

THAT NEW SMELTER

An Important Meeting Held in Spokane to Discuss Preliminaries.

SITE HAS BEEN SELECTED

But It Will Not be Made Public Yet—Corbin Has Agreed to Make a Rate Which Will Make \$10 Ore Profitable.

SPokane, Wash., Dec. 7.—[Special.]—An important meeting was held here Saturday to consider the question of building an extensive smelting works at some point on the line of Spokane Falls & Northern railroad. Among those who are understood to have taken part in the meeting are D. C. Corbin, John A. Finch and Oliver Durant. It is very difficult to obtain any definite information as to what was done at the meeting. It is certain, however, that a site has been selected and that a certain rate on ore has been agreed to by Mr. Corbin. The rate, whatever it is, will enable the shipment of ore running as low as \$10 a ton. If this is done an immense impetus will be given to the treatment of Trail Creek ores and most of the mines there will probably hold back their ores until the completion of the proposed smelter which it is said will be by the first of June next.

BLAIR AND DOMVILLE

Presented With an Address at Kaslo—Mr. Blair's Speech.

KASLO, B. C., Dec. 7.—[Special.]—Hon. Mr. Blair, Dominion minister of railways and canals, and Col. Domville, M.P., were tonight presented with an address by the mayor on behalf of the citizens. Both replied at length. Mr. Blair eloquently complimented the Kootenay country, which has evidently impressed him very favorably so far. He expressed great pleasure at having the opportunity of seeing the country for himself and meeting the men who had opened it up to civilization. His resources simply astonished him. Mr. Blair, continuing said he thought the Crow's Nest Pass railway was a necessity for the development of the country and the government would see to it that its construction was begun at an early date. Col. Domville made a witty speech which caught the audience just right. He was cheered to the echo. The local liberals are banqueting the distinguished visitors tonight and in the morning they will leave for Sandon on their way to Rossland.

MONTE CRISTO MINE.

Both Tunnels Being Pushed Rapidly—Solid Ore in the Upper Level.

The No. 1 tunnel of the Monte Cristo is now in 250 feet and has been partly in ore from the start. The No. 2 tunnel is in 200 feet and has been in solid ore for the last 100 feet. The width of the ore chute has not been determined. The ore breaks easily and very solid progress is being made. The drill worked 20 days last month and made 128 feet, which is considered fine work. The face of No. 2 tunnel is 110 feet below the surface. The ore becomes of better quality with each foot made. That in the face is better than any ever found on the surface. It is impregnated with quartz and carries some copper. No. 1 tunnel is expected to be directly under the point where the face of No. 2 now is by March 1 next, and will be 128 feet lower in a vertical line.

HELENA AND FRISCO SOLD.

Rothschild's Company Paid \$9,225,000 For It—Hamilton Smith's Report.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 5.—[Special.]—The sale of the Helena and Frisco mine in the Coeur d'Alene was today consummated. The Exploration company of London, Eng., is the purchaser. The mine was recently examined by Hamilton Smith, of London, in company with Messrs. Hauser and Halter, the principal owners. The purchase price is \$2,225,000. The negotiations were concluded and closed in Helena by W. J. Chalmers, of Frisco, and Chalmers, Chicago.

THEY ARE HUSTLERS.

The Woman's Northwest Mining and Investment Company.

SPokane, Wash., Dec. 5.—[Special.]—The Woman's Northwest Mining and Investment company, which has recently been incorporated in Spokane with a capital stock of \$2,000,000 does not intend to let the grass grow under the directors' feet. As a proof of this they now have an expert in Trail Creek district looking over several properties. Next Sunday Miss Georgie Stone will leave for San Francisco where she will start a branch office of the company. She will also visit Portland and open another branch office there. It is the intention of the ladies to establish offices in Seattle, St. Paul, Chicago and New York.

TOOK UP BOTH BONDS.

London Syndicate Pays For Flossie L. and Little Darling.

Frederick W. North and Ernest Grant-Govan, of London, who bonded the Little Darling and Flossie L. when they were here last September, have sent the money with which to take up the bonds. A cablegram was received several days ago asking for an estimate of the probable cost of the development of each of these properties. This estimate was cabled back and the money came immediately.

It is understood that development work is to be commenced forthwith on both claims. Ample funds are on hand for each of them and the camp may look for an exhaustive test of their possibilities as mines.

The Flossie L. and Little Darling are on the west side of the Red mountain and south of the Jumbo. The Little Darling seems to catch the Giant lead

on the southwest, and the Flossie L. is believed to have the extension of the Jumbo lead. Both have very strong and extensive surface showings. There is a contact between granite and diorite on the Flossie L. just as there is on the Jumbo and it is expected an ore body will be found on the line of the contact.

PORT OF NELSON.

Customs Collections for November Were \$26,422.93—Exports \$188,885.

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 1.—The following is a statement of the imports and exports and the revenue collected at the port of Nelson during the month of November: Imports—Dutiable goods, \$9,253; free goods, \$43,817; total imports, \$53,070; duty collected, \$2,422.93; other revenue, \$2,855; total revenue, \$5,277.93. Exports—The mine—Ore, 331 tons, \$55,000; mate, \$102,125; total—the mine, \$157,125; the forest, \$32; manufactures, \$1,824; total exports, \$159,981. The collections at the various outports were as follows, viz: Rossland, \$10,751.62; Trail, 5,367.60; Milio, 4,046.33; Nelson, 4,063.14; Waneta, 553.13; Rykert's, 54.15. Total, \$35,422.93.

RAILROADS TO KOOTENAY.

C. P. R. Said to Have Fooled Issues with the Old Company.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 3.—The approaching visit of the Dominion minister of railways creates unusual interest here in the proposed direct railway connection with Kootenay district. The contentions of the two rival charter parties promise to complicate the situation, but there appears to be good ground for the belief that the "People's Railway" promoters will find themselves distanced by the more advanced preparations of which the advocates of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser valley scheme will be able to show evidence.

The rival organizations both aim at reaching Rossland from the coast by the most direct practicable route, and both promise to make connection with the Vancouver Island railways by a fast ferry to Victoria, so that so far as the public is concerned there would on the surface appear to be little to choose between them. But when all the facts are marshalled it seems as if the outcome of the rivalry may be of the greatest importance to Kootenay.

A few weeks ago the announcement was made, and passed unchallenged, that the Canadian Pacific company had acquired running rights over the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, and now it is stated that the connection between the two is to be effected by means of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser valley scheme, which in that case will have the support against all comers of the two powerful corporations mentioned. Their influence would go far to secure the Dominion and provincial assistance necessary to ensure prompt commencement of construction work.

Should the C. P. R. be permitted also to build the Crow's Nest Pass railway its second line through British Columbia would be completed, and the means of supplying the Kootenay with coal from either east or west would be determined.

ONE MAN KILLED.

James McBride and Chas. Mead Overcome With Gas in the Joste.

An unfortunate and fatal accident occurred at the Josie mine at an early hour this morning. Full details are lacking since one of the victims, James McBride, is dead and another, Charles Mead, has only recovered consciousness and is not yet able to tell a connected story. As nearly as can be ascertained, however, the fatality happened as follows: The Josie's supply of wood having run low it was decided to close down for a few days last night and orders to that effect were issued. Night Foreman Reardon instructed all hands to go home after firing the round of holes usually set off about midnight. McBride and Mead were working in the east drift, which is opened up from the Poorman tunnel, the face of which is now in 180 feet from the air shaft. They got ready to shoot and did shoot the cutting-in holes about two in the morning. The mine blacksmith saw them come down to the magazine after powder for their round of holes about a quarter to three o'clock and this was the last seen of them until about 6 o'clock.

About five Foreman Reardon went home, supposing the boys in the east drift were some an hour or two ago. McBride's cabin is opposite his own and he noticed there were no fresh tracks to it so he returned to the mine to find out what was detaining him. He found the two men lying in the drift about 60 feet from the face, entirely unconscious and to all appearance dead. With the help of some men from the Le Roi mine he packed them out to the mouth of the tunnel and at once sent for Dr. Bowes, who went to work on both bodies. He thought he detected signs of animation in McBride, but this is hardly likely. After four hours hard work he, however, succeeded in bringing Mead to and the first words he said were, "It was our duty."

As soon as he was able to talk he was asked how the accident occurred. He said that after firing the last round of holes he and McBride, instead of going home as ordered, thought they would wait and see the effects of the shooting. They got to the face, but while coming back McBride stumbled and fell, overcome by the gas. He stopped to help him and that was all he remembered about it.

James McBride was an old Coeur d'Alene, a native of Ireland and about 45 years of age. He had worked for George Crane president of the Josie company, off and on for the past 10 years, and was a quiet, faithful and industrious man. "If McBride and Mead had not taken so much interest in their work," said Mr. Crane, "McBride would be alive today and Mead would not be in the hospital. I feel very badly about the accident as McBride was an old friend as well as a faithful employee. Great credit is due to Dr. Bowes, as but for his untiring efforts Mead too would be a dead man now."

Mead came here recently from Marysville, Mont., and is a stalwart young man, which probably accounts for his escape. His wife is on her way here and is due to arrive Monday. It is not likely that she has yet heard of her husband's narrow escape.

No arrangements have yet been made for McBride's funeral, but it will probably take place tomorrow.

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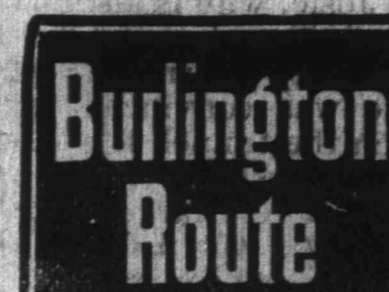
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SHOWING IN THE SHAFT

Though Only Down 15 Feet it is all in Ore—The Average of the Last Eight Assays is Over \$21 Per Ton in Gold.

The assays from the shaft being made on the Giant continue to be most excellent. The last eight assays for gold ore are as follows: \$16, \$23.20, \$20, \$1.60, \$36, \$18, \$49.80 and \$8. This gives an average of a little over \$21 in gold per ton. The shaft is down only 15 feet. This, therefore, is a fine showing. The extent of which is unknown. No crosscuts have been made and none will be made until the depth of 50 feet, or perhaps, 100 feet, is secured.

It is the belief of those in charge of the Giant that shipments of ore can begin very soon. All the ore taken out in sinking the shaft is of shipping quality, though it will have to be sorted. There is some waste running through it, but this can be easily taken out. A sorting house has already been built so that work may be done in bad weather. Two tunnels are being driven on the ledge and both these look well, though the ore in them is not so high in grade as that in the shaft. Comfortable cabins for the winter have been constructed and a wagon road completed to the mine so that the company is now in working shape.

Capt. Hall, superintendent of the Le Roi, has started a new tunnel on the Giant, of which he has general charge, and although it is in only four or five feet the face is in almost solid ore. The assays at the surface ran from \$1.00 to \$3.00 in gold. The tunnel was started to run in on the ledge at a point not far from the California ground. No assays have been made since those above referred to.

MADE A CLEAN-UP.

Burglars Made a Few Friendly Calls on Sunday Morning.

Late Sunday morning burglars took a number of liberties in the city. They broke open the side door of the Montreal hotel and took \$15 from the bar till. They opened a window at the Lancaster house and secured \$52 from the trower's pockets of J. Leigh Rowley, the clerk, and after arranging the trinkets found in his pockets on a table in an orderly manner, retired. The money they obtained was the property of W. K. Humphrey, who left it with Mr. Rowley for safe keeping. The Kootenay hotel was also robbed of \$11.

The news from the St. Elmo tunnel continues to be of the most encouraging character. There is hardly a doubt but that the face of the tunnel is now in a great ore chute.

OUR INTEREST IN POLITICS.

The approaching session of both the Dominion and Provincial parliaments will be fraught with interest for the people of Kootenay. The federal parliament will have to deal, among other important questions with a revision of the tariff, trade relations with the United States and the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The conclusion arrived at in each of these matters will affect for weal or woe almost every resident in Kootenay. A reduction in the tariff or reciprocity with the United States would greatly stimulate the existing trade with the States of Washington and Oregon and at the same time greatly reduce the cost of nearly all the articles of consumption. The construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway on the other hand, would, if freights were reduced to a reasonable basis, give a tremendous impetus to the growing trade with the prairies of the Northwest and Manitoba and the cities of Ontario and Quebec, and also greatly cheapen the necessities of life.

Our Provincial parliament will have several applications before it for charters for railways; to say nothing of private acts conferring special privileges in the way of water supplies and water powers. The incorporation of Rossland, will also come up if our citizens do not lose interest in the question in the meantime and forfeit their rights by neglecting to apply for a private act in due time and in proper form. The mineral act will be sure to come in for another tinkering. The estimates can not fail to be of interest and the method of raising next year's revenue will have to be decided.

It will be seen therefore that there are manifold reasons why the people of Kootenay and especially the citizens of Rossland should take a lively interest in both Dominion and Provincial politics this winter.

WAR EAGLE PROSPECTS.

The definite announcement of President Clark of the War Eagle company that the management has stopped dickered for the sale of the property and has concluded to go ahead and work it for all it is worth, has been received with a great deal of pleasure in Rossland. While the sale of this magnificent property to a London company would doubtless have done much to interest English capital in our mines, yet the fact remains that the public is more anxious to see the mine worked than to see it sold, no matter how large the figure might be.

That the company will soon obtain its dividends fully as much as it would