

# THE CITY WILL ADVANCE

### Some Factors Entering Into the Problem of the Golden City's Growth and Prosperity--Assured Coke Supply Important--The Reduced Charges.

Even if the Le Roi No. 2 company does not ship ore before the end of the year it is probable that the Miner's prediction of a 50,000 ton advance over the shipments of 1901 will be realized, and in any event it is certain that the increase will be of a satisfactorily substantial nature.

The apparently satisfactory conclusion to all the troubles affecting the coke supply of the Kootenays has materially improved the outlook in the Kootenay and Boundary districts, and both will produce much larger aggregate tonnages than was the case in 1901. It seems probable that there will be no further difficulties to be overcome in the coal camps. The prediction ventured by John E. Mackenzie at the time when every one was forecasting a recurrence of the Fernie strike has been fulfilled, for a proposal to strike there was voted down and the reports from the camp are that the wage earners are well satisfied with existing conditions and making larger wages than at any previous time in the history of the camp. At Morrissey, too, a threatened deadlock has been averted and everything there is going ahead smoothly. There has not been any trouble at Michel at all. These conditions offer an assurance that coke will be forthcoming in ample quantities, particularly in view of the fact that Morrissey coal is being hauled to Fernie to supply the coke ovens at that point, which were dark for some months.

This assured coke supply affects the whole Rossland camp, although through different channels. The two smelters handling the output of the Rossland camp--Trail and Northport--both draw their supply from the Crow's Nest Coal Company, and a shortage would certainly tie up one and probably the other. What affects the smelters is more than likely to affect the mines sooner or later, and for this reason it is exceedingly gratifying from the viewpoint of Rosslanders that this important essential to the operation of the mining industry is in a more satisfactory and stable position than has been the case in years.

Eventually the coke problem will be reduced to a better basis by the Northport smelter, and probably by the Boundary plants as well. This is when the era of cheaper coke takes effect. Under existing circumstances it is impossible to lay down coke at Northport or Grand Forks owing to the fact that two railroads are interested in the haulage of the product, a condition that invariably results in enhanced freight rates, particularly when, as the case now, the business originates on one road and is taken over at an intermediate point by another road. This is the case with the coke business, as part of the fuel utilized in the Fernie coke ovens is mined in the Morrissey pits on the Great Northern system.

Next spring the coke ovens at Morris-

sey, now under construction, will be completed and the Great Northern will be in a position to deliver coke at Northport and Grand Forks exclusively over their own line. Direct competition will thus be afforded both smelting plants, and an assurance is already given as to what the Northport plant may expect as the outcome--coke laid down in the smelter yard at \$6 per ton plus 80 cents duty--instead of \$9 or thereabouts as is charged under existing circumstances. Coincident with this will take effect the arrangement whereby the Great Northern reduces the freight charges between Rossland and Northport and the mine increases its output largely as a quid pro quo to the railroad, an undertaking easy of solution, inasmuch as the reduced costs of utilization will render available for shipment large ore bodies that are best left undisturbed until these reductions are secured.

About the time the Le Roi mine enters its era of increased prosperity or thereabouts, the War Eagle and Centre star mines' plans for inaugurating concentration will take practical effect, always provided the companies are in possession of the water supply necessary to the operation of the plant they have in mind. The mines are now shipping close to 600 tons of ore per diem, and this may be increased slightly as the months advance; certain it is that unless something unforeseen crops up the daily tonnage will not be reduced.

The Homestake is the first of the old properties to resume operations, and it is generally understood that next spring at least will see operations resumed at the Spitzee, and that when this takes place the company will be prepared to place the mine on a permanent producing and profit-earning basis, new developing and equipment being already planned. The Spitzee has been opened up sufficiently to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the parties having a financial stake in the proposition that it has great potentialities, and the company is prepared to take the proper steps to work out the success of the property. This has been on the tapis for some months, but no necessity for haste having arisen has been postponed to the spring.

The fact that a considerable number of men engaged in stoping ore in the Josie mine have been laid off for a couple of months will probably not affect business conditions in Rossland. The announcement to this effect came suddenly, which probably accounts for the measure of surprise which it created in some quarters.

On second thought the bright outlook for the Golden City's future recurs to most citizens and affords a pleasing contrast to the croakings of those who are disposed to magnify the incidents which are everyday occurrences in the annals of the vast majority of mining camps.

# A New Principal And Better Salaries

The Rossland schools have a new principal and a sub-principal and the teachers get an increase in salary all round. This is the outcome of last night's meeting of the school trustees.

A telegraphic message from David S. Tate, principal of the schools, was read. It stated that he was about to commence the study of law and that he would not resume his position at the head of the Rossland schools. On motion it was resolved that the resignation of Mr. Tate be accepted and that the secretary should convey to the retiring principal the board's regret at his decision, together with an expression of their appreciation of his excellent work as head of the Golden City schools.

A question of a successor was disposed of on motion of Trustees Galt and Grigor that Leslie R. Bruce, sub-principal of the schools, be appointed principal. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce has been in charge of the Cook avenue school, and his promotion left a vacancy there. On motion of Trustees Grigor and Chisholm, it was resolved that Rupert Elley, first assistant, be advanced to the post of sub-principal. The salaries of principal and sub-principal are \$100 and \$90 per month respectively. Another vacancy of the staff was filled by the appointment of Mrs. Shaw,

subject by the issuance of a permit by the education department.

Chairman McCrae intimated that he had discussed the school situation with Principal Bruce, and that the latter had stipulated that as principal of the schools he must be given some latitude in connection with the retention of teachers on the staff whom he might consider could be replaced with advantage to the local system. The chairman had pledged himself personally to endorse the principal's recommendations, and the board might expect to be called upon to endorse the weeding out of the teaching staff in the course of the next few weeks.

The other important issue of the evening arose from the resurrection of the old subject of teachers' salaries. It appears that at the last meeting of the board the salary of Miss Shrapnel was advanced from \$50 per month to \$55. This was the signal for a deluge of applications from other members of the staff, who considered themselves equally entitled to advances in salary.

The subject gave rise to much discussion last night, but finally the board resolved to make an advance of \$5 per month in the salaries of the following teachers: Madames Willis and Shaw, Misses Taylor, Blair, Grant, Renwick and Walker. The members of the board in attendance were Chairman McCrae, Trustees Galt, Grigor, Chisholm and McDonald.

# NEW WRINKLE IN ROAD INSPECTOR HOTEL SWINDLES

A hotel trick that will stand for some time as unique in the way of film-film games came near being worked to a successful finish upon an unsuspecting but well known local hotel man. That the trick was not successful and an innocent man lodged in the local jail for robbery was through no fault of the worker of the game, who registered here as George Pepper of Calgary, N. W. T. It was by a mere accident and the opportune arrival in this city of M. Grady and a Miss Smith of St. Leon Springs, and through the successful pumping by the local police, that the trick was discovered and nipped in the bud.

Three days ago Pepper arrived in town, looking a trifle green. He was a tall, well-built person; had an open manner with him that appealed to people, and was, in short, hardly a person one would look upon as a swindler. He registered and was shown to his room--room No. 12--and was not heard of again until the next day, when the bartender was called to the room by a ring. On responding to the summons the bartender found Pepper sitting up in bed and demanding to know what had become of his trousers. He swore that he left the trousers on the bed when he retired for the night but that when he arose he could find no trace of them. A search was made of the various rooms, the trousers being finally located in room No. 17, some doors away from where Pepper slept.

Pepper put on the trousers and then searched the pockets. After making, or pretending to make, a thorough search he told the proprietor of the hotel that he had been robbed of \$42 that he had placed in the pockets the night before. Thinking that the man's story was correct the proprietor of the house sent for the police, and a thorough search was instituted of the hotel and of the parties occupying the room in which the trousers had been found. Pepper was questioned, but stuck to his story. During the evening, however, M. Grady of St. Leon Springs, for whom Pepper had worked before coming to Rossland, arrived in the city and was asked concerning Pepper. Grady told of the arrival at St. Leon Springs of Pepper in a skiff in a penniless condition; of Pepper being put to work about the hotel, and of the final paying off of Pepper of the amount coming to him, namely, \$11. Grady was positive that Pepper had no \$42. The proprietor, growing suspicious, called in the police again and confronted Pepper with Grady. Pepper broke down after a bit of cross-questioning and confessed the whole scheme, stating that he had adopted the scheme to get a little ready money and for the purpose of working the proprietor of the hotel and his guests. His putting the trousers in another room was done to throw suspicion on the occupant of that room and to make his story more plausible. Pepper was given a thorough overhauling, after which he signed a paper acknowledging his part in the game. He was given five minutes to get out of town, and the last seen of him was in the direction of Northport.

H. C. Killen of Victoria, provincial supervisor of roads, trails and bridges, arrived in the city last night and will spend several days in the city inspecting the works carried on during the past season by the lands and works department. Mr. Killen has filled his present position for a couple of years, and it is maintained that by placing a competent man in charge of the enterprises directed by the supervisor the department has wrought substantial economies and secured much better results from the annual expenditure of monies appropriated for roads, trails and bridges.

The principal, in fact the only, works carried on here during the season were the repairs to the St. Thomas mountain wagon road and to a road in the vicinity of Trail. It will be remembered that when Mr. Killen was here something over a year ago he went extensively into the question of the direct road to Northport and mapped out a line which in his opinion would achieve the desired results to the best advantage and with economy as compared to previous surveys. The proposition was not proceeded with, however.

The St. Thomas wagon road received Mr. Killen's cordial approval on completion, his opinion after inspection being that the appropriation granted for the construction had been distributed most satisfactorily. The nature of the soil is such that the banks are very prone to run, and this proved to be the case last winter and spring, hence the appropriation for repairs by the legislature at last session. These repairs have been completed and it will now be the duty of Mr. Killen to see if the grant for improvements has been expended judiciously. In any event the road is reported to be in admirable condition.

# Who Will Command Rossland Militiamen

Considerable interest has been created among the members of the local militia company and other citizens as to the succession to the command of No. 1 Company, Rocky Mountain Rangers, stationed in Rossland. As has already been stated, Captain W. Hart-McHarg, of the Golden City for the purpose of practicing at the Coast. This leaves a serious gap in the establishment of commissioned officers and one that will be difficult to fill.

So far as can be learned neither of the subaltern officers of the corps are anxious to assume command. Both are recent appointees, and doubtless feel that they would not have the influence with the rank and file that would be exercised by a new and older man.

The name of Major VanBuskirk, R. M., late of the Twenty-Second Regiment Oxford Rifles, and now city engineer, has been suggested in connection with the post, but Major VanBuskirk has stated that he has private reasons for declining the position even were it proffered to him.

Another suggestion was made, and one that will probably meet with the approval of the members of the company. This is that William Harp, city assessor, be requested to accept the command. Mr. Harp is an ex-member of the Second Regiment Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, and wears the active medal for service in the Northwest rebellion of '65. Moreover, he is an expert rifleman and an ex-Bisley shot, wearing shooting medals without number for past performances with the military rifle. Mr. Harp was formerly a staff sergeant in the R. M. R., but has not been actively identified with the corps for a year past. His position in the city, his active service record and his enthusiasm as a rifle shot all commend him to the militia authorities as a desirable man to fill the important post to be vacated by Captain Hart-McHarg, and while Mr. Harp has not been sounded on the subject as yet, it is thought that if he were assured of the support of the rank and file that he would undertake to steer the destinies of the Rossland company for the future.

# A Successful and Enjoyable Hallowe'en Party

One of the most successful and genuine Hallowe'en parties was given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams and daughters at their residence on Columbia avenue. The parlors were decorated in dull, mystic red, Jack-o'-Lanterns and autumn leaves, which lent to the occasion all the spooky and creepy pleasures of the evening. All kinds of games and dancing were indulged in until the strike of 12, when all assembled in the dining room, where the color scheme was carried out to the letter, and a happy young people sat down to a bountiful repast. The following were present:

Mr. T. Long, Mrs. T. Long, Mrs. Raymond, W. Carpenter, Mrs. Grant, C. Sangster, F. Lawe, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Lavasseur, Mr. McGillivray, Mr. D. Winters, Mr. R. Andrews, B. Jordan, J. Smith, Mr. Wrightson, Mr. Elkerson, F. A. Newton, John Lewis, L. Shilcock, E. O'Hearn, F. Graham, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Grant, Mr. F. Raymer, Mr. Elly, Mr. B. Raymer, Miss Raymer, Miss Agnew, Miss G. Oliver, Miss Z. Oliver, Miss R. Hook, Miss B. Hobbs, Miss B. Hobbs, Miss W. Hobbs, Miss N. Dooley, Miss R. De Mooth, Miss N. O'Hearn, Miss H. Burritt, Miss E. Honey, Miss E. McLean, Miss M. Hooper, Miss M. Evans, Miss M. Purcell, Miss K. Purcell, Miss O'Hilding, and others.

# Association Football Game Results in a Tie

Because Al. Davis was unkind enough to plant the ball between the goal posts within one minute of the end of the second half, the game yesterday afternoon between the citizens' combination and the aggregation made up of the "Alltogethers" resulted in a tie of two all. It was a rather surprising ending of a close and well contested game, in which there was little advantage either way. The halves were only 20-minute ones, the game starting at 4 o'clock.

The game was made chiefly remarkable by some long kicks by W. H. G. Phipps on one side and Fred Wilson on the other, and by some good work on the part of the forwards on both sides. The ball was kept constantly in motion throughout the match, the players alternately rushing it from one side of the line to the other. Some good work was done in punting the ball and in passing it from one player to the other. Yesterday's game brought out more combination work than has been developed at any previous encounter.

Morrish played his usual good game, staving off a goal on more than one occasion by kicking the pliskin down the field at a critical moment. James Bates, of the international survey, took considerable interest in the game, doing several things in the way of association football not down in the rules and an act or two that would have made Barnum turn over in his grave for very envy. Davies, also of the survey, played a very important part in the proceedings and succeeded in keeping sufficiently clear of flying heels and toes so that the services of the ambulance were not required. Davis played in rare good form and was, as has already been stated, guilty of scoring the tying goal.

During the first half the ball was rushed to and fro across the field. Several hot scrimmages occurred about both goal posts, and during one of these brushes that Brown managed to push the ball between the posts for a goal for the citizens' combination. The other side also put the ball through, but too high for the purpose intended.

After a series of long kicks by Phipps the latter managed to carry the ball so near the goal of the citizens' team that he had little difficulty in putting it through, none of the players on the other side being near enough to stave off the score. A few minutes after the goal, for the citizens, also put one through, making the score 2 to 1 in favor of the citizens. The play for the balance of the half was hot and consisted chiefly of kicking the ball out of line and in off-side playing. It was then that Davis came forward with his speedy kick, and in half a minute more the game was declared over by the referee, time having expired. Another match will be played next Saturday between practically the same teams, weather permitting.

The boys of the Central and High schools played a hot match on the boys' grounds of the Cook avenue school yesterday afternoon, the Centrals winning out by a score of two goals to one. The contest was marked by some really excellent playing by both sides, the boys showing an aptitude in grasping the technical sides of the game that surprised even their elders. The goals scored by the Centrals were by Stangway and Harris, the lone one made by the High school being scored by Mike Guldotti. The referee was Glen Marshall of the High school.

# Spokane Jobbers Jobbed The Seattle Jobbers

Spokane jobbers have worked the tariff question with the Spokane Falls Northern road in such a manner as to practically exclude the Seattle jobbing interests from the markets north of Spokane, which includes the Kootenays. The Spokesman-Review describes the situation as follows:

"Seattle jobbers will hereafter be unable to do business in the country north of Spokane on the Spokane Falls & Northern railway line. What is known as the 'Kootenay rate' has been discontinued by the S. F. & N. Under this rate Seattle shippers could land goods in the country north of Spokane at lower rates of freight than Spokane jobbers must pay. The rate included all classes of goods shipped locally from Seattle to S. F. & N. points, and was made by that road alone.

"The freight rate to Spokane from the east is in most instances equal to the rate to Seattle, added to the rate

from Seattle to Spokane. The S. F. & N. has hitherto been allowing Seattle shippers a rate less than that which Spokane jobbers must pay. The result was that in many lines the coast dealers could undersell those in business here.

"Under the new arrangement coast dealers must pay the tariff rate to Spokane and the regular rate from here to the point of destination. With the handicap of the long haul their goods must take, this means that they will be driven out of this territory.

"Local jobbers state that they have been selling a great many lines of goods in this territory in spite of the disadvantages under which they labored, this being overcome by the fact that a large amount of time was saved not in consequence avoided by the proximity of the customers with the wholesaler. The lines on which the trade has gone to coast points have been heavy and bulky articles."

# Enormous "Spuds" From the Ashcroft District

Certain sections of British Columbia should be a paradise for Irishmen if it is really true that the sons of Old Erin cherish a special fondness for potatoes. Nowhere in the broad Dominion are larger or more desirable "spuds" raised than in one or two districts of British Columbia, and more especially in the Ashcroft potato belt.

Among the arrivals in the city yesterday was Mr. Dicker, part owner of the Silver King copper claim, who had just come south from Ashcroft. He stated with him a bag of potatoes as samples of what the soil of the Ashcroft district produces in the "spud" line, and the specimens are genuine beauties from the agricultural society. They were grown on the ranch owned by Woods & Campbell at Spatsun, 14 miles south of Ashcroft, where, it may be stated incidentally, a good class of stock is raised also.

No better description can be given of the samples than to state the dimensions of some of the varieties which Mr. Dicker is exhibiting. Appended are some details of this nature:

Early Rose--Twelve inches long, 11 inches in circumference.

Sir Walter Raleigh--Eight inches long, 16-14 inches in circumference.

Great Divide--Eleven and one-half inches long, 11-14 inches in circumference.

Bruce's White Beauty--Eleven and three-fourth inches in circumference, 10-12 inches long.

Burpee's Extra Early--Ten inches long, 11-12 inches in circumference.

Such potatoes as these are raised in large quantities about Ashcroft, where the soil seems to be particularly well adapted to their growth. The yield is very prolific, and while the ranchers only realize \$5 per ton for their potatoes a considerable margin remains to the grower. The stock is marketed throughout the province, large quantities coming into the Kootenays, while extensive consignments are shipped to the Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

FROM ADMIRAL CASEY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.--The following cablegram, signed by United States Admiral Casey, dated at Colon, October 31, was received today at the navy department:

"Government reinforcements arrived at Colon from Barranquilla. Have authorized transportation for government troops on special separate trains not under guards. No insurgents have been on our line for two days."

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

GRANBY MINE, B. C., Nov. 1.--During the week ended today the ore output of the mines of the Boundary district was 15,588 tons, as follows: Granby Mines, 5600 tons; Snowhaze, 1230; Mother Lode, 4698; Sunset, 600; B. C., 840; Emma, 660.

# CITY NEWS

SCHOOLS CHANGE TIME--The winter schedule goes into effect in the public schools tomorrow. Hereafter the schools will open daily at 8:30 o'clock instead of 9, as heretofore.

DISAPPEARED--News is wanted as to the whereabouts of John Connell, a miner and prospector, who has been working in the hills all summer. Connell came to the city a week or so ago and was last seen on Wednesday night.

AN ACCIDENT--Henry Perry, a miner employed at the Centre Star mine, was injured early yesterday morning while working in the 300-foot level of that mine by a rock rolling down upon him from the top of the slope. His injuries consisted of a broken leg, the leg being broken between the knee and the ankle. Perry was taken to his home, where he is reported as doing well.

Mrs. Labeauf, once well known locally as the proprietress of the Spokane hotel on Spokane street, died suddenly yesterday at her home in the Knob Hill addition, the immediate cause of death being heart failure. Mrs. Labeauf has been ill for the past two weeks with an inflammation of the throat, brought on, it is said, by swallowing a bone at a dinner at the Butte hotel. It was first thought by those who knew the woman that she died from this cause, but investigation by Dr. Mackenzie disproved this supposition. Her death came rather suddenly. Mrs. Labeauf has lived in this city for the past six years and leaves several children, two of whom are grown up.

As predicted in The Miner a couple of months ago there has been a change in the government office at Nelson. John Anthony Turner resigned his post as government agent and gold commissioner for the Nelson district, and he has been succeeded by Robert A. Renwick, who has been identified with John Houston, M. L. A., in the newspaper business at Nelson for some years, previous to which he was connected with the Hamilton, Ont., Herald. The new government agent is well known and well liked in Nelson and his appointment is cordially approved by the community, according to the Nelson News. As a newspaper man Mr. Renwick has witnessed many of the shortcomings of public officers and will undoubtedly be a model of courtesy in his dealings with the general public.

# THE IRISH PARLIAMENTARY PARTY.

Having, with Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's assistance, secured a sufficient number in the house of commons to enable them, in accordance with the rules, to move the adjournment of the house in order to discuss the coercion act, the members of the Irish nationalist party appear to be satisfied with their demonstration and to intend to abandon any further part, whether active or merely passive, in the proceedings during the session. In some respects the Irish party at Westminster still maintains its old reputation of acting more like a lot of school boys than as grave and serious statesmen. Perhaps the vivacious natives of the Emerald Isle should not be judged by the same standards as the phlegmatic Englishman, or the staid Scot, or even the more excitable representative from the principality. But it can scarcely be held, that with the utmost indulgence for national characteristics, the demeanor of the nationalists during the past two weeks has been such as to lead anyone to think that they are men into whose hands the control of Irish affairs could scarcely be put. There is one possible explanation for this behavior during the session, which has subsided as suddenly as it occurred--and that is the necessity of something being done to arouse the enthusiasm of the Irish-Americans in connection with Mr. Redmond's visit to the United States. In that view the incident of Mr. O'Donnell's shaking his fist in Mr. Balfour's face should be powerful to draw the dimes of eastern cities, and the laborers and pathetic serfdom girls and the laborers and reasonable efforts to improve the economic state of Ireland?--Vancouver News-Advertiser.

# MORE ORE EN ROUTE.

Lone Pine-Surprise Will Ship 300 Tons Monthly.

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