IT WAS A CASH DEAL

Final Payment For Porto Rico and Lizzie B. Made.

IT AMOUNTED TO $47,500

The Full Price Was $52,000, of Which $4,500 Was Paid Down at the Time of the Purchase — An Important Strike Made Friday in Lily May.

The final payment of $47,500 was made for the Porto Rico and the Lizzie B. claims Wednesday last by the Canadian Pacific Exploration, limited, to George Day and J. Maxwell. The sale of these properties was made on December 16, 1896, by Messrs. Maxwell and Day to W. H. Courbold, the representative and manager for the Canadian Pacific Exploration. The price was $52,000, the sum of $4,500 being paid down and the balance being made due in one year. This sale was engineered by J. B. Johnson & Co., brokers of this city. These properties are located on the headwaters of Slate creek, a tributary of the Salmon river, at a point eight miles from Ymir. Considerable development work has been done on the Porto Rico. The tunnel on the vein is in a distance of over 80 feet and a considerable amount of exploration work has been done. The ore is quartz, carrying iron and copper pyrites, assays $100 to the ton, and the vein is from two to four feet wide. A wagon road has been constructed from the mine to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, and it will not be long before shipments of ore will be made. The purchasers of the property are more than pleased with the property, which promises to become one of the important mines of the Quartz Creek district.

A Strike in the Lily May.

A fine body of good ore was met Friday in the east drift at the 100-foot level of the main shaft on the Lily May. A large specimen, on exhibition in the window of THE MINER office, shows good mineralization of white iron, together with some galena, while it also carries considerable fine white quartz. Assays are now being prepared, but returns have not yet been secured, although it is believed that the ore will prove to be of shipping value.

The ore body has already been penetrated for a distance of eight feet, along the hanging wall, and the showing is very fine. Lying directly on the hanging wall, which is beautifully defined, is a streak of clean ore about 14 inches wide; next to it is a streak of calcite about four inches wide, and beside it is another body of ore, also about 14 inches wide, so that there is in all 28 inches of good ore. Thus far, as no attempt has been made to crosscut the vein, its width is not known. The ledge matter outside the paystreak is a well mineralized diorite. The ore shows up about the same proportion of galena as in the upper workings of the property.

Frank Kizer, the superintendent, under whose direction the property is being developed, has decided to continue the east drift and to sink the main shaft to the 300-foot level. It is now down 108 feet. Work will be commenced at once cutting out a chamber at the 100-foot level in preparation for the new line of work. Sixteen men are now employed on the property, under the foremanship of T. J. Ferguson, and as a machine is to be started up in the shaft under three shifts of men, this force will soon be increased to about 22 men.

Work on the property is proceeding admirably under the direction of the superintendent, Frank Kizer, who, though comparatively a stranger in the Rossland camp, has been interested in mining for the past 15 years. Mr. Kizer means to make the Lily May a mine, and is starting splendidly in that direction. He and W. J. Harris, the general manager of the company, are devoting all their energies to the success of the enterprise. Mr. Harris, who, by the way, is expected back tomorrow from Hot Springs, much improved in health, is contributing a considerable share to the expense of working the property, which is about $2,000 a month.

CITY DEBENTURES.

The Council Sells Them to the Bank of British North America.

The city council held a special meeting yesterday afternoon. The principal business transacted was the acceptance by resolution of the offer of the Bank of British North America made to purchase all the debentures of the city to the amount of $65,000. These bonds are to run for a period of 25 years, and are to bear interest at the rate of 5½ per cent per annum. The proposition of the bank in substance is as follows: It will make the loan to pay off the city's floating indebtedness, amounting to about $14,000, provided the city authorities will agree to sell it the $65,000 in city debentures to mature in not less than 25 years, and to yield 5½ per cent interest per annum to the purchasers, the bonds to be issued with the least possible delay. The proceeds of the debentures are to be used to wipe out the indebtedness of $50,000, and also the $14,000 which the bank purposes loaning to the city against the $15,000 in twenty-year debentures, which will become valid on the 26th day of the present month.

The mayor was opposed to the acceptance of the offer and he seemed to desire to sell the debentures to the Trust & Loan company of Toronto, which purchased the bonds under the bylaw which was recently declared to be invalid by the supreme court of the province. These bonds bore interest at the rate of 6 per cent. He was afraid that this company might bring an action against the city if they were not given the debentures.

City Solicitor McLeod was asked for an opinion as to whether an action against the city could be maintained by the Loan & Trust company. He declared that as the bylaw in question had been declared ultra vires all obligations on the part of the city toward the Loan & Trust company were at an end and therefore it could not successfully maintain an action against the city for not giving them the debentures.

A resolution was then adopted, accepting the offer of the Bank of British North America for the $65,000 worth of debentures.

It was decided to supply City Engineer Long with an outfit worth $100, and to pay him at the rate of $20 per day for the work of surveying the streams in this neighborhood, to the end that they may be taken up in the interests of the municipality.

It was decided that the concern which was awarded the voters' list should be compelled to give a bond for the amount of the contract for the faithful and timely carrying out of the agreement with the city.

Grace Ella Alton, Hartland, N. B., Cured of Eczema.

I do hereby certify that my daughter, Grace Ella, was cured of Eczema of several years' standing by four boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment.

ANDREW AITON,
Hartland, N. B.
W. E. Thistle, Druggist,
Witness.

A Strike in Silver Queen.

The Silver Queen Mining company received yesterday a one-half ton sample of ore taken on Wednesday last from the breast of No. 1 tunnel on the Black Fox claim of the company's group on Cariboo creek, which gave great satisfaction to local holders of Silver Queen shares, beside attracting general attention and much favorable comment.

Late in October, C. C. Woodhouse, jr., the mining engineer, made a survey for the Silver Queen people and located the ledge. Work, which had been suspended for a time on No. 1 tunnel, was resumed on November 8, and the tunnel was carried at a four degree curve toward the ledge as its location was marked on Mr. Woodhouse's map. Early in the present month the footwall was encountered at a point just three feet from the line which was indicated by the map. Here the vein was crosscut and found to be over 12 feet in width with well defined walls of diabase and greenstone.

Since then, the company has been drifting along the footwall, with their entire tunnel in high-grade pyrrhotite and galenic ore, giving assays, by average samples, of 116½ ounces silver, $24.50 gold, 6 per cent lead, and a small percentage of copper. At the point where the crosscut reached the hanging wall the ore assayed still higher than on the footwall, and the formation on either side of the vein is so impregnated with mineral as to make it a low-grade ore, as is the case with the Red mountain mines of Rossland. About 12 tons of the high-grade ore previously described is being taken out of the tunnel, which is 5x7 feet in dimension, without stoping, and the Silver Queen can become a steady shipper whenever the management desire to place it in that class.

Mr. Woodhouse, the company's engineer, allows himself to be quoted as saying that few of the great strikes that have been made during his years of experience in British Columbia have equalled the one made on the Silver Queen. He has unbounded faith in the future of that property, and has not the slightest doubt that the Silver Queen will make a splendid mine.

WALLACE A CANDIDATE

He Will Accept the Nomination for Mayor.

A Number of Leading Citizens Sign a Requisition Requesting Permission to Place Him in Nomination.

Howard S. Wallace, merchant of this city, at the earnest solicitation of a number of his friends, including J. B. Johnson, C. O. Lalonde, James Hunter, Ross Thompson, and many others, has consented to become a candidate for mayor of the municipality of Rossland. Appended is his letter to the public, which was written in reply to a requisition signed by a number of leading citizens:

To the Electors of the City of Rossland:

In consideration of the expressed desire of a number of the principal ratepayers of the municipality that I should become a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Rossland at the election to be held on January 13, 1898, I beg to state that I fully appreciate the great responsibility and honor that has been conferred upon me in this connection. I hereby acquiesce to your desires and will accept the nomination if it is tendered me. In so doing I pledge myself to do my utmost to prove myself worthy of your esteem and confidence.

At a later date, but in ample time for the consideration of those interested in the wellfare of the city of Rossland, I shall take pleasure in presenting at length to the electors of the municipality my views respecting what is necessary for the good government of the city.

H. S. WALLACE.

Dec. 18, 1897.

Following is the requisition asking Mr. Wallace to allow his name to be placed in nomination:

TO HOWARD S. WALLACE, ESQ.:

We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of the city of Rossland, having every confidence in your integrity and ability, and being assured that you have, and will continue to have, the best and truest interests of our city at heart, hereby respectfully request you to allow your name to be placed in nomination as our mayor for 1898. In token of our continuing confidence, and in the hope that you will find it your duty as a good citizen to consent to become our candidate for chief magistrate of this city, we hereby pledge you our votes and heartiest support.

J. B. Johnson	B. L. Wood
C. O. Lalonde	H. S. O'Connell
Thos. Hulme	Albert Barrett
Jas. Hunter	Wright Bros.
Robt. Hunter	W. C. Martin
Ross Thompson	D. Campbell, M. D.
John Ferguson McCrae	W. J. Whiteside
C. C. Woodhouse, Jr.	David Stussi
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A. B. Acorn	W. D. McKinnon
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W. F. McNeill,	J. W. Bauer,
William Brown,	D. D. Birks,
P. D. Rodier,	Fred Whitaker,
E. Lavalley,	J. S. Paterson,
William Rolls,	A. N. Paterson.
N. F. Townsend,	J. H. Robinson,
Hermann L. A. Keller,	A. G. Gillespie,
Charles S. Askew,	T. B. Garrison,
William Wadds,	S. Garnham,
George H. Hall,	L. H. Moffatt,
J. F. E. Wize,	Edward Baillie,
George N. Taylor,	G. R. Hillard,
Robert Hunter,	J. E. Saucier,
James Jones,	Samuel L. Long,
Samuel Macey,	A. L. Anderson,
G. F. Upham,	James Price,
E. Escalet,	M. H. Dobie,
S. Simpson,	J. Kirkup,
F. W. Rolt,	R. M. Grogan,
Smith Curtis,	J. L. G. Abbott,
A. H. MacNeill,	J. R. Cook.

RELIEF FOR MINERS.

Three Million Pounds of Provisions Will Be Needed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The question of the advisability of closing the sub-customs port at Dyea, Alaska, is now before the treasury department. Today Secretary Gage received the following telegram from Tacoma, Wash., signed "Tacoma Citizens' Klondike Committe": "On behalf of tens of thousands of people in the United States and the continent, who have already signified their intention of going to Alaska and the Klondike, we beg to suggest that for the present no action be taken toward withdrawing customs sub-ports in Alaska, and that efforts be centered upon inducing our government and that of Canada to remove all duties on miners' ordinary outfits, consisting of only supplies and weighing one ton or less." Secretary Alger is giving much study to the best means of getting in supplies to the miners in the Yukon country, and has decided to ask bids for the delivery of stores directly at Dyea, Skagway or Chilkat.

Secretary Alger's estimate now is that no less than 3,000,000 pounds of food stores will be required for the expedition. It is estimated that a reindeer team cannot be guided safely with more than 300 pounds, so that no less than a thousand of these animals would be required as a pack train, if they were the sole reliance. It will be necessary to obtain a permit from the Canadian government for a military expedition to pass, and also to secure a remission of duties on the supplies that are to be carried in in general. Secretary Alger may go to Ottawa to secure it.

STABBED IN THE NECK.

GRAND FORKS, Dec. 17.—[Special.]—A dispatch from Camp McKinney announces that Alexander Ramage, a miner, received an ugly cut in the neck while in a drunken row at that camp a few days ago. Ramage, with several other miners, got into a dispute which ended in a rough and tumble fight, and it was while thus engaged that Ramage received a four inch cut in the neck by some person in the crowd. The identity of the perpetrator of this cowardly act has not yet been ascertained, although one Mike Davley, another miner, has since been arrested at Camp McKinney on suspicion of knowing something about the matter.

Word comes from Nelson, Wash., that an election will be held at that place on the first of January next for the purpose of electing a mining recorder for the Curlew district. For the last year this office has been filled by Mr. Jennings, who has given entire satisfaction.

Deputy Customs Inspector Boissinault of Nelson, Wash., seized two kegs of whisky and one of alcohol last Sunday, as they were being taken into the drug store at Eureka camp by Mr. O'Connor, the proprietor of the store. Mr. Boissinault is holding this liquor at Nelson, pending instructions from the collector of customs at Port Townsend.

MINES OF THE CAMP

Evening Star Added to the List of Shippers.

LE ROI OUTPUT LARGER

From Now On It Will Be 2,000 Tons Per Week—Its Smelter at Northport Will Be Running in Two Weeks—War Eagle in Good Shape.

[From Sunday's Daily.]

Considered from a mining standpoint, the past week has been a highly satisfactory one. Another shipper has been added to the list, in the Evening Star, which sent 40 tons to the smelter, and expects to make further shipments this week. By the way, an option on 500,000 shares in this company, held by the Eastern Mining syndicate, expired Friday, and although nothing positive has been heard from the company, it is almost certain that the option will be taken up. The property is in excellent shape.

The Le Roi has practically completed the extensive surface improvements undertaken on the property, and work has been resumed full blast under ground. It is expected that from now on close to 2,000 tons of ore will be raised weekly. The company's smelter at Northport will be ready to commence operations about January 1.

The Le Roi's big neighbor to the north, the War Eagle, is in splendid shape. Work in one of the recently discovered chutes has actually been suspended for lack of space to store the ore.

In the matter of strikes the past week has not been devoid of interest. Perhaps the most important was the discovery in the Abe Lincoln on Deer Park mountain, of a three-foot streak of perhaps the richest copper ore in the camp. It carries copper carbonates and red oxide of copper in unusually high proportions. The Coxey likewise is getting good ore while the Deer Park is sustaining the reputation it has so well won.

There is nothing new in the way of the C. P. R.'s proposed smelter and railway, but the West Kootenay Electric Power company expects to be furnishing motive force to the mines here by the middle of January. In this connection comes the proposed plant of the Taylor Air Compressing company, which will compress air by water power and pipe it to the various properties over the camp. The promoters say they mean business, and as the project seems to be a feasible one, it would, if completed prove a formidable rival to Sir Charles Ross' big electric company.

The ore shipments for last week amounted to 1,720 tons. The total shipments so far this year aggregate 70,806 tons, and the total shipments for the year will probably come to about 75,000 tons.

The Le Roi.

The mine was never in such splendid shape, and work is proceeding under the most advantageous circumstances. About 260 tons of ore is being raised daily, and 236 men are at work. There are now 24 drills in operation in the mine, of which six are in the 600-foot level. A new ore bin of 100 tons capacity has just been completed.

The company's smelter at Northport is now nearing completion, and it is expected that it will start up about the first of January.

The new pump at the 600-foot level has been installed, and work commenced yesterday on the contract to extend the shaft to the 700-foot level. Three shifts of men, operating two machines, will carry on the work, and it is expected to be complete in 60 days. The contractors agree to sink the shaft, 7x14 feet in size, for 100 feet, at $28 per foot. The company furnishes all supplies and engineers for operating the hoist.

The Abe Lincoln.

A big strike was made Friday night in the main shaft of the Abe Lincoln, which is down about 90 feet. The mass of conglomerate which for the past 10 feet had been met in the shaft gave way to a fine body of copper ore, between two and one half and three feet wide. The strike is a peculiar one. For the most part it is a carbonate of copper, contained in porphyry, although it is liberally streaked with red oxide of copper. It is expected to give exceptionally high copper values, and may also give good returns in gold.

For several days past it had been suspected that a fine body of ore lay near at hand, and the find yesterday seems amply to justify this faith. In the opinion of men who have seen the strike, it is one of the most important made recently.

The War Eagle.

The recent strike in the east extension of the 375-foot level is proving even more important than was at first thought. The ore is all of shipping grade, and can be sent to the smelter just as it is knocked down. All the resources of the mine have been taxed to hold the ore taken out in the development of this level, and until the overflow can be accommodated, work will be suspended in this locality. The rest of the mine is looking very well.

The Virginia.

The task of installing the hoisting machinery on the Virginia is almost completed and it will be in motion on Tuesday. In addition to the hoist, two Rand drills will be put in motion. About 40 feet of the double compartment shaft has been finished and the management will continue work on this shaft until a depth of 300 feet has been attained. Then drifting will be commenced.

The Deer Park.

A new track is being laid from the shaft house to connect with a new dump, and it is expected that ore sorting will commence shortly. Lew Mulholland, the manager of the company, promises to make a shipment inside of 60 days. More quartz than ever is coming in the bottom of the shaft, which is down about 170 feet.

The Iron Colt.

Work is being rapidly pushed in the main tunnel, which is now in close to 1,000 feet. Considerable water is being met and some mineral is likewise encountered. It is thought that a ledge lies near at hand. Work has been suspended in the west drift, which is showing up well. The ledge there is 35 feet wide.

The Lily May.

The ledge has been encountered in the east drift at the 100-foot level, and 28 inches of good ore is in sight. Operations will be continued in the drift, and the shaft will be sunk to the 200-foot level. The force is to be increased to 22 men.

The Iron Mask.

The shipments last week amounted to 50 tons. Stoping is progressing favorably in the drifts at the 100-foot level, and some excellent copper ore is being extracted. The main shaft is nearly down to the 200-foot level, where a station will be cut.

The Evening Star.

The Evening Star sent out its first ore last week, but returns have not yet been received. Further shipments will be made this week. Stoping is in progress in the drifts at the bottom of the shaft, and the ore is being stored underground.

The Centre Star.

The shaft which is being sunk on the War Eagle vein near the Iron Mask side line is showing up excellent ore. An open cut along the vein at this point shows it to be at least 20 feet wide and the footwall is not yet uncovered.

The Poorman.

The raise from the tunnel level to the upper stopes is now up nearly 30 feet, and the connection is nearly complete. The ore body at the top of the raise is five feet wide, and is showing capital ore.

The Colonna.

During the past seven days work has been vigorously prosecuted on the development of the Colonna. The management reports that there is nothing in the way of a startling nature to announce.

The Coxey.

A good body of ore was met last week in the tunnel of the Coxey, and it is believed that the Giant lead has been met. Assays are not yet obtainable.

The Mountain View.

The ledge in the Mountain View continues very strong and is about seven feet wide. The ore is of the same character that has been encountered for the past fortnight.

The Josie.

Work is continuing in the 300-foot level, but there has been no recent change. A machine is at work in the main tunnel, and some very good ore is being met.

The Red Eagle.

J. W. Boyd has purchased the assets of the Red Eagle Mining company. He expects to make arrangements whereby the stockholders of the company will be protected.

The Crown Point.

The upraise from the tunnel level is being continued, and some good ore is being met.

The Ferndale.

Some exceptionally good copper ore has been met in the shaft, which is down about 90 feet. An assay of $52.80 in gold and copper has been obtained.

The Portland.

The shaft which has been started on the Portland, adjoining the Velvet, is exposing a very promising lead.

The O. K.

The appointment of Richard Plewman, mining broker, to be liquidator of the O. K. company has been gazetted.

The Santa Rosa.

Five men are pushing work vigorously in the crosscut tunnel, but it will be some time before there are any developments.

The Monte Cristo.

Work has been continued on the Monte Cristo during the week with a full force. There is no new development of interest to report.

The Jumbo.

Operations are proceeding steadily in the lower tunnel of the Jumbo, but there has been no marked change.

The Cliff.

Operations continue knocking down ore in the upper tunnel, which is producing some excellent copper ore.

The Elba.

Work is continuing in the main shaft of the Elba, and a good showing of mineral is being met.

The Little Joe.

Work is proceeding steadily in the long tunnel, but there has been no recent change.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Posting the Mails.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Why are the public not advised (say by a notice exhibited in the postoffice) of the approximate time that the European mail will arrive here?

There is no notice whatever of the date of the closing of the European mail.

In all other parts of the world this is done, and also a special time allowed for posting, for which a late fee is charged. I enclose my card. I am, etc.,

VISITOR.

[The time of the departure of all mails from this office appears elsewhere in THE MINER.—ED.]

A Stockholder Answered.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 12, 1897.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Would you kindly explain to a few of us, who are interested, in what position would a small stockholder be in the event of a mine being sold. For instance, one who has bought treasury stock for 15 cents or 20 cents, and who runs the risk of the mine not turning out very good, getting nothing.

Now, if that mine sold for $100,000, would or could he be compelled to accept 10 cents and get out, or could he hold his script? If such is the case it would be an affair of "head I win, tail you lose." An explanation in your influential publication would greatly oblige,

Yours truly
A SUBSCRIBER.

[Under the procedure governing mining companies in this province the assets of the company can be sold only with the assent of two-thirds of the stockholders. Before a meeting of a company for the purpose of selling its assets is held, 30 days' notice must be given, and the notice must set forth the object for which the meeting will be held. At least two-thirds of all the stock issued must be represented to make the meeting legal, and in case two-thirds of the stock assents to the sale of the property the sale would be legal. The proceeds of the sale would be divided equally among shareholders according to the amount of stock each possessed. Thus if a company incorporated for $1,000,000 sold its assets for $100,000, each share of stock would receive 10 cents from the transaction.

Any shareholder could, if he wished, retain possession of his script, but he would thereby lose the amount due him from the sale of the mine. The proper course would be to surrender one's shares and receive a pro rata amount from the sale.

If two-thirds of the shareholders agree to sell their property at a certain price, it is reasonable to argue that the price paid is a reasonable one and that the minority is being protected, so that your allusion to such a deal being a case of "heads I win, tails you lose," is hardly applicable.—ED.]

The Sewer Contract, Etc.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I notice the statement contained in THE MINER of the 16th inst. that Mr. Davey, who constructed the sewerage system of the city, has commenced action against it for the balance of his contract money. In the same article it is stated that the mayor when interviewed on the subject, while lamenting that these proceedings had been taken, expressed the opinion that there is no defense to the action and that one would probably not be entered. The mayor, of course, had done everything in his power to dissuade Mr. Davey from suing the city. It is a comforting thing to feel that we have such a good friend and champion, but we believe that a large majority of the citizens of Rossland think the action ought to be defended and a thorough investigation made into the whole sewer business.

The city of Nelson has just completed a sewer system of equal magnitude to ours, but with larger and better pipes, the cost of which was in the vicinity of $12,000, while Rossland's excuse for a system, with no inlet or outlet, is to cost the large sum of $32,774. What becomes of the difference between the cost of Nelson's sewers and those of Rossland? It cannot be legitimate profit. There was either remarkable mismanagement in the making of the contract or "something rotten in the State of Denmark." The mayor surely knows which, and certainly some of the aldermen also know. The mayor will not, of course, admit that it was mismanagement or incompetence on the part of the city for the reason he is so very clever. He has had such a fine municipal training in Galt, Ontario, not to mention his being experienced as a business man. Can it be, therefore, possible that the wily contractor outwitted the crafty mayor in driving his bargain? Hardly; but if so, should not the city defend this action and claim to have the contract set aside on the ground that a court of equity will always grant relief by setting aside a contract where it is so manifestly unfair and one sided as to shock the public conscience.

To speak plainly, there have been ugly rumors regarding the letting of this contract. An investigation in court or by a commission of equity would clear the atmosphere. If these rumors are well founded, there is nothing coming from the city to Contractor Davey. There may be something due, however, from Mr. Davey to the city.

Rossland is a young city on the very threshold of a promising career. Its municipal government should, like Cæsar's wife, be above suspicion, but its maiden council, unfortunately, seems to have adopted the well-known western motto: "We are not out here for our health." The Davey action should be defended. If the transaction between him and the council was a legitimate one, every member of the council, and especially those to whom suspicion most directly points, will desire to have one of the murkiest incidents in the city's short history illuminated and brought forth in all its virgin innocence, a monument to the honesty—and INCOMPETENCY—of our tenderfoot council.

I note in Thursday's MINER that an unholy alliance has been entered into by certain ratepayers with the city council. This is a weak-kneed, if not an infamous, deal. I understood that "no surrender" was to be the watchword of the public-spirited ratepayers opposed to the present administration. If it were only to show up the miserable and shameless method—and one which was and is a disgrace to any council or city—in conducting the recent bylaw election, the suit should have been continued.

His worship the mayor says: "The council has conceded nothing. (Hurrah!) We have stood on our dignity and our manhood, and have sacrificed nothing." (Hurrah! and a tiger!!) Silence is a friend that never betrays, and if the mayor will only keep on smiling, and say nothing, his latest utterance should go down to posterity.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MCKANE.

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Time Table No. 28, taking effect March 1st, 1896.

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7:15 p.m. Daily.	FAST MAIL:—Walla Walla, Portland, San Francisco, Baker City and the east.	7:45 a.m. Daily.
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SCHEDULE.
Effective Monday, Nov. 22, 1897.

WESTBOUND.				EASTBOUND.		
P.M. No. 5	P.M. No. 3	P.M. No. 1		P.M. No. 2	P.M. No. 4	P.M. No. 6
3:45		9:00	ROBSON	8:00	..	2:30
5:00	2:00	10:20	TRAIL	7:00	12:55	1:15
	3:15	11:15	ROSSLAND	6:00	12:00 m.	

No's 1 and 2 connect with C. P. R. main line steamers, and trains to and from Nelson at Robson.
No's 3 and 4 are local trains between Trail and Rossland.
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LEAVE.		ARRIVE.
12:00 a. m	ROSSLAND	2:50 p. m
9:20 a. m.	NELSON	5:35 p. m
8.00 a. m.	SPOKANE	6:40 p. m

No change of cars between Spokane and Rossland.
Close connections at Nelson with steamers for Kaslo and all Kootenay lake points.
Passengers for Kettle river and Boundary creek connect at Marcus with stage daily.