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ORE OF GOOD GRADE

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LATE REPORT FROM OKANOGAN

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Mr. Stephen Brailo, who is in charge of the development work on the Cascade group on Greaville mountain, is in the city for the purpose of spending the holidays. During the past month he says that the work has been confined principally to the tunnel, which has been driven 200 feet. It is to be driven about 800 feet. It is a driving tunnel. The ledge so far in the tunnel is three feet wide, but on the surface and higher up the hill it is six feet in width. It is expected that the wider body of ore will be encountered after the tunnel has been driven a short distance further. Assays made of the ore found in the tunnel show that it runs \$30 in gold and \$4.50 in silver, or a total of \$34.50. The assay of ore from the ledge at a point on the surface 200 feet higher up the mountain than the tunnel portal goes \$4 in gold, \$7.20 in silver, or a total of \$11.20 to the ton. The Cascade is looking better than ever and those who are operating it feel certain that it will make a mine. There are plenty of funds in the treasury to continue the work.

The Norway Mountain company has its shaft down for a distance of 25 feet. The shaft is sunk on a five-foot ledge with satisfactory results.

On the John Bull, a property located west of the Cascade, a tunnel has been run in for 175 feet. A contract will be let for the extension of this tunnel for another 100 feet after the holidays.

On the Alhambra, claims a tunnel is being driven on a promising quartz ledge, which is six feet in width. On this ledge there is a pay streak 18 inches in width, the ore from which runs \$27 to \$100 to the ton. The tunnel has been driven in for a distance of 25 feet.

On the Sherman group a tunnel has been driven for a distance of 40 feet on a quartz ledge, which is four feet wide. The ore is of a payable grade.

Work is progressing on a number of other properties in that vicinity and the outlook is that it will be the theatre of a great deal of activity in the spring. Mr. Brailo expects to return after the holidays and to continue the work on the Cascade for the balance of the winter.

Good News From the Okanogan. Acting Secretary Edward Baillie of the Okanogan Free Gold Mines, Saturday received a letter from Superintendent A. S. Edgemohe, dated December 18th. In this missive Mr. Edgemohe states that they have broken through the vein from the open cut to the No. 1 level and from the No. 1 level to the working tunnel. The vertical distance from the bottom of the open cut is 40 feet, but the distance from the top of the open cut is 71 feet. Therefore, the height of the slope when they work up to the face of the open cut will be 71 feet. The ore in the vein is of a good grade. Since December 21st the mine has been running night and day. The average assay of the ore run through between December 12th and December 16th is \$5.50 per ton. On the last day's run the ore averaged \$12 per ton clean through and the concentrates were \$24. There is enough wood on hand to last for the next six weeks. The concentrates are being forwarded to Penticon and the smelter returns should soon come to hand.

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LATE REPORT FROM OKANOGAN

Mr. James Baker and Associates Will Put in a Smelter in East Kootenay—Progress of the Work on the Mystery Group and Other Notes.

Mr. Stephen Brailo, who is in charge of the development work on the Cascade group on Greenvale mountain, is in the city for the purpose of spending the holidays. During the past month he says that the work has been confined principally to the tunnel, which has been driven 200 feet. It is to be driven about 800 feet. It is a drift tunnel. The ledge so far in the tunnel is three feet wide, but on the surface and higher up the hill it is six feet in width. It is expected that the wider body of ore will be encountered after the tunnel has been driven a short distance further. Assays made of the ore found in the tunnel show that it runs \$30 in gold and \$4.80 in silver, or a total of \$34.80. An assay of ore from the ledge at a point on the surface 200 feet higher up the mountain than the tunnel portal goes \$4 in gold, \$7.20 in silver, or a total of \$11.20 to the ton. The Cascade is looking better ever and those who are operating it feel certain that it will make a mine. There are plenty of funds in the treasury to continue the work.

The Norway Mountain camp has its shaft down for a distance of 25 feet. The shaft is sunk on a five-foot ledge with satisfactory results. On the John Bull, a property located west of the Cascade, a tunnel has been run in for 175 feet. A contract will be let for the extension of this tunnel for another 100 feet after the holidays.

On the Alhambra claim a tunnel is being driven on a promising quartz ledge, which is six feet in width. On this ledge there is a pay streak 18 inches in width, the ore from which runs \$27 to \$100 to the ton. The tunnel has been driven in for a distance of 25 feet.

On the Sherman group a tunnel has been driven for a distance of 40 feet on a quartz ledge, which is four feet wide. The ore is of a payable grade.

Work is progressing on a number of other properties in that vicinity and the outlook is that it will be the theatre of a great deal of activity in the spring. Mr. Brailo expects to return after the holidays and to continue the work on the Cascade for the balance of the winter.

Good News From the Okanagan. Acting Secretary Edward Baillie of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, Saturday received a letter from Superintendent A. S. Edgewcombe, dated December 19th. In this missive Mr. Edgewcombe states that they have broken through the winze from the open cut to the No. 1 level and from the No. 1 level to the No. 2 level. The vertical distance from the bottom of the open cut is 49 feet, but the distance from the top of the open cut is 71 feet. Therefore, the height of the stopes when they work up to the face of the open cut will be 71 feet. The ore in the winze is of a good grade. Since December 21st the mill has been running night and day. The average assay of the ore run through the mill December 12th and December 16th is \$3.50 per ton. On the last day's run the ore averaged \$12 per ton clean through and the concentrates went \$24. There is enough wood on hand to last for the next six weeks. The concentrates are being forwarded to Penitentiary and the smelter returns should soon come to hand.

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LATE MINING NEWS

What the Victoria Copper Mining Company is Doing.

THE OUTLOOK VERY PROMISING

Mr. Hugh C. Baker Goes to Republic—The Coxy Shut Down Temporarily—Engineer Sandeman in Charge of the Coxy and Gertrude.

Mr. D. C. Beach, mine manager for the Victoria Gold and Copper Mining company, passed through the camp yesterday on his way up from Spokane to the company's property at Christina lake. Mr. Beach is the original locator of the four properties now owned by the company, having staked them in 1896. The group consists of the Victoria, Copper Wonder, Copper Mountain and Evening Star, and the claims all adjoin one another at the point mentioned. About \$1,000 worth of work has been done up to the present time, consisting of open cuts and surface work generally. The ledge on the Victoria can be traced on the surface clear across the claim, also across the Copper Wonder, which lies directly above. Another ledge has been uncovered across the Evening Star and Copper Mountain, running nearly parallel to the first one. Near the eastern end of the Victoria ledge has been found which runs at right angles to the main ledge on the south, but which does not cut it on the surface. Immediately to the north of the main ledge is a granite dyke, and it is expected that the cross ledge will be found to cross the main ledge when depth is attained at the point of intersection.

Mr. Beach will leave this morning for the property, and work will be commenced at once and maintained all winter with a force of six men, working two shifts. The formation is a contact, between limestone and granite, and the ore is identical with that of the Le Roi mine. Just about a year ago Mr. Beach made a display in the Miner window of ore from the property, and the collection attracted considerable attention at the time. Average assays from the ledge run from \$7.50 to \$35.25 in gold and copper.

The claim is a tunnel proposition, and the work now undertaken will be to tunnel in on the main ledge on the Victoria until the point of contact with the granite is reached, and then to crosscut at this point. The work will give about 900 feet of depth, or foot for foot as the work advances. On the surface the ledge shows from six to 20 feet in width, and Mr. Beach states that he will have plenty of shipping ore on the dump in 60 days after work commences.

The Columbia & Western railway crosses the property on a bench just above the tunnel to be worked, and an upraise will render shipments a particularly easy matter. The tote road also crosses the property. The company has erected proper mine buildings, and Mr. Beach has a residence completed on the property, and a road has been finished from the tunnel up to the workings. Mr. F. E. Starkey of Spokane and Mr. Spellman of Rossland are interested in the company with Mr. Beach. The company has been organized with \$1,000,000 capital and \$250,000 in the treasury, and shares are now being offered to the public.

COXEY AND GERTRUDE.

Mr. Baker Retires, and is Succeeded by Mr. Sandeman.

Mr. Hugh C. Baker, M. E., who for some time was in charge of the operations on the Coxy and Gertrude, has been summoned to Republic by Major R. G. Edwards Leckie. Mr. Baker does not know what his position will be, but the presumption is that he will have charge of some of the properties which are controlled by the McQuaig-Rykert syndicate. Mr. N. Baker will leave for Republic today, and amongst his other goods and chattels will take his brown mare, Belle, with him.

Since Mr. Lorne Becher left on a visit to the east Mr. Baker has been the acting manager of the Deer Park. This position has now been turned over to Mr. A. E. Mackenzie, who will serve in that capacity till the return of Mr. Becher.

Mr. J. J. Sandeman, M. I., M. E., F. I. Eng., has been appointed manager of the Coxy and Gertrude, to succeed Mr. Baker. Mr. Sandeman has had many years experience in Australia and the United States, and should prove a desirable addition to the skilled mining talent of the camp. The Coxy has been shut down temporarily pending the reports that are being prepared by Mr. Sandeman and other experts on the property. If these reports are of an encouraging nature, it seems certain that they will be the intention to install a large air compressor plant and to push the work on a larger scale than ever before. The work on the Gertrude will be energetically continued.

A New Mining Company.

The Big Chief Mines, Limited, has just been organized in Montreal for the purpose of developing the Big Chief group on Boulder creek. The capital of the new company is \$500,000, divided into 5,000,000 shares at a par value of 10 cents each; 1,500,000 shares have been placed in the treasury, the proceeds of which will be devoted to development. The foregoing is the substance of a letter received from Montreal a few days ago. The property will be equipped with machinery from James Cooper Company and the Hand Drill Company. The work of development will commence at once.

Work on the Evening Star.

In the Evening Star a crosscut is being run from the lower level for the purpose of crosscutting the big ledge on the property from which considerable ore has been taken out of an open cut on the surface. Stopping is in progress in the raise from the lower tunnel. Six men are at work.

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PROGRESS OF THE WORK ON THE IRON COLT PROPERTY.

INSPECTED THE EVENING CLAIM

Mr. Hastings Tells What is Being Done on the Arthur Property in Sheep Creek Valley—The Homestake Testing Adjoins to January 5th.

The power plant of the Iron Colt is in operation and everything is in full swing on the property. Upraising is in progress on the south ledge, which is six and a half feet in width.

Mr. Edward... mining operator, is in the city from Sumpter after an absence of some weeks. He reports that there is considerable Rossland capital going into that section.

Mr. H. Hastings, managing director of the Arthur Mines, Limited, returned Thursday for an inspection of the property of the company, which is located in Sheep Creek valley, west of Sophie mountain.

Mr. W. I. Williams, who has just completed the contract on the Erie Mountain Consolidated, near Erie, B. C., writes that they have been following a well defined stringer of quartz which runs through the body of low grade matter carrying high grade ore.

Superintendent Hanley of the Bonanza Mine, Thinks Well of It.

Mr. James Hanley of Bossburg, superintendent of the Bonanza mine at that place is in the city. He reports that the shaft on the Bonanza is now being extended from what is called the 900- to the 700-foot level. The shaft is an inclined one, and has a vertical depth of about 500 feet.

TO TEST WITH DIAMOND DRILLS. New Company Organized in Southeast Kootenay District.

The Diamond Drill Exploiting company is a new organization that will open up in southeast Kootenay, says the Cranbrook Herald. It is incorporated by Winnipeg and eastern parties with a capitalization of \$100,000.

PORTO RICO SHUT DOWN.

It Will Resume Operations in the Spring. A Successful Run.

The Porto Rico mine and mill near Ymir, the property of the Canadian Pacific Exploration, Limited, has closed down for the winter months after a very successful summer's run.

A LOST MINE.

Find by a Wrangel Hunter—Evidence of Work Done in the Early Days. News has been brought to Victoria by the steamer Danube of the claim of a Wrangelite to the discovery of a long lost mine similar to the "Lost Roker."

Mr. Harrison says: During November he was prospecting in Wrangel narrows and met a man who was hunting and trapping for beaver.

Mr. Harrison says the work on the dam must have been about 23 years ago, and the ground was either poor and abandoned, or it was rich and the miners, evidently Russians, made a stake in a short time and returned home, never letting out their secret, or some misfortune overtook them and buried their secret with their death.

COMPRESSOR SHUT DOWN.

The compressor plant of the New St. Elmo is shut down for the purpose of making some repairs to parts of the machinery. It is expected that these repairs will soon be completed and the machinery put in motion again.

Mr. George H. Green returned Friday from the Katie D. Green mine with 100 pounds of ore shot out of the bottom of the shaft while he was there at a depth of 48 feet, which proves to be of a higher grade than any so far encountered.

It is understood that the Allan Hotel will be taken over under a lease on January 1st by Mr. W. G. Merryweather of the Windsor Hotel. It is understood Mr. and Mrs. G. M. King will go to Southern California and take up their residence there for an extended period.

The city voters' list recently published by the city printer shows a total of 9,025 votes in all the wards. Many of these are, however, absentees, and in many cases the same name appears several times by reason of its owner being assessed in several wards.

YOU MUST DIE.

Said His Physician—South American Kidney Cure Gave the Doctor the Lie—It Cured Bright's Disease.

La grippe will leave its brand on the weakened spot. A bright young man in a Western Ontario city, son of a well-known lumberman, found that the influenza epidemic had developed in him that most fatal of all kidney troubles—Bright's Disease.

THE SUNSET STRIKE

The Ledge Recently Met on 100-Foot Level is Improving.

WORK ON THE CALIFORNIA

It is Confined Principally to the Surface—Officers of the New Iron Colt Company Examine That Property—St. Elmo Compressor Shut Down.

The ore in the No. 3 vein in the Sunset is improving with each round of shots, and is becoming more solid and less bunched. There is more copper in the ledge than when it was first encountered.

Work on the California.

The major portion of the work on the California is being done on the surface. The compressor and hoisting plant is practically completed. The work of fitting in the gallow frame over the shaft is in progress.

Visited the Iron Colt.

Messrs. P. Burns, pres.; T. G. Holt, vice-president, and Mr. J. F. McCrae, secretary of the Iron Colt Mining company, visited the property of that company Friday. They brought back to town with them some fine looking samples of ore taken from the upraise. There are 12 men at work under the superintendence of Mr. Alex. Sharp, and good progress is being made.

Mill Running Night and Day.

A telegram was received Friday from Superintendent Edgecombe to the effect that matters were going on in good shape with the mine and mill of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, and stated that all the preliminary difficulties that are usually encountered in opening up a new property and starting a milling plant have now been overcome, and that the mine and mill are in better condition than since work was inaugurated under the new company.

PLEASING PRESENTATION

Mr. James F. Herrick's Acknowledgment of Honor Done Him.

On Tuesday evening last the superintendent of the Iron Mask, Mr. Sam Hall, and the employees took advantage of the presence of the city of Mr. J. F. Herrick, secretary of the property and manager, who is about to retire from that position, to present him with a handsome testimonial of their esteem.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21, 1909. Mr. S. W. Hall, Superintendent and Employees of the Iron Mask Gold Mining Company Rossland, B. C.

My Dear Sir and Friends—Tuesday evening I was so overcome and embarrassed by the magnificence of your gift and the reception that I could not express words adequate for my feelings.

In you Mr. Hall I found just the character pictured in my mind at the time I undertook the management of a business in which I had no experience. It was my belief then that the Iron Mask was very valuable, but to you the credit is due by your judgment and knowledge, of having made it ten times more valuable intrinsically, than we found it in 1897.

Superintendent and employees, you have by this most generous token of your friendship given me much pleasure, and again gentlemen I thank you for Mrs. Herrick and myself. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, I remain, Sincerely your friend, JAMES F. HERRICK.

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MR. CLUTE'S

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Commissioner Clute put in work, commencing at 10 o'clock. Several important witnesses were examined. The attendance of spectators was very small. The first witness examined was Ymir, a miner for a citizen of the United States was born in Dublin. He is secretary of the Miners' Union which has 235 members, 70 of whom were British subjects before the Americans and other All the mines at Ymir with the Ymir mine paid \$3 per hour shift for machine and \$3 for muckers and extra work was done by working mines of the districting all hands employed by Ymir, 60; Porto Rico, 2; 40; Tamarac, 28; Arlington, 30; Fern, 40, and numerous employed from six to eight Ymir company had advertised Spokane and on Monday the 12th he could not say what time was. About a dozen men in Sudbury, Ontario, with for the Ymir mine and came and worked about 10 shifts all quit. They were not in the Miners' Union. The attempt made by the union men or to make them leave and no threats were used. It is the only mine in the car not work full blast under law. Some of the other mines were temporarily closed down for one reason or another.

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Mining Recorder of the Kettle River Division to go to Greenwood. Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—In response to a petition addressed to the lieutenant-governor in council by the members of the board of trade and citizens of Greenwood and resolutions endorsed by the city council, praying for the establishment of certain public offices in Greenwood, reply has been received by the secretary of the board of trade from the provincial secretary stating that steps will be taken for the transfer of the mining recorder of the Kettle River mining division and registrar of the county court located at Midway and at Greenwood to Greenwood, as soon as suitable quarters are available. It may be stated in this connection that the bounds of the Kettle River mining division, of a rather vague description in the Official Gazette, appear to have been very considerably wider and take in a large area of the former Grand Forks division. It is understood that this arrangement, which is part of the re-adjustment of the Kettle River, Grand Forks, Osoyoos and Similkameen divisions, has given a great deal of dissatisfaction to Grand Forks, whose citizens regard it as a loss of territory.

DUTCH COLONISTS.

Disinfection Spreading—Reinforcements Urgently Needed—Settlers Alarmed... London, Dec. 28.—A special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing from Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Thursday, Dec. 21st, says: "Strong measures are necessary to check the hostile feeling among the Dutch Colonists, whose sedition is shown in the removal of railway bolts, the obstruction of bridges, and attacks upon solitary horsemen. Disinfection is bound to increase unless immediate reinforcements are forthcoming. The local Dutch and British settlers are becoming alarmingly impatient."

BOERS RETIRED.

The British Captured Cattle and Sent the Enemy Over the Tugela. Cheveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 27.—(Friday)—Our scouts having reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugela river, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery, and all the available mounted volunteers, under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers retired across the river. The British captured 500 cattle.

MANSON HOUSE FUND.

Contributions toward the Mansion House Fund are not pouring in very rapidly. Only one has so far been received. L. W. Sharp, 85.

THE STOCK MARKET

The Sales Last Week 96,800 Shares. DARDANELLES IS A LONE PINE IS GOING UP RAPIDLY OF A STRIKE THAT WAS RECORDED AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S STRICT BUSINESS.

The stock market has been the past week, both here and in Montreal. There should be that the present period of quietude will be lasting. All bear that when the American business in stock circles was white, but as the war progressed realized that chaos had and that the world was not going to an end because of the war.

American and the Spaniards regained their courage, and began to move along with the swing. While it is true that which Great Britain is now engaged in a larger scale than was the American war, still it will soon be that it will have but little effect on the business of British Columbia, which has temporarily made money and prevented, perhaps, some of the mines here from starting.

They are producing, and other ready to market their produce, are beyond the reach of a war that is being waged in miles away. Under the circumstances the market should soon recover and go on with its ante-bellum few months.

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This is considerably less than before last, when the sales were 100,000 shares. It was Christmas week interfered to a considerable extent the trading. The fact that the week is New Year's week will have the effect of restricting by the end of January there considerable of an improvement market.

There has been some demoralization, and it is maintaining its exchange yesterday 12-1/2 and it 10 cents bid. An advertisement being added to the cot

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The Following is the report on the property by I. B. ATKINSON, Consulting Mining Engineer:

Professor F. R. Blochberger, L. L. B., Rossland, B. C.

Re "Evening" Mineral Claim.

Dear Sir:—Acting under your instructions of the 28th October last, I visited this property on the 30th October and 12th November, and now beg to submit my report, viz:

Property.—The property consists of a fractional claim containing 45.43 acres, and this is owing to the location line being nearly 200 feet short of the full allowance of 1,500 feet.

Title.—The ground was located by George D. Root on the 22nd July, 1897, and recorded as Rossland on the 21st July, 1897. It is now owned by the Evening Gold Mining Company, Limited, who has had the property surveyed and made application for crown grant.

Location.—This property is situated on Nigger mountain, about two miles north-west of the valuable Velvet, Portland and Victory-Triumph mines on S'phie mountain, and one mile north of the promising property, Big Four, on Santa Rosa mountain. It is situated close to Melville townsite, and Big Sheep creek passes close by the eastern side line, while the west fork of Big Sheep creek runs nearly parallel with the south end line, and only a few hundred feet from the property. It is in Trail Creek mining division, British Columbia, seven miles from Northport, Washington, U. S. A., 12 miles from Rossland and one and a half miles from International Boundary line.

Means of Access.—The position of Rossland is too well known to need description, and the first five miles of the jour-

ney is over the main wagon road from Rossland to Northport and the last seven miles over Dewdney Trail, which leads to Cascade City and passes through Melville. (See map attached.)

Geology.—This part of the district is largely made up of granitic rocks of various texture and composition, and intersected at different angles by porphyritic dykes. These rocks probably belong to the lower division of the Paleozoic age.

Ore Body.—It is impossible to give an accurate description of this ore body, owing to the early stage of development, surface conditions and lack of stripping and prospect work. The ore body is proved by means of an open cut and a shaft, which are upwards of 100 feet apart, but what are termed foot and hanging walls in the shaft cannot be classed as such. This ore body, I think, will be found much wider when depth is attained and crosscuts driven to the walls.

Judging from present indications this will be found to be a replacement vein trending at 72 west and 72 east, intersecting the formation and standing nearly vertical, having only a slight dip to the southwest. The matrix consists of granitic gneiss matter, thin, disseminated with calcopyrites, blende, iron sulphides and galena.

Development.—An open cut has been made about eight feet wide and three feet deep, from which small values can be obtained similar to the surface assays where the shaft is sunk. This opening shows similar vein matter.

A shaft seven feet by five feet is sunk on the vein matter to a depth of 10 feet, and shows 30 inches of shipping ore at that level. When I first visited the property the shaft was down seven feet and

the shipping ore was two feet in width, but carried considerably more blende, even reaching 25.12 per cent zinc. Some other work has been done on the property, on an iron capping, at different points, but I found no values and will give it no consideration at present.

Further Development.—The shaft sinking should be carried on as quickly as possible, and when a reasonable depth has been attained then the ore body can be crosscut and walls proved, also drifts driven on the vein in northwest and southeast direction.

Water.—Water for mining purposes can be obtained on the property.

Timber.—Timber of suitable size and quality is growing on the claim.

Plant.—If the preliminary development by windlass is satisfactory, then a steam hoist must be erected, and probably a concentrating plant will be required, and in that case the ore dressing mill will be situated on Sheep creek and run by water power.

Road.—A wagon road is already in construction to the Velvet mine, and C. P. R. officials are surveying a railroad into that district, but these are of little use to the Evening mine. A good road can be cheaply built from the town of Melville, and on a slight down grade to a point on the Red Mountain railway about five miles from Northport. A steep road should be made over this proposed route as soon as possible so that the ore can be shipped and profits made in development.

Supplies.—The usual rate of the district but present means of transportation from Rossland adds greatly to the cost. They should all be brought in over the new road, which will effect a tremendous saving.

Labor.—The usual rate for West Kootenay.

Mining Facilities.—The property is fairly well situated for mining cost, facilities, etc.

Assays.—I had a large number of samples assayed at Trail smelter, also two samples assayed by Mr. Marsh, Rossland, and they show slight values at surface of shaft, also in open cut north of shaft, and between these two points. I note the assays by Mr. Marsh are higher in gold and copper, but these, like several of the other assays, can be attributed to the small returns of galena and great amount of blende. The gold values range from \$0.40 to \$12.80, and copper returns are 5 to 4.6 per cent. This may eventually be a copper proposition when depth is obtained, but the shipping-ore to be considered at present returns as follows, viz:

Gold.	Silver.	Copper.	Lead.	Zinc.
oz. per ton	oz. per ton	oz. per ton	oz. per ton	oz. per ton
Nil	11.15	nil	46.5	p. c. 11.15
Nil	12.2	Trace	53.5	p. c. 7.4
Nil	12.2	Trace	58.1	p. c. 9.0
Nil	11.4	nil	44.5	p. c. 14.3
Nil	12.1	nil	50.3	p. c. 9.0
Nil	11.0	nil	55.2	p. c. 11.2
Nil	70.4	nil	318.1	p. c. 62.4
Aver.	11.73	nil	53.0	p. c. 10.4

Profits.—A shaft seven feet in length with two and one-half feet of shipping ore, and allowing five cubic feet per ton, would return 21 tons of ore for each fathom in sinking. An ore of this class would be worth as follows, viz:

11.73 oz. silver at 50c. per oz., 95 per cent paid for, \$6.58.
53 per cent lead at \$4.30 per 100 lbs., 90 per cent paid for, \$41.50.
10.4 per cent zinc with 60 per cent ore

paid for at the rate of \$7.50 per cent spelter, which is now 4 3/4 cents per lb., \$6.17.

Net smelter value per ton, \$54.25.

Total value per fathom in sinking shaft \$1,139.25.

Deductions—Sinking shaft 6 feet at average of \$18 per foot, \$108.

Freight to railway 21 tons at \$2 per ton, \$42.

Freight and smelting 21 tons at \$18.90 per ton, \$388.50.

Duty on 21 tons of ore at 1 1/2 cents per lb., (100 per cent lead) 333.90—\$87.40.

Net profit per fathom in sinking shaft \$266.85.

Net profit per foot in sinking, \$14.47.

Net profit per ton of ore raised, \$12.70.

Improvements.—A nice comfortable cabin suitable for six men has been put up close to the creek, a large shaft house has been erected over the well-timbered shaft about 300 feet distant from the blacksmith shop.

Opinion.—The property is located in a good mineral country, and the various mines referred to in this report are in a position to ship ore as soon as better transportation is provided. On my second inspection the mine showed immense improvement, and every indication of the shipping ore increasing in width, so that with careful and capable management this should be a good paying proposition. In this early stage of development it can only be classed as an exceedingly promising prospect which will pay from the start and well worth consideration and inspection by speculators.

Yours faithfully,
I. B. ATKINSON,
Consulting Mining Engineer.

Orders Stock for Should Be Sent to the Company's Secretary.

F. R. BLOCHBERGER, Bank of Montreal Building, Rossland, B. C.

THE STOCK MARKET

The Sales Last Week Aggregated 96,800 Shares.

DARDANELLES IS ADVANCING

Lone Pine is going up rapidly as the result of a strike that was recently made—Christmas and New Year's holidays restrict business.

The stock market has been quiet during the past week, both here and in Toronto and Montreal. There should be no fear that the present period of comparative quietude will be lasting. All will remember that when the American war started, business in stock circles was quiet for a while, but as the war progressed and people realized that chaos had not come, and that the world was not going to come to an end because of the war between the Americans and the Spaniards, they soon regained their courage, and then business began to move along with the anti-bellum swing. While it is true that the war which Great Britain is now engaged in is on a larger scale than was the Hispano-American war, still it will soon be realized that it will have but little effect on the mines of British Columbia beyond that it has temporarily made money a little tight and prevented, perhaps, some British capital from coming into this section. The mines here have got a start, and many of them are producing, and others are about ready to market their product, and therefore, are beyond the reach of the effect of a war that is being waged upon a continent that is at a point many thousands of miles away. Under the circumstances the market should soon recover its tone and go on with its ante-bellum vigor, even if the war in Africa is prolonged for a few months.

The sales last week aggregated 96,800 shares. These were divided by days as follows:
Thursday.....20,500
Friday.....21,900
Saturday.....18,000
Monday (Christmas).....No sales.
Tuesday.....17,900
Wednesday.....18,500

Total.....96,800
This is considerably less than the week before last, when the sales reached 215,500 shares. It was Christmas week, and this interfered to a considerable extent with the trading. The fact that the coming week is New Year's week will probably have the effect of restricting trading, but by the end of January there should be considerable of an improvement in the market.

There has been some demand for Waterloo, and it is maintaining its price. On the exchange yesterday 12 1/2 was asked for it and 10 cents bid. An additional five stamps being added to the company's mill,

as the five-stamp mill was not of sufficient capacity to get the results sought for. As soon as the additional five stamps have been in operation for a short time the company should commence to pay dividends.

There has been considerable inquiry for Rathmullen, and there have been a few sales during the past few days. This was caused by the favorable report of Mr. Frank D. Howe, the mining expert. The shares are worth about the same as they were last week, from 7 to 7 1/4 cents. There has been some inquiry of late from the Boundary Creek country for Winnipeg. Advices from the Winnipeg are to the effect that the crosscut on the 300-foot level is nearing the ledge. There is a hard casing on each side of the ledge, and Mr. Duncan McIntosh telephoned a day or two since that he had encountered this, and was therefore certain that the ledge was not far away. Winnipeg is worth 30 cents. Dardanelles is in increased demand, and is worth about 12 1/2 cents. This stock was worth only 10 cents a few days since, and the rise is due to the fact that shipments have been resumed. The Dardanelles shipped previous to 1893 250 1/2 tons of ore of a high grade, that averaged 265 ounces silver and 28 per cent lead. In addition to this, 60 1/2 tons of second class ore that went 76 ounces silver and 16 per cent lead, was shipped. The company was recently reorganized and its capital stock increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000. The additional shares have been applied to developing the properties of the company, and the ore bodies have again been found and shipments have been resumed, and this accounts for the recent advance in the price of the shares.

Rambler-Cariboo is holding its own and is worth 56 cents. There was a sale of 3,000 shares yesterday at that figure. Republic is about the same as it was last week. It was down to 90 cents, but yesterday \$1.08 was asked and \$1.03 bid. There has been some call for Van Ande and there is considerable trading in it in Toronto. It is selling for 5 1/4, which is an increase of a point and a quarter during the past few days. There is quite a little flurry in Giant. Spokane is purchasing considerably, and there were 5,000 shares sold yesterday at from 7 to 7 1/4 cents. One block of 25,000 and another of 50,000 were sold in Spokane during the past few days. The holders of the option being Spokane people, naturally there is considerable trading in the stock there.

On the board yesterday \$2.65 was asked for War Eagle, and \$2.52 bid. It was down to \$2.45 a few days since. I. X. L. continues among the actively moving stocks, and there has been considerable movement in it during the week. It is worth 25 cents, 2,500 selling at that figure yesterday.

King is slightly weak and is worth about 27 1/2 cents. The development of this property continues with gratifying results. Lone Pine has advanced in the past few days from 15 to 22 cents. The cause is a strike that has been made in the Lone Pine-Sirrija Consolidated. This property is controlled by the same Montreal syndicate that is in the ascendancy

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in the affairs of the Republic. Mountain Lion has advanced from the low point which it recently touched. It was down to \$1 and is now worth \$1.05. Good reports continue to come from the Ukanogan, and the forthcoming cleanup promises to be large. On the local board yesterday 10 was asked and 6 cents bid for it. Tamarac is worth from 10 to 10 1/2 cents. The reports from the Tamarac continue to be of an encouraging nature. During the week 9,000 shares of Arthur were sold. There were 15,000 shares of Evening sold during the past few days to Spokane people for 5 cents. There were 10,000 Borneo Bank sold during the week. Appended are the official quotations for yesterday of the Rossland Mining and Stock exchange.

ASKED	BID
Cariboo (Camp McKinney).....	\$1 05
Minnehaha.....	14
Waterloo.....	12 1/2
Smuggler.....	2
Old Ironsides.....	\$1 05
Knob Hill.....	80
Rathmullen.....	7 1/4
Brandon & Golden Crow.....	30
Morrison.....	25
Winnipeg.....	30
Virginia.....	11
Dundee.....	19
Dardanelles.....	12 1/2
Noble Five.....	11
Rambler-Cariboo.....	56
Wonderful.....	4
Crows Nest Pass Coal.....	\$4 00
Republic.....	\$1 08
Van Ande.....	6
War Eagle.....	\$2 52
Des Moines.....	3
Evening Star.....	25
Northern Belle.....	7 1/2
Homebake.....	5
Iron Hill.....	12
Iron Horse.....	7
Iron Mask.....	60
Jumbo.....	7
Montreal Gold Fields.....	8
Monte Christo.....	7
Northern Belle.....	7 1/2
Novelty.....	3
St. Elmo Consolidated.....	3
Virginia.....	11
Victory-Triumph.....	5
War Eagle Consolidated.....	\$2 65
White Star.....	3 1/4
Canadian Gold Fields.....	14
Der Trail No. 2.....	14
Edmonton.....	45
F. X. L.....	27
King (Ore Denor).....	27 1/2
Lone Pine.....	22

Thursday's Sales.
I. X. L., 2000 at 23 1/2c., 3000 at 24c., 2500 at 23 3/4c., 2000 at 24 1/2c.; Okanagan, 4000 at 9c., 3000 at 8 1/2c.; Peoria, 4000 at 1 1/2c.
Friday's Sales.
I. X. L., 1000 at 22 1/2c., 1000 at 23c., 1400 at 24c., 4000 at 24 1/2c., 2000 at 25c.; Peoria, 5000 at 1 1/2c.; Rathmullen, 2000 at 6 1/2c., 1000 at 6c.; Okanagan, 3000 at 8 1/2c., 500 at 7 1/2c.; Giant, 1000 at 7c.
Saturday's Sales.
Evening Star, 1000 at 9 1/4c.; I. X. L., 2000 at 25c., 3000 at 24 1/2c.; Okanagan, 2500 at 9c.; Giant, 1000 at 6 3/4c., 1000 at 7c.; King, 2500 at 27 1/2c.; Peoria, 2000 at 1 3/4c.; Rathmullen, 3000 at 6 3/4c.

Tuesday's Sales.
Dardanelles, 1000 at 11c.; I. X. L., 3000 at 25c.; Giant, 4000 at 6 3/4c., 500 at 7c.; Rathmullen, 2000 at 6 1/4c., 2000 at 7 1/4c.; King, 2400 at 27 1/2c., 1000 at 28c.; Peoria, 2000 at 1 5/8c.
Wednesday's Sales.
Rambler-Cariboo, 3000 at 56c.; I. X. L., 2500 at 25c.; Giant, 2000, 1000 at 7c., 2000 at 7 1/4c.; Rathmullen, 5000 at 6 1/2c., 1000 at 6 3/4c.; Canadian Gold Fields, 1500 at 7 1/2c.; Virginia, 500 at 6c.

Toronto Mining Exchange.
Toronto, Dec. 27.—Following were the sales today on the mining exchange: Morning—Vananda, 1000, 1000, 514c.; B. C. Goldfields, 500, 1000 at 3c.; Canadian Gold Fields, 500 at 6 1/2c.; Golden Star, 1000 at 31 1/2c.; 500, 500, 500 at 31 1/4c. Afternoon—Winnipeg, 500, 500, at 23 1/2c.; 1000 at 28c.; Van Ande, 2500 at 5c.; 2500 at 5 1/4c.; Gold Hills, 500 at 5c.; Empress, 500, 500 at 2c.; Winnipeg, 150 at 28 1/2c.

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Canada Mutual Mining & Development Company, Limited.

A meeting of the directors of this company was held at the company's office, Temple Building, on Saturday, 9th inst. The secretary, Mr. D. W. Jameson, submitted a contract into which he had entered on behalf of the company with a strong syndicate of Glasgow capitalists, whereby a working bond was granted over the Little Giant group, with the option of purchase thereof. The syndicate was unanimously accepted by the directors. A copy of the report made on the group by the Scottish expert was also submitted. Therein the expert says: "I have every confidence that by means of a properly formulated plan of systematic and economical development a splendid and profitable mine could be opened out for a very moderate capital account." The syndicate has already registered in Great Britain under the name of the Scots-Canadian Mining and Development Syndicate, Limited, and their expert, who is now in British Columbia, has been instructed to push development work with all possible haste. The company, in addition to a substantial interest in the Little Giant group, still owns the Gladstone group (six claims), the Minnie No. 2 and the Trapper and Hunter claims, in the Duncan-Lardeau district. These latter claims are considered to be bonanzas, and arrangements are being made to develop them as soon as spring opens. The annual meeting of the company will be held at the office, Temple Building, at 1 o'clock Tuesday, January 9, 1901—Toronto World.

Educationists Meet.
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—The annual convention of the Southern Educational Association was called to order this morning, President Junius Jordan, superintendent of public instruction of Arkansas, presiding. Delegates were in attendance from all of the Southern States. There were also present numerous well-known educators from other sections of the country. The opening session was occupied with matters of routine business followed by several interesting addresses by Dr. William T. Harris, United States commissioner of education; President James K. Powers of the University of Alabama, and other eminent educators among those present. A public meeting with addresses by numerous speakers of prominence will be held this evening and the business of the convention will be resumed tomorrow.

The Main Event Was the summing Shipment

OUTPUT LAST WEEK 4,392

Properties in Sheep Creek Being X. L. Continues to Improve Tupper Coming on the 2 After His Mining Interests.

The principal event of the week circles was the resumption of the output of the mine. The 75 tons, were shipped to the output of the mine. The 114 tons of ore to the smelter, the history of the camp the management of the smelter, and then several were forwarded to Tacoma, there. There are several tons of ore on the Giant dump to be sent to the smelter. Creek valley two companies have commenced operations on claims. These are the Evening New Gold Fields of British Columbia and the... for the purpose of examining the property. Velvet and Portland companies the New Gold Fields of British Columbia is the parent company. Mr. very enterprising, and has gone to the following. Sir Charles Roselland some two years since resulted in the investment of capital here, and it is hoped that the result will follow his progress.

Mr. J. L. continues to improve the mine. He has a number of staked on O. K. mountain, and fair surface showings, and the obtained by the development of L. should have the effect of inducing neighboring prospects to developing them. Considerable attention was drawn to the investigation of the mining situation by Mr. Clute. Both the mine and the miners gave testimony, a clearer understanding of the situation, and mutual confidence. There should result a healing of differences have arisen. Mr. has won the good will of all who appeared before him by the fairness of his bearing and his evident interest in the facts.

The Ore Shipments. The output of the camp for the week ending December 23rd, and 24th, was 4,392 tons. This was a record for the mine. The output was sent down to the smelter in the case of the shipments over the Columbia and Western. The figures include the output sent down by the ore train was delayed in starting at 4 o'clock the shipments were entered up, otherwise, it would have exceeded 5,000 tons. The output for yesterday will be included in this week's figures. It will be the Giant joint the list, being credited 75 tons, dispatched during the week. The I. X. L. sent out shipment of 25 tons of rich ore. Monte Christo is credited with loads, or 100 tons. The Le Roi list with 2,272 tons; the War Eagle Centre Star combined sent out 2, while the Iron Mask's output tons. The Northport smelter 2,372 tons, and Trail 2,560 tons.

The Ore Output. Appended is a detailed statement (approximately) of the camp's output week ending December 23rd, and date:

Table with 2 columns: Week, Tons. Rows include Le Roi (2,272), War Eagle (1,440), Iron Mask (120), Evening Star, Deer Park, Centre Star (900), Columbia-Kootenay, Virginia, Mountain Trail, X. L. (25), Monte Christo (100), Corey, and Giant (75).

Total tons 4,392. War Eagle and Centre Star—Mr. the manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star, has been very busy at the end of the week in preparing figures for the week's inquiry, the result of which appears in another column. The Eagle compressor has been running week, and the output of the mine speaks for itself of the progress. The diamond drill has been busy all week with good results, and difficulty has been experienced in the machine. Beyond the fact the defendants in the big suits were last week, has got back at the War Eagle by issuing a writ for damages. Nothing of special interest report this week about the two big claims.

Sunset No. 2—The strike on the vein on the 100-foot level is, it seems most important that has yet been in the property. The ledge was a distance of 26 feet, and had been followed on the south side for a distance of about 20 feet. The ore, when crossed, was bunched and more copper coming in. The ledge by the management to be of a higher grade. It is expected, too, that the ledge will improve when it has been on a little further toward the hill, as with each foot-driven the ledge depth is gained. The Giant—The Giant shipped 75 tons.

SHORT SESSION OF THE ENQUIRY

COMMISSIONER CLUTE INSPECTS THE WAR EAGLE AND LE ROI.

Two Witnesses Examined Yesterday—Mr. Devine of the Miners' Union and Mr. Brown of Sudbury Testify.

Commissioner Clute paid a lengthy visit to the Le Roi and War Eagle mines yesterday and inspected the workings of both properties. It is understood that Mr. Clute's visit to the mines was at the request of the management, who desire that the commissioner should first see the mine workings before any evidence was offered. Mr. J. B. Hastings and Mr. Kirby at the War Eagle, and Mr. McDonald at the Le Roi, met Mr. Clute and accompanied him on his visit of inspection. Some important testimony will be given today and tomorrow. Yesterday the miners side of the question was taken up and two witnesses were examined for about an hour in the morning before Mr. Clute started up to the mines.

Mr. James Devine, secretary of the Miners' Union, was first called upon. On being sworn he stated that he had been mining for the past 16 years, was a resident of Roselland and secretary of the local branch of the Miners' Union. The Miners' Union in Roselland had 1,500 members and had built a hall which cost \$5,000. The union paid \$10 a week sick benefits, the members making their own arrangements with the hospital. Traveling members of other unions had their maintenance paid, if they have no hospital ticket. It is optional whether a sick member goes to the hospital. The miners in this district pay \$1 a month to the doctor and he usually pays for maintenance in the hospital. Of the 1,500 members 850 were born on British soil, but he could not say positively whether they were citizens. A great many aliens had taken out papers in this country. There were at least 500 aliens, mostly Americans, probably American-born, quite a few Italians and some from Sweden.

The prevailing rate of wages in this section was: Machine men, \$3.50; hammermen, \$3, but a great many receive \$3.50. Good hammermen would not work for \$3, and in outlying mines they were paid \$3.50. The large mines use machinery. Muckers get \$2.50 a day. Of course, a certain class of machine men, called shaftmen, receive \$4, and in some instances \$4.24. It was also customary to pay more in wet shafts, or where the ventilation was bad. Very little work was done under contract; none that he knew of here. There were some skilled miners here to meet the demand, and he thought the outlook bright in this respect. He did not think the demand could be supplied entirely by Canadian miners and British subjects. There had been no cases of violence here that he was aware of, nor any coercion in regard to the men. The prevailing rate of board at the camps was \$1 per day. The accommodation might be termed moderate, better than it had been. As to the quality of food, he could not answer as to whether it was good, as he was not acquainted with the prices. The prices named were for an eight-hour day. The same rate of wages was paid under the ten-hour system. Formerly the shifts were ten hours at day and nine hours at night; on Saturday nine hours day and eight hours night.

In regard to the actual loss under the eight-hour system, it was customary under the ten-hour system for the men to stay on top till 7 in the morning, and there was from 15 to 20 minutes lost in going to work, and the same amount of time lost in coming to dinner, and about 20 minutes at 6 o'clock. The same rule would apply to the night shift, which would figure out some where between an hour and an hour and a half lost per day per man; while under the eight-hour system they work continuously for eight hours, with the exception of 20 minutes for lunch. He was not sure whether the 20 minutes came out of the eight hours, or whether the men worked eight hours clear.

W. F. Brown, formerly of Sudbury, Ontario, but who worked in the Ymir mine last summer under contract, was then sworn. Mr. Brown testified that he was a Canadian. He had worked in the Josie mine in this camp for some three months, but was out of employment now. He was a Canadian and British subject, and had always worked eight hours. He had left Sudbury on August 4th with 11 other miners, and on the following Monday they all went to work at Ymir. He worked three days, some of the party worked five, others six, and the quit because he had been brought out under false pretenses. He produced a contract dated July 30, between himself and John E. Mitchell of Nelson, by which Mitchell agreed to furnish him work for six months from his arrival, subject to good behavior and capability, at some mine of the Nelson District Miners' Association, at \$3 for eight hours, \$3.50 for ten hours. Mitchell told him there was no strike in British Columbia, but that the mines had shut down at the end of May and they wanted to start up again, but could not get men.

All the 12 men who came out did not leave the Ymir mine; he thought three of them were there yet. At Sudbury board Sudbury his wages were \$1.90 a day, and the miners furnished their blankets. At Sudbury his wages were \$1.90 a day, and three men who had remained at the Ymir mine were paid \$1.42 a day at Sudbury, but they were not miners. At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's evidence the commissioner announced that no further evidence would then be taken, but that he would sit again in the morning at 10 o'clock. It is probable that a lengthy and important session will be held today, when several mining men will give their testimony.

Lost His Only Daughter. Mr. J. R. Fraser, employed at the War Eagle mine, has the sympathy of his many friends, in his affliction through the loss by death of his only daughter, Ella. The young girl was 15 years of age and died at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Fraser is the oldest employe of the War Eagle. The many friends of R. G. Maxwell, M. P., will be glad to learn that he was able to take a short walk on Wednesday.

OFF TO THE WAR.

Messrs. Squires and Hughes Have Been Accepted—Start This Evening.

Mr. Joseph Squires and Mr. Thomas Hughes of this city, some days ago applied for places in the second Canadian contingent for South Africa, and ever since their application was made, have been eagerly looking for a favorable reply. Saturday evening the answer came in the shape of a wire from Commissioner Hercules of the Northwest Mounted Police. It ran: "Will engage you both one year in police or for war. Imperial service pay. Report at Calgary at once."

Both men are highly delighted at their good luck. They left Roselland Sunday evening on the 5:50 P. M. train for Calgary. Mr. Squires, who was at one time chief of the fire brigade here, has served for five years in the Northwest Mounted Police, two and a half years as a farrier, drawing a non-commissioned officer's pay. Hughes has been working in the mines here for some time, but previously served for five years in the Northwest Mounted Police.

Green, a miner at the Green Mountain mine, has thrown up his position and expects to go to the front. He wired, offering his services, some days ago. Two other ex-employees now in Roselland, Lindsay and Macdonald, have also sent in their names and expect to go at once. With all these townsmen in South Africa, in addition to "our soldiers there," Roselland will be well represented at the seat of war, and citizens will, if possible, take still further interest in the struggle with Oom Paul's legions.

A Present for the Chief.

Mr. Donald Guthrie, chief of the fire department, was presented with a handsome gold badge Saturday. The presentation was made by Assistant Chief Collins on behalf of himself and the other members of the fire department, to which Chief Guthrie made a fitting response. The badge is a handsome gold one and bears the inscription: "D. Guthrie, chief Roselland fire department. The centre portion is ornamented with books, ladders and trumpets and the rim with rays and laurel leaves.

MANSION HOUSE FUND.

Editor Minger—Referring to your editorial note in Sunday morning's issue, re the painfully inert condition of the Roselland contribution to the Mansion House Fund, may I be permitted a few brief remarks on the subject. A casual observer cannot but note that on the occasion of any particular banquet in the city our prominent merchants and others are very much "in evidence" in the way of high-sounding speeches, garnishing their remarks with glowing accounts of what loyal Canada should or would do in the present emergency, and so on. This sort of thing is, of course, very appropriate and sounds very nice, but then it costs nothing and looks well in print. But what is Roselland doing? Strangely enough there would certainly appear to exist a distinct apathy, when it comes to acts and not mere words. We certainly sent a contingent, but how was it that Roselland was the only town in it that I might say the Dominion—that failed to give the men a suitable "send off"? Take again the present instance. Here are Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Nelson all showing enthusiastic and substantial appreciation of the appeal for funds, but Roselland stands conspicuously idle and content with pretty words. I have heard it said that Dan Godfrey was overheard to remark that he received a colder reception in Roselland than in any town during his tour. Why this "thumness"? There are many, no doubt, who would willingly contribute, but simply cannot afford it, but on the other hand there are many more who are well able to part with a few dollars in such a cause. There are, I know, hundreds of loyal-hearted Britishers in the mines who would be only too glad to assist in such a grand cause once their attention was aroused. Why wont some of our prosperous citizens take the initiative? While I feel you will not grudge this space, allow me to thank you for same. I remain, dear sir, yours, etc., "BRITON."

Roselland, Dec. 23, 1899.

Bought the White Bear Surface.

Mr. John Y. Cole has purchased the surface rights of the White Bear for town site purposes. He will, within a short time, commence the erection of ten residences on the ground. Mr. Cole has not decided yet whether he will start a rival town to Roselland or whether it will be called the White Bear addition and add it to this municipality. He thinks the development of the western portion of the north belt will cause Roselland to grow in to the west and is getting ready for the real estate boom which he feels certain will come in that end of the town.

A Pleasant Christmas Party.

A pleasant Christmas party was given last night at the Cosmos by Mrs. M. A. Nashwander. About 15 couples were present, and the entertainment consisted of dancing and refreshments. It was a very pleasant affair, and all present had a merry time.

DISCHARGED TO DIE.

But Mrs. Fitzpatrick Didn't Lose Hope. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Accomplished What the Physicians Could't.

If the thousands of people who rush to go to it as a first resort, how much misery and suffering would be spared. Mrs. John Fitzpatrick of Gnanacoo, after being treated by eminent physicians for heart disease of five years standing, was discharged from the hospital as a hopeless incurable. The lady procured Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, she declared as a last resort. One dose relieved a very acute spasm in less than half an hour, and three bottles cured her. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

Over 15 Chinamen complained to the police that they had been snow-balled by boys on Sunday.

THE DOMINION BUILDING SITE

MR. WM. HENDERSON HAS RECOMMENDED FOUR LOTS.

The Site Not Definitely Chosen as Yet, But Probably Will Be in a South East Time.

Mr. William Henderson, the resident architect of the Dominion public works department, left Thursday night for Nelson. It is understood that he sent a wire to Ottawa before leaving recommending the government to accept one of four different sites for the new Federal buildings. The sites mentioned are the southeast corner of Columbia avenue and Spokane street, known as the Spellman corner, the block on the northeast corner of Washington street and First avenue, the lot on the southeast corner of First avenue and Washington street, and the lot on the northwest corner of Columbia avenue and Lincoln street, where the Bowling alley now stands.

It is understood that in the case of any of these lots that the government will not be obliged to pay more than \$12,500 for two lots having a joint frontage of 80 feet. In each case the inspector has had an undertaking from parties interested in having their own particular sites chosen, that they will make good the difference between \$12,500 and the particular amount asked by the owner. There is a general consensus of opinion that the buildings should be located, if at all possible, on Columbia avenue, and while the two sites on the avenue mentioned are undoubtedly suitable sites, it almost seems a pity that some effort should not be made by the government agent himself to secure the two lots on the southeast corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street, being the property on which the present postoffice now stands, together with the corner stores.

It has been stated that Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh, who owns this property, would be willing to sell to the department 60 feet, or two lots, at cost price, or \$19,000. There are in this immediate neighborhood several large, property owners who could easily afford to make up a sum of \$4,000, which would be necessary to make up the difference granted by the government, namely \$15,000, and the amount asked by the seller. No one will deny that the property in question at the price of \$15,000 would be much more satisfactory to the entire city than any of the other lots mentioned at the price referred to, namely, \$12,500. Unfortunately, Mr. Fraser of the Bank of Montreal, is away, and Mr. Mackintosh is also out of town. But if it could be arranged between the surrounding property owners and the government agent so that the additional sum of \$4,000 could be supplied and the site selected, it would undoubtedly prove a satisfactory settlement of this vexed question, as between the two other lots on Columbia avenue there is but little choice, either properties are fairly suited for the building and probably the latter would be no very great objection if either of them were taken. There seems to be a pretty general feeling, however, that the lot on Washington street is in itself suitable for the purpose, that after the city authorities have spent so much money on the Columbia avenue that the Federal building should be located on that thoroughfare in preference to any other. It is understood that Mr. Henderson will be back here sometime next week when, probably, the whole matter will be settled.

A Successful Hunting Trip.

Messrs. G. E. Townshend and George Purgold have returned from a ten day's hunting trip in the Pend d'Oreille section. They went up the river a distance of 15 miles, to the lodge of George Amor, a hunter and trapper. The latter shows the best places for deer, and in a short time Messrs. Purgold and Townshend had killed six deer. They could have killed more, but did not care to slaughter the deer in mere wantonness. Grouse are plentiful in that vicinity, and furnished a welcome change from venison. They are greatly pleased with the result of their trip, and consider the Pend d'Oreille section an ideal hunting ground.

A DECISION REACHED.

Arbitrators allow Roberts et al., \$9,500 For Lots.

The arbitrators in the Roberts-C. P. R. matter lost no time in coming to a conclusion. They gave their decision Thursday evening, and after taking all the evidence given into consideration, they unanimously decided that \$9,500 was a fair price to be paid by the railway to Mr. Roberts for the four lots expropriated. It will be remembered that the railway company offered the sum of \$7,000, and that while the vendors refused to accept that price, they did not name a figure which would be acceptable. It is understood, however, that the price figured upon by them was \$10,000, and it will be seen that the amount allowed by the arbitrators comes within \$500 of this amount. It is not known whether the railway people will appeal the decision, but it is generally thought that both sides will accept the finding of the arbitrators.

An Engagement.

The engagement is announced of Miss Tuttle to Mr. Bert Hunter, of Hunter Brothers and company. The marriage, which will be a very quiet one, will be celebrated in this city early in the year. Mr. Hunter's new residence, near the home of Hon. T. Mayne Daly, is very nearly ready for its future occupants.

A Merry Christmas.

Mr. Austin Corbin, general manager of the Spokane Northern Telegraph company Saturday telegraphed his wishes for a merry Christmas to the staff in Roselland, and accompanied it with a check of \$5 for each of the messengers, \$10 for the operator, and \$20 for the manager.

Mr. J. J. Taylor, of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, who has been on an extended trip to the east for the past four months, has returned to the camp. While away Mr. Taylor visited, among other places, New York, Toronto and Montreal.

THE INQUIRY CLOSED

Commissioner Clute Ends His Investigation in Roselland.

MINE OWNER AND MINER HEARD

Messrs. Bernard McDonald, Edmund B. Kirby, S. W. Hall, Nicholas Tregear, W. S. Haskins and Others Speak of Contract Work—Capital Invested Here.

Commissioner Clute concluded his labors here Saturday. During the day a good deal of important testimony was given showing the changes made in the cost and methods of working the mines under the 10-hour system and under the eight-hour law now in force. The working and effect of the contract system was also gone into very thoroughly in detail and the commissioner has obtained any number of statistics from several sources on the labor question generally. There was a fairly sized audience present at yesterday's session. Mr. Clute on several occasions during the sittings has addressed those present, pointing out the extreme desirability of approaching the matters under consideration with the greatest care and the utmost fairness. If this were done, he said, he felt sure that any serious difficulty might be avoided to the great and lasting benefit of all concerned. The proceedings under the commission in this city have been carried out with the utmost cordiality, there being no jarring note to disturb the good feeling that apparently exists under admittedly high pressure generally. The evident desire of Mr. Clute to obtain every available piece of reliable information and his scrupulous care to avoid giving offence to any of the witnesses has created an exceedingly favorable opinion of the commissioner's absolutely fair methods in conducting the investigation.

Mr. Bernard McDonald, general manager of the British America corporation properties, continued his evidence from the previous day. He stated that for the past four years he had been repeatedly called upon by capitalists to report on properties in all the important mining camps in Kootenay and Yale instances, Roselland, Sandon and other points in the Slocan. All through the Boundary Creek district and in Republic camp, and added that as a result of his personal inspection and report and through his influence, during the time mentioned, capitalists had been induced to invest very large sums of money in the mining industry in that section of the province. He mentioned the names of the various camps named. He had continued to be and was still in touch with Canadian capitalists and since the passing of recent legislation resulting in the present labor troubles and general uneasiness that was now manifest all through this section of the province the capitalists mentioned have clearly manifested a preference for investing out of British Columbia. The witness went into details of several instances coming within his own personal knowledge, in which the eight-hour law and the labor troubles generally had been the means of procuring Eastern Canadian capitalists, adding that the fear of further unfavorable legislation by the local parliament had absolutely prevented large sums of money from being invested here, and gave as an instance the request of a wealthy Montreal syndicate made to him just prior to his coming out to assume the position of president of the Boundary and look after some heavy mining investments that for the syndicate. "That money," said Mr. McDonald, "would have found its way to British Columbia if it had not been for the trouble referred to."

Mr. McDonald then verified a statement prepared by the proper officials of the B. A. C. showing that the total investments made by that corporation in the province amounted to \$6,198,761.94 up to December 22nd, 1899. Some of the figures given are interesting. The statement shows that the following amounts were invested in obtaining the properties mentioned and expended upon them for development to date: Le Roi, \$3,950,362; West Le Roi group, \$921,678.17; East Le Roi group, \$559,185.12; Columbia-Kootenay group, \$471,105.21; Caledonia group, Sheep Creek, \$31,201.20; Kootenay and Whoop Up, Sophie mountains, \$17,944.15; Hoskins group, East Kootenay, \$7,430.14; Argentine group, north fork Salmon, \$6,722.02; Wild Horse group, Ymir, \$4,185.24; making a total of \$5,978,060.68. Expended on examination of mines and mining districts in British Columbia and on options on mining properties, \$42,832.52. On surface improvements and other expenditures, \$39,882.48. Supplies carried in stock, \$32,000. Cost of administration, \$106,136.25. Making a grand total of \$6,198,761.94. The number of men now employed and their nationality were given as follows: In the office, British subjects, 14; Americans, 1. Shops, British, 11; Americans, 3; Danish, 1. Teamsters, British, 5; Americans, 2. West Le Roi, British, 28; Americans, 3; Italians, 2. East Le Roi, British, 18; Americans, 20; Italians, 1. Columbia-Kootenay, British, 15; Americans, 15; Italians, 1.

The figures for the Le Roi has not been totalled, but were filed in detail. When the machinery that is now being installed is in working order the number of men will be largely increased. The manager said he was quite confident that there was not a sufficient number of qualified miners in the country to satisfy the demand existing at the present time in the future. The supply would have to come from other mining centres, principally from the United States. A few might come from Nova Scotia and from mining points in Ontario and Australia, but the bulk of the men would naturally come from the United States. Any attempt made to restrict the entry of skilled miners into the province would undoubtedly result in mine development being greatly retarded.

To Mr. Houston the witness said he had not experienced any difficulty in obtaining miners so far, but his superintendents had reported that contracts let to some of his men had been abandoned, the men being intimidated and forced to drop them. The witness said further: that he was in favor of the mining industry being cultivated to the highest extent and for that purpose he was in favor of the importation of alien labor.

Referring to contract labor at a later stage of the proceedings, Mr. McDonald said he had let very many contracts for all kinds of mining work and since the passing of the eight-hour law he has let 2,200 feet of work in the Slocan. He had personally frequently worked as a contract miner and had no recollection of any occasion in which the amount paid him was less than the average wages paid. In Sandon this year contractors made from \$5 up, and the men all made not less than \$3.50 per day. The most skilled miners will do the best work and the foremen or managers were never so exacting as to involve the probability of the men making less than the regular wages. One reason for giving contracts is to attract the best men and most skillful miners who could make higher wages in this way. Extra speed in pushing certain developments was often necessary in a mine to secure good immediate ventilation, and for other purposes and contract work was the most satisfactory all round method of getting the work done well and quickly. Miners who were skillful and thorough completed their contracts in less time, with their skill, knowledge and practical experience is sure to bring them a handsome return. An inexperienced miner or a new hand would be useless to the management for contract work. Contracts to be satisfactory to the company should only be given to the best men. He had never had contracts objected to before and asserted that he did not believe that the effect of giving out contracts would reduce the wages earned by the proper men or result in the employment of inferior miners for the reasons he had already given.

Mr. Edmund B. Kirby, the manager of the War Eagle consolidated and Centre Star mines, was then called and gave the following facts and figures: The capital invested at the mines themselves is about \$3,500,000, nearly all of this being Canadian. The principal owners live in Toronto. This, however, is but a fraction of the capital invested and absolutely dependent upon the above mines. It includes the Trail smelter and railroad connections, the entire town of Trail, and about 40 per cent of the town of Roselland. The relation of these mines to the community may be briefly stated as follows: Mines. Present Average daily tonnage about 354 tons British America Corporation 354 tons War Eagle and Centre Star 416 tons All other mines 38 tons Total 806 tons Average from published official figures for the past two weeks. The British America corporation constitutes the main supply of the Le Roi smelter at Northport. Shutting down its mines would close the smelter and depopulate the town.

The War Eagle and Centre Star ore likewise constitutes almost the entire supply of the Canadian Pacific smelters at Trail. A stoppage of the mines would close this smelter and depopulate the town of Trail. The town of Roselland is also entirely dependent upon the mines—having no other productive industry. The men employed and, therefore, the wages paid out are distributed approximately as follows: British America corporation, about 45 per cent; War Eagle and Centre Star, about 40 per cent; all other mines, about 15 per cent.

These figures indicate roughly the extent to which the business and property interests of Roselland depend on each of these groups of mines. The mining is "lode mining," and the ore is found in fissure veins, of exceptional thickness. It carries gold and copper and on the average is of low grade. The size of the ore bodies make it possible to use heavy machinery and operate on a large scale. In this way low grade ore which would be unprofitable under ordinary mining is made to pay. At present the cost of mining is higher than they ought to be in such large ore bodies and with such heavy production. Moreover, unless these deposits are an exception to the general rule, we must expect the product to lower in grade with increasing depth. While developing and stopping are above the present pay limit, large quantities are discovered which are just below this limit. When the limit is lowered this ore will also be mined.

For all these reasons it is necessary, to lower the present expense of mining and treating depends upon the extent to which these economies can be carried. The present rate of wages is as follows: Machine miners, \$3.50, and in shafts \$4 to \$4.50; shovelers and car men, \$2.50; timbermen, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4; mechanics (mechanists), 3.50 to \$4; engineers, \$4.50 and \$5, for underground eight-hour work. The present shift is eight (8) hours for all underground work. Surface work is ten (10) hours, including time for dinner. The number of names upon rolls December 19th, 1899, is 617. Reducing this to the number of men at thirty (30) shifts per month gives about 900 as the average number of employes. In the future we hope to have work for from 750 to 1,000 men.

In accordance with your instructions a census of our pay roll employes was taken December 22nd, 1899. Each man was asked his nationality and reported as follows: British subjects, 265; United States citizens (born or raised in the United States), 7; German, 3; Swede, 3; Frenchmen, 1; Austrians, 1; Switzerland, 1; total, 273. Out of our force of 264 machine miners, 83, or 31.4 per cent report themselves as British subjects. There has always been a surplus of unskilled labor and a shortage of skilled machine drill miners. These are greatly needed and for want of them it has hitherto been necessary to employ a number of men who are not competent for this particular work. This is because each smelter must have a certain minimum tonnage in order to operate at a reasonable cost. The mine's production, however, is this minimum tonnage and, falling to cost, the smelter and, therefore, the mine supplying it must shut down. The mines have continued to operate in this uneconomical way in the endeavor to build up a complete force of skilled machine men. They cannot continue to do so and unless they can enlarge their operations without a supply of such men. It takes years of experience to make a skilled miner, and his work is worth good pay. The mining companies here are anxious to secure men and to make it worth their while to remain. It is well understood that the only source of supply is the United States. Eastern Canada cannot furnish them because of the distance, the limited number of mining districts and the fact that a withdrawal of men would injure the districts. The alien labor laws make it impossible to bring in men, and yet as a matter of fact most of those who have drifted in from the United

THE MINING REVIEW

The Main Event Was the Giant Resuming Shipments.

OUTPUT LAST WEEK 4,932 TONS

Properties in Sheep Creek Being Developed—X. L. Continues to Improve—Sir Charles Tupper Coming on the 28th to Look After His Mining Interests.

The principal event of the week in mining circles was the resumption of shipments by the Giant. Three carloads, or 75 tons, were shipped to the smelter during the past week. This is not the first shipment from the Giant. In 1898 it sent 114 tons of ore to the smelter. In the earlier history of the camp the Giant was bodded by the management of the Tacoma smelter and then several carloads were forwarded to Tacoma and reduced there. There are some 400 tons of ore on the Giant dumps and this is to be sent to the smelter. In Sheep Creek valley two companies have recently commenced operations on promising claims. These are the Evening and Arthur claims. The surface showing is excellent and the ore carries gold, silver, copper, zinc and lead. This mineral section is an extension of the rich leads of Sophie mountain. The miners there expect to be able to get their ores out via the Sheep Creek valley to the Red Mountain railway. There are a number of claims in this valley, and also up the sides of Nigger mountain, and if the two companies now operating there are successful, it will lead to the opening of other properties.

Sir Charles Tupper, the chairman of the New Gold Fields of British Columbia, will be here on December 23rd, for the purpose of examining the properties of the Velvet and Portland companies, of which the New Gold Fields of British Columbia is the parent company. Mr. Tupper is very enterprising, and has good connections and following. Sir Charles visited Rossland some two years since, and this resulted in the investment of considerable capital here, and it is hoped that a similar result will follow his present stay here.

I. X. L. continues to improve, and promises to make a mine of considerable importance. There are a number of claims staked on O. K. mountain, and some have fair surface showings, and the good result obtained by the development of the I. X. L. should have the effect of inducing owners of neighboring prospects to commence developing them.

Considerable attention was drawn to the investigation of the mining labor situation by Mr. Clute. Both the mine owners and the miners gave testimony, and with a clearer understanding of the situation on both sides, and mutual concessions, there should result a healing of whatever differences have arisen. Mr. Clute has won the good will of all who have appeared before him by the fairness of his bearing and his evident intention to get out the facts.

The Ore Shipments.

The output of the camp for the week well up to the average, 4,932 tons having been sent down to the smelters, and in the case of the shipments over the Columbia & Western, the figures given do not include the output sent down yesterday. The ore train was delayed in starting, and up to 4 o'clock the shipments had not entered up, otherwise, the total would have exceeded 5,000 tons. The shipments for yesterday will be included in this week's figures. It will be noted that the Giant joins the list, being credited with 13 tons, dispatched during the week to Northport. The I. X. L. sent out another shipment of 25 tons of rich ore, and the Monte Cristo is credited with five carloads, or 100 tons. The Le Roi heads the list with 2,272 tons; the War Eagle and Centre Star combined sent out 2,340 tons, while the Iron Mask's output was 120 tons. The Northport smelter received 1,372 tons, and Trail 2,560 tons.

The Ore Output.

Appended is a detailed statement (approximately) of the camp's output for the week ending December 23rd, and year to date:

Table with 4 columns: Property Name, Week, Tons, Year, Tons. Rows include Le Roi, War Eagle, Iron Mask, Evening Star, Deer Park, Centre Star, Columbia-Kootenay, Virginia, Mountain Trail, X. L., Monte Cristo, and Total tons.

War Eagle and Centre Star.—Mr. Kirby, manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star, has been very busy at the close of the week in preparing figures for Mr. C. Clute's inquiry, the result of which appears in another column. The big War Eagle compressor has been running all week, and the output of the combined mines speaks for itself of the progress made. The diamond drill has been kept busy all week with good results, and no difficulty has been experienced in working the machine. Beyond the fact that the James Cooper Manufacturing Co., one of the defendants in the big suits mentioned last week, has got back at the War Eagle by issuing a writ for damages, there is nothing of special interest to report this week about the two big mines.

Strikes.—The strike on the No. 3 mine on the 100-foot level is, it seems, the most important that has yet been made on the property. The ledge was crossed at a distance of 26 feet, and has been drilled along on the south side for a distance of about 20 feet. The ore in the ledge when crossed, was bunched, but it is claimed, to be getting solid, and copper is coming in. The ore is being managed to be of a shipping grade. It is expected, too, that the ledge will improve when it has been drilled on a little further toward the apex of the hill, as with each foot driven in that direction depth is gained.

The Giant shipped 75 tons of ore to the smelter during the past week, and the shipments will be continued until all the ore on the dump, amounting to 400 tons, is sent away. The compressor plant is being got in readiness, and should be ready for operation by the first of the year. The shafts are full of water almost to the top, and it will take a day or two to empty them. The first attention will be given to the 100-foot shaft, which is on the copper ledge. The intention is to crosscut from this shaft to the ledge, and also to deepen it to the 200-foot level. Further on the shaft on the other ledge, which is down to a depth of about 45 feet, will be unwatered and deepened.

California.—The work at present is confined to the surface. The combined compressor and shaft house is practically completed, and part of the electric machinery has been put in. The management is waiting the arrival of the 10-drill compressor plant, and it is thought it will start from the factory at Sherbrooke this week. The galloping frame over the shaft is being put in position, and this will be completed in a day or two. The intention is to commence work on the shaft by hand pending the installation of the compressor plant.

MINES OF ALASKA

A Broker Tells of New Discoveries Made There.

VALUABLE LOSE SECTION FOUND

The Means of Reaching the Country are Being Improved Rapidly and There is Now no Hardship Experienced in Reaching Dawson.

Mr. A. W. Taylor, mining broker of Victoria, B. C., is in the city. He recently returned from Dawson after two years in the Klondike, and is on his way to Greenwood. "There is no doubt about it," he said, "that the carrying out of the regulations in the Yukon territory is not in such order as we would have desired. A large portion of the charges that have been formulated against the department were undoubtedly true. There is a noticeable improvement in all of the departments, however, should be amended, and especially that of the 10 per cent royalty, which is not only a burden, but a hardship upon the individual miner. This, however, the government seems to realize, and it is only a question of time when something will be done. They will probably reduce the royalty to two per cent on the net, instead of 10 per cent on the gross amount."

Wages are extremely good around Dawson this winter on account of the extremely large number of people going down to Cape Nome, near the mouth of the Yukon. It has taken away the bulk of the skilled miners. All who are not tied up by contract, or who have interests which they could not leave, have gone down over the ice. The ice makes an excellent highway over 1,800 miles from Dawson to the mouth of the river. "The output of the Klondike this season will largely depend on the kind of winter there. The winter so far has been so open that the drifts are not fully frozen up, and this has interfered to a considerable extent with the drifting. Should the mild weather continue it will cut the output considerably."

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THE DAYLIGHT CAME THROUGH.

The Two Sides of Bulldog Tunnel Connected.

In the Bulldog tunnel through Bulldog mountain, on the line of the Columbia & Western Railway, on Friday a well directed round of shots led the daylight in from one head of the tunnel to the other. This does not by any means complete the work. There are 430 feet of benches to be taken out before the tunnel can be used, and it is thought it will be at least 60 days before trains can pass through. The tunnel is about 3,000 feet in length, and when it is used it will do away with the need of using the switchback over which the trains now travel. Work was started on the tunnel in November, 1898.

Mr. Richard Williams of the Jencks Machine company, Mr. John Stewart, J. G. Sullivan, superintendent of construction of the C. & W., and Chief Engineer Tye of the same road, came through the tunnel yesterday afternoon. They were on the regular passenger train, and had to wait nearly half an hour for the train, which had to go over the switches, a distance of between six and seven miles.

Jumbo is Looking Well.

Superintendent Stickney of the Jumbo, reports that the big ledge on the 450-foot level has been drifted on for a distance of 60 feet. The showing is so good that it has been decided to crosscut the ledge at this point. The ledge here is something over 40 feet in width. Mr. Stickney reports that the Jumbo is looking exceedingly well.

SITUATION IN THE KOOTENAYS

LETTER FROM THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONER.

Pleased at the Cordial Relations Which Exist Between the Men and the Mine Owners.

Editor Miner:—I am asked to give my views on the conditions as they affect mining interests in Southern British Columbia. This, it will readily be seen, I am not at liberty to do, even if I had formed opinions. I may, however, take this opportunity to thank the owners and their representatives and the officers of the various Miners' Unions for their assistance so cheerfully rendered, which has greatly facilitated my work, and I am also glad to learn of the cordial relations which exist between the owners and the men, notwithstanding their different views in relation to wages which exist in some of the camps. I am especially pleased to find that all recognize the sacredness of person, property and individual rights as they exist under British law. This is a matter vital to the well-being of every man, whether he be owner or workman, within the mining districts of Southern British Columbia. In my judgment the recognition of these rights is an absolute necessity to ensure the future prosperity and well-being of this community; that the law cannot and will not tolerate any interference with these rights; and it is a great satisfaction to me to feel, after a somewhat intimate acquaintance with the men representing the different interests here that the first principles of our institutions are fully recognized, and that there is a settled conviction in the minds of all that these principles should be violated. With these principles well fixed and recognized it does not require an optimist to forecast the future of the mining interests of Southern British Columbia. I venture to think they are assured, and can only be imperilled by a forgetfulness that might entail disaster for a time upon all concerned. I desire especially to commend the earnest effort put forward by the Sandom Union and the various mine owners in the Slocan district to reach an adjustment of the differences there existing, which I trust will be crowned with success. Concluding my work in this part of the province, I bear away with me a confident belief in its future development and prosperity, and extend to those who have so cordially assisted me my sincere thanks. R. C. CLUTE, Commissioner.

MR. CLUTE LEAVES TODAY.

The Commissioner Well Satisfied With the Result of His Inquiry Here.

Mr. R. C. Clute, Q. C., who has been conducting the investigation here into the labor situation under his commission from the Dominion government, will leave Rossland for Spokane today on the 11:25 train. He will go to Seattle, and from there to Vancouver, Victoria and Montreal. He expects to return east about the middle of next month. His report to the Dominion government will be prepared as rapidly as possible and presented to the government during the approaching session, which is expected to open some time in January. A great deal of important evidence has been taken down, and it will take Mr. Clute's secretary, Mr. Harris, some little time to extend his shortened notes.

Last evening Mr. Clute expressed his gratification at the way in which both miners and mine superintendents had come forward and testified on the questions embraced by his commission, and at the frank and cordial way in which the witnesses had spoken. The commissioner added that he had received all the assistance possible from every quarter of the camp, and he sincerely trusts that the efforts here would eventually prove of some assistance in helping to work out the vexed problems that confront both the mine manager and the working miner.

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ACCIDENT IN THE SNOWSHOE FATAL EXPLOSION FROM SHOTS WHICH HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED. John Nelson Was Blown to Pieces and Stanley McLeod Seriously Injured—Both Single Men. Greenwood, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A fatal explosion occurred in the Snowshoe mine at Phoenix camp at 12 o'clock today, caused by drillin ginto an old blast that had missed fire. The victims are John Nelson, killed; Stanley McLeod, seriously, perhaps fatally, injured. Both single men. No blame is attached to the management. The engineer claims to have warned the victims before going to work that two shots had missed fire. Nelson was blown to pieces. The funeral of John Nelson takes place Monday.

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OUR CHRISTMAS DAY

A Cloudless Sky and Spring Weather in Rossland.

HOW THE DAY WAS CELEBRATED

Every Body Had a Jolly Time—Special Church Service—Christmas Dinners at the City Hotels—No Skating or Sleighing This Year—Merchants all Did Good Business.

Although there was no sleighing, coasting or skating Monday in Rossland, every body made the best of it and had a jolly time. There was bright sunshine all day, and the weather generally was better fitted for the late spring than Christmas day. Quite a few people indulged in riding, but driving was not resorted to, except where necessary for business reasons. The rink was closed all day, the weather being far too mild to make ice. No coasting was attempted, as the snow was too soft and wet, nor was there any attraction at the opera house. With the exception of the saloons and liquor stores, all the city merchants closed up their places of business all day. On Saturday evening—which was actually Christmas eve—the city stores were thronged till midnight with busy purchasers, and the streets were crowded up to a late hour. All the merchants have done good business during the past week, but, of course, Saturday was the best day with them all.

At the Roman Catholic church Rev. Father Welch celebrated high mass at midnight and again at 8:30 and 10:30 in the morning, and at 7 in the evening benediction was held. There was a good attendance at both the services, and the church was decorated with evergreens for the festival.

At the Presbyterian and Baptist churches special Christmas services were held on Sunday, and there were no services held yesterday.

The Church of England, when seen yesterday, was very tastefully decorated, the chancel arch and reredos looking particularly well. The flowers on the altar standing growing in their pots made a very pretty effect. These were presented by Mrs. Outimette, while the energies of some of the choir are to be held responsible for the decorations in general. The services yesterday were at 8:30 and 11 a. m., and again at 7 p. m. They were fairly well attended, but the absence of the well known figure of Father Pat has undoubtedly made a difference. It was hoped that the reverend gentleman would put in an appearance at Christmas time, but the rector has disappointed his host of friends. However, the festivities of the season are not over, and the church children are looking forward to a gorgeous Christmas tree next Twelfth Night (old Christmas day), and perhaps Father Pat will be on the spot to preside over this coming juvenile function.

The Christmas services at the Methodist church were held on Sunday last. Both morning and evening every exercise of the service was commemorative of the advent of the Saviour. The congregations were large, the church being filled in the evening, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. At the morning service the choir rendered as the anthem, "Blow Ye Golden Trumpets, Blow." The subject of the sermon was "Advent Portals." The text was taken from several passages, viz: Luke, 2:12: "You shall find the babe lying in a manger." Luke, 2:51: "Jesus went down with his parents and came to Nazareth and was subject unto them." Acts, 10:38: "Jesus of Nazareth who went about doing good," and Col., 1:27: "Christ in you." The main thought of the discourse was the "advent" of the Saviour, and those who love him, and 2. The reality of the presence of the Saviour in the commonplace and practicalities of our lives.

The arrangement of the evening service was different from the usual order of service, several additional exercises being introduced to render the central thought of the birth of Christ more prominent. The choir rendered the anthem throughout the service, namely "Angels From the Realms of Glory," (Danks), "Glory to God in the Highest," (Oliver), and "Peace on Earth," (Lewis). The subject of the sermon was "The Sunrising From on High." The text was taken from Luke 1:78: "The sunrising from on high hath visited us." The discourse was a forcible presentation of the power, the glory and the benefits of the incarnation of the Son of God.

The services throughout were of a most inspiring and helpful character, no small credit to this result being due the faithful and excellent services of the choir, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Geo. A. Coleman. The solo obligato (bass) by Mr. Arthur in the anthem, "Peace on Earth," was particularly well rendered.

The annual festival of the Methodist Sunday school was held in the church last evening. The interior of the building was elaborately decorated, with flags, bunting and evergreens, and at the head of the platform was a large picture of the Queen flanked by the Union Jack and Canadian flags. The building was crowded to the doors all evening, and the entertainment given was a great success in every way.

After the opening chorus by the children and the choir, Rev. Mr. Morden led in prayer, and then followed a lengthy program, including recitations by Nettie Shields, Stanley Jones, Alma Beverly, Eva Doell, Amy Logan, Willie Beverly, Gordon Rutherford, Leona Tracy, Carl Doell, Ada Morden, Myrtle Hartell, Arma Shingsby, Maudie McKay, Mildred McLean, Blanche Bissell and Percy Plewman. A solo by Flossie Adams, and several choruses by the church choir and the children.

Mr. D. D. Birks, the superintendent of the Sunday school, presented the following report for the year: Officers 15, average attendance, 12; Teachers 14, average attendance, 10; Pupils 107, average attendance, 101; Visitors, average attendance, 9. Average general attendance, 132. Verses for boys, 43; verses for girls, 52. The financial statement showed receipts cash on hand, \$30.48; collections, \$122.10; for missionary purposes, \$18.05; total, \$168.61. Expenditures for school supplies,

\$120.46 printing, \$11.53; sundry, \$24, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$23.

On each side of the platform were two very handsome Christmas trees laden with pretty gifts of all sorts. Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. R. C. Waterson, arrived on time rigged out in the full traditional costume, including the pack, and the distribution of the gifts was carried out, to the great enjoyment of the youngsters. Mr. Birks received a slightly embarrassing present, consisting of a live turkey done up in a sack. Rev. Mr. Morden and Mr. Geo. A. Coleman, the choir leader, were each presented with a purse, and Mr. Birks also received a handsome writing desk.

At Trail the Rev. Mr. Clarke has been making great headway with his new church. In the course of the past few months he has gathered quite a congregation around him, and has built a church which has vied not only successfully with its older sister at Rossland in the way of Christmas services and church decorations. A special feature of the church services in Trail was a Wednesday evening lecture on points connected with church history and church matters, which have proved extremely interesting. Mr. Clarke is to be sincerely congratulated on the success he has made in his first career.

A WILY FORGER IS IN THE TOILS

GREEN B. HITCHCOCK ACCUSED OF PASSING TWO BAD CHECKS.

One Was Palmed off on the Crescent and the Other on the Rossland Auction House.

Green B. Hitchcock is registered at the city prison with two charges of forgery booked against him. The first charge is based on a check which he made and uttered, in which the name of E. B. Kirby is forged. This check is for \$25, and was passed on George Thornburn, one of the clerks in the Crescent dry goods store. At 7 p. m. on Saturday evening Hitchcock purchased a coat for \$8 at the Crescent and tendered the forged check in payment therefor. He was given the change in cash. He is also charged with passing a check on Mr. H. Cherrington of the Rossland auction house at about 6:30 on Saturday evening. This check was for \$23 and is purported to have been made by J. B. Krantz. At the auction house he purchased about \$6 worth of merchandise and received the remainder of the \$25 in cash.

The fact that Hitchcock is under arrest is probably due to Mr. Cherrington. He became suspicious soon after the check was cashed, and left the store and hunted up Chief of Police Ingram. The check was drawn on the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and the chief directed Mr. Cherrington to find Mr. John M. Smith, manager of the bank, and to inquire of him if the check was good. Mr. Smith, when seen by Mr. Cherrington, pronounced the check a forgery, and soon the chief and Mr. Cherrington were hunting around town for the forger. In their rounds they visited the Crescent, where they learned that another check had been passed by the same man who had duped Mr. Cherrington. The quest was joined by Mr. Thornburn, but they failed to locate their quarry that night. On Sunday morning the search was resumed, and watches were put on the depots to see that a man answering Hitchcock's description did not leave town. At the Red Mountain depot nothing was seen of Hitchcock until the train was just about starting. Then Hitchcock came hurriedly up Washington street with a grip sack in his hand, evidently intending to board the train at that point. This it was that Chief of Police Ingram and Officer Bradshaw pounced upon him before he could board the train and placed him under arrest. He turned pale when told that he was in custody, but otherwise he faced the music like a veteran. The police think that he is an old hand at the business. Hitchcock came here on December 16th from Butte, registered at the Butte hotel as Samuel Tanfern. He claims to be an engineer by trade, and says he worked at his business in various places in the United States. He will appear before Mr. John Boulbee, the police magistrate, this morning for a preliminary examination.

THE DOMINION IS GROWING.

Mr. J. Rankin Thinks the Conservatives Will Win.

Mr. J. Rankin has returned from a visit to Toronto, and reports that the feeling in Toronto is that Mr. Hugh John Macdonald is the coming premier, provided his leadership in Manitoba and the Conservative party is successful. "There is no doubt," said Mr. Rankin, "about his party being successful in the forthcoming Dominion elections. One reason why they will be so is because of the reverence that is felt for the memory of Mr. Hugh John's illustrious father, Sir John Macdonald, and because of the general belief that he has many qualities in common with his sire. They consider him to have not only the qualities of a leader, but that he is a statesman of more than ordinary ability." "The Christmas trade in Toronto was immense, and were it not for the war in South Africa making money somewhat tight there would be a much larger business than there is in Kootenay mining stocks. The sentiment there is that a victory would result immediately in an increase in the stock transactions. The faith in the future of the mines here is on a fixed and enduring basis. A great many of the Eastern Canadian people have made money in investing in the mining shares of this section, and are only waiting for British successes in South Africa to again begin purchasing shares on a large scale.

"I had not visited Winnipeg since 1884, and I was surprised at the growth the place had made in the interim. When I was there before the population was about 20,000, and now it seems to me that it is almost 50,000. The main street has large and substantial buildings. Take the Bank of Commerce structure and the McIntyre block and they would be a credit to any city in the Dominion. There are many other buildings on this street to which the citizens point with pride. In the store of George D. Wood & Co. they must carry a stock of hardware that is worth \$300,000. While I was in the establishment I saw an order put up for Phoenix. In fact the entire Dominion is now going ahead faster than ever before in its history, and this Canada of ours is certain now of a great destiny."

ORE FROM GOLDBUG

It Will Run From \$140 to \$150 Per Ton.

STRIKE IN THE NORTH STAR

There is Said to be \$300,000 Worth of Ore in Sight in the New Find—The Borate Property is Improving With Each Foot of Work.

Mr. D. A. Holbrook of Greenwood, is in the city. Mrs. Holbrook and son have been in Spokane on a visit, and he is returning with her, and they will leave for Greenwood today. He reports that the carload of ore which was shipped from the Gold Bug, one of the properties of the Boundary Creek Mining & Milling company, has arrived at the Trail smelter. It is expected that the ore in this shipment will run \$140 to \$150 per ton. This will be richer than the last shipment, which went \$111 to the ton. Mr. Holbrook reports that the mining properties about Chesaw are turning out well, and that it promises to be a place of considerable importance. Mr. George B. Meacham is purchasing claims there as fast as he can, and has acquired 22, and is still buying. He has bonded the Poland China group for \$300,000. Mr. Meacham represents a Montreal syndicate. The Poland China group consists of five claims three miles northwest of Chesaw, and the properties are considered valuable. Sufficient development work has been done upon them to demonstrate their value.

THE NORTH STAR STRIKE.

From advices received from Cranbrook, it is evident that the strike in the North Star recently made, is a most important one. It was made at a point 150 feet down the hill from the old workings. There is 26 feet of ore in the vein, and the vein has been opened up by two shafts sunk at a distance of 40 feet apart, and there is already said to be \$300,000 worth of ore in sight, and there is no telling what the extent of the deposit is. Mr. J. L. Parker, the superintendent of the North Star, is being congratulated upon all sides for making the find. Some say that it is the most important strike that has been made in East Kootenay for the past several years.

Growing Richer Daily.

A letter was received Tuesday from Geo. H. Colwell, foreman of the force of men now at work on the Borate Bank & Id Mining company's property on Morning mountain, near Nelson, B. C. He says the ore is of much higher grade than it was at the time of the superintendent's last visit, about two weeks ago. "We got gray copper in the shaft yesterday, and that is of a much better grade than when you were here last. I think there will be a decided change for the better in the next five feet. It indicates it. She is all right. The boys are all well pleased with the ore."

The Rathmullen.

Mr. L. H. Moffatt, secretary of the Rathmullen company, returned on Sunday from a visit to the mine. He was accompanied by Mr. Frank D. Howe, a well known mining engineer of Spokane. Mr. Howe made a careful examination of the workings on the Maple Leaf claim, which is the most developed of the group, and expressed himself much pleased with the appearance of the property. He considers the large quantity of ore stringers in the drift at the 200-foot level indicates that the main ore body will be met with by a little additional drifting along that level. He strongly recommends that while continuing to work on the 200-foot drift, work be also done by drifting at 66 feet level, which was cut by drifting at 66 feet level. Six feet of the ledge is pay foot, which averages \$30 to \$40 to the ton, ore, which average is made to the surface, and that a winze be carried down on the ore. The work will all be in shipping ore, and will develop reserves of the same. Mr. Howe concludes his report by saying: "The ore exposures of the mine, surface and underground, warrant the belief that with a little development the property can be made a paying concern and I hope you will appreciate the value of the property enough to simply follow the ore. I find the equipment and conduct of the mine to be very much above the average, and I believe you have one of the best properties in that section."

Work on the Mountain View.

John Dorsey, manager of the Mountain View Copper company, recently organized and operating the Mountain View mineral claim, which adjoins the famous B. C. Summit camp, was in the city yesterday, and left a fine looking sample of the rock from the property. He said that the company had placed 20,000 shares on the market at 10 cents per share, and it had all been spoken for inside of three days. There are now 10 men working on the property, and others will be put on as soon as there are openings for them. The working of sinking and drifting is being proceeded with. They have now got down about 40 feet and have drifted about 20 feet. Several open cuts have also been made to determine the trend of the vein. It is the intention of the company to place the plant now lying at the railway tunnel, on the property as soon as the tunnel has been completed.

Mr. Dorsey said that the track of the Eholt branch of the C. & W. had been laid as far as Hartford Junction, where the spur runs off for Phoenix and to the Golden Crown and Winnipeg. The track

will be continued to Phoenix first. Owing to the depth of the snow on the roadbed, which has to be shovelled off, the work is proceeding slowly.

FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Messrs. Squires and Hughes Start for Headquarters at Calgary.

Messrs. Joseph Squires and Thomas Hughes, the acceptance of whose services in the second Canadian contingent for South Africa by Commissioner Herchmer was duly stated in Sunday's paper, left Rossland for Calgary last evening on the 5:00 C. P. R. train. Their departure was so hurried there was no time to turn out the Rossland Rifle company in uniform, but a large number of the men assembled at the station, together with a goodly crowd of citizens to see the departing volunteers off in good style. There was a great deal of hand-shaking and expressions of good wishes and a safe return for the travelers, and amid the hearty cheers of the crowd the train pulled out, taking two more of our citizens off to the scene of war.

Messrs. Squires and Hughes will report to Commissioner Herchmer at Calgary, and with the rest of the men gathered there will proceed direct to Halifax, from which point the whole of the second Canadian contingent will shortly sail for South Africa.

MAYOR GOODEVE IN THE FIELD

A LARGELY SIGNED REQUISITION PRESENTED TO HIM.

He Yields to the Request of Representative Citizens, and Will Again Stand For the Mayoralty.

The following requisition has been presented to Mayor Goodeve, asking him to allow his name once more to be put in nomination for the office of mayor of this city. Mr. Goodeve has consented, in view of the representative character of the requisition:

Rossland, B. C., December 12th, 1899. To A. S. Goodeve, Esq., Mayor, Rossland: Dear Sir: We, the undersigned ratepayers of the City of Rossland respectfully approach you with the request that you will offer yourself as a candidate for the Mayoralty of our city for the year 1900.

We are sure we but re-echo the sentiment of the majority of the citizens of Rossland when we say that your conduct in office has been such as to secure to you the good will and confidence of all interested in the welfare of our city.

The experience gained by you during your tenure of office will be of incalculable benefit in carrying to completion many of the matters discussed and commenced by the Council of 1899, and we feel that it would be a serious loss to the community were you to decline to hold office for another year.

In conclusion we tender you our united support, and pledge you that we will do all in our power to secure your election should you be opposed, a contingency we think doubtful.

We remain, Mr. Mayor, Yours respectfully,

- John McKane, Ross Thompson, Alex. Dick, T. Mayne Daly, Hector McRae, J. Fred Ritchie, F. W. Rolt, G. M. King, R. M. Grogan, Edw. Bowes, R. Dalby Morkill, Jr., Chas. R. Hamilton, A. Marsh, G. R. Killan, J. S. C. Fraser, W. H. Whinside, Daniel Dickinson, W. H. Falding, W. T. Oliver, J. B. Elwood, Chas. E. Benn, E. Duthie, W. de V. LeMaistre, Jack Astley, John M. Smith, A. C. Race, Frank A. Hewer, A. B. Mackenzie, D. J. Kennedy, Fred J. Perrine, Geo. E. Townshead, Jno. S. Clute, Jr., A. Klockmann, Rich'd. Plewman, C. S. Wallis, W. J. Reddin, Ernest Kennedy, J. H. Moffatt, J. J. Walker, Pat Cunningham, J. J. Walker, H. M. Rumball, P. J. Walker, Kenneth L. Burnet, W. H. Jones, John Dean, C. F. Jackson, A. W. Kenning, Edwin Durant, G. W. Richardson, H. C. Campbell, Jr., Geo. Herring, Ctas. Howson, W. J. Lascelles, F. E. Empey, D. W. Morgan, W. B. Husband, G. W. McBride, G. C. Gordon, George Purgold, Hunter Bros., Wm. M. Dunn, Claude A. Cregan, J. Ryan, M. J. O'Hearn, John Boulbee, The Reddin-Jackson Co., Ltd. Lby., F. J. Walker, Pres., H. P. Alan Montgomery.

The Mayor's Reply. Rossland, B. C., December 26th, 1899.

To Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Dr. Bowes, F. J. Walker, G. W. McBride, Ross Thompson, J. F. McCrear, R. Dalby Morkill, John Dean, John S. Clute, Jr., A. Klockmann, Hunter Bros., Patrick Cunningham, F. W. Rolt, J. Astley and others: Gentlemen:—

I certainly feel much flattered and encouraged by the very influential signed requisition which you have presented to me.

If I was to consult my private wishes I would decline the honor, but in view of the fact that the requisition is signed by men representing so many varied and valued interests, I have considered it my duty to yield to your desire. I can only say that if elected I will endeavor at all times to conscientiously fill the duties of the office, as I feel I have done in the past.

In conclusion I thank all my friends for this evidence of confidence, and I hope sincerely that they will one and all give their active support and assistance during the contest.

I am yours respectfully, A. S. GOODEVE.

Would Make Fine Scouts. Hugh MacCann and California Thompson are anxious to go to the war for the purpose of doing scout duty. They say that they can raise a company of 25 prospect

ors who are used to mountain work and are adepts with the rifle. Each man will furnish his own horse, and these animals are sure-footed and used to rough work in the mountains. If the government will accept the offer they will immediately start in and gather their company of rough riders and sure snouts together, and think that they could render a good account of themselves in the South African campaign.

Advertising Pays.

The following letter, received at this office from Mr. MacDonald of the Bon Ton Confectionery store on East Columbia avenue, speaks well for the extended circulation of The Miner:

Editor Miner—Sir: We desire to express to The Miner our satisfaction at the business results attained in this city through persistently advertising in your columns. In addition to the city business which we have rapidly built up, we have recently been receiving orders from all over the Kootenay and Yale districts for our goods, and in every instance either a clipping from The Miner or a reference to your paper has accompanied the orders. This has more than satisfied us that we have received very good value indeed for the money we have invested in advertising with you. We wish you the compliments of the season and a very prosperous new year. M. McK. MACDONALD, The Bon Ton Confectionery Store, Rossland, December 26, 1899.

THE SURVEY IS NOW COMPLETED

THE GRADE IS EASY FROM HERE TO THE VELVET MINE.

It is a Little Over One Per Cent to the Summit of the Mountain, and Two Per Cent From There On.

The party of Canadian Pacific surveyors under Mr. G. G. McCarthy, which has for the past two months been surveying a line for a railway between this city and the Velvet mine, on the west slope of Sophie mountain, has just completed its labors, and Tuesday was engaged in moving its camp equipage preparatory to taking it to Robson. There are 14 members in the party, and they report that the work has not been of the pleasantest character, floundering around in the snow and running lines through the brush and timber on the sides of the mountains. The line as surveyed is 15 miles in length. The grade from Rossland to the top of Sophie mountain is a little over one per cent. From there down the west slope of Sophie mountain the grade is two per cent. There will be five legs of a switchback on the west side of Sophie mountain to reach the Velvet. The survey starts at the War Eagle switch, and continues west and north along the side of Red mountain, a longest bridge on the road will be between Red and Spokane mountains. Then it runs along the sides of Spokane and O. K. mountain. The latter mountain is really a portion of Spokane mountain. From O. K. mountain it crosses to the side of Record mountain, and thence along that mountain to the summit of Sophie mountain, and thence by switchbacks to the Velvet mine. It will not be a difficult or costly road to build. There are only a few bridges to construct, and these will be small. There is considerable sidehill grading but the rock work will not amount to a great deal. The distance to the top of Sophie mountain is 12 miles, and from the summit to the Velvet is three miles. It is understood that but little remains to be done now but to construct the road. The field notes taken will have to be extended and then a contract could be let. President T. G. Shingnessy stated when he was here that the intention was to construct the line, provided a practical route could be found. Now that this has been done the probabilities are that in the near future the contract for the construction of the Rossland-Sophie mountain line will have been let.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Certificates of Improvements.

- To the English-Canadian company, limited, on the Philadelphia. To same on the London Belle. To same on the Sidney. To same on the Early Morn. To same on the Mountain Lion. To same on the Monterey. To same on the A. B. C. To same on the Roman Eagle. To same on the Jennie. To same on the Edna. To same on the May Flower Fraction. To same on the S. C. Fraction. To same on the Gopher Fraction. To same on the Homestake Fraction. To same on the Vancouver. To same on the Bobolink. To same on the Mountain Lion Fraction. Certificates of Work. To the Philadelphia Mining company on the Mountain Trail. To same on the Mountain Trail Fraction. To same on the Alleghany. To same on the Hadley Hall. To same on the Hatfield. To same on the Lone Star. To Thomas H. Tracey, on the Joanna. To Allan G. White on the Princess. To same on the Duke. Bills of Sale. Ben Fimmel to Patrick G. Marshall, the Marshall Fraction on Sophie mountain for \$1. A. L. Anderson to Madeline Layton, a 50th interest in the Ella Fraction on Deer Park mountain, for \$1. H. L. Burnet to James E. Poupore, the Deafness No. 1 Fraction, adjoining the Spizee claim, within the city limits of Rossland, for \$1. Charles Haller to John Knaff, a 18th interest in the Iron Chief, Cumberland, Teller and Cashier claims, situated about 10 miles from Rossland, for \$1.

Notice. By Joseph B. Dabney and R. C. Macdonald, Ovide Poulin and George Moore, have conveyed to him a 3-5th interest in the Lone Star and Sibley claims on Sophie mountain, in consideration of payment to each of the parties named of a one-fourth interest of the whole amount for which said interests are sold.

HE IS AN OLD MAN ELOQUENT

WHAT MR. A. W. ROSS HAS TO SAY OF SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

One of the Last of the Fathers of Confederation and a Most Progressive Canadian Statesman.

Columbia, B. C., Dec. 22.—[Special.]—Mr. A. W. Ross of Columbia was seen last night by a Miner reporter, and gave the following interview. Mr. Ross meets Sir Charles Tupper out at Robson on Monday morning and accompanies him to Columbia, where a reception will be held in the afternoon after the arrival of the train, and the people of Grand Forks will give him a banquet in the evening.

On Tuesday Sir Charles goes to Greenwood, where he will address a public meeting, and on Wednesday he will return to Columbia and Grand Forks, where a joint public meeting will be held in the evening, after which he proceeds easterly. Mr. Ross said: "Sir Charles is a wonder, now in his 80th year, stamping Manitoba, with its severe climate, and in many cases the accommodations were not of a superior character; and not content with that, he is now traveling through British Columbia holding meetings to give the people an idea of the policy of his party. Age cannot wither him nor custom stale.

"The late Mr. Gladstone might surpass Sir Charles at his age in falling trees, but could not compare with him in traveling long distances, and in holding meetings under trying physical circumstances. "When I was elected in 1882 to the house of commons, there were still living a number of the 'Fathers of Confederation,' but now Sir Charles is one of the few left, and by all odds the ablest and most vigorous. In my experience in the house, I considered the late Sir John A. Macdonald, John Henry Pope and Sir Charles Tupper the three ablest men in Canada, and at the same time the most progressive.

"The building of the C. P. R. and the western development in Canada are due to these men. In the conception of the best plan to be adopted for the speedy completion of the C. P. R., more is due to Sir Charles, but in carrying the house, and in satisfying the country that the best methods were chosen, the principal credit is due to Sir John. Sir Charles always showed himself a Canadian in the broadest sense, and not a parochial politician, as are and were so many of our leading men. "The country west of Lake Superior never had a truer and more consistent and hopeful friend, even in its darkest days, than Sir Charles.

"When Mr. Blake and even the Globe predicted that the C. P. R. would never be built across the Selkirk, would never pay grades for the axle of the car wheels in the district of Regina, and that the road would finally be abandoned and thrown back on the country to operate, Sir Charles, with that divine optimism which has ever marked his public utterances, made hopeful predictions of the future of Western Canada, and his predictions, one by one, are being realized. I know that Western Canada owes him much, and today he is by all odds the ablest man in the party.

"At the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, the mantle of the chief should have fallen upon Sir Charles, as the natural leader of the great historical party, but owing to personal exigencies, an 'old man's man' in the person of Sir John Abbott was chosen, and just previous to his death Sir John Thompson was selected, a man of great forensic ability, but he was a political coward, too narrow for a statesman and leader of a progressive party, and was not a Canadian in his broadest sense, as he had not expanded sufficiently to take in a bird's-eye view of the Dominion.

"The next leader, Sir McKenzie Bowell, had not the confidence of the various leaders of his own party, and the inevitable result followed, the Conservative party went to seed.

"After Sir John A. Macdonald's death, the so-called leaders of the Conservative party masqueraded in Sir John's clothes, trading on his fame and his achievements, and pretending that they were the inheritors of a policy by which he won the title to be called 'the greatest statesman of Canada'; but they did nothing but intrigue against each other, and were merely 'marking time' as far as a policy for the country was concerned. The country was sick of family rows and inanity among the members of the cabinet, where rancorous jealousy and miserable pettiness reigned supreme, and where a great policy for the country was hardly ever thought of.

"The ship of state in Sir McKenzie Bowell's time started with doling egotism in the captain's cabin, double dealing and office seeking on the quarter-deck, and the ship was foundered. At its very best, the policy of successive Conservative governments was merely a 'squeeze' of the policy of Sir John.

"Sir Charles, Hugh John and George E. Foster are now vivifying and reorganizing the Conservative party, and the signs are hopeful. "Hon. Mr. Sifton is studying the political heavens, and fails to see even a bow in the clouds. The policy of the Liberal party has undergone a strange metamorphosis since it came into power, and the heterogeneous leadership under which the party moves and oscillates is beginning to tell. Sir Wilfrid has found it much easier to lead an opposition than to successfully form and hold a compact ministerial party.

"Sir Charles is accused of egotism. That may be so, but his egotism is rigid and invincible, and whatever policy he announces it is his own.

"After all, what this new country requires is masterfulness in the cabinet council, a strong forward progressive policy of development, and if Sir Charles is successful in carrying the country's actions will undoubtedly be in this direction. The great fault lies in store for Canada lies in the region west of Lake Superior, and Sir Charles is fully cognizant of this fact."