

## STILL IN POLITICS

Hon. George E. Foster's Views on Important Public Questions.

## ALIEN LABOR AND TARIFF

He Deplores the Present Attitude of the United States and Thinks It Will Lead to Retaliatory Legislation—Future of Rossland.

Hon. George E. Foster, ex-minister of finance, paid a visit to the Centre Star mine Tuesday, having gone through the Le Roi and War Eagle works the day previous. When he returned Tuesday afternoon from his trip he was asked to give his opinion of those great properties. "I cannot say anything at the present time," was his reply. "I am making a trip through the Boundary country and the Rossland, Slocan and Nelson districts, gaining all the knowledge I can of mines and mining from conversations and personal observations, and cannot express any decided opinion until I have finished my tour. Then I shall be prepared to give my views, and from what I have gleaned up to the present I do not think they will be unfavorable to the country."

"Then for the time being you have given up politics for mining?" "Well, one is bound to have one's interest captivated by the chief interest of the locality, and here that undoubtedly is mining. Of course I retain my interest in politics, and I have soon to return to Ottawa to take up the business of the session."

"What do you expect will be the leading question of the coming parliamentary session?"

"As to what course legislation will take do you mean? That is an undecided thing in my mind as I think it is in the mind of the government itself," he said with a smile.

**A Retaliatory Tariff.**

"Is it likely that attempts will be made to retaliate on the United States in tariff matters?"

"I think it is. We may have the recommendations of the United States ways and means committee to congress to guide us in that respect, but I do not look for a completed tariff to be passed by congress during our session. The probabilities are that there will be a long discussion, if not in the lower house in the senate. The last tariff revision took nearly two years. Of course this will take a much shorter period."

"But I think enough is known of the temper of the dominant party in the states to conclude that the tariff passed will be very closely on the lines of the old McKinley tariff. The protection which was somewhat scaled down in the Wilson bill on lumber and agricultural products, and on metals, will, without doubt, be very considerably raised. It goes without saying that wool will no longer be on the free list, and a corresponding addition will be made in the rates on manufactured articles."

**Disgraceful Legislation.**

"And what about the alien clauses of the immigration bill, Mr. Foster?"

"The alien clause is simply a disgraceful piece of legislation for any country. The thing that I most regret is that the self-respect of the Canadian people will very likely drive them to legislation in kind, which I would deplore, and yet hope will not become necessary. But there comes a time when the self-respect of a people can no longer permit it to be legislated against, when it must stand up for its own people and give as good or as had as it receives."

**Canada's Conduct Fair.**

"Canada in that respect has been as fair, as just and as free and liberal as can be. You have the best illustration of that here in this particular district. Aliens—American aliens—are welcomed here, and are given all the privileges substantially of Canadians. They prospect for mines, buy property, engage in business, bring their labor over here, and there is not only no objection, but everybody welcomes them. In every respect, except mere citizenship, the Americans here are on as good a footing as the Canadians. But if the United States government insists upon its present attitude, I do not see how we can continue on these lines; I fear they will have to be modified."

**Means Canadian Smelters.**

"In some respects the ways and means committee's proposal to restore the McKinley duty on lead will strike at the interests of American holders of mines here, and the interests of United States smelters. In that respect they would rather be without it, but I am afraid the tariff will be persisted in. If it is, Canada must do her own producing and market her own product. The great bodies of ore that are developed, the coal resources we have close at hand, and the different varieties of ore that are and will no doubt continue to be found, will make it possible to do our own smelting and refining and have all the profits that accrue therefrom."

**Sanitation for Rossland.**

Speaking of Rossland, Mr. Foster said: "I do not know of any question of more importance to Rossland than that of its municipal management, especially in view of providing a system of sanitation and water supply. The water supply, I believe, has already been provided for, but there is a great danger lying right ahead for Rossland—and not very far ahead either—which can only be avoided by the most prompt and efficient measures looking to the proper drainage and sewerage of the place."

"With an aggregation of 7,000 people and the crowds that it is expected will come here, it is almost certain that during the spring and summer conditions will be very easily created which will render living here, if not impossible, at least disastrous."

"From what I have seen of it Rossland seems to be a place that can be easily sanitized—if there is such a word—but it is the promptness of putting a good system into operation that is the most urgent need. It will take you some time after your incorporation to

get your municipality organized and in working order. Meantime the summer will be here and Rossland might get the reputation for being unhealthy, and it would be difficult, even with the greatest energy and outlay, to wipe that stigma out. I hope measures are being taken now to begin a sanitary system as soon as your city is incorporated."

## ON THE LE ROI LEDGE.

White Bear Drift Is All In Ore—Assays Continue to Improve.

The showing in the drift from the White Bear shaft is now very handsome. John Moynahan paid a visit to the mine Tuesday and returned enthusiastic. He made a favorable report on it at the time it was acquired by its present owners, so he is naturally pleased to see it turning out even better than he expected.

The drift is now about 20 feet from the shaft and is all in ore. It is very solid looking and assays up to \$35 in gold have been obtained from picked samples. This is a very marked improvement, as only a week ago assays of \$14 were considered very good and for the first 40 feet from the surface one or two assays of \$6 were obtained among hundreds of traces.

There is no longer any question that the White Bear shaft is sunk on one of the Le Roi veins. This was always believed to be the case, but now that the course of the vein is definitely known it is susceptible of proof. This Le Roi ledge is opened half way across the Black Bear ground to within a few hundred feet of the White Bear workings, which are right in line with it.

## SUNSET'S WEST DRIFT.

It Now Shows Three Feet of \$48 Ore in the Face.

The Sunset, one of the group owned by the Canadian Gold Fields company, has struck three feet of \$48 ore in the face of the west drift. The drift is now in 55 feet from the shaft, which is down 60 feet, and the face of the drift is at a depth from the surface of 75 feet.

## Santa Clara Group Sold.

A. H. McKay has just returned from Spokane where he completed the sale of the Santa Clara group, consisting of four full claims, to a Spokane and Seattle syndicate. This property lies three-fourths of a mile from the Columbia river, and two and a half miles north-west from the town of Waneta, adjoining the properties of the Copper Giant Gold Mining company. These claims have an excellent surface showing, carrying good values. Everything is in readiness to commence active development work as soon as the snow will permit.

## Nickel Plate to Start a Drift.

The Nickel Plate is now down 218 feet and has three shifts working in it day and night. In a few days work on the shaft will be stopped and a drift begun at the 200-foot level. Work is also to be shortly resumed in the drift in the 100-foot level.

## The Le Roi Tramway.

The shipments of the Le Roi show a slight falling off for the past week owing to the mine having been shut down for 36 hours to make necessary repairs. At present all the ore shipped from the mine is moved by teams, but the tramway from the mine to the Le Roi railroad spur will be completed and put into operation the latter part of this week. Senator Turner is expected at the mine during the next few days, but his stay will be brief as he leaves Spokane next week for Washington, D. C.

## Gopher Looks Well.

The Gopher-Homestead tunnel is now under ground 114 feet and the face shows three feet of clean pyrrhotite. This is the best showing the Gopher has yet had, and as the tunnel has not yet reached any great depth it is considered most encouraging. The ore now in sight is exactly similar to the ore found in the big mines on Red Mountain and carries a fair percentage of copper.

## How Real Estate Has Risen.

In March, 1896, E. E. McArthur began action against the Rossland Town-site company and his wife to set aside a transfer of two lots on Le Roi avenue, which he alleged had been obtained from him by his wife by fraud. The case was heard by Judge Spinks, who non-suited the plaintiff. He appealed to the supreme court, which has just decided in the case in Mrs. McArthur's favor by dismissing the appeal. At the time the suit was begun Mrs. McArthur would have been very glad to get \$250 for the lots. She can get \$2,500 cash now any day she wants it.

## Real Estate Activity.

Every lot on Washington street, from the old townsite to the depot, is now sold, and all of them have been purchased for business purposes. Six buildings are going up at once. Martin Bros. yesterday purchased lot 14, block 17, for \$1,900. Several other sales of railroad lots were reported Tuesday.

## To Survey Heather Bell.

W. E. Devereaux started out Tuesday with a gang of men to make a survey of the Heather Bell. This property is on Sullivan creek, and as it is reported that the snow is over nine feet deep there, the surveyor and his men will have a rough time of it.

## Deer Park's Machinery.

The new machinery for the Deer Park arrived over the Red Mountain railway during the week. Manager Kelly will begin moving it to the mine. He hopes to have it in operation in about a month.

## IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rossland Will Have a Third Public School and Fourth Teacher.

At a meeting of the school board held Monday Miss Walker of Northfield was appointed as the fourth teacher, recently authorized by the superintendent of education. Temporary accommodation will be provided for the class in the Presbyterian church. Miss Walker was notified Monday by wire and it is expected she will be able to report for duty Monday next.

## COMPANY MEETINGS.

Imperial Shareholders Numerously Represented—Adjournment Taken.

The Imperial Gold Mining company held its annual meeting in this city Tuesday, and there seemed to be a large attendance of shareholders and directors. There was a lengthy discussion, the subject of which was not made public. When it came to a vote it was questioned how many votes the shareholders present were entitled to cast. A committee was appointed to go over the stock book and decide this point. The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday awaiting the committee's report.

## Red Eagle Re-elects Officers.

The Red Eagle Mining company held its annual meeting in this city Tuesday and re-elected its officials, who are: W. H. Fife, president; W. Bannison, vice-president; J. W. Cover, managing director, and T. G. Elgie, secretary.

## Yale Stock Advanced.

The trustees of the Yale company held a meeting Tuesday afternoon in Reddin & Jackson's office, and decided to advance the price of treasury stock to five cents a share. The workings now show a big ledge with considerable ore scattered through it, carrying some copper.

## MINING NOTES.

The directors of the Red Eagle Gold Mining company assembled for the annual meeting Monday, but it was adjourned until this afternoon.

The No. 2 shaft on the Homestake is down 100 feet and when it reaches the 120-foot level crosscuts will be driven both ways to the walls. The main ore body is now on the hanging wall side of the shaft.

H. Stiles, foreman of the Royal Gold, wrote Monday that the shaft is down about 45 feet and is looking well.

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This is likely to prove one of the bonanzas of British Columbia. There are four claims the Athabasca, Alberta, Algoma, and Manitoba. Mr. Albert J. Hill, M. A. M. E., M. Can. Soc. C. E., in his report says in part: "Seven ledges of free milling ore have been opened on the property, varying in thickness from one to eight feet. In every opening I detected free gold."

"Ledge No. 1, as shown approximately on the sketch plan, varies in thickness from two to four feet. It is opened by shafts at three points and a twenty-five foot tunnel driven on the lead and is traced on the strike for about 600 feet. Some fifteen to twenty tons of ore are lying on the several dumps, a certified assay of which gives \$207.45 per ton of which \$201 is gold and \$6.45 is silver. Though picked specimens which I have examined would evidently give many times that value, and I think I am well within the limit of probability when I suggest a general average of \$200.00 per ton, while the average of the ledge will be, I believe fully \$100 to the ton."

It will be seen from the foregoing extracts from the report that the company has not been incorporated on a mere "prospect," but that it has a valuable and proven property. It may also be mentioned that other assays obtained from the quartz of the Athabasca, in addition to that referred to above, have given \$56, \$294, \$300, \$446, \$9,800, and \$17,750 to the ton.

The brokers for this company thought so much of the property after making most searching investigations, that they purchased for themselves a large block of the stock.

About \$10,000 in cash is now available for active development work, consequently all the men that can be employed are now working on the property. Estimates for the machinery required are now being invited. 50,000 shares only of the treasury stock are now offered for sale at 25 cents, 10,000 of which will be sold here, and the balance in the east.

The next issue will be 50 cents. It is expected that this stock will rise as rapidly as the Golden Cache. It is certainly as rich and fine a property as there is in British Columbia.

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