

THEY ARE PLENTIFUL

A Number of Canadian Companies Launched in London.

THE DEAL FOR THE LE ROI

Nothing Definite Concerning It Except That Certain Parties Are Interested Themselves in the Flotation of a New Le Roi Company.

London Office, ROSSLAND MINER, 108 Bishopsgate Street (Whitby). LONDON, Nov. 10.—[Special.]—Readers of your London correspondence have been fully posted up in the registration and introduction of companies concerned with British Columbia, Yukon, or Ontario, but probably few Rosslanders really grasp the growth of interest in Europe which is reflected in the actual figures. Out of curiosity I have had a careful search made through the files at Somerset House and elsewhere and I find that during the nine months ended with September 30 last no fewer than 63 companies were registered or advertised with the object of carrying on operations in Canada, the great majority of which include the words "British Columbia" in their title. At £100,000 a piece this means a total of over £6,000,000. At a later stage and when my analysis is complete I hope to be able to follow up my recent anatomical efforts and provide you with some statistics which will clearly prove the willingness of Europe to furnish you with the funds necessary for the proper development of your mineral resources.

The Press Taking an Interest. Further evidence of the growth of interest in British Columbia and all its works is afforded by the way in which our press is following your movements, recording your developments and finding corners for quoting British Columbia stocks and shares. Some include Ontario and Klondike, and some do not, simply giving the chief British Columbia (London) companies and the prices of their securities. High and low, prominent and obscure the press recognizes that the province has "come to stay," and there is a significant readiness to give publicity to news from your side of the world. The pity of it is that Colonel Baker and his colleagues do not seem to be able to see their way to supply the London press with a regular supply of reliable statistical information. Yearly publications are good enough in their way, but at an epoch in the history of British Columbia such as the present routine methods, should be supplemented by an energetic policy. As it is, London has to depend on THE MINER for reliable information. Even the fourth rate papers find room to quote a few of the British Columbia and Klondike companies, while most significant of all is the fact that a strongly backed organ such as Westralia should find it advisable to become more catholic in its principles and alter its title to that of Colonial Goldfields Gazette in order to include within its purview Ontario, Klondike, British Columbia and other equally promising colonial mining areas. All of which must be very gratifying to Rosslander.

The Sale of the Le Roi. During the past week there has been little to chronicle concerning British Columbian events in the city. No new undertakings have been registered and no companies have been floated. Concerning the sale of the Le Roi nothing definite has come to my knowledge, except that certain influential people are said to be interested in the flotation of this great mine, but would do more good than the bringing down of 30 tons of gold dust from the Klondike. Senator G. W. Turner and Colonel Peyton are here looking after the Le Roi deal.

Some New Companies. The Tangier mine, an offspring of the Goldfields of B. C. (Grant-Govan's) company has been privately subscribed for already, to the extent of \$265,000. The Queen Bess Gold Mining company, capital £120,000, has issued their prospectus, which has been severely handled in certain quarters. It is brought out by the Duncean Syndicate and Dominion Mining Agency.

There seems little to recommend itself in this venture to the British public, and although this is the first British Columbia flotation of the season which is now well under way, I am afraid there is a likelihood of the venture failing for want of support.

If the really influential men of Kootenay could only be brought to understand the importance of floating a really good dividend paying property on the London market, instead of wildcat or problematical ventures, before the long-suffering British investor is as heartily tired of British Columbia mines as he lately was of Western Australian properties, we should see a few good things this month, but as it is we sit down and have to pretend to believe what the promoters tell us.

The Bullionist has been publishing a series of very able articles on British Columbia. It is rumored that they are written by one who is well known in Rossland. They are undoubtedly written by one who knows his subject, and is able to clothe his opinions in decent prose.

In spite of the rumors, which reach us from the other side concerning the proximity of a dividend to shareholders in the Hall Mines company, the shares have relapsed a point, which shows that it is possible to cry "wolf" too often.

The British Columbia Market. The British Columbia market closes today with a dull appearance, and changes are mostly unimportant. Hall mines are a shade off at 1 1/2%, Dundees are sellers at 1s. 1/2d, and London and

B. C. Goldfields have fallen today to 3-16 to 1-16 discount. It is hoped things will soon wake up, but the mining market is not by any means lively in any section, and British Columbia suffers with the rest. We expect the McIntosh-Wright prospectus to be out this week. The following are today's closing quotations:

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes B. C. Devels., London & B. C. Goldfields, British Columbia Financial Trust, B. C. Development Assn., New Goldfields of B. C. (nominal), Vancouver Syndicate, Fairview, Ontario, Dundee, Galena, Hall Mines, Lillooet & Fraser, Klondike-Columbian Goldfields, Klondike Min. & Trdg. & Tran., Klondike & N. W. Territories, Recordia Syndicate, Klondike-Yukon & Stewart.

GLANDERS AT BOUNDARY.

R. S. Hickingbottom, V. S. for the Dominion, Stamping It Out. Robert S. Hickingbottom, veterinary surgeon and Dominion inspector of animals, is back from a visit to the Boundary country, where he has been investigating an outbreak of the glanders that exists there among horses. Since the 25th of last month he has been engaged in an effort to stamp out the disease. One of his principal tasks has been to locate the seat of the contagion, and in this he has been successful. After examining all the premises in the vicinity of Grand Forks and of Greenwood and in other camps in that vicinity, he began a systematic investigation on the other side of the line, and all the disease came was a stable in Marcus, Wash., that is thoroughly infected with the germs of the disease. Mr. Hickingbottom has notified the veterinary surgeon for the state of Washington, located at Pullman, of the condition of affairs at Marcus, and requested that he give it his attention. The latter replied that there is no appropriation for the purpose of stamping out and preventing such diseases, and this makes it necessary for the precautions to be taken on this side of the line until such time as the Washington authorities take the matter in hand. Mr. Hickingbottom has directed that all freight be transferred at Grand Forks, as the horses are changed at that point. During his recent stay at Grand Forks he condemned three horses found to be infected. By a series of tests he found that other animals that had been in contact with the disease. It is Mr. Hickingbottom's intention to return to Grand Forks Saturday. It will take considerable hard work to entirely stamp out the disease and to prevent it from spreading. If it once gets a firm hold on this side of the line it would play havoc with the horses and inflict a large loss on their owners.

JAMESON IN TROUBLE.

He is Under Arrest on a Charge of Forgery. C. E. Jameson, who in the summer and winter of 1896 was well known in this camp, where he conducted a brokerage business, is under arrest at Seattle charged with no less serious a crime than forging Ochehalis county warrants to the extent of \$10,000. He was well liked while here, and has a number of friends who will be much surprised to learn of his departure from the paths of virtue. It is the opinion of his friends that the old story of wine and women is responsible for his downfall. He was once mayor of Montesano, and was very generally respected.

He secured a number of blank county warrants, such as were in use by the officials of Ochehalis county, and on these he forged duplicates of warrants known to be in existence. A counterfeit seal of the county and an imitation rubber stamp were all the implements that he needed, and with this simple equipment he forged warrants aggregating in value about \$10,000. His plan was not to sell them, but to deposit them as collateral security and obtain loans on the strength of them; these loans, it is needless to say, were never taken up. Jameson was having a high old time with the proceeds of this hazardous venture when he was detected and placed under arrest. He has confessed his complicity with the affair, but declines absolutely to reveal the identity of his associates in the transaction.

Bids For the School House.

The school board has advertised for bids for the construction of an eight-room school house on block 35, Railway addition to Rossland. The bids must be in by December 4th. The plans and specifications can be seen in the office of George N. Taylor, the supervising architect. The sum of \$8,000 has been appropriated for the construction of the proposed school house by the government.

A Miner Hurt.

Charles Mitchell, a miner employed on the Atlantic Cable, near the O. K., was hurt Friday by a stone falling on him while he was at work in the shaft. One leg was broken, and Dr. Campbell was called to reduce the fracture.

Registration Commenced.

City Clerk McQueen Friday commenced registering voters for the coming municipal election. The qualifications required are that one should be a British subject, 21 years old, and a resident of Rossland for 12 months previous to November 1.

Charters For Railways.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 27.—The British Columbia railway will, at the next session, apply for the confirmation of the purchase by the C. P. R. of a portion of the charter from the eastern boundary of British Columbia to Nelson. Three applications appear in today's Gazette for railway charters to the Yukon. One is by the Dalton tract, a second by the Sticken river, Teslin lake, Hotaling river route, and the other from Fort Selkirk to Lynn canal by the Bell route. The C. P. R. purposes building a line connecting Wabigoon and the Rainy river districts.

THE DAY OF THANKS

How It Was Observed By the People of Rossland.

THE UNION SERVICES

An Interesting Sermon Delivered by the Rev. Charles Ladner—Concert at the Opera House Well Attended and a Pleasant Affair.

Thanksgiving day was very generally observed in Rossland. In the morning union services were held in the Presbyterian church, in which the Presbyterian, the Methodist and the Baptist congregations participated, and services were also held in the Roman Catholic church. In the evening there was a concert in the opera house under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, and a coffee social was given by the Salvation Army, while a number of dances were held in different places. The larger mines, of course, were unable to suspend operations, but the miners generally enjoyed excellent Thanksgiving dinners at their respective boarding houses. The stores and business places in town were almost without exception closed during the day, and the observance of the festival was general.

The Union Services.

The Presbyterian church was comfortably filled on the occasion of the morning union services held there. The opening services were read by the Rev. D. McO. Gandier, assisted by the Rev. Arthur T. Robinson, M. A., while the Rev. Charles Ladner preached the Thanksgiving day sermon. The text was from Psalms cxlii. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits unto me," and from it the preacher drew an interesting and instructive sermon. After dwelling on all the powers of mind and body, for which mankind should give thanks, he referred to the care and watchfulness which God bestows upon humanity, and pointed out the love and the reverence due Him. In material things, the year just past had been an unusually blessed one, for not only had the crops been plentiful and prices high, but general prosperity had reigned over the world. The British Empire had been blessed with a year of peace, for excepting the frontier disturbances in India, there had been nothing to disturb the tranquility of the nation.

Reading Room Opened.

The formal opening of the reading room, situated underneath the Methodist church, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is a fairly large room, 18x24, and is very cosy and homelike in appearance and does credit to Rev. Mr. Ladner and his co-workers who were instrumental in fitting it up. The room was well filled, there being quite a number of young men present, Rev. Mr. Ladner presiding over the occasion. The chairman, after opening, recounted the obstacles that had to be overcome before the reading room was successfully completed, and extended a most cordial invitation to the young men of Rossland to use the room and make themselves at home. Rev. Mr. Watson spoke briefly on the elevating tendency of good literature and the demoralizing effect of pernicious books. Revs. Gandier and Robinson of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches respectively, expressed congratulation at the completion of the reading room. Messrs. Hungerford, Caselman and Mills spoke briefly in a similar strain, and the meeting was then brought to a close.

The Big Three Company.

Subscriber: The head office of the Big Three company is in Rossland, and is F. A. Scammon, General Agent. The secretary is Jay P. Graves of Spokane, to whom inquiries should be addressed. Shareholder: The Big Three Gold Mining company owns the Snowshoe and the Southern Belle on Red mountain, and the Mascot on Columbia & Kootenay mountain. Considerable development work has been done on every satisfactory result, but the company has been unable to carry on work for some time for lack of funds. O. G. Laberee, the vice-president and general manager of the company, is now on his way to Montreal to complete negotiations now pending whereby means will be secured to resume development. Mr. Laberee is hopeful that the present negotiations will be perfected, and expresses the opinion that work will be recommenced this winter.

Other Features of the Day.

In the evening the Salvation Army held a pleasant coffee social in the barracks. The miners on the Golden Butte, near the O. K., were an especially happy crew yesterday, for not only did they lay out a splendid dinner for the whole town, but they enjoyed the courtesy of the management of the mine.

An Enjoyable Concert.

It was a delightful program at the concert given last night at the Opera house by the choir of the Presbyterian church, and the large audience which was present was not tardy in the expressing its appreciation, so that the numbers were doubled by the encores demanded by the participants.

The opening number was Rossini's "Carnovale" rendered with excellent effect by the choir, augmented by some of the best voices in town. Professor Dreyfus gave a pretty violin solo, and was heartily recalled. Mrs. Norman McInnis, whose sweet voice has been heard most pleasingly in church services, made her first appearance in concert in Beethoven's "Flower Girl" and so thoroughly justified the high opinion entertained of her voice that she received an enthusiastic encore. Mr. Nelson, than whom the town has no better reader, told a pathetic incident of life in the Indian service, and in response to a recall recited among the seaulls of James Whitcomb Riley's verses, "Knee Deep in June."

A pleasing feature of the program was the duo, "Maying," sung by Miss Aldrich and Mr. McHarg, and an encore was demanded. Mrs. Parker's exquisite rendition of "Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark" was beautified by a flute obligato by Mr. Falding, and the two were compelled to respond to a recall. The first part ended with a pretty tableau, "The Noblest Roman of Them All," under the direction of Miss Kehoe.

The second part opened with a chorus by the choir, accompanied by Mr. Fraser. Miss Stiles, who was on the program to render Liszt's "Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 12," was unfortunately ill, but Mr. Stein, accompanied by Miss Van Schalk, gave a pleasing flute solo, and was recalled. Mr. Whiteside's excellent voice was heard to good effect in "The Old Guard," and in response to an encore he sang, "The Pirate King." Mrs. McOrtney and Mr. McHarg sang most

pleasingly, "Moonlight on the Rhine," and the audience would not let them off without a second appearance.

Mr. Nelson, who had thoroughly ingratiated himself with his audience on the occasion of his previous appearance, was most heartily received when he reappeared, gowned and wigged, to give Sergeant Buzbuz' famous appeal to the jury in the celebrated case of Bardell vs. Pickwick, and in response to an encore he told of Mark Twain's guide in Rome. Mrs. McInnes appeared for the second time to render Braga's "Angel's Serenade," with a violin obligato by Mr. McHarg, and in response to a recall sang with great beauty a dainty little lullaby. The closing number on the program was a pretty tableau symbolic of the British Empire arranged by Miss Kehoe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

ROSSLAND, Nov. 26. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Any information you can furnish as to the American and Canadian Mining & Development company, its capital, holdings and officers would be gratefully received by inquiring stockholders. Yours truly, A. M. W.

[The inquirer evidently refers to the Canadian-American Gold Mining & Development company, limited, which is capitalized for \$1,500,000, and has its head office in Rossland. J. M. Robinson is president and manager, W. J. Robinson, treasurer, and J. Smith, secretary.—Ed.]

TORONTO, Nov. 15.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: For my own information would you kindly let me know what you can tell me about the Rossland Green Mountain Development Co. A friend of mine has some stock in it and would like to have some information. Yours truly, THOMAS W. DYAS.

[The Rossland and Green Mountain Gold Mining & Development company holds three claims, the Diamond Flush, the Ace of Diamonds and the Lone Star, on the northeast slope of Green mountain, about six miles north of Rossland, near Murphy creek. The ledge has the cap common to the district. The work thus far done consists of an open cut 25 feet long, showing a 20-inch streak of mineralized quartz. A tunnel has been driven in several feet on the same lead. In all, about \$300 worth of work has been done, sufficient to hold the three claims for this year. The promoters but a small block of treasury stock has lately been placed on the market to obtain funds with which to resume operations.—Ed.]

The Silver Bell Mine.

SARNTA, Ont., Nov. 17. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you kindly advise me as to the present condition and prospects of the Silver Bell mine. Is any work being done on this property? And if so with what result? If not why not? Is the Colonna likely to be a shipping mine in the near future? Do the above companies ever send out any information to their stockholders? If so the undersigned never receives such information.

Any particulars concerning the above properties will greatly oblige, B. EASTERN STOCKHOLDER.

[Full particulars regarding the condition of the Silver Bell company have appeared recently in THE MINER. The lessees, Messrs. Harrington and Connelly, announce that they intend to resume operations at once.

The Colonna is being actively developed, but the management of the property is reticent regarding the showing. The general opinion, though, is very favorable.

The secretary of the Silver Bell company is Graham Kennedy; of the Colonna company, Harold Kingsmill; both of Rossland. Either of them should give you any information you may desire regarding his respective company.—Ed.]

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S. W. Donaldson: Full particulars regarding the Silver Bell company have been published in this paper. The new management expects to resume operations at once. No work is being done at present on the Ibox, as the company is out of funds. There is still some stock in the treasury, which if sold would enable the company to resume development. Graham Kennedy, of Harris, Kennedy & Co., Rossland, is the secretary of the Silver Bell company. The secretary-treasurer of the Ibox company is F. A. Scammon of Rossland, but W. J. Green of 257 Wellesley street, Toronto, is vice-president, and at present is in possession of most of the company's books.

COLIN McLAIDLIN, Port Huron, Mich.

There is no truth in the report that the Colonna company has purchased the property of the Monte Cristo company. The idea probably arose from the fact that a controlling interest in each company has been acquired by a syndicate of Montreal people, and the two properties are being developed together for the sake of economy. However, the organization of the two companies remains separate, and neither one would share in the dividends of the other, as they are quite distinct and separate from each other.

Eastern Investor: The St. Elmo has been closed down for some time, though the company does not owe a cent and has some funds on hand. The property contains an immense amount of ore, which, however, is of too low grade to be marketable under present conditions. The management has formulated no

plans for the immediate future, but is confident that with the reduction in the cost of handling ores the St. Elmo will be a great mine.

Shareholder: The Old Gold company is working its property on Salmon river with as much rapidity as the sale of stock will permit. Considerable surface work has been done on the claims and a tunnel has been run for a distance of 80 feet. The showing has been pronounced satisfactory. A promising ledge of rose quartz has lately been discovered and it is the intention to open it up. Not much work has been done on the placer ground belonging to the company, but the tests that have been made have returned excellent results. The Old Gold is being worked in connection with its sister property, the Primrose group, owned by the Primrose Mining company. There is a small but steady sale for the shares of the Old Gold company, say the officers, and they expect to continue operations regularly. Shareholder: Other inquiries are answered elsewhere in this column.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.

Harry Edwards, a Telegraph Operator, Succumbs to the Cold. Harry Edwards, the telegraph operator and linesman at Waterloo, died Tuesday from exposure and exhaustion. Albert McCarger, who was with him, was very seriously injured and his condition is dangerous.

The two had come down to Trail to purchase supplies and after obtaining the necessary provisions started to row up the river to Waterloo. The distance is about 17 miles, and they expected to make the trip in about six hours. The two had scarcely started before they were wetted to the waist, and from then on the journey was a succession of accidents. There was a strong head wind blowing and rowing was out of the question much of the time, so that the two had to drag the boat along the shore a good part of the way. The cold grew intense and the two men, who were wet to the skin, began to suffer terribly from its effects. At last Edwards could go no further and completely exhausted, lay down upon the beach.

McCarger himself was frightfully frozen, but made his way to the Waterloo wood camp, where he managed to tell his story. Four men started to the rescue of Edwards, but the darkness had settled down and the search was a difficult one. At last the remains of Edwards, frozen stiff, were found in the woods some distance back from the beach, where he had evidently crawled on hearing the shouts of his rescuers, but was unable to go any further and died where he lay. The remains were conveyed back to Waterloo for burial.

Edwards was married scarcely six months ago to Miss Dockrader, of Waterloo.

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