

NEWS OF BOUNDARY

Hon. G. B. Martin Has Made a Tour of That Section.

WAGON ROADS PROMISED

Chief Commissioner Was Surprised at the Moderation of the Greenwood People—Anacosta Citizens Also to Get All They Asked For.

GREENWOOD, Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Advantage was taken of the presence in Greenwood this week of Hon. G. B. Martin, chief commissioner of lands and works, to again submit the claims this district has upon the provincial government for aid in clearing and grading a wagon road to Summit camp from Eholt meadow, where it would connect with the Greenwood-Long Lake wagon road.

The necessity for making this road was several months since impressed upon the government by Mr. Robert Wood, when that gentleman was in Victoria, and assistance in the direction asked for was then promised. The increasing importance of and necessity for this road was presented to Mr. Martin by a deputation of leading citizens, who, on Wednesday, waited upon the commissioner. The sum of \$1,200 was asked for, the remainder of the money required for the six miles of road to be subscribed locally.

Mr. Martin was informed of the recent bonding of the B. C. claim in Summit camp to an English company for the sum of \$60,000 under a working bond; of the inability of the Keough Mining company, of Salt Lake City, Utah, to further develop its valuable property, the R. Bell, until a road in such proximity as to be a pumping and hoisting plant can be hauled for use at this mine; of the fact that the Cordick claim is owned by an English mining company which will develop it when it is more accessible than at present, and of other promising properties in this camp. Realizing the importance of carrying out the proposed work, Mr. Martin promised to do his utmost to comply with the request made.

School matters were next discussed, and it was submitted on behalf of the local school trustees that as there are already 36 children of school going age in and about Greenwood, the appropriation already made of \$800 for a school house is inadequate to provide the requisite accommodation. It was therefore asked that \$250 of this appropriation be now placed at the disposal of the trustees for the purchase of forms, desks and other much-needed school conveniences, and that the balance of the appropriation be next year supplemented by an amount sufficiently large to make adequate school building accommodation for the growing requirements of this community. Meanwhile the trustees propose to rent the privately owned building now used for a school house, which they can obtain for a year at a rental of \$110. Mr. Martin favorably received the representations made to him in this connection, and promised to recommend to his colleagues, the minister of education, to grant the requests made to him.

Hospital matters were also considered, and Mr. Martin freely expressed surprise at the size of the Greenwood hospital building, and the completeness and general excellence of its accommodations, and surgical and nursing facilities for dealing with sickness and suffering. The institution, is about the best and most complete of its kind in any of the mining districts of the province, has never received any government assistance, and in view of the fact that repeatedly cases have been treated, for which no payment has been received, it was recognized that it should receive government aid, and this Mr. Martin promised to endeavor to secure.

In discussing railway matters Mr. Martin claimed that the provincial government had done their best to bring about the early construction of a railway into the Boundary Creek district, but their efforts had been in a large measure rendered futile by the member for the district, Mr. Graham and others, who supported him in defeating the government policy. They had proposed to give both a land grant and a cash subsidy to encourage the early construction of the road in from Pentiction. Residents therefore, could not fairly blame the government for delay in obtaining railway connection. Before the deputation retired Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation of the moderation of the claims for government assistance the Greenwood people had submitted. He was much pleased with the substantial progress the town had made, and he hoped on his return journey next Saturday to have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Robert Wood, then unfortunately absent from town.

GREENWOOD NEWS NOTES.

Contracts Let for Government Buildings at Greenwood and Grand Forks. GREENWOOD, Aug. 22.—Hon. G. B. Martin, provincial chief commissioner of lands and works, and Government Agent Leonard Norris, of Vernon, returned yesterday from a short visit to Grand Forks and Christina lake, and this morning left for Vernon, via Rock creek, Camp McKinney, and Pentiction.

Rev. Father Rivers, Roman Catholic priest, of Rossland, conducted divine service here this morning. There was a good attendance, and the ministrations of the visiting priest were greatly appreciated.

Dr. Bell-Irving and J. W. McFarland, both of Vancouver, came from West Kootenay last evening, with the intention of spending a few days in visiting some of the Boundary creek mining camps.

The following tenders for the construction of government buildings have been received: For lockup and court room, Greenwood, J. B. Desrozier, \$869; E. A. Wiedmark, \$1,150. For provincial government offices at Grand Forks, J. B. Desrozier, \$1,037; Cooper Bros., \$1,393; A. B. Hart, \$2,000. In each instance Mr. Desrozier's tender was accepted. John Hammill, of Greenwood, formerly of Enderby, has been appointed superintendent of the work at Greenwood, on behalf of the provincial government.

yesterday went up to the Golden Crown mine, Wellington camp, where he found the property looking well and development work being pushed vigorously.

CHOSEN BY ACCLAMATION.

Robert Woods Will Be Greenwood's First Mayor—Election for Councillors. GREENWOOD, Aug. 21.—[Special.]—The nomination for the first election of a mayor and council for the newly-incorporated city of Greenwood took place today, when the nominations were received as follows: For mayor—Robert Wood, landholder. For aldermen—Leonard S. Moulton, Barrett, broker; Cyril J. Eales, hotel keeper; C. Scott Galloway, engineer; John Hammill, miner; Archie C. McKenzie, merchant; Michael J. Phelan, merchant; J. W. Powell, miner; Arthur Bendell, merchant. Returning Officer A. E. Black declared Mr. Wood duly elected mayor by acclamation, but as there are eight candidates and only six aldermen required, further proceedings were adjourned until Saturday, 28th inst., when a poll will be taken. A considerable amount of interest is being manifested in the election.

MARTIN AT ANACOSTA.

Aid Promised for Several Wagon Roads—Thriving Farming Industry.

ANACOSTA, Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Hon. G. B. Martin, left yesterday for Grand Forks after a two days' visit to Anacosta and vicinity. In company with Provincial Government Agent Leonard Norris, of Vernon, Mr. Martin traveled through the Okanagan valley via Pentiction and Fairview to Osoyoos, and thence to Sidley's (Anarchist mountain) Rock creek and Midway. It is noteworthy that the commissioner had to pass through American territory to get from Osoyoos to Sidley's, notwithstanding that during many years past the construction of a road on the British Columbia side of the line has repeatedly been promised and often the promise has been broken. The amount of cultivation on pre-emptions between Sidley's and Rock creek was somewhat of a revelation to Mr. Martin, who stated that when in that part of the country two or three years ago he regarded it as pasture land much that is now giving unmistakable evidence of suitability for agricultural purposes. The number of farms and the altitude of some of the cultivated fields were alike a surprise to the visitor, who was greatly pleased to find the district rapidly becoming settled and showing evident signs of material progress.

Whilst here the commissioner was waited upon by several representative residents, who submitted a claim for government aid in improving the much used main wagon road from Anacosta over the mountain range to Grand Forks. It was urged that a moderate expenditure of money would make the grade easier up the mountain side and other ways would so improve the road that teams hauling freight from Pentiction to Grand Forks would travel by this route rather than follow the Kettle river through American territory, in which they had to pay for a conveyance. After discussing the matter Mr. Martin promised monetary assistance to the extent of \$500 for the improvement of the road, a like sum, at least, being forthcoming from the private subscriptions of residents.

The pressing need of a wagon road from the Copper camp road at Scott McRae's ranch up past the Sunset and Mother Lode mines in Deadwood camp, was also represented to Mr. Martin. The cost of this road was estimated at about \$200, and it was pointed out that besides the mines named the Great Hopes and others in the vicinity are being extensively developed, so that the road is much required to admit of mining plants being got in and ore being shipped out. Assistance to the extent of \$100 was promised, conditionally that the balance required to make the road, which will be about a mile and a half in length, be subscribed by the owners of the mines and claims to be benefited by its being cleared and graded, which work, from the nature of the country to be passed through, will be light.

GRAND FORKS AFFAIRS.

City Laborers to Get \$2.50 Per Day—Martin Promises Two Bridges.

GRAND FORKS, Aug. 22.—[Special.]—At the regular meeting of the city council last Friday, all the council being present with the exception of Alderman Duford and the mayor, the clerk was instructed to notify the city treasurer to produce at the next meeting of the council a written statement of the moneys received and paid out by that official for the last three months.

Two More Bridges.

The Hon. G. B. Martin, accompanied by Leonard Norris, government agent at Vernon, arrived in the city Thursday evening from Pentiction. Yesterday they went down to Christina lake and returned in the evening with a great number of citizens was held for the purpose of laying before the chief commissioner some of the needs of this district. Several speakers were called upon by the chairman to set forth the most pressing needs of the section. In reply to these speeches, Mr. Martin said that he was not in a position to promise anything definitely about railway building through this section, but that the next session of parliament would arrange railway matters definitely, and that he felt sure we would have transportation facilities next year. He, however, promised that he would undoubtedly on his return to Victoria, recommend that the government build at least two bridges in the immediate vicinity of Grand Forks, and that work on these bridges be started this fall.

Arthur Millthorpe was an arrival in the city last evening, having come from Camp McKinney yesterday. He reports a bad accident having happened to R. Penrose, who along with J. Murin and Millthorpe were making a tour through the country. It appears that these three gentlemen were all riding along the road near Camp McKinney, when the horse that Mr. Penrose was riding stumbled and fell, throwing his rider to the ground with great force. His companions at once came to his rescue and found that he had broken his leg. They at once assisted him on his horse after having

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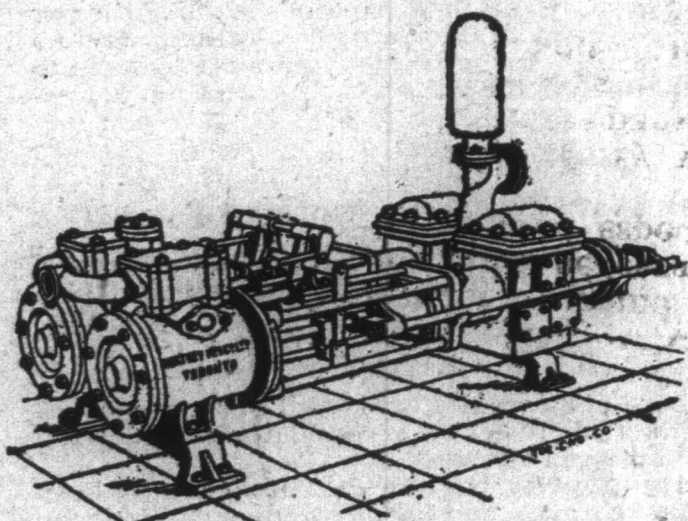
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applied his leg as best they could. Mr. Murin then accompanied the wounded man to Vernon to procure medical treatment, while Mr. Millthorpe returned to Grand Forks.

Volcanic May Start Up Soon.

R. A. Brown, at one time owner of Volcanic mountain, some 10 miles up the north fork from the city, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Treat, of Chicago, secretary of the Olive Gold Mining company, in which Mr. Treat says there will be a meeting of the above named company in Spokane on the 15th of September, when it is expected that the affairs of the company will be so arranged that work will start up yet this fall.

FREE MILLING GOLD QUARTZ.

Several Properties Around Slocan City Have Ore of That Character.

SLOCAN CITY, Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-minister of finance in the late conservative government, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Foster is connected with the Slocan Lake Gold and Silver company, limited, H. Outhbert's company, owning the Howard Fraction group, near this place. He made a trip to this property, and expressed himself as well pleased with the prospects of the property. The property is reported to have informed one of our business men that his company would soon erect concentrating works at the mine for its own use.

The properties on Lemon creek are turning out to be free milling gold properties in many instances. Tests made of Cold Blow quartz in Winnipeg, reveal the fact that this property is such, and the Alpine group has been known to come in the free milling class for some time.

A. W. McCune, part owner of the Payne mine at Sandon, and W. Thornton, of Hoge, Daly & Co., of Anacosta, Mont., were in town this morning, visiting the attending physician, Dr. McKenzie, in respecting others. As far as can be learned nothing was done by them of special interest.

Superintendent of Police Hussy was here last week and left instructions with the local constable to stop all gambling in the place. Provincial Sanitary Inspector Wolley was also here yesterday and took steps for the enforcement of the sanitary regulations in the town.

A. E. Suckling, of Suckling Bros., agents, had a narrow escape from drowning on Thursday last. In trying to shoot the rapids just below the mouth of Lemon creek, on the Slocan river his boat upset and he was carried with the current for about 25 yards, when he caught at a fallen tree in the stream and pulled himself ashore.

COAL OIL JOHNNY INJURED.

Fell Under His Wagon in an Effort to Stop His Runaway Horse. "Coal Oil Johnny," one of the best-known characters around the camp, was seriously if not fatally injured in a runaway about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. His spine was dangerously injured and his chances of life are very slim.

In connection with his coal oil business, Johnny acted as delivery man for the Kootenay Brewing company. At the time of the accident he was carrying an empty beer case from the Vendome to his wagon, which was standing outside the door. The horse, a fractious little animal, was startled by the noise made in throwing the case upon the wagon, and started to run away.

The horse had hardly made its first move when Johnny jumped into the wagon and stooped down to gather up the reins. By this time the horse was running at a good swift pace, and in reaching after the reins Johnny lost his balance and was thrown forward upon the wheel. He seemed quite unable to help himself, and as the horse reached the corner of Lincoln street, by the bowling alley, he fell down behind the horse's heels, and the wagon ran over his body. Blood was flowing freely from a cut in his head. Bystanders hastily picked him up, and he was carried into the bowling alley, where he was attended by Drs. McKenzie and Sinclair, who were passing at the time.

He was conscious at the time, but seemed almost completely paralyzed and helpless. The examination by the medical men showed that the cut in his head was only a slight matter, and was not more than a scalp wound, evidently made by the cork on the horse's shoe. The dangerous injuries received were just between the shoulders, on the upper part of the spinal column. The bruises from the animal during its run down the street. The lower limbs were paralyzed and the arms were also partially paralyzed. He was taken to his home on St. Paul street, where he now lies. His injuries are not especially painful, but the attending physician, Dr. McKenzie, is very doubtful that he will survive more than a few days. If he should survive, he is almost sure to be a paralytic for life.

THOMPSON-WATSON WEDDING.

Ross Thompson and Katherine Watson Gaily Married Yesterday.

The marriage of Ross Thompson and Miss Katherine Alta Watson was solemnized at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The ceremony took place in the parlors of the Pacific hotel and was performed by the Rev. H. Irwin, of the Episcopal church.

The parlors were beautifully decorated for the occasion with choice cut flowers and potted plants. The bride was attired in a traveling dress, as the couple were to leave on their honeymoon tour at 11 o'clock over the Red Mountain railway. The bride was attended by her maid, Miss Frank Guse. The bridegroom's best man was his longtime friend, Wm. Austin.

Immediately after the impressive ceremony of the Episcopal church the bride and groom, with a few intimate friends, sat down to the wedding breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left on the 11 o'clock train for the coast on their bridal trip. They expect to be back to Rossland in about three weeks, when they will make their home in the handsome residence which

Mr. Thompson has just completed in the south part of the city.

NEWS OF NELSON.

The City Council Taxes the Lawyers—Fire Limits Bylaw Enforced.

NELSON, Aug. 23.—[Special.]—C. E. Ferguson, who died last Saturday, was today interred with Masonic honors, the lodge here turning out. He was in the employ of the telegraph company and had not been in Nelson long. It has been decided to tax all lawyers for a yearly license and accordingly J. H. Bowes, one of the leading legal lights in the city, was cited, as a test case, to show cause why he should not contribute his name to the city's finance fund.

Paul Johnson, who recently resigned his position as superintendent of the Hall Mines smelter, will leave here for Mexico the first week in September, having advertised his effects for sale.

Nelson is getting quite metropolitan in character. A new barber shop advertises shaving for fifteen cents, and the croakers predict hard times when prices are so reduced.

W. Perkins came in from the Copper Clowm today and reports excellent progress on the shaft. The further down they go the better the rock looks. The owners are going to sink another shaft.

The city fathers are determined to enforce every law they have made so far. George Brown, of Portland, will not be allowed to finish his large frame brick. It must be torn down and stone or brick

take the place of the lumber. It is one of the best business blocks in Nelson.

GOSSIP OF TRAIL.

TRAIL, Aug. 24.—[Special.]—Dr. Dun-

can, medical secretary for the provincial board of health, arrived yesterday from Nelson, where he has been conducting a sanitary inspection of that city. When he went to the hotel he was complaining of feeling ill, and was later compelled to go to the hospital, where he still remains, with every evidence of fever.

W. F. Keay, who has been stationed in the Fort Steele country for the customs department, has assumed charge of the office here, and has relieved Collector Gordon, who goes to Fort Steele.

Chas. Cunningham, who has been doing newspaper work in Kaslo, came in today.

Mr. le Maistre has just returned from Waterloo, where a force of men is at work on the Bryan group. Fourteen assays taken in all kinds of material, showed an average value of \$140.

Additional specimens of quartz were brought in from the Bruce mine yesterday. The free gold is visible in large quantities in almost all of them.

Contractor Winters and Superintendent Gutelius, of the Columbia & Western, went to Robson today, where the work of laying the rails is under way. The big engine and flat cars used in track laying are manned by a crew from the Columbia & Western. There is still a demand for men, although several have arrived from Spokane.

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