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THE CENTURY MARK PASSED

Rossland's Ore Shipments For 1903 Over 100,000 Tons.

Among the Mines— Week's Record of Mining Industry Here.

The aggregate ore shipments from the Rossland camp for the year to date now runs into six figures, the century mark being passed with last week's tonnage.

The principal event of the past week in the local mining industry was the development on the 800 level of the Centre Star mine.

Last week's ore shipments were substantially in advance of the previous week's record.

Table with 4 columns: Shipments for the week ending April 11th and for the year to date as follows: Week, Year, Le Roi, Centre Star, War Eagle, Velvet, Kootenay, Le Roi No. 2, Homestake, Totals.

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI.—The affairs of the Le Roi mine are naturally much to the fore at the present time for obvious reasons.

CENTRE STAR.—The operations in the mine have continued steadily all week along conventional lines.

WAR EAGLE.—The usual program of work has been followed steadily.

WHITE BEAR.—The 900 level has been carried ahead steadily.

operations will be inaugurated, when the road is in shape for teaming from the mine to the railroad.

CASCADE.—The company expects to place a few men in the mine at an early date for the purpose of attending to the preliminary work necessary to put the property in shape for extensive operations.

SPITZEE.—The weather conditions are rapidly getting to the point where the program of improvements and construction at the Spitzee can be undertaken.

ST. JOSEPH.—No intelligence of special interest has come to hand from the St. Joseph mine on Murphy creek during the week.

HUNGRY MAN.—The task of placing the machinery on the site of the buildings at the mine has not yet been completed.

CONTACT.—The report of the week's work at the Contact mine is as usual that good progress has been made with the main drift but that no rapid special change will be made in the company's plans pending the settlement of the much-debated wagon road question.

GIANT.—The new contract on the lower level is proceeding an excellent advance are reported.

BIG FOUR.—The management of the Big Four states that operations will be resumed at the property about the end of the present month.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.—Ore shipments from the mines of the Boundary district were at a low ebb last week as the Granby smelter was closed.

Table with 3 columns: Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending April 11th and for the year to date as follows: Week, Year, Granby, Mother Lode, Snowshoe, B. C., Emma, Sunset, Providence, Totals.

C. P. R. CHANGES.

Richard W. Drew, station agent for the Canadian Pacific here, has been promoted to the office of chief clerk at the assistant general freight agent at Nelson.

M. Drew has resided in Rossland for the past year, and has gained numerous friends.

Herr Albert Klockmann, who is in the city for a couple of days from Butte, gives some interesting information about the whereabouts of certain monies alleged to have been collected from Rossland gamblers.

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KOOTENAY TO SHIP

Active Operations at Mine All Point to Active Shipping.

About Rossland's Next Addition to List of Producers.

The next Rossland mine to figure prominently in the producing list will undoubtedly be the Kootenay. The extensive operations now under way at the mine are preliminary to shipping operations either to works to be established by the company or to one of the reduction plants of the district.

At the present time from 80 to 75 tons of ore is broken down daily and placed on the ore dumps, where it will be readily available when required.

It was stated last winter that the Kootenay ore would be treated in Trail at \$2.50 per ton or better.

The announcement by the management as to the future policy of the Kootenay is backed up by the press-manner by their operations at the present time. The work has been increased to about 45, and the machines are at work continuously breaking ore.

An important aspect of the situation in the Columbia-Kootenay mountain range is the probability of the successful operation of the Kootenay mine on a large scale having the effect of adding adjacent properties to the working list.

WANTS LACROSSE GAME.

Nelson Anxious to Arrange Match with New Lacrosse Club Here.

The Nelson lacrosse club is anxious to arrange a game with Rossland's new team at once, or as early as possible.

CHINA'S OUTLOOK.

Captain Stockton Does Not Expect an Outbreak in Near Future.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Captain Stockton, late commander of the battleship Kentucky, arrived from China on his way to London, where he will act as U. S. naval attache to the U. S. embassy.

LE ROI TO INCREASE

Managing Director Says Output Is to Be Enhanced.

The Larger Scale to Take Effect a Month Hence.

(From Sunday's Daily.) "It is the intention of the Le Roi company to increase the output of the mine just as soon as we can get increased supplies of coke, which will probably be within a month or so.

The foregoing interesting and important statement emanates from A. J. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi Mining Company, Ltd., and also of the Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, Ltd., of London, England, who arrived in the city on Friday night from London.

Speaking to a representative of The Miner yesterday, Mr. McMillan discussed freely such matters as are of public interest.

"What is the feeling in London in regard to British Columbia?"

"It is not at present very favorable, and the same may be said of the feeling in New York, Montreal and Toronto.

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Since leaving Ottawa I notice there has been a debate in the house of commons on this subject, and that the government has promised, within a short time, to decide upon the question of a commission.

In discussing the future of Rossland, Mr. McMillan said: "It is hoped that new and cheaper methods of treating ore will enable the vast low grade ore bodies of the camp to be successfully handled."

As foreshadowed in yesterday's Miner, the tax sale of crown granted mineral claims has been postponed.

FIVE WERE KILLED.

Fatal Explosion of a Boiler in an Ohio Sawmill.

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio, April 14.—The boiler of Charles Bevans' sawmill at Ruby, Ohio, exploded today, killing Charles Bevans, Richard Houck, Rufus Houck and two boys named Houck and Gottenidge.

WILMER'S RICH MINES

ABOUT EAST KOOTENAY PROPERTIES FAST COMING TO THE FRONT.

MUCH HIGH GRADE ORE AWAITS SHIPMENT ON COLUMBIA.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

"We have had a prosperous winter in the Wilmer section of East Kootenay," said Charles Estmere, formerly assistant manager of the Ptarmigan mine, yesterday.

Discussing the Wilmer district generally, Mr. Estmere remarked that the Paradise and Ptarmigan mines naturally attracted more attention throughout the section.

"What is the feeling in London in regard to British Columbia?"

The Platinum is located on Red Line creek, a tributary to Horse Thief creek, is under the management of Thomas Starboard, and employs some thirty men underground at the present juncture.

Among the minor properties that promise well for the approaching summer are the Delphine, on the north fork of Toby creek, a sample of whose sacked ore gave returns of no less than 800 ounces of silver, 7 per cent copper and 40 ounces of lead.

A quantity of high grade ore is now lying at Wilmer awaiting the opening of navigation to be shipped to the Trail smelter.

The Paradise has 700 tons, the Delphine 30 to 40 and the Bunyan about 40 tons.

Sheriff Robinson's Management of the Spring Estate.

Sheriff Robinson was engaged yesterday distributing substantial checks to the creditors of the Spring estate, and receiving the congratulations of these on the admirable manner in which the matter was handled by him.

RETURN TO CASTLE LOO. THE HAGUE, April 14.—As the strike situation is removed and the chances of disturbance are removed, Queen Wilhelmina and the prince consort return tomorrow to Castle Loo, to celebrate the latter's birthday on April 19th.

\$50,000 FOR THE CASCADE

Eastern People Will Invest This in the Property.

Their Expert Passes Favorably on the Mine.

(From Friday's Daily.)

"We have \$50,000 to spend on the Cascade mine during the next eighteen months and propose to push the development of the property as rapidly as possible," said J. F. Graeber yesterday.

His statement as to the company's affairs is that a large amount of Cascade shares are held in the Shamokin district and in New York, the holders being interested in Pennsylvania coal properties as well. These shareholders sent him to Rossland to examine the property and determine whether or not the venture merited further expenditure.

After looking over the property carefully Mr. Graeber has concluded that the Cascade is a meritorious proposition and he will recommend his principals to put in the funds required to thoroughly demonstrate the value of the mine.

The first steps in connection with the proposed program of activity will be undertaken as a matter of weeks hence, when a few men will be placed at work cleaning out the tunnel, now partially filled with ice, and attending to other preliminary incidents to the resumption of work in the main level.

The Cascade is to be equipped with a milling plant. Mr. Graeber states that he finds enough ore on the dumps and in sight to keep a mill running for some time, and that this low grade ore can be converted into an asset of considerable importance.

Mr. Graeber leaves tomorrow or Sunday for the east, and proposes to return to Rossland not later than July. He is interested in mining at Lasadargu, state of Chihuahua, near the town of Jemanes, Mexico, and at Lordsburg, New Mexico, 145 miles west of El Paso, Texas.

HAS BRIGHT FUTURE.

The announcement that the treasury of the Cascade company is to be strengthened to enable it to exploit the property on a substantial scale will be learned with gratification in the Rossland district.

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### THE LONDON MARKET

**MANAGER PARRISH'S DEEP LEVEL REPORT IS SATISFACTORY.**

#### HIGH GRADE ORE SHIPPED FROM THE LE ROI NO. 2.

LONDON, April 11.—There has been nothing of importance cable to the London office of the Le Roi since March 27th, when the following was received from Manager Parrish:

"Ore has been found 1050 foot level west of the shaft, following Mulligan shoot; gold assays average \$15 per ton of 2000 pounds, copper \$2.50, small amount silver; extent at present unknown, but present appearances most encouraging."

The report of Manager Conroy on the Le Roi No. 2 for the month ending February 28th, has been received at the head office. From January 27th to February 16th the mine shipped 1424 tons, average value \$21.63, total value \$31,020 less mining charges. The Josie and No. 2 combined output of first and second class ore was 2763. Diamond appreciation is now being done in the deeper levels of the Josie.

Veget shipments from January 1st to March 25th, were: Dry tons, 2075; gold ounces, 1507.16; silver ounces, 1867.4; copper pounds, 147,932. Total value from smelter, \$30,389.91.

British Columbians have not shown much activity of late, but the fact that great economies have been effected both in the cost of mining and smelting, coupled with the improved condition of the copper and lead markets, should enable satisfactory profits to be earned.

The progress of concentration in Rossland is watched with considerable interest. You may expect considerable inquiry for Rossland properties if your ores are amenable to concentration.

The present quotations on Le Roi, Velvet and Rossland-Kootenay shares do not, in the opinion of many here, fairly represent their intrinsic value.

Grand Trucks have been well supported, but in spite of a handsome traffic increase reported yesterday, prices still show a drooping tendency.

Canadian Pacific has been unaccountably weak. An excellent traffic increase of \$185,000 was reported yesterday. This brings the increase in total since July last up to \$4,012,000, or something like 15 per cent. In addition to the handsome earnings on the road, the appreciation of land values in Canada must not be overlooked, and the company will naturally benefit from this source, as it is a big holder in the Saskatchewan district.

Both Giants and Snowshoes have a nominal quotation at par. Hall Mines are under a bit at one shilling and three pence. The mine is under lease to M. S. Davys, who is reported to have made a rich strike, but this does not benefit the company for the time being.

### BEYOND THE DIVIDE

#### ROSSLAND LUMBERMAN TALKS OF BIG ADVANCES

THERE IS A DEMAND FOR B. C. TIMBER IN EXCESS OF THE SUPPLY.

"The output of our mill for a year from this has been sold in advance," said J. Stephen Deschamps yesterday, "and we will commence shipping to the full capacity of the plant as soon as the wagon road is in shape for hauling. The demand for British Columbia timber in the Northwest Territories is in excess of the supply and this promise to be the case for several years."

Mr. Deschamps has returned from a trip to the Territories. It had been his intention to cover the principal rail lines thoroughly, but before his intention could be carried into effect he had sold all the lumber his mills could produce, and no necessity existed for further sojourn east of the Rockies.

While abroad the Rossland mill man visited the towns on the Calgary & Edmonton and Calgary & McLeod branches of the Canadian Pacific. At Edmonton he found a bustling city of six to seven thousand inhabitants with a number of new brick structures under way. One of these, an \$8000 block, had just been let to J. H. Wise, late of Rossland, who is now a practicing architect at Edmonton. The town is the supply centre for 1500 miles of country to the north. It possesses two sawmills operating on small spruce cut, three hundred miles north and run down the Saskatchewan river. The lumber thus obtained is naturally of different quality and commands a considerably lower price than the excellent material exported from British Columbia. E. A. Rolf, late of Rossland, is permanently located there in the timber business, and is handling the output of the Blue and Deschamps mill, four cars of lumber being already loaded here for shipment to him.

### THE ORE GETS RICHER

#### FURTHER DRILLING AT GREEN MOUNTAIN DISCLOSES SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS.

#### ORE MUCH BETTER FIFTY FEET BELOW FORMER DISCOVERY.

(From Friday's Daily.)

"The result of recent diamond drilling in the lower levels of the mine discloses the fact that the ore is increasing in quality as depth is attained," said W. L. Laury, manager of the Green Mountain property, yesterday on arriving in the city from the Green Mountain. "This is what I looked for, and the discovery is gratifying. As I told you before, the ore body on the 400 level carried too much gangue to be satisfactory. Conditions pointed to the probability of securing a higher grade product with additional depth, and it was on the strength of this that the company concluded to go deeper without endeavoring to explore the ore body on the 400 at this juncture."

"Since then we have put the diamond drill down to a point fifty feet below the 400 level. An examination of the core shows that the vein carries more mineral with each few feet of depth gained, and that fifty feet below the former boreholes the vein is carrying a substantially larger quantity of mineral. This we regard as exceedingly promising, and I believe we will conclude to go straight to the 600 level without turning off a drift at the 500. Arrangements are now being made to replace one of the boilers with a higher power boiler, and as soon as the roads are in shape for teaming we will send in a new power hoist capable of going to the 1000-foot level. It will probably require a month to complete these additions to the plant, and pending that we will confine operations to surface work."

It will be remembered that about a month ago the announcement was made locally that the diamond drill on the 400 level of the Green Mountain mine had crossed from 45 to 50 feet of ore. This was confirmed by the management, with the qualification that the vein carried so much gangue that the average values were low. The statement at this juncture that a marked improvement has been demonstrated as depth is secured in the workings will be received with satisfaction. The 200 feet of main shaft to be sunk commencing in May will be done by contract.

### FAITH IN CAMBORNE

#### MANAGER DARRAGH SAYS FREE GOLD CAMP HAS BIG FUTURE.

(From Friday's Daily.)

J. A. Darragh, manager of the Copper Dollar and Western Star mines in Camborne camp, was in the city yesterday on route east on business in connection with the properties. Mr. Darragh reminds one of the typical Rossland of 1888 when he says: "Camborne is going to be the biggest gold camp in British Columbia. In three months we will have three mills crushing ore, and this is only a starter."

The Copper Dollar and Western Star properties are owned by the Elwood Tin Workers' Gold Mining company, which derives its old name from the fact that the shareholders are all connected with the big tin plate factory at Elwood, Indiana, which is claimed to be the largest manufactory of its kind in America.

The Copper Dollar is a free-milling proposition adjoining the famous Eva mine on the northwest. The present owners have not yet opened up the claim to any material extent, but enough has been accomplished to amply justify the active program of work that is to be pursued during the forthcoming summer. The Western Star is an unusually promising galena property. Some 300 feet of work has been done and recently a valuable body of ore has been encountered. The ledge is said to be five feet three inches in width and the values to be in the neighborhood of \$40 per ton. Work is to be carried ahead actively on both properties during the summer.

Mr. Darragh is optimistic as to Camborne's future, expressing the opinion already quoted and stating that the town is already commencing to extend. He will be absent several weeks in the east, and on his return the plans for the operation of the mines will be put into effect.

### RE-ORGANIZED.

Rossland Baseball Players Prepare for Approaching Season.

The baseball season was formally inaugurated on Sunday, when the Rossland club was re-organized. The opinion was expressed in the course of the meeting that a strong local nine could be placed on the diamond for the approaching summer, and that an attractive schedule of games could be arranged with neighboring towns. The officers appointed were as follows:

R. R. Leslie—President.  
T. R. Morrow—Vice-president.  
J. E. Statter—Secretary-treasurer.  
Charles Vaughan—Captain (pro tem).

### THE TAXATION OF MINES

The following letter appeared in the Victoria Colonist:

Sir.—Nobody doubts that the obnoxious two per cent tax on the miner's gross returns for his ore is doomed, and must be repealed. But there is some doubt felt as to how soon this relief will be granted, and to what extent the relief will be modified by some other form of taxation. The speech from the throne has already been read, but it contains no indication of an immediate repeal of the tax.

When the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia at its recent convention, pronounced its opinion in favor of abolishing the tax, the minister of mines naturally inquired what sort of a tax would the association suggest as a substitute, and the association replied, a tax upon the net profits of mining.

The association being a body composed not only of mining men, but of farmers and general business men, could not do otherwise than admit, as they did, that they were not opposed to a fair and equitable taxation of the mining industry.

It cannot be denied that the proposed substitute of a tax on net profits only will be a very great benefit to all concerned, notwithstanding that the revenue of the country will at first suffer a small diminution. But it appears to me that a far greater benefit all around can be provided—not only to the mining community, but to the farmers and the public, by granting to the mines, by way of bonus, an absolute freedom from taxation for the next five years.

The advisability of assisting industries by way of bonus is fully recognized by modern legislatures, and accordingly every city in this province is empowered by law to grant bonuses to industrial enterprises. One small city in the Slokan has within the last few months secured the establishment of a large lumber mill by granting a bonus of \$10,000 and freedom from taxation for a period of years, and already a great impetus to trade has been realized in that community.

The question of amending the taxation of mines will undoubtedly soon come up in the legislature, and it may be dealt with either in a broad, statesmanlike manner, or the reverse.

The principle which ought to govern the discussion is well outlined by Mr. John B. McKilligan, the surveyor of taxes, in his report to the minister of finance, last year. Speaking of the taxation of mines he writes: "The McKilligan says, at page 15, of his report: 'The real principle involved in taxing this important industry is more a question of public policy than an abstract question of taxation. In a new country like British Columbia certain industries require encouragement and fostering care to put it negatively, they require not to be impeded by harassing or burdensome taxation. Their ability, or lack of ability, to pay equal taxes with other industries should receive careful consideration. If mining needs this encouragement and fostering care to induce capital to be brought into the province for its development, then the lighter the burden, the less stringent its restrictions, the better will it be for the ultimate good of the province. If the cost of producing gold and precious metals in this province is greater and surrounded by greater difficulties than the cost of conditions in other countries from whence the world's supply is obtained, then the capital will prefer to invest in the latter.'"

Mr. McKilligan properly describes the principle involved as one of public policy. It is quite true that he does not criticize the existing two per cent tax, but rather attempts to justify it, as one would expect from an officer in his position. The principle which he invokes, however, not only condemns the tax, but justifies the temporary bonus which I am now advocating.

Let us see what the bonus would amount to, even on the assumption that the revenues of the province would receive no countervailing advantage.

The amount collected by the province under the two per cent tax is about \$5,000,000—but of course the cost of collection must be deducted. If the tax be changed to a tax upon the net profits, the amount will be greatly decreased, possibly to \$25,000, or thereabouts, for some considerable time, for undoubtedly, under the existing conditions, very few are realizing any profits.

Why should we not as a province do a magnanimous act for once, towards our greatest industry, which has been enduring the greatest hardships for years past, and grant it a bonus in the shape of freedom from taxation for a few years?

If it is answered on behalf of the farmers or any other class in the community, that the taxation would be fairly shifted on to their shoulders, I reply that even if this were true, the amount involved is small, and the prosperity of the mines would return to each member of these classes a much larger sum, in trade, than any increased tax would take from them. But I feel assured that no increased tax on other classes would be found necessary.

On the other hand, look at the countervailing advantages which would result from granting this bonus:

Firstly.—The mining community would welcome it with joy and satisfaction, and it is not worth something to change discontent into content?

Secondly.—The news of it would be heralded to all parts of the financial world, and would encourage the investment of foreign capital in our gold fields, and in other lines of industry, which depend upon the prosperity of our mines.

Thirdly.—A bonus such as I have suggested would be taken to indicate the commencement of a new attitude of encouragement to the mining industry, and the end of the system of "bleeding the industry to death," which has heretofore prevailed, and we should soon see our hills, which are at present deserted, teeming with an army of prospectors, and we should have unstinted capital seeking for investment in mines which are at present lying idle.

### IRON DEPOSITS OF THE COAST

#### THE REPORT PRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE BY PREMIER PRIOR ON THE "IRON ORES OF THE COAST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA" IS GRATIFYING TO RESIDENTS OF THIS PROVINCE.

The report presented in the legislature by Premier Prior on the "Iron Ores of the Coast of British Columbia" is gratifying to residents of this province. The report has been prepared by W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist.

#### ENLARGED BUSINESS.

Col. and Mrs. King Will Operate in Seattle as Well as Rossland.

Since his return from Seattle, Colonel G. M. King of the Hotel Allan has been a busy man making arrangements for the coming season. He has been advised by the railway companies that many tourists will pass this way during the summer months and his preparations are in keeping with what is prophesied. This trade, coupled with the visits of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and the members of the Imperial parliament, will make things lively in Kootenay hotel circles, but nowhere more so than at the Allan.

#### OUT AT LAST.

Reports of Associated Boards Convention Have Been Issued.

Copies of the proceedings at the fifth annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade have been issued and numbered places in office of A. E. Mackenzie, local secretary, for distribution to members of the Rossland board.

The resolutions passed at the convention are divided under the following heads: Prevention of Forest Fires, East Kootenay Park, Experimental Orchards, Preservation of Fisheries, Tariff Protection on Lead, Bonus to Lead Refinery, Tourist Travel, Subsidies to Transcontinental Roads, Free Admission of Diamond Drills, Court Appointments at Fernie, Special Conventions, Reservation of Crown Lands for Settlers, Provincial Aid to Branch Railways, Needs of Cranbrook, Coal and Oil Lands, Investigation of Strikes, Compulsory Arbitration Competition in Coal and Coke Supply, Kootenay Mail Service and Maps of Unoccupied Lands.

#### FATHER PAT'S FOUNTAIN.

Contractor Here to Arrange for Quarrying Granite Required.

C. G. Simpson, of Nelson, is in the city in connection with the construction of the "Father Pat" memorial fountain. He is a member of the Kootenay Marble & Monumental Works company, which secured the contract for the memorial last fall. During the winter the firm secured and dressed the Kaslo marble required for the structure, and this is now complete and ready for delivery here at any time.

#### BEAT ROSSLAND BOYS.

Northport Junior Ball Team Won From Rossland.

The Rossland junior baseball club went down to defeat at the hands of the Northport juniors on Saturday. The home team scored twelve runs to Rossland's eleven.

Following were the players: Northport—C. Newman, c.; J. Phillips, p.; Anderson, lb.; Resbach, 2b.; Fair, 3b.; Bobo, ss.; Newman, lf.; Switzer, rf.; Taylor, cf.

Rossland—D. Penrose, c.; D. Fortie, p.; Griffith, lb.; Stanaway, 2b.; Harris, 3b.; H. Houston, ss.; T. Cross, lf.; F. Darling, rf.; R. Inches, cf.

The Rossland boys missed the afternoon train and failed to return to the city until Sunday evening.

#### SPLENDID RECEPTION.

New Presbyterian Minister Heartily Received by Congregation.

The Sunday services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church were of more than ordinary interest. In addition to the excellent choral service incident to Easter Sunday, the new pastor of the church, Rev. A. L. Burch, occupied the pulpit for the first time. The new pastor made no special reference to his advent in the Golden City, but delivered interesting and instructive sermons on timely topics.

#### A ST. LOUIS BOODLER.

ST. LOUIS, April 13.—John Schuetter, a former member of the house of delegates, indicted for bribery in connection with the suburban street railway boodle bill, has been sentenced to serve four years in the penitentiary. Schuetter's lawyers made a motion to appeal his case to the supreme court, and his bond was fixed at \$10,000, which was given.

### FRATERNAL NEWS

#### IRON ORES OF THE COAST

The advent of spring seems to have stirred the local fraternities into unusual activity. The program for the approaching fortnight indicates unusual preparations to interest and entertain members of the orders, all of which contribute materially to the prosperity of the lodges.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Rossland Aerie No. 10, meet tomorrow evening in the hall on Second avenue. Preparations were made to hold another grand social session on Monday evening, but owing to the Easter dance at the Miners' Union hall it has been postponed for the following meeting night, when one of the old-time social sessions will be held in conjunction with an initiation. As it is some time since the members of Rossland Aerie have had a real good entertainment a large attendance is expected and a pleasant time is sure to result.

The Ladies of the Maccabees are giving another large dance, which will be held at Odd Fellows' hall on April 14th. Some time has elapsed since the ladies have given a social hop, and this promises to be one of unusual interest, as great preparations have been made to make it a success. The Ladies of the Maccabees have been very busy during the past few months, and at the present time have the largest membership of the societies of the fair sex.

Last meeting night after the regular routine of business had been finished the Rathbone Sisters, the sister order of the Knights of Pythias, gave a little social at their hall on Queen street. Most of the members were present and card games and singing made the evening pass swiftly. A dainty luncheon was served in the lodge room and altogether the members passed a very pleasant evening.

Rossland Lodge No. 88, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, hold their seventh anniversary ball on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the hall on Queen street. The hall has just been repaired and at present is one of the most attractive in the city. After the dancing, the guests will adjourn to the banqueting room, where a splendid repast will be served. A large attendance is expected, and the night will be long remembered in the history of the order. The 25th inst. being the 79th anniversary of Odd Fellowship, the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the local lodge of Rebekahs will turn out in full regalia to attend services at the Methodist church.

The Rossland lodge of the Knights of Pythias has been busy of late with initiations and have increased the membership substantially since the beginning of the new term. On Friday evening the lodge held its regular meeting in Odd Fellows' hall and the second rank was conferred on one candidate. A large attendance was present and the evening passed pleasantly. Tuesday evening a party of 15 of Rossland Knights, together with some 15 or 20 from the Trail lodge, will attend Nelson lodge to witness the conferring of the third rank, returning home on the noon train Wednesday. Supper will be served in the lodge room, and a good time is expected at the hands of the Nelson brothers.

The Woodmen of the World, Rossland Camp No. 176, meet on Wednesday in the hall on Columbia avenue. The meeting promises to be important as arrangements will be made for the celebration of the lodge's first anniversary, which falls on May 1st. The lodge has been progressing rapidly during the past few months and several new members are in line for initiation on meeting night.

The Sons of St. George have every reason to be satisfied with their efforts in the direction of establishing the free reading room at the public library rooms. The institution is well patronized and certainly fills a useful niche in the interior economy of the Golden City.

#### WITHOUT AN ESCORT.

MOSCOW, April 13.—The czar and czarina arrived here on Saturday to spend Easter. Their majesties had a simple semiate reception, which was in great contrast to the receptions in former years. Not a soldier was seen along the two miles of route from the railway station at the Kremlin, and there was not a sign of the usual precautions. A palm frigate was in full swing, and the streets were crowded. The czar had a thoroughly popular welcome. Afterwards the little princess drove around, hugging the cheap dolls bought at the fair, and arousing great enthusiasm.

### IN WEST

#### MINING AND PROGRESS IN GREENWOOD.

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The membership board of trade is numbers. Three men less than 30 members now there are on the roll. On the 15th were added and the were already been counts for members to next Wednesday of the board.

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External News

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ennial Order of Eagles, Ros-No. 10, meet tomorrow evening on Second avenue. Pre-were made to hold another session on Monday evening to the Easter dance at Union hall it has been for the following meeting in one of the old-time social will be held in conjunction with. As it is some time members of Rosland Aerle a real good entertainment is expected and a time is sure to result.

esses of the MacCabees are given large dance, which will be at Fellowship hall on April 14th. has elapsed since the ladies a social hop, and this promise of unusual interest, as have been made for a successful. The Ladies of the have been very busy during few months, and at the ne have the largest membership societies of the fair sex.

eting night after the regular business had been finished one Sisters of the Good News, gave a lit- at their hall on Queen street. members were present and as singing made the as swiftly. A dainty lunch- served in the lodge room and the members passed a very evening.

Lodge No. 35, Independent Odd Fellows, hold their seventh ball on Thursday, the 23rd hall on Queen street. The just been repapered and at one of the most attractive ty. After the dancing, the l adjourns to the banquetting are a splendid repast will be large attendance is expected might will be long remem- the history of the order. The being the 79th anniversary fellowship, the local lodge of edent Order of Odd Fellows ocal lodge of Rebekahs will in full regalia to attend ser- Methodist church.

asland lodge of the Knights have been busy of late with and have increased the ip substantially since the ef of the new term. On Friday lodge held its regular meet- Fellows' hall and the second conferred on one of the candi- attendance was present and and passed pleasantly. Tues- a party of Rosland together with some 15 or 20 Trail lodge, will attend Nel- to witness the conferring of rank, returning home on the Wednesday. Supper will be the lodge room, and a good lected at the hands of the rothers.

odmen of the World, Rosland 176, meet on Wednesday in Columbia avenue. The promises to be important as ents will be made for the on of the lodge's first anniversary falls on May 1st. The lodge progressing rapidly during the months and several new mem- in line for initiation on meet-

ns of St. George have every be satisfied with their efforts rection of establishing a free room at the public library. The institution is well patron- certainly fills a useful niche terior economy of the Golden

next meeting of the Miners' delegates to the W. F. M. n at Nelson will probably be proceedings thereat. The of the union are especially at the selection of Peter Ron- ond as president of the W. the Kootenays and Boundary.

WITHOUT AN ESCORT.

ow, April 13.—The czar and arrived here on Saturday to aster. Their majesties had a mistate reception, which was in atrast to the receptions in for- . Not a soldier was seen along miles of route from the railway to the Kremlin, and there was not the usual precautions. A palm in full swing, and the streets ived. The czar had a thor- ular welcome. Afterwards the bees drove around, hugging the oills bought at the fair, and great enthusiasm.

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IN WESTERN DISTRICTS

Mining News of the Boundary and Camps Further West.

Progress in the Similkameen and Okanagan Country.

GREENWOOD, April 13.—After an absence of four months, spent with friends and relatives in Ontario, Sydney Johnson, P. L. S., city engineer of Greenwood, returned yesterday. Mrs. Johnson and children remain in Ontario, but will return to their home here early in the coming summer.

The membership of the Greenwood board of trade is steadily increasing in numbers. Three months ago there were less than 30 members in good standing; now there are more than 60 names on the roll. On the 13th, six new members were elected, on the 8th two more were added, and two additional names have already been received as applicants for membership to be submitted to next Wednesday's ordinary meeting of the board.

McDonald and Sutherland have made their first shipment of ore from the Elk-lorn claim, which they have under bond. This consists of a carload of ore similar to that the Province has been ship- ping. About seven tons of this Elkhorn shipment includes second class ore with that of better grade, but the remainder of the carload has the appearance of ore that will return high values.

C. Scott Galloway is making steady progress with a tunnel he is driving on the Strathmore claim with the object of cutting a quartz lead which he followed down to a depth of about 60 feet in an incline shaft he sank several years since. The tunnel should cut this vein at a depth of about 20 feet lower than the bottom of the shaft. Some 200 feet have now been driven, and it is expected that the vein will be encountered here a distance of 250 feet shall have been run. The quartz runs well in gold and silver, and the paystreak nearer the surface averaged about six inches in width. A shipment of 23 tons was made at the time the shaft was sunk, but freight and treatment charges were at that time higher than now, and this not leave sufficient margin of profit to encourage Mr. Galloway to continue to get out ore. Conditions are now favorable to profitable working, so it is expected that it will pay to mine and ship the ore.

Recent advices from Camp McKinney state that the present being run at the 285 foot level in the Warden has not yet reached the vein of rich gold quartz ore that at the 160 foot level attracted much favorable notice. One vein has been passed through at the lower level, and drifting on it has shown that the ore will pay to work, but the cross-cut is being pushed on with the object of cutting the richer ore believed to be ahead.

There are now 52 men on the payroll of the New Fairview Corporation, Fairview, Okanagan, B. C., at the Stem-winder mine, stamp mill and cyanide works. It is stated that all the 40 stamps in this mill are dropping, and that the cyanide plant is working well. The ore shoot at the 300 foot level continues to yield good quartz of a payable grade, and plenty of it. The indications are that the company is now in a fair way to make a success of this enterprise, which for a long while was hampered with conditions unfavorable to its being successfully operated.

Two shifts of men are employed on the Morning Star, also in Fairview Camp, and some good looking ore is being mined. The outlook for this long neglected property now looks to be promising, so that a continuance of development and eventual working of the mine on a profit-earning basis is anticipated with confidence.

The installation of the reduction works at Hedley City, Similkameen, for treatment of ore from the Nickel Plate mine, on Twenty-mile creek, is being steadily pushed. Good progress has been made, and the completion of the mill and accessories will result during the season now entered upon.

Two carloads of horses, shipped at Midway, went out on last Saturday's train, en route to Calgary, with A. Cameron in charge.

The first band of beef cattle to come in from the west this season for F. Burns & Co. passed through Greenwood going to the slaughter yards at Ehol Meadow on Saturday. They were part of 250 head that have been wintering at Frank Richter's, Keremeos.

R. Sidley, J. P., the well known rancher, postmaster and customs officer, of Sidley, south of Camp McKinney, returned home yesterday after having spent a couple of days in Greenwood. His men brought down a large drove of hogs, which were able to travel now that the snow is gone. Tilling is commencing on the Anarchist farms, and the ranchers are likely to cultivate a comparatively large acreage this year. Mr. Sidley had 450 acres under cultivation last year, and this year he will likely put in a larger acreage in crop.

Things are now livelier at Chesaw, across the international line at Rock Creek, than for some time past. D. A. Holbrook lately sold some town lots on which a two-story brick building, 50 by 120, is to be erected. This will be occupied as a general store and bank. J. F. Blaine is reported to have sold a group of claims near the town and it is anticipated that a smelter will be erected at Chesaw this year.

NEWS OF GREENWOOD.

Encouraging Finds of Ore in the District Mines.

GREENWOOD, April 9.—J. L. Coles, of Greenwood, has taken into partner-

ship W. M. Frith, well known locally as assistant to his brother, K. C. B. Frith, postmaster at Greenwood. The new firm has removed its book and stationery business to the front part of the centrally situated premises to which the postoffice was also lately transferred.

Thomas Henderson, A. Falconer, H. Laing, D. W. Donnelly and George Wellwood are opening up the Eureka fractional claim, on which some well mineralized rock was lately discovered by Henderson and partner. Where found on the surface the ore was seven or eight inches in width. A tunnel is being driven lower down the hillside and if this cuts the ore it will give a depth of 50 or 60 feet.

W. H. Jeffrey, M. E., has an option on the Chaffier mineral claim, in South Deadwood camp, with the right on certain conditions to a six month work- ing bond. The Chaffier is owned by Bender and Witte, who have encountered some good grade copper-gold ore in a prospect shaft they have sunk. The indications are favorable to the existence there of a body of higher grade ore than occurs in most of the other copper properties in this camp.

An important discovery is reported as having been made this week on the Goldfinch, situate just outside the city limits. This claim was under bond to C. N. Fasset of Spokane, who sank a shaft to a depth of 100 feet, passing at 80 feet down what looked like a vein of barren white quartz. Apparently the showing was not considered good enough for the bond to be taken up, so it was dropped. Last week Mr. W. H. Jeffrey commenced work opening a station at 80 feet down the shaft with the object of drifting both ways on this quartz lead, which runs east and west. Yesterday the drift was in a face of about three feet of well-mineralized ore, the quartz showing iron, zinc blende, grey copper and antimonial silver. As the ore that returned high bulk values to McDonald and Sutherland when a few months ago they worked this claim for a time was similar in appearance and general character to that now being obtained in the drift, Mr. Jeffrey is well satisfied with the outlook. A thorough sampling will be made after more work shall have been done and the vein opened up.

GREENWOOD BOARD.

Business Transacted at the Meeting Held Thursday.

GREENWOOD, April 10.—The regular weekly meeting of the Greenwood board of trade was held yesterday afternoon. After reports from several committees had been received and dealt with the report on the proceedings of the board during the year ended March 31, ult., together with a statement of receipts and expenditures, was received, and a vote of thanks was passed to the late secretary, W. G. Gaudes. Angus K. Stuart, at the request of the board, attended and explained that he had arranged with the Provincial Mining Association to take in hand the collection of exhibits for the St. Louis exhibition, and that the branches of this association must each make its collection in its own individual district. The Dominion government would pay the expense of forwarding the exhibits to Ottawa and thence to the exhibition, but would not undertake the collection of exhibits. The president and secretary were appointed to confer with the Greenwood branch of the Mining Association with the object of providing for the proper representation of this district.

It was resolved, on motion of E. Jacobs and seconded by George R. Nason, "That this board hereby places on record its earnest appreciation of the timely and valuable services at Fernie, B. C., by Messrs. John Keen, A. C. Flumerfelt, Chris Polley, W. G. Gaudes, F. Keffler, M. P. McAndrew and H. G. Seaman, members of the conciliation committee of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, and Mr. George F. Dougherty, president of District No. 6, Western Federation of Miners, in bringing about a settlement of the recent labor troubles at the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company's collieries and in arranging between the company and the miners' unions an agreement that bids fair to ensure the copper mines and smelters of the Boundary district over a comparatively long period the regular and sufficient supply of fuel necessary for their continuous operation. And this board hereby tender its hearty congratulations and sincere thanks to those who, despite many discouragements, worked patiently and persistently until eventually their arduous labors were crowned with success, to their own credit and the great and lasting advantage of the important mining and smelting industries of this leading copper producing district of the Dominion of Canada. The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the foregoing resolution to each member of the conciliation committee and to Mr. George F. Dougherty."

AT GRANBY MINES.

Improved Machinery Installed—Socialist Lecturer.

PHOENIX, B. C., April 10.—Probably one of the finest machine shops at any mine in the province has recently been installed by the Granby Consolidated at its mines in Phoenix. Almost any kind of machine work can be handled here, the plant being complete in every detail and housed in a large building erected especially for this purpose. It includes the following specially constructed machines:

- One 15-inch by 8-foot engine lathe complete.
One 32-inch by 18-foot engine lathe complete.
One 24-inch crank shaper.
One 56-inch drill press complete, with automatic power feed and automatic stop.
One 600-pound steam hammer complete.
One set power bending rolls, 7-16-inch plate and 48 inches wide.
One power-driven splitting shear; will cut 1-3/8-inch plate any width.
One Merrill power-driven pipe threading and cutting of machine, to thread and cut off pipe from 2-1/2 to 8-inch.
A special engine has been installed in the machine shop to drive the new machinery.

The long expected and long delayed motor by which the new 60-drill compressor at the Granby mines will be driven has arrived and is now being put in place by Chief Electrician Lane. It will probably require a week or two to get the first one in running order.

W. H. Bambury, secretary of the Phoenix trades and labor council, has about completed arrangements for a lecture tour by the noted socialist speaker, Rev. Benjamin F. Wilson of California which will take in many of the important centres of the province. A dozen places have already signified a desire to have Mr. Wilson make a visit, and the first lecture in the series will be delivered in Phoenix Monday, April 20th. Following that Mr. Wilson will speak in rapid succession in Ymir, Nelson, New Denver, Fernie, Frank, Revelstoke, Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria, Ladysmith and Nanaimo. Other places will doubtless be arranged for by the time the opening lecture is delivered. Mr. Wilson has made a study of socialism, and is expected to give interesting addresses.

SMELTERS RESUMING. Renewed Activity in the Boundary Expected This Week.

GRAND FORKE, April 11.—The Granby smelter, with only two furnaces at work for five days, treated 2357 tons of ore this week, making the total to date \$4,958 tons. The smelters at Boundary Falls and Greenwood will likely resume operations next week, as large quantities of ore are now in transit from the Crow's Nest mines. The outlook for the Boundary mining industry is very bright. The Seattle mine, on the north fork of Kettle river, is shipping high grade ore. It is being developed by the Trail smelter, which recently bonded it for \$150,000. The Grand Forks driving park and athletic association will hold a big race meeting here on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd next. These are the official dates granted by the North Pacific Fair association in connection with the schedule of spring and summer meetings.

Lloyd A. Manly, president of the local race track, has received assurances that the fastest horses in the west will participate in the races here in July. An effort will be made to secure the attendance of horses from points in Manitoba and the Northwest. There will be no harness events this year, thus enabling the association to hang up larger purses than usual for the running race.

The event will be three and a half furlongs, and the longest one will be one and one-eighth mile, the latter being the Grand Forks Derby. The purses will exceed \$3000.

YMR NOTES.

Ore Exports—Settlers Passing Through to the Northwest.

YMR, April 11.—During the month ending March 31, there passed through the port of Wasetna ore for the United States smelters value at \$93,740. It does seem a pity that Canada cannot handle this, instead of having so much money go out of the country. This matter pertaining to the smelting problem, should be investigated by a royal commission, and the data obtained placed before the federal authorities to act upon.

The emigration to the Northwest still continues from the states of Washington and Oregon. Every train passing through Ymir has a large number of settlers. These are usually distinguished by the number of children they have. The Canadian Pacific Exploration, owing the Porto Rico mine, near here, have sent men to the mine to save what machinery they can. The buildings owned by this concern are all saved in. Last fall their watchman left them, as it was understood that there was some difficulty in his getting his mail. They were advised that it would be necessary to have the snow shoveled off their mine and mill buildings, but no attention was paid to the matter. It seems a shame that so much valuable machinery should be destroyed through the petulosity of the management at London in not spending a few dollars to have the buildings kept free from snow.

There seems to be a great number of grouse on the low ground this spring along the line of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad. They seem to be very plentiful, and it is reported that pot hunters are at work. An example should be made of some of these parties and the limit of the law given them.

J. W. Ross of Ymir, who is at present in Buffalo, N. Y., where he is organizing a developing company, appears to be meeting with success. In a letter written to Ymir some time ago he says that he has every reason to believe that he will be successful.

YMR NOTES.

New Company Formed—North Fork Placer Claims.

YMR, April 13.—J. W. Ross of Ymir, who is in Buffalo, N. Y., has formed a company to take over the Empress of India group of claims on the divide of Hall and Barrett creeks, about eight miles from Ymir. This group is owned by Thomas Livingston of Hall Siding. Considerable work has been done on the claims, and they are considered a good copper prospect. The price is in the neighborhood of \$5000 on a bond, with a small amount of cash down.

Considerable work will be done this summer on the north fork of Salmon river placer claims. Two companies have been formed at Spokane with this object in view, and as soon as the snow is off of the ground a large force will be put to work.

In the list of crown granted claims advertised for sale on the 11th of June in default of payment of taxes there are a large number of claims owned by Rosland companies and individuals, and any Roslanders owning property in the Nelson riding had better refer to the official list as printed under the assessor's instructions.

PALMY DAYS COMING FOR ST. THOMAS MOUNTAIN SECTION OF ROSSLAND CAMP.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR MOST ACTIVE SEASON IN ITS HISTORY.

No section of the Rosland district has so promising an outlook for the coming year as the St. Thomas mountain camp. There is now every indication of just such good times as were experienced in Rosland itself in the palmy days of '92. The boom will have a substantial basis too, as the St. Thomas camp today shows more and larger chutes of pay ore than any other district directly tributary to Rosland.

Among the factors that will contribute to the St. Thomas boom are the following: First, a payroll of a large number of miners; second, one and possibly two or three mills crushing ore; third, several mines shipping daily to the smelters; fourth, the operation of a big sawmill in the recently staked timber limits; fifth, that half a dozen properties are now under bond, some of which are sure to be taken up; sixth, that owners of good prospects in that vicinity are now being besieged with offers to bond or purchase outright; and lastly that a townsite will be platted early in the summer and a new town built up close to the mines.

The revival of good times in that district is primarily due to the assurance that the Bonanza company will this year conduct its operations on a much larger scale than ever before. The property will be developed and equipped in such a way as to make it a steady and larger producer.

Adjoining the Bonanza on the north is the Cascade, which will shortly resume work with a large force of men. Shipments will begin as soon as the roads permit and the company also expects to have a mill in operation on its property this year. A syndicate of Pennsylvania people will furnish the necessary capital, as announced last week.

Pennsylvania people are largely interested in the St. Thomas mountain camp. Besides large holdings of Bonanza and Cascade stock they own the control of the Duhrovnik Mines, Limited. This company owns the second extension of the Bonanza to the north, and will begin development with a good force of miners early next month, when the managing director is expected to arrive here from Philadelphia.

Of the other claims on the Bonanza vein, including the Amazon, Alice L. and Griswold group, all owned locally, several will be extensively worked— one or two are reported to be under option, and if the sales are consummated the operations will assume large proportions. One or two shippers are sure to be evolved from among them as the result of the season's work.

TEACHING THE CHINESE.

"Civilized" Soldiers Endeavor to Edify the Heathen. PEKIN, April 13.—A barroom row between German and Austrian soldiers culminated in a street fight, fifty men on a side. Bricks, clubs and knives were used. A great crowd of Chinese witnessed the affray. Finally a company of German infantry with fixed bayonets and a patrol of Austrian troops separated the combatants. Several Germans and Austrians who took part in the disturbance were so seriously hurt they were taken to the hospital.

DUTCH STRIKE IS OVER.

AMSTERDAM, April 13.—The strike has collapsed. The aged Socialist leader, Dominus Nijvenhuis, who emerged from his retirement in order to run the strike agitation, was present at a stormy meeting of the labor organizations, which sat during the whole of last night and until 8:30 this morning. He proposed to terminate the agitation, since the cause of labor had been betrayed. The meeting acquiesced in this view and decided not to elect a new strike committee. A similar decision was reached at this recent meeting at Rotterdam.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES

In the house recently Mr. Tatlow moved for a return showing in abstract the receipts and expenditures of the province for the half year ending the 31st of December last. He thought, he said, that the house should be in possession of this information at the earliest possible date in order to intelligently discuss the fitness of the government for the transaction of public affairs. In the public accounts for the fiscal year ending the 30th June it was shown that there was a deficiency of nearly \$300,000—\$78,000 to be exact. Comparing the accounts with the finance minister's estimates one found that the estimated receipts were \$2,140,751, and the actual receipts \$1,807,935, or an over-estimate of receipts of \$332,816. Then the actual expenditure was \$2,537,573, while the estimate had only provided for \$2,450,135, an under-estimate of \$87,438. The minister in his estimate had calculated upon a shortage of \$339,484, and adding to this the error in the estimate as disclosed in practice, we had \$729,548. To this had to be added the railway guarantees, on the bonds of the Shuswap and Okanagan, the Nakusp and Sloana, etc., \$57,900, and the total was found to be \$786,548—more than three-quarters of a million. For the present year the estimated expenditure was shown at \$2,488,127, and the receipts at \$2,232,568, or an admitted deficiency of \$255,559. But the estimates of receipts included, it would be remembered, a sum of \$230,000 arrears of taxes to be collected, which it was very doubtful would be brought to the treasury. The total arrears of taxes amouuted to \$523,000, but \$150,000 of this was in the mortgage tax, and the collector of taxes, Mr. McKilligan, had stated in his report that he looks upon a large part of the balance as doubtful. If to this \$265,559 be added railway guaran- tees \$57,900, and the interest on the overdraft, \$40,000, it would make, according to the finance minister's own figures, a deficiency of \$360,000. Last year the discrepancy was \$390,000, and the member for Vancouver held that it was of vital importance for the prospect as shown by the accounts for the past half year.

In reply Hon. Mr. Prentice said that he was quite ready to supply the return for the present was not an appropriate time, however, for entering into discussion of the province's financial affairs. That would be dealt with later when the budget was presented. The premier had stated at Yale that the expenditures for 1902 would be correct, as an analysis of the accounts would show. As for the loan, he would at the proper time be prepared to show that it had been placed as advantageously as possible, and while it had realized somewhat less than had been hoped, he very much questioned if any of the honorable gentlemen opposite could have disposed of it to any better advantage. The revenue, he would find, had been coming in well. As an example, the revenue from timber in the half year had actually exceeded the whole year's estimate; while the revenue from Chinese immigration had also increased perceptibly. Other items of revenue appeared in a highly satisfactory condition, and indeed, as at no other time in the history of the province it would be possible to show no deficit for the year. Passing to the matter of tax sales, a very appreciable amount had been realized, and during the present session an account would be submitted providing for a better system of collection, and the substitution of compulsory annual sales instead of optional sales at unattended intervals. He would have pleasure in complying with the request contained in the resolution.

The minister of finance presented the return that had been asked for, reading as follows: REVENUE. Dominion of Canada— Half yearly interest, \$14,575 53 Half yearly subsidy, 17,500 00 Half yearly grant per capita, 12,570 80 Half yearly payment for lands, 50,000 00 Land sales, 34,324 59 Land revenue, 45,628 00 Rents (exclusive of lands), 76 00 Rents (timber leases), 17,866 45 Free miners' certificates, 9,924 32 Mining receipts generally, 32,499 99 Licenses, 30,155 99 Fines, forfeitures, etc., 5,878 70 Sales of government property, 1,238 50 Reimbursements in aid, 2,321 36 Miscellaneous receipts, 9,066 11 Marriage licenses, 2,870 00 Registered taxes, 60,606 00 Revenue tax, 66,069 16 Personal property tax, 9,032 60 Wind land tax, 13,818 42 Income tax, 1,859 05 Mineral tax, 39,537 83 Printing office receipts, 13,492 28 Probate fees, 5,430 36 Succession duty, 2,617 72 Law stamps, 5,643 05 Registry fees, 33,528 51 Bureau of mines, 208 96 Survey fees, 613 70 Asylum for Insane, receipts, 5,124 16 Provincial Home, 243 11 Revenue service refunds, 3,596 24 Commission and fees, tax sales, 5,990 69 Tax sale deeds, 10 00 Timber royalty and license, 102,833 03 Royalty and tax on coal, 21,440 87 Interest, 175 00 Chinese restriction act, 86,287 50 Interest on investments of

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SULLIVAN MINE.

Proposed Meeting in Spokane Had to be Postponed. SPOKANE, April 13.—A meeting of the Sullivan Mining company was scheduled for today, but on account of the eastern interests desiring J. W. Van Dyke of Lima, Ohio, to be a trustee, it was necessary for the meeting to be postponed. Before a trustee can be elected it is necessary to advertise that such is the intention. Ex-Senator George Turner is the other trustee. The proposed meetings will be held April 25 and May 3.

JUDGE TURNER SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY WERE BECOMING BETTER SHAPED AND IN ALL PROBABILITY THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTING THE SMELTER WOULD SOON BE RESUMED AT MARYSVILLE, B. C.

AN INDIANA STORM.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 13.—Another disastrous storm swept Indiana today. At Bloomfield, Greenville Tally was carried away with a horse and buggy by a sudden rise of Riceband creek. At Washington four inches of water fell, and lightning did great damage to barns and stock. In Jory county the lightning was heavy, a dozen houses and barns being burned.

THE RAZOR STEEL, SECRET TEMPER, CROSS-CUT SAW.



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A TREACHEROUS PREMIER.

Now that he has shamelessly repudiated his pledge to repeal the two per cent tax, Premier Prior will have to reckon with the Provincial Mining Association, and in so doing he will have to face a condition that will probably result in his speedy and permanent retirement from British Columbia politics.

For the time being the premier may control a small majority of the legislature by his evil influences, but he can never hope to either control or cajole the patriotic and public-spirited men of which the Provincial Mining Association is composed.

The Association was organized because the stupidity and recklessness of the present as well as the preceding government had brought the mining industry to a condition far below the prosperity that is justified by our magnificent resources.

It is highly gratifying to know that the government has been completely foiled in its attempt to sacrifice the rights of the people to the C. P. R. and the Victoria ring, but nothing can be done to repair the injury that has been inflicted upon the Kootenays by the failure of the government to grant the East Kootenay licenses and so afford an opportunity to break the fuel monopoly that now controls the district.

At the Victoria convention of the association it was generally admitted that the two per cent tax was as bad as any burden now affecting the mines. The demand for its repeal was carried with a whoop, if it were not in the best interests of the mining industry and of the Province, why was this done? Surely the gentlemen who attended the convention knew what they were advising, and they certainly were actuated by nothing but the loftiest motives.

And the Premier agreed with them at the time and promised to accede to their demands.

But our bumptious premier now knows better. He knows more than all the men who attended the Victoria convention, and he is as much as told them so the other day when he declared in the House that he did not intend to repeal this iniquitous tax.

The premier now stands a self-confessed traitor to the Provincial Mining Association, and, having burnt his bridges behind him, may be expected to give that organization a body blow whenever an opportunity occurs.

The public may any day have sprung upon them by the government press some adroitly worded discussion calculated to breed dissension among the members of the association.

CORNERED AT LAST. The Victoria dispatches to The Miner assert the airing of the East Kootenay scandal in the legislature, may require a little explanation to those who are not familiar with all the circumstances.

Contrary to every principle of good government and in direct violation of the rights of the people, the Columbia & Western Railway, which is a part of the Canadian Pacific system, was allowed to select certain lands in East Kootenay. Pending the selection the government placed a reserve on the surface rights of the land.

At no time has there been a reserve on the coal and petroleum rights on provincial government land in East Kootenay. The chief commissioner of lands and works has been forced to admit this in

the House. Reserves, if any, only applied to the surface rights. Knowing this, and acting under the advice of the best legal and engineering talent available, a number of bona fide prospectors proceeded last summer to locate coal and petroleum on crown lands in the Flat-head and Lodge Pole valleys.

They have complied with every requirement of the law, but the commissioner of lands and works has persistently refused to accept the money that they have tendered for licenses, and, consequently, no licenses have been issued.

The attempt to bluff these prospectors out of their rights and parcel the land out to the Victoria ringsters has failed in every respect. The locators are absolutely sure of their rights and stoutly refuse to be victimized by any such rascality.

Less than three months ago The Miner became aware of the real facts of the case and lost no time in exposing it from beginning to end. As a result the whole province became aroused, and honest men stand aghast at the rottenness of the present government.

The scandal has grown to be the feature of the present session of the legislature. The members had only just convened when John Oliver, the member from Delta district, brought the matter to the attention of the House.

He was ruled out of order, but waited for a better opportunity. Within a few days he returned to the attack. He now has the commissioner of lands and works practically cornered and the government self-confessed conspirators.

Mr. Oliver's interrogatories to Chief Commissioner Wells were very much to the point, except that his questions referred to applications for "licenses" instead of "permits." The chief commissioner was foxy enough to take advantage of the mistake and easily answered in the negative. But this slip will be remedied within the next day or two.

The next time Mr. Oliver goes after the chief commissioner, it will be to ask: "Have any applications been received for coal and petroleum LICENSES in blocks 4593 and 4594 in South East Kootenay?"

The Miner is also informed that Mr. Oliver intends at the same time to ask the chief commissioner in the house why he (the chief commissioner) persistently refuses to issue licenses for coal and petroleum lands in the Flathead and Lodge Pole valleys to prospectors who have complied with all the requirements of the law.

When these questions are answered the government will be in such a predicament that it would seem impossible for it to explain away the rascality that has crept into the affair.

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MINE TAXATION. On Tuesday last the Colonist published a timely contribution from A. C. Galt of Rossland on the subject of the two per cent tax, which will be found in another column.

Mr. Galt makes a strong appeal to the legislature "to do a magnanimous act for once towards our greatest industry which has been enduring the greatest hardships for years past, and grant it a bonus in the shape of freedom from taxation for a few years."

Almost incredible as it may seem, the government organ actually listens to the appeal and admits the wisdom of adopting the course recommended.

Mr. Galt may well feel pleased at having successfully stormed the citadel of the champion of prohibitive taxation.

It is, of course, too much to expect that the Colonist would capitulate gracefully. Accordingly we find that while it admits Mr. Galt's conclusion, it "absolutely disagrees with him on every one of his premises, and on the arguments he bases on them."

The following quotation from the editorial will show the Colonist's reasoning: "He says that 'the revenue derived from the mineral tax is but a drop in the bucket compared with the other items of revenue which the government realizes from the mining industry.'"

He speaks also of amendment to the two per cent tax to a tax on net profits, as reducing a revenue of under \$100,000 to a revenue of \$25,000, and then he says that doing away with this taxation altogether would be the 'end of the system of bleeding the industry to death which has heretofore prevailed.' These propositions are obviously inconsistent with one another."

The supposed inconsistency is made to appear by a palpable misquotation from the letter in question. Mr. Galt did not say that doing away with this taxation would be the end of the system of bleeding the industry to death, etc. What he did say was that "A bonus such as I have suggested would be taken to indicate the commencement of a new attitude of encouragement to the mining industry and the end of the system of bleeding the industry to death, etc."

The fact of the matter is that in referring to the figures applicable to the tax Mr. Galt understated his case. The revenue derived from the two per cent tax dur-

ing the last fiscal year was far short of \$100,000, and was only \$84,077. The \$25,000 which Mr. Galt assumes to be approximately what the government would realize from a tax on net profits is undoubtedly a very sanguine estimate. We do not believe that a tax of even five per cent on the net profits of mining, under existing conditions, would realize \$100,000.

But whether the extent of the bonus would amount to \$100,000 or to only \$10,000 a year, it is certainly a comparatively trifling sum for the Province to shoulder in order to commence a new era of prosperity and to restore confidence to foreign capitalists.

A TYPICAL B. C. LEGISLATOR. The case of E. C. Smith, M. P. P. for South East Kootenay, is worthy of some attention, owing to his recent extraordinary change of front in provincial politics.

In a three-cornered fight at the last general election, Mr. Smith managed to wriggle into the House as a Martinist. Little or nothing was heard of him until just previous to the opening of the present session of the legislature.

The Prior government was in desperate need of support and hunting high and low for it. They found Smith, and, judging from what the coast papers have to say about it, Smith was quite willing to be discovered. As a result, an understanding was arranged between the administration and the man from East Kootenay, and Smith became a government supporter.

Of course Mr. Smith felt that it was incumbent upon him to make explanations, and he has done so in a column interview in the Victoria Times. According to that journal, "The forsaking of the Canadian Northern scheme by the premier satisfies Mr. Smith."

However, he "realizes that the question of the coal and petroleum lands of his constituency will form a very important subject for debate this session." The Times continues:

"Mr. Smith says the government has not lifted the reserve on the lands, and no claims have been recorded. They are being staked, however, on a gigantic scale by a Spokane syndicate. The government, he says, seems to be agreeable to keeping the lands out of the hands of the C. P. R. This is perfectly in line with Mr. Smith's own views in the matter. The question then arises as to what is to be done with them. It is urged that the government is concerned in a scheme for making a grant to favorites, shutting out prospectors who located claims some time ago, but which were never granted owing to the reserve being placed on the lands."

In throwing open the lands a grave danger is anticipated. There would, on the date proclaimed, be a rush of all rivals which might result in riots and possible bloodshed. His own proposal is that the reserve should not be lifted at all. He would prefer to have the lands, which has been proved to be rich, held in perpetuity for the province.

The mineral lands could be rented for a considerable term of years to a syndicate to work. There is a fine blending of cunning and chuckle-headed ignorance in the foregoing quotations. If Mr. Smith is correctly reported, it is inconceivable that a community of intelligent people should select such a man to represent them in the legislature.

Here is a case where a deliberate attempt has been made to steal thousands of acres of the most valuable lands in the Dominion of Canada. Filled in their attempt to arrange this for the railway company, the Government now seeks by every possible subterfuge to prevent bona fide prospectors from attaining their legitimate and unquestionable rights. The government admits that there is no reserve on the petroleum and coal lands of East Kootenay, but persistently refuses to issue licenses for the same.

Mr. Smith practices about "no claims being recorded." He evidently does not know the difference between the regulations for acquiring coal and petroleum and the law concerning mineral claims. Then he refers to a "Spokane syndicate." If, as we believe there are, a large number of "wildcaters" now in East Kootenay making irregular "new locations," that has nothing to do with the government's delay in issuing licenses to Kootenay prospectors who have complied with all the requirements of the law. Mr. Smith either wilfully misunderstands the situation or he is hopelessly stupid.

The gentleman from East Kootenay is also afraid of "riots and possible bloodshed" if the "reserve" were removed. There is not the slightest possibility of anything of the kind happening. The reserve only applies to the surface rights, and in that particular district they are of no value to anybody except the holders of coal and petroleum licenses.

All this is but another instance of the terribly degraded conditions that exist in the legislative assembly. South-east Kootenay only needs justice under the present laws to become the scene of exceptional industrial activity and prosperity. It has more diversified resources and is easily the richest district in Western Canada. Yet in the last few years it has made little or no progress. Its vast areas of mineral, timber, grazing, agricultural and horticultural lands are practically untouched, simply because a corrupt and conscienceless government controls the destinies of the province.

In the face of all this how utterly despicable is the man who, representing such a constituency, will deliberately discountenance and support such an appalling condition of affairs and then attempt to justify the action.

ROSSLAND'S FUTURE.

Five years ago today The Miner had occasion to congratulate the people of Rossland because the total number of men employed in the Trail Creek mines amounted to 600. Everybody was happy and the future looked bright.

But the mines were not then proved, and the district labored under many difficulties and disadvantages that no longer exist. Systematic mining had barely commenced. But two properties were developed to the 500-foot level. The idea of sinking to the deep levels had not been seriously considered.

The extensive surface improvements that have been made since were then unplanned. Concentration was not thought of. Freight and smelter charges were then double what they are now. The banks had not decided to invest here as they have since, and there were only half the present number doing business in the camp.

Oliver Durant then, as now, was asking a couple of millions for his undeveloped Idaho—the eastern extension of the Centre Star. Governor Mackintosh was in London raising the B. A. C. millions for the purchase and development of Rossland properties. Helmeze was doubling the capacity of the Trail smelter, extending the Columbia & Western railway to Robson and planning to build through the Boundary and the Okanagan to tidewater.

Rosslanders were busy booming their own town and the whole of the Kootenay country. Copper was rarer lower than it is today, and there were no converters or refineries in the country. But there were no knockers about. It was the optimism of the people that made things go.

The progress of the Rossland camp since 1898 has been nothing short of phenomenal. But it never did have a fair show. With the exception of just two groups—Mackintosh's B. A. C. and the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate—the marvelous mineral resources in this neighborhood have been overlooked by investors of large capital. It takes much money to develop a mine to a dividend paying stage, and until that money is forthcoming, Rossland cannot expect to attain her proper place among the principal mining camps of the world.

It is, however, very significant that success has attended every big undertaking in this camp. The few properties that have been properly opened up are certainly mines in the truest and best sense, and the time is near at hand when the output from them will astonish the country. Then we may expect a reasonable amount of attention from the large investors, and so bring many of the promising but only partially developed properties to the dividend paying stage.

Meanwhile, it is highly gratifying to know that this year will witness much more activity than usual among the partially developed mines. The Giant has once more renewed operations and is more than paying its way by shipments made from development work. The White Bear has all arrangements perfected to become a shipper, and is rapidly becoming a great mine. The mammoth Jumbo vein is to be extensively worked next month. About \$50,000 will be expended this year on the Spitzee. The Novelty will resume operations before the middle of next June.

The Iron Mask people are getting in their assessments with a view to making that mine a large and steady shipper. The California, The Miner is assured, will start up as soon as Mr. Graves can spare the time from his interests in the Granby mines. The I. X. L. will resume as soon as Mr. Baker recovers from a severe attack of typhoid fever. There are also rumors of other properties starting up, but as no authentic information is obtainable, it probably would not be safe to count upon them doing anything.

It is particularly encouraging to see these many properties preparing to resume operations. None of the owners are over-burdened with money; some, in fact, experience a difficulty in paying their assessments, but they have an abiding faith in the camp and the pluck to back their judgment with whatever funds are available. These properties are of genuine merit and, although they are being developed slowly, are showing up better with every additional foot of work. They have already reached the stage where a little more work is all that is necessary to justify elaborate improvements and preparations for deep-level mining.

When that time arrives capital will not be so tardy as it has been. Then will Rossland really come into her own and take equal rank with Johannesburg and Butte.

A RECKONING NEEDED. When Premier Prior stated in the House a few days ago that he did not intend to repeal the two per cent tax he was guilty of a deliberate breach of faith. He had promised the Provincial Mining Association to abolish this iniquitous tax. He subsequently received from practically every British Columbia newspaper hearty congratulations and no little commendation for the wisdom that he had manifested in the matter. These favorable comments have been flying about for the last two months, and the smug and bumptious colonel has maintained a cunning silence the while. The action is thoroughly characteristic of the man. Much as he may attempt to hide it, the premier's every action, while in the public eye, is that of a man whose sincerity is only a thin

veiner. He may momentarily succeed in making himself a "good fellow" in the passing show, but it does not require a close study of the man to see that his effusiveness is not the genuine article. Under the surface is a selfishness and repellent coldness that leaves but one impression, viz., that he views the public as a lot of "suckers" whom he hopes to use for his own particular benefit.

It now looks as though the premier will be made to pay dearly for his treachery. As we have already pointed out, he will have to reckon with the thousands of electors who are members of the Provincial Mining Association. It lies within the power of the association to put an end to his political existence at the next elections. Meanwhile the Opposition will give him many a bad quarter of an hour in the House. If the Opposition is really desirous of protecting the people against the treachery and rascality of the Prior government, it behooves them to prepare a thorough case against them during the present session. Prior should be brought to his knees over the question of inimical mine legislation, and Wells and his co-conspirators in the East Kootenay scandal should be thoroughly exposed.

THE OPPOSITION'S CHANCE. From the determined and systematic manner in which the Opposition is bombarding the Government with questions concerning the East Kootenay coal and petroleum scandal, it is evident that Mr. McBride and his followers are bent on seeing justice done to the bona fide prospectors who have spent considerable time and money endeavoring to secure licenses from the Crown. This is as it should be. Seeing that the government is so corrupt and indifferent about the rights of the people and the advancement of the mining industry of the Kootenays, it is undoubtedly the duty of the Opposition to fight the matter out to the bitter end.

Mr. McBride now has the chance of a lifetime. He has the Government "dead to rights." There is enough evidence of rascality to quickly put the administration out of existence if the case is conducted with even ordinary care. As for the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Opposition should find it an easy matter to forever drive him out of public life, if not out of the Province.

Mr. McBride and his political associates can sweep the country at the next elections if they do their full duty in the East Kootenay matter.

NO EXCITEMENT; NO MONOPOLY. The Miner sees no reason for the belief expressed in certain quarters that the removal of the government reserve to the surface rights of crown lands in East Kootenay will be followed by a stampede for land—a sort of Oklahoma rush.

The surface rights in the Flathead and Lodge Pole districts are of no value to anybody except those who own the underlying coal and petroleum rights. As the best of the coal and petroleum has already been staked by prospectors who cannot be beaten out of their rights, there is not even the possibility of an excitement arising there about anything. The land in question is very mountainous, there are no agricultural or grazing areas, and the whole country is covered with a dense growth of underbrush and trees of various sizes. It presents a forbidding prospect to the ordinary settler. However, this is not a matter of great interest to the general public. What chiefly concerns Kootenians is: How much longer will the metalliferous mines of Southern British Columbia have to remain at the mercy of the grasping monopoly of the Crow's Nest collieries?

If the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works had done his duty last year and promptly granted licenses to prospectors who had complied with all the requirements of the law, the monopoly would have been broken by now.

It is up to the Opposition now to make the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works do his duty. The Opposition have it within their power to do this.

A CHANGE IMPERATIVE. If the Crow's Nest Coal company, now monopolizing the coal and coke supply for the magnificent mining and smelting industry of the Kootenays and Boundary, had set a course to deliberately make itself obnoxious, greater success could scarcely have crowned its efforts than has been secured by the line of action followed.

Charges have not been wanting that the frightful disaster at the coal mines last summer was occasioned by neglect or precautions, the adoption of which would have averted the catastrophe to human life and the setback which the industries of the country received through the temporary cessation of coke supplies. Then there was an advance of 25 cents in the per ton price of coke. Following this the company had an embargo with its employees, which was settled when approached in a businesslike manner although not until the smelting industry was almost paralyzed. The company having given the country another setback, followed its precedent of increasing the price of

coke. We may expect, in view of this sequence, that each time the coke ovens are shut down the coal company will turn the screw a little harder on the consumers of coke just to add zest to the bitter pill which the country has to swallow through the cessation of the supplies so essential to the operation of the mining and smelting industry.

The implied contract with the public when the Crow's Nest Coal company secured its enormous acreage of choice coal lands was that fuel was to be furnished at a reasonable figure. The company, however, is absolutely indifferent as to its obligations in this respect.

There is no guarantee against further exactions, and the policy of the monopoly has been demonstrated so clearly and unmistakably in the culminating advance in coke, that a government must be worse than blind that would lend its aid to such an institution. Yet this is exactly what the Provincial government is doing when it withholds licenses to provincial coal lands in East Kootenay.

KOOTENAY'S MISREPRESENTATIVES. The Kootenays are represented in the provincial legislature by W. C. Wells of Northeast Kootenay, E. C. Smith of Southeast Kootenay, John Houston of Nelson, Robert Green of Slokan, Tom Taylor of Northwest Kootenay, and Smith Curtis of Rossland.

Of this number, W. C. Wells, E. C. Smith and John Houston are supporting the Prior government, although at the last elections they posed as "friends of the people."

Wells did not have to dissemble so much as the other two because of the C. P. R. influence in his district. To have the C. P. R. behind you in Northeast Kootenay means election; without it a candidate has never been successful in the district. It is, therefore, not so surprising to find the member for that district doing what he does for the railway and the other big corporations; nor is it surprising that he should force his way into the Dunsmuir and Prior cabinets and remain there.

E. C. Smith was elected as an Oppositionist and remained so until the opening of the present session, when, by some mysterious influence, he "flopped" to the Government. From the way the Nelson News tries to excuse this act of treachery to Southeast Kootenay, it looks as though the Crow's Nest coal monopoly had a lot to do with it. However, there will soon be a day of reckoning for Mr. Smith, if we may believe reports as to the feeling in Southeast Kootenay that has arisen over his change of front.

Wells may be an out and out corporationist, and Smith may sell out his constituency and his principles, but what is their position when compared with that of John Houston? The member for Nelson has sunk to the level of a professional politician. He was elected to represent a town that is practically dependent upon the prosperity of the mines of all the surrounding districts; yet he has deliberately joined the Government party and is slyly standing by while the country is throttled by the coal monopoly, and he does nothing to induce the government to issue licenses to those of his constituents who are endeavoring to break the monopoly and so greatly advance the prosperity of every district in Southern British Columbia.

Messrs. Green, Taylor and Curtis seem disposed to do the right thing in this connection, but they are largely handicapped by the influence of the coast members who are too busy with their peanu politics to give much consideration to the welfare of the Kootenays. There is, however, a mass of evidence in the East Kootenay scandal sufficient to sweep the Prior government out of existence. It is easily available. There should be no difficulty in preparing the case against the Government. It should be done without further delay. Messrs. Green, Taylor and Curtis owe it to themselves and the Kootenays to see that the whole question is thoroughly threshed out and justice done to all.

The solon from East Kootenay would like to see all the coal and petroleum lands leased to one company! Heaven help the metalliferous mining industry, if such a calamity were to happen. Fortunately, however, it is impossible because there is no law against the acquisition of coal and petroleum licenses in that district.

William Hayes Fisher, M. P., has resigned his post as financial secretary of the British treasury because he had accepted a bonus of shares in a financial syndicate which afterwards came before the courts under charges of wrongdoing. It was not suggested that Mr. Fisher had any responsibility for the suspicious course of the syndicate, and he explained in his statement to the house of commons that he actually lost money by his connection with it, but he felt that he could no longer hold his government position because of the shadow indirectly thrown on him. If Mr. Fisher had lived in British Columbia he would not have needed to carry so sensitive a conscience.

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H. B. Alexander on the 20th inst., to open the Idaho-Consolidated, with a capital of registered in Scotland. About a foot of ore exposed on the Mete Connections were between the shaft and on the Ottawa.

The Payne was again last week, sending concentrates. The machinery for is being installed at the shoe this week.

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Foss & McDonald rock work for the Morrissey and have to Michel, where the a similar contract. be built at the latter worth and F. D. A. construct \$25, and Pittsburg has received the whole number brick for the ovens are now overdue.

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# General News Of the Kootenay

## THE LARDEAU.

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It is reported at Trout Lake that a deal is now pending on the St. Elmo, a very promising mining property, on the Great Northern mountain. Capitalists represented by George W. Stead, manager of the Ethel and Lucky Boy claims, Trout Lake, are said to be the parties wishing to invest.

The construction train and a large crew of men are now at work opening and repairing the Lardeau railway with a view to having it in running order shortly. The railway people expect to have Trout Lake open for navigation from five to six days after the train gets through to Gerrard.

There is now not a question but that a mail service between South Kootenay points and the Lardeau via Gerrard will be inaugurated during the opening season.

Negotiations are now well under way for the establishment of a chartered bank in Trout Lake. This, with electric lights and a big sawmill, are likely to be three of the substantial marks of Trout Lake's progress during the coming summer.

The plans are now out for the Oyster-Criterion stamp mill, on which work will be started as soon as possible.

W. B. Pool has bonded the Homestead, Idaho and Detroit claims for \$100,000. The properties are near the Oyster-Criterion and Eva mines, and are owned by McKay Bros., Strutt and Beaton.

## THE SLOCAN.

The provincial government expended \$35,252 on improvements in the Slocan district last year.

Ruby silver has been struck for the first time in the Payne. In the lower tunnel can be seen along the hanging wall a streak of this exceedingly rich ore.

The road leading out of Three Forks towards Sandon is being repaired by workers from the Monitor and local contractors. The government will be asked to pay later on.

P. J. Hickey, manager of the Ivanhoe mine, has gone to New York. He will return about the end of the month.

The Paystrom printing plant was shipped to Vancouver last week by R. T. Lowery.

Indications are bright for a good summer for Silverton. Manager Lane will return there in a few days to resume work at the Wakefield. Work will be started on the Hewitt mill.

The Fisher Morden will resume operations shortly, and there is the likelihood of the Galena Farm being worked. The Wakefield will be operated on a larger scale than last year. The flume from the scale to the mill is to be repaired at once, the intention being to start the concentrator.

The impression that has got abroad that the Bouson stopped shipments of zinc ore to the Lanyon Smelting Co. is absolutely without foundation. The Iola people settled on terms entirely satisfactory to the mining company. All zinc ore is now going to Trail, as returns are quicker.

H. B. Alexander sails from England on the 20th inst., to open the Ruth mines, with a capital of £130,000, has been registered in Scotland.

About a foot of clean ore has been exposed on the Meteor.

Connections were made last week between the shaft and the main workings on the Ottawa.

The Payne was again the only shipper last week, sending out 50 tons of concentrates.

The machinery for a compressor plant is being installed at the Rambler-Cariboo this week.

The lessees of the Bonholder have four tons of ore on the dump awaiting the trail to get in shape for packing.

The ledge on the Dayton has been purchased by the lessees and drifting will now be undertaken to catch the ore shoot.

## EAST KOOTENAY.

There have been several buyers from the Northwest looking for East Kootenay horses during the past week, and a number purchased. The West Kootenay Indians sold two carloads of horses for shipment and will likely ship several more when their horses are in better condition.

The Crow's Nest coal mines are being rapidly opened. In the three camps about 70 per cent of the men are at work, but at Coal Creek owing to the condition of No. 3 and the lower levels of No. 2 only about 50 per cent are yet employed. No. 3 is being pumped more rapidly than was expected, a larger pump having been secured.

The future of Cranbrook was never brighter than it is now. Although in the past it has enjoyed prosperity, in fact it has always been prosperous, yet there never was a time when the people had reason to feel so good over the future of the town. Every element of prosperity in a manner that it bound to contribute to the business and growth of the town.

Foss & McDonald have finished the rock work for the new coke ovens at Morrissey and have moved their outfit to Michel, where they have commenced a similar contract. Of the 250 ovens to be built at the latter point, E. W. Wierwille and D. D. Alexander will each construct 12, and Harry Oldland of Pittsburg has received the contract for the whole number at Morrissey. The brick for the ovens are on the way and are now overdue.

The Kootenay Central survey party, which has been operating in the vicinity of Steele for the past two weeks,

moved its camp to Fish lakes last week. There are 12 men in the party. A number of new placer locations were recorded at Fort Steele last week. James Cronin, manager of the St. Eugene silver-lead mine, still adheres to his determination to keep the mine closed until the Dominion government increases the duty on lead and lead products.

## THE BOUNDARY.

Work on the bridges over the West Fork of the Kettle river is progressing favorably.

The Anarchist Mountain district is fast becoming famous as a stock country. Mixed farming is also very profitable there.

Kettle river and Okanagan horses are being extensively shipped to the Territories.

Double shifts are now at work extending the tunnel on the Blue Jay, a couple of miles below Phoenix.

It is understood that the Sunset smelter at Boundary Falls will shortly begin the installation of a fourth furnace.

It is expected that the work of installing the two additional furnaces at the Granby smelter, making six in all, with a total capacity of 2200 tons of ore daily, will be started about May 1, the additional furnaces to be shipped from the makers, the Allis-Chalmers Co., from Chicago shortly.

Seventy-five men were put to work at the Mother Lode mine last week, and shipments to the company's smelter at Greenwood were to have commenced yesterday.

During the month of March the Granby mines shipped 22,318 tons to the company's smelter. In February the tonnage was 27,487, and in January 28,284, making a total of 88,793 tons for the first three months of 1935.

## REVELSTOKE DISTRICT.

J. D. Sibbald, manager for the Revelstoke and McCullough Creek Hydraulic company, feels elated over the fact that he has sold all the stock authorized to be issued for development purposes. The company is reserving 25,000 shares.

Rev. Dr. Herdman has arrived at Fire Valley to open the Presbyterian church.

The Yale-Columbia Lumber company is making arrangements for a lumber camp to be put in at Fire Valley.

E. J. Bangs has charge of the government work of putting in two new bridges on the Fire Valley and Kettle River trail, work to be commenced right away.

## OLD CASE CONCLUDED.

Supreme Court of Canada Ruler in Interesting Action.

The following outline of recent developments in a case of local interest will attract attention:

The Kootenay Brewing & Malting company of Trail being indebted to the Bank of Montreal, the bank insisted on receiving a mortgage covering the company's property and an assignment of their books, debts, and also obtained a judgment against the concern. Another creditor then brought an action against the bank to set aside the mortgage, assignment and judgment, on the grounds:

(1) that the mortgage was voluntary and fraudulent; (2) that it was a preference in favor of the bank; (3) that it was not executed as required by company law; (4) that the assignment was void for the same reason and also being in contravention of section 90 of the Bank Act, which provides that no higher rate of interest or discount than seven per cent shall be recoverable by a bank; and (5) that the judgment was also fraudulent and void. The judge at the trial in British Columbia, affirmed by the supreme court of that province, held that as there was good consideration for the mortgage, and as it was given under pressure, it ought not to be set aside, although it comprised the whole of the brewing company's property, and was given at a time when the debtor was in insolvent circumstances to the knowledge of the bank and had the effect of depriving other creditors being paid their claims. It was also held that the mortgage, which had been made by the directors without proper authority, had been legally ratified by a subsequent resolution of the shareholders of the company. The creditor then brought an appeal to Ottawa, but the supreme court also affirmed the validity of the securities obtained by the bank. (32 Supreme Court Records 719, Adams vs Bank of Montreal.)

## ON THE DIAMOND.

Arrangements for the Opening of the Season Today.

NEW YORK, April 14.—As the national baseball season will begin tomorrow at Philadelphia and St. Louis and at New York and Cincinnati on Thursday, President Pulliam of the National League announced today the assignments of his umpires for the initial games as follows: At Philadelphia, Moran and O'Day; at St. Louis, Johnston; at New York, O'Day; at Cincinnati, Emalie.

According to President Pulliam, all the principal claims of the clubs on players have been satisfied with the exception of affairs of Edward Delehanty and George Davis. Delehanty has made arrangements to pay back to the New York club what money he owes to that organization within a week, so that he can fulfill his contract and play with the Washington American league team when the season begins on April 22nd. Davis has given no intimation as to what he intends doing in reference to his indebtedness to the New York National league club. Davis says his affairs are entirely in the hands of his legal advisers.

John Hartline was ticketed to Grand Forks over the Spokane Falls & Northern yesterday.

# PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES

## Still Heavier Expenditure Proposed by the Government.

## An Announcement in Regard to the Two Per Cent. Tax.

VICTORIA, April 14.—The estimates were tabled this afternoon by Hon. Mr. Prentice, and the house goes into supply tomorrow. The estimated expenditure is \$2,491,666, as against \$2,475,467 last year.

The charges for the public debt have increased about \$24,000; civil government salaries \$800; administration of justice (salaries) about the same; maintenance of public institutions about the same; hospitals and charities \$14,000; increase for administration of justice other than salaries, about \$4000; education about \$29,000, and transport \$5000. Against these increases a marked reduction is made in the appropriation for public works, which falls from \$655,200 to \$568,250.

The increase in civil salaries is due to several additions to the staff, like Rod Tolmie, deputy minister of mines, at \$150 per month. There is no change in the administrative staffs at Nelson and Rossland. A mining recorder is added at Revelstoke at \$1020.

For the courthouse at Nelson an appropriation of \$40,000 is made. The government wanted it limited to \$20,000, but Mr. Houston is said to have insisted on doubling that. Plans have been prepared for this building by Architect Rattenbury. They show a four-story handsome building, with turret and tower, slate roof, etc.

The appropriations for the upper country include \$14,000 for Northeast Kootenay, \$17,000 for Southeast Kootenay, \$14,000 for Revelstoke, \$14,000 for Slocan, \$14,000 for Nelson and \$15,000 for Rossland. There is \$10,000 for surveys through the province. The Fernie conciliation committee cost \$210.

An appropriation of \$4500 is made for the new government house and a further appropriation of \$10,000 for the reformatory at Vancouver, together with \$4500 for different contingencies in connection with the new government house in this city.

Premier Prior in the house this afternoon, in answer to the taunt of Mr. Curtis that he had failed to keep his promise to "repel the tax which would be repealed, an act for that purpose being brought down later in the session.

On the second reading of the assessment act, the government withdrew the provision taxing mineral claims 50 cents an acre, the old rate of 25 cents being retained or not.

Mr. Curtis' motion, that in the interest of good government we should have a dissolution and an appeal to the country at the close of the present session, caused consternation, as Mr. Martin came out in support of it, and Mr. Ellison being absent the result of a division would have been known. The opposition saw their advantage and pressed it, to the manifest concern of the ministers. A division was saved by the speaker, who asked till tomorrow to give a ruling whether the objection of Mr. Prentice that the motion was out of order, as involving expenditure, should be sustained or not.

In reply to Mr. Curtis, Col. Prior said it was not the intention of the government to change the name of Trail Creek mining division to Rossland.

The re-enacted anti-Mongolian measure passed its third reading.

The select committee to inquire re grants of land by the Columbia & Western met this morning and issued orders for voluminous correspondence to be brought down. Mr. Oliver is acting as prosecutor. It is believed the game of the government will be to delay the sittings of the committee in the hope that the session will conclude before real progress is made with the inquiry.

Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, will be secretary to the commission to inquire into the labor troubles in British Columbia.

## THIS LOOKS BAD.

The Sea Serpent Appears to the Bamfield Creek Cable Men.

VICTORIA, April 14.—Officers of the cable station at Bamfield Creek are sponsors for the story that a sea serpent from forty to sixty feet long and with a head like a horse has been seen off the further end of the island. The cable operators say in letters to local papers that the Indians had been telling of the existence of a sea serpent, but the stories were not credited. David Osborne, one of the officials, says that a week ago the animal was seen from the cable station to raise a big horse-like head and swim out from the mouth of Bamfield creek into Barkley sound. Mr. Godson, of the cable staff, says that when he first saw the animal it looked like a mass of seaweed, but presently he saw a head elevated and the big serpent moved off, its outline visible, toward the sea. Mr. Godson says it moved off with the speed of a torpedo boat. On April 10th an Indian saw the thing and was so frightened that he ran his canoe into the breakers, left it and fled along the beach to the cable station. The Indian said the thing had a head shaped like a horse and its body, ten feet of which was lifted, was the size of a barrel. The Indians in the neighborhood are terrified.

W. J. Nelson will wear a handsome gold medal as a premium for prowess in the Veterans' snowshoe race during the winter carnival. The medal awarded for the race is on exhibition at Ewert Bros.

# DON'T ALL SEE ALIKE

## Protest Offered Against Postponement of Tax Sale.

## Some Think Government Should Have Proceeded With It.

The postponement of the tax sale of crown granted mineral claims did not meet with the approval of all interests. As secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern B. C., H. W. C. Jackson has addressed the following communication to Hon. J. D. Prentice, minister of finance, under date of April 14. The letter represents the opinions of those who deplore the introduction of a redemption clause into the Mineral Act, and says:

"As the Rossland Miner contained a telegram from Victoria this morning announcing that you would postpone the sale for taxes of crown granted mineral claims, I write you at length on the subject, urging that the sale proceed.

"In explanation I desire to state that the action of the government so far has been strictly in line with the policy suggested by the Associated Boards of Trade, and a postponement of the sale will consider the first departure from that policy and as involving useless expense and delay which would be detrimental to the mining industry. When the Associated Boards of Trade recommended to the government the increase of taxes on crown granted mineral claims from 25 to 50 cents per acre and prompt collection of the same, it had in view two main objects: (1) The encouragement of the mining industry, (2) a reasonable contribution to the provincial treasury. The first object could only be secured through the government adhering to the policy of offering for sale on a specified date non-working crown granted mineral claims on which no taxes had been paid and selling these claims without redemption. The policy was in strict conformity with the spirit of the Mineral Act, which leases to the individual a mineral claim on the understanding that he does \$100 worth of work each year or pays to the government \$100 in lieu thereof. That it is the intention of the act that the work should be done to perpetuate the lease is evidenced by the fact that the government exacts the full cost of assessment work in cash where the work is not done.

"We found that when claims were crown granted and assessment work was no longer necessary, with a tax of only 25 cents an acre, which was not promptly collected, there was no inducement or incentive to work these claims, with the result that enormous areas of mineral lands in Kootenay were tied up for a long period of years, furnishing no market for either labor or supplies and contributing practically no revenue to the government. We therefore thought that with a doubling of the taxes, together with the assurance that the failure to pay taxes promptly, meant that non-working claims should be sold without redemption, would have the effect of causing a large amount of work to be done, or the owners would abandon their properties and allow others with more faith or more enterprise to take hold of them and work them.

"We beg to point out in this connection that if redemption is permitted the inducement to purchase these claims when sold for taxes will be almost nil. This same dog-in-the-manger policy which has tied up so large areas for such a long time would likely induce these people, as soon as they found others willing to pay taxes on their claims, to reclaim their property within the period of redemption, without any assurance that such reclamation would result in work, without which the properties would be of no real value to the province, while during the period of redemption the new owners would not dare to do any work, thus keeping the property uselessly idle.

"With regard to the second object, that of procuring a reasonable revenue to the government, we beg to point out that no owner of a crown granted claim is required to pay any taxes at all. All he has to do is to work his property, in which case he is exempt from taxation, but if he does not work his property we are firmly convinced that a tax of 50 cents an acre is a very small penalty to be inflicted on him for keeping his property idle to the detriment of the country.

"We also consider that it is a most essential part of this policy that the claims unsold should instantly revert to the public domain, so that they may immediately be made available for relocation, in which case they would at once become revenue producing properties again."

## ASKS INVESTIGATION.

### A Charge of Corruption Against French Premier's Son.

PARIS, April 14.—Edgar Combes, the premier's son, has asked the public prosecutor to open an investigation into the charges made against him by M. Besson, the editor of the Petit Dauphinois, of Grenoble. Besson in an article published this morning alleged that an intermediary, who he declared to be a prominent politician named Vervoort, had approached him in the name of Edgar Combes with an offer to secure authorization for the monks of Grand Chartreuse monastery to remain in France on a payment of \$200,000, of which \$20,000 would be given to M. Besson as his commission on the transaction.

Le Societ journal publishes an interview with Vervoort, who gives a complete denial to Mr. Besson's story,

# COAL LAND TACTICS

## DIFFERENT TREATMENT OF THE DISTRICTS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

## LICENSES GRANTED IN PLACES AND REFUSED IN OTHERS.

VICTORIA, April 14.—"Why locations in the Similkameen and other districts made in accordance with the law are to be recognized and those in South East Kootenay not, is not clear to me," says Smith Curtis, M. L. A., discussing the matter of the reserved crown lands.

"The main ground upon which they can reject those in South East Kootenay must resolve itself into this, that the present law is not sufficient to protect the public interests and the power of refusing applications is to be invoked, but if that is so in regard to South East Kootenay it must be so in regard to every other coal district of the province, and therefore all applications for coal should, according to this contention, be rejected. The government, of course, has not been rejecting, and does not now reject, such applications from other districts. I think the time has come when the press should dwell upon this phase of the case where it believes the present applications should not be refused.

"You will have learned that the government propose to make the cancellation of the crown grants issued to the Columbia & Western railroad company effective by passing an act confirming the order in council which cancelled the grants. It is the suggestion I made in my interview in the Rossland Miner three or four weeks ago, and will eventually shut out the Canadian Pacific from these lands, but may leave the province liable for a large amount of damages to the Canadian Pacific."

# THE STOCK MARKET

The holidays cut the week in two, and business was not brisk on the trading days. Prices show very little net change from the opening. North Star was strong, two small sales being made at 13 1/2 and the quotations closing at 14 and 13. Rambler has also shown some strength, advancing to 28 3/4 in the bids, but with no sales recorded. Cariboo McKinley has remained fairly firm around 13, and White Bear sold at 3 3/4, the asking price being advanced to 4. There was very little movement in the rest of the list.

Stock	Asked	Bid
American Boy	4 3/4	5 1/4
Ben Hur	5 1/4	4 3/4
Black Tail	5 3/4	5
Bonanza	40	39
Canadian Gold Fields	4 1/2	3 1/2
Cariboo McK (ex-div.)	14	11 1/2
Centre Star	29 1/2	29
Fairview	6	4 3/4
Fisher Maiden	4	3 3/4
Giant	2 3/4	2 1/2
Granby Consolidated	55.50	54.50
Lone Pine	3	2 1/2
Morning Glory	1 1/4	1
Mountain Lion	12 1/2	11 1/2
North Star (B. K.)	14	13
Payne	18 1/2	17
Quip	29	27 1/2
Rambler-Cariboo	29 1/2	28 1/2
Republic	5	4 3/4
San Post	5	6
Sullivan	4 1/2	3 1/2
Tom Thurb.	5 1/4	4
War Eagle Con.	14	12
Waterloo (Ass. paid)	5	4
White Bear (Ass. paid)	4	3 1/2

# SALES.

American Boy, 1000, 41-2c; 1000, 4c; Centre Star, 1000, 29-1-4c; Cariboo McKinley, 500, 12 3/4-4c; North Star, 1000, 13 1/2-2c; Total, \$500. Republie McKinley, 500, 12 3/4-4c; 1000, 12c; Centre Star, 1000, 29 1-2-2c; Bonanza, 1000, 39 1-2-2c; Giant, 500, 2 3/4-4c. Total, 4000. Giant, 1000, 2 3/4-4c; North Star, 500, 500, 13 1-2-2c; Fisher Maiden, 2000, 3 1-2-2c; Payne, 1000, 17 1-2-2c; Cariboo McKinley, 1000, 13c; White Bear, 3000, 3 3/4-4c. Total, 9000.

# A COMMON MISTAKE.

Many People Weaken Their System by Taking Purgative Medicines.

People who use a purgative medicine in the spring make a serious mistake. Most people do need a medicine at this season, but it is a tonic that is required to give health, vigor and vim. Purgatives irritate and weaken—a tonic medicine invigorates and strengthens. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are absolutely the best tonic medicine in the world. These pills do not gallop through the bowels—they are gently absorbed into the system, filling the veins with the pure, rich, red blood that carries health, health and strength to every part of the body. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure skin eruptions, indigestion, headaches, nervousness, neuralgia, backache, rheumatism, continued weakness and all other blood troubles. They are just the tonic you need for this spring. Mr. A. Campeau, Alexandria, Ont., says: "I received great benefit from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and take pleasure in recommending them to all who suffer from troubles arising out of a poor condition of the blood. I think there is no better tonic medicine."

If you need a medicine this spring give these pills a trial—they will not disappoint you. Do not be persuaded to take a substitute or any of the "just as good" medicines which some dealers, who care only for profit, offer their customers. See that the full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, is on the wrapper around every box. If in doubt send direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and the pills will be sent by mail, post paid, at 50c per box or six boxes for \$2.50.

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OUTRAGE ON THE SMELTERS

The Price of Coke Has Been Raised Again.

Flore Activity at Trail Smelter—Construction Started.

It is an outrage on the smelting industry in the Kootenays and Boundary that the Crow's Nest Coal company should have advanced the price of coke again...

Incidentally it may be stated that Mr. Aldridge's views on the action of the Crow's Nest Coal company in respect to the price of coke is shared by every consumer in the interior...

TO A CLOSE. City Assessment will Shortly be Completed and Returned.

The assessment is proceeding steadily and will be completed at the time set by the council, the 20th inst. The roll is to be returned to the council eight days later...

WENT TO CHURCH. Rosslund Turned Out in Strong Force to Easter Services.

Easter Sunday saw larger congregations at the city churches than had assembled since Christmas. All the churches held special services appropriate to the day...

A. G. Creelman is somewhat indisposed.

REFUSE TO WORRY

SCHOOL TRUSTEES DECLINE TO LOSE SLEEP OVER ESTIMATES.

REST SECURE IN KNOWLEDGE THAT COUNCIL IS CINCHED.

The public school trustees will not take action at this juncture in respect to the cutting down of their estimates by the city council...

Other minor matters in connection with the board were attended to. The public schools closed last night for the Easter holidays...

CREELMAN FOR ARBITRATOR. Corporation Selects Well Known Contractor as Arbitrator.

The corporation has made its selection of an arbitrator in matters at issue between the city and the firm of Blue & Deschamps...

Advises were received here yesterday to the effect that Hon. C. H. Mackintosh had been successful in the cases of Manley vs. Mackintosh and O'Brien vs. Mackintosh...

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Last night The Miner received a telegraphic message from W. K. Ebling, formerly of the Trail Creek News and now of Tacoma, stating that the trophy was at the home of S. A. Hartman...

The Miner offered to supply the silver bullion necessary to make a replica of the missing cup in case it was not found...

PICTURE DEAL AGAIN

AGENT FOR ART ENLARGING CONCERN SEEN BY POLICE.

COMPELLED TO RETURN A PHOTOGRAPH—HOW 'T WAS WORKED.

The chief of police devoted some attention yesterday to the case of a party named Schupp, who is connected with a picture enlarging house...

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FOREST GOES HIGHER

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE S. F. & N. GETS SUBSTANTIAL PROMOTION.

IS SUCCEEDED BY R. C. MORGAN—BOTH WERE HERE YESTERDAY.

F. S. Forest, superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern road, was in Rosslund for a few hours yesterday afternoon, leaving his "P. P. C.'s" with his Rosslund friends...

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IN WHITE AND GOLD

ROSSLAND LACROSSE CLUB AD- OPTS THESE DAINTY COLORS.

ORGANIZATION PROCEEDED WITH LAST NIGHT—MUCH INTEREST TAKEN.

Lacrosse was given a splendid start here last night, when the Rosslund lacrosse club was organized with a set of officers that augurs well for the future...

Membership was fixed at a dollar, and a special membership committee was appointed as follows: Charles Summers, Wallace Fraser, Walter Robinson, Julius Levy and Stewart Martin...

It was resolved to have three dozen lacrosse sticks brought into the city, and by the time these arrive, a fortnight hence or thereabouts, the club will be ready to start play...

CLOSED FOR SLIDES. Rambler-Cariboo Mine Shuts Down Pending the Passing of Avalanches.

The Rambler-Cariboo mine has suspended operations pending the passage of the slides annually occurring near the property. The manager was instructed several days ago to close the mine...

HE VENTURED FORTH. SHERIFF FERGUSON OF COLVILLE MAKES FIRST TRIP ABROAD.

HE WAS NEVER OFF UNCLE SAM'S LAND BEFORE. (From Saturday's Daily.)

Two officers of the law from Washington spent yesterday in Rosslund, leaving this morning for the south. They were H. G. Kirkpatrick, prosecuting attorney of Stevens county, and Frank Ferguson, sheriff of Stevens county...

WHAT SPOKANE THINKS. Some Impressions Gathered in Washington Metropolis.

A Rosslander just returned from Spokane makes several interesting comments on the trend of opinion there respecting various matters of general import. Deponent saith that a number of Rosslanders have been in Spokane recently and have not painted an especially bright picture of conditions in the Golden City...

A WARNING TO MOTHERS. Ask any doctor and he will tell you that the "soothing" medicines contain opiates and narcotics dangerous to the health of infants and children...

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ROSSLAND'S EXHIBIT

MINING ASSOCIATION TAKES ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WANTS SPECIMENS FOR BIG ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

The Provincial Mining Association's Rosslund branch is flourishing. At a meeting last night the sub-committee on membership reported a paid membership to date of 1199. A number of lists have yet to come in, and the roll of members may be published at a later date...

The secretary of the local association has tags designed to accompany same, and these may be obtained on application. It is regarded as important that the Rosslund district should have representation in this way, and the expense and trouble entailed are comparatively small if the parties interested in mines take advantage of the facilities afforded.

CLOSED FOR SLIDES. Rambler-Cariboo Mine Shuts Down Pending the Passing of Avalanches.

The Rambler-Cariboo mine has suspended operations pending the passage of the slides annually occurring near the property. The manager was instructed several days ago to close the mine...

HE VENTURED FORTH. SHERIFF FERGUSON OF COLVILLE MAKES FIRST TRIP ABROAD.

HE WAS NEVER OFF UNCLE SAM'S LAND BEFORE. (From Saturday's Daily.)

Two officers of the law from Washington spent yesterday in Rosslund, leaving this morning for the south. They were H. G. Kirkpatrick, prosecuting attorney of Stevens county, and Frank Ferguson, sheriff of Stevens county...

WHAT SPOKANE THINKS. Some Impressions Gathered in Washington Metropolis.

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These Tablets will promptly relieve and cure all minor ailments of children, and may be safely given to a newborn baby. We know you will use our medicine. Sold by druggists at 25 cents a box or sent by mail on receipt of price by writing direct to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BAD FAIR

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VICTORIA, April 15.—April 15, introducing the same brought forward last night. The meeting including Japanese in its disallowance, called sharply into admitted it was the same has re-introduced his Mr. Hawthornthwaite eight-hour day in coal the standard ton at 22.50.

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VICTORIA, April 15.—Hunter and Macke the commission to mine labor trouble. have been on the refused, owing to Joseph Martin, with the gripe, and in his place for Helmcken has not since the opening shifted the whole of feet and broke every pane of glass in the premises without doing any more serious damage. It is expected the mine will resume in the course of a month.

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ment of Agriculture, Ottawa."

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cepted by the following particu-

lars: Claim, owners, locality, ap-

proximate value and any other

general or statistical, that

may be available.

It is regarded as impor-

tant that the Rossland district

of the following particulars:

1. Name of the mine, and

2. Name of the party entitled

to the mine, and

3. Name of the parties in-  
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SED FOR SLIDES.

Below Mine Shuts Down

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Cher-Cariboo mine has sus-

tentions pending the passage

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formed that the mine was

closed for some days to close

the instructions for the morn-

ing. The men engaged in the

work are familiar with the dan-

gerous nature of the season.

An effort was made to dis-

turb the powder, but this

was not satisfactory results.

very year a big slide has

occurred in the vicinity of the

mine, but no one has been in-

jured. The danger may be greater

because of the unusually deep

hills. Last spring the slide

at the corner of the boarding

house, where a couple of

men were working, was

prevented from doing any more

work, and the mine will resume

work in a month.

**SPOKANE THINKS.**

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is no prospect of any

material improvement of the

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Mr. Oliver has given notice

of the following questions:

(1) How many applications for

licenses to prospect for gold

and silver on block 4593 have

been made to date?

(2) How many such applica-

tions have been granted, and

what are the names and places

of residence of the licensees?

(3) As the reserve placed upon

block 4593 in August, 1899, does

not exclude prospecting for

gold and silver, why have ap-

plications for such purposes

been refused?

(4) Why is said reserve still

maintained with regard to those

lands?

(5) When is the reserve to be

taken off?

The table of precedence as

interpreted in this province

was again a cause of offence

on the day of the opening

of the house. Rev. W. Leslie

and Rev. Dr. Rowe were in-

vited as representatives of the

Presbyterian and Methodist

bodies. Rev. Mr. Clay on

entering the chamber found

his seat to be in the back-

ground, while Bishops

Cridge, Orth and Ferrin, of

the Episcopal, Roman Catholic

and Anglican churches had

front seats among the

official set. Mr. Clay

declined to accept, and turn-

ing, left the chamber. Rev.

Dr. Rowe, it was noticed, did

not take a seat at all, but

remained standing with

several other gentlemen

throughout the proceedings.

The contention of these

clergymen is understood to be

that Canada having no state

church, the precedence should

be accorded to bishops as an

anomaly, and one which repre-

sents the two largest denomina-

tions in Canada, namely the

Methodists and Presbyterians,

cannot accept. The govern-

ment officials, on the other

hand, hold that if this table

of precedence is acceptable

at Ottawa, they would only be

inviting more trouble by

departing from it, than by

following it out to the letter.

**BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE**

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**BAD FAITH SUSPECTED**

**The Provincial Secretary Takes a Sharp Turn Around.**

**Coal Prices Go Up in Victoria Because of Shortage.**

VICTORIA, April 9.—The

opposition sharply attacked

Mr. McInnes today, he intro-

ducing the same bill. Mr. Green

brought forward last year for

excluding Chinese from work-

ing underground in mines.

McInnes last year insisted on

including Japanese in the bill,

thus causing its disallowance.

His good faith was called

sharply in question today. He

admitted it was the same bill.

Mr. Green has re-introduced

his measure as well.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite's bill, mak-

ing an eight-hour day in coal

mines, and setting the stand-

ard ton at 2240 pounds was

discussed.

The house adjourned till

Tuesday, when the estimates

will be ready. The price of

coal in Victoria has been

advanced fifty cents a ton, and

dealers express a fear that

there will be a coal famine

owing to the close of the

Extension mines, and the

heavy drafts on the supply

on hand here. Attempts are

being made to secure Roslyn

coal, and possibly Crow's Nest.

Namimo Liberals have

decided in favour of a

convention. Mr. Dinsmore

said today he was not bluff-

ing with the Extension

miners. He was as determined

as ever. He did not want to

close either the Extension

or the Comox mines—the

men themselves by their

action had closed them.

The contract for the

repairs to the British ship

Hanleigh, in consequence

of the collision with the

steamer City of Seattle at

Vancouver, has been awarded

to the Esquamalt Marine

Railway company, their

tender being \$15,950. A

claim for \$55,000 has been

made by the owners of the

Bankleigh against the

City of Seattle in consequence

of the collision. Captain

Gibbs, marine surveyor, and

Mr. Taylor, agent of the

Bremen underwriters carrying

the risk on the ship Columbia,

arrived from Seattle by the

steamer Majestic today, and

in company with J. G. Cox,

Lloyd's agent in this city,

will hold a survey on the

ship, which is lying at

Esquamalt in a wrecked

condition.

**SPORTS OF MANY KINDS**

**The Outlook For Outdoor Sports Is Excellent.**

**Many Rossland Clubs Preparing For Active Season.**

The outlook for an active

season in all outdoor sports

is excellent in Rossland

this year. It is probable

that more activity will be

witnessed during the

approaching summer than in

any previous year. The

improvement in local con-

ditions is realized, as seems

to be the outlook at present.

All the old organizations will

be reorganized, together

with some new ones, notably

the lacrosse club.

In baseball it is almost

certain that the Rossland

club will be reactivated. The

club is out of debt, and even

if it were not, there is still

outside talent is secured

there. It is likely that the

Rossland colors to success

in many contests. One of the

local baseball men states

that there are more baseball

players in the city at this

time than was the case last

year, and that the prospect

for an excellent nine of

purely local players is

good. An informal meeting

will take place in the course

of a few days to talk over

the situation and outline a

policy for the season.

The lacrosse team is

already organized, and the

Rossland colors will be

seen on the field this

summer. It has been stated

that Rossland will stand

on show against the

notably fast team

possessed by Nelson, but

there is every reason to

believe that a fairly good

twelve can be secured here,

and even if the Rossland

men are not up to Nelson's

mark, no special harm

will be done, nor will the

club's prestige suffer in

view of the fact that Nelson

has been in the game for

several years, while Rossland

has just floated their

first venture in Canada's

national game. Arrangements

have been made to pur-

chase sticks and balls for

lacrosse practices, and

when these essentials

arrive the team will com-

mence work. Twenty-five

or thirty players should

turn out for the initial

games if the club is to

have a reasonable amount

of material from which

to select a twelve for

matched games.

The Rossland Tennis club

will shortly reorganize

for the season, and the

organization's prospects

for a successful season

are exceptionally bright.

The club has lost its

best player through the

removal from the city of

C. C. Walker, but such

losses are inevitable, and

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**EAST KOOTENAY COAL LANDS**

Replies Made by Chief Commissioner Wells to Questions Put by Members of the House--Particulars in Regard to Reserves and Crown Grants.

VICTORIA, April 8.—In the

house yesterday the following

questions and answers were

submitted:

Mr. Tatlow asked:

"Has the government cancelled

the reserve which covers coal

and oil lands in South East

Kootenay? If so, when? If

not, is it intended to?"

Chief Commissioner Wells

replied:

"There has been no reser-

vation of any lands in South

East Kootenay cancelled. The

cancellation of any reserve

has not been considered."

Today Mr. Oliver asked:

(1) Have any applications been

received for leasing coal, oil,

or timber lands in blocks 4593

and 4594 in South East

Kootenay since the reserve was

placed on said blocks?

(2) If any applications have

been received, how many, and

for what acreage?

(3) Have any leases been

given?

(4) If so, how many?

(5) To whom have the leases

been given, and how many

acres to each holder?

Hon. Mr. Wells replies as

follows:

(1) No applications have

been received for leases of

coal or oil lands in this

block. Three applications

have been received for

leases of timber lands in

block 4594.

(2) Three, aggregating 900

acres.

(3) No.

(4) None.

(5) No leases have been

given.

Mr. Oliver says it was

in block 4594 that the

Columbia & Western

crown grants were issued

but afterwards cancelled.

On 4593 no reserve

really existed.

Mr. Oliver also asked the

chief commissioner the

following:

(1) Was there at any time

since September 4th, 1901,

any crown grant or grants

prepared in favor of the

Columbia & Western

Railway company for any

lands in blocks 4593 and

4594, South East Kootenay?

(2) If prepared, were

the grant or grants signed

by the lieutenant-govern-

or?

(3) Was any grant or

grants of these lands

handed over to the

company?

(4) Was any grant or

grants of these lands ever

in possession of the

railway company?

(5) Was any grant or

grants of any of these

lands cancelled?

(6) Have any crown

grants or grants of any

of these lands been issued

to any person or persons

besides the railway

company? If so to whom,

and how many acres each?

Hon. Mr. Wells replied

as follows:

(1) Yes, but subsequently

cancelled.

(2) Yes.

(3) No.

(4) No.

(5) Yes.

(6) Crown grants have

been issued as follows:

Kootenay Valleys Co.,

Ltd., 565 acres, lot 227.

Columbia & Kootenay

Railway & Navigation

Company, Limited, 2996

acres, lot 363. James A.

McDonnell, 133 acres, lot

2314. James A. McDonnell,

146 acres, lot 2315. D.

Howard McAllister, 305

acres, lot 3047. W. B.

McLean, 407 acres, lot

3048. Geo. S. McCarter,

Henry G. Parsons and

Robert Milligan, 602

acres, lot 3049. Wm. F.

Peple and F. Freeman,

160 acres, lot 3054.

Malcolm McCormick,

262 acres, lot 4533.

Henry A. Kanouse, 430

acres, lot 5237. Henry

Bently, 117 acres, lot

5238. Chas. H. Levers,

640 acres, lot 5239.

George Walker, 640

acres, lot 5458. Orson

W. Jones, 370 acres, lot

5455. Samuel Graham,

22 acres, lot 5813.

The legislature today

re-enacted the anti-

Oriental immigration

legislation framed on

the lines of the Natal

Act, and providing an

educational test to be

passed by Chinese and

Japanese desiring ad-

mittance to the province.

The bill passed a second

reading. This act was

in force last year, and

was disallowed by the

federal government for

imperial reasons. Ac-

cording to advices re-

ceived from the Orient

by the Victoria it is

expected that a large

number of Chinese will

hurry to Canada within

the next month or two,

and land before the

head tax is increased

from one to five hundred

dollars, as is proposed

in recent legislation

introduced at Ottawa.

This afternoon in the

house was taken up

with the discussion of

the anti-Mongolian

acts of last session, namely

the Natal act and that

relating to the employ-

ment of Asiatics on

works for which are

granted under private

acts. Both were

disallowed by the

Dominion government,

and the re-enactment

of both is assured by

their passing a second

reading unanimously

this afternoon. Mr.

Martin again at-

tacked the attitude of

the Dominion govern-

ment, stating that it

was not due to imper-

ial reasons, as alleged

by Senator Templeman

in the Burrard elec-

tion. Mr. McInnes

deplored arousing

friction between the

two governments,

but concurred in the

re-enactment. Mr.

Curtis wanted the

bill included in the

supply bill, so that

disallowance would

make necessary

another session

and a prompt re-

enactment. This was

ruled out of order.

Mr. Oliver on

Tuesday will

move the following:

Whereas, John

Oliver has on the

7th of April, 1903,

charged that his

honor the lieutenant

governor's advisors

did during the

session of 1902

(in connection with

the bill No. 57,

entitled an Act

to Amend the

Columbia & Western

Railway Subsidy

Act, 1886), advise

the governor in a

manner not war-

ranted by facts, or

in other words

did misstate the

facts in connection

therewith, and

for no other

apparent reason

than to mislead

the governor, and

through his

honor the legisla-

ture, so as to

induce the legisla-

ture to authorize

the granting of

approximately

900,000 acres of

land to the

Columbia & Western

Railway company,

and as to which

land the railway

company had no

legal or equitable

right, and also

charged that Mr.

Wells did on the

8th of April, 1902,

in his place on

the floor of this

house, in answer

to the following

questions: "For

how many acres

have crown grants

been prepared

but not been

issued?" replied

as follows: "There

are no additional

crown grants

prepared" —

which said answer

was a willful

misstatement of

fact, and made

with the intention

to deceive; therefore,

be it resolved

that a select

committee of five

members of this

house, to-wit:

Messrs. Neill, Stables,

Hall, Munroe and Curtis,

be appointed to

investigate said

charges, etc.

Premier Prior

has introduced a

bill ratifying the

order-in-council of

March 18th, 1902,

rescinding the

order of September

4th, 1901,

regarding the

Columbia & Western

Railway grant.

Victoria Liberals

tonight declared

against a convention

at the present

time, and then

fled into Spanish

territory. The

Spaniards took

possession of the

arms of the fugi-

tives and tended

their wounded.

Private

dispatches say

fifty men and

one officer of

the garrison

perished in the

explosion. Among

the wounded

now at Melilla

is the pacha who

commanded the

fort.

Dan McGillivray

is out of the

hospital after

being confined

for a couple of

weeks with a

wrenched ankle.

**THE BAGDAD RAILWAY.**

Joint Control by Great

Britain, France and

Germany.

LONDON, April 13.—The

Standard learns that an

agreement has been con-

cluded whereby Great

Britain, France and

Germany will partici-

pate equally in the

control of the proposed

Bagdad railroad, the

revenues of which will

be guaranteed by the

Turkish customs.

The main Bagdad

railway will run from

Konia to Karamanireyl,

Mossul, Bagdad and

Basra, with branches

to Aleppo, Urfa and the

Gulf of Alexandria.

The Germans obtained

the concessions for the

line, and, according to

a dispatch from

Constantinople

February 12, the

Turkish government

guaranteed an income

of \$200,000 per kilo-

metre and an annual

contribution of \$800

per kilometre, to be

used in the payment

of working expenses

for the first portion

of the line from

Konia to Bagdad.

The convention

between the Turkish

government and the

Germans was then

awaiting the issue of

an irade to become

effective. The Russian

press has been

antagonistic to the

Bagdad road in that

it would increase

British prestige in

that region.

The Novoe Vremya

some time ago

strongly urged a

policy to offset

British and German

activity in Persia,

saying that to

await until the

Seistan and Bagdad

railways line was

completed would

be nothing less

than suicide on the

part of Russia.

**THE MOORISH REBELS.**

Captured a Fort by

Exploding a Mine

Under the Wall.

MADRID, April 13.—An

official dispatch from

Melilla tells of the

capture of the fort

of Frajana by the

insurgents. The latter

exploded a mine be-

neath a portion of the

wall of the fort,

and then delivered

the assault through

the breach made

by the explosion.

The garrison

held out for

some

time, and then

fled into Spanish

territory. The

Spaniards took

possession of the

arms of the fugi-

tives and tended

their wounded.

Private

dispatches say

fifty men and

one officer of

the garrison

perished in the

explosion. Among

the wounded

now at Melilla

is the pacha who

commanded the

fort.

Dan McGillivray

is out of the

hospital after

being confined

for a couple of

weeks with a

wrenched ankle.

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MONTREAL

Her Spars Appear Too Light for a Bliff Breeze.

WEYMOUTH, April 13.—The

brief sail of the two Shamrocks

today showed that Shamrock

III is able to stand well to

her canvas. In the hard

breeze she appeared to pull

more water than formerly.

This, however, is not

surprising considering

her speed. The significant

point of this first trial

in a really hard blow

suggests that the

club should continue its

efforts to secure amended

conditions in respect

to the protection of

game fish. The importance

of this is only now being

realized by those not

personally interested

in the sport, and the

club should not relax

its efforts when the

public is awakening

to the justice of the

cause. It seems

doubtful if Rossland

will see much horse-

racing this year.

A Tale of To-Day.

G. O. Buchanan's Review of British Columbia Affairs--Matters Affecting Interior.

For interest and solid information few semi-official utterances this year have been of greater value than the annual address by G. O. Buchanan, of Kaslo, to the recent associated boards of trade convention at Fernie.

Gentlemen—I welcome you to this, our fifth, annual meeting. It is opportune that this town, the metropolis of the coal mining section of our territory, has been selected for this convention.

It is again our lot to mourn the loss of one of our most esteemed members, Mr. T. C. Thompson, of the Fernie board of trade. He was courteous and genial in personal character, and tactful and capable in the discussion of public matters.

The population of the town in the environs of the town will remind those of us who visit it of the terrible catastrophe by which the town was visited on the 23rd of May last.

Since that time stress of continued low prices has almost extinguished the industry and the mine owners have undertaken an aggressive campaign in favor of the preservation of the Canadian market for our lead product.

On the whole, I estimate that the mineral production (other than coal) of Yale and Kootenay was, for 1901, \$1,682,044, and for 1902, \$1,800,000, a reduction of \$2,882,044, the greater part of which reduction is, of course, due to the shrinkage in value.

The prices of lead and copper have now returned to normal levels, and shows a rising tendency. The output of all these metals should therefore (if other unfavorable conditions are removed) speedily exceed anything known in our history.

tain region, up to an altitude of 3000 feet is well adapted for the growth of such fruits as can be grown in other parts of Canada. It is highly desirable that one or more stations in charge of expert fruit growers should be established, at which the problems arising from the diverse circumstances of such a case such as altitude, selection of suitable varieties, irrigation, and so forth, and so forth, may be investigated.

EFFECTS AND REMEDIES. It is useless, however to shut our eyes to the fact that the metalliferous mining industry in our territory is, on the whole, in a disappointing condition. The list of dividend payers, which once contained the names of thirty mines, has dwindled to the vanishing point.

The purpose of this organization—I quote clause three of our constitution—"is to discuss and take action upon all matters affecting the general welfare of the people residing within the jurisdiction of the association, and more particularly all matters pertaining to and affecting the mining industry."

The maintenance in a high state of efficiency of the Provincial Agency in London, and the prompt publication of reliable information, in regard to the operations of companies, the stock of which is being offered in the markets of the world, are means for the encouragement and protection of investors that in the past have been strenuously insisted upon by this association.

In neither of these particulars have our recommendations ever been fairly acted upon. In regard to the publication of mining information our suggestions were ostensibly adopted by the government of the province, but compliance with them was systematically evaded.

LABOR TROUBLES. The subject of the prevention, or cure, of labor troubles is commanding world-wide attention, the disease having become chronic and universal. The practice of allowing strikes to continue until terminated by the casual and voluntary intervention of third parties, combines many evils.

Mining Statistics. From semi-official figures, I estimate the total metallic production of the province to have been, for 1902, \$11,850,000, as compared with the production for 1901 of \$14,500,000.

In copper, the production has been \$4,800,000, in comparison with that for last year of \$4,348,600; a gain of \$451,397.

Magnificent Timber Resources. The temporary depression of the mining interests has directed attention to some other resources. The cut of lumber in Yale and Kootenay for the current year will probably reach 100,000,000 feet.

The preservation of public property to the value of millions of dollars is involved. I recommend that we renew our requests for action by the provincial government similar to that taken in the matter by the Dominion authorities. It seems reasonable that provision should be made whereby railroad companies and other large holders of timber lands should contribute to the costs of protective measures.

It is on the cards that Rossland militiamen may visit Nelson on July 1 and 2, when the Queen City celebrates Nelson's annual demonstrations have invariably been of a pleasant and successful nature, and if the trip is decided upon it is likely that a number of Rosslanders will accompany the citizen soldiers on the trip.

Local Militia May Take in Queen City Celebration. At a recent meeting of the Nelson celebration committee it was decided to leave the matter of military features in the hands of Captain Macdonnell, of the Nelson militia, and presumably this officer will take the matter up shortly with the local militia officers.

CUT ANOTHER SALARY. CITY COUNCIL PROPOSES TO REDUCE MAGISTRATE'S STIPEND. ALSO WANT AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATION RELATING TO WATER.

Another economical development on the part of the city council cropped up last night, when a resolution was carried advocating the reduction of the police magistrate's salary by \$25 per month.

The plans for the Chinese Empire Reform Association building in Vancouver have been deposited with the city building inspector. The site of the new building is on Hastings street, at the south side between Carrall street and Columbia avenue.

Some time ago two prisoners named Clark and Jones cut their way out of the provincial jail at New Westminster. They coolly made their way to Vancouver, where they broke into a blacksmith's shop and stole tools with which to remove their leg irons.

While prosecuting this business they ran up against a police officer, who captured Jones but failed to lay hands on the other man. Jones was confined in the Vancouver lockup, and in the small hours of one morning he made a rope out of his blankets, crawled through a window and scaled the wall.

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EVENTS AT THE COAST

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