

this state of affairs continue it is likely to create a shortage of supplies, which may bring about still higher prices. The New York price is 4.65, with St. Louis 10c lower.

**SPELTER.**

There has been a very active demand in this market, with quotations at 4.75 to 4.80c, New York; and 4.55 to 4.60c, St. Louis.

**THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET.**

**T**HE market has been generally dull and apathetic, and with few exceptions, prices have declined all round. There are, however, promises of a revival after the New Year.

**BOUNDARY CREEK.**

Among Boundary Creek shares, Old Ironsides, Knob Hill, Winnipeg and Brandon have remained fairly steady at 100, 80, 29 and 29, respectively, but Morrison has fallen to 7 and Rathmullen to 6½.

**CAMP M'KINNEY.**

Cariboo is offered at 1.05, Minne-ha-ha 14, Fontenoy 14, but Waterloo has been in good demand at 12½ to 13½. Some transactions in Sailor are reported at 10c, and Mammoth at 1½; Little Cariboo at 1c.

**TEXADA ISLAND.**

Van Anda has declined very considerably, sales taking place as low as 5c.

**FAIRVIEW CAMP.**

Fairview Corporation were active at the beginning of December, but closed dull at 5 asked and 3 bid.

**CARIBOO DISTRICT.**

Cariboo Hydraulic has been selling as low as 90, and Horsefly Gold Mining Co. (Ward's Co.) are being offered at \$1.25.

**EAST KOOTENAY.**

Some Crow's Nest have sold during the month at \$36 to \$37.

North Star is offered at \$1.05, and Sullivan has advanced from 9 to 12.

**SLOCAN.**

Payne has been in demand at \$1.02 to \$1.05, Dardanelles at 11½ to 12, Rambler-Cariboo at 56 to 58, Noble Five has fallen to 19.

**NELSON.**

Athabasca has sold as low as 33½ and Tamarac is offered at 10½, and Fern as low as 6.

**ROSSLAND.**

War Eagle is quoted at 2.56, Virginia 6½, Deer Park 2, Monte Christo 7, Iron Mask 62, Iron Colt 13; whilst I.X.L has been boomed up to 23.

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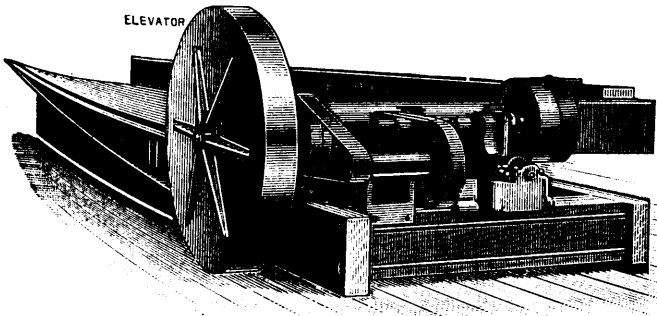
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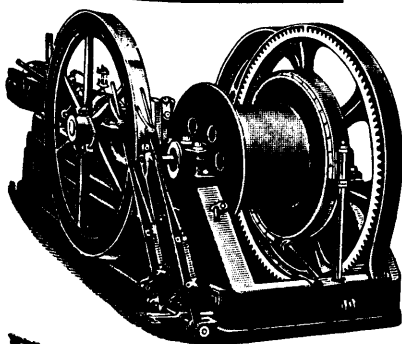
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