

REACHED A CLIMAX

Fire Department Trouble Culminated in an Altercation.

CITY WANTED THE HOSE

When the Police Went After It There Was a Row—Messrs. Austin and Stussi Summoned for Interfering With an Officer.

The trouble between the municipality and the volunteer fire department over the possession of the hose and reels used by the latter nearly culminated in a fight Thursday morning. The difficulty was brought about when Chief of Police Ingram, acting under instructions from the mayor, attempted to take possession of the hose and reels stored in the old building next to the customs house on the west end of Columbia avenue.

Elling Johnson, the fire warden, to whom the apparatus had been entrusted by the volunteers, refused to allow the chief of police to remove the machinery in question. Warm words followed and force was used. The matter was temporarily ended by the chief's removing about 500 feet of hose, which it was conceded was the property of the municipality, but leaving undisturbed the apparatus in dispute. Shortly after noon, Messrs. Austin and Wm. Stussi, who were active in preventing the chief from removing the disputed machinery, were summoned to appear in police court this morning, charged with obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty.

Origins of the Trouble. The trouble is the result of the dissatisfaction existing among the volunteers over the city council's action in appointing the members of the paid firemen. The volunteers wanted all the paid men to be drawn from their ranks, and assert that there was an agreement to that effect between them and the council. In accordance with the wishes of the volunteers, Joseph Squires was made chief of the paid department, but in selecting an assistant chief the council went outside the ranks of the volunteers, and chose for the place Fred Winsor, an old fireman of considerable experience. The volunteers branded this action as a breach of faith, and forthwith handed in their resignations to the city council. Since then the council has had no meetings, through lack of quorum, and the resignations have not come up for consideration. The volunteers became impatient and on Wednesday evening held a final meeting when an ultimatum was formally declared to be dissolved. The only thing that then remained was to dispose of the apparatus, which had been in use by the volunteers. This consisted of two hose reels, 1,200 feet of hose, and the accompanying apparatus, all of which had been secured through private subscriptions from the business men of Columbia avenue. The only apparatus in possession of the volunteer fire department, which had not been secured through private subscriptions, was 500 feet of rubber hose which had been purchased by the city.

Turned Over to the Fire Warden. After disbanding, the question came up as to disposing of this apparatus other than the city's hose, and the ex-fire boys decided to turn it over to the local fire warden, Elling Johnson. Part of the apparatus was stored in the old fire hall on West Columbia avenue, near the customs house, and the rest was kept in the tower at the corner of Washington street and Columbia avenue. Thursday morning about 10 o'clock a dozen of the ex-volunteers, accompanied by Mr. Johnson, gathered at the latter firehall and commenced to remove the apparatus subscribed for by the citizens, the old firemen near the customs house, where the rest of the machinery was stored. In the tower building was some of the hose which had been bought by the city. This was left undisturbed, and the firemen removed only the "citizens' apparatus," as they called it.

While Mr. Johnson and the ex-firemen were engaged in this task, Mayor Scott passed by. "What are you going to do with that stuff," inquired the mayor of Mr. Johnson. "I am going to put it back in the old place," answered Mr. Johnson, meaning the old fire hall on West Columbia avenue, where the all fire apparatus had formerly been stored. "That's right, that's right," said the mayor. "We don't want any trouble over the matter," and he passed on down the street.

Removing the Apparatus. Assisted by the ex-fire boys and an express wagon, Mr. Johnson removed the apparatus to the old fire hall on the west end of the avenue and was returning up town when he met Mayor Scott on the corner of Spokane street, by the Pacific Hotel. Close behind the mayor were Chief of Police Ingram, Sergeant McGowan and Assistant Fire Chief Winsor. "I thought you were going to put that apparatus back in the old place," said the mayor to Mr. Johnson. "I did," asserted Mr. Johnson. "You did not," hotly replied the mayor, "and I am going right over and take the fire apparatus back to the tower."

So saying, the mayor and his assistants proceeded down to the old fire station with the evident intention of removing the apparatus which had just been placed there by the ex-volunteers. They were followed by Mr. Johnson and a large number of people who had gathered as the dispute arose, among whom were D. Stussi, formerly a fire warden, and Wm. Austin. The mayor and the police reached the fire hall first, and Chief Ingram and Sergeant McGowan had picked up the handle of the big hose cart when Mr. Johnson arrived.

Have you any order from the citizens for the removal of these reels?" demanded Mr. Johnson of the chief. The latter replied that he had not, but intended to take the reels and the hose away. "You can take the city's hose, but nothing that was paid for by subscriptions," responded Mr. Johnson, and as

he spoke he pushed on into the building. Climax of the Altercation. "What right have you here?" demanded the chief of Mr. Johnson, and at the same time he seized him by the vest. As he did so Mr. Stussi, who was standing close by, attempted to release the fire warden from the grasp of the chief. "I am the owner of this building," replied Mr. Johnson, and the chief at once let go of him and seized Mr. Stussi. "What have you to do here?" inquired the chief. "I am the owner of the building, too," Mr. Stussi credited with having answered. At the same time Will Austin, who was standing near by, attempted to loosen the chief's grasp on Mr. Stussi. Without further ado Chief Ingram turned to remove the hose belonging to the city, and he carted it away without opposition. The mayor, Fire Chief Squires and Assistant Fire Chief Winsor meanwhile had remained passively by, and took little part. A large crowd had gathered, made up mainly of the ex-volunteers and their friends. The police took the hose to the tower on the corner opposite the Allan hotel. The reels and all the hose that had been purchased through subscriptions of the citizens were left undisturbed in the old fire hall, in the possession of Fire Warden Johnson.

Shortly after noon, summonses were served against Mr. Stussi and Mr. Austin, charging them with interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty. The Matter Considered in Meeting. A citizens meeting was held last evening in the firemen's headquarters, the old Shaw hotel, to discuss the matter. The full force of fire boys was present, and among the citizens in attendance were C. O. Lalonde, John Jackson, F. B. McLeod, F. W. Rolt, Dr. H. L. A. Keller, Geo. Richardson, D. Stussi, Elling Johnson, A. H. MacNeill, W. H. Jones, Dr. Campbell, John Boutbee, Charles Van Ness, Wm. Austin and Aldermen Johnson and Wallace. C. O. Lalonde was made chairman, and John Watson, jr. acted as secretary. Several speeches were made regretting the present situation existing between the old department and the city council. Alderman Wallace explained that he had voted for the election of Fred Winsor as assistant chief under the assurance of the other aldermen that the election of Mr. Winsor was satisfactory to the volunteer department. Having now a true understanding of the situation he would favor peace at any cost, and would support Mr. Johnson as any other member favored by the volunteers for the position of assistant chief. Alderman Johnson said that he was assured that the council would ratify the election to the paid department of the officers chosen by the volunteers. After considerable further discussion, it was decided on the motion of A. H. MacNeill that a committee of six be appointed from the volunteers and the citizens to confer with the city council relative to a settlement of the situation. The committee named is as follows: Messrs. C. O. Lalonde, F. W. Rolt, John Boutbee, E. A. Rolf, O. Collins and Wm. Wilcox. An effort will be made to secure a special meeting of the city council at 10 o'clock this morning to hear the committee.

Elling Johnson, the fire warden who is now in possession of the disputed hose cart and reels, wishes it understood that the apparatus is still at the disposal of the citizens whenever occasion may arise. He is, he says, merely holding it in trust until the citizens who subscribed for the purchase of it state what disposition they want made of it.

THE HOMESTEAK CONSOLIDATED. Likelihood That Work May Soon Commence on the Group. D. M. Linnard, who promoted the flotation of the Homestake Consolidated Gold Mines, limited, is on his way to London to see to the commencement of work on the properties here owned by the company. In July last, it will be remembered, the Homestake Consolidated took over the Homestake, the R. E. Lee, the Maid of Erin and the Gopher, all in the South belt, to develop them thoroughly. The new company had a capital of £160,000, and £25,000 was to be placed in the treasury for the purpose of opening up the properties which had just been acquired. It was understood then that work was to be commenced at once on the group, and at one time miners were engaged, but work has not yet been undertaken. It is understood that the syndicate has had some trouble in disposing of its shares, and only £17,000 has been raised out of the £25,000 which was guaranteed for the treasury. Mr. Linnard, it is understood, has gone to London to complete the deal, and is sanguine of success.

School Plan Accepted. The school board has accepted the plans for an 8-room school building as prepared by Architect Taylor. Architects Robertson, Honeyman, Weston of this city and Architect Perry of Nelson also submitted plans. They were all excellent, but it was thought that Mr. Taylor's plan was the best and he will therefore have the supervising of the construction of the school on behalf of the government. The plan that has been accepted has been forwarded to the department of lands and works at Victoria for approval. As soon as the department approves of it bids will be advertised for and the work of construction begun.

Will Devote His Time to Mining. John A. Manly left this city Thursday for a visit to the Centennial mine, which is located near Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. This mine is about to become a shipper. Mr. Manly has large interests in mines both in the Boundary country and in Idaho and his intention is to dispose of all his other interests so that he may be able to devote all of his time to mining.

The Grand Prize. Negotiations are under way in Spokane tending to the redemption of work on the Grand Prize, adjoining the Deer Park, but nothing definite has yet been settled upon. There is a fine surface showing on the claim, and though only about \$2,000 worth of work has been done, the development has been very satisfactory.

AT IT AGAIN.

A recent issue of a Victoria newspaper contains an editorial announcing that the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway company will probably make application to the provincial government at an early day for a \$4,000 a mile subsidy with a view to beginning the construction of a line of railway from Penticton to Boundary Creek without waiting for rail connection to the Columbia river or the Coast.

We are not surprised at the information. We would not be surprised at anything the promoters of the V. V. & E. might say in their anxiety to profit at the expense of the taxpayers. The only way that those worthies could possibly surprise any one would be to do something demonstrating that they are public-spirited and that their railway projects could be made to materially benefit the districts in which they might operate.

The V. V. & E. company, in applying for public aid to construct the Penticton-Boundary Creek road, would forfeit the last vestige of its claim to the good will and respect of the public. The company, in its innate selfishness, evidently intends to continue to pursue its miserable policy of attempting to thwart the development of the Boundary country unless it gets something for nothing. A railway simply from Penticton to Boundary would afford little or no relief to the Boundary district. It would be of no benefit to the miners of that region. The Boundary ores must be treated with the silver-lead ores of the Slokan in order to reduce them economically, and the V. V. & E. would be absolutely useless in that respect. Those of the Coast districts, who hitherto favored the construction of the V. V. & E. have done so only in the hope that an independent line would free the residents of the Fraser River valley and the Okanagan from the monopolistic clutches of the merciless C. P. R., and thus develop the trade of these regions. They can scarcely be blamed now if they unhesitatingly denounce the promoters of the V. V. & E. as a pack of chartermongers.

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION. The special telegram TO THE MINER announces that the Liberal convention which met at New Westminster Friday refused to declare for the drawing of lines in Provincial elections will, we venture to say, be joyfully received by every true Liberal in British Columbia. This news was obtained under great difficulties, and it is unfortunate that the dispatch does not give more details. The statement that the convention adjourned last night to meet again Saturday for the purpose of drafting a Provincial platform is extraordinary, to say the least. After declaring for non-interference in local politics, it appears to us nothing short of ridiculous for a body of men to arrange immediately afterwards for a platform and an avowal of principles concerning that very question. Such proceedings are enough to make the convention the laughing stock of the country. Where, in the name of common sense, were the parliamentarians and leaders of the party, that they should allow such stupid mismanagement? The convention should have declared for party lines and stuck to its guns, or left the question severely alone. It will be extremely interesting to learn the name of the wisacre who tangled up the convention in such a remarkable manner.

THE MINER promises its readers full particulars of the convention in tomorrow's issue.

A NOTE OF WARNING. THE MINER desires to direct the attention of its readers to an exhaustive article on the railway and smelting situation in southeastern British Columbia by P. A. O'Farrell. It is copied from a recent issue of The Vancouver World and appears on the fourth page of this issue. The article is a striking exposition of the present and possible future conditions of the smelting industry in Kootenay, and covers the question very fully. Mr. O'Farrell appears to have given the matter much thought and has gone to the trouble of obtaining facts and figures in support of his statements that show beyond all doubt how vitally important to the prosperity of Kootenay and Boundary districts is a transportation system that will admit of local smelters treating the entire ore product of the mines hereabout. Mr. O'Farrell never wrote truer words than the statement that the mine owners in Kootenay and Boundary are beginning to realize that "there is something rotten in the state of Denmark," when the Canadian Pacific railway prefers to haul the entire output of galena ore of the Slokan to Omaha and Kansas City rather than to the Columbia river smelters, when the same company insists on the payment of \$4 per ton on freight from Northport to Trail, and the outrageous tariff of \$1.50 per ton for hauling limestone in a barge from up river points to the Trail smelter. If, as Mr. O'Farrell says, the C. P. R. is trying to close down the reduction works at Trail, as it has already effected the closing down of the Pilot Bay smelter, in order to retain the benefits derived from the long haul of Slokan ores to United States smelters, it is high time for the people and their representatives at Ottawa and Victoria to arouse them-

selves to the calamitous condition of affairs. By adopting such a policy the C. P. R. is ruining the local smelting industry and blighting the mining industry to such an extent that the low grade ores of Trail Creek and Boundary will remain valueless, instead of productive of millions of dollars annually, as is the case with the Anaconda mine, near Butte, Montana.

HON. J. H. TURNER.

Hon. J. H. Turner, premier of British Columbia, is expected to arrive in Rossland Saturday. He is touring the interior districts for the purpose of closely examining into the administration of public affairs and familiarizing himself with the requirements of this portion of the Province. His visit has no political significance whatever. Mr. Turner is not a politician, and it is extremely fortunate for the welfare of the Province that he is not. In nine cases out of ten, a politician has "an axe to grind" for himself or his hangers-on, and is prompted to enter public life for selfish and ignoble motives rather than for the advancement of the prosperity of the country. Mr. Turner's identification with public life in British Columbia is a long record of earnest, noble endeavor to perform the duties required of him to the best interests of the Province. The bitter Oppositionists, in their tirades against the Government, have never been able to besmirch his good name in any way in the slightest degree. His sterling worth and enviable standing as a business man is reflected in every detail in his public career. As minister of finance he has succeeded in bringing British Columbia securities to a position in the London financial market that they are eagerly sought at a premium in spite of the fact that the interest paid by the Province is at an exceptionally low rate. When Mr. Turner first entered the legislative assembly he did so because his constituency knew him as highly intelligent, successful in business and the soul of honesty in all his dealings. When, shortly afterwards, he was begged by the Ministry at that time to accept the portfolio of finance and agriculture, he did so, not because of any motive emanating from self-aggrandizement, but because he considered it his simple duty to do so. When ex-Premier Davis became the chief justice of British Columbia and the leadership of the Government party was tendered to Mr. Turner, he accepted the honor with becoming modesty and ever since he has unflinchingly and conscientiously labored for the cause of the people. He considers the government of the Province such a sacred responsibility that he has even gone so far as to a very great extent place his extensive and varied business interests, which he has built up by honest, patient industry, in the hands of his junior partners. The MINER hopes Mr. Turner will long be spared to continue to honor and benefit the Province with his valuable services and wise council.

THE "YELLOW JOURNALS." Among the news sent by the Associated Press and published in this paper Friday was a fearfully and wonderfully made story concerning a man named Tallman, who is one of the inhabitants of the village of Malone in the state of New York. The dispatch recited at length how the Tallman residence was subjected to curious "rappings," the reason for which no one could account. That in time the owner of the house, the aforesaid Mr. Tallman, while in a highly excited and even a hysterical state called in his neighbors and formally renounced the Protestant faith and declared his intention of hereafter following the teachings of the Roman Catholic faith, but even this renunciation did not exercise the spirit that was rapping and tapping about that house in so weird and mysterious a manner. It is possible that Mr. Tallman made a wrong guess as to the religious denomination of the spirit that was making night and day a hideous dream to him and his family, for the dispatch narrates that even after Mr. Tallman had accepted the Catholic faith he was doing the work was a regimental drummer in the act of calling the morning roll. It is within the range of probabilities that this particular spirit was a Methodist, or even an Episcopalian or a Baptist, and maybe he might have been a Hebrew or possibly a Theosophist. It is palpably evident that he was not a Catholic, for he continued to annoy and disturb the household even after his head had embraced that religion. Perhaps if Mr. Tallman had kept on renouncing and accepting different religions until he struck the particular one which the rapping ghost favored, he might in the course of a few days have profligated him and the rapping that produced hysteria and a change of religion in a big, strong man might have terminated.

The whole story, however, is probably a fake, as were the rappings produced by the first rappers, the Fox sisters, who were the first high priestesses of the cult of spiritualism. As we said before the whole story is probably a fake, and the product of one of the emissaries of one of the "yellow journals" which in this day and generation are doing so much to deprave the public by feeding it in all that is morbid and unhealthy in the field of literature, and all that is salsicious, deformed,

abnormal and immoral in the news field. The mission of the "yellow journal" seems to be to hunt for the freaks, the cripples, the cases of arrested development, moral and physical, and to show them up in all their deformity before the eyes of its readers. The "yellow journals" are the dime museums of journalism, and in them the writers of their morbid productions play the parts of literary prostitutes and vile panders.

The effect of the "yellow journal" is bad, as it glorifies the females of the half world quite as much, if not more, than it does the honest wives and mothers of the land, and the effect cannot help but be bad on the rising generation, for the reason that in order to attract the admiration of those journals, one has only to do a queer, criminal or abnormal thing, while patient and honest merit, goodness and even greatness may toil for years without attracting the least bit of their attention.

The MINER is of the opinion that the press has a higher mission than the glorification of freaks and monstrosities, and the exaggeration of accidents and incidents. Its mission should be, and is in a majority of instances, to educate the public as well as to keep it truthfully informed as to the current events of the day. The public is quick, however, to detect the true from the false, and we think it will not be long before the "yellow journals" will realize the fact that they will have to give the public something besides accounts of mental and physical malformations to feed upon, or they will pass out of existence.

PEOPLE OF NOTE.

Miss Ellen Terry is an exquisite needlewoman, but she has never cared to use the sewing machine. A biography of Robert C. Winthrop has appeared, contributed to the Massachusetts Historical society by his son. Frederick W. Lincoln, jr., who is the oldest surviving mayor of Boston, began to serve in 1858, and with the exception of three years, served until 1868. President Kruger is willing to retire from public life to oblige Mrs. Kruger, it is reported, but makes an annuity of \$25,000 a year for the rest of his life a condition of his giving up office.

Mme. Roecker of Rheims, widow of the head of the champagne firm besides bequeathing \$110,000 to the sisters of Vincent de Paul in Paris, and \$40,000 to other charities, left a trust fund of \$500,000 for the support of the charitable works in which was interested during her life. It is said that more than half the reigning monarchs of Europe are troubled with defects of eyesight. Among those who wear glasses in private are Queen Victoria, the King of Denmark, the Czar, the Queen Regent of Spain and Holland, nearly every member of the house of Hapsburg, and the Prince of Wales.

Leo XIII will, according to his personal doctor, in the ordinary course of nature, see the twentieth century, and that he himself is convinced of this is proven in his plans to inaugurate on a large and solemn scale throughout Christendom a series of religious services as thank offerings at the close of the century and as a welcome to the opening of the next.

Application for Liquor License. Notice is hereby given that 30 days after the date hereof I intend to apply to the board of license commissioners for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the C. Charles hotel, lot 5, block 14, in Burton City, B. C. F. BURBEE. Dated this 23rd day of Sept. 1897. 9-29-97.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the R. E. Lee Gold Mining Co., limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, on Friday the 15th day of November, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors, altering the by-laws, considering any proposal to sell and dispose of the whole of the assets, rights, powers, privileges, and franchises of the company, and to amend the constitution of the company, and to carry out any such proposed sale into effect, and the execution of all necessary conveyances, to confirm the action of the directors since the expiration of their term of office, and to do any other business that may be deemed proper. The meeting is called under section 37 of the Companies Act, (1890 Amendment Act, 1892 and section 160 of the Companies Act 1897). CORBIN, Secretary. Dated 10th Oct., 1897. 10-7-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Paul Boy mineral claim situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout Mountain, east of and adjoining the City of Spokane mineral claim, lot 1224, group 14. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Paul Boy mineral claim, certificate No. 76,350, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. H. B. SMITH. Dated this 31st day of August, 1897. 8-31-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Lander mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Adjoining the Highland mineral claim about four miles north of Rossland. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Lander mineral claim, certificate No. 76,366, N. S. Thompson, free miner's certificate No. 76,527, Joseph Ward, free miner's certificate No. 76,528, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. W. WILKIN. Dated this 14th day of Sept. 1897. 9-23-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Oriental mineral claim, situate in Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout Mountain. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Oriental mineral claim, certificate No. 76,529, P. A. Barnhart, free miner's certificate No. 76,530, J. A. Gray, free miner's certificate No. 76,531, J. P. Roberts, free miner's certificate No. 76,532, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. JOHN BOUTBEE. Dated this 14th September, A. D. 1897. 9-14-97.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Josie Gold Mining company will be held at the chief place of business of the company in British Columbia at the company's office, Rossland, B. C., in the John R. Cook building on Columbia avenue, on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M. The purpose of said meeting is to consider and act upon a proposition to dispose of the whole of the assets, rights, power, privileges and franchises of the company. E. SNODRASS, Secretary of the Josie Gold Mining Co. Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 1st day of Oct. A. D. 1897. 10-7-97.

Certificate of the Registration of a Foreign Company. "Companies Act," Part IV, and Amending Acts. "WALLA WALLA MINING, MILLING AND SMELTING COMPANY" (Foreign). Registered the 28th day of April, 1897. I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Walla Walla Mining, Milling and Smelting Company" (Foreign) under the "Companies Act," Part IV, and Amending Acts. The head office of the said company is situated at the city of Walla Walla, state of Washington, U. S. A. The objects for which the company is established are: First, To engage in a general mining, milling and smelting business in Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Second, To buy, sell, mortgage, hypothecate all kinds of mines, mining property, mining stocks, mills, real estate and interest in Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Third, To operate, develop and work mines and mills in Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. The capital stock of the said company is Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into three hundred thousand shares of the par value of one dollar each. Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. S. V. WOOTTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Daylight mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About three miles south east of Rossland and adjoining the Wide West No. 2 mineral claim. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Daylight mineral claim, certificate No. 76,445, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. J. A. WILKIN. Dated this 24th day of Sept. 1897. 9-24-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Alwent mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of and joining the Big Chief mineral claim, lot 1284, group 1. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Alwent Gold Mining Company, limited liability, free miner's certificate No. 8,564, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. J. A. WILKIN. Dated this 23rd day of September, 1897. 9-23-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Sunset No. 3 mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of and adjoining the Big Chief mineral claim, lot 1284, group 1. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Sunset Gold Mining Company, limited liability, free miner's certificate No. 8,564, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. J. A. WILKIN. Dated this 22nd day of September, 1897. 9-22-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Ida May mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Red Mountain, north of and adjoining the Eddie J. mineral claim. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Red Mountain Ida May Gold Mining company, limited, free miner's certificate No. 8,564, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. J. A. WILKIN. Dated this 1st day of September, 1897. 9-1-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. The Northern mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay district. Where located: On O. K. Mountain. Take notice that J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Victor Monier, free miner's certificate No. 76,707, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. J. A. WILKIN. Dated this 17th day of August, 1897. 8-17-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. The Parrot mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Adjoining the Curlew, Huzbird, Hattie Brown and Alcombe mineral claims. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Joseph Vogel, free miner's certificate No. 9,791, David Bonnyman, free miner's certificate No. 7,707, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN. Dated this 17th day of August, 1897. 8-17-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. The Black Pearl mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay district. Where located: East of and adjoining the Cambridge mineral claim, lot 1224, group 14. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Gele Dickinson, free miner's certificate No. 8,565, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN. Dated this 15th day of August, 1897. 8-15-97.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Rossland, at the first sitting on 20 days from the date of this notice, for a license to sell and dispose of liquor by retail in the Vendome Hotel, situate on lot 4, block 14, on the north side of Columbia avenue, in the City of Rossland. Dated this 24th day of September, 1897. 24-9-97. VENDOME HOTEL CO.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. The Romeo mineral claim situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one mile northeast of the townsite of Bayward. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. R. Morrow, free miner's certificate No. 82,093, P. A. Barnhart, free miner's certificate No. 82,094, H. B. Gray, free miner's certificate No. 82,095, J. P. Roberts, free miner's certificate No. 82,096, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN. Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 13th day of August, 1897. 8-13-97.