

Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Mr. W. Blackmore is calling for tenders for the erection of another block on Hastings street.

Mr. H. Russell is expected to arrive in Vancouver on Friday next. He is coming out to make arrangements for a hydraulic plant to open up bench claims which he has acquired.

The water works department has established a camp of 20 men on the banks of the Capilano, to carry out the extension of the water mains on the north side of the inlet.

A wild steer broke away from the Mount Pleasant slaughter house on Monday morning, and after chasing a car and a dog, ran round his car several times before it was shot.

Mr. Herbert Garden, C.E., brother of the chief engineer of Vancouver, is visiting the Terminal City. Last year Mr. Garden was on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway survey, and more recently he was on the proposed Canadian Pacific Railway line from Arrowhead south to the head of Kootenay lake.

In the police court on Tuesday T. Lowrie, proprietor of the Opera Resort saloon, was fined \$15 for selling liquor during the prohibited hours on Sunday.

Several mining men who came down from Texada Island on the steamer Comptailan on Tuesday afternoon, report that work is proceeding on the main level of the claims.

The first meeting of the Vancouver Exchange, which was organized last Saturday, was held in the city on Tuesday evening. The meeting arrived at the conclusion that the C. P. R. should not discriminate in favor of Winnipeg in the matter of freight rates, and the three express rates were in shape and forwarded to the branch of the Exchange here.

A joint meeting of Vancouver and Victoria representatives of the organization will probably be held shortly in order to discuss the matter and press strongly for an immediate change in the existing freight rates to Kootenay.

Fire Chief Carlisle has been instructed to strictly enforce the fire escape act, and that every building which is properly equipped and its escape maintained in working order. He was recommended to consult and act under the city solicitor where there appeared any difficulty in obtaining a compliance with the act.

Several aldermen, accompanied by Mr. J. Buntzen and Engineer Campbell, of the Electric Railway Company, and the city engineer, on Tuesday visited the head of the proposed extension of the street car system in the East End and on Mount Pleasant. The proposed extension in the East End, as laid down by A. L. Foreman, are that a line should be laid either up Harris street or Bernard street to Campbell avenue, thence along Campbell avenue to Powell street.

The party then proceeded to Mount Pleasant. The proposed extension on the north side of the street will be worked into the city limits. Mr. Buntzen seemed favorable to this extension, but pointed out the difficulties, bad state of roads, etc. He stated that he would submit the whole matter to the board of directors with a full report.

L. M. Rice, the engineer in charge of this end of the railway, has moved his headquarters to the new terminal office here. The force of men on the channel of Boundary Creek has been doubled, and rapid progress is now being made.

The very latest town in the great mining belt of Southern Vancouver is Beverton. The township is located about 2 1/2 miles from the mouth of Beaver Creek in the heart of a promising mining section.

The city council has made arrangements to purchase a new terminal office here. The intention to build thereon a two-story building. The ground floor will be used as a fire hall and the upper floor will be divided into a council chamber and firemen's sleeping apartments.

Howison was conveyed by the steamer Hattie Young to Maple Ridge and interred in the family plot. Many friends of the deceased accompanied the remains to their last resting place. Rev. Mr. Betts conducted the services for the dead.

At 2 p.m. the funeral of Isaac Fisher took place, leaving the home of the deceased and proceeding to the Masonic cemetery, Supperston. A large number of friends and acquaintances were present, and followed the remains. The Rev. Mr. Betts also conducted the services, the boys both being members of his congregation.

Work has been commenced by contractors McArthur and Wood on the new fire hall, at the southern corner of Eighth street and Queen's avenue. The plans for this hall call for all the up-to-date apparatus, fixtures, etc., pertaining to a first-class fire hall.

During Monday night another burglary was added to the list that has been recorded of late. The premises of Mrs. J. L. Brown, shoemaker, were entered during the night and about \$50 worth of goods, including eleven and a-half pairs of shoes and two pairs of upper shoes, were stolen.

There is a prospect, says the Columbian, of the establishment here of another new industry, viz. that of making condensed milk. According to the communication of the producers, Messrs. Libenow & Payne, it is proposed to erect a plant which will consume 750 gallons of milk per day. The supply will be obtained from the farmers of this district at a fair price, and will mean a monthly disbursement for raw material of \$2,000. The factory will give employment to six to seven men, and, indubitably, will benefit steamboat men.

It is proposed to convey the raw material direct to the factory by water. Moreover, it will operate all the year round, and may be expected to increase in the course of the next year or two. Permission has been granted, under the supervision of the board of works, to plant shade trees as follows: Miss Rogers, Park Row; J. G. Scott, Queen's avenue and Third street; and Thos. Owens, Third avenue and Eighth street.

ALBERTA. Mr. Huff's boat, the Willie, brings news of another strike at Hayes's mine, the Friday evening shot in the lower tunnel bringing out several tons of fine copper ore.

Mr. Loy took some men up to the Golden Eagle early last week, but had to return on account of the frequency of the snow slides past the tunnel, which made it dangerous to work there.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, who have been on a visit to the Old Country, are returning to Alberta. Mr. Spencer's brother and sister accompany them. The stern-wheeler Florence, which is anchored in Kitslux creek, sank at her moorings on Sunday with the rising of the tide.

Mr. Talbot is in from Clayoquot and reports that times are brisk. Many people are suffering from the grippe in Alberta. The last victim is Mr. Taylor, the minister of the Presbyterian church, and there was no service on Sunday in consequence.

Mr. Dan Clarke lost another valuable horse last week. This is the second horse he has lost in a fortnight. The Alberta Football Club play Nainimo on either the 18th or 25th of this month. The Victoria club may be here on Easter Monday.

KASLO. The fire and light committee of the city council, having secured from the Kootenay Electric Company a modification of the terms upon which it would furnish light for the city hall, the intention of introducing a by-law has been amended. The city council, at its meeting on Wednesday evening, voted to secure a temporary loan of \$4,000 from the Bank of British North America, provided it can be obtained upon reasonable terms. The loan is to be repaid by the city over the next six months.

It is said that at an early day a fire limit by-law will be brought before the council fixing the boundaries within which no wooden structure may be erected. These are the six blocks limited by Third, Water and Fifth streets and B avenue.

Owing to the want of means for giving a general alarm several of the fire brigades and very many citizens were not apprised of the fire on Tuesday morning until they were down town. To obviate this difficulty Chief Fletcher of the brigades and some of the aldermen have been examining the bell of the Presbyterian church and it will probably be used to sound a fire alarm in case of necessity until the arrival of the fire bell, which has been ordered. The bell will be placed in the tower of the new city hall.

GRAND FORKS. Operations were begun this week on four new cottages, which are being erected by the townsite company on Victoria avenue, near the court-house. The houses, which are to be of four and five rooms each, are being put up for rental purposes.

The work of replanking the bridge over the North Fork has been completed by the board of works of the city and is now in first-class condition for the heavy traffic which passes over it every spring. The breaking-up has caused the route to soften and the constant heavy traffic has set it up until it is now practically impassable. During the past few days one freighter broke three wagon tongues and crippled one of his best horses; another killed a horse and various others have had their teams crippled in one way or another.

GREENWOOD. Mr. F. R. Mendenhall, the agent for the Canadian Rand Drill and Jencks Machine companies, has been in the city negotiating the sale of two big plants for Boundary creek properties. He intends to open an office in Greenwood in the near future.

ROSSLAND. The work on the rock cut on West Columbia avenue is progressing rapidly, and before the snow has finally left Columbia avenue the 40-foot driveway will be completed. The members of the Cameron Contracting Company, who have charge of the work, are confident that it will be finished this month.

H. B. Smith, the city engineer, has completed the preliminary survey for the bringing of water into the city from Rock Creek, and has found an excellent route for it. He is now busily engaged in drawing the plans and working out the details of the survey. A petition is being circulated for signatures praying the council to pass a by-law to build a system of water-curtains to carry and borrow money for that purpose on debentures, as authorized by the last legislative session.

J. B. Carpenter, of Carpenter & Co., the photographer, on Thursday afternoon purchased the De Voin family residence property on the east side of St. Paul street between Columbia and First avenues. The exact price is not given out, but the consideration is said to be \$3,000. The property consists of a lot 30 by 172 1/2 feet and a cottage of eight rooms. Louis De Voin, of the firm De Voin & Patterson, has sold his interest in the cigar and tobacco store on Columbia avenue and will devote all of his time and attention in the future to looking after his mining interests in the various camps of the Kootenays.

NELSON. Thursday was a record breaking day for the C. P. R. freight department in Nelson. Within two hours 30 cars of freight arrived and 20 left the city. The two barges traveled together from Kootenay Landing, discharged 15 cars each and taking 15 others left again for the Landing. The incoming cars were loaded chiefly with coal and coke.

Chief Macpherson has a party of men engaged in fixing a rawhide trail from the Beatrice claim, on the north fork of the Lardean, in order to run the ore on the Beatrice grade, 125 tons of which is sacked and ready for shipment to the coast.

Thorpe & Co. are building an addition, 20x26 feet, to their factory on Vernon street, to be used as a cold storage warehouse and packing room. John Stone of Revelstoke and Lydia Olson of Nelson were married on Thursday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. John Hobson.

Nelson is now in full and undisputed possession of its electric light plant. At a special meeting of the council held on Thursday afternoon City Solicitor Haller presented a communication to the effect that the title offered by the Electric Light Company was good. Acting upon this advice the council passed a resolution instructing the Bank of Montreal to place the electric light debentures proceeds to the credit of the city and to honor the check issued by the city in payment for the plant and franchise.

CASCADE CITY. The postoffice inspector is expected to arrive soon for the purpose of establishing a new office at the town of Cascade, and also one at the McRae Landing on Christina Lake. Although the mails are carried twice each week between Cascade and Brooklyn, these two important points on the route are as yet not accommodated by the new arrangement.

ENDERBURY. Miss Alice Folkard is seriously ill with pneumonia of the lungs. Dr. Morris, of Vernon, is in attendance. Business is brisk at present. Messrs. Geo. Bell & Co. has shipped several carloads of hay to the Kootenays, also a carload of pork.

Considerable excitement prevailed on the street the other day as Mr. Cole's team made a bold dash for liberty, but fortunately no damage was done as the horses became entangled among some stumps.

KAMLOOPS. The dog policeman is at work again. Several animals are reported to have been killed in the past few days. Close on to 30 football players turned out last Saturday for the first practice game this year on the Caledonia grounds, which proves beyond doubt that the game has taken a firm hold here. Kamloops will be one of the leading clubs in the interior. Inland Sentinel.

Constable E. C. Simmons, who came in on Sunday last with two prisoners, J. J. Sweeney and F. W. Smith, who had burglarized Messrs. Wood, Carrell & Co.'s store at Armstrong, and stole a quantity of goods. They were followed up and captured at Revelstoke by Constable Simmons where they were sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

MRS. HENRY WHITE ILL. London, March 15—Mrs. Henry White, wife of the secretary of the United States embassy, who has been a sufferer from a severe attack of influenza, is slightly better to-day. Queen Victoria telegraphed from Clines, near Nice, expressing sympathy with Mrs. White and inquiring as to her condition.

MINES AND MINING. The report of Mr. Elfric Drew Ingall, M.E.E., chief of the mineral statistics and mines section of the Geological Survey, contains the annual preliminary statistical statement of the mineral production of Canada for the calendar year 1898 has been received from Ottawa. Mr. Ingall says, under date of February 21st: "As the year has not yet been closed, it is not possible to get in all the returns at this date, but we are enabled in most cases to fill in the places of those missing by close estimates based on a general knowledge of the progress made in the various industries. Thus, although the figures must be taken as subject to revision, they can yet be considered as very close to those which will be given in the final report for 1898. The difference between the grand totals in the preliminary and final statement was found to be less than one-half per cent. The completed annual report will follow later in the year. It will contain the general table of production, will include other details relating to exploration, development, exports, etc. As much of this information is not available till several months after the close of the year and the compilation and printing necessarily occupy some time, it cannot be issued until well on in the year following the one covered."

The report is a very satisfactory one. It shows that British Columbia's production of Canada is advancing by leaps and bounds, as the saying is. The value of the total output of 1898 was \$37,757,197, an increase of 23,061,430 in the previous year, an increase of no less than 63.08 per cent. Of this the Yukon was responsible for most of this, but Mr. Ingall touches upon this fact later on in his report, which will be quoted, it is not necessary to enlarge upon it. It may be well to note, however, that in 13 years the production of Canada has more than trebled, as the following table will show:

Table showing production values for various years from 1887 to 1898, including categories like Coal, Building material, Silver, Copper, Nickel, Petroleum, Asbestos, Natural gas, Cement, Iron, and Steel.

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very much greater than it was at the beginning of the period dealt with. Thus the per capita value of the mineral production of the country has increased from about \$2.20 to \$7.20. Whilst these large increases of late years have occurred, they are partly due to the discovery and working of the rich gold and silver fields of the Yukon, other important mineral industries have also contributed to them, and there is every reason to expect a continued rapid growth in many of them for some years to come, especially as the province of British Columbia continues to develop."

Mr. Ingall next gave a table which shows the principal changes in the production and values for the year 1898 as compared with the revised figures for 1897, and he adds: "Most of the large increase in the total for 1898 is to be credited to the metals, gold, copper, nickel, the non-metallic materials, coal, asbestos and cement also contributing. Beginning with the most important, the increases in these products were as follows, viz. Gold, about \$7,673,000, coal, over \$924,000; copper, nearly \$855,000; nickel, nearly \$222,000; asbestos, iron ore and cement aggregating about \$185,000."

Of the gold output the main feature was the very large increase in that of the Yukon. This accounts for 87,900,000 of the enlargement, which is three times as great an estimated output as that for last year. With the exception of the gold washings of the Skeena River in the Northwest Territories, there were also increases in all the other districts of the Dominion.

The first increase in the output of coal was in the different districts. In copper the largest increase was in Ontario, which amounted to over 50 per cent. of the previous year's output. British Columbia showed also a considerable enlargement, whilst in Quebec a small fall-off was apparent. A rise in the price of the metal makes the proportional increase in value greater than that for quantity. In nickel, the increase in the quantity is greater than that in the value, owing to a fall in the average price of the metal for the year.

The falling away in the production of the metal silver is, in the former case, partly offset by the rise in the average price, whilst in the latter case a lower price for the year has aggregated with the proportional decrease in the value as compared with the quantity.

Whilst there was a decrease in the actual quantity of the product of the asbestos mines of Quebec, the value shows a large percentage increase, which is explained by the lesser proportion of asbestos and low grade fibre in the output.

The proportional contributions of the chief products to the grand total of value are set forth in the following table both for 1897 and 1898:

Table showing Proport. Per Cent. of Total Production for 1897 and 1898, including Coal, Building material, Silver, Copper, Nickel, Petroleum, Asbestos, Natural gas, Cement, Iron, and Steel.

With the exception of the transportation of the outputs of gold and coal, of natural gas and cement, and of gypsum and salt, the items stand in the same order as before. The feature that is noticeable is of course the assumption of the first place by gold, and of its large predominance over the rest. This is largely due to the fact that the metallic minerals as a class contributed in 1898 over 57 per cent. of the whole, as compared with about 48 per cent. last year.

The structural materials amounted to about 12 per cent., and the other non-metallic minerals to about 30 per cent.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Kamloops Camp. There is a lot of good work being done on Coal Hill. The Hecla shaft is down 30 feet and makes a splendid showing. The Potbock machinery will be installed within a week and then a big gang of men will be put on. The Delaney fraction is showing up well. There is a big body of ore, assays of which give returns from \$2.50 to \$38 in gold and copper.

Assessment work has just been commenced on the Josie claim, adjoining the south side of the Lucky Strike. A fine showing of copper pyrites and grey copper has been exposed. The Potbock has been struck on the Isabel, owned by J. L. Brown and W. Crawford. This lead has now been traced from the Potbock across the Hecla, LaBelle, Shark, and Isabel claims to the Kimberley.

Ore Shipments. The shipments of ore over the Kaslo & Stouan railway for the week ending March 12th were as follows:

Table showing Ore Shipments for various destinations including Kamloops, Whitewater, West Chance, Last Chance, Jackson, Ivanhoe, and Rambler.

The final payment on the Fontenoy in Camp McKimney was made in Greenwood last week. The Fontenoy Gold Mining & Milling Co. starts with a capital of \$1,000,000 and is backed by the Dunsmuirs, of Victoria, James Dunsmuir having secured a controlling interest. Associated with him are G. E. Pooley and B. J. Perry, Phil H. Hickey, J. F. Reddy, J. D. Farrell and C. P. Chamberlain. A plant has been ordered and development of the property will be pushed with vigor.

The Dorothy Moreton. The Dorothy Moreton mine, Fanny Bay, probably yielded \$3,500 or \$10,000, that is if one may judge of the value of the three gold bricks brought down from the mine on Saturday from the results obtained in January and December. The two bricks brought down, early in February as the result of the previous month's clean-up gave \$6,250, while the first brick gave \$3,823. Mr. J. J. Lang, local manager

for the Fairfield syndicate, who asked for some particulars as to the clean-up, said: "I am unable to give you any particulars at present. I have asked the directors to permit me to give the press information in regard to our various clean-ups at the Dorothy Moreton mine, but they decided that it would be unwise to do so until the result to the English shareholders."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Rossland's Output. The ore shipments from Rossland are once more beginning to speak for themselves. Although the War Eagle has not started yet, owing to the machinery not being in running order, the Le Roi sent out 1,881 tons to the Northport smelter, and the Iron Mask shipped its usual complement of two car-loads, aggregating 36 tons, to Trail, making a total of 1,917 tons for the week ending this evening.

The stock business during the past week has been lively. One of the leading features of the week was the great demand for Rathmullens.

Copper Creek. Copper Creek is a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Spillimacheen. The trail leading to it leaves the middle fork at a point about 16 miles from Carbonate. The distance up the creek to the point where the mineral locations are laid out is about ten miles. A few years back Copper Creek was largely thought of as a company represented by Rand Bros. and Mr. Ouseheimer did considerable development work there. The first prospectors were the Idaho and Alaska claims, which are situated in a glacial basin on the mountain slope on the right bank of Copper Creek. There is an immense showing of quartz on this property, great leads cutting and cross-cutting the formation, while there are numerous exposures of ore from zinc to gold quartz. There are two promising leads of galena. Two short tunnels have been run in these exposures, but since the properties have been in the hands of the Kootenay Consolidated Company, Major Clobey has put some business system into the development and the work has been done on a quartz ledge showing strongly in iron. The galena has a crystalline formation, peculiar to the galena found on the Excelsior claim on Crystal Creek and on the Spenite Bluff claim on Vermont Creek. The lead on which development is now being done is two feet in thickness with a strike of 15 degrees east of north, and a dip of 65 degrees to the north. At the time of our visit the tunnel was in 35 feet. The property is stated to have given high assays of gold.

About a mile further on, and on the same slope is the Juanita. This is a property which was operated by Messrs. Ouseheimer. A tunnel has been driven 1800 ft. on a lead which is from three to three and a half feet in width. This lead yielded mainly zinc blende for some distance, and then changed to galena. The lead has a strike of 55 degrees to the west of north and a dip of 62 to the north. A tunnel was then begun to cross-cut the lead, but after driving some 60 feet the work was abandoned and the property crown granted, in what state it is now.

Opposite the Juanita is the Mabel group, the property of the Alberta & Kootenay Development Company. It consists of three claims, Mabel, Doctor and Sawyer. The lead on which operations are made is a strong well-defined body of quartz, about 14 feet in width. The location is an excellent one for a mine—easy to work and surrounded by fine stands of wood and a large body of high grade galena ore is exposed in an open cut, but the main development work consists of a tunnel, which has been driven for 90 feet. The lead has a strike of 20 degrees west of north. This property will probably carry its value in gold, as the rock seems strongly impregnated with arsenical pyrites (mispickel). We are informed that the assays run \$5 to \$8 in gold and if that is maintained the property should be a valuable one, as it possesses every facility for cheap mining. The vein carrying the galena is apparently a stringer of this main lead, with a strike of 30 west of north, with a dip of 78 to the north. The galena from this cross-lead ran \$86 in value. Another lead of similar dimensions to the large lead already mentioned also traverses the property, forming a perfect system, but it has not yet been developed to any extent.

Higher up the mountain, on what is supposed to be the same vein system, is the Southern Cross, which has been operated by Messrs. Rand Bros. A large amount of development work has been done by way of tunnelling. The ore is galena, averaging about \$40 in value. This property is now being sold to English capitalists, who, it is hoped, will do something towards developing it as a mine to prove the wealth of what has been the appearance of being a good mining country—Golden Era.

The Republic. The Republic, of Montreal, are named as the parties who have bought the big Republic mine in Washington state. Yomey D. Williamson, who was associated with McChug in the War Eagle deal, is also in this deal. The company, which at present has \$1,000,000 capital, will be recapitalized at \$2,000,000, of which \$500,000 is to be paid in the treasury. The present shareholders will receive two shares each in the new company for each share of their present holdings.

ORGANIZED LABOR. Important Business at Last Night's Meeting of the Trades and Labor Council.

At its meeting last night the Trades and Labor Council passed a resolution in favor of prohibiting steam or hand-sawing of wood on the public streets, and appointed a committee to urge upon the owners of wood yards the desirability of employing only white labor.

On account of replies not having been received from all the unions, the question of sending a delegation to Ottawa to urge an increase of the per capita tax on Chinese was left in abeyance.

Looking to the further organization of workmen, an effort will be made to effect a union among the longshoremen and the pick and shovel men. An effort will be made to have the man labeled information bureau for the assistance of those seeking situations as domestic servants will also be opened.

It is considered a heinous offense to ride a bicycle anywhere near the city of Constantinople.

Advertisement for Carter's Little Liver Pills, describing its benefits for various ailments like headache, dizziness, and constipation.

Advertisement for Carter's Little Liver Pills, featuring a testimonial from a man who cured his liver troubles.

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