

ACTIVITY IN BOUNDARY

Close of the Year Shows a Condition of Prosperity.

Deals Pending That Promise Much For the District.

PHOENIX, Dec. 19.—A force of men is now employed at the Providence mine, in Providence camp, by Manager McIntosh. This high grade property is shipping on an average two cars of ore per month, and it is the intention to send most of the ore to the Greenwood smelter in the future. Work on deepening the incline shaft, which is now down 185 feet, will be started shortly after the first of the new year. Adjoining the Providence, the E. P. U. is also making a fine record. The owners, Phil McDonald and James Sutherland, have a force of 14 men employed, and from the shipments of the high grade ore made in the last few months were able to meet the balance of the \$5,000 due last week on the bond to C. L. Thomet, of Midway. In fact the total amount of the bond has been paid from the net proceeds of the ore shipments.

The 1,000-foot gravity tramway has been completed by Manager McVicker, of the E. P. U., and Gold Finch mines, which are being worked jointly by him. He has some 18 men at work, and is making shipments of high grade ore frequently.

Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby company, came in on last night's train accompanied by the assistant manager, H. N. Galer, of Grand Forks, on a trip of inspection to the company's properties in this camp. The mines are keeping up a steady output of about 2,000 tons daily, to supply the six furnaces at the smelter, and in order to do this the ore crusher is working double shift, as well as part of the three steam shovels, which are used to load ore into the railway dump cars. The two locomotives that will replace horse power in the mines, are expected to arrive daily now.

Appearance now indicate that the total tonnage from Boundary for the year will approximate 675,000 tons, the amount running up pretty fast of late.

H. H. Shallenberger, who is interested in and managing the work being done on the Dom Pedro, in Skyline camp, for the Chicago and British Columbia Mining company, is asking for tenders for the sinking of a shaft for 100 feet. This group has some very rich ore, and considerable work has been done on the claims.

Several deals of more than ordinary importance in a mining way are pending in the Boundary, which, when completed, will add materially to the number of men now employed in this section.

Active diamond drilling to test the ore bodies is now proceeding on the Volcanic, on the north fork of Kettle river, by the contractors, Boyles Bros., of Spokane. This is the group that was recently bonded to Michigan capitalists for a figure approximating \$100,000. As soon as there is snow enough to permit a shipment of high grade ore will be made from the Roderick Dhu claim, in Long Lake camp. Some remarkable assays have recently been had from this property, and the shipment will doubtless give excellent returns.

COUNCIL NEXT YEAR

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR PLACES IN THE CIVIC GOVERNMENT.

NOT A VERY LONG TIME FOR CITIZENS TO MAKE A SELECTION.

Less than a month hence the electors of Rossland will choose the men who are to preside over the destinies of the city for 1909.

It is generally presumed that Mayor Dean will be a candidate for re-election. Some of his special ideas, notably that of securing a reduction in the insurance rates, have not yet come to fruition, and it is thought he will appeal to the electors to be allowed to complete this and other schemes for the betterment of the city's interests. Although Mayor Dean has certainly lost many friends since he first hung his hat in the mayor's office at this time, and the knowledge of this in itself is certain to breed opposition.

Ex-Mayor Clute is said to have aspirations for a second term and at the present moment he has a requisition in circulation asking him to be a candidate. In many quarters Mr. Clute is regarded as an absolute impossibility—so much so, in fact, that it is not likely that he will make the fight. The requisition is simply a feeler.

Alderman Harry Daniel is also mentioned as a candidate, but by many is classed with ex-Mayor Clute among the impossibilities.

Alderman Embleton has been referred to as a possible entry for the majority sweptstakes, but up to date he has not admitted the soft impeachment. The grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. meets in Rossland next summer, and Mr. Embleton, himself a grand lodge delegate and officer, to greet the brethren of the three links as mayor of the Golden City.

Ex-Alderman Charles R. Hamilton

has been suggested as an admirable mayor in embryo and a certain winner should he elect to thrust his barque into the troubled waters of the election sea. As a former member of council, a citizen possessing extensive interests in Rossland and vicinity and an able lawyer, Mr. Hamilton would perform the functions of mayor with credit to himself and the community.

He is credited with being opposed to aldermanic salaries, existing conditions in Rossland, but it is absolutely certain that only great pressure would induce him to accept a nomination for an office that would necessarily engross some time now fully employed in his extensive legal practice. Should he yield to representations and become a candidate it would be solely from patriotic motives, and a citizen animated by such principles is exactly what is required at the city hall.

As to the candidates for aldermanic positions, it may be stated that there will be no shortage of material from which to select a council. Aldermen Embleton, McKelhan, Dunlop, Talbot and Armstrong have signified their intention of dropping out of the council, and in the case of Mr. Armstrong this is beyond question by reason of the fact that he has removed from the city to Poplar. So far as the other aldermen are concerned, it is notoriously the case that in event of their changing their minds equally astounding volte faces have been made at the "urgent request of a large number of ratepayers," to quote the familiar election card.

Thomas Stout is named among those who will have a genuinely cordial invitation to become a candidate for election as alderman. Other possible candidates are Joseph Morris, John Phillip, James Hoskings, T. Hume, J. B. Johnson and half a dozen others whose names will crop up in the course of the next fortnight.

MISCELLANY.

An Indian wrestler of renown is now doing stunts on the coast and dazzling the sportsmen by the sounding Pacific with his layout of warpaint and buckskins. His name is Chief Two Feathers and he is a Flathead Indian from Montana. In height he is six feet four and a half inches, and he tips the scales at 215 pounds. For the entire twenty-three years of his life he has practiced wrestling, and now thinks he is some pumpkin at the game; at any rate he is ready to take on all comers. Two Feathers is also an expert broncho buster and hunter.

Nelson is headquarters for a bunch of meal-ticket athletes, boxers and wrestlers. The air is full of fights and rumors of matches, while the principals do stunts daily in the gymnasium at the rear of a popular saloon, breaking off amiably if invited to "licker" at some admirer's expense. A little later there will be done at the opera house, in which two alleged fighters will chase each other around the ring for twenty long rounds, the referee will inform the audience that he is unable to give either man a decision, hence his award must be a draw, and the boys who put up a dollar a throw at the gate will kick themselves around the nearest corner in the same old way.

IT'S IN THE GAZETTE.

Special Features of Last Issue of Provincial Weekly.

The last issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains the following appointments:

A. Hayes, of New Westminster, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

H. H. Parkinson, J. P. of Fairview, and E. Bullock-Webster, J. P. of Kermeos, to be license commissioners for the South-East Yale district, vice L. W. Shatford and R. L. Cawston, resigned.

Isaac Herd, of Lansdowne, to be a license commissioner for the North-East Yale district, vice F. Appleton, resigned.

Notice is given that under the Public Inquiries Act S. A. Fisher, of New Westminster, will hold an inquiry into all matters connected with management of the Provincial Home at Kamloops. The first sitting was held at Kamloops on Wednesday, December 16th.

The Southeast and Northeast Yale license districts have been redefined as follows:

Southeast Yale License District—All that portion of the former east riding of the Yale electoral district not in any municipality, and situated south of the south end of the Okanagan electoral district which lies south of the south end of the said lake and north of the northern boundary of the Similkameen electoral district.

Northeast Yale License District—All that portion of the former east riding of the Yale electoral district not in any municipality, and situated north of the south end of Okanagan lake and including that portion of the Okanagan electoral district which lies south of the south end of the said lake and north of the northern boundary of the Similkameen electoral district.

IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

The hockey season is now practically in full swing, and it is interesting to look at the local situation with a view to sizing up Rossland's chance of retrieving past defeats and bringing the hockey trophy back to the Golden City, whence it has been triumphantly taken each season for the past three years to decorate festive boards in the Queen City.

Up to the present time the hockey management does not appear to have lived up to the bright hopes built up at the commencement of the season. Possibly these hopes ran too high, but many enthusiasts are disposed to believe that the adage, "too many cooks spoil the broth," is being demonstrated in the instance of the hockey team. In past seasons the direction of the club has been vested practically in one man, and it is admittedly easier for an individual to conduct correspondence and dispose of detail points than to summon a half dozen committeemen together every time it is necessary to order a half dozen hockey sticks. It is safe to wager that if some member of the present executive committee is empowered to conduct club business and report at weekly meetings of the executive what he has done in the seven days preceding, the net outcome would be much more satisfactory than can be accomplished under existing conditions. The suggestion is certainly worthy of consideration.

The hockey players practice at the rink on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings prior to the regular skating, one night being devoted to the intermediate players.

Rossland's first match will probably take place during the second week in January, which will admit of a reasonable amount of practice. Trail is said to have a fast seven, and the Smelter City men will be brought here for a game in the week specified, if agreeable to them. Nelson, Revelstoke and Fernie, all with fast sevens, are in the field to meet Rossland, so that the season now opening is likely to be lively.

GENEEL POVERTY.

Clergymen Struggle Along on \$500 a Year in England.

The poor we have always with us, but now and then England is treated to a startling glimpse of geneel poverty whose debasement seems impossible, says the London Daily Mail. Take, for instance, the sad case and its developments of the Rev. G. P. Ericose, my own clergyman trying to support the dignity of a clergyman in a Kentish town on \$810 a year. It has attracted sympathetic attention throughout the country.

One rector, whose net income is much less than \$500, sends a most pathetic description of his life to the Daily Mail. "You ask," he writes, "if it is possible for a clergyman to starve. I myself have not actually done so as yet, but the least little accident, now or for years past, would have sent me to the workhouse, or I should have died in my bed and remained there buried for possibly a fortnight. I have kept starvation away by living alone for the last seven years. I do my own cooking, my own washing, light my own church fires, and on one occasion even dug a grave. I have been ordained somewhat about eighteen years, and am worse off from a money point of view than I was before ordination. New clothes and such things—well, I simply don't bother about them, as I have ceased to bother about having to do my own little washing and mending and darning. The neighboring clergy I simply let go, for I have a pride that prevents me from visiting as a pauper where I feel that my intelligence and position would entitle me to appear as an equal, or more. I am poor and proud, and I suppose that many of my brother clergymen are the same. We don't complain, for what is the use of complaining? I have not a single helper in my parish, which is a poor one, and I am obliged to pay my own music in the church on Sundays, and pay my own church expenses."

Several correspondents point out that the clergy are in many instances paid far less than skilled artisans, and some earn as little as laborers. When the amount of money spent on their education is considered "there is no class in the community so badly paid," according to the correspondents.

The shadow of the workhouse appears to creep into many a parson's life, to judge by the letter printed. A curate observes that several of his colleagues have ended their existence in the workhouse after years of work, and he looks forward gloomily to the

Taxes to Be Paid Under New Act

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.—All notices issued under the old assessment act are to be cancelled. A force of men is now employed in the finance department making out new notices on the basis of the new assessment bill, which thus becomes retroactive. Taxes payable before the end of January, will therefore be collected under the provisions of the new act.

same fate, as "my earning capacity after twenty years' experience is considerably less than when I first started, and is likely to decrease."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J. McG., Koydart, N. S.—The Mother Lode property in Burnt Basin has not been operated on an extensive scale this year. The wagon road which will open up this section is now partially constructed, and will doubtless be finished in the spring, when the Burnt Basin section as a whole should have a bright future.

J. T. U., St. Thomas, Ont.—The new Giant company bought out the old concern at three cents per share cash, or six cents per share when paid in shares of the new company figured at \$4.88 per share. On this basis 51 shares of the old company called for one share in the new concern, and a certificate for 500 shares would be replaced by one for six shares in the new company with something over, for which the new company might issue another share or otherwise reimburse the holder of the certificate. The price quoted daily on local stock exchanges is for shares in the original company.

Mrs. Owen Owens, Cheney, Wash.—So far as we can learn the Minnesota and Victoria on Murphy creek are not being actively operated at this particular juncture.

B. C. W., Springfield, Mass.—Replying to your communication we would not feel disposed to recommend the purchase of any of the shares either for investment or speculation. Your inclosures clipped from the alleged financial paper are not worth serious consideration.

FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

Hunter Bros' Establishment as Headquarters for Holiday Gifts.

For holiday shoppers no establishment in the Kootenays offers a wider assortment of articles suitable for Christmas gifts than does Hunter Bros. "The Big Stores." The stores will be open each evening through the week for shoppers. For variety, excellence and range of prices the stocks in the various sections of the establishment commend themselves strongly to holiday purchasers.

From the street an idea of the Christmas offerings at the Big Store can be gained. Unusual taste and care have been lavished on the window decorations, and the effects secured have attracted widespread attention. Commencing at the east side of the Big Store, the first window is devoted to the display of goods suitable for gifts to members of the fair sex, and the display is genuinely attractive. Prominent are beautiful silk shirtwaists such as delight the hearts of ladies and are a joy forever to fortunate owners. A feature is also made of handkerchiefs, which form so welcome and useful gifts for ladies. The variety ranges from the filmy creations in lace to the dainty linen kerchiefs for more practical use. In addition wonderful drawn-work is shown, with articles of a similar nature that attract and delight ladies. The prices of all goods are reasonable and the range is such that every purse can be accommodated without departing from the general standard of excellence.

The next window is filled with treasures from toyland for the juveniles. All manners of mechanical toys are shown and youngsters find the exhibition most fascinating. Parents at a loss to select suitable gifts for children will find a host of happy suggestions in the toy department of the Big Store.

The third window is devoted to China ware and contains many articles that will bring gladness to the hearts of housewives at Christmas. Steins for bachelors are unequalled as Christmas gifts, while exceptionally handsome china cases and teapots in arabesque designs are beautiful. The china ware will win the devoted friendship of ladies, whether maids or matrons.

In the gentlemen's furnishing department is a display that compels the attention of all passersby. The suggestions for Christmas gifts contained therein are a veritable inspiration. The ties shown are modish in colors that attract without offending the fastidious. Handkerchiefs are the neck scarves in the newest shape and materials, rich and possessing admirable wearing qualities. For gentlemen the display offers a wider range of gifts of the special variety that appeals to the masculine mind than anything yet offered in the Kootenays. In an adjoining window are smoking jackets that attract strongly.

In the hardware department skates and knives in wide variety are shown, both eminently happy holiday gifts. In the grocery department the array

of Christmas dainties is too extensive to be described. Everything required for the adornment of the Christmas table is shown in its most perfect and tempting form.

Throughout the stores artistic decorations have been carried out and a visit to the premises is a real treat.

DROWNED IN ARROW LAKE.

O. Drolet's Fatal Attempt to Row From Halcyon to Nakusp.

Last Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning an accident happened on Upper Arrow lake whereby O. Drolet of Greenwood, a timber cruiser in the employment of the Yale-Columbia Lumber company, is supposed to have been drowned. Drolet was on the Upper Arrow lake on the firm's business, and left Halcyon Springs on Tuesday afternoon in a rowboat to row down to Nakusp. It was his intention to make St. Leon Springs that night. Towards dark he was seen near Lone Tree point, about eight miles south from Halcyon. Early next morning the boat, much battered, with oars missing and one rowlock gone, was found on the beach about 200 yards south from Halcyon dock. Drolet's top coat was found in the capsized boat. Enquiry made by wire at St. Leon and the logging camp showed that he had not reached either place. Careful search has so far failed of discovering the body. It is supposed that Drolet turned back to Halcyon on account of the "Small Debts Act" for which he struck a rock while he was rowing along near the shore. Drolet was much respected by his employers and by those with whom he worked.

MUNICIPAL POLITICS

REFORM ASSOCIATION OPENS COLUMBIA AVENUE OFFICES.

POLITICAL CAPITAL AT CITY HALL—PROPOSE MASS MEETING.

The municipal political pot is beginning to boil. Yesterday the Municipal Reform association opened rooms on Columbia avenue. The function of the premises for the present will be the registration of voters, in which there is a wide field for activity. The exact program of the association will be forthcoming ere long.

The Reform organization is not the only element taking a hand in local politics. In various quarters activity is manifested, especially in the matter of registering voters. More attention is required on this point than in any past year owing to the alterations in the Municipal Elections Act whereby various classes of voters require to register anew. In the past the assessment roll was the standard for the registration of property owners, and it was customary for husband and wife to be placed on the roll as joint owners, thus obviating the necessity of one or other registering. Apparently the amendments make the registry office rolls the guide for the compilation of the voters' list, and only recorded owners are placed thereon, leaving the other owner, whether husband or wife, to register by declaration. This alternative should not be overlooked by citizens.

Political capital will probably be manufactured at the city council during the remaining weeks of the present board's regime. A move in this direction will be taken at tonight's session, when a motion to pay accrued civic salaries before the end of the current month will be presented. The point in this is that the council on taking office made a rule that civic salaries only matured fifteen days after the completion of the month in which the salaries were earned. It is claimed on one side that this is but a reasonable measure of protection for the corporation, whereby employees are prevented from leaving at a moment's notice and thus embarrassing the public service. On the other side this argument is not refuted, but it is claimed that if the present council does not pay December salaries in December the amount will not appear in the statement for the fiscal year, but will be foisted on the incoming council, while the outgoing board will have a financial statement the better by exactly the amount of the December payroll, no inconsiderable item. That this point should be raised is only of importance as evidencing the fact that salaries are already being trimmed for election day.

As to the majority candidates, matters are still in statu quo, no pronouncements having been made. Report still credits J. Stillwell Clute with an ambition to cross swords again with Mayor Dean, while Alderman Daniel is said to be determined to enter the field if Mayor Dean offers himself for re-election. The Reform association is understood to have a dark horse in contemplation for the majority race, but ex-Alderman Hamilton easily has the centre of the floor among the new men suggested for the contest, and if he were induced to accept a nomination it is quite certain the fact would substantially alter the face of things.

The advisability of a semi-public meeting at no late date to discuss the situation is under discussion in some quarters.

THE B. C. GAZETTE.

Some of the Features Contained in the Last Issue.

The following matters are dealt with in the last issue of the B. C. Gazette: Under the head of appointments are the following:

Sidney Williams of Quesnel to be a justice of the peace.

Adolphus Williams of Vancouver to be a stipendiary magistrate in and for the county of Vancouver.

Adolphus Williams of Vancouver to be police magistrate in and for the

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city, vice J. A. Russell.

Arthur Johnson of Revelstoke to be a license commissioner for the Revelstoke license district, vice E. A. Hagen.

Arthur H. E. Beckett of New Westminster to be a clerk in the land registry office there.

William Robert Williams of Phoenix, police magistrate, to be a magistrate under the "Small Debts Act" for the city of Phoenix, and within a radius of three miles therefrom.

Notice is given that in addition to the Christmas and New Year's holidays all provincial offices will be closed on the 26th inst. and on January 3.

COAST TO KOOTENAY.

Statement That J. J. Hill's Engineers Have Found a Route.

A St. Paul dispatch says: It was announced in St. Paul today on high official authority that President James J. Hill's engineers have found a satisfactory route from Princeton to the coast and that the Kootenay line he has had in mind for two years will be built, running in a northerly direction to Princeton, B. C., and then in a more southerly course to tide water. The line will follow the Similkameen to Princeton. The difficulty has been in finding low grades west of Princeton. The official statement is as follows: "The line will be an ore and coal line and the grades must be low or Mr. Hill will not build. Such grades have been found. They are lower than those of the Canadian Pacific through Kicking Horse pass. Mr. Hill is now in a position to go after a tremendous amount of Canadian business, for which he can afford after the line is built to make a lower rate than the Canadian Pacific can afford."

"It may be interesting to state that there will be a kind of revenge in this. The Canadian Pacific once blocked a Kootenay project of Mr. Hill's in the Canadian parliament, and asked \$2,000,000 in subsidy and 2,000,000 acres of land. The project partly covered the same line Mr. Hill now intends to build. The building of this line means that Mr. Hill believes that there is traffic to support a line which the Canadian Pacific will not build without enormous subsidy.

"I am informed that the line will be built within a year or so. The matter, as I am advised, now rests almost entirely with what the decision in the Northern Securities case is. This decision will mean the expenditure of millions in Great Northern construction if it is favorable."

The statements in this dispatch concur with the reports concerning the explorations of the engineering parties sent out by the Dunsmuir government. It is understood that they found a feasible route, involving grades no greater than two per cent, which would certainly offer no great impediment to railroading these days. It is likely something more definite will be heard in the near future in regard to the building of the much needed road.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

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