

# ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER.

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## NEEDS OF ROSSLAND

They Will Be Presented to the Provincial Parliament.

## BOARD OF TRADE MEETS

J. B. McArthur Instructed to Proceed to Victoria and to Inform the Solons in Session of a Few of the Things That Are Necessary Here.

At Monday's meeting of the Board of Trade J. B. McArthur, president of the board, was instructed to leave for Victoria today to present to and enforce upon the Provincial legislature, the demands of the board for the advancement of the interests and welfare of Rossland and Kootenay.

There are many matters which have been considered by the board, all of vital importance. Two of these, a representative for South Kootenay, and the proposed amendment of the mineral act were covered at the meeting last night, in a motion by W. F. Rolt that inasmuch as the principal mining districts of the upper country of this province have, as yet, little or no representation in the Provincial house, further important alterations and amendments to the mineral act be postponed for the present, and until the promised redistribution act comes into force. And further, this board does not consent to the suggestion of J. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, requiring assessment work to be done within 90 days. The motion found a second in William A. Dunn, and was heartily endorsed and supported by the other members of the board. The supporter of this motion, Mr. Rolt, stated that we expect to be given a seat without being tributary to any other town or district, and above all, we expect to be given a member, and that this unfortunate mineral act should be left alone for a few years, until at least we have a representative to voice the sentiments and needs of the mining districts. He was of the opinion that the mineral act should not be tinkered with, and that many members who have heretofore taken an interest in legislating for the mining districts would do well to devote their attention to the needs of the salmon canneries, farming industries and other things with which they are better acquainted.

In reference to that portion of the motion referring to the completion of assessment work within 90 days, the opposition to such an amendment was general. Mr. McArthur said that prospecting was just what the country needed, and he did not think that prospectors should be bothered for the next 10 years. Other remarks of a similar nature were made by those present. Mr. Clabon thought there was evidently some good reason for Carlyle's suggestion, and Mr. Townsend stated that he had been told that it was prompted by a prospector, owned nearly 90 claims. He was satisfied, however, that we would soon have the district of South Kootenay and with a good man to represent us there would be the proper legislation.

In general support of the demands of the board of trade, on behalf of Rossland and the Trail Creek division, was the large voting list, which, A. B. Clabon stated, would contain 1,000 names, also called attention to the fact that many active and energetic citizens from other provinces who had cast their lot in Rossland were deprived of suffrage for the reason that they had not resided here for the period of 12 months, as the law at present requires. He therefore moved, and it was supported by Mr. Townsend, that it was the sense of the board that the period for registration be reduced to six months instead of 12.

Mr. McArthur will present to the board at Victoria, in a general way, such claims as the board feels that the revenues and voting population of Rossland and the district entitles them to, and the majority of which were presented to and endorsed by Hon. J. H. Turner while in office in October last. Mr. McArthur will call attention to the necessity for a courthouse and a law registry office. For the completion of the new school house he will take with him the estimate of the building in its entirety to be \$13,251. He will ask for reasonable grants for trails and roads, especially on the Rossland mountain, and for fire purposes. It was shown that Kamloops and Cariboo received from the government \$500 per year in support of the fire department, while the other inland towns, including Rossland, were given but \$200. Mr. McArthur will endeavor to have the amounts increased to the full limit. These and many other matters will keep him busy at Victoria, but he goes well fortified with facts and figures, so that he will be able to present the claims of Rossland with the strongest possible arguments.

## THE B. A. CORPORATION

No One Authorized to Act For Hon. Mr. Mackintosh. The MINER has been requested to state that no official has been appointed in connection with the British America corporation except Mr. Carlyle, who enters upon his duties on the first of April. In the absence of the resident director, Mr. Mackintosh, no one is authorized to act for him.

**The Price of Metal.**  
New York, Feb. 23.—Copper—Firm; brokers' price, 11 1/4; exchange price, \$11.30 to \$11.50. 1. ad—Barely steady; brokers' price \$3.00; exchange price, \$3.77 1/2 to \$3.82 1/2.

## DOYLE ARRAIGNED.

The Prisoner Seems to Feel His Position Very Keenly.—The prisoner NELSON, Feb. 18, [Special].—The prisoner Doyle was arraigned yesterday before Gold Commissioner Dennis charged with the murder of Dennis Connors at Koskoonook on the night of February 13. The evidence taken was practically the same as that given at the inquest. At the conclusion the case was adjourned until today to allow the court stenographer time to transcribe his notes so that the evidence may be read over to the prisoner. The court room was packed with people eager to hear the evidence which locks every black indeed.

After the evidence was read to the prisoner he was asked if he had anything to say and was given the usual caution. Doyle stood up in the prisoners' box and said his name was Davis and that he had lived in the west for 18 years; the shooting, he declared, was done in self defence, as Connors had threatened previously to shoot him in the Alexander hotel Connors got up and made a revolver. He understood that Connors had a gun and shot first. The prisoner was committed to stand trial at the next assizes in June.

The new scow built for the Canadian Pacific Railway company by Elliott & Hale was launched yesterday and has gone into service on Kootenay lake. The company is calling for tenders for the construction of a new wharf along their present wharf for the accommodation of the new barge. It is one of the largest barges on the inland waters of Canada, being 200 feet long and 38 feet wide with three masts capable of accommodating five freight cars each. The South Kootenay board of trade is making an effort to have the insurance rate on city property in the business blocks reduced. They claim that the efficient condition of the fire brigade and the question of freight rates on ore from different points to the Nelson smelter in order that no discrimination be made against this place.

## FIRST ANNUAL BALL

Fire Department and Friends Dance in the Opera House. One of the most enjoyable social events this season was that given by the firemen of Rossland Monday evening at the Rossland opera house. The building was very prettily decorated, and the ball was under the auspices of the grand marsh and the committee.

The grand march was led by Chief McKinnon and Mrs. Lynch, and the intermission in the program was just long enough to permit the guests to partake of the excellent supper, which was served in the Kootenay and Vendome dining rooms. The music, which was especially good, was by Professor Dreyfus, pianist, assisted by Miss Rogers, pianist. The proceeds of the ball will go to a general fund for the firemen's new quarters and for equipment.

The committees in charge were: Arrangements—Chief McKinnon, J. G. Martin, J. Squires, W. J. Moon, E. F. Pass, G. Greening. Reception—Mayor Wallace and board of aldermen. Floor—T. E. Miller, W. J. Moon, J. Squires, J. Watson, F. Raymer, E. A. Rolf, D. McDonald, C. M. Weller and J. A. McLean.

## High Grade Gold Ore.

Samples of ore from the Silver Tip group were received at the MINER office yesterday and are now on exhibition in the window of the business office. This group is situated on Salmon river, seven miles from Salmon, and consists of three full sized claims. The main vein is five feet wide and at a depth of 12 feet contains ore yielding \$91 in gold besides considerable copper and a trace of silver. The claims are advantageously located for extensive development on an economical basis. The owners are W. R. Bredford and George Hering of this city, who are heavily interested in mining property in the Salmon river country.

## FOUR LIVES LOST.

An Avalanche Plays Havoc in South Quebec. QUEBEC, Feb. 23.—Four lives were lost by an avalanche in South Quebec last night, and two houses destroyed. They were built under a cliff opposite the G. T. R. sheds and a little west of the Victoria hotel. The disaster occurred without warning. One house was crushed by the snow from above, while the upper stories of the other were overturned in front of the street. The Labreque family were in the upper part of the house during which it made a complete somersault and escaped practically unharmed. Those in the lower part, consisting of the Angers family, the father and two children were taken out dead. Mrs. Angers, who is in a critical condition, and four of the children, escaped. In another house James King, son and daughter, escaped unhurt, but Mrs. King is still in the injured and is undoubtedly dead.

## FROM THE RECORDS.

**Transfers.**  
Jeff Davis and Free Coinage, Mark Kuntz to Thomas Garrison.  
One-sixth interest in Leinster Light and one quarter in Townsville, J. F. O'Farrell to George Fisher.  
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Lucky Strike—C. E. Peterson to Jens Olsen.  
Star—Fred Williams to Joseph E. Mann.  
Iron King—Angus Matheson to Ed Watson.  
Sullivan—Pat Cumming to A. F. Sinclair.  
King of the Hills—Lawrence Slover to A. M. Baldwin.  
Daylight—Ed Maloney to John Woodard.

## MINES AND MINING

Two Unlooked For Leads Found in the Santa Rosa.

## LICENSES JUST ISSUED

Several New Incorporations That Were Recently Issued—How the Plans of the British America Corporation Are to Be Formulated.

In the development of the Santa Rosa group, on the west side of Sheep creek, two unlooked for leads have been encountered, to the encouragement of those owning the property. The first of these was about 75 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, eight feet in width and composed of marcasite with fluor-spar discolored. The second has just been encountered, and is a three-foot ledge of marcasite, showing considerable pyrrhotite. It is expected to drive about 240 feet further, before cutting the main ledge. The force now at work is making about two and a half feet daily.

**Licenses Issued.**  
The B. C. Gazette notes that licenses have been issued to extra provincial companies as follows:

The British Columbia Town Properties Syndicate, limited, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The head office of the company is in London, and the principal office in the province is at Rossland, and the attorneys are Messrs. Daly & Hamilton.  
The South Kootenay Gold Dredging & Mining company, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The head office in the province is in North Bend, Yale district, and Luther E. Symme is the attorney.  
The Klondike-Columbia Goldfields, limited, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The head office is in London, Eng., and the office in this province is in Victoria, and Joseph Roscovitz is attorney.

Among the new incorporations are the following:  
The British America Development company, limited, with a capital stock of \$300,000. The objects for which this company has been incorporated are:

To acquire all the rights, properties, assets and privileges acquired and now held by E. C. Platt, of the city, county and state of New York, as agent and upon trust for the promoters of the company (and for the shareholders thereof), that is to say:  
To purchase from Francis M. York and Samuel Horace Davis, both of Victoria, B. C., of all the properties and assets of the firm carrying on business in British Columbia, as the Teslin and Yukon Transportation company, just before the recent snowfall, showed some excellent ore at 150 feet. To all appearance the ore is the same as that of the Tamarack.

An assay of the ore from the shaft of the Sunset No. 2 was made Monday and it went \$38 in gold to the ton. The ore in the shaft continues to improve with depth.

The work of widening the shaft of the Great Western is making excellent progress and will be finished in about three weeks. The shaft is 100 feet and was \$47 feet before and is now being made \$812, which will make it a double compartment shaft.

A force of men is at work on the properties of the Salmo Consolidated company, on Big Sheep creek, in relation to the mineral and the shaft is two shafts employed and the shaft is 55 feet. Ore at the bottom of the shaft assays \$59.91.

Ryan, Peterson & Murphy have gone to work in earnest on the Sovereign, on Lookout mountain, and have two shafts started. Mr. Ryan says he purposes to give the Sovereign a fair trial this time and will not give up for a year, at least.

## A HEAVY SNOWSTORM.

It is so Severe That the Rotary Flow Will Be Used. The train on the Red Mountain railway did not arrive Monday until about 8 o'clock. The cause of the delay was a very heavy snowstorm on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway between Nelson and Ymir. This delayed the south-bound train for over three hours. Those who were in charge of the train say that the snowfall was the greatest seen since 1868. In fact, snow is so deep that a rotary snow plow that has been tried up at Marcus since 1893 was ordered and will be put to work clearing away the snow in the vicinity of where the train was stalled yesterday. It was thought, unless the plow is put to work it will be impossible to get the trains through today. The rotary plow, however, will quickly clear the track and there will be no more trouble from snow.

## WEDDING BELLS.

T. J. Smith Returns From Manitoba With His Bride. T. J. Smith, secretary of the Canadian-American Mining & Development company, arrived in Rossland Saturday evening after a two months' visit to Manitoba. He brought back with him a bride. The wedding took place at Brandon on the 16th of February and the ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of the friends of the high contracting parties. The bride was Miss Marie Robinson, a charming, accomplished and handsome young lady of Brandon. The presents were numerous and costly and included enough fine silverware for two families. The wedding supper was a gorgeous and charming affair, and the guests were numerous. The marriage ceremony was performed at 8 p.m. and at 12 o'clock, midnight, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were on board the cars en route for Rossland on their wedding trip. It is their intention to make Rossland their future home.

## Around Red Mountain.

Among the appropriations for roads around Rossland, an effort will be made to have included one for a road around Red Mountain, in order to accommodate all mines, which are not immediately accessible by the present road. Not only would this prove of advantage to the properties on this mountain, but it would also create an outlet for the adjoined mountains. Mr. McArthur, who has gone to Victoria, will urge an increased appropriation for this purpose.

## WANT A WAGON ROAD.

It Will Be of Benefit in Opening the Glen-Robinson Section. J. M. Robinson of the Canadian-American Mining & Development company, has returned from Manitoba and is now at the properties of the company in the Glen-Robinson camp. He is superintending the circulation of a petition which asks the provincial government to build a wagon road from Lake Okanagan to the Glen-Robinson camp, so as to tap the promising mining region located there. In a few days he will come to this city and from here he will go to Victoria, where he will present the petition for the wagon road to the legislature and urge its passage. Mr. Robinson is also interested in the scheme for improving the Okanagan river from Lake Osoyoos to Okanagan. The United States government is about to open the Okanagan river from the Columbia to the boundary line. If like betterments of the river is made north of the boundary by the Dominion government it will give the people of that section, which is rich in mineral and agricultural resources, a new outlet via the American side. They already have an outlet via Lake Okanagan and the Shuswap and Okanagan branch of the C. P. R.

## Better Mail Service.

Postoffice Inspector Fletcher arrived Saturday from Victoria to take a hand in the investigation of the matter of the registered mail pouches which are supposed to have been stolen a few evenings ago from the Columbia & Western depot. In company with J. O. McLeod, superintendent of the railway mail service, he went over all the details of the case, and the matter is now in the hands of Chief of Police Ingram. Mr. Fletcher says there is very likely to be a mail service on the Slovan river road in a few days, and he is going over, in company with Mr. McLeod, in relation to it. This is the matter which has attracted attention yesterday, and the general public will be glad to know that the authorities are looking after it. As was stated, it has been taking three days for a letter to go from Nelson to Slovan City, whereas with proper service, it should take about three hours.

## MINING NOTES.

The Golden Crown company, operating the Golden Crown, eight miles from Greenwood, has installed a \$4,000 plant, with engine, boiler and hoist. Twenty men are employed in sinking a 60-foot shaft.

The Slough Creek Mining company, of Cariboo, of which W. H. Fife, formerly of Rossland was president, and E. N. Dumette of this city is treasurer, has sold its property to the Incorporated Gold Mines of British Columbia.

The last blast on the Brunswick, just before the recent snowfall, showed some excellent ore at 150 feet. To all appearance the ore is the same as that of the Tamarack.

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## THE STOCK MARKET

It Is Beginning to Manifest Signs of Activity.

## FAIR VOLUME OF BUSINESS

Some Good Sized Blocks of the Leading Shares Were Disposed of During the Past Week—A Revival is Anticipated With Cheaper Reduction.

Stock brokers report that the volume of business during the past week has been fair. While there has been no rush to purchase, there have been quite a number of good sized sales. Holders, during the past few weeks, have been inclined to meet the views of purchasers, and this has helped to swell the number of transfers. Among the free sellers were Iron Mask, Josie, Noble Five, Fern, minimum, and Eureka Consolidated. The important sales of the week were 2,000 shares of Le Roi at \$7.60; 8,000 War Eagle at \$1.05; 20,000 Iron Mask at 40 cents; and 10,000 Red Mountain View at a price that is withheld.

There has been a big demand for Eureka Consolidated, and it is held at 5 1/2 cents. The reason for the sudden call for this stock, which up to a short time since was rather slow in its movements, is not known.

The several brokers who were asked concerning it yesterday, a large block of Salmo Consolidated was sold in the east this week at the market price. The fact that work has been resumed on this property and a season's activity struck may account for the activity of this stock. The brokers say that they expect a much better market just as soon as the snow is gone. Then work is to be resumed on a number of mining properties in the South belt. There are numerous ore bodies of large size, and many of which run from \$3 to \$15 per ton. With the decrease in the cost of smelting that is promised it is certain that a number of these mines can be made to yield a profit. It is contended that if there is only a profit of \$1 per ton realized after the expenses of mining, transportation and treatment have been paid that it will be worth mining for. The low gold prices are generally large and the cost of mining in such bodies is reduced to a minimum. This renewed activity, when it comes to pass, will, it is claimed, be a cause of revival in the stock market that will make trading lively. Then, too, the operations of the B. C. and other large companies will lead to developments that cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on the share market, and the outlook for business is certainly good.

Reports from London indicate that there is a fair demand there for the shares of the Kenneth, Dundee and Wild Horse and others of the Ymir group of companies. These companies have representatives in the London market and they are energetically putting forward the real merits of their properties controlled by their companies and the result is that the shares are finding a ready sale and at fairly good prices.

**THERE IS WAR TALK.**  
Main Explosion Said to Be the Work of a Fanatic. New York, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says: The situation in Havana is more grave than it was a week ago. Although the officers of the naval board of inquiry preserve an impenetrable reserve, it is learned that some of the best naval experts believe the explosion to have been the work of a fanatic. They do not believe in the conspiracy. From evidence in their possession they believe the Spanish government and the military authorities are guilty of all knowledge or participation in the crime.

Consul-General Lee has informally advised Americans, not necessarily detained here, to leave for home as soon as possible. Many families will be home at once. This is an indication that those on the ground realize the possibility of trouble arising suddenly and their inability to protect the women and children if an outbreak occurs.

**Not Due to Accident.**  
New York, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: The further inquiry into the causes that led to the Maine disaster proceeds, the more remote appear the chances that any evidence is to be discovered to the satisfaction of those who penetrated the forward part of the wreck, found the whole twisted 15 or 20 degrees to a wilderness of that part of the vessel is a wilderness of sharp edges of some of the plates added to the danger to the divers by getting their life lines into a tangle and the fraying of the cords. In one instance the plates almost cut through the rubber tube which supplied a diver with air.

The coaling of the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya was resumed early today, and it can be finished she will sail for Havana this evening.

**Blown Up From the Outside.**  
Havana, via Key West, Feb. 23.—The situation, which may be changed at any moment by fresh discoveries, may be summed up when this dispatch is sent this afternoon, substantially as follows: The divers had discovered cases of the brown hexagonal powder for the 10-inch gun unexploded, and believing also that others unexploded will be found in the 10-inch magazine on the starboard side forward, the conviction grows that the magazine did not blow up. If this be so, and many have insisted from the first that it is, the further conviction is forced that the explosion which wrecked the Maine came from the outside of the port bow.

## CHINESE IN THE MINES.

The Trades Council Adopts Resolutions Against Their Employment. The appended resolutions in relation to the employment of Chinese in the mines were adopted at a recent meeting of the Trades and Labor Council:

Whereas, The supreme court of British Columbia has declared constitutional an act passed by the legislature prohibiting the employment of Chinese in coal mines in the province; and

Whereas, It is contended as justification for such legislation that Chinese are a source of danger in many ways to the lives and limbs of operatives of such mines; and

Whereas, The same elements of danger to a great extent are to be contended against in metalliferous mines as are encountered in coal mines, as well as other dangers that are unknown to the coal mining industry;

Whereas, It has been a matter of common comment that Chinese have been extensively employed in the Van Anda metalliferous mine, Texada Island, B. C. Therefore be it resolved, That we, the Trades and Labor Council of Rossland, urgently request the government to introduce a law to prohibit the employment of Mongolians in metalliferous mines, with sufficient penalties to enforce to secure its due observance;

Whereas, The legislature of British Columbia in the year 1880 having deemed it wise and advisable, passing an act providing for the prohibition of the employment of Chinese underground in coal mines;

Whereas, It has come to our knowledge that said act has for almost eight years been openly, flagrantly and viciously violated by the Union Colliery company, of Vancouver Island, a corporation controlled by the Dunsmuir family, who have been the recipients of concessions of incalculable value from the people of this province; and

Whereas, It is alleged that Chinese to the number of 600 or 800 are employed in, and at the mines of the said company at Union, B. C., much to the danger of the lives and limbs of white men engaged in said mines, and to the hindrance and detriment of the interests of labor generally;

Whereas, Said act has been declared constitutional by the supreme court of British Columbia; but owing to the fact that no provision has been made, naming penalties for the punishment of violation thereof, said law is to all practical purposes inoperative and little better than a farce, therefore be it resolved, That we, the Trades and Labor Council, of Rossland, consider it the duty of the government to make every possible provision to compel corporations to comply with the law of the province, as well as other citizens of the state; and we request the government to introduce legislation providing for a penalty of \$10 per day for each and every Chinaman employed in coal mines contrary to law.

## URGING REGISTRATION.

Committee Hard at Work Hunting Up Delinquents. Since H. McCutcheon and H. F. McCraney, the private committee, started out about two weeks ago, they have collected the names of nearly 650 registered voters at Rossland and Trail, which, with those already collected, brings the number up to 870 votes. Of these about 150 come from Trail, and all told, the list will soon reach more than 1,000.

Those who have not registered are urged to do so. They will find blank cards at the office of A. B. Clabon, or may present their names to the gentlemen mentioned. Were it not for the fact that the law requires a residence of 12 months in the province and two months in the district, the members of the number would be increased by more than half, and it was for this reason that Mr. Clabon urged before the board of trade, Monday evening, that the period be reduced to six months, of which four should constitute a residence in the province and two in the district. As it is now, there are several citizens who are deprived of suffrage.

## ANOTHER YUKON ROAD.

It Is to Be Constructed From Lynn Canal Over the White Pass.

New York, Feb. 23.—A Washington dispatch to the Tribune says: The indications are that the facilities for reaching the Klondike, in a comparatively short time, will be ample to meet all reasonable demands. Trustworthy information has reached here from London to the effect that a syndicate of English and American capitalists are perfecting arrangements for the construction of a road from the head of Lynn canal over the White pass, and thence by a route already located to a point on the Yukon river below the rapids and other obstructions to clear safe navigation. The road will be 350 miles long, and at the point where it meets the Yukon there is said to be sufficient water at all times for safe navigation. The London managers of the road have been in cable correspondence with government officials to ascertain whether the United States would place obstacles in the way of the proposed plan. They have been unofficially informed that the United States would probably welcome a properly constructed road with which to meet the increasing demand for transportation to meet the Klondike. Attention was called to the fact that some time ago it was announced that the Dominion parliament had under consideration a bill granting a syndicate the exclusive right for five years to build a railway across the border to the Yukon, thus shutting out American competition. The Canadian plan, it is understood, contemplated the building of a road from a point on the Stickeen river to the Yukon. The new company, it is said, will begin operations in a short time. They hold a charter from the Canadian government, which was granted some time ago for the road along the route stated, and hence any charter granted to a Canadian company must be made subject to a prior right to the White pass project.

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THE ORE SHIPMENTS. Following are the ore shipments from the mines adjacent to Rossland from Jan. 1 to Feb. 10, 1898:

Table with columns for mine name (Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Footman, Iron Mask, Cliff) and quantity (Total, 9,386).

The ore shipments for the seven days from Feb. 12 to Feb. 19, inclusive, were as follows:

Table with columns for mine name (Le Roi, War Eagle, Iron Mask) and quantity (Total, 1,015).

The shipments for the same period last year aggregated 67 tons.

REDISTRIBUTION.

The suggestion of THE MINER that Kootenay be given three additional members in the redistribution bill to be introduced at the present session of the legislature has been widely referred to, and with the single exception of the Nelson Miner, was received without adverse criticism.

It is a trifle unfortunate that Mr. Jowett's sheet, which of late has been very much on the fence in the discussion of all important issues, has at last gained sufficient courage to take a stand regarding redistribution that is antagonistic to the best interests of Kootenay.

MISLEADING.

Dr. Walkem made a strong point when he showed how differently the home-owning miners of Nanaimo and other coal mining centers are situated in respect to taxation to what the transient class of miners in Kootenay and other gold and silver mining regions are.

The Colonist also overestimates the importance of the statement that Kootenay miners are saving their money so as to go to the Yukon, and unintentionally, perhaps, is rather misleading.

PROVINCIAL VITAL STATISTICS.

The twenty-fourth annual report of the registration of births, marriages and deaths, which covers the year 1896, has just been handed in to the legislature.

were carried off by tubercular disease. This reveals that the Province is singularly free from that disease which in the United States and other countries carries off more victims than perhaps any other form which death takes.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

The fine (?) Italian hand of Senator William Templeman has been more or less in evidence in Provincial politics ever since that gentleman first became the publisher of the Daily Times of Victoria.

There is good reason for this, too. It has been demonstrated that it costs a large sum to properly open up a property here. While it is manifest that there are some chutes of very rich ore, there are vast deposits of low grade ore that can only be worked at a profit when manipulated on a large scale and with plants that must of necessity be expensive.

THE FUTURE STOCK EXCHANGE.

That the stock business of Rossland will increase, grow and flourish with the development of the mines of the division and the district is as certain as that two and two are four.

CONCENTRATED EFFORTS.

The trend of affairs in the Trail Creek division seems to be toward centralization, and owing to geological conditions the great expenses involved in developing properties this seems to be a logical outcome.

THE TRAIL CREEK ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

The Trail Creek mining division should be made a separate and distinct Provincial electoral district, because of the number of qualified electors who reside within its limits and because of its commercial and industrial importance.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The public funds cannot be better invested than in facilitating the development of the mines of the Kootenays.

THE GLOBE OF LONDON, ENGL., SAYS THAT \$30,000,000 OF GOLD HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE CARIBBOO PLACERS.

Nothing like taking ample time to make a public celebration a success. The enterprising people of Silverton are arranging an elaborate program for the Twenty-fourth of May.

THESE RUMORS CONCERNING PROBABLE CHANGES IN THE PROVINCIAL CABINET NATURALLY CAUSE WEST KOOTENAY TO PONDER AS TO HER CHANCES FOR A PORTFOLIO IN THE TURNER ADMINISTRATION.

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT ITS PRESENT SESSION ARE THE PASSAGE OF AN EQUITABLE REDISTRIBUTION MEASURE AND THE PUBLIC NEEDS OF KOOTENAY.

THERE SEEMS TO BE GOOD GROUNDS FOR THE BELIEF THAT THE NEW REDISTRIBUTION BILL WILL PROVIDE FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, AND IT IS NOT PROBABLE THAT ANY OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AS NOW CONSTITUTED WILL SUFFER THE LOSS OF A REPRESENTATIVE.

KNOWING THAT HEWITT BOSTOCK IS THE OPPOSITE TO BEING A HUMBUG, IT IS NOT UNNATURAL THAT A READER OF RECENT ISSUES OF THE PROVINCE OF VICTORIA IS SURPRISED AT THE TOMMYROT THAT HAS APPEARED IN THAT JOURNAL CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF CHINESE IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE INTENTION OF F. C. COTTON, M. P., P., TO MOVE THAT THE MINERS' LICENSE TAX SHALL BE ABOLISHED COMES RATHER LATE IN THE DAY.

FROM PRESENT INDICATIONS IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE TIME OF THE VICTORIA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WILL BE MOSTLY CONSUMED DURING THE PRESENT SESSION IN PASSING ACTS INCORPORATING RAILWAY COMPANIES.

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PERUVAL OF THE DISTRICT PRESS PROVES CONCLUSIVELY THAT KOOTENAY TODAY IS THE SCENE OF GREATER MINING ACTIVITY THAN EVER BEFORE.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SHOULD REMEMBER THAT KOOTENAY WILL BE CAPABLE OF PAYING OFF THE PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS OF THE PROVINCE WITHOUT MUCH INCONVENIENCE TO ITS INHABITANTS AS SOON AS THE DISTRICT REACHES AN ADVANCED STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

THIS YEAR THE FAMOUS SLOCAN WILL BREAK ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS IN THE OUTPUT OF GALENA ORE.

MATLAND KERSEY, OF THE GREAT CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT SYNDICATE, ALTHOUGH A RESIDENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR ONLY A FEW WEEKS, DOES NOT SEEM TO BE LOSING ANY TIME IN BECOMING ACQUAINTED WITH THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

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minion government has deliberately given the builders of the Sticken-Teslin lake a transportation monopoly is certainly to be deplored and condemned.

MARKET FEATURES.

Iron Mask, War Eagle and LeRoi have been the favorites with investors during the past week.

While Mr. McArthur may be expected to do all in his power to obtain from the legislative assembly the legislation and appropriations that the board of trade is asking for Rossland and the surrounding district, it should be remembered that the most urgent representations will be necessary to secure all that is asked.

The following is from the Spokesman-Review:

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HIBERNAL SPORTS

The Winter Carnival Opened Auspiciously Last Evening.

HOCKEY AND DANCING

The Rossland Club Easily Defeated the Nelson Boys by a Score of 6 to 1—Ball at the Hotel Allen—Program for the Events of Today.

The winter carnival opened most auspiciously Thursday. The cold snappy weather continued, and a light snow began falling in the afternoon which assured excellent ski and snowshoe races.

The carnival opened last evening in the Palace skating rink, when the first match in the hockey tournament for the championship of British Columbia and a magnificent silver trophy, was played between the Nelson and Rossland teams.

The teams lined up in the following order: ROSSLAND. POSITION. NELSON. McCreary.....Goal.....Nunn (C) Merritt.....Point.....Livingstone O'Brien.....Cover Point.....Smith

The first half was exceedingly interesting. The match started off with a rush, and the Rosslands speedily sent the puck up to Nelson's goal, in which neighborhood they kept it almost continuously, but through the clever work of Nunn, the goalkeeper of the Nelsons, the Rossland boys found it difficult to score.

In the second half the home club came up as fresh as ever, and in team playing was especially strong. Chesterton scored one, and was followed a moment later by Becher, which made the tally four to one in favor of Rossland.

The Nelson team played a sturdy, solid game, but it was outclassed by the Rossland boys. The visitors, however, put up a clean, gentlemanly contest, and they need not be ashamed of their record.

There were no jars or difficulties of any sort, and the game passed off very pleasantly. The Nelson boys accepted their defeat gracefully, but say that they want another go with their victors.

The attendance at the hockey match caused a slight delay in the hour of the grand march, but arrivals rapidly joined in the martial music of the two steps.

Although the day was exceedingly ill adapted to ski racing, yet there were three entries in the contest—Olaus Jeldness, his brother Andrew Jeldness and Thorwald Hartman. The course was from the summit of Red mountain to the

Black Bear compressor, a distance of a mile and a half with a descent of 2,000 feet. The high wind which was blowing at the summit of the mountain had swept all the snow away, and left only a vast sheet of glare ice, which made ski running hazardous in the extreme, and the three contestants literally took their lives in their hands.

Just at 2 o'clock, the scheduled time, the three started. They had hardly started before Hartman slipped on the ice and took a violent header, but he recovered himself and soon passed his rivals, but again received a dangerous fall, when the front of one of his skis snapped off, and he was compelled to abandon the race, which then lay between the Jeldness brothers, Olaus and Andrew.

By all odds the three-mile race was the feature of the evening. There were three entries, A. Harris and W. J. Prest of Rossland, and E. J. Scobel of Kelso. Forty-five laps covered the distance and people yelled and shouted and cheered the contestants, in a way that showed the most intense interest.

The week just ended has been more remarkable for the steady all-round development of the mines in the camp than for any sensational strikes.

The shipments for the week aggregated 1,015 tons divided as follows: Le Roi 920; Iron Mask, 80; War Eagle, 15.

The Bruce Gold Mining company of Rossland have bonded to Harris, Kennedy & Co. for an English company the Norway mineral claim, which is situated about one-half mile from Trail and only 800 feet from the Columbia river.

The officers of the Lerwick Gold Mining company, owning the Elise mineral claim, have at last got its affairs in condition, and will resume work.

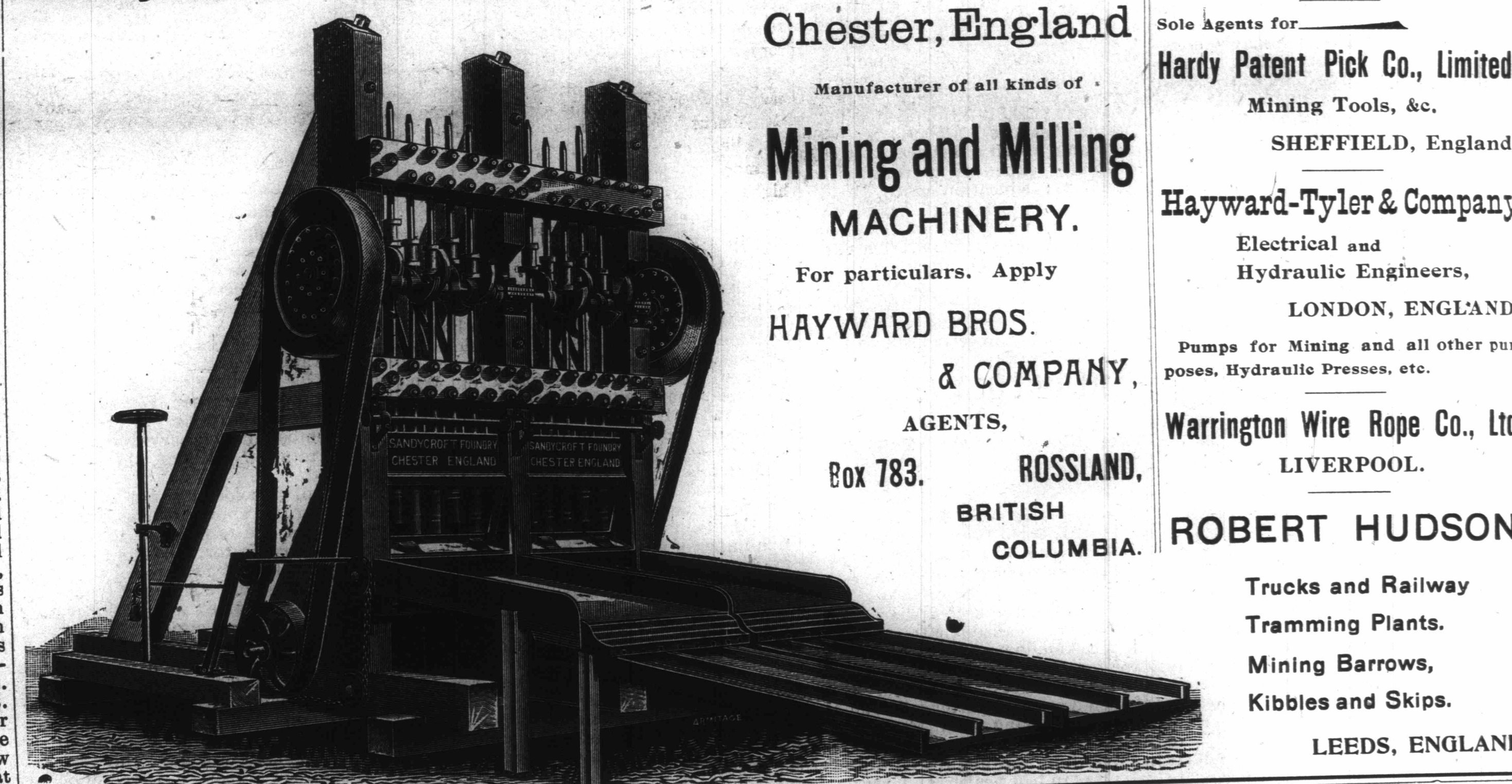
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Some work is being done in the big ore chute recently discovered in the east extension of the 375-foot level, and nominal shipments continue.

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Work Continuing Timbering the Josie and the Great Western Shaft—The Iron Mask Maintaining Its Regular Output—Work in the War Eagle.

The Kootenay Curling Association Was Formed Last Evening. Representatives of the Nelson, Sandon and Kaslo curling clubs who are in the city for the purpose of participating in the bonspiel, together with a number of Rossland curlers, met last evening for the purpose of organizing a Kootenay Curling association.

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The Iron Mask. The Iron Mask continues to ship its regular quota of 80 tons per week. Work is continuing in the bottom of the shaft, where drifting is in progress.

The Sovereign. The development of the Sovereign on Lookout mountain is being pushed by two shifts, who are working in the shaft. Some good copper ore continues to be met.

The Victory-Triumph. Operations are being continued in the tunnel, but there has been no change in the character of the ledge since operations were resumed.

The Mountain View. The tunnel is being continued along the ledge in much the same character of ore as previously.

The Little Joe. A horse has cut away the ledge, and work is being directed towards its recovery.

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PROVINCIAL CABINET CHANGES.

The prophecy from Victoria that there is some probability of W. W. B. McInnes, M. P., resigning his seat in the house of commons to enter the legislative assembly lends no little interest to the local political situation. There is room in the legislature for a man of Mr. McInnes' calibre. He is young, energetic, progressive and possessed of considerable ability. While the news of his intentions may cause surprise in certain quarters, for the reason that the member for South Nanaimo is a Liberal, while the members of the Turner cabinet are decidedly Conservative in their political proclivities, it is not at all unnatural that Mr. McInnes should desire to change his base of operations as a public man from Ottawa to Victoria. In doing so he would not be sacrificing himself. There are not to be found anywhere better chances for advancement in political fame or for the achievement of public honors than there are today in the British Columbia parliament. The enormous area of the Province and the almost limitless extent of its many varied resources, admit of it becoming one of the richest and most important domains of the British Empire. The man who succeeds in guiding the Provincial ship of state, with a strong, unflinching, unerring hand, until it is safely anchored in the harbor of our greatest prosperity, will perform a truly glorious achievement that will entitle him to rank as one of the great men of the world.

The prediction that Mr. McInnes would assume the office of attorney-general, adds to the importance of the rumour concerning his identification with Provincial politics. This would necessitate the resignation of Hon. D. M. Eberts from the cabinet, and would mean, also, probably, his permanent retirement from public life. While such a result would be a source of disappointment to the electors of South Victoria, which constituency Mr. Eberts has conscientiously represented for a number of years, it might not, however, be incompatible with his private inclinations. It is an open secret that the attorney-general finds public life rather irksome and that he only entered the legislature, and subsequently the cabinet, at the earnest solicitation of his friends. Mr. Eberts is very popular both in and out of the House and it is certain that, should he give up his portfolio, his abandonment of public life would be very generally deplored.

ROSSLAND AS A JOBBING CENTRE

There is not the slightest doubt but that Rossland will ere long be an important jobbing point. This is obvious to those at all familiar with the situation. The importance of her mines has made her the railway, the banking, the populous, and the commercial center of Southern British Columbia. Already she is the third largest city in the Province. With the increase of her output of precious metals it will not be long before she will be twice or thrice as large as at present. With the increase in importance many of those mercantile establishments that are now carrying on a retail business will evolve into large jobbing houses, carrying stocks that will be measured by tens of thousands instead of by thousands of dollars, as is the case today.

We occupy a most enviable position from a geographical and transportation standpoint. All railways entering the district must have a Rossland connection if they wish to experience great business advantages. The C. P. R. and the American roads have connections here already, and, in the near future, there will be more railways with termini in this city. The completion of the lines of transportation that are now in course of construction and that will be built in the next two or three years will make tributary to Rossland the immense region which extends from the foot hills of the Rockies to the eastern slope of the Cascades, and from the International boundary to the main line of the C. P. R. It will include the mining camps in the Nelson district, the towns along the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway, the numerous flourishing points on the shores of Kootenay lake, the Slocan, Duncan, Ardeau, Gold Range districts, East Kootenay, the Boundary country and the settlements along the valley of the Okanagan. With such a territory before them for commercial conquest, the Rossland wholesale merchants will occupy, indeed, an enviable position.

LOCAL POSTAL FACILITIES.

The existing arrangements for the dispatch of mail between Nelson and Slocan points are very unsatisfactory. It takes three days for a letter to go from Nelson to Slocan City, and there is no reason, except the negligence of the postal authorities at Ottawa, why more than three hours should be consumed in transmission. The reason for this is the refusal of the Dominion government to arrange a mail service via the Slocan branch of the C. P. R., owing to the fact that it would entail an additional outlay of about \$2,600. In the meantime the people of the Slocan, and all those of outlying points with whom they transact business, are caused great annoyance and inconvenience.

THE EVENING STAR DEAL.

In another column will be found an account of a transaction by the Evening Star Mining Company (foreign) which is attracting a large share of public attention. Such actions as are described in this article are calculated to bring the mining business into disrepute and to cause buyers to shun it as much as though it was a bunco or an unfair game of any kind. It appears from the account that a faction of the company, headed by D. M. Drumheller, who is president of the Evening Star company and also vice-president of the Traders National bank of Spokane, sold to M. M. Cowley, who is president of the same bank, about 240,000 shares of the treasury stock of the company for 2 1/2 cents per share. It is held that the real value of the stock is five cents.

ment in the local press. Kootenay's demands for appropriations for public buildings, the improvement and survey of navigable streams and lakes, the protection of the banks of the Columbia river near Revelstoke, and for adequate postal facilities seem to receive little or no attention. It would be well for the prestige and popularity of the Liberal party if the Dominion government gave greater heed to the representations of Mr. Bostock in matters relating to public convenience in Southern British Columbia.

KOOTENAY OIL FIELDS.

One of the many resources of British Columbia which will be extensively developed in the near future and which promises to be a great industry, is the petroleum fields of the Flathead valley in Southeastern Kootenay. This is a section of country but little known, and is separated from the remainder of the district by a high range of mountains. The natural outlet of the valley is down the Flathead river into Montana, but, with the completion of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, there is every probability that Canadian capital will shortly be invested in marketing this oil. According to a recent issue of the Fort Steele Prospector, these fields cover a large area of territory, plentiful indications of the existence of petroleum being found on the eastern slope of the Rockies, in Alberta. Samples of oil from the Dominion government and found to be purer and of higher grade than any petroleum hitherto discovered on the American continent.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the value of these fields. It is possible for them to be worked so as to give the people of the West an illuminant and fuel of excellent quality at an extremely low cost. It may be, too, that the production of petroleum in East Kootenay will ultimately be so enormous as to admit of the breaking up of that most colossal of monopolies, the Standard Oil company.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

It is highly gratifying to know that a meeting of the Rossland board of trade has been called for tomorrow evening to arrange for proper representation to the Federal and Provincial governments of the need of appropriations for public improvements in Rossland and the surrounding district. It is to be hoped that the meeting will be attended by everyone interested in the welfare of the city, and that no effort will be spared to secure appropriations for our chief requirements from either government.

We would suggest that the Federal parliament be strongly urged to erect in Rossland without unnecessary delay a substantial building or the accommodation of the postal, customs and inland revenue departments, at a cost of from \$38,000 to \$40,000, and that a sufficient sum of money be set aside at the present session to improve the navigation of the Columbia, Duncan and Kootenay rivers and Kootenay lake. The Provincial government should be informed of the great advisability of making Trail Creek mining division a separate electoral district; of the need of a court house; of the reasons why a land registry office should be established in Rossland; of the need of an appropriation of \$15,000 for educational facilities in Rossland and Trail, and the request for the sum of \$30,000 for roads and trails in various parts of this division should be emphatically set forth. The appropriations above referred to, if promptly and favorably attended to at Ottawa and Victoria, will satisfy the principal public requirements of the district until parliament and the legislative assembly meet again. We do not believe in making extraordinary demands on the public treasury, and recognize that there are other districts that are also entitled to relief. If the sums here enumerated are provided without delay, Rossland and Trail Creek will be more or less content to struggle along for a while as best they can.

THE REAL KLONDIKE.

The estimate of the value of placer claims in the Klondike district, made by John D. McGillivray, the competent and reputable expert who is acting for the New York Herald, must prove interesting reading to those who are being attracted to the Yukon gold fields, and it should prove enlightening to those who are also entitled to relief. If the sums here enumerated are provided without delay, Rossland and Trail Creek will be more or less content to struggle along for a while as best they can.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The people of East Kootenay recognize the importance of losing no opportunity to gain much needed appropriations from the Dominion government for public works in that district. Fort Steele has dispatched a delegate to Ottawa with this end in view. The hustling people of the Boundary country have also sent a strong delegation to the same place for the purpose of obtaining the enactment of legislation of importance to that region. In the meantime Rossland makes no move whatever to obtain an appropriation for the construction of a substantial building for the accommodation of Federal officials located here, or for other public improvements. Our board of trade would be utterly useless, except for the exertions of the secretary, and is a disgrace to the city. Unless it wakes up and attends to what is manifestly its duty, Rossland will gain an unenviable reputation for lack of public spirit and enterprise. This city is acknowledged everywhere as the metropolis of Southern British Columbia, and it rests largely with the board of trade to see that the municipality and the country tributary to it secure the prompt attention of both Dominion and Provincial governments in all matters of public requirements. It is not to be expected that the authorities at Ottawa and Victoria will consider the wants of this district except they are first informed as to their nature. As the situation is at present it is necessary for our members in the house of commons and in the legislative assembly to come and ask us what we want, and even then some difficulty is experienced

in getting together a representative body of citizens to meet them and give the desired information. The Rossland board of trade should rouse itself to a condition of usefulness, and lose no time in making demands for appropriations for public improvements in this district that are so greatly needed.

RAILWAYS TO THE ARCTIC.

By the building of the Stickeen-Teslin railway, Canada will enjoy the distinction of being second in establishing a system of transportation that will practically reach to the Arctic Circle. The only reason why she is not first in this enterprise is that the Klondike was discovered sooner. As it is she is only beaten by Russia by a few months. The last-named country has just completed the construction of a railway from Volodga to the port of Archangel on the southeastern corner of the White Sea, and at the mouth of the river Dvina. This new line, which was opened some weeks ago, is nearly 400 miles in length. The Archangel road traverses a route fraught with many engineering difficulties, the cost of constructing a small portion of it being sufficient to build and equip the Mackenzie-Mann railway. While Canada has built her road to the Arctic regions to develop gold fields, Russia's object is to furnish an outlet for enormous deposits of petroleum and to furnish transportation facilities for her northern provinces.

THE WINTER CARNIVAL.

The first winter carnival of Kootenay has passed into history, and all things considered has been a success. Those who took hold of the carnival and pushed it to a successful issue have performed their task well, and are entitled to a due meed of praise. They have done well, and would have made even a better showing had there been more time in which to operate. The prizes were especially valuable and appropriate, and they have been widely distributed and without favoritism, so that visiting sportsmen from each city represented at the carnival will return home with some of the laurels of the contests. The foundation for carnivals of the future has been well laid, and the story of the last three days' struggles for supremacy in the different events will be told and retold many times in the different towns and camps of Kootenay during the next twelve months. These recitals will breed in those who hear them, and who love healthy, manly winter sports, a desire to enter the games of next year and to struggle for the prizes, and the result will be that the entries will be much larger than at the first carnival, and it will require more strength and skill than on the present occasion to carry off the prizes. The fame of the annual games held here will thus travel afar and next year the contestants, instead of being confined to British Columbia will come from the neighboring provinces to participate in these liberal sports. There is good reason to suppose that in time the attendance will be as large and the city as famous for her annual winter carnivals as are Winnipeg and Montreal, and that in the not distant future we may erect huge ice palaces in which the indoor games and sports may be played before thousands of spectators.

The climate and the geographical position of Rossland is such that it is a natural center for midwinter sports. It has been suggested, however, that the carnival be held a few weeks earlier in the season, for the reason that there is less likelihood of a thaw, say about the middle or the end of January. The city is easily accessible by rail both from the north and the south, and is the best point in Southern British Columbia for the holding of these carnival. In order that the sphere of the carnival may be enlarged, it would not be a bad idea to begin the work of arranging for it next year three months before it begins, in order that it may be well advertised, and so that those skilled in skating, hockey and other sports could be invited to attend from Winnipeg and the towns of Eastern Canada.

THE MINER is pleased to note the cordiality with which the neighboring towns have responded to the invitations sent to them to come to Rossland to have a good time. As far as we can learn they are greatly pleased with the treatment they have received while they have been our guests, and that they return to their homes pleased with themselves and us. On behalf of the citizens and the winter carnival committee we extend them a hearty invitation to again visit us next year. They will find our larch string on the outside and we assure them of as hearty a welcome and even a better time than they have had on the present occasion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dr. Milne is evidently determined that Dr. Walkem shall not be the only political weathercock around the capital. This news of the sidetracking of the British Pacific by the Provincial government will be hailed with unreserved delight throughout the length and breadth of Kootenay.

It begins to look as though the Cassiar Central legislation will cause more trouble in the Opposition than the Government ranks. The hide-bound Lib-

erals who sit to the left of Mr. Speaker, having in mind the Stickeen-Teslin lake deal, will surely quarrel with their brother Oppositionists, who are Conservatives, should the latter say that the granting of mineral lands to railway companies up North is bad legislation.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." "Big Three Gold Mining Company." Registered the 28th day of December, 1897. I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Big Three Gold Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial company under the "Companies Act, 1897" to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends. The head office of the company is situated in the city of Spokane, State of Washington, U.S.A. The amount of the capital of the company is three million five hundred thousand dollars divided into three million five hundred thousand shares of one dollar each. The time of the existence of the company is fifty years. The objects for which the company has been established are: To work, operate, buy, sell, lease, locate, acquire, hold and deal in mines, metals and mineral claims of every kind and description within the United States of America and the Province of British Columbia, Canada; to carry on and conduct a general mining, smelting, and reduction business; to purchase, acquire, hold, erect and operate electric light and power plants for the purpose of furnishing lights and creating power for all purposes, and for the purpose of mining and treating ore; to bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to operate roads, ferries, trams, railways, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material.

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"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." "California Gold Mining Company." Registered the 28th day of December, 1897. I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "California Gold Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends. The head office of the company is situated in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, U.S.A. The amount of the capital of the company is two million five hundred thousand dollars, divided into two million five hundred thousand shares of one dollar each. The time of the existence of the company is fifty years. The objects for which the company has been established are: To work, operate, buy, sell, lease, locate, acquire, hold and deal in mines, metals and mineral claims of every kind and description within the United States of America and the Province of British Columbia, Canada; to carry on and conduct a general mining, smelting, and reduction business; to purchase, acquire, hold, erect and operate electric light and power plants for the purpose of furnishing lights and creating power for all purposes, and for the purpose of mining and treating ore; to bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to operate roads, ferries, trams, railways, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." "Giant Mining Company." Registered the 28th day of December, 1897. I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Giant Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends. The head office of the company is situated in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, U.S.A. The amount of the capital of the company is two million five hundred thousand dollars, divided into two million five hundred thousand shares of one dollar each. The time of the existence of the company is fifty years. The objects for which the company has been established are: To work, operate, buy, sell, lease, locate, acquire, hold and deal in mines, metals and mineral claims of every kind and description within the United States of America and the Province of British Columbia, Canada; to carry on and conduct a general mining, smelting, and reduction business; to purchase, acquire, hold, erect and operate electric light and power plants for the purpose of furnishing lights and creating power for all purposes, and for the purpose of mining and treating ore; to bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to operate roads, ferries, trams, railways, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and generally to deal in rights and interests in land, water, water rights, or to mine and other material.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Spitzer mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: North of and adjoining the head of the Pease River and about 20 miles east of its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for J. W. Hinkle, free miner's certificate No. 53,980, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 23rd day of January, 1898. 2-3-101

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NOTICE. Bunker Hill mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: North of and adjoining the head of the Pease River and about 20 miles east of its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. R. Newman, free miner's certificate No. 53,980, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 23rd day of January, 1898. 2-3-101

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Good Hope mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: North of and adjoining the head of the Pease River and about 20 miles east of its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Good Hope Mining & Milling Company, limited, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 12th day of January, 1898. 2-13-101

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Trail Mining Company, (Foreign). Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Trail Mining Company will be held at the office of Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, 2-17-51, at 8 o'clock in the evening of the 28th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 8 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, passing a resolution authorizing the disposal of the whole or any portion of the assets, rights, powers, privileges and franchises of the company, and to transact such other business as may lawfully be brought before the meeting. Dated Rossland, B. C., this 23rd day of January, A. D. 1898. GEORGE A. MILLS, Secretary Trail Mining Co. 2-3-4

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Spitzer mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: North of and adjoining the head of the Pease River and about 20 miles east of its mouth. Take notice that I, J. A. Webb of Rossland, A. D. 1898, free miner's certificate No. 53,980, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. J. A. WEBB, Dated this 23rd day of January, 1898. 2-3-101

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Mormon Girl mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About two miles north of the head of the Pease River and about 20 miles east of its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for G. D. Monk, free miner's certificate No. 53,980, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 23rd day of January, 1898. 2-3-101

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Gladiolator mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Chamption Creek and about three-quarters of a mile north of the head of the Pease River and about 20 miles east of its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for A. B. Ralton, free miner's certificate No. 75,252, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 22nd day of February, 1898. 2-3-101

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Black Hawk No. 2 mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the east side of Chamption Creek and about three-quarters of a mile north of the head of the Pease River and about 20 miles east of its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for R. Miller, free miner's certificate No. 81,451, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 22nd day of February, 1898. 2-3-101

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Penobscot mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Near the source of the Pease River, north of Rossland. Take notice that I, William Bauer, acting as agent for Charles Nelson, certificate No. 16,258A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 27th day of January, 1898. 2-3-101

Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Dunsmuir Gold Mining Company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, 37 Columbia Avenue, at 8 o'clock on the 4th day of March, 1898. GEORGE PURGOLD, Acting Secretary. 2-7-21

Shareholders' Meeting.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Carbonate Silver Mining Company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, Rossland, B. C., on Friday, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of authorizing a sale of the company's assets. Dated 3rd February, 1898. J. M. O'TOOLE, Secretary. 2-7-21

Carbonate Silver Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Carbonate Silver Mining Company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, Rossland, B. C., on Friday, the 18th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, passing a resolution authorizing the disposal of the whole or any portion of the assets of the company, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 18th day of February, A. D. 1898. A. F. CORBIN, Secretary. 2-7-21

Advertisement for Columbia, B.C. Co., Limited, and other businesses. Includes text like 'Columbia, B. C. Co., Limited', 'Rossland, B. C.', 'Hudson, Railway Plants', 'Agents for our Celebrated Beer', 'Western Ry.', and 'EDULE. ay, Nov. 22, 1897.' with various company names and addresses.

A BIG WAR OF RATES
The Large Railways Are Engaged in a Fierce Struggle.
ARE CUTTING BOTH WAYS

C. P. R. Made a Reduction of 50 per cent. and the American Roads Followed Suit and Rates May Be Lower before the Trouble is Over.

The Canadian Pacific last week made a cut in its west bound passenger rates that averaged about 50 per cent. This was because it was claimed that the American roads were cutting the rates on Klondike business, which at the present time is of large proportions.

The cuts made by the C. P. R. are sweeping. The rates from all New England points to Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago are slashed. All New England points and points in the state of New York have a blanket or flat rate applied to them so far as they relate to North Pacific coast points.

An Aggressive Fight.
CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Western roads have assumed the aggressive in the war with the Canadian Pacific. They have thrown that road out of the western immigration clearing house.

IT CUTS NO FIGURE.
C. P. R. Does Not Mind Being Expelled From Immigration Clearing House.
MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 23.—In regard to the report that the C. P. R. would be expelled from the immigration clearing house, New York, Mr. Nicholl, passenger traffic manager, says: "This action simply places me where I was before I became a member of the immigration bureau."

Good Luck to the C. P. R.
TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 23.—Today's Evening Telegram says editorially: "Good luck to the C. P. R. Canada's sympathy is entirely with the C. P. R. in the fight that it is making to secure the lion's share of the interests of either Canada or the C. P. R. that a dollar goes to the American lines if the C. P. R. can divert it to its own coffers."

can roads and the interests of Canada can be best promoted by a C. P. R. victory over the whole combination."
The Grand Trunk and American lines are still unable to quote rates in competition with the C. P. R. They are getting no business on points touched by the Canadian Pacific, while the latter on the other hand is doing a rushing trade.

Wish to Meet the C. P. R. Outs.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Application was made to the interstate commerce committee today on behalf of a large number of railroads, asking for a suspension of the fourth section of the interstate commerce act, known as the long and short haul clause on the Pacific coast passenger business.

Letters to the Editor.
[Northern Bell is on the Rossland market at four cents per share. It is a good property on Red Mountain adjoining the Good Friday and St. Elmo.—Ed.]

The St. Paul.
TORONTO, Feb. 10.
EDITOR MINER:—Sir: Can you, through the columns of your paper, give me any information concerning the St. Paul? Any favor will oblige, yours respectfully, G. H. F.

The Red Mountain View.
DESKROFT, Ont., Feb. 4.
EDITOR MINER:—Sir: I hold some stock in a property called the Red Mountain View Gold Mining company, operating the View mine on Red Mountain.

same size as that in the winze of the vein drift, but of a better value.
"Upon the north vein a number of open cuts were made along the vein, showing a well defined ledge.
"A tunnel was driven 110 feet to strike this vein, but no ore or vein has as yet been encountered, the tunnel being hardly under the surface showing 70 feet north and east of this drift about 200 feet a crosscut was driven on the Snow-shoe claim about 90 feet, passing through a stratified vein about 25 feet wide, from which some good copper ore was taken. This is apparently the same vein as the north vein on the View."—Ed.]

Position of Minority Shareholders.
TORONTO, Feb. 12.
EDITOR MINER:—Sir: I understand that a controlling interest in the following companies has been sold: Monte Cristo, Virginia, Trail Mining company (Columbia & Kootenay), Great Western, West Le Roi & Josie. Please advise me as to the position of minority shareholders, and if compulsory for them to dispose of their holdings and at what figure?

PERSONAL.
Tom C. Gray, of the Trail railway and smelter, is a guest at the Allan.
Edward E. Fomora, of Spokane is registered at the Hotel.
W. J. Davey arrived here yesterday from Grand Forks.

LOCAL BREVITIES.
A very pleasant dance was given at Velvet hall last evening.
Judge Forin arrived yesterday from Nelson and will hold court today.
At the next meeting of the city council an additional member will be appointed on the several committees.

Biggest Storm of the Season.
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 23.—The biggest storm of the season is still raging, trains are blocked, and the business of the city is kept back by the snow. It is only by persistent efforts that the street car service is maintained.

CANADA,
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
No. 3.
In the Supreme Court.
In the matter of
O. K. GOLD MINING CO.
Limited Liability, (Foreign). In Liquidation.
The Undersigned Official Liquidator
Will sell by tender,
Subject to ratification by the Court.

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

RICHARD PLEWMAN,
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR.

MANY AMENDMENTS

Proposed Changes in the Present Mineral Act.
RECORDING ASSESSMENT
Recommendations to Be Submitted to the Legislature by the Kootenay Mining and Protective Association.
New Officers Were Chosen.

At the recent meeting of the Kootenay Mining & Protective Association many important suggestions of amendments to the Mineral Act were made and transmitted to the department at Victoria.

The British Columbia Smelting & Refining Company (Foreign).
Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Smelting & Refining Company (foreign) will be held at the office of the said company at the town of Trail, in the Province of British Columbia, on Friday the 26th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering and if deemed advisable, of passing a resolution authorizing the disposal of the whole or any portion of the assets and subsidiary interests of the company, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the said meeting.

Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.
Baltic Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia, between the Surprise, Yon Know, and Gertrude mineral claims.

WEEKLY STOCK REPORT.

There has been a lull in the stock market for the week. Why this should be so is a difficult matter to determine. Some brokers hold that it is due to the suspension of buying operations on the part of the British America Corporation.

War Eagle has been in strong demand in consequence of the good reports from the mine. This stock has recently advanced from 90 cents to \$1.10, and we consider it, even at the higher price, to be one of the best buys on the market.

Table with columns: NAME, Par value, Price this week, Price last week. Lists various stocks like Arlington, Battle, Colona, etc.

Arthur P. Heinze, Secretary.
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Smelting & Refining Company (foreign) will be held at the office of the said company at the town of Trail, in the Province of British Columbia, on Friday the 26th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering and if deemed advisable, of passing a resolution authorizing the disposal of the whole or any portion of the assets and subsidiary interests of the company, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the said meeting.

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