

MINES AND MINING

The 700-Foot Level of the Le Roi Has Some Rich Ore.

SHIPMENTS ARE STEADY

Colonel Peyton, the Manager, Has Gone to London on a Visit and Perhaps to Sell the Property—Work to Be Commenced on the Royal George.

Drifting to the west is now in progress in the 700-foot level of the Le Roi, and at that point the showing is the finest that has ever been encountered in the mine. The ore shows a considerable increase in value, and an average of about four per cent copper is being obtained, while gold values run as high as \$159. The pay streak in which the high grade ore is found is about six feet wide, but the width of the vein has not been ascertained. The fault that was met with at the 600-foot level has disappeared.

MISSING MAIL POUCHES

They Were Found by Boys Yesterday While Playing.

They Are Two of the Three Bags Stolen From the C. & W. Depot on or About February 18th.

At 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning Frank Hoffman and Joseph Lawler, two boys, were playing on the side hill about a half block north of the track of the Columbia & Western railway, at the corner of Kootenay avenue and Butte street.

They saw two mail pouches on some logs, and proceeding closer observed that they contained letters. They first thought the pouches contained a lot of refuse papers from some store or office, and thought it would be an opportunity for collecting stamps. Before they put this into execution they observed that there were locks on the bags and that both had been cut open by some one. The locks had been cut near the bottom. They realized finally that the pouches had been stolen by some one.

A further examination of the contents revealed that about one-third of the letters had been removed from the pouches and returned to the sender. It is inferred that the men who stole the bags of mail must have been surprised while examining the contents and left the task for some other time. They were afraid to return afterwards through fear of being detected and arrested. The two lads reported the find to Postmaster Waddie, and soon after he took possession of the registered letters that had not been opened. In one of these registered packages was \$125 in bills. This was addressed to A. White. There were other registered letters containing smaller sums.

A NEW CORPORATION.

One of Its Objects is to Act as Agents For Foreign Companies.

The Mines Development, Trust & Guarantee company is a new local organization, covering several objects essential to the welfare of the camp, and of particular benefit in furthering the transfer of stock which is now an obstacle by reason of the fact that extra-provincial and foreign mining companies violate the law requiring them to maintain offices and attorneys within the province. The company is capitalized with \$50,000 in 50,000 shares, of which 49,000 shares are ordinary, fully paid and non-assessable, and 1,000 shares are issued as debentures, in multiples of \$50, bearing five per cent interest.

The company proposes to act as trustees and custodian of pooled stock for any or all mining companies; to act as general stock transfer agent or attorney for the facilitation of the prompt acquisition and transfer of shares; to act as vendors or purchaser's agent, on commission, to buyers and sellers of mines and mineral properties, and other industrial enterprises; to acquire, by purchase or bond, mineral claims or prospects in British Columbia, and to develop same to a limited extent and thereafter either sell them or incorporate them into working companies; to act generally as trustee, underwriter and guarantor and counsel on the business of a safe deposit company.

The directors, who are all well known Rossland citizens, are as follows: A. Marsh, John S. Clute, Jr., H. Girdwood, E. W. Ruff and George Parker. Messrs. Macdonald, Clute, Crony, are the solicitors, Charles E. Benn is secretary, and Charles Parker is the consulting mining engineer.

TOO MANY GOING IN.

Not Enough Claims to Go Around in the Klondike Region.

"There are close to 15,000 Klondikers at Lakes Linderman and Bennett waiting for spring to come so that they can rush down to Dawson City," said F. T. Walker to a MINER reporter last evening. Mr. Walker returned yesterday from a business trip of a couple of months along the Alaskan coast. The son just as quickly as he had started last November, but there are already four or five times too many people in the Klondike, and when the 40,000 or 50,000 now on the way get there, the crush will be enormous. Dawson is very lively, though, and stampedes are of daily occurrence. A man can't be seen working anywhere within 50 miles of there but what there will be a wild rush to locate everything in the vicinity.

HOSPITAL GRANT

Correspondence With the Premier Has Good Results.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

H. B. Smith Appointed City Engineer. He Will Prepare Plans for General Repairs—By-Law for Appropriation for the Fire Department.

The condition of the streets and the necessity for repairs came up for attention at the council meeting last night. The necessity for immediate action was agreed upon, as the running water caused by the snow is working havoc with the highways. On the motion of Alderman Lalonde, H. B. Smith was appointed city engineer at a salary of \$10 per day, with instructions to proceed at once laying out plans for the repairs of the streets. Mr. Lalonde called attention to the fact that under Washington street in particular is being cut up by the running water, and he suggested that a drain be constructed from the old government drain to the Red Mountain station, so as to catch the water at its upper level and prevent its doing further damage along Washington street.

In this same connection a bill of \$95 was presented by John R. Cook for damages to the furniture and fixtures of his private room in the basement of the postoffice block, caused by an overflow of surface water from the street.

Nothing was done towards passing a by-law authorizing a loan for street improvements, but a petition representing 20 per cent of the assessed valuation of the city, was received, requesting the city to secure a loan sufficient to equip and operate the fire department in properly equipped buildings.

It is to be expected that the Sisters' hospital will get all its much needed grant from the government, although for awhile the outlook was exceedingly gloomy.

When the Rossland delegation went to Victoria last month for the purpose of laying before the ministers the needs of this community, they devoted a great deal of time and attention to the securing of aid from the government for hospital purposes. After several interviews they succeeded in obtaining a distinct promise from Premier Turner of a grant of \$3,000 to be devoted to the Sisters' hospital, subject to the condition that nominees of the government should be placed on the board of directors of the institution, a stipulation which was accepted with alacrity and thankfulness by the sisters. Unfortunately when a few weeks later the budget was brought forward in the Provincial house, this particular grant of \$3,000 was not included in the subject and it therefore became the duty of Mayor Wallace's delegation to draw Mr. Turner's attention once more to the subject. How and with what effect this was done the subject letters to the council will show.

ROSSLAND, B. C., March 24th, 1898. Hon. John H. Turner, Premier, Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of March 18th has been shown to me by Mr. Bowes, and inasmuch as to be some misunderstanding regarding the "Sisters' Hospital Grant" we beg herewith to submit to you a statement of what took place in the course of our interviews with you.

When the matter of this grant was first brought to your notice by us, you pointed out that the Sisters' hospital was a denominational institution and giving a non-denominational grant to you would therefore be giving aid to a denomination. By way of getting around this difficulty you suggested that you would be willing to allow the city a per capita grant in respect of any resident patients treated at the hospital. At the time that this suggestion was made your delegation was neither in a position to accept or reject it, having had no chance of deliberation among themselves as to what was to them an entirely new proposal. At a subsequent interview, however, when you brought the matter up again and pointed out to you as clearly and forcibly as we could that the grant proposed by you would probably not amount to \$1,000 in all per annum, and would therefore be quite inadequate for our requirements; therefore, as a means of getting over the denominational difficulty we brought to your notice the following alternative proposals:

- First—That the government should give a grant of \$3,000 to the Rossland municipal council or to Mr. Kirkup, to be used as was thought fit for hospital purposes.
- Second—That you should give the sisters a grant of \$3,000, provided that they (the sisters) would allow representation of the government's nominee on their board of directors.
- After some discussion you agreed to accept the second proposal, and upon this understanding the discussion on this subject was brought to an end.

This statement of the facts of the case we believe to be literally correct, and our recollection of what took place at our last interview with you. In any event we wish to impress upon you most strongly the advisability of meeting the wishes of the people of this district with regard to this grant. As we attempted to point out to you when we were in Victoria, the existence of a hospital at Rossland is an absolutely indispensable necessity, as is incontestably proved by the large number of cases treated here during the past year, and the government aid having been already conceded and applied by you for several years past at Nelson and other places, it will be impossible to convince people that they are fairly treated if assistance of this kind is refused to them, or if it is merely given on the basis of a per capita grant as suggested by you.

H. B. WALLACE, MAYOR, ALD. BOSS THOMPSON, DR. EDWARD BOWEN, F. W. ROLT, JOHN MCKANE.

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Silverine, Caledonia, Grand Prize, Phoenix, Homestake, Commander, Ivanhoe, Iron Colt, St. Elmo, Monita, Big Three and a number of other stocks which have been practically 'off the board' are again coming into demand and will soon be sellers.

The sellers are War Eagle, \$1.45; Le Roi, \$7.35; Deer Park, 15 1/2c; Monte Christo Cons., 20c; and Good Hope, 3 1/2c. These five stocks are the best sellers among all the stocks on the list and therefore from the investors' standpoint are the best 'buys.' We recommend them as the best and there is certainly sufficient divergence in price to leave plenty of room for selection. Except Good Hope small lots of the stock named can be picked up at prices a shade under quotations.

Ymir, Slocan and Boundary Stocks also command a sale here, but the preference is for Rossland stocks.

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MINING NOTES.

Operations are continuing steadily on the Union Mine, one of the big quartz properties on Lookout mountain.

The Smuggler, near Fairview, has placed an order for a 20-stamp mill with the Jenckes Machine company through its resident agent, Frank Mendenhall.

J. D. Anderson, P. L. S. of Trail, has just completed the survey of the Victoria on Lookout mountain. Mr. Anderson expects to leave in a few days to survey the Cannon Ball group near Christina lake.

The Jenckes Machine company has just received an order from the Athabasca, near Nelson, for a 25-horse power boiler, a hoist and two drills, to be used in the prospecting of the company. The Athabasca has also placed an order with the Jenckes company for a 10-stamp mill.

George Germain of Winnipeg caused an advertisement to be printed in The Miner on March 29 as to the whereabouts of Wilfrid Poulin. The answer to the advertisement was prompt, for the reason that on the 30th of March Germain received a dispatch from Mr. Poulin from Northport, Wash. This dispatch gave the value of THE MINER as an advertising medium.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Eau, Kurragay, Whiro, Hotupha, Deplunne mineral claims situated in the Trail Creek mining division of west Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout mountain, acting as agent, Mr. McIvor Campbell (as trustee) free miner's certificate No. 5,214 A, 26 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mine recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

Ground Floor Proposition

Pooled Shares in the LARDEAU-GOLDSMITH MINES, LIMITED. The property consists of the Ophir and Oregon mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of west Kootenay district. Vein: 50 feet wide, traceable for several miles; paystreak four to 15 inches; average assays 1,000 lbs. gold, 18 1/2 per cent copper, 28 oz. gold, values \$64.40, silver, 11 1/2 per cent copper, 130 oz. gold, values \$20 to the ton. Good facilities for getting out ore and shipping. The promoters offer a limited number of pooled shares at three dollars per share for the purpose of developing the properties and placing them on a shipping basis, before selling any of the treasury shares which should then command par.

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AN OLD CLERGYPAN, deploring the fact that so many men are being imposed upon by unscrupulous quacks, is willing to inform any man who is weak and nervous or suffering from various effects of errors or excesses, how to obtain a perfect and permanent cure. Having nothing to sell, he asks for no money, but is desirous for humanity's sake to help the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp, REV. A. H. MACFARLANE, FRANKTOWN, ONTARIO.

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Stock Letter.

The stock market has been fairly active for the past week. War Eagle has again seen the biggest rise, having jumped five cents. Of the others, Mountain Goat, Deer Park, Athabasca and Virginia have been most extensively dealt in. The Mountain Goat Mining company has just sold 200,000 shares of its treasury. The capitalization of this company are considered to be very bright. Assays have not been taken running all the way up to \$5,000 to the ton, and a smelter test recently taken from 1,000 pounds of ore showed \$5,000 in gold. We understand that \$5,000 was expended by the original owners in developing the claim, previous to its having been taken over by the company. The first block of 50,000 shares is being offered for sale at the exceedingly low price of one cent per share. The remainder of the block will be snapped up quickly. We can confidently recommend this stock, both as an investment and also as being good for a rise in the near future.

A Slocan company which is rapidly working its way to the front is the Hillside. The capitalization is 1,000,000 shares, par value \$1. of which there is a treasury fund of 300,000 shares. There remain 700,000 treasury shares unsold. The company's property, which comprises three claims, is situated three miles east of Whitewater. These 700,000 shares are being offered for sale at the rate of 100 cents per share. We consider this stock to be a good buy at the price quoted.

Table with columns: NAME, Par value, Price this week, Price last week. Includes entries for Arlington, Comanche, Deer Park, Dardanelles, Good Hope, Evening Star, Iron Colt, Hillside, Iron Colt, Iron Mark, Joseph, Kennel, Keystone, Le Roi, Lerwick, Lily May, Monte Christo, Mountain Goat, Novelty, Palo Alto, Poorman, Silver Bell, Twin, Virginia, War Eagle.

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