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G. G. DIXON, General Agent, Spokane, Wash.

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THE LIGHT AND WATER PROBLEM.

After much careful investigation, THE MINER presents to its readers this morning a full statement of facts and information with regard to the water and light question. This journal endeavors at all times to shed a clear, unprejudiced light upon all questions affecting the common weal and trusts that in this instance it has placed a statement before the rate-payers which will aid them in forming an intelligent opinion on this very important question.

The city's position with regard to its water rights may be thus summed up: The present water works company has a title to all the water that it may need from Stoney, Little Stoney and Little Sheep creeks. What water from these creeks is not needed by the company has already been recorded by other companies and individuals, so that it is useless to hope for the flow of any of these sources without resorting to expropriation proceedings, which would involve long and costly litigation, as the value of water is being more and more appreciated daily. Sheep creek and Violin lake, each of which has been suggested as the source of an independent supply, are impossible, the one on account of its distance, and the other because of the fact that it is below the level of the city. Under these circumstances, the only hope for the city to get an independent water supply is in Rock and Murphy creeks, north of town.

If the municipality decides to buy the present plant outright, it can do so either at a flat rate or by arbitration. The company offers to sell its water plant alone for \$50,000, and its water and light plant for \$85,000. It looks as if these terms are better than could be secured by buying under the arbitration clauses in the charter. It is expected, however, that if the city should buy the plants for \$85,000 it would be necessary to borrow at least \$125,000, so that the system could be extended all over the town.

With regard to the city's purchase of the electric department of the Roseland Water & Light company's plant, no fear need be felt that in buying it the municipality should be saddled with the present contract in force between the local company and the West Kootenay Power & Light company, whereby the latter supplies the former with electricity on the basis of a percentage of the local company's receipts. The power company says that it would not try to bind the city with the present contract, but would be willing to sell it power at the same rates as are charged the mines. Apparently this arrangement would enable the city to reduce the cost of electricity one-third and still make a fine profit on the enterprise.

THE MINER hopes that every ratepayer will carefully peruse the article.

THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.

THE MINER heartily agrees with the Colonist when it says that it is high time that the position of chief justice of British Columbia, made vacant by the death of Hon. Theodore Davie, should be filled without further delay. Several months have passed since Chief Justice Davie's death, and so far as the public knows, there is no more prospect of the place being filled than there has ever been. Mr. Davie, of Vancouver, was offered the place, but he was asked to consent to certain conditions as to residence that did not meet his approbation and so he declined. Meanwhile there is a lot of canvassing going on for the place, a very improper condition of things. If any appointment ought to be made without personal solicitation from the appointee or his friends—it is that to the highest judicial position in the province. In what position will a chief justice be who knows that he owes his appointment to the influence of lawyers, who practice in the court over which he presides. The duty of the ministry, when such a vacancy occurs, is to look the whole situation over and select the best available man, without waiting for petitions, letters or representations of a political nature in favor of any one. The example of Sir John Macdonald in this respect is worthy of imitation by his successors. If there was one point upon which he was extremely particular it was in respect to judicial appointments. There was never anything in his time verging upon a scandal by reason of delay in appointments or the peddling of the office around among political adherents, nor did he consider it essential always to select judges from his own political party. We seem to have fallen upon different times.

THE RAILWAY WAR.

Rivals in business sometimes start the most absurd stories on each other, and great railway corporations often are no exception to this sort of mendacity when a rate war is in progress. One of the stories that have been put in circulation since the fight between the Canadian Pacific and the American railways commenced over the passenger business was to the effect that the Canadian Pacific earned \$50,000,000 per annum on the traffic that it enjoyed in carrying goods and passengers from points in the United States through Canada to other places in American territory. This report received considerable credence and was copied extensively by the press of the

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United States and Canada. In the former country it was used as a basis of an endeavor to induce legislation against the C. P. R. to the end that it might be deprived of this class of traffic by hostile enactments on the part of Congress. The statement that the C. P. R. earned \$50,000,000 per annum on this very small proportion of its traffic was palpably a great untruth. This is shown by the fact that in 1896 the gross earnings of all the railways in Canada was only \$50,545,569.

Traffic Manager McNicholl of the C. P. R., recently appeared before the United States interstate commission and showed that body that his road was not to blame for the railway war that is now so troubling the American railways that they are threatening the great Canadian railway with all sorts of reprisals unless it will cease to make war on them. Mr. McNicholl denied that the interstate traffic of his road amounted to \$50,000,000 per annum. While there were no available statistics of the passenger traffic, the freight traffic amounted to only \$1,300,000 a year. The passenger traffic amounted to probably not quite as much as the freight traffic, and even say it footed up the same, then the total of the two would only be \$2,600,000. Thus it will be seen that its opponents misrepresented the Canadian road to the extent of \$47,400,000, but then, you know, all is fair in love and in a railway war.

Mr. McNicholl further asserted that an American railway official had told him that congress would have legislated against the C. P. R. at its last session had it not been for the Spanish trouble, and his reply to this threat was that the individual did not represent the American people. The C. P. R. is anxious to quit the strife, but the American railways only wanted peace on their own terms, and refused to accept the suggestions of his road. It is, therefore, probable that the C. P. R. is not to blame for the trouble, and believing that it is right in the question of differentials will carry on its fight to a finish.

BUILD THE ROAD.

The news published in another column that the Government is willing to assist in the construction of a wagon road to a connection with the tote road that is being made by the contractors on the C. & W. from Brooklyn to Cascade City gives this city a great opportunity. It is estimated that about \$4,000,000 will be expended on the construction of the extension of the C. & W., and the work will occupy a year's time. Large quantities of merchandise will be needed along this line and it would be of the greatest benefit to the merchants of this city if they could secure the supplying of this. The contractors say they will patronize Roseland if this road is constructed. With a waiting trade of large proportions, a government that stands ready to assist in the enterprise is every incentive on the part of the people of this city to get their wits, their energy and what money they can spare together to carry out the plan of constructing this proposed highway to a successful issue. At the end of this road there are great profits waiting for the builders. Under circumstances so favorable, prompt and energetic action should be taken.

DELINQUENT TAXES.

A large amount of Roseland real estate will be sold in this city on the 29th inst. to satisfy the taxes levied on the land last year by the Provincial government, and the owners are vigorously complaining against the action. They claim that they have not been properly notified that their taxes were due, and are consequently being put to an unnecessary expense. The municipality was incorporated in April, 1897, and it was arranged at that time that the Province should collect the taxes for the year on land lying within the city limits and refund to the city its share from the time that it was incorporated until the end of the year.

If the Provincial government would advertise these matters more in the local newspapers and not attach so much importance to the official Gazette, it would be much more satisfactory to the public. No one, except lawyers and editors, takes the trouble to read the Gazette. The newspapers make a practice of reproducing all important notices published in the Gazette, but in this particular instance, they did not have an opportunity to notify property owners, because no notice was published in the Gazette until its issue of August 28 announced that the sale would be held. The newspapers are not used as much in these matters as they should be. The present system of government advertising needs remodeling.

AFTER spending a year in the Klondike gold fields Joaquin Miller, the poet, has returned to California to enjoy a well-earned vacation. By his computation there are 40,000 men and 1,000 women in and around Dawson City. Of these, he says, not more than 5,000 have secured enough gold to pay expenses. The rest are living on their outwits and wits.

THE MINER is pleased to see the Colonist follow its lead with regard to the advisability of having British Columbia properly represented at the Imperial mining exhibition to be held in London next year under the auspices of the London Chamber of Mines. The organization of the leading Government organ that the minister of mines "will take whatever steps are necessary" is particularly gratifying.

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Mr. Weeks Arranging to Float Two Companies. Whittaker-Wright is Talking a Great Deal About the Copper Properties in the Boundary Country—Sir Chas. Tupper's Affairs Are Prospering.

Whittaker-Wright is Talking a Great Deal About the Copper Properties in the Boundary Country—Sir Chas. Tupper's Affairs Are Prospering. London Office, ROSSLAND MINER, 108 Bishopgate Street E. C. (Within). LONDON, July 23.—[Special.]—The day to day movements in the market are hardly worth recording, but prices, on the whole, if rather nominal, kept fairly steady, and there are many people why say that the British Columbia boom is only deferred. At the present moment we are all thinking of holidays, and its influence is already exercising a restraining influence on business in the stock exchange, where transactions are almost entirely limited to investment, purchases and sales. Only one or two companies are being registered during the present week, but I understand from W. S. Weeks, of the late firm of Weeks & Kennedy, that he has succeeded in making arrangements for the formation of a general syndicate of operators in the province, and is at present with the parties to the British public with the object of acquiring claims and options brought over by him to this country. One of these companies proposes to acquire an interest in the Klondike, but the other will be purely British Columbia concern and will be registered in the name of a mining and agency company. Mr. Weeks seems well satisfied with the result of his visit, although he, like other Roselanders, has found out that London promoters are not waiting cap in hand to put down banknotes for any British Columbia property that may be brought over by the different visitors to this country from your camp, nearly all of whom seem to be possessed of any number of claims or options in the Kootenay Boundary Copper Properties.

By the bye, Mr. Whittaker-Wright's paper is talking a good deal about the value of the copper deposits to the west of your camp, and further developments in this direction will be closely watched. The directors of the Dominion Mining and Development Agency company have resolved to divide as an interim dividend a portion of this company's holdings in the Queen Bees Proprietary company. In an inspired paragraph it is stated that the board has every confidence in the future of the Queen Bees, "from which dividends are practically assured." Both these companies belong to the Duncan group. Today was the special settling day in the shares of the New Fraser River Gold Mining syndicate, 15,000 £1 shares, 15 shillings paid, No. 1 to 15,000. Also 87,000 £1 fully paid in the Whittaker Mines syndicate.

IT IS NOW ASSESSABLE

The Homestake Company Has Been Reorganized. The Shareholder Can Be Assessed to the Extent of Five Cents Per Share Which Will Give the Company an Excellent Working Capital. The meeting of the Homestake company to turn over the property to a new assessable corporation now being formed to operate it, was held Friday afternoon in the offices of the company, on Columbia avenue. It was decided with practical unanimity to make the transfer, and operations on the Homestake will be recommenced within the next few weeks. Some 720,000 shares out of the million for which the property is capitalized, were represented at the meeting, as stockholders from all over the country were present by proxy.

The new company is to be known as the Homestake Mines, Limited, and will be incorporated for \$1,000,000, and will fully paid up to the amount of 95 cents, which will leave an assessment of 5 cents per share that can be levied on it. The total assessments which are thus made possible to the company will amount to \$50,000, and it is expected that this sum will put the property on a self-sustaining but dividend-paying basis. The company will be formed as a corporation, and it is expected that it will be incorporated and ready for operations in about five weeks.

Shareholders in the Homestake company will receive stock in the new Homestake Mines, Limited, at the rate of one share in the new company for one share in the old. The corporation now in process of incorporation, being an assessable concern, will have no treasury on hand in the present company, which will be transferred to its successor. The first assessment, which will be levied at once, will amount to 1 1/2 cents per share. The Homestake is one of the best known properties in the south belt, and it has a splendid showing. About \$300,000 worth of work has been done upon it, and is well equipped with machinery ready for the resumption of work. The management of the property has always been the strongest faith in it, and is confident that the Homestake will soon be on a shipping basis. The news that it is to be developed again by a company which is in a position to carry out operations on an adequate scale will be welcomed not only by the shareholders of the company, but by all interested in the south belt and in the welfare of the camp.

The Liberal-Conservatives. The Liberal-Conservatives held a well-attended meeting Thursday night at the old offices of Bauer & Parker, on east Columbia avenue. Some 45 citizens were present, and 20 signed the roll of membership in the newly formed association. There were speeches by J. E. Kirk, Dr. E. Bowers, A. S. Goodlove, D. B. Boyle, John McKane and F. M. McLeod, but it was decided not to elect officers until the arrival in the city of George E. Foster, one of the leaders of the party.

A. B. Irwin of the Canadian Pacific Exploration, Limited, has returned from Slate creek, where the Porto Rico and other properties of the company are located. Mr. Irwin reports that the lumber for the mill is all on the ground, and that the company purpose erecting the reduction of the ore from its mines. It will be a complete mill, up-to-date in every particular.

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice. Toostie mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Sophie mountain, adjoining the Velvet mineral claim. Lot 3,518 G. Take notice that R. E. PALMER, P. L. S., acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,160, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. R. E. PALMER, P. L. S. Dated this 21st day of July, 1898. 7-11-100

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice. Whoop-Up mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Sophie mountain, adjoining the Velvet mineral claim. Lot 3,518 G. Take notice that R. E. PALMER, P. L. S., acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,160, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. R. E. PALMER, P. L. S. Dated this 21st day of July, 1898. 7-11-100

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Notice. Annie Fractional mineral claim, situate in Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of and adjoining the Annie and south of and adjoining the No. 1 mining claim. Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,160, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. SAMUEL L. LONG, P. L. S. Dated this 14th day of July, 1898. 7-14-100

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice. Mugwump mineral claim, situate in Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: on Red Mountain. Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 8,566, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. A. S. FARWELL. Dated this 4th day of August, 1898. 8-4-100

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice. Frankie H. and Fred P. mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: on the south slope of Columbia mountain. Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, acting as agent for Thomas H. Slater, certificate No. 209, and Fred Barker, free miner's certificate No. 387, A. B. intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. SAMUEL L. LONG. Dated this 4th day of August, 1898. 8-4-100

Novelty Gold Mining Company.

(Foreign.) Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Novelty Gold Mining Company (Foreign) will be held in the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Roseland, B. C. on Monday, the 5th day of September, A. D. 1898, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, disposing of the whole or any part of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or persons as the shareholders may deem advisable, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. CHAS. LYCHFIELD, Secretary. Dated this first day of August, 1898. 7-1-100

Carbonate Silver Mining Company.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Carbonate Silver Mining Company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Roseland, B. C. on Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1898, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, selling, mortgaging or otherwise disposing of the whole or any part of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or persons as the shareholders may deem advisable, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. A. F. COBURN, Secretary-Treasurer. 7-31-98

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