

LATE KASLO GOSSIP

Aftermath of the Meeting of the Mine Owners Association.

AN AMPLE WATER SUPPLY

City Streets Torn Up to Make Connections With New Mains—Rambler-Cariboo Company to Meet in Spokane—Northern Belle Incorporated.

KASLO, Feb. 8.—[Special.]—Not much remains to be added to the report of the meeting of mine owners and managers held on Friday evening last beyond what has already been published in THE MINER. The Nelson delegates arrived by steamer and proceeded at once to the office of Mr. George Alexander. From some cause or another the Kaslo delegates did not assemble very promptly. There was mismanagement somewhere. Either the active promoters failed to give out sufficient notice, or that sent misarranged. One prominent mine owner and manager, at least, had not heard of the meeting at an hour when many of the delegates had already assembled. Yet he was amongst the signers of the preliminary organization. He was looked up later and taken to the meeting.

The deliberations were private and behind closed doors, as none but mine owners and the representatives of mining companies were allowed to be present. Your correspondent sat in an outer room awaiting an answer to his application, when it was politely intimated to him that it was not deemed judicious that the preliminary discussions should be made public.

Fire Department and Waterworks.

At a meeting of the newly-organized fire department on Saturday evening the following officers were chosen: Hugh Fletcher, chief; Arch. Reid, first deputy; John D. Keenan, second deputy; W. F. Fisk, third deputy; A. F. Adams, treasurer; Arch. Morris, secretary. These are active young men and will give a good account of themselves when danger threatens. Several new members joined the organization. The boys will immediately begin practice with the new apparatus.

A careful test was made on Saturday last of the capacity of the conduit, or delivery pipe, of the new waterworks. The observation was continued for two hours and during that time the delivery into the reservoir was at the rate of 598 gallons per minute, or very nearly 895,000 gallons per day of 24 hours. This is 180,000 gallons more than the estimated daily requirement for 500 people. House connections with the water mains are being made in many different directions, so that the streets are in a somewhat chaotic condition. The inconvenience will be patiently endured for the sake of the permanent good. Not many will feel much regret in saying farewell to the useful, but not very ornamental, peripatetic water tank.

A Boxing Contest.

Two local sports, of somewhat callow appearance, gave an exhibition of the fistic art at the Theatre Comique on Saturday evening. Stripped in the pugilistic manner, they pounded away at each other to the delight of a motley crowd. Not much harm was done, and only a few drops of "the claret" spilled. It was a "boxing contest," so called, and the police did not interfere.

Rambler Cariboo Company.

The directors of the Rambler and Cariboo mining company are to meet in Spokane during the present week. The outlook of this company is not surpassed in the Slokan. The work of development is being actively prosecuted with the most gratifying results. It is expected that in the immediate future at least a carload of ore will be shipped. Past shipments have returned large net profits, and the new workings are said to be equally promising.

Mineral Notes.

Intelligence was received here on Saturday morning of the sale of a large block of the stock of the Inex Mining company of the Slokan, at Winnipeg. This stock seems to be having an especial boom in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

The Sloan Belle Mining and Milling company, with a capital stock of \$500,000, has been formed to take over the Northern Belle mineral claim in McLaughlin basin. The promoters are principally in Toronto, with Ed. N. Murphy as the local representative and manager.

Two or three embryonic mining companies are spoken of to take over properties of more or less value in the Slokan. Meantime most of the old close corporations are pursuing the even tenor of their way, shipping ore in fair quantities, pocketing the net proceeds quietly, and saying nothing about profits or dividends. They keep their own counsel and do not take the public into their confidence. This way lies the wealth of the Slokan.

It is now reported that the bond recently taken by Daniel Simpson upon the Spring creek mineral claims has fallen through.

Personals and Brevities.

A. J. Frazer, late of Rossland and the defunct Frazer Dramatic company, has taken up a residence in Kaslo and will be connected with operations on the Black Diamond and Little Donald mineral claims at Ainsworth, of which T. M. Gilson is manager for an eastern syndicate, soon to seek incorporation as a joint stock company.

W. T. McClurg has succeeded Messrs. Trumbull & Behrman in the management of the Union club of Kaslo. The new manager is a well-known and popular young man who should make a success of the work which he has undertaken.

W. J. Sanders, convicted and fined by Police Magistrate Chipman for selling spurious liquors without license, will apply for writ of certiorari to bring the matter before the supreme court for review upon the ground that there was insufficient evidence to convict and improper rulings upon legal points made during the trial.

J. M. Martin, auditor of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, was in Kaslo on Saturday evening.

D. W. Moore, of the International Navigation and Trading company, will locally represent the Northern Pacific railway in this city.

SALMON RIVER MINES.

J. W. Gilson Found Lots of Work Going On—Good Surface Assays.

J. W. Gilson returned Saturday from a trip to Porcupine creek, a tributary of Salmon river, about four miles above Salmo, where he put a force of men to work on the Rio Grande company's properties. He found the snow about four and a half feet deep, but easily located the point at which they desired to begin work. When left he the ledge had just been stripped and a shot or two put in. From the ore so obtained he had some assays made on his arrival in Rossland, which showed values of from 17 to 30 ounces in silver, \$2 to \$4 in gold and from 17 to 40 per cent lead.

Mr. Gilson was much surprised at the activity in the Salmon river country. Among the working properties he mentioned the Guttenburg and McLeod group on Porcupine creek, the Elise, Ymir, Tamarack and others on Wild Horse. He also states that several outfits arrived at Quartz creek while he was there, to begin work on claims in that vicinity. The hotel at Quartz creek has not got accommodation sufficient and another hotel is badly needed.

Real Estate Continues Active.

Another big deal in real estate was closed Tuesday. J. E. Mills has since Monday sold 24 lots on Union avenue, belonging to the Montreal syndicate, to city and outside parties. A sale of 22 lots was made yesterday. These were taken, principally by outside parties, a block of 12 being taken by Puget Sound investors. The amount received for the 24 lots will reach \$5,000. Arrangements will be made soon for residences to be built on the property sold on Union avenue.

LIBERALS MET TUESDAY.

They Talked Politics Informally—Mr. Bostock Was Present.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Liberal association of Rossland at the office of Paterson & Johnson last night Mr. Bostock was present and, after a general discussion of measures to promote the interests of the province and Rossland, Mr. Bostock made a brief address in reply to the suggestions offered by members of the association. J. M. Martin presided and A. N. Paterson was secretary.

Dr. St. Clair urged the importance of the government taking charge of the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

Joseph Powell brought up the subject of retaliatory measures on the part of the Canadian government in opposition to the Corliss amendment to the immigration bill now before the United States congress.

C. O. Lalonde was in favor of a reduction in the duty on certain classes of goods coming from the other side of the line.

Smith Curtis spoke at length upon the loose way in which the government had dispensed land grants to railroad companies and urged government investigation, and, further, that the railroad freight and passenger rates should be moderated.

P. McL. Forin proposed a novel scheme for the consideration of Mr. Bostock along the same line as the experiment farms now existing and self-supporting in eastern Canada, with reference to the government establishment of mining experiment stations in British Columbia for the purpose of educating young Canadians on a practical basis so that the question of employing alien labor would be solved to a great extent.

James Wilks, of the Centre Star mine, thought that the per capita tax of \$50 a head on Chinese should be raised to \$500 and made a strong argument in favor of his views. Some discussion resulted over these remarks.

Mr. Bostock was requested to address the meeting.

He thanked the association for the courtesy extended him, and in substance replied as follows: He expressed himself as in favor of a reduction in the tariff on bread stuffs, but called attention to the difficulties in the way of radical measures, which would affect the revenues of the country. He said it would be a difficult matter to settle the tariff question until the people decided whether they would raise a revenue by direct taxation, as the only way to raise the enormous revenue now necessary is by the indirect taxation referred to.

Concerning the Chinese question he expressed his convictions that it would be only a question of time when the exclusion of Chinese would become necessary, and that he saw nothing to prevent the Dominion government from raising the per capita tax to \$500.

Dominion politics entered largely into the deliberations of the meeting, and numerous questions were referred to and talked over. The affair was in a measure informal, and a more explicit expression of opinions will probably be had at the meeting tonight.

PRETTY FAST FREIGHT.

C. P. R. Made Good Time on a Carload of Paper for "The Miner."

Three weeks ago THE MINER placed an order by wire with the Barber-Ellis company of Toronto for a carload of printing paper. The paper was shipped from Georgetown, Ont., 15 days ago and Monday it was delivered at our office. The paper was only 12 days en route from Georgetown to Robson. One day was lost there and another at Trail or the carload would have been delivered to us inside of two weeks from date of shipment.

FRANK MAY DEAD.

For Many Years Cashier of the Bank of England.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Frank May, formerly chief cashier and practically the manager of the Bank of England, until he resigned in 1893, is dead. His father was junior partner of Coleman and May, stock brokers, and was connected with several trust companies, which collapsed in 1893.

The reason given for requesting the resignation of Cashier May was that he induced the bank to engage in transactions not in accordance with the traditions of the Bank of England. It was stated at the time that the losses sustained did not exceed \$125,000, and a report was circulated after he retired that he had been made the scapegoat for the irregularities of directors.

Some reports said the Bank of England lost as much as \$1,500,000 in the transactions with Minetas and the South American and Mexican company.

AN ACT OF HEROISM

Two Miners in the Young America Shaft Had a Close Call.

HEMWSORTH SAVED THEM

Stopped a Runaway Bucket Loaded With Ore By Thrusting His Arm in the Cog Wheels—His Arm May be Saved.

An act of heroism on the part of Jim Hemsworth saved the lives of two miners working in the Young America shaft on Sunday morning. The shaft is down over 100 feet and the two miners were working in the bottom. The heavy iron bucket filled with ore was being hoisted and was within 20 feet of the surface when suddenly there was a clattering of machinery. The hand crank had been carried away at the elbow, and Hemsworth, who was winding it, was thrown to the ground and stunned for a moment.

The bucket descended with frightful velocity on the men at the bottom of the shaft. Realizing that it meant instant death to his partners below Hemsworth threw himself bodily on the hoist and in an instant his right arm was jammed into the cogs of the revolving machinery, which ground the fleshy part of his arm and lacerated it to his shoulder. But he stopped the descending bucket.

Superintendent Shields blocked the machinery and released the plucky Hemsworth. When asked was he hurt

much he only said: "D— the difference so long as I saved the boys."

Jim was taken to the camp and had his wounds dressed. The elbow cap will have to be removed and Hemsworth will not be able to work for some time, but Lineham, Dodd & Stevens, local agents of the company, will make arrangements for the injured man's benefit while he is disabled.

Superintendent Shields said yesterday that in all his mining experience of 25 years and his experience in mine disasters he had never witnessed a more heroic effort to save the life of fellow-workmen than that exhibited by Jim Hemsworth.

Prominent Business Man of Peterboro Cured of Eczema.

Mr. Thos. Gladman, bookkeeper for Adam Hall, Esq., stove and tinware dealer, Peterboro, writes the following facts: "Have been troubled for nine years with eczema on my leg, and at times the itching was something terrible; tried many eminent doctors and was pronounced incurable. I had given up hopes of ever being cured when I was recommended by Mr. Medill, druggist, to try a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and I am happy to testify that after using two boxes I am completely cured."

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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-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 \$300 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 \$26, \$294, \$300, \$446, \$9,800, and \$17,760 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.

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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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