

## THE WEEK AT KASLO

Ore Receipts 542 Tons Against 360 in the Preceding Week.

### EVIDENCE IN M'PHEE CASE

Strong Prima Facie Case Made Out Against the Accused—Major Jarvis of the Mounted Police Under Orders for the Arctic Circle.

KASLO, June 12.—[Special.]—The shipments of ore over the Kaslo & Slocan railway have begun to increase. Although the number of shipping properties is not so great as in the past, the output has been larger for individual mines. The Payne has resumed and during a portion of the week has steadily shipped in the neighborhood of 35 tons per day. This quantity will be increased in the near future. Other properties will also soon be added to the list, as the contractors are pushing work on the extension of the McHugh creek wagon road to the Best, Rambler-Cariboo and Dardanelles properties. The Washington is also working upon a fine body of ore and will ship about 300 tons per month as soon as the conditions are favorable.

It will be noticed, too, that a shipment of Black Diamond ore is included in the receipts at the railway station here. This is because the ore was hauled by the railway company from the barge on which it was brought from Ainsworth to the sampling works of the Kootenay Ore Company. Another shipment of like quantity from the same mine is due to arrive in Kaslo any day. It is claimed that the returns from the first shipment from this property proved much above the average ore from the Hot Springs camp, and well up to that from the Slocan, being about 102 ounces in silver. The receipts of ore at the Kaslo station of the Kaslo & Slocan railway for the week ending Thursday, June 10, were as follows:

Mines	Tons	Value
Ruth	300,000	300,000
Payne group	350,000	350,000
Slocan Star	300,000	300,000
Washington	30,000	30,000
Whitewater	30,000	30,000
Black Diamond	30,000	30,000

This makes a total of 1,084,000 pounds. This return from practically four properties makes a fairly good showing when all things are considered. Most of the ore from the Ruth goes to the Puget Sound Reduction works at Everett, Washington, while the Slocan Star ships as usual to the Omaha and Grant smelter.

### The Trial of McPhee.

The testimony adduced at the preliminary hearing of the charge of forgery against John McPhee was detailed and had evidently been carefully collated. John Keen was the first witness. He submitted several documents of official character, such as affidavits of mineral locations, which he had seen the accused write, and also a letter addressed to C. H. Green, of Saginaw, Michigan, known and admitted to be in the handwriting of McPhee. He also testified to the fact that he had refused to record a relocation of the mineral claim Yosemite, for one Alexander Cummings, with whom McPhee was associated, and that the latter had twice in one day before the relocation compared the time of their respective watches. J. C. Eaton, J. C. Ryan, J. D. Moore and D. McPhail testified that they did not sign the petition, nor did they authorize any one to sign for them. T. J. Lendrum, of Ainsworth, swore that he had a conversation with McPhee about the close of last summer, when he denounced Keen for not recording the relocation, and said he would have him turned out of his place. Edward Baum swore that one day McPhee would send word for drink, and he would send in a petition for Keen's removal. Daniel Ciguff swore to the restaking of the Yosemite ground, and that afterwards on the same day he was told at Sproule's it was done by Cummings and McPhee. Alexander Cummings testified that he restaked the Yosemite area and that McPhee was his partner. It was also shown by the testimony that Cummings had a writ issued out of the supreme court calling upon Recorder Keen to show cause why a compelling him to record the relocation which he had refused because the area relocated had been the property of a dead man and was under the control of the official administrator. The managers of the bank of British Columbia were, however, the most interesting witnesses, as they dealt with the similarity in the handwriting of the forged petition and the other documents. G. B. Gerrard, of the bank of B. N. A., was very minutely examined and made a close analysis of the documents. Generally he gave it as his opinion that the hand which wrote the petition was the same as appended the signatures. He also expressed the belief that the same person wrote the petition and the other documents before the court.

Mr. Allison, of the Bank of British Columbia, was more general, but not less pronounced in his expression of belief in the same direction. The testimony was closely followed by the justices and the points advanced by the experts carefully examined. At the close of the testimony, the result, announced by Police Magistrate Chipman, was that the court believed that a prima facie case had been made out, and no other course was open to them than to commit the accused for trial.

Mr. McPhee, who will thus be tried by a jury of his countrymen, has been a resident of Kaslo since his earliest days. He was one of the owners of the Eureka group, bonded for a large amount to O. H. Green, of Saginaw, Michigan, and is interested in other Slocan properties. He has numerous friends in the city and has always been much respected.

**Mining Notes.**  
The Ibez property, the bond on which was taken up this week, consists of the Ibez, Triangle and Liddersdale mineral claims, formerly known as the Brennand group. Development work has been prosecuted during the winter, and shipments will begin next week. Arrangements have been made for an active prosecution of work during the season. The mine is said never to have looked better than at present.  
R. M. Persean has conveyed a quarter interest in the mineral claim Stemwinder to James H. Bruyere, of Rossland. The claim is situated on the west Kootenay lake, only three miles from Kaslo. Persean, who is credited with being an indefatigable prospector, traced up one of the numerous visible stringers to the parent ledge which proved to be valuable. The locality is near enough to the city to attract the attention of many in the city who like to do a little amateur work in the prospecting line on off days.

John H. Alexander has purchased from Charles Taylor, of Ainsworth, for \$2,000, the mineral claims Post, Condon and Homer situated on the South Fork of Woodbury creek, near Ainsworth, about four miles from the forks of the creek.

Moritz Thompson has registered a lis pendens upon the Black Fox mineral claim. His suit is brought against Porter Brothers, and he claims an interest in the property.

Major Van Moerkerke, the veteran prospector, has sold his interest in the mineral claim Comeo to Oliver T. Stone of Kaslo. The claim is situated two and a half miles west of Fish lake and on the southeast side of the London.

Daniel R. Young and George H. Colwell have conveyed to Frank J. Farley, of Nelson, an undivided one-quarter interest in the California, located at the head of Hooker creek, fourteen miles from Crawford bay.

Thomas Erickson has sold a half interest in the mineral claims Needles, Silver Alpe and Giamler North to C. W. Sturges for the sum of \$500. These claims have not been long located and are said to present some particularly fine surface showings.

The Red Star mineral claim, at the mouth of Schroeder creek, which the Hall Mines company has been working on as a limestone quarry, is again the subject of a law suit.

**Steamer on Hauser Lake.**

Notwithstanding many predictions to the contrary, Sam Lovett has succeeded in taking the tug steamer Idaho up the lower Duncan river from Kootenay lake to Hauser lake, in which she now is. He did not find much difficulty on the trip, and only used the capsitan in one place and that was not absolutely necessary. He says there is no serious difficulty in navigating the river with a suitable boat from May to October, and there is money in the venture for any one who would build the boat.

Dr. R. G. Brett, of the Banff sanitarium, and Inspector McPherson, of the Northwest mounted police, who were in Kaslo a few days ago, are reported as having purchased the Halcyon Hot Springs on Upper Arrow lake, for the sum of \$25,000. They propose to erect new buildings and make extensive improvements upon the property. Dr. Brett has sold an interest in his Banff establishment for \$15,000.

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The Spokane and Kaslo baseball nine will play upon the Kaslo club's grounds upon Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. As Kaslo's representatives will be still further strengthened by the presence of Hughes, it is expected that they will give the Spokane opponents all the satisfaction they want by beating them again.

The gravel flats, lying at the eastern part of the city, which were swept by the floods of three years ago and have since been unused, are now being utilized for building purposes and a number of small dwellings are being built. There is also a brick demand for lots which were deemed of little value.

**TO CELEBRATE DOMINION DAY.**  
Nelson Arranging A Two Days' Program. A grand Suit Against Heine.

Nelson, June 11.—[Special.]—A general meeting of citizens has appointed an executive committee consisting of John Houston, R. E. Lemon, J. Dover, F. Irvine, J. J. Malone and C. A. Waterhouse to arrange a program of sports for the celebration of Dominion day. It was decided to extend the program so as to cover both July 1 and 2. The sports will include lacrosse, rowing, baseball, horse racing, a rock drilling contest and the regular Caledonian sports. Rossland is expected to be largely represented, and also Kaslo, Sandon and the Slocan lake towns. The preparations are extensive and a good time is anticipated.

Work was commenced today on a frame three story and stone basement hotel on Ward and Vernon streets. It is to be 100 x 100 feet ground area, and the estimated cost is \$25,000. The owners are J. Fred Hume, H. D. Hume and J. A. Kirkpatrick. The building is to be completed as soon as possible.

The supreme court is busy with the case of the Bank of Montreal vs. the Trail Creek Tramway company. The suit is for \$8,000 or more, for money paid for time checks, and there are about 20 intervenors whose claims amount to about \$9,000. Ten attorneys took part in the proceedings today.

The case of R. A. Chisholm vs. Malcolm McDonald, of Ymir, charged with assault to do grievous bodily harm, came up for hearing before Magistrate W. A. Jowett today and had not been concluded at a late hour tonight. The evidence is singularly contradictory. The decision of the court will probably be made known tomorrow.

**Work on Slocan Branch.**  
Contractors Poupore & McVeigh and O'Leary & McLain are making their preparations to commence work on the Slocan branch of the C. P. R., and hope to commence before the expiration of a week. The former will start at the southern end of the line and the latter at the Slocan end. The contract requires them to have everything completed by October 1. The right of way gang is working steadily and will keep far enough ahead of construction so as not to interfere.

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### SAYS SHE DID NOT ELOPE

Mrs. Kercheval's Story of Her Marital Troubles.

Came to Rossland With Harry Taylor Who Has Now Disappeared—Was Here Six Years Ago.

Stopping in room 15 at the International hotel, is a woman between 30 and 35 years of age, who recently obtained considerable notoriety in Spokane by reason of her alleged elopement from that city with Harry Taylor, a bartender. Her name Mrs. M. M. Kercheval and she does not deny it. Neither does she deny that she came here from Spokane with Taylor Monday, the 7th inst. But Taylor is not here now. He left in a hurry yesterday morning with Officer Pypor and Detective Downing, the latter of Spokane, on his trail. Where he went, no one knows. If Mrs. Kercheval is the wife of the informant, she keeps it to herself and merely says that she heard he left on the Red Mountain train for the south yesterday morning.

The story in regard to Taylor and Mrs. Kercheval which was circulated in Spokane immediately after they left that city and which was told in THE MINER of Sunday, June 6, was to the effect that Mrs. Kercheval had obtained \$200 from her husband, presumably to furnish a house in which to reside with him when he came back from Wardner, Idaho, and that she took the money and skipped out with Taylor. When Kercheval reached Spokane the couple were many miles away. Kercheval's 10 year old daughter was also missing. Friday he arrived and soon afterwards ascertained that his man was acting as a bar tender at the International. Taylor heard of the presence of the detective and ceased tending bar.

On Monday morning Officer Pypor started out to find Taylor. The officer, with Downing, entered the front door of a certain saloon on Washington street and at the same moment a man left by the back way. The man was Taylor. He walked by a roundabout route to a point on the Red Mountain track down the baseball grounds. When the train came along it is thought that he boarded it. The officer and detective searched the train at the depot and even rode a distance on it, but they didn't see Taylor and returned to town without him.

Monday night a MINER representative called on Mrs. Kercheval to get a statement from her. She was not feeling well and at first asked to be excused. Finally she consented to an interview.

The reporter found her to be very pleasant-looking, with nothing in her appearance to indicate that she is anything but a hard-working woman, as she is. Her manner of conversation was convincing, and she spoke without any embarrassment or hesitation. The impression she made was that she is more sinned against than sinning. She was one of the first women in Rossland,

having been engaged as a cook at the Le Roi mine nearly six years ago. Her husband at that time was employed in the mine. For six months she was the only woman in the camp, and she endured all the hardships that fall to the lot of a pioneer.

"Is it true that you eloped from Spokane with Harry Taylor?" was the first question asked of her.

"No. That talk is all nonsense. If the papers have published such stuff they will have to correct it."

"Did you come here from Spokane with Harry Taylor?"

"Yes, we came together. We decided in Spokane that we could get a start here, and so we came. He could make \$80 a month tending bar, and I thought I could get work and make my own living, as I have done ever since I married Kercheval. I can do anything."

"The statement was made that you got \$200 from your husband before you left, and that with this money you left town. Is that true?"

"My husband has not given me \$200 since we were married," she replied emphatically. "He has never even given me a decent dress. He makes money, but it all goes over the bar. The only thing he is fit for is work. He hasn't got sense enough to feed hens. But he is a good miner."

"Where is your daughter?"

"I sent her to my mother."

"Do you know that officers are after Taylor?"

"There's a detective up here from Spokane but he doesn't amount to much. He says my brother has employed him. My brother is only a boy not yet 20, and a divorcee from Kercheval as soon as she made the money to pay her expenses."

Taylor is from Ohio. He has worked in Denver and Victoria. It is reported that he tried to drown himself in the latter city.

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