

THE STOCK MARKET

Centre Star is in some demand. In Toronto \$1.50 is asked and \$1.40 bid for it.

Winnipeg is a little firmer, and is worth about 13 1/2. One thousand shares were sold on the board yesterday for this figure.

Appended are the official quotations of the stocks of the Rossland Mining and Stock exchange:

Table with columns: ASKED, BID. Lists various stocks like Athabasca, B. C. Gold Fields, Big Three, etc.

The stock market is showing some signs of improvement, and it is claimed that when the labor troubles in the camp are come to an end there will be considerably more trading and at higher figures.

Following are sales of the week by days: Thursday 3,000, Friday 26,500, Saturday 41,500, Monday 36,000, Tuesday 21,000, Wednesday 40,500.

Total 168,500

This is against 117,000 for the previous week, and shows a gain of 51,500 for the past week over the previous one.

There has been a considerable inquiry for Athabasca, but the sales were few. The property is a rich one, and the mill returns are very satisfactory.

Braford and Golden Crown is firmly held, although there is not much dealing in it. It is worth from 22 to 22 1/2 cents.

Three of four days since there was quite a flurry in the shares of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, and a number of thousand changed hands, both here and in Toronto.

Just what the cause of the flurry was nobody here seems to know. The stock is now worth from 7 to 7 1/4, the flurry being over. Deer Trail is in good demand, and a number of sales were made in Toronto yesterday.

The price is only 8 1/2 cents, which is considered small for a dividend paying mine.

Evening Star is holding its own, although there is not much dealing in it locally. On the board yesterday 8 1/2 was asked for it and 7 1/2 bid.

The Evening Star is looking very well, and bids fair to make an important mine. Iron Mask has about touched bottom, and yesterday 35 was asked and 23 cents bid for it.

I. X. L. for some reason is weak, and on the local board yesterday 17 was asked but there was no bid. It is worth from 16 to 16 1/2.

For King (Oro Denoro) on the local board 14 was asked yesterday and 10 bid. The depression in this stock is caused by the fact that the company intends raising a loan for the purposes of purchasing a larger plant and developing the property on an extensive scale.

The company prefers to borrow money to selling the treasury shares at present prices. The treasury shares were selling a short time since for 30 cents, and the management feels that it is better to borrow money now than to sell the treasury stock for less than it is worth, feeling certain that the stock will be much higher in a few months from now than it is at present.

The shares of Knob Hill, which is one of the largest and best developed properties in the Boundary country, are not being handled much at present. On the board 65 is asked and 55 bid for them.

There is some inquiry for Morrison, and it is worth about 4 cents. Work is being pushed on the property of the Morrison company, and the work is producing good results.

Mountain Lion is a little weaker than it has been. On the board 90 is asked for it and 90 bid.

Okanagan is selling at from 2 1/4 to 2 1/2. The fact that assessments are to be levied on the property to the extent of two cents a share has caused some of the weaker stockholders to throw their holdings upon the market, and this has caused the drop in the price.

As soon as the company puts its plans into operation there should be a change for the better in the price of the shares. There were 32,000 Okanagan sold on the local board yesterday at from 2 1/4 to 2 1/2.

Rambler Cariboo rose up to 30 cents during the week but for the past two or three days has been weaker. On the local board yesterday 2,000 were sold for 26 1/2 and 2,000 for 28 cents.

Tamarac is weaker, and yesterday on the local board 1 1/2 was asked, and there was no bid.

War Eagle is fairly firm, and \$1.45 is asked for it and \$1.40 bid.

GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

SEEDING OPERATIONS IN KETTLE RIVER VALLEY IN OPERATION.

Matters of Local Interest Discussed Between the Board of Trade and Hon. Smith Curtis.

Grand Forks, B. C., March 31.—[Special.]—R. F. Tolmie, secretary of the British Columbia Mine Owners' association, Nelson, B. C., is in town.

He stated that the coincidence of his arrival the same day as Hon. Smith Curtis, minister of mines, had no political significance.

His visit at this juncture, however, means a great deal. He has already conferred with the leading mine owners of the Boundary. Mr. Tolmie contented himself with declaring that the mine owners' association was quite of the issue in the coming elections, and will make a pronouncement ere long.

From another source it was learned that the organization purposes taking an active part in the campaign. Its members will give a vigorous support to the political party which gives a positive undertaking, in the event of success at the polls, to repeal the eight hour law, or modify its so-called obnoxious clauses.

Seeding operations in the Kettle River Valley are in full swing. This is a large increase over last year's acreage. Nature has put on her spring raiment, carpeting valley and bench with verdure and garlanding both with buttercups, arbutus and marigolds. Tuncful birds pipe the message of the season. Gentle zephyrs temper the glorious sunshine that will bring to fruition apples, peaches, pears, cherries, plums and strawberries.

Joe Trainer, superintendent of the Strawberry mine in Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle River, was here today. He reports that the main shaft is now down 75 feet, and that a crosscut will be driven from the 100-foot level to catch the ore body 28 feet wide that was encountered in a crosscut from the 55-foot level. A whim was put in a few days ago. Mr. Trainer was one of the early superintendents of the Le Roi mine at Rossland.

The company that is being formed to establish a race track here with a view to holding regular race meetings will be capitalized at \$25,000.

A committee of the board of trade waited on Hon. Smith Curtis, minister of mines, yesterday. Several matters affecting local interests were discussed. Mr. Curtis admitted that he expected to see the election campaign conducted on party lines. The chances of the Martin government were good and were improving daily.

The old board was re-elected at the recent meeting of the Knob Hill Gold Mining company in Montreal.

Systematic development work will be commenced next week on the St. Ann's group, situated on the left bank of the east fork of Kettle river, and about 12 miles above its junction with the north fork of Kettle river. The distance from Grand Forks is about 40 miles. This group, which is owned by D. D. McDougall, A. Langford, A. McMillan and F. H. Knight, comprises the St. Ann's, Sunday Queen, Rose of York and Rose of Lancaster claims. On the Sunday Queen and St. Ann's open cuts exposed a large, well-defined ledge of grey quartz, heavily mineralized with sulphides of iron and copper and traversing the full length of both claims. The ore lies between walls of blue lime and porphyry. Three miles northeast of the camp in the Marlborough group, also of four claims, owned by the same parties and named the Marlborough, Blenheim, Nelson and Wellington. Crosscuts on the Marlborough and Blenheim show a well defined eight-foot ledge of quartz heavily stained and mineralized with oxides and sulphides of copper.

The local Liberal-Conservatives held a political levee last night, when addresses were delivered by C. E. Race of Rossland and several prominent citizens. Delegates to the forthcoming convention at Rossland will be chosen Thursday. Mr. Race expressed his agreeable surprise at the strength, organization and numbers of the Conservatives in Grand Forks. He could not imagine how any Martin supporter will have the temerity to run in this riding in view of the accord of both parties in their opposition to Martinism. Mr. Race repeated the outlook bright from the Conservative standpoint at Cascade and Gladstone. He will visit Greenwood.

Conservative opinion is the Boundary has crystallized in favor of the selection of Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, as the logical candidate. Among old-line Liberals, who do not relish the Martin dispensation, an ex-governor seems to have many enthusiastic friends and supporters. The feeling exists that such a constructive statesman as Hon. Mr. Mackintosh is needed after the election for the solution of many perplexing social and political problems. Old-timers are recalling the peculiarly confidential relations he enjoyed with the late Sir John A. Macdonald. To the late premier he was simply "Charlie" and numerous have been the former hopes that "Charlie" at various periods has led to victory. The training Mr. Mackintosh gained during an active participation in politics for upwards of 30 years is simply invaluable, and the knowledge he thus acquired in statesmanship and practical politics promises to be advantageously used in clarifying a provincial condition at once murky, turbulent and perilous.

Miss Rhodes will establish a private hospital here shortly.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Pathfinder Mining company will be held here on April 10 to take action on the following resolutions: To purchase one or more mineral claims that seem to be subsidiary to the Pathfinder claim; to increase the number of shares and the capitalization of the company for the purpose of such purchase to the extent of not exceeding in stock an increase of one and a half million dollars par value, not exceeding in shares one and a half million shares. In

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the event of a resolution for purchase of such mineral claims not being agreed to, then in the alternative of increasing the capital stock by 500,000 and the number of shares by 500,000 for treasury purposes. For the purpose of considering any offer for the purchase of any or all of the assets of the said company for the purpose of considering the hypothesis or other dealing with any or all of the assets of the said company, and to change the name to the Pathfinder Consolidated company.

Max Kutz was in the city today from Brown's creek, where he has been developing his group of claims, the Iron King, Kupper Queen and Columbia. He is confident of being able to make continuous shipments within the next six months. On the Iron King he has a tunnel in 65 feet on the ledge, with no sign of the wall, and a shaft is down 40 feet in good mineral. A 23-foot tunnel on the Kupper Queen has shown up a good ledge. The Columbia has a 23-foot shaft on the foot-wall end a tunnel 28 feet on the hanging wall. The lead here is about 225 feet wide on the surface and has both walls well defined. Assays from the group in which Charles Cumings of Grand Forks has a joint interest ran as high as \$30 in gold and four per cent copper to the top.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

A Budget of Information From the Pleasant Valley City.

Grand Forks, B. C., March 29.—[Special.]—R. C. McCutcheon and W. F. Askew, of the Grand Forks smelt and door factory, are getting out 1,000 feet of cedar and spruce on their limity, Lime creek, north fork of the Kettle river.

The provincial authorities are enforcing a strict quarantine on the boundary line at Central camp.

Ore is being stoped out of the 70 and 150-foot levels of the City of Paris mine in Central camp. In the tunnel, at a depth of 300 feet, the ledge is expected to be encountered within the next 20 feet. The ore, according to assays made at the Granby smelter, averages \$40 per ton.

Development is also being pushed on the Lexington, owned by the Majestic Gold Mining company, in which J. P. Graves is heavily interested. Upwards of 673 feet of tunneling and drifting have been done.

A ledge of almost pure limestone nearly 100 feet wide, was recently discovered on John A. Manly's property, about one and a half miles east of this city. A line kin will be started at once in view of this season's extensive operations. But the find is regarded of greater importance from the fact that the limestone will furnish an inexhaustible supply to local smelters for fluxing purposes. The sloping bench where the rock occurs forms an ideal smelter site. There is sufficient water in Morrisey creek to carry off the slag, and ample room for dumping grounds.

The work of sinking in ore on the Brimstone, near Nelson, Wash., recently acquired by a Spokane company, will be resumed in a few days. A tunnel is being run to catch the lead at a depth of 250 feet. The vein at a depth of 40 feet had been cut by another tunnel. The Brimstone adjoins the Comstock, and is a tellurium proposition carrying high values.

A pump and hoist have just been installed on the Athelstane in Wellington camp. Two shafts on the claim are 60 and 100 feet deep respectively.

Seventeen men are employed on the Snowshoe, driving a tunnel underneath the C. P. R. spur. The incline shaft is now down 300 feet.

In the Gold Drop the work of making an upraise 200 feet to the surface is in progress. The force comprises 20 men. The compressor is working satisfactorily. The crosscut in from the 100-foot level of the Hartford in Wellington camp has been extended 11 feet during the past week. It encountered a ledge three and one-half feet wide, and another lead which shows on the surface is expected to be secured within the next 10 feet.

The main tunnel in the Rawhide is now in 500 feet. A ledge was cut at a point 400 feet from the surface.

The wooden superstructure of the dam across the Kettle river, now being built for the Grand Forks smelter, is being constructed. Over one million feet of heavy timbers will be utilized.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

Progress of Development in the Kettle Valley Country.

Grand Forks B. C., April 2.—[Special.]—Work will be resumed shortly on the R. Bell and Mountain View properties in Summit Camp.

A new ledge was uncovered a few days ago while excavating for the foundations of the compressor house at the B. C. mine in Summit camp. It is only a short distance west of the shaft house.

Local brick yards will turn out three million bricks this season.

A. B. W. Hodges, the superintendent of the Granby smelter, is authority for the statement that the smelter will be "blown in" within the next six or seven weeks. The dam across the north fork of Kettle river is rapidly nearing completion, and nearly all the plant in the power house and reduction works has been installed.

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A Farewell Dinner.

A dinner was given to Mr. F. P. Gutelius at Trail last night by his Trail and Rossland friends. Mr. Gutelius has taken the position of engineer with the C. P. R., and will soon take up his headquarters in Trail. The dinner was for the purpose of giving Mr. Gutelius a friendly farewell. It was a very pleasant affair. About a dozen from this city attended.

MARTIN'S STATEMENT OF CLAIM

PARTICULARS IN HIS CASE AGAINST THE NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.

Injunction to Restrain the Company From Mining Upon the Land in Question Until Trial.

Victoria, B. C., March 29.—[Special.]—The following is Martin's statement of claim against the New Vancouver Coal company re Semlin government's giveaway of coal land:

1. For declaration that letters patent issued November, 1899, granting the New Vancouver Coal company, limited, their successor or assigns, the sole exclusive right to mine, raise, get, win, all coal, etc., of the section adjacent to Newcastle, Douglas and Cameron islands, and that portion of Vancouver Island, being the area colored red on the plan annexed to the letters patent; also the right to keep for their own use and benefit all such coal, etc., so mined, raised, etc., free from all royalties and tolls to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors forever, were issued in error and improvidence without due sanction of law.

2. To recover possession of the land under said portion of the sea and foreshore, coterminous with said land under the sea.

3. For an injunction restraining the defendants from mining, raising, etc., coal, etc., upon or from the said land and foreshore until the trial or other determination of this action.

4. For an account of all coal, etc., mined, etc., by the defendant on said land, foreshore, and the profits made therefrom.

5. Or such further relief as the nature of the case may require.

MARTIN'S NEXT MOVE.

Enters Action Against the New Vancouver Coal Co.—Government Gazette.

Victoria, B. C., March 29.—The official Gazette of this week contains notice of the following provincial appointments: Arthur E. Herring, of New Westminster to be justice of peace; Ed. Elwell, of Fort Steele, to be notary public; Alex. McRae, of Revelstoke, to be mining recorder for the Trout Lake Mining Division, vice Thomas Taylor; Henry H. Watson, of Vancouver, and F. C. Stearns, of Nanaimo, to be members of the Board of Examiners under the Pharmacy Act for 1900.

The companies which are incorporated are as follows: B. C. Fish, Glue and Oil Co., of Vancouver, capital \$300,000; Cariboo Exploration Co., of Vancouver, capital \$325,000; Umattila Gold Mining Co. of Rossland, capital \$1,000,000; Hurin Gold Mining Co. of Rossland, \$1,500,000. Provincial Courts of Revision are announced for May 7, as follows:

At Alberni, for Alberni; at Port Simpson, for Skeena; at Telegraph Creek, for Skeena; at Atlin, for Bennett Lake and Atlin; at Barkerville, for Cariboo, and Rossland, for Rossland riding, West Kootenay.

Action was instituted today by the Attorney General on behalf of the Province of British Columbia, cancelling the letters patent issued by the Semlin government last November to the New Vancouver Coal Company, and asking for an injunction restraining the company from working under that portion of the sea until the trial and determination of the case now pending.

G. S. RYDER.

The New Minister For Finance and Agriculture Is Reported as Appointed.

Victoria, B. C., April 3.—[Special.]—G. A. Ryder, of Cumberland, formerly employed in the junk business and latterly an itinerant merchant, has been appointed minister of finance and agriculture. The choice is received with consternation by those who know Ryder best, especially as he has long been regarded as a harmless crank, frequently out of his head.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Two Men Blown to Pieces in the Powder Factory at Nelson, B. C.

Nelson, B. C., March 29.—Harry A. Gervan, of Ottawa, and William Way, of Tweed, Ont., were instantly killed and almost blown to atoms in an explosion in the packing house of the Ontario Powder Company's factory here at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The packing house was completely destroyed. The works had only opened up two days ago but 300 pounds of dynamite were stored in the packing house. The remains of Way and a great portion of those of Gervan were gathered up in a basket. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

RIVAL TOWNS.

Grand Forks Attacks Columbia—Nesbit of the Review, in the Cells.

Columbia, B. C., March 31.—[Special.]—The Review, issued in Columbia, B. C., closed publication two months ago, but this afternoon a special edition was issued at the supposed instigation of some Grand Forks parties, violently attacking the financial standing and future prospects of Columbia. Mayor B. Callum swore out an information against Robert Nesbit, the proprietor of the paper, for defamatory libel, with the result that Nesbit is now in the cells. Prospects are very bright for Columbia at present. The citizens are naturally incensed at the dastardly attack.

CURTIS AT GREENWOOD.

The Minister of Mines Addresses a Crowded Meeting.—Promises Made.

Greenwood, March 30.—[Special.]—The Minister of Mines, Smith Curtis, paid a short visit here last night and addressed a crowded meeting under the auspices of the Liberal Association. He met a delegation of the board of trade, and promised, if he was elected, to obtain grants for the Central camp and West Fork wagon roads. He authorized a statement that the mining recorder's office would be removed from Midway to Greenwood within three weeks on account of this city's central position in the district.

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"The majority of my fellow-citizens sympathize with me and sustain my course in opposing improvements that are not warranted, and for which the city is unable to pay. The idea that Grand Forks had anything to do with this family quarrel is simply ridiculous."

Development work on the Yankee Girl and Yankee Boy group, two miles from town, is in progress. The rich paystreak has now widened out from 18 inches to two feet.

There is some talk of using the top of the water flume in connection with the smelter, as a bicycle track. The flume is over a mile in length.

The Grand Fork Daily Gazette has entered the afternoon field.

SUICIDE AT GREENWOOD.

Hartell, a Clerk, Shoots Himself Through Drink—Extraordinary Scene.

Greenwood, B. C., March 31.—[Special.]—Crazed by drink and in a fit of despondency, Hans Hartell, a clerk in the Russell Hardware company's store, committed suicide at his home at 6 o'clock this evening. He had not been working for the past few days on account of drink. Shortly before 6 o'clock he went into the store, secured a revolver, which he loaded and took home with him. Arriving there he went up to the bedroom, and after endeavoring to entice his wife into the room, begged her to kiss him goodbye, which, in her fright, she refused to do, he deliberately shot himself in the head, falling back onto the bed and expired instantly.

Hartell came here about four months ago. Little is known of him. He was married ten months.

[Hans Hartell worked in this city with Hunter Bros. for some time about a year ago and left them for the B. A. C., where he had charge of the store department, but finally quitted this city a few months since for the Boundary country. He was considered while in Rossland to be one of the best hardware men that was in the Northwest. His standing was particularly high in Spokane antecedent to his coming to British Columbia. Unfortunately the trouble which led to his death had dogged his steps for the past few years.]

GREENWOOD NEWS.

Remains of the Late Hans Hartell to Be Sent East.

Greenwood, B. C., April 3.—Hans Hartell, whose tragic suicide was announced in Sunday's Miner, in a brief dispatch, came here from Rossland about the first of December, 1899. He was manager at the time of his death, of the Russell Hardware company of this city. While in Rossland he was for nearly four years, in the employ of Hunter Brothers. He was 39 years of age and came out west from Milwaukee, Wis., where his father, mother and three sisters reside. The coroner will not hold any inquest. The remains are now being prepared for shipment to Milwaukee, and will be accompanied east by Mrs. Hartell.

C. E. Race, organizer for the Conservative party, arrived in the city on Saturday from Grand Forks. He spent yesterday at Midway, and today has been busy organizing the forces here. He is authority for the statement that Charles H. Mackintosh, ex-governor of the Northwest Territories, will be the nominee of the party for the Rossland riding.

BOND ON THE SNOWSHOE.

The Final Payment of \$70,000 Will Be Made.

Greenwood, B. C., March 30.—[Special.]—The Rossland and Slovan (B. C.) syndicate of London, will tomorrow make the final payment on the bond of \$70,000 on the Snowshoe mine, in Greenwood camp. Thomas McDonald and Robert Wood of this city, and Robert Denzler, at the Pacific hotel, Spokane, will divide \$37,500. The Snowshoe was located in November, 1891. It has been under bond four different times. One time Patsy Clark bonded it for \$50,000, but threw up the bond when he secured the Republic. The present development consists of a 300-foot shaft with levels. J. W. Astley, the engineer, of Rossland, is in charge of the work.

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