COL. TURNER'S TALK

It Caused Quite a Sensation in Le Roi Circles.

THE NEW STOCK OPTION

It Is Claimed by One of the Insiders That the Stock Is to Be Used in London to Bear the Shares of the B. A. C.—A Funny Scheme.

The interview which Colonel W. W. D. Turner had with a MINER reporter created a sensation of no small size in Le Roi circles in Spokane. Those interested at first refused to discuss the interview, but they were of the opinion that Colonel Turner had talked not wisely, but too much. One of the stockholders, however, unbosomed himself as follows to a Spokesman-Review reporter:

"You see the 'Whitaker Wright group,' as our English cousins in London designate the London & Globe corporation and the British America corporation, is not a prime favorite over there. Mr. Wright, like every successful man, has his bitter enemies. If the market can be manipulated to his disadvantage his enemies will not hesitate to put up thousands of good gold to accomplish it. The British America corporation shares are low, quoting at about 16-9 to 17-6. Their rise depends upon the securing of the Le Roi mine as a whole and not simply the majority stock, with a Washington state injunction tied to it. The market is stagnant, waiting for the outcome of the present negotiations. The high officials of the corporation have been put to serious straits to explain to the anxious public why the Le Roi has not been acquired. No doubt you have noticed the speech which Lord Dufferin made the stockholders of the London & Globe the other day, in which he made some queer assertions regarding the Le Roi transactions.

"Well, all this goes to show that the B. A. C. future depends much upon the Le Roi. Governor Mackintosh sees this and he believed the corporation had the opportunity of its life when it was offered the shares at $8.12½ last week. But the London crowd became dissatisfied for some reason not made plain at this end, and the word came back that the option would not be taken up and that all deals would be declared off until Whitaker Wright arrives in Spokane about November 10. That kind of monkeying was calculated to make us happy, and so when other London people wanted an option on the stock it was freely given at $8.50 per share."

"Who has the option?"

"I'll not tell you that. Suffice it to say that it is no friend of the Wright interests. As I understand the scheme the purchasers will take the stock for the purpose of bearing the London market. The B. A. C. stock depends upon the Le Roi. Let Le Roi go off a few points and B. A. C. goes tumbling at a fearful rate. You see, therefore, that the purchasers may run B. A. C. down until it is in a panicky condition and may buy it at their own figures, practically. Then the Le Roi stock may be turned over to the B. A. C. and the stock of the latter will go soaring to the immense profit of the manipulators. It is a game which requires considerable ready cash, but the cash is forthcoming, and I am persuaded that the deal will go through. The conditions in London are such that the B. A. C. stock may be readily manipulated as I have outlined."

"How is your faction going to maintain the point it is making in court against selling the stock to foreigners when you are doing the same thing yourself?"

But the question was not answered. "You needn't think you can pump me," was the parting word as the gentleman vanished.

WALLINGFORD GROUP.

W. C. Archer Enlists the Aid of Capital to Develop It.

Perseverance will accomplish wonders. A verification of this comes from Toronto in the shape of the news that W. C. Archer of this city has succeeded in forming a company to develop the Wallingford group, which is located on the divide between Sophie and Record mountains. Mr. Wallingford has had faith in the group since he first became interested in it. For the past two years Mr. Archer has been endeavoring to enlist the services of capital for the development of these properties. In the early part of 1897 he made a trip to England for that purpose, but could do nothing there. Next he visited Vancouver and Victoria where he remained for several months, but his efforts were abortive there. A few months since he went to Toronto where he succeeded in enlisting the aid of capital in his enterprise. Mr. Wallingford is the sole owner of the Wallingford group, which includes the Minnie Moore No. 1, the Summit and the Wallingford. He has already spent $5,000 on the properties and estimates that an expenditure of $5,000 more will place them on a shipping basis. The ore runs $25 in gold, silver and copper to the ton.

The new company is capitalized at $750,000, divided into 3,000,000 shares of a par value of 25 cents, of which 2,000,000 shares have been placed in the treasury to provide working capital. S. F. McKinnon of Toronto, is president and the other directors are: John R. Barber, M. L. A., Georgetown; James M. Staebler, Berlin; Charles S. Botsford and Fergus Donovan, Toronto, and W. E. Archer, Rossland.

THE SALE OF THE MASCOT.

Why Some of the Shareholders Do Not Care to Sell.

One of the minority holders of stock in the Mascot company explained Thurday to a MINER reporter the reasons why the minority is trying to block the sale of the property to the Waterlow syndicate.

"When A. J. McMillan went London last winter," said the small shareholder, "the Mascot company gave him an option on its claim for $22,000. He did not take up the option at that figure, but instead offered up $4,500 cash, and 900 £1 shares in Mr. Waterlow's London company. The understanding was that the shares were to be of the market value of £1 each. On that basis the sale would have been for $9,000, half cash and half stock. In round numbers there have been 900,000 shares of Mascot stock issued, so that the selling price would have been one cent per share.

"Some of the shareholders did not like the stock feature of the offer, and wanted all cash. If, as was claimed by Mr. Waterlow, the stock of his London company was worth par, he should have had no hesitancy in giving us its face value in cash. Instead of that he offered us one-third of the par value of his London stock. That is, instead of £900 in stock he would only give us £300 or $1,500 in cash. Thus, according to Mr. Waterlow's own valuation, the stock instead of being worth par is only worth one-third of par. It is evident, therefore, that whether we accepted the all cash proposition or the half cash and half stock offer, we should be getting only $6,000 for our property. At that rate the stockholders would only get about two-thirds of a cent per share, and as many of them paid two or three for their scrip they are naturrlly indisposed to sell at the present offer. The property is crown granted, and the company has a little money in the treasury. Those of us who are opposing the sale would let things stand as they are. We are in no danger of losing our property, and the gratifying developments in the Columbia-Kootenay are certain to enhance the value of our claim, the Mascot fraction."

THE WORK OF A THUG.

J. Fraser Knocked Out and Robbed by a Highwayman.

J. Fraser, a pump man employed at the Virginia, and living with his family on Nickel Plate flat, was held up and robbed of $97 while returning home about 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Fraser had been paid his month's wages the previous day, and had spent the evening with friends down town. He made no effort to conceal the fact that he had money on him, and some tough who observed his roll evidently decided to get it. Fraser was within half a block of his house on his return home when he was slugged into unconsciousness by a footpad, who jumped from the side of the road and hit him on the neck with a club. Fraser thinks that he was unconscious about 20 minutes. The highwayman went through the victim's pockets, and got his money amounting to $97. Fraser notified the police department the next morning. He is near sighted and could give no description of his assailant. The police has no clue as to the identity of the robber.

The O. K. Mine Cases.

The O. K. cases continued to occupy the attention of the supreme court last week. The only witnesses introduced were W. D. Vincent, of the Old National Bank, which is bringing the suit, and Jay Adams, the Spokane attorney, who was introduced as an expert witness regarding the laws of the state of Washington affecting companies. The testimony Thursday was largely of a technical nature. The case will probably be concluded by tomorrow some time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Yukon Administration.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I have noticed with sincere regret that your widely circulated paper has taken up the refrain of the opposition leaders of the government at Ottawa and the continuous vague questions of the opposition subsidized press against the Yukon officials therein, charging the government officials in the Yukon district with wholesale corruption and malfeasance of office. I must confess that while I expected nothing honorable or fair to emanate from the Mail and Empire, subsidized by the taxpayers of Canada in its monopoly of the paper business. I did, however, expect here in Rossland, in the province of British Columbia, that no one interested in its welfare would be found daily abusing the Ottawa government for acts which it cannot be clearly held responsible. And when we consider that so far as the Kootenays are concerned we owe the government of the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier much. British Columbia as a province owes it much. And to fall into line in the abuse of the government without a scintilla of reason or proof in evidence, to the mind of any honorable man, would be suicidal to the best interests of justice to the country at large. I notice that Major Walsh, the administrator of the government in the Yukon last year, has presented his report to Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior. The following is an extract from the report referring to the crusade against the Dominion officials in that territory. Major Walsh says:

"I wish to call your attention to the reports which have been published in certain newspapers accusing officials of the Yukon district of corruption. These reports are absolutely false. I have inquired into the matters which have come to my notice through the press and found no foundation for them. During my stay in Dawson City I several times requested the public to send in any charges that they had against any officials in the employ of the government of the Yukon district, and also the request was made from the platform at a mass meeting that people who were accusing the officials and employes of the government with corruption would make their charges to me and they would be thoroughly investigated. Not one single charge was presented. A word as to the abusive crusade made against Dominion officials in the Yukon. This agitation was, I am informed, first started by a Mr. Perry at Skagway. It was carried over the passes from there by the people going into Dawson and there circulated among the disappointed newcomers. It was taken up by the coast papers and by them sent broadcast over the land. As soon as I heard of it I took prompt action to ascertain what little there was in the reports that were being circulated. With that object in view I sent out requests everywhere asking the people if they had any charges against officials to hand them in to me and they would be thoroughly investigated. The only responses to this request were against some of the police for offences of a minor nature and they were carefully inquired into. Not one charge was laid against an official of the government. Officials of any government entering into a new and isolated district, where the people are not closely restricted by law, and free from taxation, have almost invariably met with just such an experience as we have had. The introduction and enforcement of law and taxation naturally made us unpopular with the older residents, who were unaccustomed to that sort of thing. Added to this, there were some 20,000 people of all nationalities floating in upon us in a few weeks. They did not find things as they had been in their own country, and as might be expected, in a few weeks, everyone was dissatisfied with everything around him. The Englishmen wanted things carried on as he had been accustomed to in South Africa; the New Zealanders as they were in New Zealand; the German and Swede as in their motherlands; the British Columbian as in British Columbia, with the exception in the case of the British Columbian, that he preferred the 500-foot claims of the Yukon to the 100-foot claim in British Columbia, and the men from the United States wanted the mining laws and regulations in force in that country. When regulations could not be made to suit all these varied elements of population the officials and law had to be abused, and hence the crusade that was started against both."

I see that ex-Governor Dewdney puts forward the oft repeated chestnut that the people are afraid to make specific charges as it would militate against them more than by obtaining silence. The public will regard the excuse as cowardly and not true. While it is reported by some who have arrived recently as well as by certain of the press that in consequence of the rottenness of the Yukon government a regular stampede from the territory is going on, and if fear to lay specific charges holds good with those who remain behind surely all the thousands who left need not fear officials, and as men of honor, if wrong doing is going on to their knowledge it is their bounden duty to make specific charges to the Ottawa authorities. It is certain that men everywhere are not angels, and men found in the gold fields of the north subject to temptations and far removed from central authorities, are likely to be less angelic than ordinary men. Failing to make specific charges leaves no other conclusion to the public mind than that the whole matter is a deep laid plot of the opposition at Ottawa and their servile press to damage the Ottawa government and to knife the honorable minister of the interior of whom it is said that they have determined to drive from public life, notwithstanding that a more conscientious, capable and honorable man could not be found. Yours truly,

A. C. SINCLAIR.

Rossland, Oct. 11, 1898.

Value of Monte Christo Ore.

A reader at Toronto writes for information regarding the grade of the ore shipped in the past from the Monte Christo. It is impossible to furnish him with the figures he desires, as the Monte Christo, like most companies, declines to make public such figures. The Monte Christo ore, however, is supposed to be high grade. An average of the shipments from the Rossland camp would be about $30, and with those figures as a basis the inquirer may form some idea of what Monte Christo carries. The management of the property says that the spur of the Canadian Pacific railway to the mine will be completed next month. No new plant has been contemplated for the Monte Christo. The inquirer is probably confusing that property with the Virginia.

Work Resumed on the Juliet.

Work has been resumed on the Juliet claim, situated near Sayward. This property is owned by the English-Canadian Gold Mining company. Work was suspended on the Juliet last winter. Two tunnels had been driven a considerable distance for the purpose of intersecting the main lode. One was driven 276 feet and the other 30 feet. The company has resumed work, and the intention is to drive the tunnels already partly made till the main lode is reached. This property has a good surface showing, the main lead being 10 feet wide. The ore from this property assays as high as $36 per ton. Two shifts are employed.

A Fight for Control.

There is another Le Roi fight in progress in the Spokane & B. C. Telephone company, which operates the line from Spokane north to the boundary line. Some time ago C. O'Brien Reddin purchased the controlling interest in the Spokane & B. C. company, held by W. Oakes, W. B. Aris and others. Since then Mr. Reddin has been at Colville bringing legal proceedings to get possession of the property. Suits were brought against W. B. Aris and others. Now the opposition to Mr. Reddin has filed an action for $25,000 against him, charging him with conspiracy to gain possession of the company's lines.

The Ice Man Won the Gun.

"It is a cold day when the ice man gets left," said Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh last evening. The incident which caused the genial mine operator to make this remark was when Lorne Becher shook 46 in the raffle for the hammerless gun for Martin Dolan, the ice man. It might be remarked that Mr. Mackintosh had shaken 45, and had it not been for the fact that Lorne Becher topped him by one in shaking for the ice man the gun would have been his. As it was it was the ice man's gun. The raffle took place in the cigar store of Crow & Morris, and those who lost each smoked a fine cigar at the expense of the lucky ice man. The gun is a hammerless Remington of very fine make, and is worth $100 of any man's money.

Church News.

The Rev. W. T. Gover, M. A., of Jesus College, has been appointed to the parish of Trinity, Grand Forks; Cascade City and Carson being in the same charge.

Mr. Gover was vicar of Oaksey, Wiltshire, and having lived in Manitoba for some time, he will find the Boundary climate a pleasant change for the better. Mr. Gover will arrive in Rossland next week and will officiate in St. George's on Sunday week.

The Boundary district has now two clergymen where this time last year there was none, which speaks well for the growth of the Kootenays, especially as Greenwood and Midway are a self-supporting parish.

Rossland Literary Society.

The Rossland literary society had the first meeting of the winter last evening at the residence of W. McQueen. The members had a very pleasant time last winter studying the Shakespearian dramas, with some researches into mineralogy.

Belle Adams Gets Five Years.

VICTORIA, Oct. 13.—Belle Adams, the white woman found guilty of manslaughter in the killing of her mulatto paramour, Charles Kincaid, was today sentenced by Justice Irving to five years in the penitentiary.

PAID A SHORT VISIT

Sir William Van Horne and Party in Rossland Yesterday.

REMAINED FOR AN HOUR

Then They Inspected Brooklyn and Went on to Nelson.—Intend to go Over the Crow's Nest Pass Railway Next—Visit Kuskonook Today.

Sir William Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, W. White, general manager of the lines west of Fort William, R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division, W. W. Ogilvie, the millionaire miller. Professor Peterson, of McGill university, and a party of friends arrived Friday morning at 8:45 o'clock on a special train from Trail. The visitors were in the city only an hour, and left for the north at a quarter to 10. In the meantime Sir William and Mr. White visited the site for the new railway station on Second avenue near Lincoln street. Mr. Marpole, accompanied by some of the visitors, spent a few moments up town, but that was the extent of the party's stay in the city.

From Rossland the visitors went through to Brooklyn, and spent a short time there. In accordance with its schedule the party afterwards left for Nelson, where they spent the night. They will leave this morning for the Crow's Nest Pass line, which will be inspected throughout. THE MINER correspondent at Nelson interviwed Sir William as follows:

NELSON, B. C., Oct. 14.—[Special.]—Sir Wm. Van Horne and party of railway officials arrived on a special train this evening and leave tomorrow morning for Kuskonook, whence they proceed over the Crow's Nest Pass on a tour of inspection.

Rails have been laid from Lethbridge to Kootenay landing and the line has been ballasted to Fernie, some 143 miles. The first train over the line arrived last week. By November 1 it is expected coal and coke will be delivered at the Trail smelter. By December 1 ballasting will be completed.

Interviewed by THE MINER correspondent, Sir William said that the original plan of the road would be adhered to. "We are here for business and wherever it is to be got we are after it. Ymir I have not visited, but if it be as great a camp as you say, the C. P. R. will get into it. We are looking for trade and will do all we can to secure it."

Questioned as to the extension of the Penticton road to the coast, Sir William said this was only a matter of time. Although active operations were not now going on, the moment that trade justified it rails would no doubt be laid and a great country opened up. As to the road through the Lardeau from Arrow lake, Sir William said that while the subject had been considered, he was not in a position to give auy details. The project had not been sufficiently developed for publication, but trade was what the C. P. R. is after and whenever it was to be secured, there would it be.

The tour of inspection was very satisfactory, said Sir William. It was in the the Crow's Nest Pass that the party are more particularly interested, and tomorrow they would go over that line, hoping to find it all right. The visitors had been at Brooklyn during the day, but the time and the weather prevented as close an inspection as was hoped for. Brooklyn was a wonderful three months old town. The Boundary Creek country was one which was worthy of attention, and the C. P. R. was determined to cater to its trade and keep Canadian trade for Canadians.

EARLY MORNING HOLD-UP

"Scotty" Urquhart Knocked Down and Robbed of $18.

Frank Neil, Suspected of Being the Footpad, Arrested Immediately Afterwards.

Alex Urquhart, better known as "Scotty" was held up and robbed of $18 in the alley by the International about 2 a. m. Saturday morning. He was intoxicated at the time. His assailant knocked him down with a blow of the fist on his forehead, and then went through his clothes, getting all the money left from his week's pay. Frank Neil was arrested in the International immediately afterwards for the crime by Sergeant McGowan.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

C. P. R. in Good Trim to Handle Business This Winter.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company's telegraph lines are being put in condition so that they will better withstand the storms of the oncoming winter. H. McIntyre, of the construction department, has just completed the addition of two wires to the service between here and Trail. Up to a short time since there was only one wire, but now there are three. Mr. McIntyre and his force will next go on general repair work, and will improve the service between here and Revelstoke, on the main line of the C. P. R. The right of way will be cut out, trees removed here and there and everything put in shipshape for the winter. The service will be supplemented by a new line via the Crow's Nest Pass railway. A line was built early in the spring from Balfour along Kootenay lake to Kuskonook, which is now the western terminus of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The telegraph line on the Crow's Nest Pass railway is finished as far as Fort Steele, and the work of building the remainder of the distance to Kuskonook is now in progress. This will shortly be finished and will give an additional line to the east, as Balfour is connected by wire with Rossland by a line that is built via Nelson, Robson and Trail. There are already two lines running north from Nelson to the main line of the Canadian Pacific. One of these runs north via Slocan City and New Denver and the other via Kaslo and Three Forks. These lines meet at New Denver and then go to Nakusp, to Arrow Head and on to Revelstoke. With these means of telegraphing there will not be much chance of all the lines getting down at one time during the coming winter.

Work on the Commander.

The shaft on the Commader is now down 250 feet. From the surface to a point little below the 20-foot level the shaft was carried down at an angle, but the dip of the ledge has changed somewhat, and the shaft is now being driven vertically. There is some mixed ore in the bottom of the shaft, but the main ore body lies a little south of the present workings.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The sisters at the Misercordia hospital are kept busy day and night attending to the crowd of patients which now fills all the available space at that institution. Besides those who may apply for care and attention from Rossland, a large number of fever patients have come from outlying points. So far, however, not one has been refused the kind offices of the sisters.

Messrs. Beeton & Ovington have recently sold 36,000 shares of Georgia, also several blocks of Monte Christo. The demand for the latter stock still continues lively and they would ask holders to communicate with them as they are in a position to place this stock.

The Le Roi company has sold to James Breen, the manager of the Northport smelter, a quarter interest in the plant. The deal was in accordance with an understanding reached at the time the smelter was built, when Mr. Breen assumed the management of the works. The nominal consideration named in the deed was $1, but there are $15 worth of revenue stamps on the document.

Captain Burton and Lieutenant Myers, who have been in charge of the local Salvation Army post, left on Monday for Livingston, Mont., where they will remain for the next half year. They will be succeeded by Captain Lester and Lieutenant Gaines, who are coming here from Kaslo, and who will be given a reception at the headquarters of the army tomorrow night. Captain Arnold and Cadet Lieutenant Myers will assist in the reception tonight, and on Saturday night they will go to Trail, where it is the intention to permanently establish a branch of the Salvation Army.

The Virginia Contribution.

The miners and other employes of the Virginia contributed $210.50 to the New Westminster relief fund. Each of the employes contributed the wages of a shift to help out the victims of the fire. In doing this they felt that they could do this much for those who had lost their all through the dreadful confiragration. The Virginia boys did nobly in this case, as they always do when any worthy charitable project is proposed.

A JOYOUS OCCASION

W. T. Oliver Gives a Supper in Honor of H. Stikeman.

RESPONSES TO TOASTS

The Guest of the Evening Made a Speech in Which There Were Many Pleasant Allusions to the City Dwelt in by His Entertainer.

W. T. Oliver, the local manager of the Bank of British North America, entertained a number of friends to a recherche dinner at the Kootenay restaurant Saturday night to meet H. Stikeman, Montreal, general manager of the Bank of British North America.

Mr. Oliver presided and Mayor Wallace acted as vice-chairman. Amongst those present were: H. Stikeman, the guest of the evening; W. A. Carlyle, A. J. McMillan, A. C. Galt, Alderman Goodeve, Alderman Clute, Alderman Lalonde, W. J. Harris, J. F. McRae, J. A. McDonald, F. W. Rolt, J. M. Smith, A. C. Barker, manager of the Bank of Toronto, Mr. Vincent, of the Old National Bank, Spokane, and others.

At the conclusion of the dinner, after the toast of "the Queen" had been duly honored, Mr. Oliver proposed "The Province of British Columbia and the Provincial Government," coupling with it the name of J. M. Martin, M. P. P., and after doing so remarked that recent developments in the province led conservative men to believe that British Columbia would make the Dominion of Canada known in every quarter of the world.

Mr. Martin in responding spoke of the immense resources of British Columbia in timber, fisheries, agriculture, and especially in its mineral wealth. He said that everyone could look forward with the utmost confidence to the future. The government was determined to legislate in the interests of the people and not of any special class.

Mayor Wallace in proposing the health of Mr. Stikeman, referred to the fact that the Bank of British North America was the first bank to open a branch here.

Mr. Stikeman in replying expressed his gratitude and his astonishment at the magnificent reception tendered him in the city of Rossland; it was a reception he little expected. After referring to his visit to this city some two years ago, he stated that what struck him most was the marvelous development which had taken place in that time. Rossland struck him as a peculiarly delightful place to live in, and he was sure that all men interested in the place, must be proud of the city of Rossland and the district of which it was the center. In his judgment Rossland was the center of the most important mining district in Canada, and he felt sure that the city and the district had a great and permanent future before it. As the grounds on which this belief was founded, he might state that the bonds of the city of Rossland had lately greatly appreciated in value and that to such an extent as would satisfy, he was sure, the ratepayers of this city. For his own part, he was extremely satisfied with the business the bank had done here, and he felt sure that very few banks could speak so favorably after two years of work as could the Bank of British North America after its two years' experience in Rossland. This was owing largely to the good management of their efficient manager, Mr. Oliver. In concluding Mr. Stikeman proposed the toast of "The City of Rossland and the Mining Interests of the District," coupling with it the names of Mayor Wallace, Alderman Goodeve, W. A. Carlyle and W. J. Harris.

The mayor and Alderman Goodeve having responded on behalf of the city, W. A. Carlyle, chief engineer of the British America corporation, speaking of the mining industry of the district, said that all those who lived in the district now had unbounded confidence in its future. The city of Rossland was growing apace, and there was a feeling on every hand that it was on a firm and substantial basis. It was a very different place to what it was a year ago. Mr. Carlyle mentioned that he had yesterday been looking over the Le Roi mine, and he was sure that very few had any idea of the magnificent deposits of ore in that mine. There were ore chutes of marvelous richness and size, and on the 700-foot level there were as many as five and seven drills working abreast, all in solid ore. Mr. Carlyle mentioned that some of the properties with which he was connected and which he was developing with English capital brought in here through the British America corporation, were showing up well, and he believed that English investors would be fully satisfied with the investments they had made in this camp.

W. J. Harris, general manager of the Le Roi mine, also responded and stated that the Le Roi mine was looking better today than ever before, and that they were shipping ore today and treating it at a profit, which did not yield more than $8 per ton in all values. He also stated that they were shipping ore from the dumps and making from $5 to $10 profit on it—ore which 18 months ago was looked upon as waste product and could not be treated at all. He predicted that within a very short time there would be five or six mines within the Rossland district each capable of turning out 1,000 tons of ore per day.

A. J. McMillan, in proposing "The Press," referred to the great work accomplished by the newspapers of Rossland and in other districts in making known the resources of the country. He stated that in '93 the mines of this district only produced about 1,000 ounces of gold per annum, in '96 they produced 60,000, and in '97 100,000 ounces, and at the present moment the mines in the immediate neighborhood of Rossland were producing gold at the rate of 300,000 ounces per annum. He predicted a great inrush of English capital for investment at an early date.

Mr. Bogle, in responding, spoke of his early connection with the Press in Kootenay and of the useful work which it had accomplished.

F. W. Rolt proposed the toast of "The Ladies," which was responded to by Messrs. J. M. Smith and J. F. McCrae, after which the dinner party dispersed, after singing, "God Save the Queen."

THE BANK OF TORONTO.

It Will Open a Branch Here on or About November 1.

A. B. Barker and F. L. Coulson of the Bank of Toronto, arrived from the east Saturday to open the Rossland branch which the institution will start here. Mr. Barker, who will be the resident manager, was formerly with the Montreal branch. Mr. Coulson, who is a son of D. Coulson, the general manager of the institution, was formerly with the Toronto branch. The remainder of the Rossland staff has not yet been selected but will be sent out from the east at once. The bank has leased the ground floor of the Stone block on the corner of Lincoln street and Columbia avenue. At present it is occupied by the Crescent Dry Goods company but the company has nearly completed its new block on Columbia avenue, next to Rolt & Grogan's, and will move into it within the next few days. The bank will open as soon as the fittings, which will come from Toronto, can be put in place. The probable date will be around the first of next month.

Established Express Offices.

A. Devitt, auditor of the Dominion Express company, was in the city last week after returning from along the Crow's Nest Pass railway, where he has been establishing agencies for his company. He superintended the location of offices at Pincher Creek, Fernie, Wardner and Cranbrook. Times are fairly lively along the line of the railway. It will take some little time yet before the road is finally turned over to the operating department. There is considerable that will have to be ballasted, and there is more or less detail work to be done. The company is anxious to have the road placed in an operating condition at the earliest possible time and hence the work is being pushed.

Sold 30,000 Shares.

The sale of the Yellowstone property for $50,000 has given a new impetus to the sale of the shares of the Salmo Consolidated Mining company. The property of the Yellowstone adjoins the Salmo Consolidated. Yesterday orders were received for 30,000 shares of the Salmo Consolidated. On the latter property the shaft is being continued to the 200-foot level. On the 120-foot level a crosscut was made for a distance of 50 feet and the hanging wall was not reached. The management of the Salmo Consolidated feel certain that they have a mine of value.

Tried to Hold Up a Woman.

Last Saturday evening Mrs. Robinson was coming along Columbia avenue, near St. Paul street, when she was seized and roughly handled by a tall, stout man. He pushed her up against the building and was evidently trying to find her purse. Mrs. Robinson made a stout resistance, called for help, and as people hurried toward where the struggle was in progress her assailant ran away. Mrs. Robinson is satisfied that the ruffian was bent on robbing her.

Important Real Estate Deal.

H. S. Wallace, through J. B. Johnson & Co., has purchased the Brunswick hotel property, including the ground and the building, on Columbia avenue, for $9,000.

Try a want ad in THE MINER.

E. J. MacKAY, Winnipeg, Agent.

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The property known as the O. K. Mine and the buildings belonging to the said company. Also the entire mining and milling plant of said company, the whole situated on the south slope of O. K. mountain, in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia. The claim is surveyed and crown granted and known as the O. K. mineral claim, official number 678. The property is about two and one-half miles west of the City of Rossland and close to the main wagon road and Red Mountain railroad, both leading from the City of Rossland to Northport, in the State of Washington.

BUILDINGS.—The principal buildings include the following: The new mill building containing 10-stamp mill, but designed and built to accommodate 25 stamps; engine and boiler house, office building, mess room, cook house. store room and manager's residence.

The development consists of three main tunnels, with one winze and numerous drifts, together aggregating over 1,500 feet of work.

The property is open to inspection, but an order for that purpose must be obtained at the office of the liquidator, 3 Imperial block, Rossland, B. C., where price, terms and further information can be obtained.

Under an order of the court heretofore issued the undersigned is authorized to give a short option or working bond on the mine.

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