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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Rossland council has decreed that none but British subjects shall be employed on city work. No objection can be taken to this. Expenditure by a community on non-productive improvements is one thing. The expenditure of energy in opening up undeveloped productive resources is entirely a different thing. The one is necessary but does not breed wealth, the other does.

EVERY British subject in British Columbia has been directly injured, and his chances of bettering his condition injured, by the alien act just passed.

The new mineral act retains the free miner's license on working miners and prevents anyone who is not a British subject from taking out a license. Consequently, a citizen of the United States cannot any longer work in our mines. This out Corlisses Corllss. It will result in one of two things—either a wholesale evasion of the law or a diminution of the output of the mines.

WHAT is to be thought of ministers like Turner and Baker who cannot carry the legislature on any question of general principle, but who can rely on a mechanical majority to divert the resources of the country into the pockets of private individuals? And what is to be thought of such a legislature?

J. M, Kellie voted to retain the tax of \$5 on the wood choppers, ditch diggers, carpenters and other mechanics who happen to be employed by a mining company.

THE editor of THE MINING REVIEW has not yet been disciplined by the government of British Columbia. The effect of what has been done so far has only been to give point and force to the utterances of this paper. No government is strong enough to fight plain spoken truth.

The legislature of British Columbia has placed itself on the level of the legislative assemblies of the United States by passing a law prohibiting aliens from locating mineral claims. This is a humiliating confession to have to make. There is a kind of unthinking animal for whose consciousness the idea that intercourse between two nations can be mutually advantageous is too big. And of such, apparently, is the legislature of British Columbia. They have forgotten that in placing restrictions upon foreigners they are injuring their own countrymen. If the law recently passed had been in operation during the last five years, where would mining development have arrived at by now? And if it continues in operation during the next five years, by how much will the development of new districts be retarded?

Or course, the citizens of the United States have no reason to complain, and they know it. It works a personal hardship on individuals, but those individuals recognize fully that they have no right to expect better treatment than they have meted out to others, not as individuals but as a nation. But we are hurting ourselves. That is the insane part

# Rossland Stock Exchange.

### LISTED STOCKS.

Capitalization and number of shares in Treasury are given in hundreds of thousands. Dividend payers appear in *italics*. Other shipping mines, so far as known, are marked by an asterisk \* Corrections, properly authenticated, will be gladly received. Sales marked X were made off the Exchange.

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