The Sun of Prosperity Once More Shining In the Kootenays.

Government Commended For Appointment of Deputy Minister of Mines.

S., who has for many years been ted with the mining industry in connected with the mining industry in the Kootenays, is spending several days in Victoria. Mr. Ritchie is of opinion that there will be a rapid recovery in mining conditions in the interior, especially in the Rossland and Boundary pecially in the Rossland and Boundary districts. The accent contract made by the War Eagle and Centre Star to ship 1,000 tons daily to the Trail smelter will aid very largely in promoting better times, while in the Boundary country the reduction in the cost of smelting will induce a constantly increasing output from the low grade mines of that district. There is a general feeling of encouragement in the mining community, and the expectation is that mining will assume constantly increasing proportions and on a much sounder basis than here-tofore.

In the opinion of Mr. Ritchie the day In the opinion of Mr. Ritchie the day is not very far distant when East Kootenay will forge ahead and become per, haps the most important mining district of the province. The district possesses all the necessary resources in gold, silver and copper ores, in coal and iron and abundance of water power, to assure such a result when practically and economically developed.

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believes that there is a prosperous future in store for the mining and smelting industry as every condition is present for the economical mining of ores and their treatment by the smelters.

Referring to the recant appointment of a Deputy Minister of Mines, it was Mr. Ritchie's belief that such an officer would be of great value to the mining industry. It would now be possible for the mineralogist to attend constantly to the important duties of his office, that of examining and reporting upon the of examining and reporting upon the mineral resources of the country. It would also forward the business of the department to an extent that would be department to an extent that would be very much appreciated by those having dealings with it. Mr. Ritchie did not desire to criticize the former administration of the department, but it was reasonable to assume that a better state of affairs would ensue from the fact that with a Deputy Minister, the business of the department could be transacted with increased promptness and greater care. So far as Mr. Tolmie's fitness for the position was concerned, a thorough acquaintance with that gentleman made it possible for Mr. Ritchie to thoroughly endorse the selection, and he was sure that this opinion would be generally voiced among the mining men o.' Yale and Kootenay.

MINING NOTES.

The Lardo Gold Mining company has The Lardo Gold Mining company has expended about \$6,000 upon its placer ground this summer. The diggings are upon Cooper creek, about four miles from Lardo City, and the owners commenced to take out pay dirt last week. On the Union Jack the lower tunnel on the Queen vein is now in 70 feet, and will strike the vein in the course of auwill strike the vein in the course of auother 100 feet. By a little further driving the tunnel will reach below the rich
shoot of ore exposed in the upper level.
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Author smelter is spoken of for the interior. The Standard Oil company, which owns large mineral claims near Princeton, will erect a smelter at Herley, 20 miles from the Similkameen town, and which has been smelter in the similkameen town, and which has been smelter in the similkameen town, and which has been smelter in the similar means the same smelter is spoken of for the same smelter is spoken of for the smelter. known as Twenty-Mile Point. The company's properties in this vicinity are mostly copper of a medium grade, and with the gradual betterment of the market, development work will begin on a large scale. The town of Hedley is rapidly building up, and there is every prospect of a thriving mining town at that point in the Simikameen district.

The Chicago National Development company is pushing development work on the Carthage group, on the north company is pushing development work on the Cartnage group, on the north fork of Wild Horse group. So far two tunnels have been run on the vein, a distance of 488 feet and 135 feet respectively. Work is now being directed to crosscutting the vein at a much lower level, and a third tunnel is being driven for that purpose, being now in about 70 feet. The Carthage vein is a continuation of the Ymir vein, and this lower tunnel will open up ground nearer to the great Ymir payshoot than in the case of the upper tunnels.

The group of gold mines near Cam-

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The group of gold mines near Camborne, owned by the Imperial Development syndicate, was recently bonded to A. F. Rosenberger, representing the Mines Exchange. A company has been organized, known as the Calumet and British Columbia Gold Mines, Limited, to acquire and handle the property. The organization of the company has been completed, and the Eva company has been completed, and the Eva company has been re-bonded by Mr. Rosenberger to the Calumet and British Columbia Gold Mines, Limited. It is the intention of the new company to commence work at once and creet a 20-stamp mill early next spring. The machinery for the mill will be taken in during the winter.

PRUNES FOR CARIBOO. Mr. C. A. Semlin Shipping Fro

From Ashcroft Journal. An important event in the fruit trade of this part of the dry belt was the departure yesterday for Cariboo of a four-horse B. C. Ex. freight stage from Mr. C. A. Semlin's ranch, loaded with prunes. One hundred and twenty boxes made the load, and they will be distributed among the residents between boxes made the load, and they will be distributed among the residents between the 70 and the 150. This incident is an object lesson that should not be lost sight of by ranchers so situated that they can engage in frait-growing. In addition to this shipment, Mr. James Haddock, who is selling the crop' for Mr. Semlin, shipped to Golden and Revelstoke two two-horse loads. The prunes are in excellent condition, and Mr. Haddock will be glad to receive more orders.

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When Cariboo is employing in its mines 1,000 men where to-day there are only 100—it won't be long—there will be required many loads of prunes and other fruit. Where is it to come from? Do the men who own the land and could if they would, plant big orchards, want this trade to go to California, or would they like it for themselves?

Now is the time to prepare for a big cash trade in an article this climate and soil can produce better than any other country.

Shipments From The Boundary

Over 1.800 Tons of Ore. a Day Being Sent to Different Smelters.

Granby Smelter Treated Over 4,000 Tons During Past Week.

Faoenix, Oct. 17.—(Special.)—Boundary mines are now shipping ore at the rate of over 1,800 tons per day, seven days in the week. The total this week is larger than for several months past and appears to be growing each week. The six regular shipping mines are all on the list as usual this week, most of them increasing the output somewhat over the record for last week.

The following is the tunnage of each The following is the tunnage of each f the big six for the week:
Granby mines, 5,236 tons.
Mother Lode, 4,576 tons.
Snowshoe, 1,080 tons.
Suuset, 610 tons.
B. C. mine, 600 tons.
Emma, 780 tons.
Total for the week, 12,888 tons.
Total for the year to date, 372,377 ons.

The Granby smelter this week treated 4,444 tons of ore, making 229,616 tons for the year to date.

CONCUSSION

OF THE BRAIN

C. A. Imbert Seriously Injured In Alighting From a Street Car.

ing the tunnel will reach below the rich shoot of ore exposed in the upper level.

On the Hinter V. property John W. Falls has completed his contract for sinking and drifting, and a quantity of high grade ore has been sacked ready for rawhiding during the winter. The Double Standard is owned by the same party so that it is probable that some of the ore from this new discovery may be shipped at the same time.

The richest specimen of free gold ere ever seen in the camp was brought down from the Rossland group by Manager Lade today. In a piece of quartz, the size of one's hand, gold is literally sprinkied all over, showing on either side and apparently permeating the rock throughout. The rich surface showing of the Rossland group is more than being maintained as the workings grow, in depth, and the lead followed from the main tunnel, some 60 feet, is all in C. A. Imbert, a well known resident. the Rossland group is more in the Rossland group in maintained as the workings grow in depth, and the lead followed from the main tunnel, some 60 feet, is all in the Lamborne Miner.

Another smelter is spoken of for the Another smelter is spoken of the brain, and fracture of the skull. The Standard Oil company, which owns large mineral claims near will erect a smelter at Herman in the larm of the circumstances it would be that he was suffering from concussion of the brain, and fracture of the skull. The injured man is a carpenter, residing at No. 122 Superior street, and has lived in Victoria for several years. The actual cause of the unfortunate actual cause of The actual cause of the unfortunate accedent is not quite clear, but it is supposed that Mr. Imbert stepped from the car while it was in motion and, miscalculating the speed, was thrown violentially to the ground.

"criminal record is provided wit however slight. This is all replacement of the company of At a late hour last night the injured man was still unconscious and his con-dition was considered very serious.

LORD KITCHENER.

Sails to Take Command in India.

London, Oct. 17—Lord Kitchener started today for India to assume command of the British forces there. He goes by way of Paris, and will visit Khartoum. Absolute secrecy was maintained regarding all the armagements for his departure, so he got away unnoticed. HAPPENINGS IN

THE POLICE COURT

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THE CITY

Given to the French

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or without a score of burglaries taking place.

In the district of the Bourse alone, in which the Paris office of the Express is situated, no fewer than fifteen burglaries were committed on Monday night last by an organized gang of cut-throats, whom the police seem powerless to lay their hands on.

The number of murders for robbery which have taken place this year is beyond count. One day su old woman living in a flat in the Avenue des Ternes is brutally murdered and her rooms ransacked. Another day the body of a demi-mondaine is found stabbed to death in bed, and all her belongings rifled; or, again, a poor old couple are murdered while asleep for the sake of £2; and in every case the assassins go undiscovered.

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Paris has truly become the cutthroats' paradise, and her reputation as
the playground of Europe is in danger.
People in the provinces read the daily
newspaper accounts of the atrocities
that are committed, and prudently give
up their contemplated trip to the capital.
Foreign tourists are alarmed and cut
short their sojourn in a city in which
their lives may not be safe.

But what are the police doing to allow all this? How comes it that, with 15,000 policemen and a large and admittedly able detective force, Paris has become a sort of murderers' headquar-

With a larger number of police than With a larger number of police than London, and a much less area to cover, Paris exceeds the crime list of London by over 100 per cent. The police authorities will tell you that they are not to liame, that they are continually making large organized raids and capturing 70, 90 and 100 vagabonds and malefactors nightly, but that their work is wasted. It is wasted, they assert, because the judicial authorities release the very next day 75 out of every 100 scoundrels and cut-throats they arrest.

There is a sore feeling between the police officials and the judicial authorities, for the latter counteract and render useless the efforts of the former to clear the city of the hooliganism which now infests it.

This is how a high police official ex-

"We arrest every suspicious person, We arrest every suspicious person, but we cannot bring proof against all of them; we leave that to the judicial authorities. What happens? The examining magistrates make a summary examination next morning of the whole crowd of vagabonds bagged the previous night.

night. ... They keep the black sheep, those

crowd of street bandits, was fined for being in possession of a prohibited COLOMBIA 18

OF MURDER

Weapon.

What wonder, under such circumstances as these, that Paris is really suffering from a fit of moral depression, and that strangers are already beginning to describe the "City of Light" as the "City of Assassins"?

At MOST PACIFIED

At Least Gen. Perdoma States SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Premier Has Reached the Ancient Cap-

From London Express.

The "City of Mirder" is the latest name given to the French capital, and the name is not undesserved.

At the present time such is the terror created by the exploits of the hands of recordous ruffians who pollute the streets of Paris that respectable people are afraid to venture out of their dwellings after nightfall.

Scores of inoffensive citizens are daily knocked on the head, stabled, shot or strottled by lasso-throwing bandits, and stripped of all they possess. Luckythey are if they escape with their lives. Not a day passes without problem between bands of thieves and citizen being found by the police or without a score of, burglaries taking place between bands of the correction of the Department of Magdelena and Bolist streets, without the body of, some mutch dered citizen being found by the police or without a score of, burglaries taking place.

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Evidences of what may prove to be a marine tragedy were reported by the Rosalie upon arrival from Victoria, says Friday's Seattle Times. A derelict fishing schooner, abandoned and partially dilled with water, was found tossing about in the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fucz, and there is no absolute evidence to determine the fate of her crew. That Such Is the Case.

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The schooner is one of the kind regularly employed in the strait, and bore the number 1,665. It is, of course, possible that she simply got adrift and became lost, but the evidence would point to the fact that she had been caught in a storm and that the crew had been lost. The Rosalie was crossing the strait

The Rosalie was crossing the strait en route from Victoria to this city when the derelict craft was first sighted. The appearances indicated that there was no one aboard and the steamer bore down to make an investigation. There was absolutely nothing to indicate where the boat came from, where she belonged or whether there was any one aboard after she had gone adrift. The most likely theory is that she encountered an unusually heavy blow in the strait, and that all on board were lost. A full report of the affair has been made to the authorities and an investigation is being made to ascertain the identity of the owners of the boat.

Annie E. Paint Has Good Catch

Meeting of **Board** of Trade

Mr. C. H. Lugrin Replies to Crit. icisms on Memorial to Hon, A. G. Blair.

New Members Elected and Some Minor Business Is Transacted.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade held yesterday afternoon though not largely attended, was a very interesting one. Mr. C. H. Lugrin indulged in a very severe criticism of the action of H. P. Bell, C. E., in writing a letter to the press combatting the arguments advanced by the board in the memorial addressed to Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, during his recent visit to the city. Beyond that matter, which assumed a very interesting phase before the meeting adjourned, little business of importance was transacted. Three new members were elected: A. W. Vowell, Gus. Hartnagle and J. S. Gibbs.

President Louis McQuade president His quarterly report was a brief one. The board had met Col. Anderson and

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Everywhere there was rejo many places the end of the signal for impromptu tions. The anthracite coal ts largest city, Scranton, owliest coal patch has su onflict and everyone now re grateful that work is on Thursday, the striker learn what their reward President Roosevelt prompt action in calling together for their first n day, the miners hope the November 30 what prac have made. The vote maining was a unanimous reached only after a warm principal objection to accep tration proposed was that was contained in the sch

care of those men very get back their old per unable to get any engineers and pumpm than other classes of m ing altogether their of compelled to dig coal

This question came was argued right up to was taken. No one h offer to overco report of the clared off, and that all ission for a decision wa mission for a decision was a court the question being set moments before adjournme a partial solution was readelegate in the farther corn moved that the problem the hands of the three executions.

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The principal speech was tional Secretary-Treasurer practically spoke for Presi and the National organization of the country of the strikers themselves had of turn to work, and trust t dent's tribunal to do them The question of taking ca a serious one for the union.
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strike is over the volume of will decrease, and the loc be compelled to call upon organization for assistance money now on hand run the close of the great conend in a few days, possible passing of this week, the abeing levied on all bitu workers affiliated with the officials who care to talk of feel confident that the nation come to the assistance and ome to the assistant who stood out dur Hundreds of men tion having decide tive in order to get to quickly and satisfy mand for coal. All the meetings tomorrow, at tions will be given the ming their application for The proceedings in the dicate that there will be some

some of the local organizemany little questions which in connection with the men the mines.

President Mitchell receive gratulatory telegrams from country after the news spi strike was ended. On hi headquarters he was asked pression of his views on the convention, and in reply leased with the ac well pleased with the acthracite mine workers in mit the issues which cut strike to the commission President of the United strike itself has demonster and dignity of labor, intelligent trade unions petus, the effect of whi measured. I earnestly believe that both labor a learned lessons from the which will enable them ful, humane and busin ul, humane and djusting wage differ After Mr. Mitchel ent Roosevelt of the ention and had received ffect that the commissin Washington on Frida the following announces to the strikers off. It was address

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