

THE STOCK REVIEW

Brokers Expect a Better Market in September.

CONFIDENCE BEING RESTORED

Tamarac is Advancing in Price—Evening Star is Stiffening—There is a Demand for Athabasca—The Sales for the Week were 104,872 Shares.

There was considerable of an increase in the sales for the week ending yesterday over the previous week. The Eastern Canadian stock centers are manifesting an increased interest in our mines, as they are getting over the war and other scares. Toronto brokers, who recently visited Rossland, say they expect to see a better market before a great while, and place the time of the revival at about the middle of September. By that time the crops will have been sold and besides this there is a cessation of the intense industrial activity which has been characteristic of the most of the year up to the present time. This created such a demand for money that very little was available for investment in mining stocks. The outlook in this camp is so good, coupled with the large tonnage that is coming from the Okanogan, Boundary, Kootenay and other portions in B. C. that it is doing a great deal to restore confidence and under the circumstances it is difficult to see how it is possible for the market to remain as dull as it has been much longer. The reaction has continued since October last and has been the longest dull period that has yet been experienced in the stock market and should be succeeded by a flurry for the reason, if for no other, that the depression has run its course. It has been a profound one and the reaction when it comes should be as great in its upward trend as it has been in the wrong direction. There is a feeling abroad that mining matters were never in a more favorable condition than at present in the province, and as the signs for a healthy reaction, which are seen in the good condition of the mines, are numerous it seems impossible that anything but the long desired good market should result before a great while. The most conservative brokers are now confident that the better market is but a question now of a few short weeks.

The sales, by days, for the week ending yesterday, were as follows: Thursday 1,500; Friday 13,500; Saturday 42,000; Monday 14,000; Tuesday 19,375; Wednesday 14,500.

Total 104,872. Against 67,000 for the previous week. Athabasca has been a ready seller during the week, and has sold around 22 cents. The company is being reorganized, and shareholders are to be given a \$1 share for 14 shares of the present issue. Each of these \$1 shares are assessed at 3 shillings.

Tamarac has sold well during the week and ran up as high as 7 cents. Yesterday there were 1,500 sold for 6 1/2 cents. The shares of this company were down as low as 3 cents a few weeks since. The intention of the company is to put up a tramway and to erect a bromo-cyanide plant for the reduction of the ore. At the same time the development of the mine is being pushed and there are a good many thousand tons of ore in sight.

Evening Star stiffened considerably during the week, and yesterday sold for 9 1/4 cents. The Evening Star mine is looking well. The mine sunk from the lower tunnel, which follows the footwall of the ledge, has reached a depth of 85 feet, and is in ore for 75 feet of this distance. When the mine is 100 feet deep the intention is to cut out a station and to drift along the vein. The ore that has been passed through in the mine is of a pay grade.

There is considerable of a demand for Centre Star, and the price has ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.55. It is being bought by local parties for investment, and the purchasers are those who have visited the mine and are acquainted with its merits.

Rambler-Cariboo has sold during the week at from 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents, and yesterday it was firm at the latter figure. The development of this property is proceeding with favorable results. Giant, since the ledge was found, has been in increased demand. It is selling at 2 1/2 cents. The ledge continues firm and strong in the inclined shaft. The copper values increase as the drift is extended.

Morning Glory has been in increased demand. Eastern parties are endeavoring to secure the control on the property and, with this end in view are adding to their holdings by a recent purchase of calls on 200,000 shares. The machinery on the Morning Glory property was started a few days since, and from now on it is anticipated that the development will be much more rapid than it has hitherto been. Morning Glory is worth from 2 1/2 to 3 cents.

Noble Fire has been selling in the East and in Victoria of late to a considerable extent. It has been selling for sidetrack extent. It has been selling for There has been some dealing in Okanogan at from 1 to 1 1/4 cents. The reports from the mine of the Okanogan company continues to be of an encouraging nature. There have been sales of Bornite Bank during the week at 5 cents.

Thursday's Sales. Athabasca, 1,000 at 28 1/2c; Payne, 500 at \$1.

Friday's Sales. Athabasca, 1,000 at 29; Giant 500 at 2 1/4; Rambler-Cariboo 500 at 2 1/2, 4,000 at 2 1/4, 4,000 at 2 1/4; White Bear 500 at 1 1/8; Winnipeg, 1,000 at 10 1/4; Peoria 500 at 1.

Saturday's Sales. Tamarac, 3,500 at 6 1/4; Giant, 4,000 at 2 1/4, 1,000 at 2 1/8; Radmullen, 2,500 at 3-4, 3,000 at 1 1/2, 5,000 at 1 1/2; Evening Star, 1,000 at 9 1/2; Athabasca, 1,000 at 28 1/2, 10,000 at 28 1/4, 5,000 at 29 1/2; Giant, 5,000 at 2 1/4; Peoria, 1,000 at 1 1/4.

Monday's Sales. Athabasca, 1,000 at 28 3/4c; I. X. L.,

500 at 12c; Morning Glory, 2,000 at 3 1/4c, 3,000 at 3 3/4c; Evening Star, 5,000 at 9 1/2c; Winnipeg, 1,000 at 10c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1,500 at 23 1/2.

Tuesday's Sales. Evening Star, 2,000, 3,000 at 9c, 875 at 9 1/2c; Athabasca, 500 at 28c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1,000 at 22 1/2c, 1,000 at 22 1/4c; Tamarac, 500 at 7c; Novety, 6,000 at 1 3/4c.

Wednesday's Sales. Tamarac 500 at 6 1/2, 1,000 at 6 1/2; Athabasca 1,000 at 29, 1,000 at 29; Giant, 1,000 at 2 1/2; Rambler-Cariboo 500 at 23, 500 at 23; Okanogan 5,000 at 1, 1,000 at 1 1/4; Evening Star 2,500 at 9 1/4; Rambler-Cariboo 500 at 23 1/4.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change. Includes Athabasca, Evening Star, Tamarac, Morning Glory, Winnipeg, Rambler-Cariboo, etc.

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SHIPMENTS FROM BOUNDARY

FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY CAR LOADS HAVE BEEN MARKETED.

This Amounts to Nearly 15,000 Tons—B. C. Leads With Miner-Graves Property Second.

Already the shipments of ore from Boundary mines, since the completion of the C. P. R. lines into the Boundary mining district, have reached a very respectable total. They amount to at least 550 cars or nearly 15,000 tons of ore. This ore has come from a number of different Boundary camps, but the ore on the line of the Phoenix spur have sent out the great bulk of all that shipped to date. The Pioneer has completed a table showing the ore thus far sent to the smelters, as follows:

Table with columns: Ore Shipments, B. C. Mine, Old Ironsides and Knob Hill, City of Paris, Golden Crown, Mother Lode, Gold Bug, Last Chance, Golden Eagle, Winnipeg, Athelstan, Gold Drop, Snowshoe, Oro Denoro, Scattering.

Total cars 15,500. Total tons over 450,000. If these figures are inaccurate they are under rather than over the actual amounts shipped. Each car contained from 23 to 30 tons.

This is not a bad record for a section of the railroad which is only just about fully completed—and it is evident, at this early date even, that the officials of the great Canadian railway corporation who were willing to spend \$4,000,000 to get at these extensive ore deposits, knew exactly what they were doing, and are already commencing to secure an adequate return therefrom in ore tonnage, to say nothing of passenger and general business.

Automobiles Racing Tournament.

Brandford, Conn., July 25.—The first automobile exposition and racing tournament ever given in this country opened at the Brandford Driving Park today, and the novelty of the affair has brought together as large a crowd as has ever paid admission to these grounds. The racing entries were of a nature to create plenty of excitement, and furnished a class of dignified sport worthy of admiration. The parade, in which there were about 50 of the big "horseless carriages," made an imposing spectacle.

Naval Militia Taking a Cruise.

Chicago, Ill., July 25.—The United States training ship Michigan arrived here this morning and took on board the Illinois Naval Militia for a seven days' cruise under command of Lieutenant-Commander W. Winder. The first stop will be made at Milwaukee, and from there the ship will proceed to Mackinac Island, in Lake Huron.

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GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS FROM BOUNDARY TO TRAIL, 1,400 TONS.

Travel to Republic From the Kettle River Country Largely Increasing—General News.

Grand Forks, B. C., July 19.—(Special.)

Walter Smith, who until recently had been employed at the City of Paris mine, died of typhoid fever Tuesday in the Greenwood hospital after a brief illness. The deceased had many friends throughout the Boundary country, and his demise will be deeply regretted. The remains were shipped to Glen Bay, Grand Forks county. The late Mr. Smith was a brother of Angus Smith of Montreal, who visited this district last summer. A report comes from the lower Similkameen that the body of Dr. Geener Allan, formerly of Rossland, had been found on the river bank seven miles below Armstrong. It is supposed he committed suicide while temporarily insane. He worked at the Nickel Plate on Twenty-five for a few months. The deceased was at one time associated with John Houston, M. P., in connection with Nelson's first paper.

Frank R. Mendenhall of Rossland, is in town. On the west fork of the Kettle river, Fletcher's wagon road has been completed from Westbridge to within six miles of Sullivan's ranch, from which there is a level stretch of country to Canyon City.

Supt. McPhee of the Earthquake group, north fork of Kettle river, reports that 75 tons of ore have been traced from the "exterior" working shaft, which has attained a depth of 33 feet. The ledge is from two and a half to three feet wide between well defined walls.

Frank D. Howe of Spokane, consulting engineer of the Kettle River Mines, Limited, has left here to examine the company's property, the Christina, situated near Bannock City, north fork of Kettle river.

The shipments from the Boundary mines to Trail smelter now aggregate about 1,400 tons per week. The B. C. mine in Summit camp heads the list with about 700 tons.

Chief of Police Sheeds has returned from Franklin camp, where he made several mineral locations. He is favorably impressed with the possibilities of the new mining district. He was accompanied by Hugh Cannon, who reports that there is a considerable acreage of rich agricultural land in the valley of the east fork of the north fork available for settlement. Several ranches have been taken up. Mr. Cannon also stated that the timber reserves far exceed those of the Boundary. Cedar trees up the river grow to an enormous size, and a large acreage has been applied for by Grand Forks lumbermen.

E. Spraggett, the well-known sawmill owner, has gone to Victoria on a pleasure trip. Travel between here and Republic is increasing. The fruit crop in the Kettle river valley this season is very abundant. The crosscut from the 150-foot level of the Strawberry, Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle river, has been extended 18 feet and is still in ore.

Grand Forks, B. C., July 24.—(Special.)

Two shifts are pushing development work on the Golden Eagle, Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle river. The main working shaft has been sunk to a depth of 150 feet. At the 100-foot level No. 2 vein is eight feet wide between walls in a 20-foot drift to the north. Fifty feet below a drift has been extended 14 feet in the same direction. The vein at the bottom of the shaft is about one and one-half feet wide, but in the face of the drift has increased to four feet. In this working the ore is largely chalcopryite, with some sulphides, small shaves of native copper, also having been encountered. The drift will be extended. It is expected that the drift will strike No. 1 vein exposed in No. 1 shaft and in the 35-foot crosscut connecting both shafts at the 70-foot level. The supposition is that the veins unite and form one lead. No. 1 shaft has been sunk to a depth of 70 feet. The 18-ton shipment recently sent to the Trail smelter was taken from a drift at a depth of 45 feet. The ore body in the drift is 10 feet wide. At 70 feet the vein was crosscut eight feet without encountering the hanging wall. The shipment gave a gross return of \$15 in gold, seven ounces silver and six per cent copper. After paying transportation by wagons to Grand Forks, railway freight and treatment charges, the net return was nearly \$22 per ton. The ore even at depth is greatly oxidized and consequently is easily mined.

This promising property is generally regarded as one of the highest grade developments in the Boundary country. The development work is being directed by Supt. J. H. Fox, who has been engaged in mining operations for many years with marked success. The Golden Eagle will soon be a steady shipper to the Grand Forks smelter. It is owned by the Royal Victoria Gold Mining company, the principal shareholders of which are Alderman P. P. Sharpe and L. S. Moulton-Barrett of Greenwood.

A rich strike has been made on the Ellen Ray, belonging to the Rathmullen group, Summit camp. D. Gillis has taken a contract for 75 feet of work on the O. P. claim, Summit camp.

It is reported that the B. C. mine, Summit camp, will shortly ship to the Grand Forks smelter thus avoiding the long haul to Trail. Thus far the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill mines at Phoenix have shipped 70 carloads of ore to the Grand Forks smelter. Total shipments from the Boundary to date exceed 14,000 tons.

S. H. C. Miner of the Miner-Graves syndicate, is authority for the statement that another furnace will be added to the Grand Forks smelter ere long, increasing the capacity to 1,000 tons daily. He added that he expected to see \$5 ore treated at a profit.

Stopping is in progress on the 100-foot level of the Brandon & Golden Crown, Wellington camp. The Miner-Graves syndicate purposes erecting 100 cottages in Phoenix for the use of married miners. The Snowshoe, Wellington camp, has resumed its shipments to the Trail smelter. The tramways to the ore bins at the B. C. mine, Summit camp, have been completed. S. P. Parrish, manager of the B. C. mine, Summit camp, returned from Montreal last week. He denied the report that the property had been sold to a syndicate of C. P. R. officials. Kellam's camp, on the eastern slope of Eureka mountain, two and one-half miles from Grand Forks, is attracting considerable attention and is regarded, considering the amount of development work accomplished, as one of considerable promise. The first locations were made last December. The locality has hitherto been deemed as lying without the mineral belt. W. Kellam and J. D. Bone, two Montana prospectors, own a group of six claims. There is a well defined quartz ledge on the Laconia. It averages about 20 inches wide. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 25 feet. The foot-wall is a granite. As a shaft returns gave small veins in gold and copper, and it is expected that they will improve with depth. Joseph Trainer, superintendent of the Strawberry, north fork of Kettle river, reports that the crosscut on the 100-foot level is already five feet in ore. The ore body at the 50-foot level is 28 feet wide. An appraisal will be made from the lower level to connect with No. 2 shaft. The Le Roi mine became a dividend payer during Mr. Trainer's regime as superintendent.

THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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NEWS FROM GRAND FORKS.

Geological Survey of the North Fork of the Kettle River.

Grand Forks, B. C., July 18.—(Special.) The body of the S. S. Maclean, a rancher, who was drowned with a team of horses while attempting to ford the Kettle river two months ago, was recovered today at a point four miles below the city. It is reported on good authority that the Standard Oil company after receiving the report of their own expert, recently acquired a large interest in the Mother Lode mine, Deadwood camp. The belief is expressed that the company will make further investments in the Boundary.

Messrs. Brock and Leach of the Do and the Columbia river. After making a geological and topographical survey between the north fork of Kettle river and the Columbia river. After making a series of observations in this vicinity they left for the divide between here and Christina lake, and will continue their work north to Fire valley, which slopes towards the Arrow lakes.

Three well-known prospectors, Dorais, Ormeo and Canipe of Columbia, have returned from Franklin camp, north fork of Kettle river, where they located the Pollard group of four claims. The ledge which is ten feet wide, was struck two feet below an iron cap. The ore is a borinite, copper in a hard, gray granulated quartz. An assay gave 15 per cent copper or \$22 in all values. The group is located near the Banner, which was bonded for \$40,000.

At a special general meeting of the Morrison Gold Mines, Limited, held at Spokane on the 9th inst., it was decided to transfer the head office from Spokane to Greenwood. This was carried into effect on the 14th inst. George T. Crane, T. J. Graham and E. K. Irwin resigned from the board and were succeeded by Arthur M. Whiteside, A. H. Sperry and Duncan Ross, all of Greenwood, giving a board of five members at that point. The officers are: A. H. Sperry, president; G. H. Oliver, vice-president; and general manager; A. M. Whiteside, secretary-treasurer. It is the intention of the company as soon as the station at the lower level is cut out to sink another 100 feet before crosscutting and drifting.

R. A. Brown, president and general manager of the famous Sunset mine on Copper mountain, Similkameen district, left here today for Rossland, B. C., private business. The necessary machinery for this work is already on the ground. S. H. C. Miner, Jay P. Graves and party left the Grand Forks smelter today by special train for Phoenix for the purpose of inspecting the Knob Hill, Old Ironsides and Victoria mines.

FISHERMAN'S STRIKE.

The Dominion Government Refuses to Interfere in the matter. Ottawa, July 24.—(Special.) The Dominion government has been strongly appealed to send steamers to Quadra to assist the canneries on the Fraser river to cope with the striking fishermen permitting those to work who want to. This Dominion government is going to provincial. The fishermen want 25 cents a fish and the canneries will only give 20 cents. Over 200 volunteers have been called out by the local authorities.

Clerical Conferences. Victoria, B. C., July 21.—The Anglican clergy of Northwest Columbia and the Pacific Northwest states who had been in session here for a week decided to hold the next annual meeting in Dawson. Delegates to the annual meeting of the national council of the Women of Canada which is to be held next week arrived this evening.

Late News From the Velvet.

Manager J. L. Morrish of the Velvet, is in the city, and reports that drifting on the 300-foot level of the Velvet is in progress. The drift to the south has been run for a distance of 65 feet and to the north for 300 feet. On the Portland a prospecting shaft is being sunk on the vein. It is down to a depth of 12 feet, and the vein is five feet in width. In the tunnel drifting along the edge is in progress.

Will Develop the Admiral.

Mr. George E. Pfunder has returned from a visit to New York, where he has been for the past six weeks. He reports that New York is a good field for the flotation of legitimate mining enterprises. Money is plentiful there for copper-gold properties and for good free-milling propositions. While there he arranged matters so that the admiral property can be developed on a large scale. He leaves for Republic in a few days for the purpose of commencing work upon that property.

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NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

A Graveyard of Mammals Discovered—Smallpox at Nome.

Victoria, B. C., July 21.—The steamer Bristol arrived from St. Michaels after a 9 1/2 days' passage. Passengers report new discoveries in Tanana, on Eureka Creek claims giving from 25 to 40 cents a pan. A stampede is expected there. On Little Manook on the ramparts which is thought to be a graveyard of mammas has been found. Funks weighing 240 pounds over ten feet long and teeth weighing 10 pounds each were found. Also what is thought to be skulls of aurochs. These are big skulls with horns 20 feet long measuring two feet across. In nearly every claim on the creek some part of skeletons is found. On June 15 a cave-in of the Yukon bank buried a post and the crew, which is believed to number three to five, were all drowned. None were identified. On June 20, a boat containing five drifted out to sea from the mouth of the Yukon and all are believed to be lost. Four bodies of miners drowned by the capsizing of boats were picked up on the Yukon flats.

The son of C. D. Lane is reported shot at Nome in a claim jumping quarrel. The passengers report over 100 if not more cases of smallpox at Nome. Steamers Discovery, Utopia and Morning Star are quarantined at St. Michaels. Captain McIntyre heard a report at St. Michaels that the steamer Charles Nelson had been driven ashore on the Siberian coast by the ice and is believed to be a wreck.

Cassiar News.

Victoria, B. C., July 19.—A letter received from Cassiar tells of the death from starvation at Francis lake of a prospector named Wyuck, of Los Angeles, Cal. His partner, A. L. Dominick, lived on the flesh of martens until he reached Fort Francis, A. Engle, the store keeper of Fort Francis, was accidentally shot by his 14-year-old son. Engle is the man who saved the lives of so many men who were stranded on the Edmonton trail during the Klondike rush. News was also received that the Indians are still pursuing the McTavish family, a number of whom were killed last winter for alleged witchcraft.

The Martinite Caucus.

Victoria, B. C., July 19.—The provincial legislature was opened this afternoon by Governor July, with imposing ceremonies. As a social event it was a great success. J. P. Booth, North Victoria, speaker during the last two sessions of the Turner administration, was re-elected. W. W. B. McInnes tonight, Munroe of Chilliwack, was invited, but declined. The house will meet again on Monday.

The Sealing Industry.

Victoria, B. C., July 20.—The sealers have formed a joint stock company and will control 47 schooners now in the business. They have a capital of half a million. The object is to regulate wages and keep up the prices of skins. News received from Ottawa says the Russian government is going to compensate Canadians as well as Americans whose schooners were seized by that government in 1892.

Legislative Procedure.

Victoria, B. C., July 20.—(Special.) On Monday, in addition to the consideration of the speech, appointing standing committees, etc. Eberts will introduce several acts, the amendment evidence act, law respecting liability of trustees, notaries appointment act and the Turner act to amend the Westminster relief act. McInnes will introduce an act on Tuesday relative to labor. He will also ask the premier if the Esquimalt and Nanaimo act is subject to the provisions of the British Columbia railway act.

Land Options Lifted.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 25.—The options taken several months ago by the Consolidated Coal Company of New York on about 10,000 acres of land in this state and Green county, Pennsylvania, were lifted today. The farmers receive for their land from \$20 to \$25 per acre.

VICTORIA LEGISLATORS.

Martin in the Forefront of Battle—The Emergency Supply.

Victoria, B. C., July 24.—(Special.)

In the House today Martin made attacks on Eberts and John Irving. He spoke of Eberts' pre-election speech concerning the futile legislation of 1899, which carried the insinuation of Eberts' inability to draft bills. He was unable, however, to draw out the attorney general, who persisted in a "fight fair" policy and would not allow himself to be attacked out of order unless with a chance to reply. Irving's attempt to get an injunction in the Cassiar elections was the text of bitter comment by Martin, who attempted to color it into an act of revenge on the Captain's part because of his recent defeat in that constituency. Hon. McBride came to the rescue and turned the tables on Martin by the assurance that Irving was a much greater favorite legislation of 99 would not be soon forgotten by that election. An emergency supply of \$150,000 was received in a message from the Lieutenant Governor to be considered on Friday. This is for the payment of salaries, etc. The standing committees are to be struck tomorrow.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

The Queen's Speech and the Lieutenant Governor—The Eight Hour Law.

Victoria, July 21.—(Special.) The Queen's speech was disposed of this afternoon in a debate lasting a couple of hours. Tatlow, of Vancouver, moved and Hayward, of Esquimalt, seconded the reply. The Premier, in referring to the lately appointed lieutenant governor, expressed the popular approval of the selection, though at the same time questioning the policy of appointing from without the province. The only speech from opposition benches was that of the leader, Joseph Martin, who subjected the government to a good deal of railing. Treating the section regarding the appointment of a commission regarding the mining act and water rights he claimed strenuously that the eight hour law should be expressly exempt from its enquire.

Bills for Sandon relief, Phoenix incorporation, Crow's Nest Power & Light company, Kamloops and Atlin road and several others were given the initial stamp. Stables and Clifford, of Cassiar, were sworn in today and took seats. Judge Drake having refused application of permanent injunction this morning on the grounds that an election petitioning offers the proper and only mode of practice in such cases.

Cape Nome Fiasco.

Victoria, B. C., July 23.—Dawson papers received by the steamer Amur are full of interviews with men back from Nome, who say that there is little or no gold there. The country is overpopulated with mining machinery which is left on the beach and general chaotic conditions reign. There is much crime and epidemic of fever is feared.

Haulage Rates Gone Up.

Victoria, B. C., July 23.—The demand for ships to carry troops, coal and provisions to the Orient, has sent rates up. The four masted schooner, Bismarck, was chartered today by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., to load wheat for U. K. at 45 shillings or option loading salmon at \$4 7/8. This is 10 shillings higher than any previous offer of the season.

FORT STEELE TO HAVE A ROAD.

Canadian Pacific Surveying for Its Lardeau Branch. Fort Steele, B. C., July 18.—Word has been received from Windermere that the Canadian Pacific is making surveys for its Lardeau branch railway over the divide down Toby creek into the mining region of the Windermere district. The belief that the north and south railway of the Kootenay valley is to be built is growing stronger every day. C. F. Harrington, U. K., Rimac called to Winnipeg to meet C. E. Tye, chief engineer of construction. Mr. Harrington says the road can be built from Sand Creek to Wild Horse, a distance of 26 miles, inside of a month. There are no gades to speak of.

The reasons given for the activity of the railroad officials at this juncture are numerous. The principal ones are: First, that the charter of the company is full; this road expires this year unless work of construction is commenced; second, the present trouble in China, if long continuing, will cause a big fleet to be stationed on the Pacific, and as the admiralty have reported favorably on the Crow's Nest line, the road must be built in order to give an all-rail route to the coast. At all events it now seems certain that Fort Steele will have a railway.

Smallpox at Nome.

Port Townsend, Wash., July 21.—The transport Rosecrans has arrived from Nome. Officers reported to the quarantine officials here that the smallpox scare at Nome had been exaggerated. The total number of cases would not exceed 18.

SMALLPOX UP NORTH.

Dr. Montzambert Leaves on a General Tour of Inspection. Ottawa, July 24.—(Special.) Three cases of smallpox were discovered at Dawson some time ago. The latest in several acts, the amendment evidence act, law respecting liability of trustees, notaries appointment act and the Turner act to amend the Westminster relief act. McInnes will introduce an act on Tuesday relative to labor. He will also ask the premier if the Esquimalt and Nanaimo act is subject to the provisions of the British Columbia railway act.

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Two Dollars a FROM OTHER Continued Activity in the tracts.

THE BIG STRIKE IN THE Notes From Revelstoke, Troutbury, Cranbrook, Fort Steele, New Denver, Grand Forks, Phoenix, Fairview and Similkameen.

From the Lardeau country this week a lot of interest in the various promising property. Not the least in the mines is the Ironsides, where of miners, desiring of capital of the property on a co-op and with a few weeks has succeeded in making a shipping venture. Twenty tons were sacked for trail and two tons now being taken out. The road into the district was towards placing it in far better than it is at present.

East Kootenay, as may be recent sale of the Pedro and groups to eastern men is at the capital despite the strike money market. There is a prospecting with some promise several of the minor districts altho rough. From Ymir comes a rumour of a deal with the company. The Bornite Bank