisions are made for inflicting a maximum penalty which was left to the discretion of the magistrate before whom the case would be tried, and who might have inflicted a merely nominal fine. This was remedied by the clause a minimum penalty.

Mr. Kellie forwarded to the Miners' Union and the Trades and Labor Council copies of the act, and desired these bodies to discuss and make any suggestions or alterations which they thought proper, and to inform him of the changes made.

The act as amended by the council will be typewritten and copies forwarded to Mr. Kellie and Mr. McPherson, the labor member for Vancouver. The labor council of Rossland is not acting rashly in the matter, having obtained legal advice with regard to the proposed amendments, and it may be interesting to state that if Mr. Kellie had already desired a prominent lawyer in the camp to draft a bill on the lines of the English Truck Act, and which has been asked to introduce in the house.

The Master and Servant Amendment Act introduced by Mr. McPherson of Vancouver, was endorsed by the council.

FROM MR. SHAUGHNESSY.

He Says the C. F. R. Has Shown Good Faith Toward Rossland.

As a result of the meeting in the city hall Thursday evening, at which a resolution was passed condemnatory of the provincial legislature in voting its opposition to the K. E. V. charter, Mayor Wallace yesterday received the following telegram:

H. S. WALLACE, Rossland, B. C.: I understand efforts are being made to create sentiment in Rossland favorable to Corbin's proposed Kettle River road. In view of the fact that the Canadian Pacific company has promised to build the line from Robson to the Boundary Creek district this year, Rossland, in common with every other point in British Columbia, is interested in promoting the Canadian line and Canadian points to territory south of the boundary line. Are we not justified in assuming that our policy with reference to the retaining of the smelting business for Canada, as illustrated in the case of Rossland and the Trail smelter is sufficient evidence of the earnestness of our effort to establish smelting centres in British Columbia, to the advantage of the mine owners as well as all other citizens. I hope Rossland will raise its voice against Corbin's scheme. T. SHAUGHNESSY.

Kettle River Valley By Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation of the Kettle River Valley Railway company have been filed at Spokane. The incorporators are Austin Corbin 2d and E. J. Roberts, and they, with Jay H. Adams, are named as the trustees of the company. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares. The objects of the corporation are stated to be to construct a railway from some point on the Spokane Falls & Northern railway between Marcus and Northport, and extending westerly through the mine reservation. The building of this line as projected by the articles of incorporation depends, it is said by the officers of the company, on whether a charter is obtained from the Dominion government allowing it to build into the Boundary country. If the charter is not granted it may be probable that the line will be built over another route to Republic camp.

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