

PRESENT DAY IN POPLAR

The New Camp Promises Well to Prove a Mining Marvel.

Character of Formation and Ledges—Notes of Progress.

POPLAR CREEK, Oct. 12.—Poplar is a typical mining camp in the throes of formation. Most of the townsite is yet covered with a heavy growth of tall and splendid timber, made up of fir, cedar and hemlock.

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The alluring mineral propositions are the quartz lodes on the hills and mountains, and the showing is something marvelous, so far as the extent and number of the veins is concerned. The main ledges are wide and of white quartz carrying on or near the surface red oxide of iron and decomposed gangue in which is found fine and coarse gold.

Your correspondent must say in all of this experience he never found so many quartz leads in the same area, and should they prove as rich as they are on the surface—and it should not militate against a section that the surface is rich—Poplar certainly prove the greatest free milling camp that has yet been found in British Columbia and should rival some of the larger camps of the same kind in the United States.

A word as to the formation. The country rock is a sort of gray schist, which is soft and easily mined. The formation is unbroken, and on the properties so far visited by your correspondent no dikes were seen.

There is plenty of opportunity to secure properties here. Some of the prospectors who own promising mineral claims have been here for several months, and money is beginning to get scarce with them. They are anxious to sell, and from these bargains could be secured, as their holdings are what good judges consider to be really valuable mineral claims.

The weather here has been wretched for the past two or three months which has interfered considerably with prospecting, and with the building and clearing operations. It has rained continuously.

The camp is one of the most orderly in the province. Constable Simpson visits Poplar a couple of times a month from Kaslo, but old residents say that he has never yet made an arrest in Poplar.

The hotel accommodations are plentiful. There are now six hotels, to wit: The Poplar, owned by Alstrom & Armstrong; Gold Hill hotel, owned by Smoek & Hambley; Jacobson's hotel, owned by Mr. Jacobson of New Denver; the Kaiser hotel, owned by the Kaiser family; Ehlers' hotel, owned by Charles Ehlers; and the Hansen hotel, which is being constructed by William Hansen and associates.

One crying need of Poplar is a railway depot and a telegraph office. Freight brought here is left on a platform exposed to the elements and a prey to the dogs of the town. Dispatches have to be sent to Gerrard or Ferguson. Larjo is 25 miles and Gerrard is 10 miles from Poplar. The Canadian Pacific railway should at once provide these accommodations. They would be paying investments, as the business is sufficient to yield a good income.

George Jacobson has returned from Spokane and in connection with his associates is opening up the Independence claim. This property is located about two miles up the Larjo river from Poplar city and is two miles south of the famous Marquis & Gilbert mine.

Mr. Winqvist has completed the trail which runs from his property to the end of the government trail. The property is located about ten miles southwest from Poplar. The ore carries very high values, running as high as \$2,000 to \$3,000 to the ton. The lead is two and a half feet wide and can be traced on the surface for over 2,000 feet.

One of the well known properties of the camp has been optioned to a syndicate for \$80,000. The parties to the deal are not communicative, but it is said the deal will be put through. It is alleged that the property optioned is owned by Marquis & Gilbert, and located about a mile southwest of Poplar. There are said to be several other deals in progress, but the negotiations are being so quietly conducted that the particulars cannot be learned.

Twenty-five men are at work on the Lucky Jack group, and there is now about 300 tons of high grade ore on the dump. On the Swedish group cabins for bunk house, blacksmith shop, etc., are being erected as a preliminary to beginning operations on a considerable scale. Both these groups are owned by the Great Northern Mines, of which W. B. Pool, the king of the Lardeau, is the chief spirit.

A local syndicate is operating a placer property at a point a short distance east of the town and close to the Lardeau river. A shaft was started for the purpose of sinking through the gravel to bedrock, but the water came in so rapidly that sinking had to be stopped. A pumping plant has been sent for, and when it arrives work on the shaft will be resumed.

RICH COPPER ORE

FOUND IN JOSIE MINE DURING AUGUST LAST ON 600' LEVEL

MINE SHIPPED EXCELLENT ORE—DETAILS OF DEVELOPMENT WORK

The operations at the Josie mine in August were of special interest. From the manager's report the following is extracted: Output—Since last report there have been shipped to the smelter 1497 tons, containing gold, 975 ounces, at \$20 per ounce, \$19,495; silver, 2672 ounces, at \$0.54-4 per ounce, \$1,453; copper, 32,329 pounds, at \$0.13-1-8 per pound, \$4,204; total, \$23,207. The value per ton of ore shipped was, therefore, \$22.18.

Exploration—Josie mine, 600 foot level. A stringer of ore in hanging wall side of drift was followed, but finally abandoned, pending further investigation with diamond drill. The information required was subsequently provided by diamond drill hole No. 36. Six hundred foot level. Seventy-five feet were driven, but the showing was unexpected after the comparatively poor values we found in the face of the original drift. We are now investigating this new stuff. In the tramway tunnel the ledge matter has been followed as closely as possible; there is, however, a streak of waste running right down the mine at this place, and diamond drill work will now be advisable to save time. Diamond drill work. In hole No. 32 we met with nothing. In hole No. 33 we met with ore at from 52 feet to 53 feet, which is evidently the same lead as in No. 31, from 71 feet to 80 feet. It is this ore that we are now about to drift into from the Annie dyke. Holes 34 and 35 encountered nothing but mineralized ground, showing that the heavy copper values found on 600, east of Annie dyke and below ore body No. 9, had not penetrated to 700. Hole No. 26 on the 500 foot level had encountered nothing up to the end of the month.

No. 1 mine.—No development work of importance has been done here during the month. The drifts have been widened out in one or two places, as shown on plan, but remainder of work has been stopeing. General remarks on stopes—Josie mine, No. 20. This still continues under development. The east end of the two dykes, between which the ore is bunched up. This gives us an excellent chance to make a cheap raise through to the 300 with out breaking any dyke matter into our lines. Besides tracing the upward run of the ore body, this will improve the ventilation. No. 9.—The stope continues to be the best in the mine, in spite of our fears when we first opened up there that the ore body would speedily pinch out; it shows no sign of doing so as yet. No. 1 mine.—This mine, under present circumstances, is hardly paying for itself; it is acting as a drag on the Josie, and should be shut down until cheap smelting rates are obtained. When these can be secured, it will be a great help to the Josie, instead of a hindrance. Forecast for September.—In the Josie diamond drill work will continue on the 500, drifting on 700, and drifting and diamond drill work in tramway tunnel. Work on 600 will be directed to opening up downward continuation of ore body No. 9. All work will be pushed westwards to investigate virgin country in Annie claim.

C.P.R. RATE MAKERS

THE HEADS OF 'BIG SYSTEM'S' FREIGHT DEPARTMENT HERE.

MANAGER MACINNES TELLS OF PROSPERITY ALL ALONG THE ROAD.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Important Canadian Pacific officials in connection with the freight traffic department were in Rossland yesterday afternoon and night. At the head of the party was W. R. MacInnes, of Montreal, general traffic manager; with him were Frank W. Peters of Winnipeg, assistant freight traffic manager, and B. W. Grier, general freight agent, of Vancouver. Harry E. Macdonnell, assistant general freight agent, of Nelson, is conducting the party through the Kootenays and Boundary.

Mr. MacInnes is on his annual tour of the system. He has been in the Boundary and most of the Kootenays, and leaves this morning for Spokane en route to the coast. Referring to matters appertaining to his department of the big system, Mr. MacInnes remarked yesterday that the principal development in the matter of freight rates, with which his department is specially concerned, had been the readjustment of grain rates throughout Manitoba and the territories, details of which had already been published. As he progressed through the various districts into which the system was divided for freight purposes it was his policy to visit all important industries and institutions in company with the local freight men, taking up all matters relating to the traffic department's business and dealing with them as far as possible. He had not met with any points in this connection that would be of special public interest.

In the course of his trip he found business good on all sections of the road. In Kootenay and Boundary there was a much better feeling, and he believed the outlook for increased prosperity was excellent. Certain it was that the Canadian Pacific was busy all along the line, and this was usually taken as one of the barometers of a good volume of trade in all lines.

With regard to the Lardeau country and the arrangements there for handling the freight during the coming winter, Mr. MacInnes said that he could give no information, as this was in charge of the operating department. As the traffic there had shown a big increase during the past summer he did not think there was any fear that the company would not supply all the accommodations necessary. In the Boundary country considerable additions have been made to the rolling stock to carry the growing shipments.

Mr. Peters had a busy day renewing old friendships with the Rosslanders whom he knew intimately at the junction when he was district freight agent. Since that period Mr. Peters has been in the confidence of the Canadian Pacific and has been rapid and substantial. The fact has brought pleasure to his Rossland friends, and was the motive for many compliments showered upon the former Nelson man during his brief stay here.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J. Q. Bridgewater, N. S.—The Rossland-Kootenay Mines, Limited, of this city has a large electric compressor plant—600-horse power we believe—with which power is developed for mining purposes. The Centre Star Mining company, also of Rossland, possesses an electrically operated plant, and the Spitzke Mines, Limited, Rossland, have a five-drum compressor now in operation by electric power, while the White Bear Consolidated Mining company contemplates installing electric compressor and hoisting plant to be electrically operated. Any or all of these concerns will doubtless supply you with information, which might be supplemented on application to the West Kootenay Power & Light company of Rossland, which supplies the electric current used in these plants. G. A. F., Montreal.—We are informed that the Athelstan property is now being operated continuously and with satisfactory results. We understand that some Greenwood people have the property on some kind of a leasing basis, but application to W. T. Hunter, Greenwood, B. C., may elicit definite information. The property is considerably removed from Rossland, being in Boundary district.

STEEL RETRENCHMENT.

Many Men Are Laid Off at the Works at Worcester. WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 17.—Tonight 262 men employed by the rolling department of the American Steel company were laid off on account of the general depression in the steel business. The south works, which have been running night and day for many years, will not run nights in the future. A general lay-off of steel workers in all Worcester plants took place today.

DRIVEN IN BY SNOW

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY PARTY FOUND THE SNOW TOO DEEP.

WORK SUSPENDED FOR WINTER—PARTY DISBANDED HERE.

Major W. F. O'Hara, Dominion engineer in charge of the international boundary survey, returned to Rossland yesterday, arranged to disband his survey party here, where it was originally organized, and left last night for Ottawa, where he will spend the winter in headquarters extending the field notes made during his summer in the hills.

About the middle of June last the party left Rossland for the hills to put in the third season's work along the lines mapped out at the meetings of the international boundary commission. In the work of accurately demarcating the dividing line between Canada and the big republic to the south, the United States government has co-operated with the Canadian authorities, and both governments have had survey parties in the field for the past three years.

This summer the survey was taken up where it was dropped in the fall of 1902, and for exactly 113 days the knights of the tripod and theodolite labored assiduously at their task, with the result of a fair amount of progress. Rain fell on no fewer than 43 days of the 113 days of the survey, and it was readily understood that this materially interfered with the operations. Three American parties worked in conjunction with Major O'Hara's outfit. Six men were lost from the Canadian party by sickness or accident, the wet weather accounting for much of the losses.

The survey operations were brought to a close by the advent of snow in the hills. From one to four feet of snow now lies on the hills to the east, and this has put an end to work for the season. Next summer Major O'Hara expects to resume the work and to carry the survey over the Cuffin mountains, one of the hardest sections of the entire line. In the past seasons the survey has been carried from the Hope mountains eastward to the Rockies; next season the idea is to go west from the Hope range. During the winter the engineers will devote all their spare time to expanding the voluminous field notes now in hand.

COMMUNICATIONS

LIBERAL LEADERSHIP.

Editor Miner: The provincial elections are now ended, and as I openly predicted on party lines being pronounced, that neither of the two great political parties could secure a sufficient majority in the house to give B. C. a strong business government, and that another appeal to the country would be inevitable to secure the results desired in this province, the result of the election verifies my prediction. Yet with a clean and honest leader at the head of the Liberal party in the province would in my judgment be obtained. Meanwhile I see that the Vancouver World is booming W. W. B. McInnes for leader of the Liberal party in this province. Personally I have not had the pleasure of meeting Mr. McInnes, nevertheless I watched his public career since he first entered the federal parliament at Ottawa, and I must confess that to my mind the eccentricities and inconsistencies of our friend W. W. B. McInnes are such as to unfit him to lead men of brain and consistency, and his well known unfaithfulness to the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his leadership of the administration to my mind caps his unfitness for the position thus sought by him and his friends. Moreover the Liberals of this province would regard the elevation of Mr. McInnes to the leadership as at once introducing afresh into the arena of the Liberals, and at the same time without the abilities of Mr. Martin. Should it be possible that Mr. McInnes be made leader and an appeal made to the country under his leadership the Liberals would be beyond a doubt be snowed under. To my mind the first man whom the mantle of leadership should fall is Mr. John Oliver, an honest man, a man of considerable parliamentary experience, a man more than all others in the province, who has ended a weak, vacillating and corrupt government, and brought about present conditions of affairs in the province of British Columbia. A man if not brilliant, who is nevertheless a strong man, whom the Liberals of B. C. wish to honor. To my mind it would be most unfair to pass by the man who has achieved so much for the province. The man who made it possible for Richard McBride to reach the premiership, but who shabbily if again a man absolutely destitute of political experience and parliamentary training must be chosen, by all means choose J. A. Macdonald, the member for Rossland, who by natural abilities, strict integrity and forensic training will make his ultimate a strong leader whom the Liberals desire to trust, and without a leader of strict integrity we to the province.

CARRIED THE TORCH

INCENDIARY STARTS FOUR FIRES HERE ON THANKSGIVING.

FIRE BRIGADE'S SPLENDID WORK EXTINGUISHED ALL IN TURN.

(From Saturday's Daily.) An atrocious attempt was made on Thanksgiving night to kindle a general conflagration in Rossland. The deed was that of an incendiary actuated by motives that none can guess. The guilty party carried his torch from block to block, leaving a trail of fire behind, but Rossland's splendid fire department worked like Trojans, and the net result of the attempt is confined to the partial destruction of shacks and sheds of no special value. The business centre of the city was not attacked, and the attempt cannot prejudice the community in its campaign for lower insurance rates. Rather it should help out, inasmuch as a magnificent practical demonstration was given of the efficiency of the fire brigade in a tight corner.

The first alarm was turned in on the night of Thanksgiving day at 10:15. It proved to be from a couple of small cottages in the rear of the fire hall and in the Lincoln terrace property owned by Mrs. Chambers. The brigade was on the ground within a minute and readily confined the fire to the buildings in which it originated. Neither structure was occupied, and the loss will be trifling.

After starting the first fire the incendiary apparently crossed Queen street, for within half an hour of the first alarm another blaze was discovered in a small building a short distance north of the Presbyterian church. The brigade had time to extinguish the first fire before the second made itself manifest, and was almost on the ground. The second fire was readily put out with trifling loss.

Alarm No. 3 came in from a small structure near the Lancaster hotel at 11:20 o'clock. Once more the firemen responded quickly and the struggle was short. Again the loss was small.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE WENT INTO SUMMER CARNIVAL REPORT YESTERDAY.

The summer carnival finance committee met yesterday to receive the report of the honorary treasurer. This was submitted, adopted and handed over to E. Duthie, Bank of Montreal, and J. M. Macdonald, Bank of B. N. A., to be audited, after which it will be published. The balance shown as cash in hand was \$334. Outstanding subscriptions to the amount of \$50 were reported, and it was stated that about \$30 of this would yet be collected. It was resolved to grant \$25 to Jesse Cagle of Meyers Falls, who brought two horses to the carnival on the understanding that a purse would be provided, which was overlooked. Max Crow asked the committee for a refund of a portion of his subscription of \$100 on account of prize fight, and Harry McIntosh asked for a reduction in the concession for refreshments at the athletic grounds in view of the bad weather. Both requests were refused by motion of the committee on the ground that there would be an endless succession of similar requests if one was granted.

The general committee will be called together to consider the final draft of the financial statement and determine as to the disposition of the funds.

WEDDED AT WESTMINSTER.

Rossland Bank Manager Becomes a Benedict in Royal City.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A charming wedding was celebrated at New Westminster yesterday morning when J. S. Chamberlain Fraser, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Rossland, was united in wedlock to Mrs. Clinton, one of the Royal City's fairest and most popular daughters. The event was witnessed by the elite of Westminster and guests from Vancouver and Victoria. The ceremony was celebrated in the Roman Catholic cathedral.

A number of telegrams were dispatched by Rossland friends conveying felicitations, and these were briefly replied to in a telegraphic message from the groom, who acknowledged and gave good wishes to Golden City friends on behalf of himself and Mrs. Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser will make a lengthy tour. They expect to return to Rossland in December, and will make their home at Mr. Fraser's residence in the East ward.

BANK AND PROVINCE

THE REFUSAL OF CREDIT TO THE GOVERNMENT TO BE TALKED OVER.

JOHN HOUSTON MAY BE SWORN IN TOMORROW AS A MINISTER.

VICTORIA, Oct. 17.—E. V. Bodwell, K. C., has gone east to Toronto. It is understood his mission is on behalf of the Bank of Commerce, and that he will take up with the directors the refusal of the bank with the province, the local bank having refused any more credit. In fact it is stated that it was the ultimatum of the bank to the government that they must keep the expenditure within the revenue that has led to the retrenchment in the civil service.

Frederic McBride is ill today, and is confined to his house, but it is believed that John Houston is to be sworn in on Monday as a member of the government.

It is notified for all concerned that African war medals of the second Canadian regiment, Dragoons, First Canadian, C. D. and E. B. and Strathcona's Horse in possession of the old Ottawa. All medals and clasps are for same. In cases for the medals are certificates must accompany them.

The exact terms of the ed to the city council medical health officer supplying milk in Rossland. It is being to veterinary inspectors, and dairies which supply city of Rossland with three of them in very dition. Objection on these cases to the within the yards adjacent to the city. Two officers were found sanitary conditions. Five dairymen to comply with regulations.

The case against D. permitting his cattle city cemetery was today, and is postponed. It is expected that the effect that Mr. D. had on the use of the big ground for cattle fact that he had been residing beyond the permission from the and use a snow road during the winter any road was impassable. It is an entirely different case got into the through, and the east gate was open, and the vines had invaded from parties who tell hall. Steps were to be taken to ascertain what the open gate.

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The summer carnival finance committee met yesterday to receive the report of the honorary treasurer. This was submitted, adopted and handed over to E. Duthie, Bank of Montreal, and J. M. Macdonald, Bank of B. N. A., to be audited, after which it will be published. The balance shown as cash in hand was \$334. Outstanding subscriptions to the amount of \$50 were reported, and it was stated that about \$30 of this would yet be collected. It was resolved to grant \$25 to Jesse Cagle of Meyers Falls, who brought two horses to the carnival on the understanding that a purse would be provided, which was overlooked. Max Crow asked the committee for a refund of a portion of his subscription of \$100 on account of prize fight, and Harry McIntosh asked for a reduction in the concession for refreshments at the athletic grounds in view of the bad weather. Both requests were refused by motion of the committee on the ground that there would be an endless succession of similar requests if one was granted.

The general committee will be called together to consider the final draft of the financial statement and determine as to the disposition of the funds.

WEDDED AT WESTMINSTER.

Rossland Bank Manager Becomes a Benedict in Royal City.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A charming wedding was celebrated at New Westminster yesterday morning when J. S. Chamberlain Fraser, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Rossland, was united in wedlock to Mrs. Clinton, one of the Royal City's fairest and most popular daughters. The event was witnessed by the elite of Westminster and guests from Vancouver and Victoria. The ceremony was celebrated in the Roman Catholic cathedral.

A number of telegrams were dispatched by Rossland friends conveying felicitations, and these were briefly replied to in a telegraphic message from the groom, who acknowledged and gave good wishes to Golden City friends on behalf of himself and Mrs. Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser will make a lengthy tour. They expect to return to Rossland in December, and will make their home at Mr. Fraser's residence in the East ward.

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