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## IN LONDON'S MARKET

Activity of Americans and Kafirs Brought Brokers Back to Town.

## KLONDIKE NOW THE RAGE

New Companies Being Launched Daily. Hall Mines Company Seems to Have Made a Mistake in Shipping Its Copper to England.

LONDON OFFICE OF THE MINER, 100 BISHOPSGATE STREET, WITHIN, E. C.  
LONDON, Aug. 21.—[Special Correspondence.]—London, during August, is never a very busy month, and the metropolis empties itself gradually by those numerous channels which radiate from the great city by every point of the compass. This city is especially prone to reflect this holiday tendency, for the stock exchange as a body is always ready to take a holiday whether the immediately preceding month has been active or not. This year the exodus began as usual, but the smart advance in the South African market which followed the "gold fever" secretary's bold declaration of South African policy prior to the breaking up of the house has already brought many men back from their pleasure jaunts, for it is felt that although dull markets may occasionally be left to look after themselves, active departments present too attractive possibilities to be disregarded.

The two markets just now are Yankees (raile) and Kafirs, and the great activity in the latter, which has been witnessed, has to a certain extent detracted from the newly formed British Columbia section, which, as I informed you in my special dispatch last week, is now accorded a little corner all to itself among the quotations of mining shares in the leading financial journals of the day.

**Klondike and Kootenay.**  
But British Columbia has no legitimate cause of complaint, for throughout July and August it has been studiously cultivated by every one who ever essays to follow contemporary events. Of course the Yukon and Klondike sections are chiefly responsible for all this, but in many quarters there is a disposition to think that this rush to Klondike must do good to British Columbia, for as a necessary preliminary to becoming interested in the more northern camps people absorb all the literature they can secure about Canadian mining, and in this way the news of Klondike is quite well known here, and that is one of the prime necessities to ensure your being taken up. Promoters who, twelve months ago, would not look at a British Columbia property, are now eagerly asking for big sums for them. The tide has turned, and I hope that it will steadily flow on. Those of us here who have followed events closely in British Columbia believe that prosperity and progress will advance hand in hand.

**Klondike and Kootenay.**  
Your readers may be interested in the following little table, which shows the various Klondike, Yukon, and British Columbia companies that have been launched during the past week or two. I hear that there are 50 more prospectuses ready to be launched in September and October, and from the temper of the market regarding the promised land I can well believe this possible.

Company	Capital
Klondike Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation	\$250,000
Yukon Goldfields	100,000
British Columbia and New Find Goldfields Corporation	100,000
Klondike and Columbian Goldfields	100,000
Klondike Pioneer Syndicate	100,000
Klondike-Yukon Exploration	25,000
Exploiters & Investors Trust (new issue)	25,000
To fit out expedition to British Columbia and Yukon, etc.	25,000

**Gossip of the Market.**  
As illustrative of the continual advance of interest in British Columbia I might tell you that Mr. W. F. Regan, so closely identified with the development of Rhodessa, believes in Canadian mining. He told me so himself the other day, and claims that three representatives he sent up to the Klondike at the beginning of the year are the first who reached that far land as agents of London financiers.

Mr. Cohen, of the Cassiar concessions, is still busy with his plans, which have not, however, fructified yet, so far as I can gather. Mr. J. E. H. Money penny is hard at work, while Mr. Gerson is as busy as a bee. Many schemes are being hatched, but I do hope that they will not be killed by over-capitalization at the outset—a danger which is ever present.

The Cottonwood River company has decided to increase its capital, but this is a concern which has never attracted much notice.

By-the-by, the Statist last Saturday (our leading financial weekly newspaper) severely criticized Tupper's new company, and truly it seems a pretentious cover-all-the-world kind of creation.

**Whiteman in London.**  
G. F. Whiteman has just arrived. He called on me today to tell me that his address until further notice will be Tyler Hill, Canterbury, England. He is very pleased to hear that a market had actually been started during his passage. He hopes to do some good business before he leaves us.

I am told that the African Estates company, another big Kafir company, is becoming largely interested in your province, another welcome recruit.

**Klondike Company Promoters.**  
The interest in Klondike, which is being carefully fostered by the press, who most regard it as a godsend to tide over the great gooseberry season, is still sustained by new issues, which are meeting with very fair support, considerably more than was given to any British Columbia mining properties launched during the past year. The Klondike Mines Trading and Transport company is another of John Lawley's promotions and this time he has associated with the

name of Sir Charles Tupper, that of Sir George Sheatry. The way in which the promoters of the New Find company and the Klondike & Columbia made use of the name of their advisory board in British Columbia has caused comment in the city, and the question has been asked in many quarters whether the premier and the president of the executive council can understand what this injudicious use of their names may mean (or entail) to investors on this side.

**Hall Mines Copper Shipment.**  
The shipment of copper from the Hall Mines is now at Liverpool, and I understand that it is the intention of the company to sell it if possible in small parcels in order that it may become more generally known. They are very doubtful if they will obtain a price which will prove remunerative.

**British Columbia Stocks.**  
British Columbia "devels" are regarded as a good thing in the house. "B. C. Associations" are unstable. The impression is gaining ground that their wharf at Skagway bay is their only practical asset, and the value of this is discounted by many who seem to be well informed. "They seem to be no backbone in New Gold Fields." Should the Waverly ship this fall it will have a hardening tendency on the latter, and from what we can gather on this side, Mr. Grant-Govan is doing what he can to push things along.

I said "good-bye" to the "World man" on the wing, on Monday. He has had the opportunity of imparting his knowledge of British Columbia affairs to many very prominent business men, members of parliament and editors, opportunities in fact which are enjoyed by few.

**The Vancouver Smelter.**  
I have been told by several that they understand that a smelter is to be built at Vancouver shortly with English capital. This tallies with what I told you a few weeks ago, but for want of something more definite I am not inclined to attach much importance to these statements.

The British Columbia Review published illustrations of Nelson and its chief mining property in its last issue. There is to be a series of these, I believe, so probably Rossland will be next.

**BONDED FOR \$50,000.**  
Joe Martin and Smith Curtis Acquire Two Christina Lake Mines.  
GRAND FORKS, Aug. 24.—[Special.]—Joe Martin, ex-M.P., and Smith Curtis, barristers, of Rossland, were in the city yesterday. They closed a deal last Saturday whereby the St. Elmo property at Christina Lake changed hands, the consideration being the sum of \$50,000 on a working bond. A percentage was paid down at the time of the sale, the balance to be paid in six and twelve months.

The St. Elmo was owned by a Mr. Hutcheson, of Christina Lake district, and is a high grade proposition. The closing of this deal has created quite a stir all through the lower country and especially at Christina Lake, as the general impression is that the development of the St. Elmo will bring more Rossland capital into that section.

The friends of Messrs. A. C. Dutton and J. C. Swanson, barristers of this city, wish it distinctly understood that the lawyer who went in bathing a few days ago, within the city limits, in a nude condition and in full view of a number of ladies, was neither of the above named gentlemen.

There was an adjourned meeting of the city council last Monday afternoon. The only business of any importance that was attended to was the reading of the sidewalk bylaw a third time.

Fred Wollaston, F. L. S., is busily engaged surveying three well known claims Hardy mountain, the Babe, Monte Carlo and American Eagle. The survey is being made preparatory to the application for a crown grant.

**ROSSLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**  
Col. Baker's Plans to Provide Ten Rooms—Another Teacher Allowed.  
The Hon. Col. Baker, minister of mines and education for the province, went north yesterday, after having spent a short time in Rossland investigating the needs of the city's schools. Col. Baker was very favorably impressed with Rossland, and decided that the schools needed considerable enlargement. After consulting C. O. Lalonde, chairman of the local school board, Col. Baker announced that he would at once endeavor to secure from Mr. Corbin the gift of 20 lots in block 35, first railway addition, situated in the northeast part of the city. If Mr. Corbin will give this land to the city the government will at once proceed to build a large six-room school house upon the property, which will be completed within 60 days from the time the province receives a deed to the land in question.

Colonel Baker also looked over the building and grounds of the present school house, situated in the south part of town. He was fully impressed with the necessity for improvements here, and requested Mr. Lalonde to find out at what prices several lots adjoining the school-yard could be purchased. If additional ground be secured, as it doubtless can, the present school building will be increased in size from two to four rooms. This addition, with the six-room building to be erected in the upper part of town, will give the city a school accommodation comprising 10 rooms.

Pending the completion of the contemplated improvements, the local school board was authorized to open another primary school on baseball flat, and for this purpose a sixth assistant will be employed.

**Death of J. L. DeVoin.**  
J. L. DeVoin, of the firm of DeVoin & Sons, brokers, died Saturday in Tacoma, Wash., of internal complications of long standing. About six weeks ago he went to Tacoma with his wife and two daughters in hopes of bettering his condition, but instead he grew worse till death came on Saturday. The funeral was held yesterday in Tacoma. His son, L. L. DeVoin, left Monday and was present at the burial.

## NEW BANK TO OPEN C.P.R. AND ROSSLAND

Merchants' Bank of Halifax Will Put in a Branch in Rossland. Policy of His Company Explained by Vice President Shaughnessy.

## SPLENDID SITE SECURED THE SMELTER QUESTION

An Option Taken on the Two Lots Owned by Mrs. Garrison on the Corner of Washington Street and Columbia Avenue.

It was currently reported on the streets on Monday that the Merchants' Bank of Halifax would establish a branch in Rossland, and that an option had been secured on certain real estate on which a new bank building would be erected. It is known that E. L. Pease, the Montreal manager of this bank, has been here twice recently and that he has made a study of the camp. He left here Monday morning for Victoria, in company with Sir Charles Rose, Bart., with whom he is associated in certain business enterprises.

When Mr. Pease arrived here last time he brought with him Mr. Dickey, who, it is understood, is to have charge of the branch to be opened here. Mr. Dickey went with Mr. Pease and Sir Charles Rose to Victoria. He is expected to return within the next two weeks, when he will open the new bank.

It is understood that Mr. Pease secured an option on the two lots owned by Mrs. Garrison on the northwest corner of Columbia at the price of \$15,000, and that the permanent bank building will be erected on these, the present saloon of the Kootenay hotel being used until the new building is completed.

The Merchants' bank of Halifax is one of the oldest and best known banks in Canada. It has a paid-up capital of \$1,500,000 and a reserve of \$1,075,000. Its board of directors includes Thomas E. Kenney, president; Thos. Ritchie, vice-president; Michael Dwyer, William Henry G. Bond, Hon. H. H. Fuller, M.L.C., and Hon. David McKeen. The head office is at Halifax and there are several branches in Eastern Canada, chiefly in the maritime provinces. At present there is no branch west of Montreal, and the establishing of a branch in Rossland is altogether a new departure. It undoubtedly means the bank is going in for Kootenay business.

That so conservative an institution should come into Rossland and seek to establish itself in such a permanent way is a fact which is not only a credit to the purchase of real estate and the erection of a substantial building is but another convincing evidence of the firm hold this camp has taken with the business public.

**NEARLY A BAD ACCIDENT.**  
John Allan's Race to Save a Spokane & Northern Train.  
The north bound passenger train, on the Spokane & Northern, had a narrow escape from being wrecked, about 12 miles below Northport, Monday. It was bowling along at full speed when the passengers were startled by a whistle for brakes, instantly followed by the jamming of one of the air in a manner that showed the engineer meant business. The train was brought to a standstill in a remarkably short distance, but none too soon. Just in front of the cowcatcher was a boulder on the track, weighing a ton or two.

It seems that a lad from Boston, named John, was making his way to Rossland on foot. He came on the boulder lying on the track and walked on the nearest horse, half a mile away, to report it. The rancher informed him the train from Spokane was just about the scene of the slide on the run. He got there just in time, as he was less than 100 yards on the right side of the boulder when he sighted the train, breathless and pouring with perspiration, and signalled the engineer to stop.

The train was taken on board the train, and as soon as the obstruction was removed it proceeded to Northport. Here he was given dinner by the conductor and introduced to the conductor of the Rossland train, who brought him on to Rossland. Among the passengers was W. J. Harris, of the Le Roi mine, who took the lad into his care, and he will be given work on the mine.

"I am going to be lucky in Rossland," said young Allan, when several of the passengers thanked him for his presence in mind.

**NO NEW CONTRACT SIGNED.**  
Heinze and Le Roi Company Have Not Reached an Agreement.  
From a gentleman just back from Spokane it is learned that the proposed new contract between F. Aug. Heinze and the Le Roi Company was not signed at the meeting held in Spokane on Saturday night. The proposition of Mr. Heinze was to cancel the old contract, under which about 20,000 tons remain to be treated at a freight and smelting rate of \$11 per ton, and to enter into a new contract for an ore supply for his plant for a term of four years from date at a rate said to be in the neighborhood of \$8.50 per ton. The Le Roi company was unwilling to bind itself to pay this rate for more than two years, and there the matter rests.

**Little Giant Strike.**  
Another strike has been made on the Little Giant mine, situated on Lookout mountain. A few days ago a new ledge was uncovered about 100 yards south of the present workings, and a few shots put in. Assays made today from the ore show a value of \$70.27 in gold, with no tests for copper or silver. The lead is well defined and runs parallel to the two on which work is being done. They all run east and west cutting the formation at right angles. The Little Giant belongs to the Canada Mutual Mining and Development company.

## BACK FROM EUREKA

The Banner Camp of Colville Reservation Is Growing Steadily.

## ABOUT 1,000 POPULATION

No Postoffice Yet Established—Wagon Road Up San Poil Under Construction—Republic Working 60 Men—Stampede to Ballard District.

C. S. Clarke, who has been prospecting this summer around Eureka camp, is back in Rossland for the winter. "Eureka is steadily growing right along," said Mr. Clarke to a Miner reporter, "though just now a good many prospectors have left for the harvest field in order to earn a stake with which to carry on development. There are close to a thousand people in and around the camp, and more are coming in right along, while there are now six general stores, instead of the one which did the exclusive business for the place earlier in the summer.

"Eureka has not yet been made a postoffice, but no great inconvenience is suffered on that account, as mail can be addressed in care of any of the stores via Nelson, the nearest postoffice, 30 miles away, and the merchants are glad to distribute the mail on account of the patronage it brings them.

"A force of men is now at work widening the trail up the San Poil river from the Columbia, but it is uncertain whether or not the wagon road will be completed this fall. Its completion will mark an epoch in the life of the camp, for at present all freight must be hauled in from Marcus, Wash., via Grand Forks, a distance of about 75 miles.

"Prospectors have taken up nearly all the ground around Eureka, and even fractions as small as 20x100 feet have been staked off. It is a fine rolling country, and not a few claims have been located for agricultural purposes rather than for mining.

"The Republic, the prize property of the district, is now employing about 60 men on the two claims owned by the company, and a number of other properties are being developed in a desultory way, while blasting is almost continuous in the neighboring hills.

"For several weeks past considerable attention has been paid to Ballard, the large hill, well veined with the same decomposed porphyry that characterizes the Republic, has been completely staked off, and the rush is still on. Fifty men left Eureka for the new camp on the night that the news of the find was received."

**THE LE ROI COMPANY'S POLICY.**  
Authoritative Statement of the Management as to Northport Smelter.  
Spokane Spokesman-Review: The following statement was last night given out by the Le Roi Mining and Smelting company for publication. It was announced that it was made public "for the purpose of setting the minds of the people right as to the location of the Le Roi smelter and the attitude of the Le Roi company."

"The Le Roi company has taken the position that it was to the best interests of the company, all things considered, to erect its smelting plant at Northport, and it has already outstanding contracts for machinery and construction of the buildings which would make it practically impossible for the company to recede from its position, if it had any disposition to do so, which, in view of all the facts, it has not the slightest intention of doing.

"The smelter will be constructed and ready for the treatment of all ores which may come to it from any source whatever by January 1 next. It will be designed for smelting its own ore and will be in the market for the purchase of other ores from mines in British Columbia and elsewhere. James Breen, superintendent of the Le Roi smelter, is on the ground at Northport pushing the work as rapidly as men and money can accomplish the result desired.

"The relations of the Le Roi company with D. C. Corbin are at present and always have been perfectly satisfactory on both sides. There are no strained relations between Mr. Corbin and the Le Roi company, and never have been. Mr. Corbin has shown the Le Roi company the utmost courtesy and consideration and has been most liberal in his concessions to the company. No member of the Le Roi company has ever authorized any statement to the contrary.

"The Le Roi mine has developed into a great ore producer and the present output, which amounts to 250 tons per day, will in all probability be increased to 400 tons per day during the next five or six months by the development work the company is now making in the mine, and the fact that within that time the company will open up a level 100 feet below its present workings.

"If the Le Roi company should decide to concede 100 tons or more per day to the Trail smelter, this would not interfere with the active operation of the company's own plant at Northport, as there is every reason to believe that by the time the smelter is completed there will be furnished from the reservation and other points contiguous to Northport 150 tons per day."

**More Drills for the Le Roi.**  
The Le Roi company is adopting Ingersoll-Sergeant drills for its mine, having placed an order with J. D. Sword, agent of the Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill company, for six E24 Sergeant drills, which will be delivered immediately, making nine ordered in the last six weeks. This will make a complement of 30 drills, and as an evidence of the large amount of mining development and ore stopping going on in this mine, it may be stated that of all the large mines in Butte, Montana, there are not more than four using more drills than the Le Roi.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**  
All Street Work Suspended Except Work on the Sewerage System.  
The meeting of the city council on Tuesday was presided over by Mayor Scott, who arrived yesterday afternoon. Councilmen Raymer, Fraser and McPherson were present. A communication was read from the committee appointed by the meeting of citizens held Friday afternoon in Dominion hall in regard to the new sewerage system. In the communication the committee requested that the council set a date for a conference regarding the matter. The councilmen were disposed to ignore the letter entirely, and it was placed on file.

It was decided to stop all street work for the present, and the men will be laid off and paid up to date.

Mayor Scott announced that he had succeeded in placing the city's debentures at par, and the money from their sale is expected in about two weeks.

A bylaw was passed authorizing the city to borrow \$25,000 pending the receipt of the money from the sale of the bonds and the council then adjourned.

**ROSSLAND'S DEBENTURES.**  
Offer of Par by a Toronto Firm Will Be Accepted.  
A telegram received Thursday from Mayor Scott announced that he had succeeded in floating the city's entire issue of debentures. Toronto people had offered to take the \$25,000 at 100 net for the 20-year bonds, and as their proposition was considered the most satisfactory they will be awarded the issue. The only cost to the city in connection with the sale has been a legal fee of \$100, as that the municipality will realize \$49,900 net from the issue.

Five offers were received, all from Toronto people, and all of the bids ranged closely around par. One party preferred 101 on condition that the debentures be issued for a term of ten instead of 20 years, but the finance committee decided that this offer was not satisfactory, and preferred the bid at par for a term of 20 years, which was the highest tender made in the latter class.

The negotiations just concluded by Mayor Scott and the finance committee are not final, but will need to be confirmed by the city council.

Mr. Scott started for Rossland on Thursday.

**MAYOR SCOTT HOME AGAIN.**  
Found That Rossland Stood Well in Eastern Financial Circles.  
Mayor Scott got back again Tuesday from his eastern trip. He was looking well, and reported that he had enjoyed his vacation thoroughly. While most of his time was spent in Galt, his old home, yet he was also in Toronto and other Ontario cities.

"Everywhere I heard kind words for Rossland," said he. "And I look for considerably more financial assistance from the east. I gave my personal attention to floating the city's debentures, and can point to no higher proof of confidence felt in Rossland than the fact that I was able to float the bonds at par net."

**LOOKS LIKE A BONANZA.**  
Ethel Group, Near Trout Lake, Has Very High Grade Ore.  
Col. E. S. Topping, of Trail, is back from the Lardo country, where he has acquired two claims known as the Ethel group, three miles from Trout Lake. They are situated on Broken Hill, about half a mile from the big glacier. The ledge where exposed is wide and strong and carries extraordinary high grade ore. Besides running well in gold the ore has big values in silver and copper. Chloride of silver, black sulphurets, gray copper, and copper sulphurets are yielded the big returns. Colonel Topping will put a force of men to work on the property at once and expects to be shipping ore in 30 days.

**The Second Deer Park Company.**  
J. H. Good informs us that there is a Portland, Ore., company, incorporated as the Rossland & Deer Park Gold Mining company, operating in the camp and it is probably the company to which John Thorn, of San Francisco referred in his letter to the editor. D. S. Cohen, of Portland, Ore., is president and Mr. Conley, owner of the Imperial block, is local agent. The company owns the Bald Head and Mountain Key near the Northport wagon road, a short distance this side of the international boundary line and is at present developing these properties.

**Rossland Mining Market.**  
The following sales were made Saturday by Azuly & Co.: 1,000 Monte Cristo, 10c; 1,000 Deer Park, 7½c; 1,000 Evening Star, 7½c; 5,000 Grand Prize, 2½c.



A SERIOUS MATTER

Many Irregularities in the Letting of the Sewer Contract.

ENGINEER KIRK'S VIEWS

Strong Presumption That Davey's Price Is Excessive - No Quantities for Contractors to Figure on - Important Bylaws Ignored.

EDITOR MINER-Sir: The reason for the allotment of a contract to construct a portion of the proposed city sewers for a sum greater by \$2,774 than that contained in a responsible offer to build the whole system, appeared to me to be worth enquiring into. As opportunity offered I obtained information respecting the contract, but have failed in getting a satisfactory solution of the point in question. This information, with a brief discussion thereon, may be of sufficient importance to obtain space in your columns.

On May 7, 1897, the city council passed bylaw No. 1, entitled "A bylaw for regulating the proceedings of the council and for defining the duties of the officers of the corporation of the city of Rossland." The provisions of this bylaw include a number of clauses for regulating proceedings in connection with contracts. I quote clauses 99, 106, 108, 110 and 111 as necessary in following the action of the council in this matter. They are as follows:

Bylaws Concerning Contracts. 99. No work or improvement shall hereafter be authorized by the council without having an estimate of the probable cost thereof (in the absence of any estimate) limiting any amount therefor, and no contract shall be entered into for such work or improvement at a larger sum or involving a larger expenditure than the amount so estimated or limited, and if such amount is found insufficient, the fact is to be reported to the council before the work is commenced or contracted for.

106. Every contract shall contain a clause declaring that the contract is entered into with the corporation in good faith, that no member of the council or officer of the corporation has any interest therein, and further, declaring that the persons contracting and their representatives are to forfeit all claims under the contract and for all work done, or material or goods, wares or merchandise furnished under it, if it shall appear that any member of the council or officer of the corporation is at the time interested therein, or if any interest therein is given or agreed to be given to him; and provided that no payment is to be required without the declaration being delivered at the time of the contract, and the same as hereinafter provided. Every contract shall also contain a clause binding the contractor to employ no one except British subjects who are residents in the city of Rossland on any works for which such contract is made.

108. Every tender for work or supply of material shall be accompanied at the time of its delivery to the proper clerk or officer of the corporation by a certified bond, check or cash deposit equal to five per cent of the whole amount of the contract for which such tender shall be made or put in, and every such check or cash deposit shall be forwarded to and remain in the custody of the treasurer of the corporation, and be placed by him to the credit of a special account entitled "Contractors' Deposits," until the contract for which such tender shall have been put in is awarded and the contract signed, when the check or cash deposit shall be returned to him or them; and in all cases where a tender has been accepted and the party tendering fails to execute his contract and furnish the requisite bond and securities, the sum deposited shall be forfeited to the use of the city.

110. All contracts between the city of Rossland and contractors under which labor is to be employed shall contain a provision making it imperative upon the contractor to furnish the treasurer at least once every two weeks with a pay list on the form provided by the city, properly filled up and certified by the contractor to be a correct exhibit of all the names of persons employed and wages earned under said contract, the balance due, and that the persons named were actually employed on the work embraced in the contract; also making it optional on the part of the city to cause to be paid directly through the treasurer, or other person appointed by the city, the said wages and charge the same to the contractor.

111. All contracts between the city of Rossland and contractors shall contain a provision barring the contractor from employing Chinese and Japanese on the work contracted for.

The Call for Tenders. The chairman of the board of works in an advertisement dated June 30th, 1898, asked for sealed bids "for the construction of a sewer system for the city of Rossland according to the plans and specifications of the city engineer, now on file at his office. Contractors tendering for said work will be required to furnish a bond with two good and sufficient securities to the amount of 10 per cent of the amount of the contract, that the successful bidder will enter into a contract with the city if called upon to do so."

The sewer system referred to included the sewer now being constructed by Mr. Davey, several hundred feet of sewer within the city limits not included in Mr. Davey's contract, and a flume to the Columbia river, over five miles distant.

On July 23 the council resolved on asking for bids for that part of the "system" now under contract with Mr. Davey. "The object in getting two kinds of bids is to see what the difference will be and thus to decide whether with the funds available, the entire system can be built or only the larger portion of it, as called for in the second bid." - MINER, 26th July, 1897.

Before proceeding further in this matter it was necessary to conform to the provisions of clause 99 of Bylaw No. 1. A report and estimate had been made by Mr. Long on the entire system, but no effort was made, as far as I can ascertain, to comply with clause 99, respecting that portion subsequently let to Mr. Davey, unless the figures in the tender were to be used for that purpose. If

This assumption is correct what, it may be asked, was gained by inserting clause 99 in the bylaw, and what is a city engineer employed for?

Opening of the Bids. On July 27 both sets of tenders were opened. Of those for the construction of the entire system the lowest was J. McMartin's for \$30,000. This tender was rejected as no bond was enclosed as required. Mr. Davey's tender came next for \$42,744.

Of the tenders asked for on July 23, Mr. Davey's bid for \$32,744 was successful. The bid of Messrs. Clark and McLean was rejected because they named their price by the yard and did not lump their figure. To return to the advertisement. We are gravely informed that the city wants a sewer system "according to the plans and specifications of the city engineer." Possibly the words "thereof, prepared by," if substituted for the word "of," would convey the writer's idea with greater clearness. Why was this careless error allowed to appear? Then, a bond "as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a contract with the city if called upon to do so," is asked for. I have not seen the bonds accompanying the tenders, but I venture to say that not one of them contained the assurance required. If I am wrong it must have been humorous indeed when the clerk read out in meeting that Mr. Davey offered to do the work for \$42,744, but that if any other man offered to do it for less money, then he (Davey) enclosed bonds as a guarantee that the said other man would enter into a contract to do the work. It may be asked here why was this absurd bond substituted for the provision of clause 108 of Bylaw No. 1? It cannot be contended that the bond asked for conforms with the "accepted bond" of the bylaw. In the absence of this document how is it that the council undertook to consider the tenders and let the contract?

Clark & McLean's Bid Regular. Respecting the rejection of Messrs. Clark & McLean's bid, there is not a sentence in either the advertisement calling for tenders or the specifications, restricting the power of tender or method of valuation of work, and those gentlemen had a right to tender as they did, and were also entitled to have their tender impartially considered. Then why was their tender rejected? The answer is simple. The amount of excavation was only approximately known, and the proportion of rock to gravel unknown, consequently there was no method whereby this tender could be compared with others. In other words, because provision had not been made for ensuring uniformity in the amount of excavation to be done, although their tender may have been the most advantageous to the city.

Insufficient Data Furnished. Respecting those tenders in which the figures were "lumped," I have been told that up to the time for receiving tenders the survey had not been finished, and consequently the depth of excavation and quantity of material to be removed could not be ascertained, also that the length of the flume was not known, as its location had not been made. In spite of the tenderers not being able to get exact information as to lumber and other material to be provided, and the amount of excavation necessary, they were expected to hand in a tender giving the exact sum for which they would do the work. I would also point out that there was no way of arriving at the amount of rock, gravel, or rock, etc., in the excavation, items that enter very largely into the cost of the work. It must be evident that the tenderer would have to put in a price large enough to make himself safe - a sum very much larger than the work would cost, and if complete information were at hand.

Two Bids Compared. Now as to the allotment of the contract to Mr. Davey. If it is correct that the second lot of tenders was asked for "to decide whether the entire system can be built or only the larger portion of it," the following particulars were before the city council: Davey's tender for the whole work was \$42,744, and for the part under contract \$32,744, showing that he considered the part now under contract as worth little more than three-fourths the value of the whole work. McMartin's tender, although irregular, is a responsible statement of his idea of the whole work. As we have seen, it was \$30,000. Three-fourths of that amount is \$22,500. It thus appears that about \$20,000 was offered for a fair price for the part now under contract. Whether all will agree on this point or not, in the face of such a great difference, (\$10,000) we might have expected the rejection of all the tenders for the whole work. The question now arises, why was this not done and why was the contract let to Mr. Davey?

Omissions in the Contract. The next step after allotting the contract, it being assumed the proper security was obtained, was to sign the contract and get to work. Well that was done and to my amazement, when reading over the contract, it does not contain any reference whatever to clauses 106, 110, or 111, of bylaw No. 1. That is to say there is nothing in it preventing any member of the council or officer of the corporation having an interest in the contract; the contractor is not bound to employ only British subjects; the city has not the option to pay the wages and charge the same to the contractor, and both Chinese and Japanese can be employed. Why were these omissions made?

Negligence or Design? Now, Mr. Editor, in the course of this letter a number of peculiar situations, presenting no satisfactory conclusion have been presented in the form of queries, and I have written this letter with the object of placing them before your readers. It concerns us all to know why the omissions, substitutions and other unsatisfactory proceedings were either the result of negligence or design. If of negligence, we cannot afford to have our city plunged into debt and property depreciated by taxation due to negligence. We have all seen the disasters from such a course in other cities, and if the proper means are taken there is no need why they should be repeated here. In this connection I would suggest the formation of a Property Owners' Association. Such institutions have proved of great benefit in other places.

I will not discuss the other horn of the dilemma. It is a view I would be sorry to take and a phase of municipal experience that I trust our city will never experience. Yours, J. A. KIRK.

CITY WATERWORKS

Councilmen Inspect the Reservoirs in Company With Supt. Fellows.

THEIR CAPACITY AMPLE

Forty Per Cent of the Water Going to Waste - City Sewers Will Only Require 5,280 Gallons Per Day to Flush Them.

Councilmen Fraser, Wallace, Johnson, McPherson and Raymer, accompanied by Superintendent Fellows, of the Rossland Water and Light company, paid a visit of investigation Friday to the company's reservoirs in the gulch north of town. The councilmen wished to make a personal investigation into the condition of the city's water supply.

Mr. Fraser was seen on his return in regard to the matter. "I am very well satisfied with the condition of the reservoirs," said he. "Fully 40 per cent of their available capacity is going to waste, so you see that the present demands of the city could be almost doubled before the capacity of the reservoirs would be taxed. I have no fears that the city will suffer in the slightest measure from a water famine. I believe that some of the citizens have an exaggerated idea of the amount of water that will be required to flush the new sewerage system. From what I hear, some of them have an exaggerated idea that the current of water must be flowing constantly through the main sewers in order to keep them clean. As a matter of fact, the system will be fitted with a series of automatic traps, which at intervals of two hours will discharge sufficient water into the pipes to keep them drained. In this way only 5,280 gallons of water per day will be needed to flush the system.

"It will not even be necessary to draw this supply from the city waterworks, for there is plenty of water flowing down Centre Star gulch and from the spring by the Bellevue to keep the new sewers in proper shape. Referring to the meeting of property owners in the afternoon, Mr. Fraser said: "The council has not announced its intention of compelling property owners to connect their premises with the city sewerage system, and it would seem that the gentlemen who are protesting against the matter have prospective action are rather premature."

CONNECTIONS WITH THE SEWER.

Property Owners Appoint Committee to Confer With Council. The meeting held Friday afternoon in Dominion hall to discuss the drainage question resulted in the appointment of a committee of five to investigate further into the subject, and to confer with the city council regarding the situation.

About fifteen business men and property owners were present. E. J. Bealey was elected to the chair, and F. W. Bell, of the city, acted as secretary. After stating the object of the meeting, called on Mr. Holt, who made a short address in which he explained his objections to the proposed system. There was an understanding, said he, that if the property owners along Columbia avenue would be required to connect their premises with the new sewerage system which the city is installing. At the present time, when rents are low, the cost of such connections will be a considerable item, and to require the property owners to take such action would be keenly felt. It was estimated that the average cost of connecting a business house with the sewer would be about \$200, and as there were about 100 business properties along Columbia avenue, the ratepayers of that street were to be called on to pay out \$20,000 for that purpose alone, besides other heavy drains they were being required to make. The present supply of water furnished by the city waterworks was hardly sufficient for the present needs of the city, and if it were called on to flush the whole work, it would be seriously affected. If the installation of flush closets would endanger the fire protection of the town, then the sewerage system would be a very doubtful benefit indeed. There were other considerations to be reduced upon, among which were the dangers that would result from the improper installation of the house drains.

A. S. Goodeve spoke in the same vein, and was followed by Mr. Bell, who moved that a committee of five be appointed to investigate further into the drainage problem, and to confer with the city council in regard to the matter. The committee named consisted of Messrs. F. W. Bell, O'Brien, Bealey, Kellar, and A. S. Goodeve and Dr. Kellar. The meeting then adjourned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Birton Group. KINCARDINE, Ont., Aug. 13. EDITOR MINER-Sir: I take the liberty to ask if you can inform us through your paper of the names and addresses of the officers of the Birton Group, Mining and Smelting company, also what development work has been done? I have been informed that the company is supposed to own 12 claims, called the Birton group, situated on the south side of Grosne mountain, about seven miles from Rossland and about four miles from Northport, but am unable to learn the names of the officers. Perhaps it is like many companies that have sold stock in Ontario - a wildcat. What price is treasury stock quoted? By giving above information, you will greatly oblige.

[Little is known of the Birton group or company in Rossland. We believe it is a Spokane company - at least one collection is that we saw the stock advertised extensively in the Spokane papers some months ago. We know nothing of the merits of the property. - Ed.]

International and Others. TORONTO, Ont., August 14. EDITOR MINER-Sir: Being a regular subscriber to your paper and a considerable stockholder in several companies, I would esteem it a favor if you would give me some information you have regarding the C. B. & Q. Mining company, Silver Bell and Montezuma. I understand the Snow Drop (International Mining company) has dropped out of sight. As

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I have a good deal of the stock I would like to know if there is still any beauty left in the flower or any sound in the bell. A reply in your paper will greatly oblige.

Free Gold on the Pend d'Oreille. Hans Nelson, one of the owners of the Venita claim, adjoining the Bunker Hill on the north side of the Pend d'Oreille river, came in from his camp Saturday and brought a number of samples of pretty ore from his claim and the Bunker Hill. The ore is a free milling quartz and appears to exist in very large quantities.

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COL. TURNER TALKS

Interesting Interview With the Le Roi Company's President.

THE SMELTER QUESTION

Selection of Northport a Business Proposition—Freight and Smelting Rate \$8.75 or \$8 in Place of \$11—New Contract With Heinze Likely.

TRAIL, Aug. 19.—[Special].—Col. W. W. D. Turner, president of the Le Roi Mining Company, came over from the Slooan country today, and remained here to await the receipt of telegrams governing his movements. To the MINER's representative he stated that the Le Roi company expected to have the Northport smelter in operation by December 1, of the present year, and that it was quite probable he would be in Northport on Sunday, to witness the laying of the corner stone.

So far as the location was concerned, Col. Turner said there was not a particle of sentiment about it. It was simply a matter of dollars and cents with them, or, if you please, the difference between \$1 per ton for smelting here, and \$8.75 or possibly \$8, for smelting at Northport. Personally, he would gladly give \$100,000 to see the smelter, or rather have Northport on this side the line, but when his brother, Senator George Turner, visited Ottawa, he was assured by Mr. Shagnessy that the C. P. R. could not do anything for the Le Roi people for two years hence, at the best.

Col. Turner said it was impossible to do anything with Mr. Heinze, simply because the latter did not believe the Le Roi people intended to build at Northport. Later, Mr. Heinze made very favorable rates, but it was then too late, as the company had obligated itself by contracts which were impossible to break. Had Mr. Heinze offered such rates at first, Col. Turner stated, the erection of a smelter at Northport would never have been undertaken.

Heinze Will Get Plenty of Ore. As for the report that the Trail smelter would still have plenty to do in treating the Le Roi ores, Colonel Turner confirmed the statement, conditioned of course, upon the outcome of the meeting of the Le Roi people tomorrow, at which another proposition from Mr. Heinze will be considered. He emphasized the fact that the Northport smelter would be able to treat the entire output of the Le Roi, and some of it must necessarily go elsewhere. Mr. Heinze would get this, if his price was right.

"You see," continued the speaker, "our capacity will be about 300 tons a day, but for the Le Roi we must necessarily have ore of another composition. When the Le Roi is working at its best, the output will be from 500 to 600 tons per day, and it is this difference that will probably come to the Trail smelter. It is also a great deal of ore from the Colville reservation, the prospects in that vicinity being very promising."

Question of Export Duty. As for the export duty on ores, Mr. Turner said they felt no alarm whatever. Such an exigency was likely to occur, and his brother had never received any assurance that it would not. They simply took chances on locating on the other side of the line, as they would change anything else. "If the export duty is levied," he said, "we will have to shut down so far as the British Columbia ores are concerned, but, as I stated before, we expect some great results from our properties on the American side."

Colonel Turner said that on the remaining 20,000 tons of Le Roi ore to be smelted by the Trail smelter, the existing contract has not been abrogated and that the same rate is still in force. It was intimated, however, that at the coming meeting new arrangements would be made whereby the Trail smelter would continue to treat at least half the output of the Le Roi, and as a consideration of the new contract, the existing charges on the balance of the old contract, would be cut down to meet the new rates.

Colonel Turner was quite enthusiastic over the Slooan country, and owing to the ease with which ore is handled, they will be mining silver there, when it is too expensive to mine elsewhere.

GOSSIP OF TRAIL

Catholic Church Social Saturday—Improvements at the Smelter. Richard Power has been steadily working the Gold Dollar, on Lookout mountain, and is in pay ore. The memorial to the governor-general, framed at the recent public meeting in Rossland, being circulated here, and its contents are being read with much interest.

The British Columbia Smelting & Refining company's saw mill has enlarged its yard accommodations, and is striking lumber in order to have it well seasoned.

It was impossible to learn any satisfactory reason today for the cutting down of the force of the Columbia and Kootenay. Although the suggestion was advanced some time ago that Mr. Heinze was getting it in readiness to take the place of the Le Roi, with the new arrangement by which the greater portion of the Le Roi's output will be treated at Trail, Mr. Heinze will have no occasion to hurry, as the Trail smelter will receive quite as much ore from the Le Roi as it has in the past.

Many improvements are now in progress, and brickmasons are busy renovating and remodeling the smelter. Mr. Heinze has purchased the brickyard near Kestel and the entire output is being used here.

SLOOAN CITY NEWS NOTES. Assayer Darlington Dead—Discovery of Free Gold on the Klondike. SLOOAN CITY, Aug. 17.—[Special].—It is my sad duty this week to chronicle the death of W. Darlington, of Darlington & Bellinger, assayers of this place. Mr. Darlington was the resident partner of the firm and was universally popular. He was for sometime connected with one of the large smelting works at Butte, Montana, and his partner Mr. Bellinger

READY NOVEMBER

Sir Charles Ross' Company Will Deliver Power by That Date.

PROGRESS OF THE WORKS

Foundations for Power House Completed—Tail Race Nearly Finished—Head Gates, Flumes and Trunk Line Under Way.

Sir Charles Ross, Bart., came down from the Kootenay river yesterday, accompanied by Robert Jamieson, the chief engineer of his company, the West Kootenay Power & Light company. They are in Rossland on business connected with their enterprise, and will be in the camp for a couple of days.

"Everything connected with the work is moving along in the most satisfactory manner, and unless something unforeseen occurs we shall be in complete running order by the first of November," said Sir Charles to a MINER reporter. "By that time, if all goes well, the mines around Rossland can be running with electrical power furnished by our company."

The foundations for the power house are already completed, and the tail race is nearly done, while the wall for the headgate will be under way in a fortnight more. We are now getting the ground ready to start work on the flumes, and perhaps a third of the rock work on the flumes has been finished. We are now working about 80 men, and if occasion should arise we could easily increase the force.

"Part of the new machinery is already on the ground and the rest of it will be shipped between the first and the fifteenth of September. The turbines are coming from the Stillwell-Bierce company at Dayton, O. The electric machinery will be shipped from the works of the Canadian General Electric company, at Ferboro, Ont. All the apparatus should be not more than two weeks on the road, so that October 1 should see the last of the machinery on the ground. It will only take a short time to get it installed. I think we can conservatively say that the plant will be running by November."

"The right-of-way for the trunk line has been cleared for a distance of about 20 miles from the site of the works on the Kootenay river. We shall cross the Columbia with an overhead cable at a point below Waterloo. The rest of the right-of-way into Rossland will be finished inside of a fortnight. The poles are being laid in place as rapidly as the right-of-way is cut, and it will be only a small matter to string the wires.

"The schedule of rates has not yet been made up, but it will be based upon the tariffs adopted by the General Electric company."

ONE OF SLOOAN'S BONANZAS.

Two Ledges on the Slooan Boy Both Contain Good Ore. Robert Eason, who has just visited the Slooan Boy, brings down very encouraging reports about that property, one of the very first claims located in the Slooan camp, it having been staked by Jack Seaton in 1890. T. M. Gibson, who has a bond on four-fifths of the mine, is working a force of 13 miners. Since last March he has shipped 11 cars of ore and has now more ore in sight on the 100-foot level than ever before. The ore body is two feet wide and the ore averages 126 ounces in silver and 67 per cent in lead.

About 300 feet southeast of the main vein some development has been done lately on a small parallel vein. Two carloads of ore have been shipped from this ledge and another carload is just about made up. The ore is very high grade, the last car shipped having netted over \$7,000. Assays from the ore now on the dump run as high as 700 ounces in silver per ton.

The owners anticipate working the property by tunnels run in on the small vein.

ROSSLAND STOCK MARKET.

Buying Orders From the East Beginning to Show Up Again.

"There has been more activity in the stock market during the last few days than at any time in the past couple of months," said a local broker Friday. "The demands coming in by wire for stock have been especially strong, particularly from eastern people, which is one of the most encouraging features of the present activity. It is evident that the orders are coming in from individuals who have visited the camp, and were so satisfied with the showing made by the mines here on their return home they decided to invest in Rossland mines and have induced their friends to invest here as well."

First Jose House in Kootenay. Dressed in their most glorious raiment, and with queues freshly plaited, all the Chinamen in Rossland and the surrounding country headed for Dominion hall Friday night, which had been metamorphosed into a temporary joss house. Mr. Wang Hee, one of the dignitaries of the Chinese temple at Victoria, had been secured for the occasion. The interior of the hall was elaborately decorated, and the Chinamen revelled for the whole night in the consolations of religion. That at least is the explanation made by the attending Chinamen, but some of the celestials who did not participate, intimated that the occasion was really a meeting of Chinese revolutionists who are opposed to the present Mongolian emperor.

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The company is the owner of the "Boston," "Cumberland," "White Rose," "Hidden Treasure" and "Copper Cape" mineral claims. The title is perfect, there being no charges or incumbrances of any sort recorded against the property.

The following is the Engineer's report on the property: ROSSLAND, B. C., December 2, 1896.

Mr. FRANK H. YOUNG, Roseland. As requested, I have visited the Cumberland group of claims: They are situated on the North Fork of Wild Horse Creek, a tributary of Salmon river, in Nelson division of West Kootenay mining district, B. C., ten miles south of Nelson, and nine miles south-east of the Silver King mine, and one mile north of the Elise.

This group of claims is about six miles from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, from which it is reached by an easy trail. A wagon road with an even grade could be built from this group to the Elise, at a cost of about \$1,000.00. The property consists of five full claims; each is 1,500 x 1,500 feet. Cumberland and White Rose, on the west side of Wild Horse Creek; Boston, Hidden Treasure and Copper Cape, on the east side of the creek. These three claims show good, strong veins, but no work has been done. The veins all have a northeast and southwest trend or strike.

The White Rose vein has been exposed for some distance, and shows a ledge about four feet wide. The country rock is a slaty schist, standing nearly vertical, the planes of stratification being north and south. The vein matter is composed of quartz and iron sulphides, carrying gold and silver. The Cumberland vein has been exposed by an open cut of some eight feet, and a shaft five feet in depth, and shows the vein to be about three feet wide.

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This group of claims is favorably located, being only six miles from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. By this and connecting railroads, all smelters can be easily reached. The Nelson smelter is nearest; but the Pilot Bay and Trail smelters, as well as those in the United States, are easily reached. There is an abundance of timber standing on the claims, sufficient for mining and building purposes for some time to come.

A never-failing supply of water can be obtained from the creek which runs across the group of claims. I would advise that a shaft be sunk to a depth of one hundred feet on the ore chute now exposed, and the manner of prosecuting future development be decided upon when the strike and dip of ore chute be more definitely determined from such work.

I regard the surface indications as favorable for the development of profitable ore bodies with depth. HENRY KEHOE, Mining Engineer.

Since the foregoing report was made by Mr. Kehoe, considerable development work has been done upon these claims under his able supervision. A shaft 25 feet deep has been sunk upon the Cumberland, from which assays have been made running \$16.00, \$18.00, and the highest \$20.00 in gold and 67 ounces in silver.

On the Hidden Treasure another shaft has been sunk to a depth of nearly 25 feet, and from it \$11.00 and \$14.00 assays in gold were taken. Four men are now engaged upon the property, and the cost of all development work to present moment has been borne by the promoters.

The trustees, through the company's official broker, now place upon the market 100,000 of the Treasury Shares for sale at 5 cents per share.

The by-laws of the company provide that no debt shall be contracted by the directors unless the money is actually in hand at the time of contracting such debt to meet the same when due.

Address all communications to the Official Broker: RICHARD PLEWMAN, 9 Imperial Block, Rossland, B. C.

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Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 21.—Today's Canada Gazette contains the appointment of Major Walsh, of Brockville, as chief executive officer of the government of Canada in the Yukon, with the title of commissioner of the Yukon district.

Mr. Havelock Norwood, of Nova Scotia, has been appointed inspector of mines, along with James D. McGregor, in the Yukon. Norwood will leave with Walsh.

Yukon territory has been constituted by order-in-council a land registry district, with headquarters at Fort Cudahy.

HEART'S BEALER.

Mrs. Muggen, Wife of Capt. Chas. Muggen, of Sydney, C.B., Got Relief in 30 Minutes From Heart Disease of Four Years' Standing, and Declares She Owe Her Life to Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart.

"It affords me great pleasure to commend Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. I was sorely afflicted with heart trouble, accompanied with dizziness, palpitation, and smothering sensations. For over four years I was treated by best physicians, and used all remedies known to man. I determined to try Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. The first dose gave me great relief inside of 30 minutes. I used two bottles, and feel today I have been completely cured."

For sale by McLean & Morrow.

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Time Table No. 28, taking effect March 1st, 1896.

VANCOUVER ROUTE.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday at 9 o'clock. Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday at 12:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C. P. R. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

From Victoria for New Westminster and way landings—Sunday at 10 o'clock; Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. From New Westminster to Victoria and way landings—Monday at 12:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. When sufficient inducements offer, will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer Maude leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound ports the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month. The company reserves the right of changing this time table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING, Manager. G. A. CARLETON, General Agent. Victoria, July 1st.

WILL examine and report on mining properties, superintend development work and render reports if so desired. All reports strictly confidential. Have had eighteen years' experience in mines and mining; four years in the Trail Creek region; nearly two years in the Le Roi mine. Use Moresing and Neil's code.

E. W. Liljegran,

Ex-Superintendent of Le Roi Mine. P. O. Box 446. Rossland, B. C.

Vertical advertisement for various services including 'Boilers', 'Drill Co.', and 'Leiser'.



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Shipments of Ore. From January 1 to August 21, inclusive, the shipments of ore from mines at Rossland to smelters were as follows:

Table with columns: Mine, Tons. Le Roi, 34,347; War Eagle, 6,380; Columbia & Kootenay, 1,860; Iron Mask, 2,939; Jumbo, 385; Cliff, 57; Red Mountain, 56; O. K., 173; Giant, 39; I. X. L., 12.

From January 14 to June 30, inclusive, the ore milled in the camp was as follows:

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Shipments for the past week were: Le Roi, 1,550; Iron Mask, 45; Columbia and Kootenay, 150; Centre Star, 105; Cliff, 40. Total, 1,890 tons.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

With this issue of THE MINER, Fred C. Moffatt assumes the editorial and business management of the paper, having purchased the interests heretofore held by H. W. C. Jackson, John B. Cook and J. B. McArthur. The retiring editor desires to thank the public for its cordial support and to bespeak for the new editor, Mr. Moffatt, a continuation of the same.

TO OUR READERS.

The editor of THE MINER desires to say rather more than "Thank you" in return for the many very kindly expressed wishes encountered yesterday. This journal has achieved an enviable reputation in Kootenay under the able management until yesterday in control. The writer seeks to maintain the vantage ground so acquired, and to increase the usefulness and influence of this newspaper.

THE RETURN OF CONFIDENCE.

If the visitors to the camp in the past fortnight have taken away with them sound and satisfactory information concerning the real state of affairs here, they have in every instance reiterated the statement that in the east and elsewhere the general business depression is surely rolling away, and is being followed by a very genuine wave of prosperity.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY'S VISIT.

It is always a pleasure to welcome distinguished visitors to Rossland. Such a representative party as that now present with us cannot fail to grasp the pressing requirements of the camp in a way that will surely bear good fruit later on, to the great benefit of all concerned.

CUSTOMS DUTIES IN YUKON.

There is nothing in the point raised by American miners regarding free navigation of the Yukon and other rivers as an excuse for the non-payment of customs duties on American goods taken into Yukon. The point, if it ever amounted to anything, was settled by the United States long ago.

FIRST DANCE HOUSE OPEN

It Took in \$1,948 in An Hour—Rope With a Noose on It Dangles From a Tree in Front—Late News From the North.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 25.—[Special.]—The advices per steamer Willamette from Skagway describe that place as a camp of 5,000 people. Five miles up the trail there are tents all along on both

THE C. P. R. AND MR. HEINZE.

Our Nelson correspondent this morning states that Vice President Shaughnessy of the C. P. R. is to reach there Monday, when it is expected that negotiations for the purchase of Mr. Heinze's Columbia & Western railroad will probably be brought to a close. He makes the further statement that the C. P. R. is supplying the rolling stock for the construction of the Trail-Robson branch.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We do not believe there will be any difficulty in inducing the C. P. R. to build from Robson to Rossland this fall provided the managers of the half dozen leading mines of the camp bind their companies to furnish a reasonable amount of traffic whenever the road is ready to handle ore.

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"Companies Act, 1897." CANADA—PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. No. 2.—1897.

This is to certify that the "Canadian Pacific Exploration, Limited" is authorized as a licenced company to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia.

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Paul Boy mineral claim situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Monte Cristo mountain north of and adjoining the City of Spokane mineral claim.

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Seigniorage, Ridgeway, Farmington and Quaint mineral claims situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the east slope of Deer Park mountain, adjoining the Midland mineral claim.

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Fairford mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About 1/4 miles south of the City of Rossland.

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Iron Colt Fraction mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: In the Township of North Fork, Range 11, T. 12 N., R. 11 W., S. 4.

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BIT OF HISTORY RECALLED

It Was His Promise of a Land Subsidy Which Induced Heinze to Locate His Smelter at Trail and Build His Railway.

TRAIL, Aug. 25.—[Special.]—The Hon. Col. James Baker, provincial minister of mines and education, came down from Rossland with Vice President Shaughnessy's party this afternoon. Col. Baker has figured in the upbuilding of the province and the protection as well as the extension of its mining interests more than any other member of the government. It was to urge upon the railroad people the necessity for such transportation relief as will result in the smelting of British Columbia ores in British Columbia, that the mine owners and others induced him to meet and accompany the officials as a representative of the people. He said today to a Miners' representative that the C. P. R. had enough energy and enterprise to meet the requirements of the province, and the action of the company in this matter will best answer any agitation in favor of an export duty.

"I find," said he, "that the general feeling is that an export duty will not result in any benefit to the province in the end. Much will depend on the action of the American government, because it might force Canada, much against her will, to protect herself in this matter."

Why Heinze Located at Trail. While here, the honorable minister of mines and education was entertained by a number of citizens, who look upon him in reality as mainly instrumental in securing the location of the Heinze smelter at this point two years ago, instead of at Northport. Colonel Baker used a little strategy at that time. He was making his rounds of the province, and noted the difficulty and expense, because of bad roads, in getting ore to the Columbia river for transport to the American smelters. He wanted to see our ores reach a good point. He urged upon the promoters of the smelter the construction of a tramway to Trail, and assured them that if they did not take it in hand the government would. Then he hurried back to Victoria and called his colleagues together. The premier was absent in England at that time and Col. Baker was acting in his stead. He told his colleagues that 14 miles of tramway must be built at once, and induced them to assure a grant to the company which would build.

In speaking of the matter Colonel Baker always referred to it as an extraordinary action to promise a grant without the consent of the provincial parliament, but such an incident is not unusual in the case of the British Columbia smelter, and has since served to develop this portion of the province materially.

Ten Years' Hard Work.

Naturally Colonel Baker takes great interest in the building and extension of the Crow's Nest Pass railroad, for this is another enterprise for which the people of British Columbia are indebted to him. Colonel Baker is from East Kootenay, and more than ten years ago great quantities of coal were discovered along the Crow's Nest Pass. He called the attention of the C. P. R. to it, but they said they had no interest in this part of the country at that time, so Colonel Baker went to England to interest capital. He was a long time trying to get money, and he finally succeeded in interesting the C. P. R., after nearly ten years of perseverance. Now he has assurance that more than 100 miles will be finished by December 1 of the present year, and by September of '98 the line will be in operation to Kootenay lake. This will give any smelter on the Columbia river its coke at \$5 or \$5.50 per ton, and will permit of the smelting of the ore of the Rossland camp at the minimum cost, and abolish any excuse for sending it across the line to be smelted.

His Colleagues at Victoria.

As to the government generally, Colonel Baker said the various departments were in a most healthy condition, and that there were compliments on our own hand, both from Americans and our own people, on the excellent enforcement and observance of the law throughout the province, which fact is highly creditable to the attorney-general. "Through the care and watchfulness of Mr. Turner," continued Colonel Baker, "you will find our government stock quoted at 102 1/2, which shows the confidence of the world in the administration of our affairs. In the department of public works, commissioner, Mr. Martin, is using every effort to meet the constantly growing demands of the people for better roads, trails, bridges, and like public improvements. He has secured an alteration of the law, so that anybody may take land at reasonable prices, reserving one-fourth of the township for public purposes. Public buildings generally, such as court houses, jails, lockups, and recording offices, are being erected and established at points convenient for the transaction of public business, thus saving much delay and annoyance."

Department of Education.

Referring to educational matters, Colonel Baker said he was very glad to have succeeded in fixing up the Rossland school matters, where the children were much pressed for space and playgrounds. Then, he said, the government will give a teacher for every 40 scholars, and will meet the case with any extra accommodations that urgency or emergency may demand. Colonel Baker explained that it was this constant expansion of the educational needs which caused much difficulty, for new towns are starting continually, and the original appropriation is severely taxed, because the government provides for a teacher where 10 or more children may gather for educational advancement. What Colonel Baker most wanted, and what he greatly regretted it was impossible at present to provide, was a normal school for our teachers. He

WOODS WAS HANGED

Nerve of the Nelson Murderer Did Not Fail Him.

CALM AND UNCONCERNED

"I Am Dead Quits With the World—I Have Nothing to Say," Were the Last Words He Uttered on the Gallows.

NEILSON, Aug. 25.—[Special.]—James Woods, convicted of the murder of Samuel Wood, last October, paid the penalty of his crime at 8 a. m. this morning. The execution took place in the provincial jail yard, the official hangman from Calgary springing the trap. The drop was seven feet three inches.

The inclosure was filled with officials and about 40 spectators. Woods was very self-contained until the last moment and outside an added pallor was as calm as usual. When asked if he had anything to say he replied, "No, I am dead quits with the world. I have nothing to say."

He shook hands with the officials and one minute after he ascended the scaffold the trap was sprung. Both the neck and the wind pipe were broken and the pulse stopped beating in nine minutes after. The body was cut down at 8:30 a. m.

Wanted No Minister.

Woods had all the time refused to see a minister or to accept any spiritual consolation. Yesterday, when asked once more if he would not see a minister, he replied: "What in blazes do I want with a d—n sky pilot?" When he was being brought from New Westminster the last time, he was pointed out to a minister on board the train as Woods, minister on board Wednesday. The minister entered into conversation with Woods and excused his hoarseness by saying his throat was sore. "Not half so sore as mine will be next Wednesday," returned Woods. "I am not a man to be frightened in such a manner as you are," said Woods. He has obstinately refused to divulge the whereabouts of his family. No word as to his past life, home or friends, has escaped him under the most skillful questioning. He claimed to be a Bachelor to the last.

Read and Smoked to the Last.

He has put in the most of his time reading, on an average two novels a day and the current magazines and papers. His appetite has been good, and he has slept well. His apparent unconcern throughout seemed strange. He had remarkable control of himself. The day he was sentenced, when told to stand and asked what he had to say, his only reply was "Nothing." When his keeper came up to take him away, he remarked: "Say, they didn't do a thing to me." It is believed that no man in the province knows all there is to know of Woods, and that is Constable Ince. He was his keeper, and it is said that Ince was confided in by Woods. The murderer was a cigarette fiend, and supplied him with cigarettes, etc., and became quite attached to him. Woods did not look like a murderer. He was only 25 years old, under medium height, blue eyes, and quite fair.

His Attorney's Fight.

The attorney for Woods, A. Mainwaring Johnson, has exerted himself to the best of his ability to save his client. He got a respite of two weeks while an appeal was heard. It was the first time in British Columbia where a murder case was carried to an appellate court, and the first time the admissibility of a dying declaration was questioned. The appeal was based on the ground that a dying declaration requires other evidence to show its truth, and that such evidence was not introduced. It was claimed that Wood, the murdered man, when he declared that Woods, the man before him, was the one who shot him, did not know he was dying. It is thought that Woods was not the name of the murderer, but that he assumed it as a sort of grim joke.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Are There Two Deer Park Companies?

SAN FRANCISCO, August 18. EDITOR MINER:—Sir: Would you kindly inform me through your valuable paper if there are two Deer Park mines, one in Portland, Ore., company, or who are the directors of such and what kind of a property is it? I have been told that there was trouble with some of the mines up there. Hoping you will answer if you have space in your next. Yours respectfully, JOHN THOMAS.

Mr. Asulay Exonerated.

ROSSLAND, Aug. 23. TO THE PUBLIC: Since sending that paragraph to the Spokesman-Review reflecting upon the honor of Mr. Asulay, secretary of the Rossland stock exchange, I have investigated the alleged charge, and find them without foundation, therefore withdraw them unconditionally. W. J. FAGAN, Correspondent.

G. H. Franklin, Witness.

25 cents cures Catarrhal Headache. Incipient Catarrh. Hay Fever. Catarrhal Deafness. Cold in the Head in 10 minutes. Foul Breath caused by Catarrh. 25 cents cures Chase's Catarrh Cure with perfect blowers enclosed in each box. Sold by all dealers.

cesses so only one more can be accommodated. Only three restaurants will be granted liquor licenses and two wholesale houses. Nothing else but routine business was done, and the board adjourned to meet tomorrow for special business.

George B. Wilson, of San Francisco, has arrived in the city and will at once embark in business. He has a partner in this city. They will put in a plant in which assays can be given from 100 to 150 pounds of ore, something which cannot be done now this side of Victoria. Mining men will welcome the enterprise. The county court will convene here on the 29th, and a good deal of business will be done.

A PIONEER'S STORY.

Following an Attack of La Grippe He Suffered Day and Night for Four Years—A Well Known Clergyman Endorses His Statements.

From the Record Windsor, Ont. Among the residents of Kingsville, Ont., none is held in higher esteem than Mr. James Lovelace. He is known not only in town, but to many throughout Essex county. When a correspondent of the Record called upon him and asked him to verify certain statements as to his years of suffering, he cheerfully did so. Mr. Lovelace said: "Four years ago I had a bad attack of la grippe, which left me with a severe pain in the pit of my stomach. After trying household remedies and getting no relief, I consulted a doctor, but after a long course of suffering, which did not help me, I became discouraged and concluded there was no relief for me. Night and day for four years that pain never left me. At times it was so bad that I had to give up work. I had, frequently, read of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and perhaps as much out of curiosity as with any hope that they would help me, I bought a box. I followed the directions carefully, and by the time the box was finished I was surprised to find that I was getting relief. I could not understand how, after all the medicine I had previously tried, had failed, this one box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should help me. I now cheerfully continued their use, and by the time I had taken five boxes every trace of pain had left me and I felt as well as ever I had done in my life. Today I am as sound as a dollar and believe there is no man of my age in Essex county who can stand a harder day's work."

Rev. R. D. Herrington, Baptist minister at Kingsville, says: "Having known Mr. James Lovelace for the past thirty years, I believe the above statements made by him to be strictly true. I might also say that I have been greatly benefited myself by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

G. A. POUNDER, of the Primrose Gold Mining company, reported yesterday the sale of 20,000 shares to eastern people. Considerable activity is reported from the Fish creek country along the south side of the Pend d'Oreille.

The Spokane Falls & Northern Railway company has opened a down-town ticket office in connection with its telegraph office. A. L. Bunker, son of the company's agent here, is in charge of the new departure.

The meeting of the Knights of Labor held Sunday resulted in the election of the following officers: R. Dutton, M. W.; J. Honefar, W. F.; A. Kirby, P. M.; J. Donnelly, R. S.; Fred Barker, W. T.; McAlister, P. S.; J. French, R. M. F. Powell, S. Another meeting will be held Friday in Society hall.

The notorious little fraction between the Le Roi and the Centre Star has again bobbed up. It only comprises about an acre, and no mineral has ever been found on it, but it is staked from time to time by adventurous prospectors, who think it may be valuable on account of its location. Saturday A. L. Anderson, and an attorney whose name does not transpire, went out to locate the property, but instead of putting in their poles on the vacant ground, they put them on the Centre Star territory about 30 feet from the line, and as a consequence a rumor was started that the Centre Star had been jumped.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Certificates of Work.

Old Joe 1/2, A. Modigh to Geo. Stone, \$50. August 17. Duke, Geo. H. Campbell to Allan G. White and Benjamin Finnell. August 18. Montreal Fraction 1/2, T. P. Farrell to J. F. Ritchie. August 18. Queen 1/2, John J. Moynihan to Ben. Finnell. August 18. Queenstown 1/2, Harry Jones to Hugh McColvin. August 20. Old Joe 1/2, A. Modigh to James B. Stone, \$50. West Virginia, Alex. Sharp to W. G. Graves \$50. August 21. Queen, Duke Finnell, seized by sheriff. T. Fraction, J. F. Travers to Louis W. Travers. New Chicago, 1/2, August Jackson to Charles J. Johnson. Vanderbilt, J. M. Miller and M. F. Chestnut to J. M. Ashton. City of Frankfort, K. H. H. Chestnut to J. M. Ashton, \$500. August 21. Flaming, 2-1/2, W. Austin to J. C. Fraser. Dominion, W. Dow to Albert Jefferson. Pearl, 1/2, T. Seeley, W. L. Laamy, E. Hancy, Thomas Kerneker, C. R. Hamilton. August 23. Maple Leaf 1/2, North Pole, 1/2, R. S. McGill to Donald Campbell. August 24. Grouse, Benas, G. W. Bennett to George H. Campbell.

Certificates of Work.

Aug. 14—White Elephant, Louise, Isabella No. 2, C. C. Aug. 17—Laurier, Greenley, Big Dan, Ebenezer. August 18—Ebenezer, New Hope, Bennevista, Santa Marie, Santa Marie, Victoria, Wynona. Aug. 20—Montrose, Mid of Althens. August 20—Clara, Lissy, Ida, Ohio, Port Costa, Fete, Lulu. August 21—Deerhill No. 2, City of Frankfort, Princess, Maid of Kent, Countess Fraction, Thirlic, Black Whale, Black King, Dominion, Santa Marie, Lark, King, Bird, Helena, Coeur d'Alene, Inez. August 24—Rob of Jack, Woodstock. August 24—Venus.

Certificate of Improvements.

Aug. 21—Venus.

The Dardanelles Mine.

The new engines, pump, hoist and skip have been installed on the Dardanelles mine near Sandon. A recent shipment of 255 tons net 285 ounces per ton, and late assay from the galena ledge went 261 ounces in silver and 76 per cent lead. The shaft is now down 200 feet, and 700 feet of drifting has been done.

A Croupy Cough Was Soon Driven Away by Dr. Chase's Linseed.

"My little boy had a bad croupy cough," says Mrs. Smith of 265 Bathurst street, Toronto. "My neighbor, Mrs. Hopkins, recommended me to try Chase's Syrup of Linseed, and Turpentine. I did so, and the first dose did him good. One bottle completely cured the cough. It is surprising the popularity of Chase's Syrup in this neighborhood. It appears to me it can now be found in every house."

J. M. MILLER, President. G. A. POUNDER, Treasurer. M. F. CHESNUT, Secretary. Clough's Code Used.

The Primrose Gold Mining Co., Ltd.

Capitalization 1,000,000 Shares. Fully Paid and Non-Assessable. 250,000 Treasury Shares. Par Value \$1 each. Only 26,000 Shares Left of First Issue.

This company owns five valuable claims. The directors have decided to limit the first and present issue of treasury stock to 50,000 shares, and this number will be sold at the low price of Five Cents per share. When they have been sold it is further decided to raise the price to at least ten cents per share. This company's properties have a wonderful surface showing. On the Denmark, one of the company's properties, a very important strike has just been made. The property is being worked night and day. All promoters' stock is pooled. A concentrator is now being erected on an adjoining property, and arrangements will be made to handle the company's ores. Address all communications to The Primrose Gold Mining Co., Ltd. 48 Columbia Avenue, Rossland, B. C.

Mineral City. Perfect Title. Level Townsite.

Lots are now on the Market.

Corner Lots on Columbia Avenue from \$125 to \$150. Inside Lots \$100. Other Lots from \$75 to \$100. Terms One-third cash, One-third in 3 Months, One-third in 6 Months.

A Few Facts Concerning Mineral City.

The mines on Cariboo Creek in the famous SLOCAN DISTRICT are tributary to Mineral City. A wagon road is now being built by the provincial government from Arrow Lake to Mineral City. Mineral City will be the Cariboo district what Rossland is to the Trail Creek district. See key plan at any agents office. A sample shipment of 80 tons of ore was sent to the Trail smelter which assayed \$80 in gold to the ton. The conditions in Mineral City are the same as in Rossland when it started. Like Rossland it is in the middle of the mines.

Apply to the Following Agents:

Reddin-Jackson Co., Weeks, Kennedy & Co., Rolt & Grogan, Smith, Dean & Co., A. B. Clabon.

THE R. J. BEALEY CO., ROSSLAND, B. C.

General Agents, by whom alone agreements will be given.

KASLO ORE RECEIPTS.

Shipments Last Month Were Three Times Those of the Previous Year. Kaslo Kootenayan: A comparison of the figures showing the Slovan ore shipments via the K. & S. railway of July, 1897, and the corresponding month in 1896, is surprising. It will show an increase in the production of about five to one. Up to date August has outstripped July, and will show a still greater contrast with the same month last year. The shipments over the K. & S. railway for July, 1896, were as follows: Slovan Star 1,680,000 lbs. Surprise 421,000 lbs. R. E. Lee 74,000 lbs. Slovan Star 92,000 lbs. Wonderful 120,000 lbs. Sloop 6,000 lbs. Total 2,353,000 lbs. Here are the ore shipments for July, 1897: Payne 2,568,000 lbs. Ruth 2,150,000 lbs. Slovan Star 250,000 lbs. Washington 274,000 lbs. Whitewater 210,000 lbs. Noble Five 179,250 lbs. Ibez 90,000 lbs. Surprise 24,000 lbs. Slovan Star 30,000 lbs. Wonderful 24,000 lbs. Sloop 16,000 lbs. Total 5,964,000 lbs. In the customs value of the ore shipped in June, 1896, and June, 1897, there is a vast contrast: June, 1896 \$43,105 June, 1897 \$30,713 It will be seen that the number of mines shipping in July, 1897, is more than double the number in July, 1896, and the number capable of shipping is about three times greater. The largest amount of ore ever shipped out of the Slovan in one month was in March, 1897, when over 6,000,000 pounds were sent out.

A VERY SAD DEATH.

Ernest Miller's Bride Died of Typhoid On Her Honeymoon. The sad news was received yesterday in Rossland that the young bride of Ernest Miller had died in Nelson on her honeymoon trip. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were married two weeks ago yesterday by the Rev. H. Irwin, and started at once on their bridal tour. The young

Heart Disease Relieved in Thirty Minutes.

Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gives perfect relief in all cases of organic or sympathetic heart disease in 30 minutes, and speedily effects a cure. It is a perfect remedy for Palpitation, Shortness of Breath, Smothering Spells, Pain in Left Side and symptoms of a diseased heart. On the medical world that will relieve in a few moments and cure absolutely. The ingredients of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure are essentially liquid, and hence neither it nor anything like it can be prepared in pill form. Sold by McLean & Morrow.

Advertisement for Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'D'AGNEW'S HEART CURE'.



### A FOOLISH SCHEME

J. B. Powell Booming a Wagon Road from Edmonton to Klondike.

### NELSON'S WATER SYSTEM

George McFarland Appointed Inspector of the Reservoir in Which, It is Said, People Have Been Bathing at Night—A Lively Scrap.

NELSON, Aug. 19.—[Special.]—There is more or less Klondike fever here and many are getting ready to go there in the spring. J. B. Powell, who is to be manager of the Great Canadian Development & Mining company, is in the city awaiting the arrival of the president of the company. The enterprise is a formidable one, for it involves the building of thousands of miles of wagon road. The first survey will leave Edmonton on the first of September, taking only the men who are to work on the survey. There will be two lines. One party will go in by way of the Liard river, which is one of the main branches of the Mackenzie river. The other will go by way of the Pelly river, one of the head waters of the Yukon. As the survey party proceeds, stables will be erected every 12 miles, as when the road is finished parties will change horses at every stable, and it is calculated 100 miles a day can be covered. Canyons and reindeer will be used. Stores will be erected every few miles and be fully provisioned.

It is calculated to furnish every man who goes by way of this road with provisions for one year and transportation for \$500. He will be given a certificate and can get provisions at any of the stores during the year. If he wishes he can sell the certificate. Other companies permit no transference of certificates. By the first of May it is thought the road will be finished, though there will be hundreds of bridges to be built, etc. Ottawa and Montreal capital is back of it, and the work is well advanced. The Dominion government and the C. P. R. have given the enterprise their hearty co-operation.

W. Perkins, the mining broker, will organize a party to leave soon. His sons will also accompany them, and all are practical miners and prospectors.

**Municipal Matters.**  
At an adjourned meeting of the city council today an inspector for the city reservoir was appointed, George McFarland securing the position at a salary of \$4 per day. He will be a sort of assistant engineer. The milk and bread by-laws were passed, and the contract for valves for the water system was given to a firm of Troy, N. Y., represented by Frank Darling. The clothing of the family at night bathing in the reservoir, out for a night or two policemen have been stationed there to watch developments, but with no result so far. Quite a lively fight was witnessed near the post-office last night. It seems that Hurry, the proprietor of the Vienna cafe and bakery, let his cows roam at large and they were impounded by Dago Bill. Hurry went to the pound and gave them their liberty without going through the formality of paying his fine. This naturally displeased the pound man and when they met there was an altercation and a general mix up. As a result they will tell the police magistrate all about it tomorrow.

**Personals and Briefs.**  
Nelson is becoming more and more a city. We may have no public school but we have a kindergarten. On the second of September a branch of the Theosophical society will be organized by Mrs. Agnes Shotwell Heath, of Seattle, who is now a resident of Nelson. Vice-President Shaughnessy of the C. P. R. is expected in Nelson next Monday.

The city has decided to raise the water rates. In some cases a large advance will be made. One prominent hotel, instead of paying \$5 per month will pay \$22. A good deal of kicking is anticipated.

The body of Carrie Wilson, alias Alice Willis, was sent home to her mother in Austin, Texas, today in accordance with instructions received.

The cabin of George Jones, a carpenter, was burned yesterday, being so far up the hill that the fire boys could do very little. The clothing of the family and \$150 in cash, which was in a valise, was burned. Quite a sum in jewelry were lost, in all over \$800 worth of insurance. It was caused by a defective fuse.

Charles Grant, of Rossland, is registered at the Nelson hotel. He is here looking after mining interests and is to leave soon for Mexico on a business trip.

Harry White, of Rossland, is in the city. He came to attend a sitting of the court, but as it does not convene until the 26th, he will go to Rossland and see after his mining interests there. He has just returned from Alaska, where his company holds large interests and tells some good stories about the Klondike craze.

**HIGH GRADE COPPER ORE.**  
Good Strike Made on the Josie Mine Near Grand Forks.  
GRAND FORKS, Aug. 19.—[Special.]—Captain A. L. Rogers, owner of the Josie property in Summit camp, has just finished doing the assessment work on that property, and has during the continuance of this work encountered a fine body of copper ore, which showed an assay return of some 40 per cent copper. Mr. Rogers says the ledge is over eight feet in width and is a mammoth body of copper ore. He intends to sink a 50-foot shaft on this property at once and will thus try and demonstrate what is in the Josie.

E. M. Johnson, the well known real estate dealer of Victoria, has been in the city for the last few days. He is

here making his regular annual trip to Grand Forks, where he has large land interests, being the owner of the well known Johnson ranch, which joins the city limits. He says that a railroad must come through this city whenever it penetrates this section and predicts the entrance of one before many months.

**Wagon Road to Midway.**  
A new wagon road is being made from Midway direct to Grand Forks. The route laid out for this new road is down the main Kettle river direct to Grand Forks. When the road is completed travelers bound for the Midway country can take this road and will not be compelled to go over the boundary mountains to Greenwood and Ansaconda as at present. The Midway Townsite company started the road and to them alone belongs the credit of opening up a rich portion of the Boundary Creek and Kettle River districts.

In the last ten days the heat has been most intense at this point, running as high for the last ten days as 105 degrees in the shade. Many cases of prostration are reported, but as yet no deaths have occurred.

Leonard Norris, government agent at Vernon, is expected to arrive in the city this evening on his annual visit to this section. He will likely be met by a delegation of citizens on his arrival.

**Lawyer Created an Unusual Amount of Gossip in this City** occurred last Tuesday when one of our city barristers went to bathing in a nude condition inside the city limits and right in full view of a number of the ladies of the city. There was a strong feeling of indignation on the part of the citizens over the conduct of this lawbreaker, and he was arrested and fined, but as it appeared he was not quite himself when he did this act, it was decided to give him another chance and so the matter was virtually dropped in the meantime.

Messrs. Townsends and Hewitt, of the Grand Forks brewery, are now turning out a good article in the beer line, and this beer is in demand as far as Camp McKinney. They now find it necessary to brew once a week, each brewing being some 300 gallons.

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**WAGON ROAD TO YMIR MINE.**  
The Contract Has Been Let and 40 Men Are at Work.

Ymir, Aug. 19.—[Special.]—Work was commenced on Monday last on the new wagon road to the Ymir mine. There were 14 tenders for the contract, out of which that put in by Messrs. Nott & Thompson, of Nelson, was the one accepted. The road is to have a nine-foot bed and will be 4.35 miles in length. Three switchbacks will be necessary and six bridges are included in the contract. Although the new road will not follow the present trail throughout its length, the approach to the town will remain the same, the present bridge over the Salmon being used. At present 40 men are employed on the work, and the force is being increased daily. The contract has a time limit to the 1st of October next.

**Test Shipment to London.**  
The Duncan syndicate, owners of the Wren mine, on the South Fork of the Wild Horse, are contemplating a shipment of ten tons of ore to London, England, to undergo treatment there by a patent dry process. This is the first experiment of the kind which has been tried by any of the mines in the vicinity, and if the results are satisfactory it cannot fail to have a good effect upon the value of the ore in this camp. The great drawback to the working of our mines is the high charge now ruling for freight and treatment. The wagon roads now going in will give considerably increased facilities for getting out the ore, while if the Duncan experiment turns out well we may expect that the cost of reducing the ores will also be materially lessened. There are several mines in the vicinity which have large quantities of shipping ore on their dumps, but are only waiting like the War Eagle in Rossland, for lower charges for shipment and reduction.

**Porto Rico and Three B's.**  
Work on the Porto Rico mine is being pushed on very rapidly. Two tunnels are being worked by the company's men while three other 100-foot tunnels have been contracted for. At present about 30 men are employed on the mine.

About a mile and a half from the Porto Rico, and half a mile from the new wagon road, is the Three B's. This is a very promising prospect owned by Messrs. Cunningham, Hutchinson and Kroese. An assay recently taken gave \$9.50 in gold. At present the work done consists of a shaft now down about 30 feet. Five men are at work on the property.

**Land Titles Settled.**  
The property owners in Ymir are generally satisfied at the result of the land case heard in Victoria. Now that Mr. Corbin's title to the land is cleared and he is able to give deeds for the lots, it is felt that the town is on a better business footing, and business men are more inclined to lay out their capital than before. Besides this it is confidently expected that Mr. Corbin will now proceed further with the work of laying out the town, grading roads, etc. He has done so much while the title was still in abeyance that great expectations have been aroused as to his future intentions.

**Public School to Be Opened.**  
A public school will be shortly opened here. Messrs. Delahay, Buckworth and McLeod are the trustees, and Miss Green has obtained the appointment as instructor.

A dance was held here on Tuesday night at the Hotel Kootenay. Quite a hundred guests attended, and during the evening sat down to a sumptuous supper, provided by Mr. Tom Flynn, the proprietor. Mr. Flynn, who is a popular character in the town, is one of the original locators of the famous Dundee mine, and is still the owner of many claims in the vicinity, some of which he claims equal his first lucky strike.

**Itching, Burning Skin Disease Cured For 35 Cents.**  
Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves in one day, cures faster, salt rheum, piles, scald head, eczema, barbers' itch, ulcers, blotches and all eruptions of the skin. It is soothing and quieting, and acts like magic in the cure of all baby humors. 35 cents.  
Sold by McLean & Morrow.

### TRAIL-ROBSON ROAD

Tracklaying to Begin Today if Men Can Be Secured.

### WILL BE STANDARD GAUGE

Railway is 25 Miles in Length and 56 Pounds Rails Will Be Used—Narrow Gauge Line to Rossland to Be Widened.

TRAIL, Aug. 20.—[Special.]—One hundred tracklayers are wanted at Trail immediately. William Winters, of the firm of Winters, Parsons & Boomer, who constructed the Trail-Robson road, has just returned from a business trip to Butte. Tomorrow, if he can secure the men, he will commence laying rails on the Trail-Robson road, from the Robson end. The tracks will be standard gauge, and will be extended clear to Trail. While it is not definitely settled, it has been learned from other sources that, as soon as Trail is reached, the track to Rossland will be widened, thus making a complete line from Nelson to Rossland. For the present an immense ferry will be constructed to transport the rails at Robson, and this will remain until replaced by a bridge.

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**SMELTHERY CITY GOSSIP.**  
Unsurveyed Portion of Trail to be Platted as One-Ore Shipments.

TRAIL, Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Mr. F. P. Gutelius is erecting two cottages for investment purposes.

This was pay day for the smelter and railway employees.

The river is gradually falling and has thus far receded 10 feet from its highest point. It was not nearly so high this year, as in the past.

W. E. Hamilton, traveling auditor for the C. P. R., came down on this morning's boat, and another 300 miles of the Bradon corner, one of the best corners in Trail, which was recently sold to George Williams & Co., is being remodeled. Additional show windows will be used for squatters and the like.

Rev. D. McG. Gaudier, of Clark's Mills, near Kingston, Ont., is a guest of Rev. Mr. Glassford, the Presbyterian church at Rossland has tendered Mr. Gaudier a call, and he will probably be their future pastor.

About 20 cars of ore are now coming over the Columbia & Western, daily. Of this number, 16 are from the Le Roi and the other four consist of Iron Maiden and Columbia and Kootenay. Engine No. 3, which went over the embankment at Rossland, is again on the run, and engine No. 1 will be out of the shops in a few days, after having been thoroughly overhauled.

The townsite owners, Messrs. Topping, Daniel and Heinze, are preparing to plat the unsurveyed portion of the townsite. Their interests have suffered materially by delay, as it is estimated that at least two-thirds of the families of Trail are squatters. This has reduced the demand for residence lots to such an extent that an immediate survey has been deemed necessary.

Grand Chancellor Commander J. E. Evans, of the Knights of Pythias, visited Trail last evening, and delivered an interesting address on the growth and objects of the order. An informal social was then held during which sandwiches, coffee and cake, together with cigars, were enjoyed. The lodge here has about 45 members enrolled. The officers are Noble Binns, C. C.; George Chappel, V. C. C.; John J. Inkster, keeper of records and seals; William Chase, M. W.; Fred Kummer, M. A.; A. V. Leonard, M. E.; S. H. Roach, M. F.; J. A. Clarke, prelate; Clay Mauntelle, I. G.; M. B. Levine, O. G. The lodge is in excellent financial condition, and in point of membership is rapidly increasing.

**TRAIL MINING NOTES.**  
TRAIL, Aug. 20.—[Special.]—The merits of at least one of the properties on Lookout mountain are to be determined by Ontario capitalists, who are interested in the Little Giant group. The principal owners of this group were in Trail this week, and had a conference with Mr. Heinze, after which they were entertained by a number of citizens at the Crown Point hotel. The visitors consisted of H. Cargill, wife and two daughters, of Cargill, Ont.; M. O. Tibbitts and wife, and Dr. Landner, M.P., of Hanover, Ont. They visited the property, and so pleased was Mr. Cargill with the work already done that he expressed the intention to expend \$5,000 in work, and if the showing warranted to put in machinery. The party left yesterday for Nelson.

Work is still progressing on the Bruce mine, above the sawmill, and additional specimens of quartz, showing pure gold, were brought down today.

The Bryan group at Waterloo, which showed up \$800 ore, is being developed. Tom Robins has taken a contract to sink a 25-foot shaft.

**Provincial Record Broken.**  
VICTORIA, Aug. 21.—L. A. Campbell this morning rode 100 miles and one-tenth over the Victoria century course in 6:59:30, breaking the provincial and northwest records, formerly established by Baker a week ago at 8:10. Nevins, Galloway and Dallin also secured century honors. Campbell would like to meet Baker over the course here, before the close of the season for sport only, and thinks he can bring the mark down to even six hours.

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### ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The property consists of La Regina Mineral Claim, aggregating an area of about 19½ acres. TITLE—The title of this claim is vested in La Regina Gold Mining Company by crown grant. There is no lien or incumbrance against the property.

LOCATION—The La Regina is situated in Trail Creek mining division, B. C., about two and a half miles distant from Rossland, about half a mile from Milk Ranch railroad station, and four miles from Trail smelter. The claim is traversed by a wagon road connecting Rossland and Trail, is fifty feet above and about two hundred feet distant from railroad track, consequently a claim with ideal shipping facilities.

The adjoining claims are the Bellevue on the north, the Blackbird Fraction and Buckeye on the east, the Vulcan Fraction on the southeast, and Vulcan on the south.

FORMATION—The formation of this claim is granite, crossed by porphyry dikes in a southeast and northwesterly direction. Along the outcrop of these dikes the country rock is stained for some distance, caused by the character of the ore, an iron pyrrhotite. The surface of the property is more or less covered by erosion and shows glacial action, but wherever the formation is bare a ledge can be traced through the entire length of the claim.

DEVELOPMENT—The development work consists of one shaft, 45 feet deep in porphyry, strongly mineralized; near the surface is oxidized matter, after this the rock carries fine grained arsenopyrite, pyrrhotite and copper pyrites, assaying .09 gold and 1 oz. silver, with trace of copper. Shaft 2, 32 feet deep, about 50 feet north of shaft 1, in same formation, showing exactly the same character of ore and similar returns as former.

Besides above mentioned works there is a crosscut 40 feet long, 8 feet deep, and on another place further north an open pit, partly caved, giving returns of trace of gold and 7 oz. in silver.

On each of these openings, and also on the surface, are distinct signs that the claim is cut by an ore vein, as already has been proved by finds on more developed properties surrounding the La Regina.

All the claims extensively worked around Rossland, and in the direct neighborhood of the La Regina, as the Commander, Palo Alto and San Joaquin, have furnished the proof that it is necessary to spend a certain amount of work before reaching paying ore bodies, and only a few exceptions carried higher value on or near the surface.

I have no doubt that by sinking at shaft 1 to a distance of 100-150 feet, and cross-cutting, there will be struck an ore body with good values.  
ROSSLAND, B. C., July 7, 1897.

The attention of the public is invited to La Regina Gold Mining Company, incorporated for the purpose of developing La Regina Mineral Claim, with a capital stock of 750,000 shares, 300,000 of which have been placed in the treasury, and the entire balance pooled. It will be noticed how confidently Mr. Luekmann expresses his conviction in the concluding paragraph of his report as to the ultimate success of this mine.

The entire capitalization is practically intact, only 25,000 shares of Treasury Stock having been sold.

This company was organized for honest mining. The promoters are mining men. They have borne three-fourths of the expenditures for development work to date. They seek no money for "wild catting," and they have honorably sought to protect investors in the Treasury Stock by pooling every share of the promoters.

100,000 shares of Treasury stock are now offered to the public at 5 cents. When these are sold it is believed by the directors that the next block of Treasury will readily sell at 7½ cents. Please wire your orders at our expense. We are determined, with the assistance of the public, to push work with the utmost vigor.

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**KOOTENAY-TACOMA COMPANY.**  
Annual Meeting Held and Officers Elected—Owns Two Ymir Claims.

The Kootenay-Tacoma L. C. Mining company, which has its head office at Tacoma and a branch office and agent at Ymir, B. C., and property on Quartz creek, which consists of the Last Chance and Iron Cap claims, at its annual stockholders' meeting, held in Tacoma on August 9, elected the following directors: Conrad L. Hoeka, C. E. Peterson, Jesse C. Poyas, Ben Swanson, and H. E. Davis. The board organized August 17 by electing the following officers: Jesse C. Poyas, president; Ben Swanson, vice-president; C. E. Peterson, secretary; Conrad L. Hoeka, treasurer. Jans Olson was reappointed agent and manager at Ymir.

The report on the company's property shows that it has been well prospected and has five distinct ledges crossing the two claims, and that there has been a 26-foot shaft sunk on one ledge, which is nine feet wide, between two well defined walls and showing well mineralized rock. On another ledge, which is 14 feet wide, a shaft has been put down 16 feet in gray quartz. This is a well defined ledge and shows up well in iron pyrites and copper. On the discovery vein the shaft is down 22 feet. This is through a heavy iron capping about 20 feet wide, and shows marked improvement in every foot of depth. The ore closely resembles characteristic Rossland ore and has assayed from \$2 to \$24.

A force of three or four men has been worked since April 15, and the company has now decided to sink 30 feet by contract on the discovery shaft. The property has been examined by a number of experienced miners and pronounced one of the most promising prospects in the Ymir district, and the management expresses confidence that they have a property which will be a shipper in a short time.

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PROSPECTUS

History of the Wonderful Le Roi From Its Discovery to the Present Day.

HAS PAID \$525,000 IN DIVIDENDS

It Was First Found in 1886 from the Description of a Clairvoyant in Colville—Discovered for the Second Time in 1890—Col. Topping's Connection With It, and Its Acquisition and Development by the Present Owners—The Enormous Ore Bodies Opened Up in the Lower Levels—Some Facts and Figures Regarding Its Present and Prospective Output.

No mine in Canada now fills so conspicuous a place in public attention as the Le Roi. This arises from the marvellous extent and richness of the mine, and from the additional fact that much discussion has arisen over the location of the plant which is to treat its ore. It is not the purpose of this article to enter into any of the controversial questions which have of late arisen concerning the Le Roi, but to take this great property as it is and describe it for the benefit of the readers of THE MINER.

But few gold mines in the world have made a record like the Le Roi. Some may be richer and many have paid a greater aggregate of dividends, but we doubt if any one of its class has made a better record in the same length of time.

**Romantic History of the Mine.**  
The early history of the Le Roi is full of romance. It was discovered by Joe Morris and Joe Bourgeois, two French-Canadian prospectors, in July, 1890. At the same time they located the War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask and Virginia. They placed only one stake on the Le Roi ground and used some other name than the one by which the property is now known. They took some samples of ore from the Virginia ore to Nelson and got \$10 in gold. This discouraged them, and they made up their minds not to record the claims and not to complete the staking of the Le Roi.

While in this frame of mind they went to E. S. Topping, who then lived in Nelson. They described the claims to him and told him of the assay they had got from the Virginia. He told them they were foolish to abandon anything which would run \$10 on the surface, and advised them to perfect their titles. However, they declined, but agreed to give him an option on the Le Roi if he would go over and complete the staking of it and pay for recording the entire lot. This Topping agreed to do, and it was he who adopted the kingly name Le Roi, one of the happiest names ever chosen for a mine.

He took samples from the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star. The Le Roi ran \$37 in gold, the War Eagle \$25 and the Centre Star \$23. The Le Roi sample was taken from a shallow cut on the hill, two or three hundred feet west of the present working shaft of the mine.

**How Red Mountain Was First Prospected.**  
This cut has a history of its own. It was made long before the Le Roi was located. Back in 1886 an old lady in Colville, Washington, who had the power of clairvoyance, had, while in a trance, described accurately what is now known as Red Mountain, and said it was a mountain full of gold. She described certain trails which led to the mountain so that it could be easily found. An old man and his two sons, who heard the story of the clairvoyant, came up here in the autumn of 1886 and dug pits all over Red Mountain, hoping to find free gold. They found none, and went away disgusted. Still the clairvoyant was right, and after ten years there are many to rise up and call her blessed. Prospectors who came to the camp after it became famous found many of the pits dug by the gold hunters of 1886, and in one place on the Giant ground found some of their old picks and shovels. These were left by the diggers of the pit in the Le Roi, from which Topping got an assay of \$37 in gold. Little did they suspect when they abandoned the ground that many millions in gold lay beneath them. They returned to Colville to heap reproaches on the poor old prophetess, and she later on died in disgrace.

**Topping's Second Visit and What Came of It.**  
After Topping had got his assays he returned to the Le Roi ground to take more samples for tests. He ran an open cut seven feet deep across the big outcrop of the vein, a little east of where the first shaft was afterwards put down, and the assays ran from \$16 to \$120. This thoroughly convinced him of the value of the discovery. He secured the option which had been promised him, and started to Spokane with it. At Colville, on the way down, he met Col. Ridpath and George Foster, two Spokane lawyers, and offered sixteen-thirtieths of the property for \$30,000 on a long bond. They became interested and asked Topping to go on to Spokane with them. There they laid the matter before Judge George Turner, Col. Turner, his brother, Billy Harris, Oliver Durant, Col. J. N. Peyton, John A. Henley, Major Armstrong, L. F. Williams, and Harry E. Stimmel, the latter being agent for the Northern Pacific railroad. Col. Peyton not only took a large interest for himself, but something for his brother-in-law, J. G. English, of Danville, Illinois. A company was incorporated, with 500,000 shares of the par value of 25 cents.

**First Shipment From the Mine.**  
Oliver Durant, being a mining man of experience, was chosen from among the shareholders of the new company to undertake the opening of the mine, and he came up here with E. J. Kelly for that purpose in November, 1891. It was then an arduous undertaking to get into this district. The Spokane & Northern railroad ran no further north than Little Dalles, Washington, and there was very hard hauling to a large extent on game. Mr. Durant built the first cabin on Red Mountain and lived there all winter. He sank a shaft about 30 feet and in the spring loaded some of the ore on pack horses and sent it down to the Little Dalles, where he shipped it to a smelter at Butte. He got good returns and the company felt encouraged, but those were hard times in Spokane and the company had many struggles in continuing work.

**Peyton Assumes the Management.**  
Mr. Durant shortly afterwards sold out his interest, purchasing the adjoining Centre Star and Idaho mines with the proceeds, and Col. Peyton became manager. He advanced money out of his own pocket to the extent of many thousands of dollars, and kept things moving. In the summer of 1893, on the completion of the wagon road from Trail to Rossland, he shipped 700 tons of ore, which he had taken out during the winter of 1892-93, by steamer from Trail to American smelters, and got very profitable returns. This made a sensation in the local mining world and it began to be believed the Le Roi would be a big mine. From that time to the present its fame has grown with each successive month.

**Heinze's Contract and the Trail Smelter.**  
It had assumed such proportions in the spring of 1895, that its owners felt at liberty to make a contract with James Breen and F. Aug. Heinze for the delivery of 75,000 tons of ore at a smelter to be erected at Trail, and it was upon the strength of this contract that the magnificent Trail plant with its railroad to Rossland was built. Over 50,000 tons have been delivered under the contract and the remainder will be delivered inside of three months. In the meantime the mine has supplied many thousands of tons of ore to the American smelters.

**Dividends and the Fight for Control.**  
In the month of October, 1895, the company paid its first dividend, the amount being \$25,000. About this time when it began to look as though the property would be a bonanza, there arose a fierce struggle in the company for control. Col. Peyton was manager, and he and his brother-in-law, Mr. English, owned nearly half the stock. Col. Ridpath was very hostile to him and the Turner interest also went against him. George Foster was a Peyton man, and the Turner side, through the help of F. Aug. Heinze, raised \$55,000 and bought Foster's stock. This gave a clear majority interest to Judge Turner and his friends. Col. Peyton was turned out of the management and Judge Turner put in his place.

For some time there was a bitter feeling between the Turner and Peyton factions, but Judge Turner soon wearied of the vexations attendant upon the conducting of a business foreign to his training and inclinations, and in the winter of 1896-7 he became a candidate for the United States senate before the Washington state legislature and was elected. Previous to this he and Colonel Peyton arrived at a friendly understanding, and soon after Judge Turner's election to the senate Peyton once more became manager of the mine and now holds that position, very much to the satisfaction of everybody concerned. The company has paid \$500,000 in dividends since the first one in October, 1895, amounting altogether to \$525,000, and it is expected to pay \$50,000 a month regularly from July of the present year. All the original stockholders have been made rich men. Colonel Peyton owns 100,000 shares on which he receives \$10,000 a month. Mr. English owns about the same amount of stock. Colonel Turner, president of the company, owns 50,000 shares on which he receives \$5,000 a month, and Senator Turner owns 40,000 shares on which he receives \$4,000 a month. Billy Harris has nearly \$5,000 a month and Colonel Ridpath about the same. The stock sells, when it sells at all, for about \$8 a share, so that the man who owns 100,000 shares is worth close on to a million dollars. Harry Stimmel, who origi-

This company has been organized for the purpose of acquiring the Poorman group of gold-bearing properties, consisting of the Poorman, White Hardscrabble, Hardup, Election and Myer, covering about 130 acres and situated in Nelson mining division of West Kootenay, B. C., and of vigorously prosecuting further development and enlarged workings of these valuable properties.

**TERMS OF PURCHASE.**  
It is proposed to purchase said properties with mill, water rights and other plant, tools, etc., for the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), the vendors accepting 300,000 fully-paid shares of the company's stock or cash in payment.

**WORKING CAPITAL.**  
The remaining 200,000 shares are to be set aside as working capital for development purposes.

**TITLE.**  
The Poorman mineral claim was crown granted February 7, 1891. Preliminary steps have been taken for obtaining a crown grant for the Hardscrabble. Crown grants for the remaining claims will be obtained as quickly as possible.

**EXPENSES AND COMMISSIONS.**  
The estimated amount required as preliminary expenses is placed at \$5,000, and a commission of 25 per cent is allowed to the promoters out of which the preliminary expenses and all other expenses in floating the company will be paid.

**APPLICATIONS FOR SHARES.**  
Subscriptions are invited for an issue of one million shares of the company's stock of the par value of twenty-five cents each. Applications are to be made to the company's secretary and no application for less than 500 shares will be received. Shares are to be fully paid on allotment to applicants. The provisional directors have each subscribed for 200 shares, excepting J. Fred Hume, who has subscribed for 1,000.

**REPORT ON THE POORMAN.**  
The following are extracts from the very full report of Messrs. Bewick, Moring & Co., mining engineers, of London, Eng.:  
The property is situated on the northern flanks of Toad Mountain about two miles west of Nelson, and with an altitude of 1,500 to 2,500 feet above sea level. It consists of five claims with an area of about 130 acres.

**GEOLOGICAL FEATURES AND VEINS.**  
The rock occurring throughout the property is a hard mica-schist, traversed in several directions by eruptive dykes. The rocks are mostly concealed by heavy accumulations of detrital matter so that the outcrop of veins make very little display on the surface. There are three known quartz veins intersecting the property, but only two of them have been operated on to any extent. One of these occurs on the Poorman, and has been proved, partly by mining and partly by trenching for a length of about 1,000 feet; but the property on the line of the vein has a length of 4,000 feet. Where proved, the thickness of quartz varies from three inches to five and a half feet, and averages about two feet three inches.

The other vein alluded to is in the White. Where worked it has a thickness of about seven feet, including country rock, and contains a rib of quartz varying from six inches to eighteen inches in thickness, and on the foot wall is a similar rib ranging from six to twenty-four inches. The intervening area is composed mainly of country rock traversed by stringers of quartz, which are some times so numerous and valuable that the vein is worked down to wall.

**CHARACTER OF ORE.**  
The ore in all the veins has the same general character, and consists of milky quartz, mostly traversed by threads, stringers and bunches of auriferous pyrite with a little galena and chalcocite, but in some places the quartz is perfectly white and free from pyrite. Occasionally, when jointy, this white quartz carries a considerable amount of visible gold. The more important source of this metal, however, is the pyrite and other sulphides existing in the ore, which, when taken alone, run very high in gold. The gold is mostly "free." Only about 15 per cent of concentrates are produced in milling. These have an average value of \$4.00 per ton, or 25 cents per ton of ore milled. With the present machinery there is a loss of nearly \$4.00 per ton in the tailings. Much of this doubtless could be saved economically with additional plant.

**WORK DONE ON THE VEINS.**  
Most of the ground in the Poorman above the top level, affording about fifty feet of "backs," has been stoped away, but below that level very little stoping has been done, the late owners,

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ROBERT EWART, Secretary of Nelson-Poorman Gold Mining Co., Nelson, B. C.

nally owned 13,000 shares, sold out a year ago to Jimmie McLaren of Toronto for \$68,000.

**How the Mine Was Developed.**  
The practical development of the mine has been full of interesting features. The present superintendent, Captain William Hall, assumed his position about one year ago. He found the old working shaft, started by Oliver Durant in November, 1891, down to the 500-foot level. A new double-compartment shaft for skips had been started and was well along, but every ton of ore had to be raised with buckets through the old shaft. At that time about 70 tons of ore a day were being raised. Very little drifting had been done on any of the levels and the mine was little better than a prospect. The mine, however, had made a splendid record. It had paid the cost of its own development, and had paid in addition large dividends to its stockholders.

Vast changes have been made in the mine within the year past. The old shaft has been continued from the 500-foot level to the 600-foot level, and the skip shaft has been completed and put in working order to the 500-foot level and the work started on its continuance to the 600-foot level.

The west drift on the 300-foot level has been extended till it is now 350 feet long. On the 400-foot level the west drift has been extended until it is 400 feet long. About the same has been done on the 450-foot level, and on the 500-foot level the west drift has been extended 550 feet.

The old shaft was sunk only about 300 feet from the east end of the property, and the new skip shaft was started near it, but a little nearer the east end line, so that nearly all the ground of the property lies to the west. It is over 1,100 feet from the old shaft to the west end line, consequently the longest drifts have been run west.

**Width of the Ore Bodies and Their Values.**  
The old shaft was started on the ore body at the surface, and it has been sunk to the 600-foot level, through ore all the way, and on the dip of the vein. The angle was at first about 60 degrees, but in the deeper workings it is about 80 degrees. Enormous ore bodies have been opened in all the drifts. In the west drift on the 450-foot level, the width of the ore body reached 28 feet, which is the maximum so far in the mine. The vein contracted at the 500-foot level and went down to within 25 feet of the 600-foot level at a uniform width of seven feet, when it began to expand and on the 600-foot level the solid ore is 22 feet wide by actual measurement, seven feet of it averaging \$80 per ton in gold, 15 feet of it \$35 and all of it 10 per cent in copper. It is one of the largest and richest chutes of sulphide ore ever found in any mine.

**The Showing in the Bottom.**  
Of course the bottom of a mine is always the most interesting part of it. It is the trunk of the tree. If it is big and strong the remainder of the tree is all right. At the bottom of the Le Roi shaft a chamber has been cut out 22 feet wide and 30 feet long, all in solid high grade ore. It is one of the finest sights that ever greeted the eye of any mining man.

On the 500-foot level the west drift has been run over 500 feet in solid pay ore nearly all the way, varying in width from six to 15 feet. On the 450-foot level one of the stopes is about 20 feet wide and fully 100 feet long, with a broad calcite band running through the ore from end to end and carrying on either side of it several inches of ore averaging \$300 per ton in gold.

**Two Hundred Men on the Payroll.**  
All the stopes of the mine are now full of miners and machine drills. There are employed in and about the mine 200 men and there are being raised every 24 hours nearly 300 tons of ore. From the 300-foot level down to the bottom it is a scene of wonderful activity. Twenty machine drills are at work day and night, and these are cutting away the rock and the ore in every direction. The skips rush up and down the shaft carrying over a ton of ore at a time with break-neck speed, making one tremble at the thought of getting in their way, and every now and then a dynamite shot makes the everlasting walls of the mine vibrate under the deafening shock like the leaves of a tree. Here, hundreds of feet under the ground, is a city of bustle and activity—a world to itself—with its own streets, its own dim, flickering lights, and from this under world there comes more than a million and a half of gold every year.

**The Scene Above Ground.**  
Hardly less striking have been the changes on the outside of the mine within the year past. A new hoist, capable of raising 1,000 tons a day, has been erected and put into service. A new 40-horse-power compressor, the largest one in British Columbia, and as large as any in Canada, has been built at a cost of \$40,000, and a machine shop has been set up. Besides this, a smelter capable of treating 300 tons a day has been commenced at Northport, and arrangements are completed for a mill and concentrator capable of treating 600 tons of second class ore per day.

**Expenses and Profits of the Company.**  
One does not at first grasp the meaning of a great mine like the Le Roi. It now pays out in wages alone about \$20,000 a month. It distributes \$50,000 a month in dividends. It pays out about \$15,000 a month for carrying its ore to the smelter and about \$50,000 a month for treatment charges, to say nothing of large amounts paid out for improvements, machinery and supplies of all kinds. It requires 12 car loads or 120,000 feet of timbers and lumber per month to supply the internal requirements of the mine, and it keeps a small army of men busy cutting cord wood for the 500 horse-power boilers. In a year from now the mine will probably be producing over 1,000 tons of ore a day, and will be giving employment at the mine, smelter and concentrator to over 800 men.

being men of little capital, having been unable to set aside a sufficient amount from the profits of stoping to enable them to keep their development work sufficiently advanced, so that they ultimately arrived at a stage where the available stopes were nearly exhausted and nothing but development work could be done for some time. That appears to be the reason for parting with their property. At any rate it is a perfectly good reason for men in their position. Before an adequate output of ore can be obtained, it is necessary to continue a tunnel which has been commenced about 100 feet vertically below the upper tunnel. To the date of our inspection it has been driven about twenty fathoms, but it needs to go fifty fathoms further; and this will cost about \$2,700. It will then be necessary to drive right and left along the vein to open up stoping ground, so that on the Poorman an expenditure, underground, of about \$4,000 is required before a profitable output can be obtained. To work the vein by means of the shaft commenced in the mine is quite out of the question in view of the possibility of reaching a lower level by means of the tunnel alluded to; but because the cost of opening up ground by sinking would be much greater, and secondly, the working costs would be increased by hoisting and pumping. At the White the only work done is a short drift put into the hillside at an altitude of about 450 feet above the tunnel, and 70 tons of ore have been extracted. Of this quantity 50 tons were put through the mill, the remainder was on the ground at the mouth of the drift at the time of our visit. Here a deeper tunnel should be driven, the cost of which would be about \$3,000.

**MILL.**  
There is a 10-stamp mill in good order, but poorly housed. It stands about 250 feet vertically below the Poorman lower level. It contains: One Blake crusher, 11x12 inches; ten 800 pound stamps, two "Challenge" feeders; three vanasers. This machinery is actuated by a four-foot Pelton wheel driven by water, having about 250 feet head. The capacity of this mill should be doubled. To do this it will be necessary to make some addition to the water supply. This can be done quite easily. It will be necessary to introduce an improved tailings plant, so as to save some of the gold that now goes down the stream.

**OTHER MACHINERY AND PLANT.**  
In addition to the mill there is on the ground: One air compressor and receiver for driving three drills, and about 250 feet of two-inch pipe leading up to the mine. This machinery is driven by the Pelton wheel. One rock drill; one hoist, 40 inches, with 6-inch drum geared 5 to 1; one vertical boiler, 82 1/2 feet diameter; one Knowles sinking pump, 10x14 inch steam and 6-inch ram, with 6-inch suction and 3-inch delivery. Both hoist and pump are arranged to work either by steam or compressed air. Also a considerable length of rails and pipes of various sizes, from one-half to one and a half inches, and all necessary cars and tools to work the mine on the small scale it has hitherto been worked. The mine is equipped with a sufficiency of wooden buildings.

**FUTURE WORKING.**  
Besides completing the lower tunnel at Poorman, a deeper tunnel should be made at White. These works, with the necessary drifting along the lodes, which will take about six months, will render it possible to obtain an output of fifty tons per day or 15,000 tons per year. The development work suggested would (provided no unforeseen occurrence interferes with the yield of the vein), with this rate of extraction, serve for between three and four years' output at least. The lower tunnel at Poorman is about 250 feet vertically above the mill, and the White tunnel about 710 feet above it, so that there are abundant "backs" for years to come that can be reached in the most advantageous manner.

**ESTIMATED COST OF WORKING.**  
When the suggested new works are completed, we estimate that the cost of working will not exceed the following, and probably will be less: Mining, \$4.00; Milling, \$1.00; Superintendence \$4.50; Sundries, \$3.50; Total \$6.00 per ton. Taking the net value of the ore at only \$14.00 per ton to allow for deterioration, there will be a profit of \$8.00 per ton, or \$120,000 a year on an output of 15,000 tons.

**COST OF NEW WORKS, ETC.**  
The cost of the extensions to the mill, and other works needed to enable the before mentioned output to be obtained, is estimated at \$22,000, as detailed as follows: Mine development, \$7,000; Ten stamps and accessories, with new building, \$10,000; Flume from Sandy creek, \$3,500; Sundry works and payments, \$1,500; Total, \$22,000.

**VALUE OF MINE.**  
From a consideration of the foregoing figures and of the circumstances surrounding the mine we are led to the conclusion that the value of the property may be safely taken at \$400,000. In fixing upon this value we make sample allowance for all the risks attendant upon this class of mining. (Signed) BEWICK, MORING & CO.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—Canada's proposition for carrying the mails one round trip a month between Dawson City and Dyea was formally accepted this afternoon by Acting Postmaster General Shallenberger and the Canadian government notified of the action. In this communication this government is stated to be in readiness to assume its share of the responsibility, and Canada is urged to put the service into operation at the earliest possible moment.

Dyea, which is 100 miles above Juneau on the Lynn canal, and Dawson City will be declared international postal exchange offices. The British mails will be carried by the United States from Victoria to Dyea.

The service will bring about the creation of a postoffice at Dawson City and also at Fort Oudaby, Forty Mile and probably at other points, although those mentioned are beyond Dawson. The service will be under the immediate supervision of the Canadian mounted police. The carriers will be equipped with dogs and sledges and have Indian drivers. The first contract at least, will be for one year. Whenever the British mails can be expedited by carrying them over the present Circle City route between the dates of the new service, this will be done.

**Telegraph Line to Klondike.**  
OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 19.—The government has taken no definite steps as to building a telegraph line to Klondike. It is almost decided, though, that the line will be only over the pass from Dyea to a place where dog trains will take up the communication to the upper Yukon. It is most likely to be a cable and will not need to be more than 60 miles long to serve the purpose of this season.

**Government After the Gold.**  
OTTAWA, Aug. 17.—The Dominion government is arranging a plan so as to compel all the gold miners in the Klondike to bring to the bank or treasury house, to be located at Dawson City, all their gold, where they will get government drafts for the same. The gold will probably be melted into large pieces or bars so that it will be impossible to carry it away by robbery. Dominion policemen will guard the bank and treasury house securely. This means that the royalties will be easily collected and that the miners will have no trouble in taking their pile along with them when they are leaving the country. When they strike civilization the miners can have Dominion notes or gold for their drafts.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

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NEWS OF BOUNDARY

Hon. G. B. Martin Has Made a Tour of That Section.

WAGON ROADS PROMISED

Chief Commissioner Was Surprised at the Moderation of the Greenwood People—Anacosta Citizens Also to Get All They Asked For.

GREENWOOD, Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Advantage was taken of the presence in Greenwood this week of Hon. G. B. Martin, chief commissioner of lands and works, to again submit the claims this district has upon the provincial government for aid in clearing and grading a wagon road to Summit camp from Eholt meadow, where it would connect with the Greenwood-Long Lake wagon road.

The necessity for making this road was several months since impressed upon the government by Mr. Robert Wood, when that gentleman was in Victoria, and assistance in the direction asked for was then promised. The increasing importance of and necessity for this road was presented to Mr. Martin by a deputation of leading citizens, who, on Wednesday, waited upon the commissioner. The sum of \$1,200 was asked for, the remainder of the money required for the six miles of road to be subscribed locally.

Mr. Martin was informed of the recent bonding of the B. C. claim in Summit camp to an English company for the sum of \$60,000 under a working bond; of the inability of the Keough Mining company, of Salt Lake City, Utah, to further develop its valuable property, the R. Bell, until a road in such proximity to the mine as to be accessible, which a pumping and hoisting plant can be hauled for use at this mine; of the fact that the Cordick claim is owned by an English mining company which will develop it when it is more accessible than at present, and of other promising properties in this camp. Realizing the importance of carrying out the proposed work, Mr. Martin promised to do his utmost to comply with the request made.

School matters were next discussed, and it was submitted on behalf of the local school trustees that as there are already 36 children of school going age in and about Greenwood, the appropriation already made of \$800 for a school house is inadequate to provide the requisite accommodation. It was therefore asked that \$250 of this appropriation be now placed at the disposal of the trustees for the purchase of forms, desks and other much-needed school conveniences, and that the balance of the appropriation be next year supplemented by an amount sufficiently large to make adequate school building accommodation for the growing requirements of this community. Meanwhile the trustees propose to rent the privately owned building now used for a school house, which they can obtain for a year at a rental of \$110. Mr. Martin favorably received the representations made to him in this connection, and promised to recommend to his colleagues, the minister of education, to grant the requests made to him.

Hospital matters were also considered, and Mr. Martin freely expressed surprise at the size of the Greenwood hospital building, and the completeness and general excellence of its accommodations, and surgical and nursing facilities for dealing with sickness and suffering. The institution is about the best and most complete of its kind in any of the mining districts of the province, has never received any government assistance, and in view of the fact that repeatedly cases have been treated, for which no payment has been received, it was recognized that it should receive government aid, and this Mr. Martin promised to endeavor to secure.

In discussing railway matters Mr. Martin claimed that the provincial government had done their best to bring about the early construction of a railway into the Boundary Creek district, but their efforts had been in a large measure rendered futile by the member for the district, Mr. Graham and others, who supported him in defeating the government policy. They had proposed to give both a land grant and a cash subsidy to encourage the early construction of the road in from Penticon. Residents therefore, could not fairly blame the government for delay in obtaining railway connection. Before the deputation retired Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation of the moderation of the claims for government assistance the Greenwood people had submitted. He was much pleased with the substantial progress the town had made, and he hoped on his return journey next Saturday to have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Robert Wood, then unfortunately absent from town.

GREENWOOD NEWS NOTES.

Contracts Let for Government Buildings at Greenwood and Grand Forks. GREENWOOD, Aug. 22.—[Special.]—Hon. G. B. Martin, provincial chief commissioner of lands and works, and Government Agent Leonard Norris, of Vernon, returned yesterday from a short visit to Grand Forks and Christina lake, and this morning left for Vernon, via Rock creek, Camp McKinney, and Penticon.

Rev. Father Rivers, Roman Catholic priest, of Rossland, conducted divine service here this morning. There was a good attendance, and the ministrations of the visiting priest were greatly appreciated.

Dr. Bell-Irving and J. W. McFarland, both of Vancouver, came from West Kootenay last evening, with the intention of spending a few days in visiting some of the Boundary creek mining camps.

The following tenders for the construction of government buildings have been received: For lockup and court room, Greenwood, J. B. Desrozier, \$869; E. A. Wiedmark, \$1,150. For provincial government offices at Grand Forks, J. B. Desrozier, \$1,037; Cooper Bros., \$1,393; A. B. Hart, \$2,000. In each instance Mr. Desrozier's tender was accepted. John Hammill, of Greenwood, formerly of Enderby, has been appointed superintendent of the work at Greenwood, on behalf of the provincial government.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly, ex-minister of the interior, who is president of the Brandon and Golden Crown Mining company, of Rossland, returned to Rossland today. In company with the managing director, G. H. Collins, Mr. Daly

yesterday went up to the Golden Crown mine, Wellington camp, where he found the property looking well and development work being pushed vigorously.

CHOSEN BY ACCLAMATION.

Robert Woods Will Be Greenwood's First Mayor—Election for Councillors. GREENWOOD, Aug. 21.—[Special.]—The nomination for the first election of a mayor and council for the newly-incorporated city of Greenwood took place today, when the nominations were received as follows: For mayor—Robert Wood, landholder. For aldermen—Leonard S. Moulton, Barrett, broker; Cyril J. Eales, hotel keeper; C. Scott Galloway, engineer; John Hammill, miner; Archie C. McKenzie, merchant; Michael J. Phelan, merchant; J. W. Powell, miner; Arthur Bendell, merchant. Returning Officer A. E. Black declared Mr. Wood duly elected mayor by acclamation, but as there are eight candidates and only six aldermen required, further proceedings were adjourned until Saturday, 28th inst., when a poll will be taken. A considerable amount of interest is being manifested in the election.

MARTIN AT ANACOSTA.

Aid Promised for Several Wagon Roads—Thriving Farming Industry. ANACOSTA, Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Hon. G. B. Martin, left yesterday for Grand Forks after a two days' visit to Anacosta and vicinity. In company with Provincial Government Agent Leonard Norris, of Vernon, Mr. Martin traveled through the Okanagan valley via Penticon and Fairview to Osoyoos, and thence to Sidley's (Anarchist mountain) Rock creek and Midway. It is noteworthy that the commissioner had to pass through American territory to get from Osoyoos to Sidley's, notwithstanding that during many years past the construction of a road on the British Columbia side of the line has repeatedly been promised and often the promise has been broken. The amount of cultivation on pre-emptions between Sidley's and Rock creek was somewhat of a revelation to Mr. Martin, who stated that when in that part of the country two or three years ago he regarded it as pasture land much that is now giving unmistakable evidence of suitability for agricultural purposes. The number of farms and the altitude of some of the cultivated fields were alike a surprise to the visitor, who was greatly pleased to find the district rapidly becoming settled and showing evident signs of material progress.

Whilst here the commissioner was waited upon by several representative residents, who submitted a claim for government aid in improving the much used main wagon road from Anacosta over the mountain range to Grand Forks. It was urged that a moderate expenditure of money would make the grade easier up the mountain side and other ways would so improve the road that teams hauling freight from Penticon to Grand Forks would travel by this route rather than follow the Kettle river through American territory, in which they had to pay for a conveyance. After discussing the matter Mr. Martin promised monetary assistance to the extent of \$500 for the improvement of the road, a like sum, at least, being forthcoming from the private subscriptions of residents.

The pressing need of a wagon road from the Copper camp road at Scott McRae's ranch up past the Sunset and Mother Lode mines in Deadwood camp, was also represented to Mr. Martin. The cost of this road was estimated at about \$200, and it was pointed out that besides the mines named the Great Hopes and others in the vicinity are being extensively developed, so that the road is much required to admit of mining plants being got in and ore being shipped out. Assistance to the extent of \$100 was promised, conditionally that the balance required to make the road, which will be about a mile and a half in length, be subscribed by the owners of the mines and claims to be benefited by its being cleared and graded, which work, from the nature of the country to be passed through, will be light.

GRAND FORKS AFFAIRS.

City Laborers to Get \$2.50 Per Day—Martin Promises Two Bridges. GRAND FORKS, Aug. 22.—[Special.]—At the regular meeting of the city council last Friday, all the council being present with the exception of Alderman Duford and the mayor, the clerk was instructed to notify the city treasurer to produce at the next meeting of the council a written statement of the moneys received and paid out by that official for the last three months.

Alderman Johnson introduced the subject of paying the sum of \$2.50 per day for labor performed on city works. After thoroughly discussing this subject, it was finally decided that \$2.50 should be fixed as the wages on city work in future.

The Bridge street sidewalk bylaw came up for its third reading at the meeting, but was changed so that it would apply to the whole city. It will be passed at the next meeting in its new shape.

Two More Bridges.

The Hon. G. B. Martin, accompanied by Leonard Norris, government agent at Vernon, arrived in the city Thursday evening from Penticon. Yesterday they went down to Christina lake, and returned in the evening with a great number of citizens was held for the purpose of laying before the chief commissioner some of the needs of this district. Several speakers were called upon by the chairman to set forth the most pressing needs of the section. In reply to these speeches, Mr. Martin said that he was not in a position to promise anything definitely about railway building through this section, but that the next session of parliament would arrange railway matters definitely, and that he felt sure we would have transportation facilities next year. He, however, promised that he would undoubtedly on his return to Victoria, recommend that the government build at least two bridges in the immediate vicinity of Grand Forks, and that work on these bridges be started this fall.

Arthur Millthorpe was an arrival in the city last evening, having come from Camp McKinney yesterday. He reports a bad accident having happened to R. Penrose, who along with J. Murin and Millthorpe were making a tour through the country. It appears that these three gentlemen were all riding along the road near Camp McKinney, when the horse that Mr. Penrose was riding stumbled and fell, throwing his rider to the ground with great force. His companions at once came to his rescue and found that he had broken his leg. They at once assisted him on his horse after having

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He was conscious at the time, but seemed almost completely paralyzed and helpless. The examination by the medical men showed that the cut in his head was only a slight matter, and was nothing more than a scalp wound, evidently made by the cork on the horse's shoe. The dangerous injuries received were just between the shoulders, on the upper part of the spinal column. The bruises from the animal during its run down the street. The lower limbs were paralyzed and the arms were also partially paralyzed. He was taken to his home on St. Paul street, where he now lies. His injuries are not especially painful, but the attending physician, Dr. McKenzie, is very doubtful that he will survive more than a few days. If he should survive, he is almost sure to be a paralytic for life.

THOMPSON-WATSON WEDDING.

Ross Thompson and Katherine Watson Gaily Married Yesterday. The marriage of Ross Thompson and Miss Katherine Alta Watson was solemnized at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The ceremony took place in the parlors of the Pacific hotel and was performed by the Rev. H. Irwin, of the Episcopal church.

The parlors were beautifully decorated for the occasion with choice cut flowers and potted plants. The bride was attired in a traveling dress, as the couple were to leave on their honeymoon tour at 11 o'clock over the Red Mountain railway. The bride was attended by her maid, Frank Guse. The bridegroom's best man was his longtime friend, Wm. Austine.

Mr. Thompson has just completed in the south part of the city. At the request of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, of the Pacific hotel, only a very few of the intimate friends of the bride couple were present. Nevertheless, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were the recipients of a large number of beautiful wedding gifts from their numerous friends.

NEWS OF NELSON.

The City Council Taxes the Lawyers—Fire Limits Bylaw Enforced. NELSON, Aug. 23.—[Special.]—C. E. Ferguson, who died last Saturday, was today interred with Masonic honors, the lodge here turning out. He was in the employ of the telegraph company and had not been in Nelson long. It has been decided to tax all lawyers for a yearly license and accordingly J. H. Bowes, one of the leading legal lights in the city, was cited, as a test case, to show cause why he should not contribute his name to the city's finance fund.

Mr. Thompson is the father of Rossland, and is one of the most popular men in the Kootenays. He is rumored that W. F. Thompson, one of the owners of the Nelson Miner and owner of the Trail Creek News, has sold his paper and plant in Trail and will concentrate his energies on his property in Nelson.

take the place of the lumber. It is one of the best business blocks in Nelson. The case of Dago Bill vs. C. Hurry, of the Vienna bakery, for assault, was dismissed today. Bill was pretty badly bitten by Hurry in the fight, and a suit for mayhem may be the next move.

GOSSIP OF TRAIL.

TRAIL, Aug. 24.—[Special.]—Dr. Duncan, medical secretary for the provincial board of health, arrived yesterday from Nelson, where he has been conducting a sanitary inspection of that city. When he went to the hotel he was complaining of feeling ill, and was later compelled to go to the hospital, where he still remains, with every evidence of fever.

W. F. Keay, who has been stationed in the Fort Steele country for the customs department, has assumed charge of the office here, and has relieved Collector Gordon, who goes to Fort Steele. Chas. Cunningham, who has been doing newspaper work in Kaslo, came in today.

Mr. le Maistre has just returned from Waterloo, where a force of men is at work on the Bryan group. Fourteen assays taken in all kinds of material, showed an average value of \$140. Additional specimens of quartz were brought in from the Bruce mine yesterday. The free gold is visible in large quantities in almost all of them.

Contractor Winters and Superintendent Gutelius, of the Columbia & Western, went to Robson today, where the work of laying the rails is under way. The big engine and flat cars used in track laying are manned by a crew from the Columbia & Western. There is still a demand for men, although several have arrived from Spokane.

GREENWOOD GOVT

Who Were Elected City Common Council. GREENWOOD, Aug. 20.—First election of a council incorporated city of Greenwood today. There were elected, Mr. Robert Wood mayor by acclamation

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