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## THE WEEK AT THE MINES

### Shipments Smaller Than Usual Because of the Holiday.

### Mine Buildings Progressing—Review of Week's Record.

The holiday during the past week interrupted shipments from Rossland mines to an extent that substantially reduced the aggregate output for the period. The Le Roi only shipped on four days of the week, and the War Eagle and Centre Star had some trouble in having their ore cars moved. The Kootenay mine was the only property to increase its former output, this being accomplished as the result of the improved condition of the wagon roads. The Velvet also increased shipments as the result of better teaming.

In other respects the camp has progressed consistently. Building operations are steadily under way at the Le Roi Two concentrator site and the Spitsee headworks. The usual operations have been conducted at the mines, and matters are in excellent shape for increased shipments when the juncture is opportune. The coke situation remains unsatisfactory. Trail has only two copper furnaces in operation, and the report from that quarter is that the coke supply problem is most disquieting. This question is dealt with in extenso elsewhere in this issue of The Miner. Where the two smelters handling Rossland ore are receiving adequate supplies from the Crow's Nest Coal company, the local situation is steadily improving as the outcome. Various mines would ship more ore freely than is the case now, with consequent increases in crew.

### THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending May 30th and for the year to date are as follows:	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	1,920	78,330
Centre Star	1,320	24,813
War Eagle	1,020	23,445
Le Roi No. 2	360	11,117
White Bear	287	287
Velvet	100	2,826
O. K.	25	25
Giant	30	30
Kootenay	857	1,935
Homestake	1	1
Totals	5,070	149,152

### AMONG THE MINES.

**LE ROI.**—The usual operations have been conducted at the mine, with the exception of the fact that shipments were only made for a portion of the week, change day and the holiday having interfered with operations in this particular. The underground development and exploration are proceeding steadily. On the Peyton vein a winze is being sunk to the hundred level below the station on which stoping is now being conducted. This will give a total depth of 130 feet on the Peyton vein.

**LE ROI TWO.**—Stoping on the second, fifth, third and fourth levels, development on the 700, and diamond drilling on the 900 constitute the record of the mine for the week. Building operations are being carried ahead as usual on the concentrator plant.

**WAR EAGLE.**—Nothing of special interest is reported from the War Eagle for the week. It is understood that at a recent date a gratifying discovery was made on the 300 level, where previous diamond drill exploration had not given especially desirable results. When the drift was put in it was discovered that the bore hole had passed along the footwall, and that between walls was about 25 feet of extension to the bore hole had not revealed.

**CENTRE STAR.**—The usual mining and development work has been conducted at the mine during the past week. The ore body on the east 600 level, about which so much has been said of late, is understood to be holding its strength and values in the most gratifying manner.

**WHITE BEAR.**—Drifting on the 850 foot level for the purpose of undercutting the high grade ore bodies is still under way. Good progress is being made.

**KOOTENAY.**—The week's mining operations at the Kootenay have been along the lines followed for several weeks. On the third and fourth and intermediate levels stoping is under way, and a portion of the ore is being taken in by the Trail smelter, these operations being favored by improved roads last week.

**VELVET.**—Development and mining on the second and third levels is steadily under way, with excellent results reported. More teams have been secured lately and with improved wagon roads the output of ore has been increased.

**NICKEL PLATE.**—The pumping in the main shaft has been commenced, and will be continued as rapidly as possible until the workings are clear of water. The company has not definitely stated its intentions hereafter, but it is probable that some miners will be employed after the pumping is concluded.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN.**—No steps have been taken as yet to enlarge the plant at the mine, but this should even-

tuate shortly, according to the statements of the management.

**HUNGRY MAN.**—Beyond the statement that mining operations are under way at the property, and that a shaft is being sunk, the management divulges no information for publication respecting the mine.

**O. K.**—Superintendent Worson is steadily breaking ore for the purpose of making another shipment at an early date.

**I. X. L.**—The lessees are proceeding steadily with stoping and are opening up new ground that promises well.

**S. JOSEPH'S.**—Steady drifting in the tunnel at the creek level is the report from the St. Joseph's company on Murphy creek for the past week.

**GIANT.**—The management has not yet succeeded in securing a market for the ore in the bins and blocked out, but is hopeful of concluding arrangements to this end shortly, when operations in the mine will be resumed.

**JUMBO.**—Several men are engaged in the upper level of the mine breaking ore for test purposes. Work on the proposed tramway has not been commenced. It will probably be the end of June before shipments are inaugurated.

**SPITZEE.**—The principal interest about the mine during the past week has been in connection with the construction of the new headworks. The main structure is now almost complete. The contractor will start with the galloways frame, and then build the ore sheds to the south of the main building. Underground operations ought to be started in earnest in a fortnight.

### BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

The Granby smelter last week treated 4935 tons, making a total of 130,529 tons for the year.

Week.	Total.	
Granby	4,779	140,056
Mother Lode	4,557	35,582
Snowshoe	1,580	15,390
B. C.	810	9,855
Emma	360	3,856
Sunset	396	3,921
Providence	451	451
Totals	13,022	213,931

## ROSSLAND HELPED

### OUTPUT HELPED TO SWELL PROVINCE'S COPPER PRODUCTION.

### REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL MINERALOGIST FOR LAST YEAR.

That Rossland helped very substantially in making British Columbia's copper production for 1902 materially larger than for the preceding twelve months is demonstrated by the figures contained in the provincial mineralogist's annual report just issued. Lead and silver were produced in smaller quantity in 1902 than in 1901 for reasons that are familiar to every British Columbian, namely, the fall in the price of both metals; but with these exceptions mining throughout the province is shown to have made great strides.

The total output shows a falling off in value of \$2,500,000 as compared with the preceding year, the unsatisfactory state of the metal market being one of the chief causes assigned. Light rainfall and consequent shortage of water diminished the output of hydraulic mines, but in spite of this placer mines showed an increase of 10 to 12 per cent. Vancouver Island coal was affected in California, its principal market, by the competition of fuel oil, while the disaster at the Crow's Nest mines, together with strikes, crippled the collieries in that part of the province.

In assembling the output of lode mines the output for the year is considered that amount of ore for which smelter or mill returns have been received during the year; consequently the drop in the metal market value of metals has had a double effect on the statistics, inasmuch as it has reduced the value of such ores as were mined and has constrained the miner to restrict his output. Compared with 1901 the value of ore output last year was as follows:

1902.	1901.	
Gold, placer	\$ 1,073,140	\$ 970,100
Gold, lode	4,838,269	4,848,603
Silver, lode	1,941,328	2,884,745
Copper	3,446,673	4,446,963
Lead	824,832	2,002,733
Coal	4,192,182	4,380,993
Coke	640,075	638,405
Other materials	480,051	417,238
Totals	\$17,468,550	\$20,086,780

In quantity copper showed an increase from 27,808,000 pounds in 1901 to 29,036,000 pounds in 1902, though there was a decrease in value; lead fell from 51,582,000 pounds in 1901 to 22,536,000 pounds in 1902, and silver from 5,151,000 pounds in 1901 to 3,917,917 pounds in 1902.

By districts there was a falling off in value with the exception of Cariboo and Cassiar, both of which are placer mining districts. It may be noted, however, that taking all lode mines into account the tonnage of ore mined in 1902 was 998,999, compared with 920,416 tons mined in 1901, an increase of 8.6 per cent. This increase is due to Rossland and Boundary, more particularly the latter, where 521,402 tons of ore were mined and smelted.

The output of copper by districts was: Boundary, 14,955,582 pounds; Rossland, 11,667,807; coast, 2,496,681; Nelson, 491,144; other districts, 24,843; a total of 29,636,057 pounds.

The great decrease in lead production was owing to the suspension of the East Kootenay lead shipments, due to unsatisfactory prices.

A good deal of iron ore has been mined on the coast during the past year,

## IN DIREST NEED OF COAL AND COKE

### Kootenay Mines and Smelters Are at the Mercy of the Crow's Nest Coal Monopoly.

## COMPETITION OUR ONLY SALVATION

### J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, Will Continue to Cripple the Kootenays Until Other Coal Mines Are Opened in East Kootenay and He is Free to Export.

The conditions in respect to the coke supply for the smelters of the Kootenay and Boundary districts are in an unfortunate shape, and it is apparent that the recent settlement of the labor troubles at the collieries of the Crow's Nest Coal company has not straightened out matters, as was generally supposed to be the case at this juncture.

Scarcely two months have elapsed since the settlement was concluded, yet there are rumors of gathering clouds in the coal districts of East Kootenay. The men at the mines openly charge Manager Tonkin with breaches of the agreement entered into through the efforts of the conciliation committee, and point to the wholesale introduction of Chinese labor as an evidence that the company does not mean to do the right thing by its white employees.

It is a fact also that the Crow's Nest company is not producing as much coke now as it did before the labor trouble, yet with peace in its camps and ample time to get all its facilities into good working order there is no logical reason why the coke output should not be as large as it was prior to the strike, or, indeed, very substantially greater. The whole situation is unsatisfactory from every view point, and the trend of affairs points to motives on the part of the coal company that have not yet received publicity through the press.

A well known Boundary smelter manager has evolved an interesting theory in connection with the attitude of the Crow's Nest Coal company. The Miner has not this gentleman's authority to use his name, but no embargo has been placed upon the publication of the deductions he has arrived at. In a nutshell, the Boundary smelter manager in question believes that the fine Italian hand of James J. Hill is shown in the position assumed by the big East Kootenay coal monopoly.

"I am satisfied," he says, "that the coal company has no desire or in-

tention of supplying the smelters of the Kootenays and Boundary. It is generally known that James J. Hill is in control of the corporation, and that he wants the coal business for his own railroad. Most of the Canadian smelters have their fuel supplies hauled over the Canadian Pacific, for the reason that the Great Northern branches do not come to their works, and this, in itself, is quite sufficient to provoke the hostility of the Hill interests in view of the fact that a ready market could be procured for East Kootenay fuel products at Great Northern points, thereby throwing the haulage to the Hill system. If the thing could be done, the Crow's Nest Coal company would promptly enhance its output and sell every pound at points where the Great Northern could control the business, but the clause in the coal company's charter protecting Canadian industries prevents this being done at this juncture.

"The Hill interests can accomplish their purpose in connection with the product of the Crow's Nest company by adopting such an attitude as would compel the opening of other coal properties in the district, which would eventually supply the Canadian demand and permit the Great Northern railway to haul the Crow's Nest company's output of the country without fear of the export clause in the company's charter being enforced. This they propose to do, if I read the situation aright, by deliberately failing to supply the Canadian demand and thereby forcing the smelter interests' hands into independent action in the coal fields. Incidentally, by tying up the industries in the Canadian Pacific's special territory, the Great Northern deals a severe blow to its powerful rival, which is always regarded as shrewd business regardless of the public interests that may suffer.

"I have ceased to look for a complete restoration of satisfactory conditions in respect to the fuel supply of this country from the Crow's Nest Coal company under its present auspices."

a dense forest to reach the present No. 1 tunnel site, it then requiring a couple of hours to cover the distance that now takes but ten minutes.

The first shipments of ore from the Knob Hill mine were made in July, 1900, as soon as the C. P. R. had completed its spur to the ore bins of the property. The shipments since that date have been steady and uninterrupted, each year showing a larger tonnage sent out than the previous twelve months, notwithstanding many drawbacks, as the following table of shipments from that mine alone will show:

Tons.	
1900	45,645
1901	120,836
1902	163,663
1903 (four months)	114,137

In regard to development work on the Knob Hill, the official figures show that over 7500 lineal feet of work have been done on the property in the five years referred to, including raising, sinking, drifting and crosscutting, but not including the large amount of work done in the glory holes or surface quarries in the last two or three years. The figures of footage by years are as follows:

1900 and previous	1901	1902	1903 (four months)
3,857	11,119	11,119	992

Total footage ..... 7692

### ATHELSTAN TO RESUME.

Another Boundary Mine Likely Soon to be a Shipper.

**PHOENIX, June 2.**—Operations are being resumed on the Athelstan mine, one of the well known properties of Wellington camp, about three miles from this city, that has in the past shipped considerable ore to the smelters. David Oxley, who was foreman when the property ceased operations a couple of years ago, has been ordered by the management to secure a force

## NEWS OF THE MINES

### WHITE BEAR TO GO DEEPER WITH NEW MACHINERY—THE NICKEL PLATE.

### TENDERS IN TODAY FOR LE ROI TWO MILL—AT NORTHPORT SMELTER.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

As the result of Monday's meeting of White Bear shareholders at Toronto it is expected that action will be taken in the course of the next fortnight in respect to purchasing the new plant planned for the White Bear mine. This includes a twenty-drill compressor and a 125 horse-power hoist, with apparatus for the framing shed. Steps will also be taken to commence work on the new headworks, while definite action ament the milling plant will be developed.

It is understood that at an early date stinking will be resumed at the White Bear. At the present time the main drift on the 850 level is being extended steadily, but when the ore has been intersected, it is the intention of the management to cease work on that level and sink a hundred feet, where another level will be turned off.

### TENDERS TODAY.

Tenders for the construction of the Le Roi Two concentrating works will be handed in today, and the contract will be let for the work at an early date. The specifications call for the complete construction of the building with considerable clarity, as the management is anxious to have the works in operation as speedily as is compatible with good results.

Meantime the operations on the mill site are proceeding rapidly. H. Hayman, technical representative of the Elmore oil process, is superintending the work of introducing a new method of recording progress for his firm by taking photographs of the ground at regular intervals. These demonstrate in the most tangible shape exactly what progress is made from week to week. Several floors are now being laid, and this will be continued until the ground is ready for the concentrator to commence operations.

### SETTING FOUNDATIONS.

At the works of the Spitsee mine work was started yesterday in the direction of laying the cement foundations for the machinery. A few days only will be required for this, after which the company will be in shape to commence erecting the plant. Before the end of the present month the company expects to have underground operations steadily under way, at which time the crew will probably be increased to about fifteen men as a starter.

### REDUCING THE RESERVE.

At the Northport smelter four furnaces are running, and the big reserve of ore in the smelter yards is being reduced steadily, although not as rapidly as the management could wish. Coke is being secured from Fairfax, Wash., West Superior, Wis., and Fernie. The supply of East Kootenay coke is not as large as was expected, the Northport works suffering in this respect in common with all other plants handling Canadian ores.

### PUMPS NOT GOING.

Everything is in readiness at the Nickel Plate mine to commence unwatering the mine. The compressor plant has been tested, the belting tanks repaired and placed in position and the troughs set up. The unwatering will undoubtedly be started in the course of the next few days and pushed ahead rapidly until the workings are emptied, after which the work outlined by the management will be started.

### TO REPUBLIC CAMP.

A Spokane dispatch states that Neill Cochran, of Rossland, is expected in Republic camp almost daily to assume the management of the well known Mountain Lion property. Mr. Cochran was seen by a representative of The Miner last night in respect to the report. He stated that he had been in communication with the Mountain Lion directors for some time ament the management of the mine, but that the matter had not been definitely closed as yet.

### GETS ENTHUSIASTIC.

The London Financial Times just to hand has the following paragraphs relating to B. C. mines: "The manager cables:—'Level No. 2—The ore is continuous for a length of 70 feet. Drift is entirely in ore. Ore in the drift assays \$29 per ton. Hard to obtain sufficient teams to transport all the ore we are now able to ship. Bins full. Prospects are grand.'"

Yale—Returns from the mine for the month of April—"Battery—Number of tons crushed 4750—60 heads of stamps running 30 days, yielded 1080 oss. bullion, gross estimated value, \$12,250. Have shipped 240 tons of concentrates; gross estimated value, \$6000. Cyanide—8500 tons tailings treated; gross estimated value, \$1750. Total working expenses, \$30,105. Sundry receipts, \$1050; net profit, \$945. Expenditure on capital account, including development not deducted from receipts, \$4500." The manager cables: "Repairs road flume very heavy last month."

### PAY MORE.

The corporation will pay more for the next lot of unmined debentures than for the first installment purchased. The owners demand an advance of 5 to 7 per cent over the price paid, but even at this advance Mayor Prospects are the city clerk have figured that the city will be ahead of the game, consequently the city council authorized the extra payment.

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PRESIDENT'S BOTH HANDS

Enclosed Mayor Dean's in Replying to Rossland's Cordial Greetings.

What His Worship Said to Theodore Roosevelt at Spokane.

(From Thursday's Daily.) "Mr. President: Our people send greetings and their respects to you. They wish for Mrs. Roosevelt, yourself and family long life and much happiness. We hope that you may long continue to preside over your people, for we believe you are a wise and just president."

This was John Dean's message to President Roosevelt at Spokane on Tuesday, when Mr. Dean was present in his official capacity as mayor of Rossland. The president's response was:

"Thank you! thank you! thank you!" Mayor Dean returned to Rossland last night, having enjoyed his outing at Spokane immensely, having been royally entertained and deeply and sincerely impressed with the idea that the present executive head of the United States of America is a great man and gracious. Furthermore Mayor Dean believes that the people of Spokane are a splendid lot, and that Mayor Boyd, Hon. George A. Turner and L. G. Munroe, secretary of the reception committee, are a trio that would be difficult to outclass.

British Columbia was represented at President Roosevelt's Spokane reception by Mayor Dean of Rossland, Mayor Archer of Kaabo and Mayor Burrell of Grand Forks. All three were provided with seats on the speaker's platform quite close to the president's chair. When Mr. Roosevelt came on the platform the first courtesies were for some old personal friends who were present. Then Senator Turner introduced the Kootenay mayors. Mr. Archer came first, and he reminded the president of a big game expedition into the Kootenays some years ago, which Mr. Roosevelt remembered fully and recalled with interest. Then Mayor Dean's turn came, and the conversation already given followed. Mayor Dean held the president's hand for a moment as he spoke the few sentences quoted, and the president in responding grasped Mayor Dean's hand in both of his.

"You have a large number of friends on our side of the line, Mr. President," said Mayor Burrell, of Grand Forks, "and I should like to assure you that we highly appreciate this opportunity of saying so. May I add that the sentiments on citizenship you have thrown broadcast in so vigorous a way on this trip have evoked a hearty response on our side."

Mr. Roosevelt smiled and said emphatically: "It's only ordinary decency that I have urged."

Speaking generally to the trio, the president expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended to him by their presence, remarking that the mayor of Victoria had come to see him on the coast and he valued the compliment.

Mayor Dean says the arrangements for the president's reception were perfect, and the only really serious disappointment in connection with the trip was the president's failure to address the school children massed in one of the parks.

President Roosevelt has won at least one staunch admirer in Rossland in the person of His Worship, Mayor Dean is indelibly impressed with the president's sincerity, his remarkable personality—vital and strong—and his unflinching good humor and graciousness under all circumstances. As a speaker, Mayor Dean says the president eschews rhetorical flights, confining himself to the simpler language that is grasped and digested at once by mixed audiences, but which is rendered efficacious by the earnestness and, at times, vehemence which accompanies it.

CITIZEN SOLDIERS

COMMENCE SPRING TRAINING SHORTLY—ARRANGING FOR SKATING RINK.

OUTLOOK FOR COMPANY IS EXCELLENT—THE NELSON TRIP.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The expected visit to Rossland of Lieutenant Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., has been cancelled and the local officers of the militia corps will proceed to arrange for the annual spring training. It is probable that drill will be commenced next week.

Arrangements are being made for the use of the skating rink as a drill hall, and when this is settled, the first parade will be called by Lieutenant Townsend. The permanent command of the local company has not been definitely settled so far as the Militia Gazette is concerned, but it is generally understood that only the formal steps remain to be taken before A. B. Mackenzie assumes the command.

The local militia corps is in excellent shape for the spring drill, and should make a good showing. While some of the men on the strength of the company last fall have removed from the city, others are in sight to fill all vacancies, and the corps will be up to its full establishment.

The bugle band is in especially good

shape so far as strength is concerned. The plan of drafting lads into the band has turned out admirably, and Bugle-Major Barrett's difficulty will be in choosing the best material from the variety offered. It is proposed in connection with the bugle band to bring the organization up to an efficient condition with the drums and bugles and then introduce fifes, as is the case in numerous regiments of the British army. This will afford an opportunity to vary the marching music for the company.

The question of the local company visiting Nelson on Dominion Day has not been disposed of. The Rossland company accepted the Nelson committee's invitation for the day with certain reasonable stipulations which have not been replied to. In the event of the company going to Nelson a good showing could be made with the company proper, the Maxim gun squad and the bugle band. If other companies turned out in equal force the whole would form a compact militia body of respectable proportions.

BUILD BRICK BLOCK

SUBSTANTIAL STRUCTURE FOR A COLUMBIA AVENUE PROPERTY.

\$7000 BRICK BLOCK TO REPLACE WOODEN STRUCTURE.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Rossland is to have at least one new brick block on Columbia avenue this summer. It is probable that the events of the next few months will be of so important a nature as to justify the construction of various brick buildings now under contemplation, but regardless of this, the erection of one substantial and ornamental brick structure is now assured.

The new brick block will be located on lot 17, block 40. This is on the south side of Columbia avenue, between Washington and Queen streets, the building being occupied at the present time by a broker. The owners are J. S. C. Fraser, manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Charles R. Hamilton, barrister. The plans are to be drawn by George D. Curtis, of Nelson, who was in the city yesterday taking field notes on the ground. A survey was also made yesterday to determine the exact confines of lot 17.

The owners propose putting up a two-story brick building of a substantial nature, with a neat front on Columbia avenue. The lower floor will be used for a store and the second story for office purposes. The cost of the building will be approximately \$7000. The preparation of the plans is to commence forthwith, and active construction will be started as soon as arrangements are made with the owners of adjoining property for the erection of party walls. This may entail a little delay, but the owners will have construction under way by July and the building completed in the course of the early fall.

That enterprising property owners are thus increasing their investments in local real estate is a significant sign of the times that will not be lost upon the intelligent observer.

THE BUILDING TRADE

ENSUING SUMMER WILL BE BUSIEST IN SEVERAL SEASONS.

PROSPECTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF MANY MEN AT EARLY DATE.

(From Friday's Daily.) The ensuing summer promises to be the busiest in several seasons in the building trades, and local contractors are arranging their plans accordingly. At the present moment about fifteen carpenters are busily engaged in various parts of the city, the principal contract being that for the construction of the Spitzee buildings, on which six men are engaged.

Work on the Le Roi Two concentrator buildings will be under way in a fortnight, and this will employ a score of carpenters and other men in the building trades. The Kootenay tramway will then be under way also with further employment for this class of artisans.

A little further on the list come the White Bear buildings, for which plans are now prepared and estimates made by various contractors. The actual date of construction is not determined, but will follow closely on the decision of the White Bear shareholders at the annual meeting in Toronto on Monday. Matters are in such shape here that a couple of weeks will suffice to make a start on the company's new mine buildings.

The War Eagle and Centre Star concentrator is also in the list of buildings planned for the present summer, with the Fraser-Hamilton block and the new armory.

Word should be received at an early date with reference to the commencement of operations on the drill hall. This structure is to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, and will employ a considerable crew of men in its construction.

It is probable that before the middle of the present summer not less than 150 carpenters and half as many other men in the building trades will be steadily employed in Rossland. The effect will be important in its bearing on the prosperity of local institutions, especially as the activity specified is likely to stimulate building in directions other than those mentioned.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

C. P. R. TO SPOKANE

WHERE THE NEW ROAD CONNECTING SPOKANE WITH C. P. R. WILL RUN.

EX-SENATOR TURNER TELLS OF LOCATION SURVEYS AND THE ROUTE.

"Definite location surveys of the new railroad from the Canadian boundary to Spokane will be completed in about two weeks," announced Senator George Turner. "Three parties of engineers are now in the field completing this work."

"As soon as the surveys are completed estimates of the cost of construction will be made. We have the necessary capital for the construction of the line and everything looks favorable for an early commencement of work."

This is the road concerning which there has been much mystery. It has been generally believed that Canadian Pacific interests are behind the deal. This belief has been strengthened by the fact that the road proposes to connect with the Canadian Pacific Crow's Nest branch and by the further fact that D. C. Corbin, who is associated with Mr. Turner in the enterprise, recently went to London in connection with financial arrangements for the road, where he is said to have met some of the heavy stockholders in the Canadian Pacific company.

What interests are behind the enterprise, however, is a matter upon which both Mr. Corbin and Mr. Turner decline to speak, although Mr. Turner has said significantly, when referring to the northern connection of the line: "You must draw your own conclusions."

Continuing Mr. Turner says: "The preliminary surveys were completed some time ago, and these are the final, definite location surveys, upon which the estimates of cost will be made and contracts for construction will be made. The surveys are in charge of Chief Engineer Biehler, formerly of the Northern Pacific at Tacoma. I expect that they will be finished in about two weeks, as excellent progress has been made."

The route decided upon follows: From Spokane the new line will about parallel the Northern Pacific to Sandpoint, Idaho, from Sandpoint will run about parallel to the Great Northern near Bonner's Ferry. It will cross the Kootenay river about three miles east of Bonner's Ferry and then strike the Moyie river, which it will follow north to the international boundary. The terminus at the boundary will be about 10 miles from the Crow's Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific. It is probable that the C. P. R. will build a branch down to the boundary to connect with our line. The route is an excellent one as regards grades. There is a fine grade up the Moyie. That part of the line will open up a country rich in mineral wealth and finely timbered. There will be much rock work along the northern part of the line. Of course until the surveys are completed no estimates made will not know details about the expense of construction."

This is the first definite announcement of the route of the new line as well as of the proposed early beginning of actual construction. Engineer Biehler, who is in charge of the work, was for many years stationed at Tacoma as division engineer of the Northern Pacific, and he drew the plans and supervised the construction of that road's big coal conveyors there, the first to be installed on the west coast.

TO TIDE IT OVER

LONDON & B. C. GOLDFIELDS NEEDS READY CASH FOR TEMPORARY SHORTAGES.

COMPANY'S ASSETS SOLD BUT NOT PRODUCTIVE JUST NOW.

(From Friday's Daily.) The Hon. W. C. Wells was in town Saturday, having come over from Victoria to confer with Mr. E. J. Skinner, timber inspector, says the Vancouver Province.

"It is the intention of the government," said Mr. Wells, "to bring in its new timber bill when the house meets on Tuesday. The terms of the new bill must, of course, be first disclosed to the house before they can be published."

Asked about the report published in yesterday's Province to the effect that instructions had been issued from his department that all applications hereafter for special timber licenses must be accompanied by plans of surveys made by provincial land surveyors, Mr. Wells replied that such was the fact.

He read carefully the article in Friday's issue of the Province, and then said that the order was only carrying out the order in council of the 26th of March of this year. He thought that the order in council should be corrected so as to apply to those who had made application before that, as they had not received notice. The order in council gave definite notice that after the 26th of March surveys would have to be made and plans deposited with the timber inspector before a license would be issued. Those who had staked before that would be given a reasonable time in which to have their tracts surveyed. "In fact," he added, "every latitude will be given them."

A MISTAKE SURELY. Ex-Chief of Police Does Not Seem to Have Been at Frank.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A very general impression exists here that the Vaughan who met death in the Frank disaster was not Rossland's ex-police chief.

The police office here received a letter from Frank Vaughan dated at Vancouver on May 7, which would seem to indicate that the French paper made an error in chronicleing the death of the former head of the Rossland police. The Montreal paper devoted half a column to a sketch of Vaughan's life, and referred to his police work in Montreal in terms of high commendation.

SLUGGED AND ROBBED

Unfortunate Slavonian Is Maltreated on Northport Road.

Perpetrator a One-Armed Man—An Arrest Made Yesterday.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Bleeding from half a dozen scalp wounds, dazed from suffering and loss of blood and bemoaning the loss of his entire grubstake, George Sunich was brought to Rossland yesterday afternoon on the Spokane Falls & Northern train for medical treatment. He was put on the train at Silica, and relates a remarkable story of a hold-up near the Silica concentrator, the truth of which was amply evidenced by his physical condition.

Sunich is a Slavonian who was employed at the Canadian Smelting Works in Trail. He started out for Northport, and came to Rossland Thursday night. Yesterday morning he missed the train at the Red Mountain depot, and, after falling to secure leave to ride on the freight, started to walk to Northport. He carried blankets, and his valuables included a roll of \$80-his savings for several months—a watch and a finger ring.

The injured man states that when a short distance below Silica sliding he heard someone come up from the rear. Without paying any attention to the other man, Sunich stepped to one side of the track to give the other room to pass. Just as the second man reached him, Sunich glanced up in time to see a savage blow aimed at him. The assailant carried a heavy rock in his hand and at the second blow Sunich went down. A couple more violent blows rendered him unconscious. Just as Sunich reeled under the blows he noticed that his assailant was minus his left hand, and this is regarded as a most important clue. The occurrence happened about 3 o'clock.

Some trackmen employed on the Red Mountain road found Sunich weltering in blood and unconscious. He was placed on a handcar and brought to Silica to be sent into the city on the afternoon train which was due shortly after.

Arriving in the city, Sunich was taken to Dr. Campbell's surgery, where his wounds were dressed. His scalp bore a number of painful cuts, bearing out his story that the highwayman carried a rock. In addition, one of his fingers was badly cut, a fracture near the joint being suspected. The man had lost a large amount of blood, and was sent to the hospital. Before this, an interpreter was called in and Sunich related his story as clearly as he could in his dazed condition. Police Chief Bradshaw had been advised of the incident early in the day, and followed the case up, although the provincial authorities will be required to bear all the costs of the case, as it occurred outside of the city limits.

AN ARREST. Police Chief Bradshaw started out after securing Sunich's story to look for a rough looking fellow with his left arm missing, and after a comparatively short hunt he located a man who answered the description. This was James Mulholland, who says he is a railroad man from Vancouver. He is a stranger in the city. Under the circumstances an arrest was deemed advisable, and Mulholland is now in the cells on suspicion of being Sunich's assailant. No stolen property was found in his possession.

Mulholland was taken to the hospital and shown to Sunich. The latter's statement was that the suspect looked like the man who assaulted him, but that he could not swear to the fact.

John Hoosen, mining recorder, was apprised of the facts and communicated with W. H. Bullock-Webster, chief of provincial police at Nelson, who detailed James H. Young, provincial constable, to take charge of the case. Constable Young arrived in the city last night.

DID GOOD WORK. Substantial Improvement Made in Trail Road—Other Civic Work.

(From Friday's Daily.) Yesterday the city employees, engaged for the past week in improving the Trail road were withdrawn. Everyone who travelled the road knows that the old thoroughfare had been worn down season after season until it resembled a watercourse more than aught else, and was in bad shape. Instead of attempting to bring up the level of the road, Major VanBuskirk, city engineer, concluded to abandon it altogether, levelled off the lower edge of the right of way and made a better road, leaving the old thoroughfare for a water course. A man from Floyd's ranch was detailed to assist the city crew, and E. Burns & Co. were especially rigorous in securing the city's efforts. Two of the company's teams, a plow and several men worked with the outfit throughout, and much more was done than the city would have been able to accomplish singlehanded. The firm's co-operation is thoroughly appreciated.

Yesterday afternoon a couple of men were put at work on the damaged Washington street bridge. They will extend the sidewalk over the bridge, improving the facilities for pedestrians. No attempt will be made for a few weeks to repair the bridge for teaming.

Next week the construction of the conduit to drain the third avenue swamp into the government drain will be started. The city will do the work by day's labor under the direction of Major VanBuskirk.

TEST SHIPMENTS FIRST.

First Ore from Jumbo Will be for Test Purposes.

The first ore to be shipped from the Jumbo mine will be a couple of lots of fifty or sixty tons each to the smelters for test purposes. On the results secured various matters in connection with the treatment of the product hinge, and permanent shipping operations on a large scale will be deferred until these results are secured.

Meantime the preliminary work at the mine is to be continued. A couple of men are breaking ore in the first level at the present time, and this with other initial work is to be maintained. The tramway question is not yet disposed of, but the management has the matter under advisement, and will probably take action thereon at an early date.

M. R. Galusha, managing director of the Jumbo, arrived in the city last night, and will remain here several days.

HUNDREDS OF APPEALS IN

About 250 Protests 'Al-Ready Filed' Against Assessment.

Some Statistics Gleaned from the Assessment Roll of 1903.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Two hundred and fifty appeals against the last civic assessment is the inviting prospect ahead of the court of revision which convenes at the city hall on Monday. So general a protest against the assessment is unparalleled in the annals of the Golden City, and the duties of the court of revision, for the first time in the history of the corporation, promise to be extremely heavy.

A wide range of objections are stated by the protesters, but the principal source of trouble seems to be "assessment too high." In many instances it is the case that an increase of a hundred dollars or slightly more is objected to, while a number of appeals are entered because last year's assessment is maintained, whereas the owners consider the figure named too high and desire a reduction.

Last year, it will be remembered, the appeals from the assessment roll did not exceed a baker's dozen, and when adjudicated upon it was found that few of the appellants had reasonable grounds for the objections taken. This year the hearing of appeals is certain to occupy several days if all the matters entered are pressed to a conclusion. Whether or not the arguments to be stated are sufficiently persuasive to "work the oracle" depends of course upon the sentiment of the mayor and aldermen comprising the court of revision.

A scrutiny of the assessment roll as completed by Major Van Buskirk reveals a variety of interesting statistics. In a nutshell the assessor's totals are as follows:

TOTAL ASSESSABLE VALUES. East Ward... \$1,217,795 West Ward... 1,375,011 Total... \$2,592,806 Assessment of 1902... \$2,304,777 Taxable values... 2,051,606 Taxable values 1902... 1,912,762

EXEMPTIONS. East Ward... 204,825 West Ward... 336,875 Total exemptions 1903... \$541,700 Total exemptions 1902... 329,015

Under the heading of exemptions are included the values of all property and buildings used for mining, church, railroad and school purposes. Last year the values of a number of such institutions were not placed on the assessment roll.

The net result of the foregoing comparison of figures is that the present year's total assessable values are very substantially higher than last year, and that somewhat of an increase in the total taxable values is made by the assessor.

BRITISH MEMBERS' VISIT. An Advance Agent will be Here to Settle Details.

The much-debated itinerary of the British parliamentary party of tourists expected in Rossland in August next, whereby the Golden City was only allotted a few hours on the party's program, is apparently an open question yet, and there should be no marked difficulty in securing such an allotment of time for Rossland as will enable the distinguished visitors abundant opportunity to examine the mining industries of Canada's premier mining camp.

The arrangements for the tour are in the hands of Dr. Henry S. Lunn, of London, who makes a specialty of such undertakings. He has written to Mayor Dean in response to the protest filed against the party's original itinerary to the effect that he leaves London on June 18th for Canada to make the arrangements for the tour, and that the matter will be taken under advisement on his arrival in the Dominion. The inference to be drawn from the letter is that Dr. Lunn will visit Rossland in advance of the party.

It pays to advertise in The Rossland Miner.

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KIND WISHES AND GOLD

Rev. A. M. Sanford Gets Evidence of Odd Fellows' Esteem.

A Substantial Purse of Gold and Beautiful Silver Set.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Kindly expressions of good will and esteem, presents of gold coin to a substantial amount and beautiful articles of silverware, were the outstanding features of a farewell banquet tendered last night by Rossland lodge of Odd-Fellows to Rev. A. M. Sanford, who leaves tomorrow for Nanaimo after serving for the past three years as pastor of the Methodist church here.

The banquet took place in the main hall at the Odd Fellows' building, and a brief business session of the lodge. The interior was handsomely and tastefully decorated, this being the result of indefatigable efforts on the part of a committee of ladies of the Rebekah lodge. The tables were laden with toothsome dainties, which were thoroughly appreciated. Around the banquet board were the following: Joseph Goldsworthy, D. E. Kerr, T. H. Long, W. S. Murphy, George Herling, M. Elley, W. J. Prest and Mrs. Prest, L. J. Kittredge, Thomas Emberton, Robert Anderson, H. J. Rickard, Emil Johnson, Henry Busch, M. A. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson, Rev. A. M. Sanford, M. A., and Mrs. Sanford, George Rich, John Rich, John Duncan, H. Moody, A. McLeod, Charles Smith, W. E. Cramer, P. R. McDonald, J. Maxwell, O. Long, Thomas Maitland, J. R. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan, G. S. Ross and Mrs. Ross, W. A. Stone, A. L. Watson and Mrs. Watson, John Edwards, Shat Williams, C. H. Smith, W. J. Manhire, Mrs. A. Rich, Mrs. George Mellor, John Bailey, Phil James and Mrs. James, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. McKay and George Kerr.

Following the removal of the covers, the literary and oratorical section of the program was taken up. Joseph Goldsworthy, noble grand, opened with an address of welcome, in which the guests of the evening was referred to in felicitous terms. The practical feature of the address was the presentation to Mr. Sanford of a beautiful solid silver tea set in five pieces and a purse containing a substantial sum in gold coin. In response, Mr. Sanford acknowledged the valuable gifts in a most feeling manner. Warm applause punctuated his remarks. The evening's program was as follows: Piano Solo—Brother W. Elley. Song—Past Grand Thomas Long. Address on Odd Fellowship—Past Grand Thomas Emberton. Song—Past Grand H. J. Rickard. Recitation—Noble Grand Joseph Goldsworthy. Address—Past Grand George Herling. Song—Past Grand Thomas H. Long. Address—Past Grand D. E. Kerr. Speech—Past Grand R. E. Evans. Song—Past Grand H. J. Rickard. Address—Past Grand M. A. Henderson. Speech—Brother P. R. McDonald. Address—Past Grand Thomas H. Long. Final Address—Brother A. M. Sanford. "Auld Lang Syne," enthusiastically sung with joined hands, followed by the national anthem and prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford, concluded the proceedings, which were unanimously voted as among the most pleasant in the annals of the lodge.

REV. A. M. SANFORD LEAVES ROSSLAND AFTER SUCCESSFUL PASTORATE. SAID FAREWELL ON SUNDAY EVENING TO LARGE CONGREGATION.

After three years' service in Rossland as pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. A. M. Sanford, M. A., took farewell of his congregation on Sunday night. Tomorrow he leaves, with Mrs. Sanford, for their new home in Nanaimo.

As a clergyman and citizen, Pastor Sanford has been successful in the Golden City. He carries with him the esteem and regard of the Methodists of the city, and of the community generally, which is amply evidenced by the various incidents of a happy nature attending his departure. The Methodists turned out in strong force on Sunday night to say farewell to their pastor. In the course of his closing remarks the departing clergyman tendered his gratitude to the officials of the congregation for the great kindnesses extended to him during his pastorate. He also gave expression to his hearty appreciation of the support given him by the members of the congregation and friends generally throughout the city. Reference was made to the courtesy of the press in

giving space on numerous occasions for the benefit of the church. The topic of the evening was the Parable of the Talents, and along this line Mr. Sanford left with his hearers a series of wholesome thoughts. The principal points were: 1. God gives to His servants talents according to their ability. The talents given are thus distinguished from the ability of the servant. Something from without. The talents might easily be interpreted as opportunities. God gives to His servants fitting opportunities. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

2. No man should long for more opportunities than he can utilize. He should seek that sphere in life where he can work with success, and having found it should put forth every effort to discharge its duties. Christianity means development and; the right use of all one's powers. 3. Many rewards attend such a discharge of duty. The approval of an enlightened conscience is a blessing worth more than wealth or temporal reward. The goodwill of his fellow men is a blessing much appreciated by one who secures it without violating good principles.

4. Above all, the Master's approval is a great reward. Friends may not understand the value of one's work, and a man himself may likewise fail to make a correct estimate. But the Master knows, and the words "Well done" from him will be the source of endless enjoyment.

5. We shall be rewarded in the future world with greater opportunities for service than we can have in our present sphere. The reward for being faithful over a few things is to become ruler over many things. We shall enter into the joy of the Lord, which is to give one's self in service for the good of all. Heaven is not a place of idleness or selfish ease, but of glorious opportunities, a place of high and enjoyable service. Let us prepare for this service by the faithful discharge of duty in our present sphere, and in any place to which the Divine hand may lead us.

THE THUNDER ROLLED

A REMARKABLY SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM LAST EVENING.

STORM CENTRE MISSED CITY, WHICH WAS FORTUNATE FOR ALL.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The most severe electrical storm in the memory of the oldest inhabitant passed round the city last night. The results were not serious within the city, as the storm vented its fury outside of the corporation limits. The whole spectacle could be witnessed from any point, however, and it was generally realized that the damage would assuredly have been heavy had the storm passed directly through the city instead of on its outskirts.

For a couple of days the weather had been unpleasantly sultry, and an electrical storm was foretold on all sides. About 7:30 o'clock last night the prediction came up from the south, with mutterings and discharges of small arcs as a prelude. In the course of half or three-quarters of an hour, however, the lightning was flashing almost continuously to the south and west, and the discharges had increased to great guns. This continued for two hours. The aerial protuberances were more brilliant than had ever been seen previously in Rossland, and the display was more protracted than is usually the case in the hills. The storm seemed to circle around from south to west and to go east over Red Mountain. At no time did the business section of the city seem to be in danger.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the storm was probably nearer the centre of the city than at any other stage. The electric lights in several sections of the city, with all the arc lamps, went out or burned so dimly as to afford no service. The telephone bells jingled, and the big bell at the fire hall boomed out a couple of notes to show that the electricity was playing pranks with the telegraph alarm system. A pole on Second avenue was struck by lightning and blazed up until extinguished by the rain that fell continuously. A tree on Mount Roberts was struck and blazed merrily for a few moments. At other points the bolts rained bullets, but no really serious damage was done. About 11 o'clock the electric lighting company's employes discovered the trouble on their lines, for which a vigorous search had been instituted, and the remedy was applied. This ended the inconvenience caused by the storm.

The system of the Vernon & Nelson Telephone company was completely disorganized by the storm. All the fuse wires at the central office were burned out, as were many of the coils. The coils in many of the subscribers' instruments were also burnt. Manager Quirk expressed the belief last night that it would take most of today to put the system in proper working order.

GOT A BONUS. Bank of Montreal Employees Get Division of Profits.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The last year's business of the Bank of Montreal was the most substantial and lucrative in the annals of Canada's big financial institution, and to mark the event and express the appreciation of the efforts of its army of employes the management of the bank has announced the granting of a bonus of twenty per cent upon the salaries of its employes. The Bank of Montreal staff in Rossland will receive a substantial amount from this bonus, and the announcement has naturally created marked gratification throughout the branches of the institution.

IN FIELDS OF SPORT

THE RIFLE.

The Civilian Rifle association's new ranges at Fernside are almost completed. Yesterday several members of the organization fired over the 200 and 500 ranges, and state that the ranges will be excellent. All the work remaining will be completed in the next day or two, and the formal opening will take place during the present week. It has been suggested that His Worship Mayor Dean participate in the opening of the ranges at Fernside by firing the first shot. British subjects over the age of eighteen years are eligible for membership, and citizens interested in the pastime can secure all information relating to the association on application to Archibald E. Barker, manager of the Bank of Toronto. The Military Rifle association has been firing for a fortnight over the milk ranch ranges, and the members are rapidly getting their shooting eyes in first class shape. The association has a team entered in the Canadian Military Rifle League matches, the first match in the series coming off shortly. Considerable interest is being taken in the sport by members of the militia company.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

If the lacrosse men of Rossland are prepared to practice with any measure of enthusiasm for the next three or four weeks, the Golden City can place a team in the field that will compare favorably with anything in the Kootenays, and Nelson in particular. The Queen City players were anxious to arrange a game in Rossland at a comparatively early date, but the local men prefer postponing the event until they can secure sufficient practice to enable them to make a fair showing. Nelson has a fast twelve, possibly not quite as fast as the Westminster aggregation but decidedly the swiftest in the lacrosse line in Kootenay or Boundary. If Rossland can, with a three month team, put up a good game against Nelson they will have accomplished something to boast of. Meantime it is absolutely essential that the local players should attend practices regularly and assist to the utmost in promoting scientific lacrosse and team play.

ROD AND REEL.

G. Percival Grant was the only Rossland piscator to leave the city yesterday on fishing bent. He will test the accuracy of the stories to the effect that excellent fishing can be secured in the pool below Shear creek falls and the lower reaches of the creek. Local fishermen are relating the story of a shining light in local legal circles who wired from Nelson last week to his favorite guide at Slokan Crossing to be in readiness on the following day with an ample supply of locusts. The guide, however, has hopes, but the Blackfootman was a day late. The point of the story is the grasshoppers!

THE DIAMOND GAME.

The ball team practices at the Black Bear diamond this afternoon and a large turnout of players is desired. On Sunday next Grand Forks is scheduled to cross bats with Rossland, and arrangements for the balance of the season as completed to date are as follows: June 21, Nelson at Rossland. June 23, Colville at Rossland. July 4 and 5, Butte Reduction Works at Rossland, or Gonzaga College, Spokane, at Rossland. The program as thus outlined promises to result in a series of interesting games, all of which will delight the hearts of baseball enthusiasts.

Fraternal News

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.—At the regular meeting of Rossland Lodge No. 38, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held last Monday evening in its hall, the following were duly elected to act as officers for the ensuing term commencing July 1, 1903: Noble grand, Phil James; vice-grand, P. R. McDonald; treasurer, F. W. Pretty; secretary, W. S. Murphy. During the evening one candidate through the initiator ceremonies. Tomorrow evening being the regular meeting night the lodge will tender a farewell banquet to Brother Rev. A. M. Sanford, who leaves shortly for Nanaimo.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Rossland Lodge No. 21, Knights of Pythias, met on Friday evening in Castle hall on Queen street and conferred the first rank on two candidates. Last meeting being the regular night for election of officers the following were duly elected for the ensuing term: Chancellor, George Melior; vice-chancellor, Ira Beverly; prelate, Charles Mead; master of work, Joseph Morris; keeper of records and seal, L. J. Kittredge; master of finance, W. E. Beatty; master of exchequer, George Knutson; master at arms, John Rich; inner guard, Theodore Kettleton; outer guard, George Rich. This coming meeting two candidates will be initiated into the mysteries of the second rank.

At the regular meeting of Trail Lodge No. 23, Knights of Pythias, held last Thursday evening at their hall in Trail, the regular election of officers took place, which resulted in the following being elected to serve for the new term commencing July 1st. Chancellor, commander, Alf. Jones; vice-chancellor, J. R. Randall; prelate, Jas. H. Schofield; master of work, Fred Kummer; keeper of records and seal, J. R. Widmer; master of finance, Allan Campbell; master of exchequer, A. Hector; master at arms, R. Boyd; inner guard, R. Donnelson; outer guard, J. McQuig.

Trail lodge has been very busy of late with initiations, and has increased its membership in large numbers since the beginning of the present term, having conferred degrees every meeting but one. This coming Thursday the first rank will be conferred on five candidates.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.—Next Wednesday evening the Rossland Camp No. 176, Woodmen of the World, will hold its regular meeting in the hall on Second avenue. As the matter of purchasing uniforms for the uniform rank to be organized here will be brought before the lodge, a large attendance is looked for. There are also five candidates in waiting, some of whom will be initiated this coming meeting night.

KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES.—The next meeting of the Red Mountain Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, takes place on Thursday evening of this week in Odd Fellows' hall, where the Tent will convene regularly in future. Officers for the ensuing term will be elected and the degree team organized. The latter feature promises to be an important factor in the future history of the Tent. All visiting Sir Knights are cordially welcome, and a large turnout of local members is desired. It is felt that the time is opportune to infuse fresh vigor and enthusiasm into the Tent, and a start will be made in this direction at the Thursday session.

OVER O. K. MINE.

Foreclosure Proceedings Recalled by Spokane Suit. Joseph L. Warner has brought suit in Spokane against the Old National bank to recover \$133,200 damages, alleged to have been sustained through a breach of contract. Plaintiff was a stockholder in the O. K. mine at Rossland. He alleges that in May, 1897, he, together with other stockholders, pledged stock of the mine, amounting to a majority of the stock of the corporation, to secure an indebtedness of \$8900 owed to the bank by the mine. The total capitalization of the mine was 1,000,000 shares.

In consideration of pledging the stock, plaintiff alleges, the bank agreed to extend the indebtedness for one year. Notwithstanding such agreement, he alleges, the bank later in the same year sold the mine at liquidator's sale, under the "winding up act" of British Columbia. As a result, he claims, the stock of the mine was rendered worthless. Warner charges further that the claim of indebtedness set up by the bank in British Columbia was \$30,000, whereas he alleges, the amount was really only \$8900.

Warner, in his suit, does not represent the other stockholders. He sues merely to recover damages to his own stock. He claims that of the stock pledged he owned 370,000 shares, and that he has been damaged in the sum alleged.

GO TO NELSON.

Rossland Militiamen Will Visit Queen City on Dominion Day.

(Special Correspondence.) Yesterday further communications were received from the Nelson Dominion Day celebration committee by the local militia officers which settle the question of the Rossland company visiting Nelson on July 1st in the affirmative. The stipulations made by the local militia in respect to the trip have been complied with by the Nelson committee, and the company will, therefore, take in the trip. They will leave here by special train, departing at an early hour on Dominion Day, and return after the proceedings at the Queen City.

The militia company met last night at the mess rooms and concluded to hold drills on Monday and Thursday nights in each week in order to prepare for the Nelson trip. The first parade takes place on Monday night at the skating rink. The Columbia avenue armory will be open at 7:45 o'clock.

HOG CHOLERA.

Many Animals Lost in Boundary Through the Disease. PHOENIX, May 30.—Suspensions of the prevalence of hog cholera in this locality, after the ranch of William Jenks, a couple of miles below this city, prompted Provincial Constable Darraugh to send for the Dominion veterinary inspector, Dr. Armstrong, of Nelson. The latter at once pronounced it hog cholera, and ordered the animals that had not already died, some 32, to be destroyed. Accordingly 35 head were shot, and the carcasses and buildings were burned. Some 70 head of hogs belonging to Frank Dixon, a mile or two from Greenwood, on Providence creek, found to be similarly afflicted, were also destroyed in the same way. Altogether hogs valued at about \$2000 either died from the disease or were killed by official order in the Boundary this week. The owners will receive partial remuneration for the animals killed by order of the Dominion official, but it is not known how the disease was brought into this section, but the officials took every means as soon as it was known to exist to stamp it out, and it is believed that they succeeded.

HAS A NEW COMPANY

HON. C. H. MACKINTOSH AND CO. LEAGUES IN A BIG CORPORATION.

HE EXPRESSES HIS VIEW ON PRESENT B. C. POLITICAL SITUATION.

"There is no secret connected with the new company for which myself and others have applied to the Dominion government for a charter," said Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh yesterday. "The new company will be called the Canada Industrial, Limited, with a capital of \$1,000,000, and power to increase to \$5,000,000. A number of us who have properties and others who are anxious to co-operate in developing the lumber, iron and copper resources of British Columbia, decided to amalgamate, or rather consolidate, our holdings, and we ask power to do this in such other privileges absolutely legitimate, and when the charter is in force I have no doubt the province will receive benefit from it."

Mr. Mackintosh has returned to Rossland from the east in greatly improved health, and is gratified to note the better feeling existing here. "Have you read the evidence in the recent land investigation at Victoria?" was asked of him. "I have," said Mr. Mackintosh. "And deeply regret the circumstances leading to it. These so-called scandals are inimical to provincial interests. We had several strikes in three years, and you know I was one of those who believed they could be or could have been averted. There were faults on both sides, but one side would admit no error, acknowledge no mistake. I was piliated by some for the course I adopted; but I do not regret the policy then advocated by me. Well, I hope we will all pull together now; but we will never progress unless we have paternal government; that is, the administration of affairs in the interests of all, not a few; self-sacrifice and self-denial on the part of those holding office, and the abnegation of self generally when the interests of the people are in jeopardy. The men looking for office for office sake are a standing menace to any province, and we have had it long enough in British Columbia."

"The land grant business was a complicated affair and far-reaching in many respects had the enquiry been based upon a more tangible bill of particulars. Certainly it proved that the government was weak and that the public interests were made a secondary consideration, and it enabled certain gentlemen to wash a lot of not very cleanly linen; but after all the question could have been settled amicably no doubt if every minister of the crown had thought of the country first. To discuss the evidence, however, would be unquestionably tedious and certainly not a labor of love. When there is an appeal to the constituencies it is for the electors to decide what class of representatives they desire and then abide the consequences."

BANGS OUT OF TUNE.

Father and Son at Law Over Fire Valley Homestead.

(From Sunday's Daily.) At the police court yesterday morning rather a novel case was tried. The litigants were John and Ernest J. Bangs, with their father and the bone of contention was a Fire valley homestead. The proceedings were brought under a new clause of the Land Act, by which speedy action can be secured in land disputes, and providing for a jury. Five business men were empanelled on the jury, and the case occupied most of the morning. John Bangs brought action for election against his son, who claimed that he was on the property under an agreement and was not, therefore, a trespasser. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff. Plaintiff was represented by MacNeill & Deacon and the defendant by C. R. Hamilton and J. A. Macdonald.

FOR REGULAR HOLIDAYS.

Mayor Dean Wants City Employees to Have Week Off Annually.

On the order board at the city hall is a note of motion by Mayor Dean for Tuesday night's session of the council in respect to a resolution to be introduced by his worship providing annual holidays for civic employes. The notice reads that at the next meeting of the council Mayor Dean will move that all employes in the city service continuous for one year shall be awarded seven days holidays out of each successive year they are employed, at such time as agreed upon to the satisfaction of the mayor, provided always that meritorious services are necessary to qualify for such a vacation, and that misconduct or dereliction of duty shall forfeit all rights of the individual under the resolution.

In the past the matter of vacations for city employes has been a question of arrangement between the individual applicants and the administration.

ELECTRICAL POWER.

Selected for Operation of Spitzee Company's New Works.

The new compressor and winding plant to be installed by the Spitzee company at the headworks now almost completed will be operated by electricity. The company will consume about fifty electrical horse-power for its compressor and about thirty for the hoists.

The foundations for the machinery

are being prepared under the direction of Richard Roberts, who has prepared the plans for the new headworks. The Spitzee company has obtained permission from the corporation to dump waste from the mine on the streets in the vicinity of the property, subject to the stipulation that such dumps shall be constructed under the direction of the city engineer. The city secures a gold pro quo from the arrangement, inasmuch as solid foundations and good grades will be secured for streets that only exist on paper at the present time.

CASH FOR PROPERTY.

Bellevue Hotel Cashes Hands on Cash Basis.

Various real estate deals of more or less interest are reported for last week. The principal is the transfer of the Bellevue hotel property, corner of Washington street and Second avenue, from Harry Bell to M. W. McLeod. The consideration was \$3500, and the purchase price was paid in spot cash. The purchaser of the Bellevue is a Rossland man, who was previously the owner of considerable real estate here. His confidence in Rossland's future is amply evidenced by his latest acquisition of additional property.

THE DOMINION CAPITAL.

Inquiry About Japanese Influx — New B. C. Bank.

OTTAWA, May 30.—The postoffice department has been advised that on June 28th a new boat will sail from Whitehorse for Dawson. Mr. Morrison asked in the commons yesterday if the government had received any information of the influx of Japanese to British Columbia during the past fifteen days, and if the Japanese consul at Montreal had been communicated with. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the government had received no information whatever on the subject. It is understood that the printers in the government bureau were notified today by the state department that if they did not report to the King's printer before 6 o'clock tonight that they intended going to work on Monday, their places would be filled by others. The printers will hold a meeting this afternoon.

The bill incorporating the Pacific bank, with its headquarters at Victoria, B. C., passed the banking and commerce committee yesterday.

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SHIPMENTS FIRST.

om Jumbo will be for Test Purposes.

ore to be shipped from the will be a couple of lots sixty tons each to the smelting purposes. On the results of the various matters in connection with the shipment of the product hinge, the shipping operations on will be deferred until these are secured.

the preliminary work at the be continued. A couple of making ore in the first level at time, and this with other is to be maintained. The question is not yet disposed of, management has the matter under and will probably take place at an early date. The managing director of arrived in the city last night, main here several days.

DREDS OF APPEALS IN

250 Protests Al-ly Filed Against Assessment.

Statistics Gleaned the Assessment, Roll off 1903.

om Saturday's Daily.) hundred and fifty appeals the last civic assessment is prospect ahead of the revision which convenes at the n Monday. So general a protest the assessment is unparalleled in the annals of the Golden the duties of the court of for the first time in the hisse corporation, promise to be heavy.

range of objections are stamped, but the principal trouble seems to be "assessment high." In many instances case that an increase of a dollars or slightly more is ob- while a number of appeals because last year's assessment, whereas the owner the figure named too high a reduction. It will be remembered, the from the assessment roll exceed a baker's dozen, and indicated upon it was found of the appellants had reasonable for the objections taken. of the hearing of appeals is to occupy several days if all entered are pressed to a. Whether or not the argu- mented are sufficiently per- "work the oracle" depends upon the sentiment of the and aldermen comprising the revision.

any of the assessment roll as d by Major Van Buskirk re- sulting of interesting statistics, shall the assessor's totals are:

ASSESSABLE VALUES.
... \$1,217,795
... 1,375,011
... \$2,592,806
... \$2,304,777
... 2,051,506
... 1,912,762

EXEMPTIONS.
... 204,325
... 336,875
... 541,800
... 352,015

the heading of exemptions are the values of all property and used for mining, church, rail- school purposes. Last year's of a number of assessor's were not placed on the assess- ment.

result of the foregoing com- putation of figures is that the present assessable values are very ally higher than last year, somewhat of an increase in taxable values is made by the

BRITISH MEMBERS' VISIT.

Finance Agent will be Here to Set- tle Details. much-debated itinerary of the parliamentary party of tourists in Rossland in August next, the Golden City was only allotted hours on the party's program, recently an open question yet, and could be no marked difficulty in such an allotment of time for as will enable the distinguished abundant opportunity to exam- ining industries of Canada's mining camp. arrangements for the tour are in the hands of Dr. Henry S. Lunn, of who makes a specialty of such things. He has written to Mayor response to the protest filed the party's original itinerary to set that he leaves London on h for Canada to make the ar- rangements for the tour, and that will be taken under advisement arrival in the Dominion. The to be drawn from the letter Dr. Lunn will visit Rossland in of the party.

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THE MINER'S CHARGES SUBSTANTIATED.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE EAST KOOTENAY SCANDAL FINDS THAT "BLOCKS 4593 AND 4594 WERE NOT AND NEVER COULD HAVE BEEN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE COLUMBIA & WESTERN RAILWAY SUBSIDY ACT OF 1896, AND IT IS UNREASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE RAILWAY COMPANY, ADVISED AT ALL TIMES BY EMINENT COUNSEL, WAS NOT AWARE THAT SUCH LANDS WERE NOT WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE. THAT BEING THE FACT, NO MATTER WHAT OTHER CAUSE MOVED THE GOVERNMENT IN THE MATTER, THE RESCINDING ORDER IN COUNCIL WAS RIGHT AND PROPER, AS WAS ALSO THE LEGISLATION THAT FOLLOWED. ALL BEING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND VIEWING THE MATTER IN THIS WAY, WE CANNOT SEE WHAT GROUND OF COMPLAINT IS OPEN TO THE RAILWAY COMPANY."

The committee also finds evidence of jobbery, negligence and a deliberate attempt on the part of the Government to withhold certain information in its possession when ordered to produce it by the legislature.

Thus, with but one exception, all the contentions of The Miner are clearly and unqualifiedly substantiated. That exception is the failure of the committee to refer specifically to the present status of a number of rightful claimants to occupy and develop the lands in question. It is a gross oversight and inexcusable. The Miner will continue its fight for the rights of these prospectors until they obtain justice.

For nearly five months this journal has agitated for the rights of the people in this monstrous scandal. It was the first to sound the alarm. In the beginning but little attention was paid to its contentions. The press and the public had become so used to the machinations of the railways and lax methods of the provincial government that it required the most vigorous representations on our part to arouse public sentiment. When, at length, a few independent newspapers, the local boards of trade and the Provincial Mining Association became interested, the feeling began to grow. People all over the province began to realize that an attempt was being made to rob the province of a princely heritage and that unless these lands were allotted to others than the railways or the fuel ring, the mining and smelting industry of Southern British Columbia would receive a terrible blow. Then came the support of a few courageous members of the legislature, and as soon as the House met, the Government was brought face to face with the situation. At this stage the subsidized newspapers were shamed out of their silence, and things began to hum. The appointing of an investigating committee of the legislature brought the matter to a climax.

As a direct result of the investigation considerably over a million acres of land have been saved to the people, Eberts and Wells have been sent to their poll-tax graves, the Prior government has been defeated, the mines and smelters of the Kootenays are now assured of competitive collieries and consequently cheap fuel, and a new and better order

of things politically seems tolerably certain. The Miner, however, will not rest content until the prospectors who have complied with all the requirements of the law are granted their applications for coal and petroleum licenses in block 4593.

IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.

When a strike involving a railroad is threatened or actually occurs, the incident brings to the front most of the advocates of government ownership of public utilities, whose plea, not well founded, is that this sort of ownership would prevent strikes.

Events of recent weeks in Holland upset this theory. Added evidence comes from Australia, where a long railroad strike has just been ended. Government ownership means nothing more than a transfer as to one of the parties to a strike. For a long time the system of government ownership and management of railroads has prevailed in Australia. The employees form a large quota of the men in public service. It transpires that railroad extensions were often built, not to meet a public need, but because their construction figured in current politics. In this way the money borrowed for railway building became in time a very heavy burden upon colonial finances. Not long ago the government of Victoria felt compelled to adopt a policy of retrenchment in public expenditures. That hit the large official contingent on the railroads. It resulted, first in an attempt to overthrow the government making the proposition of economy, and, when this failed, it brought on a strike of railroad employees who, while they were strikers, were also government officials, and for a season traffic conditions were badly demoralized, with large losses entailed.

The proposition involving government ownership of railroads may have points in its favor, but nobody is able to figure out how that method of ownership would bring about a respite from strikes or any insurance against them.

RECOGNITION OF COMPETENT MEN.

It is not all college professors who catch the spirit of everyday life, though many of them are given to theorizing on social problems. Professor Hutton, of the Columbia University, in an address to the students of a commercial school in New York, uttered the part of a truth when he said that it is only competency that will keep a man in a position. In the brief mention made of his address in the telegrams, however, no specific mention is made of the Professor's definition of "competency."

An absolutely equal plane of work and an equal system of rewards for endeavor will not be possible so long as men are unequally endowed by nature. Some men rise above their fellows who have had equal advantages because they are better suited for their work and because they have the indefinable quality of genius that pushes them ahead in spite of their conditions. But that does not argue that the men less endowed intellectually have no right to a place in the economic arrangement of affairs. All must live and all have a right to employment.

Professor Hutton says there will be no trouble about a competent man obtaining recognition. He might have gone further and said that it will be no trouble for a man to obtain recognition who uses his best endeavors to succeed. Willingness to do the best and painstaking are worth much. There are few employers who do not appreciate service that comes from the heart. Often a man who does his best outstrips the man who can do better, but is perfunctory in his performance of his task.

Competent men are everywhere in demand, but men who take an interest in their work are in demand, too; and willingness and heart service are a form of competency in themselves, from the view point of the employer. There is plenty of room for the men who are not and cannot become geniuses in their respective callings.

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

The more one studies the magnitude of our mining industry and the wonderful extent to which it will grow under proper fostering care, the more is there evident the necessity for greater recognition of the industry at the hands of the Federal government. Mining men have worked for and will work for a national department of mining. In the meantime, however, it is well to give credit to that able institution which is all the time doing the greater work for the mining industry.

Many who have not given the matter much thought and attention are apt to denounce the Dominion Geological Survey as being composed of pedantic ologists whose deductions are unintelligible to the miner and valueless for his guidance. To the uninitiated the reading of a geological bulletin is not the most fascinating occupation, but nevertheless all practical operators can bear testimony to their great worth.

Nor is this all. There is evident a

desire on the part of those in control to give the reports as great an economic value as they are valuable from a scientific standpoint. All the work of the Survey seems to have been designed to this end, especially during the life of the late Dr. Dawson.

The delay in issuing the reports of the survey has in the past been criticised. It takes time to produce the elaborate bulletins and folios. Any casual observer can appreciate this. If the Survey would only adopt the policy of sending out every few days to the press of the country brief digests of the reports, a very prompt and effective service would be rendered.

A SHAMELESS PREMIER.

(From Friday's Daily.)

And now it is the Premier himself who is to be investigated. The latest scandal is about supplies furnished for the construction of a bridge at Chimney Creek, Cariboo. It is alleged that the Premier has acted in a very irregular manner in this matter. It is charged that he was party to acquainting his own firm with figures in tenders for the bridge and that he put in a lower tender, securing the contract.

The Miner has no desire to discuss this last predicament in which Premier Prior finds himself until the committee has completed its investigations. It may be that the Premier is innocent of this last charge against him. But be that as it may, there is enough known about him in other respects to justify his being dismissed ignominiously and forthwith by the Lieutenant-Governor.

It is idle for Colonel Prior to pretend that he is endeavoring to do the right thing by the electorate. If he were truly patriotic and disinterested from a personal standpoint he would not be a party to the disgraceful state of affairs that exists at Victoria at the present time. With the Premier it is words, words, words, and nothing but words. In nearly every instance he refuses to act for the good of the country. He is fast acquiring the unenviable reputation of a temporizer, a "jollier," a time-server, a truckler. The people are beginning to ask: Is not the Premier rather inclined to dingle to the emoluments and glamor of office than to act fearlessly and righteously in the interests of the public weal?

Colonel Prior has promised the Provincial Mining Association many things, but has done nothing to further matters in the House.

He has expressed himself as being favorable to the cause of the East Kootenay coal and petroleum prospectors who have complied with all the requirements of the law but who are denied their unquestionable rights, but he has done nothing to remedy the outrageous policy of the ex-Chief Commissioner, who persistently refused to recognize their legitimate claims. He promised the country prosperity. When the estimates were brought down his Finance Minister showed a freak statement of accounts that is nothing short of farcical for a province so rich in resources as British Columbia.

He has prated about immigration and done nothing to bring in settlers while the bleak wastes of the Northwest Territories are attracting thousands daily.

He is Minister of Mines, but uses the portfolio of that great office as a "hot air" football while the mineral industry languishes and those dependent upon it are brought to the verge of financial ruin.

He indulges in vaporings concerning "light railways" and heavy subsidies until men with business ideas and patriotic instincts are disgusted.

He has allowed the rich timber grabbers to force him into making regulations for the acquirement of timber limits that practically shut out the humble timber cruiser.

He stood by complacently while Eberts and Wells endeavored to hand over to the C. P. R. hundreds of thousands of acres of the people's heritage.

He has damned the country with his negligence and indifference. His unwholy lust for power has blinded him to his sworn duty. He has made a shocking spectacle of our honorable Lieutenant-governor, and perpetuated the shame and horrors of the Dunsmuir regime.

The readers of The Miner have fresh in their minds the good will that this journal was once ready to exercise towards Premier Prior. It has excused him for many short-comings in the hope that, with the effluxion of time, he would rise superior to the occasion and do his sworn duty to the people. But The Miner cannot conscientiously continue to ignore his trimming, weak, inimitical and shuffling policy. He should be made to follow Eberts and Wells to political oblivion, and so he will at the next elections.

THE N. W. T. AND AUTONOMY.

The people of the Territories are justly indignant at the course of action followed by the Dominion government, in withholding from them the machinery of local self-government and the ven-

ues for local purposes which are accorded to their fellow citizens in all the provinces of the Dominion. Their indignation will not dissipate itself into the empty air. Already they are asking for what reason two or three hundred thousand Canadians are kept in an invidious and unenviable situation and deprived of the right of provincial self-government.

The government machinery in the Territories has been brought to a standstill to await the pleasure of the Federal administration regarding the demands for an increased grant. The date set for the opening of the legislature is drawing rapidly near but as yet no signs have come from Ottawa of an intention to take up the question of Territorial affairs. Meantime a multitude of badly needed public works have been postponed and the progress of the country has been impeded accordingly.

It looks as though the Federal authorities had purposely shelved the question of Territorial rights until the pending railway deals are completed.

Given a provincial status, or even if given only the financial powers and revenues of a province, the Territories could look after the railway needs themselves. Is that what the Dominion government is afraid of? Does it fear that in such a case the Territories would make better terms for themselves than the Dominion government proposes to make for them?

If not, why does the Dominion government delay? Who objects to giving the people of the Territories equal rights with the people of other parts of the Dominion? Is it Manitoba, or Ontario, or some other province? Everyone knows it is not. No province in Canada desires to deprive the people of the Territories of the local revenues necessary to provide for their needs. Who desires it then, and why?

ANOTHER WESTERN MINING EXCHANGE.

The organization of a mining exchange at St. Louis, with a membership limited to 100, indicates a revival of interest in the metropolises of old Missouri, in mining investments, and it is hoped that the mining "blood" that once was so efficaciously rampant there is experiencing a requickening to its old time vigor. There was a time in the days of the "Diamond R" freighting line, the Pony Express and other private enterprises for the benefit of the hardy frontiersman, that St. Louis capital was depended upon for the "backing up" of mining ventures in the Rockies and the Granite mine of Montana stood for years as a monument to the enterprise of the mounted men of St. Louis. Many a fortune in St. Louis had its foundation laid through mining in the southwestern territories, and St. Louis was renowned for its mining men of nerve and luck. It was their money that developed the country west of the Missouri and made the opening for extended merchandising, from which opulence accrued and built a city at one time greater than Chicago, but the right hand of its mining talent forgot its cunning for a time, and years have passed since St. Louis was looked upon by the camps in "the New States" further west as a willing field for recruiting capital for mine developments. Now and then some St. Louis man in the past decade, having heard of the bonanzas of Leadville and Cripple Creek, would take a run over to Colorado or Utah and take a "plunge" or "flier" in mining more as a diversion than a financial investment, but St. Louisans did not follow it up as a fad, as did the Boston people in copper investments, nor as Pittsburgers have done "in any old mine as long as it was a mine"—and it is very refreshing now to see St. Louis wake up, for the staid old town must have man an old strong box, well filled with idle dollars. It is to be hoped that the new exchange will not disregard the Kootenays.

B. C. AND IMMIGRATION.

Hector Fabre, the Canadian agent in Paris and one of the founders of the Canadian chamber of commerce at the French capital, declares that "the export from Canada to the United States of dairy products and preserves is becoming enormous, but that it is not pushed because those now engaged in these businesses do not understand the art of economical preserving, which is a special French gift." Mr. Fabre made particular reference to Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

We think we see Frenchmen or men of any other nation getting rich by the exportation of preserves from Manitoba and "those regions." There is no fruit in those regions, and fruit is sometimes considered to be one of the necessary raw materials for the manufacture of preserves. It may be, however, that the French are up to the favorite American—and Canadian, too, for that matter—plan of making jams and preserves out of turnips. We must admit that turnips and other roots grow amazingly in "those regions," and that there is no end to the supply of roots. And it may be that "French thrift and skill" can produce a superior

article of strawberry jam out of glue-cose and mangel wurzels.

But why this constant boosting of Manitoba and the Territories to the exclusion of other and more favored regions in the Dominion? Why is it that the present government at Ottawa and its immigration officials always ignore the superior advantages offered to the settler in British Columbia? When it comes to a matter of dairying, there is no part of Canada so suitable as the Okanagan and Kamloops districts. The climate there is mild and equable and the millions of acres of bunch-grass hills and fertile valleys are capable of sustaining many thousand dairy cows at a minimum cost but to the greatest possible advantage. For fruit and the more delicate vegetables, the Kootenay and Yale bench lands and valleys have no equal in the temperate zone.

The Dominion government, and particularly Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, should see to it that British Columbia is treated with greater fairness in the efforts now being made to bring capital and settlers to Canada. The people of this province would not object so much if they had a competent and enterprising agent-general to represent them in London, but as they have not, and never will have so long as the present incumbent is permitted to remain, British Columbia, more than any other province, is deserving Dominion recognition in this respect.

AN ANTI-SPITTING CRUSADE.

That consumption can be prevented by systematic precautions is proved by recently published Prussian statistics. They show that the tuberculosis death rate in Prussia has dropped from 31 per 10,000 in the year 1886 to 21 per 10,000 in 1900. These results were discussed at a recent meeting of the council of the British National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, and it was the opinion of all present that the causes for the drop in the Prussian tuberculosis were "the widespread knowledge as to the infectious character of the disease which has led to precautions being taken amongst the working classes, and the early and systematic resort to sanatoria."

In Prussia the system of public precautions against the spread of tuberculosis is more thorough than in any other country; but in England they are rapidly catching up. At the meeting referred to above, this resolution was unanimously endorsed: "That spitting on the floors of public buildings, on platforms, corridors, staircases, and in public carriages or passenger boats, or in any covered place of public resort, should be forbidden by law." In several towns praiseworthy spitting has been made a penal offence, and people have been fined for it. The movement is growing so general that the London Express refers to it as the "anti-spitting crusade."

Naturally the preventive ordinances arouse much opposition. They are objected to because they infringe on individual liberty. But no person should have the liberty to commit a nuisance or to endanger the health of others, and every person who expectorates in a place of public resort commits a nuisance, and if he is afflicted with tuberculosis he endangers the health of others.

The anti-spitting crusade which has been started in England is backed by good sense and genuine public spirit. A similar movement is needed in our own beloved land.

A NEW-FANGLED VEIN FINDER.

During the last few months a good deal of discussion has taken place among mining men as to the value of a method of finding lodes, reefs and veins, containing minerals, by means of electrical instruments. The system has been invented by two prominent electrical engineers named Leo Daft and Alfred Williams, who have been experimenting on the process for the last fourteen years and have at last designed a set of instruments which, in practical hands, it is alleged, will locate lodes, etc., and will also point out the richer parts of such lodes.

Without going too deeply into a technical description of the instruments and their duties, the method may be briefly described. Secondary currents of electricity are generated and sent into the earth, radiating in every direction in much the same manner as waves would radiate over the surface of a pond if one were to keep up a regular tapping at the centre of it. These electric waves in ground containing no lodes radiate in regular form, but if any lode or reef is met with, the path of the waves is changed according to the nature of the lode and its mineral contents. The direction of the waves is indicated by means of delicate telephones and resonators, so that the changes can be plotted and the locality marked on the ground or shown on a plan.

This reads well, but the probabilities are that Kootenay mining engineers will continue to confine their search for ore bodies to the drill-hand, machine and diamond. As for the prospector, the chances are that his outfit will not contain one of these machines for some

time to come, and that he will continue to rely on vigilance and his prospecting pick when in search of a new bonanza.

AN ALARMING CONDITION.

The Miner desires to draw the serious attention of the provincial government and the public generally to an article that appears in another column of this issue anent the conditions surrounding the present fuel supply of Southern British Columbia.

The article, which is based upon reliable information, reveals a very unsatisfactory, not to say startling, state of affairs, and demonstrates beyond the peradventure of a doubt the absolute necessity of immediately creating sources of fuel supply other than those now controlled by the Crow's Nest Coal monopoly.

It is an open secret that President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway, controls the Crow's Nest collieries. He dislikes being bound down by the clause in the coal company's charter which necessitates the satisfaction of the demands of this country for fuel before it is free to export to the other side of the international boundary. By maintaining an output of coal insufficient for the demands of Kootenay mines and smelters he will serve the double purpose of opening up the other Kootenay coal fields, thus freeing him from the restrictions of the export clause, and, in the meantime, deal his rival, the C. P. R., a hard blow by temporarily crippling industries operated exclusively in C. P. R. territory.

Another serious phase to the situation is revealed in the intelligence that labor troubles may occur again in the Crow's Nest collieries at any moment. BUT THE CRUX OF THE SITUATION LIES IN THE FACT THAT HILL CONTROLS THREE BIG RAILWAYS THAT NEED CROW'S NEST COAL AND THAT HE CAN SELL THE ENTIRE OUTPUT OF HIS COLLIERIES TO BETTER ADVANTAGE IN THE STATES BECAUSE OF THE LONG HAUL.

The Miner has anticipated this dire state of affairs for months past, and has devoted column after column day after day in attempting to arouse the provincial government and the public to the criminal folly of the Victoria authorities in their neglect, or rather positive refusal, to issue licenses to prospectors who are ready and able to develop other sources of fuel supply in the Flathead valley, East Kootenay. Until these licenses are granted the mining and smelting industry of Southern British Columbia is certain to remain in its present distraught and unstable condition. It is absolutely essential for the prosperity of this part of the country that the fuel monopoly be broken. This can only be accomplished by the development of the Flathead coal measures.

Supposing no labor troubles occur at Fernie and Morrissey, it is as plain as day that Kootenay smelters must continue to run at half the present capacity of the furnaces. They have been doing this for upwards of a year. And now that we know of Mr. Hill's intentions they are certain to remain in the same dire straits so long as he controls the situation.

Something must be done to remedy the situation, and that quickly; otherwise the thousands of people living in the Kootenays will be brought to the verge of ruin.

MICHIGAN'S EXAMPLE.

The legislature of Michigan has passed a bill appropriating \$171,900 for the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton for the biennium beginning July 1st next. The most important item of this appropriation is that of \$45,000 for the construction of a metallurgical laboratory. A properly equipped and useful school of mines would be one of the possessions of this province if its affairs were wisely administered. States with but a fraction of our mineral resources have their schools, where the technical training needed in mine work and management is furnished. The Michigan authorities expect their school and laboratory to achieve practical results in the way of discovering new methods of ore treatment, etc. What a grand field there would be in British Columbia for a capable institution working along such lines. And a well equipped institution we might have if the public money and property that are simply squandered and given away were to be devoted to the purpose.

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AN HUMOR

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AN HUMBLE HINT.

It is to be hoped that the next premier of British Columbia will profit by the fate of Colonel Prior and act accordingly.

It has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of nearly everybody that the people of this province refuse to tolerate any longer a government that has little or no regard for the rights of the common people.

The man who will make even these few suggestions his cardinal principles and act honestly and promptly in the administration of public affairs can stay in power as long as he wishes to without worrying while the elections are on.

THE McBRIDE ADMINISTRATION.

It is safe to say that a vast majority of the electorate of British Columbia will express a deep sense of relief at the news of Colonel Prior's dismissal from the premiership.

As the Minister prophesied, he was kicked out of office. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor did not give him a chance to resign.

It is to be expected that the Liberals will endeavor to organize their forces and take up the gage of battle thus thrown down, though it is hardly safe to predict any certain course of events for our exceedingly erratic political combinations.

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It is worth noting that Mr. McBride, himself a Conservative, has taken two Liberals into his cabinet, viz., Messrs. Oliver and Paterson. This would indicate that he does not intend to ask for a dissolution immediately.

A few people may be surprised that Smith Curtis, the member for Rossland, has been left out of the McBride administration. Although a Liberal, he had been a very active Oppositionist with Mr. McBride.

AN INVESTMENT VERSUS A SPECULATION.

While the purchase of mining stock is perfectly legitimate, whether one encourages a proposition with his financial support for either investment or speculative purposes, yet it would seem that the former would in the long run prove the greater satisfaction, because the object in making an investment is to eventually receive dividends, while the other is to await a favorable time to unload the stock in hand, thus making the transaction purely speculative.

When a proposition has proved its merit absolutely it is on the point of producing an output that will shortly return dividends to the owners of stock, and is no longer a speculation.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

The political kaleidoscope at Victoria has taken another turn, and now we are to have what so many people desired, a division on Dominion party lines. Mr. McBride will be the head of a Conservative ministry instead of a ministry representing the party which he led in the house.

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AXE FALLS ON PRIOR

The Premiership Taken From Him by Governor Joly.

Richard McBride Is Called Upon to Form a Ministry.

VICTORIA, June 1.—Colonel Prior has been dismissed by Governor Joly. About 10 o'clock this morning a letter from his honor was received by the first minister acquainting him with that fact.

"While his honor was satisfied," he added, "that I had not done anything intentionally wrong in this Chimney Creek contract matter, he considered that I had gone outside the independence of parliament act."

"Neither had the colonel any word of bitterness for those who have pressed for the investigation which caused his downfall. He regards the action as perfectly legitimate, and recognizes that he should not have thrown himself open to suspicion."

At a consultation with the speaker, the new minister asked that an extension of time for fifteen minutes be given him beyond 2 o'clock, to enable him to consult with his supporters and to make arrangements for an announcement in the legislature.

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sequence of not agreeing with the premier's action in inviting J. C. Brown of New Westminster into the cabinet. He took part in defeating Brown in the ensuing bye-election. He is a Liberal-Conservative.

John Oliver represents Delta riding in the provincial legislature, being first elected in 1900. He was born at Harlington, Derbyshire, England, in 1856.

Albert Edward McPhillips is a native of Richmond Hill, York county, Ontario, where he was born in 1861. Before coming to British Columbia he resided several years in Manitoba.

Robert Garnett Tatlow was born in Ireland in 1856, and was educated at Cheltenham, England. He was an unsuccessful candidate in 1894 to represent Vancouver in the legislature, but was returned at his next attempt in 1900.

Thomas W. Paterson is better known as a railway contractor than as a politician. The former line he has been very successful, taking part in the building of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo, the Shuswap & Okanagan and other roads.

Robert Francis Green is a native of Peterboro, Ontario, where he was born November 14, 1861. From 1882 to 1886 he lived in Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories.

THE COAL STRIKES

NO PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT OF THE TROUBLE.

CUMBERLAND MEN INSIST ON RECOGNITION OF THE UNION.

VICTORIA, June 1.—Much regret is expressed on all sides at Cumberland that efforts on the part of the commissioners to settle the strike had been unsuccessful. At a meeting of the strikers the matter was fully dealt with, but practically nothing was arrived at.

Ladysmith miners are anxiously waiting to hear from Dunsmuir in regard to a definite reply on Tuesday last, but thus far nothing has been heard from him on the matter. It is learned that the men demand an increase of salary, and no mention was to be made of the union.

LABOR COMMISSION

EXPECTS TO BEGIN THE TAKING OF EVIDENCE HERE TOMORROW.

NO SETTLEMENT AT UNION MINES — MAJOR LECKIE'S ADVENTURE.

VICTORIA, May 30.—The royal commission is through at Cumberland, and opens on Monday at Rossland. The commissioners were unable to effect any settlement at the Union mines. Manager Matthew offered to take the men back for a term of years, the officers of the union not to be discriminated against.

WHO THE MEN ARE.

Hon. Richard McBride, L. L. B., the son of Arthur H. McBride, formerly warden of the B. C. penitentiary at New Westminster. Mr. McBride was born December 15th, 1870 at New Westminster, and is, consequently 23 years of age.

He was educated at the public and the high school of the Royal City and at Dalhousie university, Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he was graduated as an L. L. B. He is a barrister, and was married in 1896. His first entry to public life was as a member of the licensing commission of the municipality of New Westminster.

LOST HIS LIFE.

A Morrissey Man Drowned in the Elk River.

MORRISSEY JUNCTION, June 2.—A shoemaker, name unknown, from Morrissey Mines, attempted to swim the Elk river at Morrissey Junction yesterday afternoon and lost his life.

PARTY LINES ARE DRAWN

McBride Forms His Government of Conservatives.

The Arrangement Dictated by Several of the Members.

VICTORIA, June 2.—The party line issue in British Columbia politics is at last clearly drawn.

Today Richard McBride, who yesterday was leader of his majesty's opposition in the house, is no longer at the head of that body. He has dissolved his following, and will seek support from those with whom he is associated in Dominion political affairs.

The outcome was not unexpected. After the rising of the house yesterday afternoon, certain members of the McBride party indicated that their vote in favor of adjournment would be reversed today unless McBride formed a straight Conservative government.

The majority of the opposition were agreed in the opinion that the party which had won the fight, and whose leader had logically been sent for affairs, should commonly participate in the fruits of that victory.

At a late hour last night McBride announced that he had decided to form a government on party lines. It would be a Conservative ministry, and he would attempt, if possible, to pass supply in the house.

This morning Tatlow was sworn in as president of the council. The new premier, realizing the debt he owes to his large following of Liberals who have assisted very materially in placing him in the position he today occupies, says he is prepared to deal fairly with them.

In line with this idea, a committee of the house, composed of five from each side, were asked this morning by McBride to undertake a revision of the estimates, and to consider any items which might be of a contentious character. This committee went to work, and consisted of Semlin, Paterson, Tatlow, Fulton and Kidd, for the old opposition, and of Semlin, Paterson, Tatlow, Clifton, Houston, McInnes, Hall and Ellison for the old government party.

The step which has been taken has caused a good deal of bitterness. Conservatives regard this step of the opposition leader as rather sharp practice on his part in supplanting the recognized head of the party, and in response to a telegram Charles Wilson, the leader, came down from the mainland last night. Houston, of Nelson, chairman of the Conservative executive, is a gentleman who is supposed to accurately represent the views of the party.

Among Liberals there is a disposition to accept the situation philosophically. Men like Munroe, Oliver and Paterson are recognized as heavyweights of the old opposition party, and without their prestige much of what has been accomplished could not have taken place.

It is probable that the disintegration of the party would have come sooner had not Mr. McBride repudiated as an error and a slip of the tongue, on the day of the defeat of the Prior government, a statement that he favored an appeal to the country at once on party lines.

On several occasions McBride has stated by one of his closest friends that the party must now be got together, its differences healed and a united front presented for the approaching fight.

The slate of ministers which McBride will ultimately submit to his honor was stated by one of his closest friends this morning to be as follows: Premier and chief commissioner of lands and works, R. McBride; minister of finance, R. G. Tatlow; attorney general, Charles Wilson; minister of mines, R. F. Green; provincial secretary, J. P. Fulton; president of the executive council, A. E. McPhillips.

The house, with the exception of Mar-

tin, Gilmour, Neill and Rogers, agreed to give McBride his committee to revise the estimates and the legislation necessary.

A number of private bills were put through, among them the following: Kootenay Central railway bill, reported; S. A. Land Grant Act, reported; Small Holdings bill, discharged; Kootenay Development and Tramways company, reported; Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen Coal company, second reading; special survey act, supreme court act, and companies winding up act, third reading.

In reply to Oliver Tatlow said 372 applications on lot 4583, and 13 on lot 4584 had been received for coal and oil licenses by agents claiming to be acting for the applicants. The agents for the second lot had satisfied the government that they had power to sign the above mentioned applications.

On account of the holding of the Liberal executive meeting in Vancouver, Martin, Hall and Oliver left tonight to attend it tomorrow. It is expected a lively fight will be made to settle the leadership.

CLOSE SHAVE.

Superintendent Leslie, of the Le Roi, Has Narrow Escape.

Superintendent Leslie of the Le Roi mine had a decidedly close shave yesterday morning. He was in the 600 Black Bear workings when a timber sank to weigh fully half a ton shot down through the mine from a point 100 feet above. The projectile was traveling with terrible force, but only grazed Mr. Leslie's forehead, causing a scalp wound of trifling severity.

WANT THE EXCURSION.

The statement is made that Kaslo will make a strong effort to have the Rossland business men's excursion this summer go to that point, and that response having this object in view will be opened shortly with the board of trade and Mayor Dean.

MINING INVESTMENTS

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HERE'S THE WHOLE LIST

Names of Persons Appearing Against Civic Assessment

With Description of Property—Revision Starts Monday

(From Sunday's Daily)

Appended will be found a complete list of the appeals against the civic assessment up to noon yesterday, when the city offices closed for the day.

With the few exceptions that may be added on Monday the attached list contains all the protests that the court of revision will be required to adjudicate upon.

The court of revision is to convene at the city hall at 2 o'clock tomorrow. In connection with the sittings it is especially important to all ratepayers who have filed appeals that they should be present at the sittings in person or by attorney.

The appeals are as follows: Ellen S. Goodvee, block 51, lot 9, \$700 too high.

A. S. Goodvee, block 51, lot 10, \$1100 too high. W. H. and A. S. Goodvee, block F, lot 21, too high.

W. H. and A. S. Goodvee, block 41, lots 7 and 8, too high. Beatty, block 39, lot 3, improvements \$200 too high.

A. E. Denison, too high. Chas. E. Gillan, block 54, lot 24, too high. George Hering, block 24, lot 18, too high.

J. G. Moody, block 2, lot 7, too high. Robert Moody, block 58, lot 5, too high. Charles Cluett, block 41, lot 16, too high.

A. Hickling, block 42, lots 11 and 12, too high. J. Morris, block 21, lot 6, above its value. J. Morris, block 21, lot 6, above its value.

Violet F. Chambers, too high. M. D. Shea, block 24, lot 14, 50 per cent above present value. Reddin-Jackson Co., all, 50 per cent above market value.

Robert Lewis, block 13, lot 8, over assessed. Clute, Hering & Dunn, block 30, lots 18, 19 and 20, land value too high.

James Chambers, block 21, lot 7, house cost only \$550. James Chambers, block 25, lot 10, house cost \$125, will take \$75.

Mary Florence Smith, block 11, lot 2, land and improvements too high. Alex. Patterson, block 51, lot 7, improvements \$300 above cost.

H. E. Bagles, block 27, lot 20, over charged. Thos. Strick, block 39, lot 1, property not worth over \$700. Jessie McQueen, block 7, lot 2.

A. L. Houston, block 2, lot 8, property not worth amount assessed. Emanuel Person, block 41, lots 16 and 17, land too high.

Mrs. G. M. King, Allan Hotel. J. E. Sorbin, block 23, lots 1 and 2, cost only \$650. John Martin, block 1, lots 8 and 9, paid \$400 for property.

M. C. Villeneuve, house too high. Elenor C. Langley, block 16, lots 1, 2 and 3, too high land.

Elenor C. Langley, block 51, lot 11, too high land and improvements. Western Federation of Miners, block 11, lots 18 and 17, valuation excessive under present conditions.

Francis Cusach, block 32, lots 1 and 2, building too high. Leo H. Long, block 16, lot 20, value of land and improvements too high.

Leo H. Long, block 11, lots 18, 19 and 22, value not more than \$450. R. J. Lennox, block 36, lot 7, house \$200 too high.

H. J. Raymer, block 27, lots 5 and 6, too high. W. H. Wooley, block N, lots 1 and 2, too high.

Mrs. F. A. Renwick, block 31, lots 9 and 10, overcharge improvements and land of lot 9. Ernest Tolson, block 41, lots 15 and 20, over assessed.

Dorothy Pownall, block 9, lot 6, over valuation. W. H. Greer, block 16, lots 13 and 16, over valuation.

R. J. Baker, block 55, lots 16 and 17, improvements too high. M. T. Moran, block 2, lot 4, building \$200 too high.

David & C. Johnson, block 40, lot 10, building \$300 above valuation. Wm. Sutter, block 50, lot 1, house and lot for sale for \$1000.

Joseph Wells, block 54, lot 22, house too high. John Kirkup, block 32, lot 24, over-valuation land and improvements.

John Kirkup, block 8, lots 8, 9, 10 and 14, over valuation on lands and improvements. John Kirkup, block 49, lots 5 and 6, over valuation on land and improvements.

John Kirkup, block 31, lots 1 and 2, over valuation on land and improvements. H. M. Rumbull, block 13, lot 15, excessive valuation.

N. H. R. Bullen, block 16, lot 5, excessive valuation. N. H. R. Bullen, block 12, lots 14 and 15, excessive valuation.

Edwin Ruff, house \$200 too high. Robert O'Neill, block 56, house taxes too high. N. D. McPhee, block 1, taxes too high.

C. P. Robbins, block 12, lots part 18 and 14, half too high. Robert Marshall, block 40, lot 5, too high.

Robert Marshall, block 34, lot 4, too high. Wm. M. Newton, block 43, lots 2, 19 and 20, excessive valuation.

Wm. M. Newton, block 29, lots 23 and 24, excessive valuation. W. D. Wilson, block 6, lot 11, shack \$100 high.

M. D. Shea, block 24, lot 14, 50 per cent above present value. Reddin-Jackson Co., all, 50 per cent above market value.

Robert Lewis, block 13, lot 8, over assessed. Clute, Hering & Dunn, block 30, lots 18, 19 and 20, land value too high.

James Chambers, block 21, lot 7, house cost only \$550. James Chambers, block 25, lot 10, house cost \$125, will take \$75.

J. S. C. Fraser, block 20, lots 21 and 24, value too high. J. S. C. Fraser, block 25, lots 5 and 6, value too high.

J. S. C. Fraser, block 26, lots 13 and 14, value too high. A. J. and Alfred McMillan, block 29, lot 19, too high.

A. J. and Alfred McMillan, block 40, lot 14, too high. A. J. and Alfred McMillan, block 41, lot 22, too high.

B. C. (Rossland-Slocan Syndicate), block 50, lots 10, 11 and 12, too high. Edward King, block L, lot 10, too high.

Alex and Lena Chisholm, per Bauer, block 36, lot 20, overcharge on improvements. M. Edgar and Charles Busch, per Bauer, block 10, lot 14, overcharge on improvements.

Albert A. Hatton, per Bauer, block 8, lot 4, overcharge on improvements. F. M. Hunt, per Bauer, block 27, lot 12, overcharge on improvements and lot.

W. Wilson, per Bauer, block 12, lots 23 and 24, overcharge on lots. W. Wallinder, per Bauer, block 2, lot 1, overcharge of house.

Mrs. H. Wingard, per Bauer, block 29, lot 20, excessive on lot and house. Jerry Bowman, block 23, lot 4, overcharge on improvements.

Jerry Bowman, block 3, lot 10, overcharge on improvements. T. R. Morrow, block 52, lot 20, house too high.

Tal W. Lung, block 54, lot 2, excessive valuation. H. Daniel, Knob Hill lots, assessed too high.

Thomas M. Shaw, block 38, lot 6, above cost on building \$669. Mary E. Denison, improvements too high.

A. F. Spinks, block 37, lot 1, house cost \$800. Ella M. Spinks, block 37, lot 4, house cost \$300.

Patrick Higgins, block L, lot 20, overcharge on improvements \$275. P. J. McKichan, block 20, lots 19 and 22, overcharge on lots.

P. J. McKichan, block NP2, lot 15, overcharge on house \$200. John H. Berg, block 12, lot 12, assessment too high on lot.

Alex Dunlop, block 55, lot 5, improvements too high. Paris Belle G. M. Co., all, 50 per cent too high.

Annie A. Doig, block 15, lot 4, too high. Stella Hatley, block 42, lots 18 and 19, too high.

Mrs. A. A. Simpson, block 10, lots 3, 24 and 14, improvements too high. Stanislas Richer, block 42, lot 2, overcharge \$1000 on land and \$1000 on improvements.

Rossland Kootenay M. Co., all lands and improvements too high. Lai Yuen, per C. R. Hamilton, block 49, lot 23, lands and improvements too high.

Sing Kee, per C. R. Hamilton, block 49, lot 2, improvements too high. Mong Ngo and Lai Yuen, per C. R. Hamilton, block 49, lot 3, lands and improvements too high.

E. J. Grant, per C. R. Hamilton, block 45, lot 9, land and improvements too high. Chan Kai, per C. R. Hamilton, block 24, part lots 19 and 20, improvements too high.

Iron Colt M. Co., per C. R. Hamilton, too high. C. Town Properties Syn., per C. R. Hamilton, block 40, lots 4, 16 and 20, land and improvements too high.

B. C. Town Properties Syn., per C. R. Hamilton, block 29, lots 16 and land improvements too high. B. C. Town Properties Syn., per C. R. Hamilton, blocks 27 and 28, lots 17 and 7, land and improvements too high.

Wardens St. George's church, per C. R. Hamilton, block 15, lots 1, 2 and 3, land too high. Wardens St. George's church, per C. R. Hamilton, block 27, lots 1 and 2, land too high.

Wardens St. George's church, per C. R. Hamilton, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, land too high. J. S. C. Fraser, per C. R. Hamilton, block 16, lots 23 and 29, land and improvements too high.

J. S. C. Fraser and C. R. Hamilton, block 17, lot 16, too high. J. S. C. Fraser and C. R. Hamilton, block 18, lot 17, too high.

C. R. Hamilton, block 43, lots 7 and 8, too high. C. R. Hamilton, block 30, lot 45, too high. Bishop of Ottawa, block 41, lot 13, too high.

D. F. Johnston, block 16, lots 24, 35 and 38, buildings do not belong to Johnston. H. D. Senior, block 51, lot 6, too high.

F. Whitaker, block 44, lot 15, too high. E. M. Marsh, block 44, lot 14, too high. F. C. Harrison, block 29, lot 20, too high.

A. J. Budd, block 43, lot 3, too high. Gilbert Mahon, block 27, lot 19, too high. Rolt & Grogan, block 40, lot 13, too high.

A. Dentonwill, block 30, lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, not worth assessed value. John Watson, block 27, lot 9, land value too high.

Catherine Donohue, block 21, improvements too high, 50 per cent. M. R. Dunlop, block 51, lot 4, 75 per cent too high.

M. R. Dunlop, block 8, lot 5, 75 per cent too high. M. R. Dunlop, block 10, lot 18, 75 per cent too high.

M. R. Dunlop, block 12, lots 16, 19, 20 and 21, 75 per cent too high. M. R. Dunlop, block 32, lots 11 and 12, 75 per cent too high.

Helen V. Estmore, block 28, lot 23, should be \$1000. Mary Agnew, block 15, lots 13 and 14, too high.

John Dean, block 17, lot 7, improvements too high. Dorah Day, block 32, lot 14, improvements too high.

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Hunter Brothers, too high. At Quebec business in general during the past week has been good, and warmer weather is causing a demand for light wear.

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Business generally seems to be going on a sound basis. Provincial industries are employing large numbers of men. The outlook for trade is encouraging. General business in Manitoba continues active. Orders coming to hand, as reported to Bradstreet's by Winnipeg firms, are large and well distributed, and generally show large increases in the demands of retailers in the country compared with previous seasons.

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For leather there is not much present local demand, but business is expected to become more active in June, when boot and shoe manufacturers begin taking stock for fall orders. In sole there is steady export. A large number of visiting traders have been noticed amongst the dry goods warehouses during the week. Collections keep up well, and failures are few, only two small insolventcies being reported in the district since last report.

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GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

The Result of a Vote in the Legislative Assembly.

Colonel Prior Says the Governor Will Order a Dissolution.

VICTORIA, May 27.—Col. Prior has at last sustained defeat, and according to present arrangements will tomorrow seek a dissolution from the governor.

He has but one minister, Prentice, McInnes having resigned this afternoon. The galleries of the house were packed when the premier rose this afternoon to give an explanation of his dismissal of his ministers.

The premier was asked if this promise would hold even in the event of his defeat, and he said "Yes." He asked the house to grant him legitimate supply and pass a few unopposed bills first.

McInnes's statement was to the effect that he had come to the conclusion the government could no longer carry on with dignity. He resigned, he said, in order to facilitate an appeal to the country on party lines.

Eberts complained of the premier taking action before the committee reported. He said he was opposed to bill 16, and so were a majority of the ministers.

McBride refused to say whether he would grant supply or not, and in consequence the premier's position was challenged. Prior's statement was that he could get a dissolution, attacking this as most unconstitutional.

McBride drew attention to the charges against the premier re tenders for the Chimney creek bridge supplies, and asked for an explanation from the premier.

It had been stated that Prior, acting in Wells' absence, opened tenders and then put in a lower one from Prior and Company.

The premier replied that his firm was a limited liability company, that it submitted the lowest tender for that work mentioned, and the statement that he opened tenders previous to his own firm's being filed was false.

The premier then moved to adjourn. Martin wanted to know where the house stood. They were confronted by a peculiar condition. Three ministers had resigned, the premier had taken the proper course and he laid the matter before the lieutenant governor, and according to his statement had the promise of a dissolution.

The premier—"I got the assurance and the right to use it." Martin warned the house that if the motion to adjourn passed it practically meant that the premier controlled the house. Personally he would fall in with the premier's offer, but the opposition should either reject or accept the premier's advance for legitimate supply, followed by an appeal to the country.

McBride referred sarcastically to Martin's vigilance in resisting the encroachments of the prerogative, and alluded to his present silence when the premier was outlining a possible course by the governor, contrary to practice.

Martin—"I see nothing unconstitutional in the governor taking the position he has." Curtis asked if the premier had an express promise that in any event the governor would grant the premier a dissolution. For instance, if the special committee reported against the government, would the governor still grant a dissolution. He asked for an explicit answer.

2 o'clock the following day and dissolve the house.

McBride—"I move that the house, when it adjourns, stand adjourned until 3 o'clock tomorrow."

At this Martin took alarm, and warned the house that this motion if carried would express confidence in McBride. The motion was defeated. This produced a deadlock.

Hawthornthwaite at this stage, amid laughter, attempted as leader of the Socialist party to also move the adjournment.

Mr. Martin and the premier held that the passage of the vote of want of confidence was a rejection by the opposition of the premier's advances to that end. The only way, they thought, to not overcome the difficulty was to withdraw or reconsider the vote.

The premier said he had sought to make an arrangement. The opposition had rejected his offer, and he would tell the governor so. It was now too late to mend matters.

Finally the premier moved that the house do adjourn, and seeing there was no other way out of the difficulty the house passed it.

The members will reassemble at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

(By Associated Press.) VICTORIA, May 27.—The political crisis grows apace. Following the dismissal of W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, and Attorney General Eberts, when the house sat today, W. C. Wells, provincial secretary, tendered his resignation.

Col. Prior, the premier, announced that he had received a promise from the lieutenant governor that he would grant a dissolution of the legislature after the estimates and necessary non-contentious legislation had been passed. Then the premier will go to the country, the election taking place in September or October next.

The general feeling in the legislature is that the election will be held on party lines. The attorney general said he had resigned, having been asked to do so. He had not done so before because his reputation was at stake, he considering himself on trial at the enquiry. He was bitter regarding the action of the premier.

J. D. Prentice, finance minister, who followed, said the attorney general had brought his dismissal on himself. Speaking regarding the Columbia & Western deal he said George McL. Brown, executive officer of the C. P. R., had been assisted in 1900 by the attorney general in this matter. He referred to Eberts' partner, Taylor, as a "blackguard," and fending the premier's course, he said that he had for colleagues "men untrue and unfaithful, cowards and liars."

Asked to retract, he said he would withdraw the final "a." Commissioner Wells spoke, taking his dismissal philosophically but justifying his action and speaking at length. He defied the premier to show where he had been negligent. He read the letter dismissing him, which told of matters in his department not meeting with the premier's approval, and said that under any circumstances the premier had intended to ask for his resignation at the close of the session.

After a lengthy discussion several minor matters were dealt with and then the government was defeated on the premier's motion to adjourn. Col. Prior said he regarded the defeat of the motion as a vote of non-confidence and would ask the lieutenant governor to come tomorrow and dissolve the house. This would result in the province being left without funds from June onwards.

The leader of the opposition then moved the adjournment, thinking thus to demonstrate that the opposition were in power, but the Martin wing in the opposition voted with the government and the opposition leader was defeated. After considerable discussion, in which W. W. B. McInnes made an effort to secure control, it was finally shown that it was necessary to pass supply, and the motion to adjourn offered by the premier carried.

VICTORIA, May 28.—By a vote of 19 to 16 the house this afternoon refused to grant supply to the Prior government, and the premier thereupon hurried to government house to seek the governor, only to be met by the statement from his honor that Smith Curtis had acquainted him with certain charges that were preferred against Prior by the newspapers, and on the basis of which Curtis would seek the appointment of a special committee the same afternoon. In view of this charge hanging over his head Prior did not seek a dissolution, or if he did, it was denied. At any rate he came back to the legislature, explained the situation and concurred in the appointment of the committee.

The charges the said committee will investigate are that when acting chief commissioner, Col. Prior was a party to acquainting his own firm with figures in the tenders for the Chimney creek bridge and that the firm put in a lower tender, securing the contract.

Curtis moved for this committee this afternoon, the premier concurring. It consists of Curtis, who made the motion, Hall, Tatlow, Helmecken and Hayward.

When the house opened Prior without any explanation moved to go into supply. This was instantly challenged by the opposition, who wanted to know

about the dissolution which yesterday he boasted he could get.

McInnes pointed out it was evident the premier had a heart to heart talk with the governor, and pressed for details. Martin acted as champion for Prior, but the opposition were in good form, and when the vote was taken the motion was defeated on a vote of 19 to 16, as follows:

Ayes—Gilmour, Hayward, Martin, Helmecken, Prentice, Prior, A. W. Smith, Ellison, Clifford, Houston, Dunsmuir, Hall, Rogers, Dickie, Hunter, Mounce, Nays—Stables, E. C. Smith, Oliver, Hawthornthwaite, Neill, Gifford, Garden, Fulton, Curtis, Munroe, Tatlow, Green, McBride, Semlin, McPhillips, Taylor, Paterson, Wells, McInnes.

Immediately on Prior's defeat he went to government house, with the result Curtis also moved that in the opinion of the house the C. & W. railway has no right in justice or otherwise to a land or other subsidy for the fourth section of railway.

The debate on this proved acrimonious, Curtis severely criticising Martin and Eberts for their course on bill 87, and for claiming there was an agreement whereby the C. P. R. relinquished the right to build a line when Shanghai railway on which he never heard of such an agreement.

Martin in return savagely attacked Curtis, whom he characterized as a mudslinger and a booster of bogus mining companies. He said Curtis could get into no party and was never happy except when digging in the mud, and mud, that he had received a message a charge stick against any one yet.

Oliver devoted a good deal of attention to Martin on the same point, proving his inconsistency in that matter and saying he was willing to give the C. P. R. whatever that corporation had not the effort to ask.

The debate was adjourned and the house adjourned till tomorrow. Two unopposed bills, one giving Victoria the power to take a vote of the people on a by-law to aid the tourist hotel and the other with reference to Vancouver hospital, were put through all their stages.

It is now likely that the governor will not grant Prior a dissolution. His choice of adviser will likely lie between McBride and McInnes. The latter claims he has eleven of the fourteen Liberals in the house, who will support him, and that his non-connection with the C. & W. matter and McBride's identification with it in the earlier stages, together with his resignation from the ministry, should give him the preference. The McBride party, on the other hand, have won all the bye elections, with the exception of North Nanaimo, and are responsible for the downfall of the ministry, which, up to yesterday, McInnes supported. The chances seem favorable to McBride.

(By Associated Press.) VICTORIA, May 28.—The crisis continues in the British Columbia legislature, and as the opposition defeated the premier's motion to vote supply today, the province may have to run without funds for some months. The motion was defeated by 19 to 16. Another investigation is to follow the just closed Columbia and Western inquiry. Smith Curtis moved that a committee investigate the charges preferred by a Vancouver paper against the premier, to the effect that his firm secured a contract for a \$3000 cable for Chimney creek bridge by putting in a lower tender than that of the other tenders while the premier was acting as chief commissioner of lands and works.

The special committee to investigate the charges against Prior had a session tonight and examined officials of the department of lands and works and members of Prior's firm. It was shown that Prior on the tenders for the bridge cable being submitted to him, asked why Prior & Company could not tender, that he instructed Engineer Gamble to notify his firm to put in a tender, that afterwards he got the tenders sent to his office, with the specifications, and examined the latter with one of his clerks, who swears he never saw the tenders, though Prior admits he had them in his possession at the time. Prior declares he did not know what his firm's tender would be, nor did he show the tenders or tell any of his firm of their contents.

CANADIAN BRIEFS. The Traders Bank has bought property in Hamilton and will open a sub-agency there.

Alex McTavish, one of the pioneers of Easthope, Perth county, is dead, at the age of 88 years.

Although the time for receiving tenders for the fast Atlantic service expires on June 1st, no tenders have yet been received.

Dr. J. A. Smith, of Windsor, has been appointed collector of customs at that port, in succession to the late William McGregor.

Dr. Chase Chevers, aged 79 years, hanged himself in a barn at Kemptonville. For some time he had been mentally unbalanced.

The drought in Leeds county has emptied wells and cisterns and almost dried up the streams. The hay crop is considered ruined.

Contracts have been let for building Strathroy's waterworks, and operations will commence at once.

Judge Monck at the opening of Hamilton Division Court stated that he had received a threatening letter, but said he was not alarmed.

UNCERTAIN PROSPECT

The Question of Premier's Position Before the Governor.

Report of the Committee that Investigated Prior.

VICTORIA, May 28.—The special committee appointed by the house to investigate the charges against Colonel Prior in connection with the securing for his firm the contract for supplying a cable for the Chimney Creek bridge, reported to the house this afternoon. The report was really only a digest of the evidence. This was to the effect that tenders were asked for from four firms; that after they were received they were taken to Prior, who was acting as chief commissioner of lands and works, to award the contract; that he asked why the firm of Prior & Co. could not tender and instructed the engineer of the department to ask them to do so.

Subsequently he sent to the engineer for the papers in connection with the matter, also for one of the clerks of the firm. Prior and the clerk swear the contents of the tenders were not disclosed by Prior to this clerk or to the firm, but that they only discussed specifications.

The clerk of the department who took the documents says he did not give Prior the specifications, but the tenders only.

Prior disclaims giving his firm the benefit of his information, but the firm afterwards secured the contract, being the lowest tenderer. Prior in the house admitted that he was indiscreet, but said he was not dishonest.

The house today unanimously adopted the report of the committee, the premier being severely criticized. After the vote Premier Prior said he would submit the report and evidence to the governor and leave himself in his hands.

Adjournment was taken till Monday to this end, Martin, making a final appeal on behalf of Prior to get supply. It is believed the governor will refuse Prior a dissolution and send for McBride, leader of the opposition, for Oliver, who pressed the charges and caused the downfall of the government, for McInnes, who claims eleven Liberals in the house will support him, or for Martin.

The debate in the house was profitless, and it is quite evident the members are preparing for a general election. McInnes's stock seems to be in the ascendant for designation by the governor, though there is a growing sentiment that Oliver, as the hero of the crisis and the man who has practically caused the downfall of the government, should be recognized by his honor.

McBride in the debate in the house on the first vote of want of confidence seriously injured his prospects by declaring in favor of party lines and an immediate appeal to the country, thus alienating many Liberal supporters. His subsequent explanation that he did not mean he would form a Conservative government, has not dispelled this entirely, though it is conceded that this was a slip.

Martin is strenuously seeking a get supply for Prior, which he thinks will cause the governor to give Prior a dissolution and enable him to get to the country, with Prior as the Conservative and Martin as the Liberal leader. If a dissolution is refused Prior and the governor sends for McBride or any one else but Martin, it will imperil the latter's chances as leader.

OTTAWA, May 28.—The crisis in British Columbia is the subject of discussion in parliamentary circles today. It is not thought possible that Prior will be granted a dissolution, as he was a member of the government which brought about the existing state of affairs, and as premier was equally, if not more so, responsible with Wells and Eberts.

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WORK AGAIN SOON. Operations to Be Resumed in the Dumas Mine on Wild Horse.

Eugene Croteau has returned from a trip to the Dumas mine, on Wild Horse creek, near Ymir. His mission was to inspect the work done during the past winter on the property.

The main tunnel is now in a considerable advance in the vein, which maintains a width of six feet and carries an excellent quality of concentrating ore. It is the company's intention to resume work in June, and to prosecute development during the summer.

TWO FURNACES RUNNING.

Boundary Falls Works Has Attained This Stage at Last.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Albert J. Goodell, manager of the Boundary Falls smelter, was in the city yesterday on a brief business trip. Mr. Goodell has been in charge of the Boundary Falls works since it passed into the hands of the present proprietary concern, and is now regarded as one of the best informed smelter men in the province. He is a member of the executive of the Provincial Mining Association of B. C.

Referring to the work under his direction, Mr. Goodell states that two furnaces are now operating for the first time in a considerable period, and that this will be maintained as long as the coke supply is adequate to the demand for fuel.

CIVILIAN RIFLEMEN. Ranges May Be Open Sunday at Ferndale.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The officials of the Rossland Civilian Rifle association hoped that the ranges at Ferndale would have been in shape for the formal opening today, but it is now apparent that this will not be the case, owing to the non-completion of the surface work required on the ground.

The clearing and leveling necessary to put the ranges in shape for firing will be actively continued today, and it is hoped that tomorrow will see the initial matches fired over the Ferndale ranges.

THE GROUND IS BROKEN

A Start Made on "Father Pat" Memorial Fountain.

The Work to be Completed as Rapidly as Possible.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Ground was broken yesterday morning for the "Father Pat" memorial fountain at the intersection of Washington street and Columbia avenue. The structure is to be pushed ahead to completion as rapidly as possible, and within a month, at the outside, should be finished and supplying water for thirty men and beasts. The promoters of the memorial feel that the fountain will be a handsome and suitable recognition of the life of the deceased clergyman whose imprint on the community and country generally will last for decades.

The fountain will be constructed midway between the street lines of Washington on the south side of Columbia avenue, a site having been selected that does not interfere with traffic on Washington. The contractors are the Kootenai Marble company, operated by Shackleton & Simpson at Nelson. Both members of the firm are in the city for the purpose of superintending the construction of the memorial.

Yesterday the street was excavated for the foundations, which will be in the form of a cross, sixteen feet over all by about ten feet in width. The main body of the fountain will be a compact pile of Rossland granite and Kaslo marble. Surmounting the main section is a granite pillar eight feet in height. At the corners of the main section are ornamental standards containing electric lamps. The standards are to be of wrought iron with rustless finish. Dog and horse troughs are provided for in addition to the jets from which persons will secure drinking water. A twenty inch chamber is arranged for in the centre of the pile on top of the pipe in case of freezing.

THE EPITAPHS. The inscriptions on the various fronts of the memorial will be as follows. On North side: FATHER PAT "He who would write an epitaph for thee, And do it well, must first begin to be Such as thou wert, for none can truly know Thy worth, thy life but he that hath lived so."

On the south side—"In loving memory of the Rev. Henry Irwin, M. A., First rector of St. George's Church, Rossland. (Familiarly Known as Father Pat.) Obilil Jan. 13, A. D. 1902. 'Christies Lore and His Apostles twelve He taught, but first he followed it himself."

On the west side—"I was sick and ye visited me." The epitaphs were arranged by W. J. Nelson and approved by the balance of the committee in charge of the "Father Pat" memorial fund. The city will, therefore, have two memorials of the late Rev. Henry Irwin—the fountain now under way, and the ambulance acquired last winter and in more or less regular use since that time.

POLICE COURT. Several Cases Adjudged from Yesterday's Sittings.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Three cases scheduled for yesterday morning's session of the police court were adjourned to a later date owing to the inability of attorneys to attend yesterday.

The matters referred to were McPherson vs. Adams, McPherson vs. French and City vs. Lombard. The latter case is an action brought against the proprietor of the Columbia saloon for first award under the fifth by-law of the corporation, which relates to the conduct of licensed houses.

THE LAND SCANDAL

Report of the Committee Is Presented to the House.

Unanimous Findings that Reflect on the Government.

VICTORIA, May 27.—The findings of the investigating committee, submitted to the house today, are as follows, the report being unanimous: Finding 1—The committee finds that the order in council of the 10th day of August, 1900, authorizing the conveying of blocks 4598 and 4594 to the Columbia & Western Railway company, was not in the public interest.

Finding 2—We find that within the original Columbia & Western reserve there remained, after deducting the alternate blocks appropriated for the construction of the first section and two pieces of land appropriated for the deficiency lands to which the company were entitled for the construction of that section, an area of land amounting to 2,000,000 acres. We also find that within the said reserve there was ample land available to satisfy all that the company was entitled to receive for the construction of the third section, which reserve had remained set apart for the purposes of the company for a period of five years.

Finding 3—We find that the order in council directing the issue of grants for blocks 4598 and 4594 was fettered by no conditions of any kind whatever, and that under that order in council, assuming that the settlement had not violated the conditions of the subsidy act, the company would have been forthwith entitled to a delivery of the grants.

Finding 4—We find that questions pertinent to the matter we had to inquire into were asked throughout the session of 1902, as would appear by the journals of the house, and the government permitted answers thereto to be given that were not in accordance with the real facts.

Finding 5—We find that on the fifth day of May, 1902, a return, purporting to be a return of the order in council relating to the granting of blocks 4598 and 4594 and of all correspondence, etc., connected therewith, failed to refer to a number of letters that passed between the executive of the C. P. R. company and the honorable chief commissioner of lands and works, which, although marked "Personal," were clearly official letters, dealing with official business, and also failed to return a letter of the 8th day of November, 1901, from the deputy commissioner of lands and works to the government agent at Fort Steele, showing that blocks 4598 and 4594 were granted to the railway company.

Finding 6—We find that if bill No. 87 had become law the Columbia & Western Railway company would have had power conferred on them to claim blocks 4598 and 4594.

Finding 7—The committee have no difficulty in finding that the rescinding order in council on the 18th day of March, 1902, and bill No. 16 were steps taken in the public interest as unquestionably the said lands, being blocks 4598 and 4594, were never conveyed to the company, and have been within the purview of the Columbia & Western railway subsidy act, 1896, and it is unreasonable to assume that the railway company, advised at all times by eminent counsel, was not aware that such lands were not within the purview of the statute. That being the fact, no matter what other cause moved the government in the matter, the rescinding order in council was right and proper, as well as the legislation that followed—all being in the public interest—and viewing the matter in this way, we cannot see what ground of complaint is open to the railway company. All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) C. W. D. CLIFFORD, Chairman.

In addition to these specific findings the committee refer to the undue influence the railway company seemed to have in shaping legislation and drawing up bills, the reflection being on the government as a whole and on Eberts and Wells particularly.

PROPERTY LOOKS WELL. Bright Future Predicted for Mohican Group in Lardeau.

(From Saturday's Daily.) A group of Rossland people are looking forward most hopefully to the future of a property in the Lardeau district that they have been developing for some months on the syndicate plan. The property is the Mohican group, on Gaynor creek, which has been owned and operated for the past year by the Rosslanders referred to.

A Houston returned yesterday from the Lardeau, where he has been in charge of the work on the Mohican. He has the utmost confidence in its future, and expects to offer his colleagues an evidence of its merit shortly in the form of a shipment of high grade ore.

Work has been temporarily suspended at the property owing to a shortage of supplies, which cannot be remedied immediately owing to the impassable condition of the trail. A fortnight will see the trail open, however, and the work will then be resumed.

Mr. Houston is most favorably impressed with the Gaynor creek section, stating that the development made the latter case is an action brought against the proprietor of the Columbia saloon for first award under the fifth by-law of the corporation, which relates to the conduct of licensed houses.

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# General News Of the Kootenay

### THE BOUNDARY.

For the third consecutive week the Snowshoe has sent out 1,800 tons of ore, the high water mark for that mine. It has just begun shipments, however, at the rate of 350 tons (11 cars) per day, or about 2,300 tons per week. A tonnage of 500 tons could easily be maintained now daily.

Last Saturday night every inch of the 12,500 feet of water mains, completing the Grand Forks water system had been laid and tested. The test proved that there is a good water pressure in the West ward.

The entire North Fork drive has reached Smelter's lake. There are over five million feet of logs in the boom. The Kettle River Lumber Co. is cutting 30,000 feet daily.

Returns have been received from the last shipment of Elkhorn sent to the Trail smelter. The shipment of 20 tons netted \$2,470. This return is considered very satisfactory and is about the average of initial shipments made from the Providence.

As fast as depth is obtained in the Elkhorn the values will in all probability increase. Tuesday of last week was a record-breaking day for ore shipments at the C. P. R. station. During the day 61 cars of ore were passed to the Greenwood and Sunset smelters, 36 of these came from the Mother Lode, four from the Sunset and the balance from the Snowshoe and the B. C. mine.

The Quip mine at Republic, shipped four carloads of ore to the Granby smelter last week.

The Big Copper and King Solomon mines in Copper camp are expected to begin shipping as soon as the C. P. R. spur is extended from the Mother Lode to the Morrison. There will be a wagon haul of about three miles.

### THE SLOCAN.

Machine drills were installed at the Slocan plant last week. The Monitor sent a carload of ore to Trail this week.

Bill Doyle, of Three Forks, shot the largest grizzly that has been captured in the Slocan, last week. The hide measures seven feet ten inches from tip to tip, and is a perfect specimen.

In a couple of weeks five concentrators will be running full blast around Sandon.

M. Gintzburger, manager of the Monitor, has the erection of a zinc plant under consideration.

More men went to work in the mines last week, and there is much difficulty in obtaining hands for the concentrators about starting up.

The Payne has five or six cars of vanner slimes piled up along the K. & S. track awaiting shipment. The slimes contain a high percentage of lead and are also very rich in silver.

It is understood that the True Blue will be examined by New York experts some time in June. If the report is satisfactory the property will probably change hands at a good sum.

The American Boy shipped three cars last week. A few more men were added to the force at the mine, but the tunnels are still too wet to allow the force to be increased as intended by Manager McGuigan.

The Slocan Star, which has not shipped for some weeks on account of the bad condition of the wagon road, sent out nine cars of high grade ore to the American Trust smelter at Denver, Colo., the past week.

Alex. Smith, of Kaslo, has taken a bond on the Gibson group on the South Fork of Kaslo creek, and will shortly put a force of miners to work opening up the property. A good grade of ore had at one time been mined and about \$15,000 spent in development.

Angus McGillivray, of New Denver, went up to the Neepawa properties on Ten Mile for the purpose of putting things in shape before commencing the summer's work. It is his intention to open up the new vein discovered last year on the Meadon, and which has been traced to the Neepawa. The ledge is about forty feet wide, and carries a fair amount of mineral on the surface. It is a dry ore and will give assay returns of 120 ounces of silver to the ton.

The force of men who have been working at the Silver Glance came down from the mine owing to surface water. A crosscut has been run from the foot to the hanging wall and ore found in place. The ore is of the usual rich character found in the upper workings and will give an extra vertical depth of 55 feet. The owners are very much elated over the find and will resume operations as soon as the water ceases to cause trouble, which will be in about two weeks time.

The famous Joker and Cody Erection litigation which was now turned into the Clark and Dockstead case and was to have been given a hearing at the court held in Nelson this week, was postponed until next October. This is the celebrated Copeland-Callahan case that has been before the courts for years. The claim ran out last year and before the original disputants relocated the ground, George Clark had planted a fresh set of stakes and christened the property the Wild Rose. The time having expired and the ground having been relocated by Clark, it is natural to suppose the claim reverted to him by right of law, but other technicalities have risen and

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the dispute is tangled up as bad as ever. The property is valued at \$100,000, and about half that amount has been consumed in lawyers' fees and a settlement is nowhere in sight.

### THE LARDEAU.

A good ledge of free gold quartz has been encountered on the Canada, owned by Cory Menhinick.

A broad road has been opened along Granville avenue by the Ophir Lade syndicate for the purpose of getting their compressor plant to the site on Pool creek. The plant is now at Beaton waiting to be hauled in.

Camborne needs a butcher shop badly. Private families ordering beef from Revelstoke have to pay three express charges and run the risk of having their meat spoiled while in transit.

The force of men at work on the Goldfly struck fine ore last week, which is in appearance an exact counterpart of the Criterion ore, of which the Goldfly is an extension. A porphyry dyke which was encountered last week gives indication that the quartz carries good values. The new strike is promising, and still further proves that Lexington mountain abounds liberally in free gold quartz.

Messrs. Starkey & Ernest started work on the Golden Ledge last Wednesday. This property is situated up Pool creek, a short distance from Camborne, and has several rich veins running through it which the owners intend opening up this season.

### EAST KOOTENAY.

The big hog engine on the Great Northern brings as many as 116 empty cars from Jennings to Morrissey, each day.

The Crow's Nest trains are running on their old schedule and the many inconveniences resulting from the break in through traffic are at an end.

Rumors are flying about that the Great Northern will be extended to Fernie this summer. It is said that Mr. Hill's recent visit to the district was on business connected with the extension of the road to one.

On Monday evening the lamp house at Michel was destroyed by fire. The house contained 600 new Wolfe lamps and these were all destroyed.

H. Bentley has sold his corner lot on Third street, Morrissey Mines, to the Bank of Commerce for \$1000, this amount being a material advance upon the original price. The Bank of Commerce purposes erecting a building upon this property at once and inside of a month they will have a branch bank in operation in that bustling town.

During last week the cool and cloudy weather caused the Kootenay river to drop several feet. The warm weather of this week has increased the flow from tributary streams and the Kootenay is now nearly seven feet above low water mark.

The Ottertail mill has been closed down and will remain so for about a month. On Wednesday, when the engine was running at full speed, the large fly-wheel went to pieces and considerably damaged the mill. It is estimated that it will take at least a month to complete the repairs.

Reports from Perry Creek state that the big steam dredge commenced operations of Monday last.

The Wisconsin company have installed a sawmill at Perry Creek, and are getting in logs. Sawing lumber for the flume, which will be three miles long, will commence in a few days.

While working in No. 5 mine, Michel, Walter Waddington Ridings was fatally injured and his companion, Tony Micone, was seriously injured by a part of the roof falling in. These men were employed as car pushers in this mine. On the day in question while going down an incline with a car they neglected to apply the ordinary sprag brake in time and the rapid speed which the car attained threw it off the track.

### SIMILKAMEEN.

T. A. Rogers of Mountain View, Cal., manager of the Mira Monte Mining company, came in as far as Aspen Grove last week. J. B. Silverthorne, who is a shareholder in the company, accompanied him.

J. A. Schubert of Hedley City and Penitence, is the latest mentioned candidate for political honors in the Similkameen. Mr. Schubert is widely and favorably known, and if nominated should make a strong run.

R. L. Cawston, Wm. Lowe and Ed. Richter came up from Keremeos Tuesday last on their annual spring cattle drive. The green hills of the Upper Similkameen make many dollars for the thrifty cattlemen.

Word comes from Hedley that M. K. Rodgers of the Nickel Plate company has at last succeeded in getting hold of 190 acres of Indian reserve land adjoining Hedley City, and that a smelter will be built on it by the company as soon as conditions will justify its erection. Rodgers has been after the ground for a long time, as the land held by him was insufficient and unsuitable for smelter purposes, but owing to the opposition of interested parties he has been unable to secure it until now.

### REVELSTOKE.

The DeKew mill at Arrowhead started sawing at its full capacity Wednesday under the management of A. McMillan.

Tests made in Pittsburg, Pa., of black sand from the Duquesne Mining company's property at Smith Creek give a value of \$3225 to the ton in gold and platinum.

The steamer Revelstoke left Monday evening with about 25 passengers and a large quantity of freight. Among those who went up was Jesse Bradley, who took along a force of men to work on the Duquesne Hydraulic company's properties on Smith Creek. Work will

be proceeded with all summer. A number of men also went up who will be employed in McMahon's logging camp.

J. D. Sibbald came in from the Bend recently. On Thursday with two others he took out \$70 of gold in eight hours on the Revelstoke and McCulloch Creek Hydraulic company's property. Work is being rushed for installation of the hydraulic plant, Perry Leake, M. E., being engaged on it. Mr. Sibbald has got timber up and a part of the pipe riveted and reckons to have the giant running by July 1st.

### THE STOCK MARKET

The tone of the market has been slightly mixed during the week, and changes either way are mostly fractional. Sales have aggregated more than the average of recent weeks. Giant has been noticeable for strength and for free sales, showing up more largely in the official records than any other stock. It has also sold freely on the board. During the week the price went from 21-2 to 3, and the closing quotations were 3-1 and 3-2-4. Cariboo McKinney has also been a free seller, but the price varied but little from 11-1-2. White Bear has been comparatively quiet, with few sales and practically no change in quotations. Centre Star gave some signs of strength and then relaxed a little. Sullivan and American Boy appeared in the transactions a few times, but showed no marked feature.

Stock	asked	Bid
American Boy	5	4 1/2
Ben Hur	5 1/2	4 1/2
Black Tail	5 1/2	4 1/2
Canadian Gold Fields	4 1/2	3 1/2
Cariboo McK. (ex-div.)	12 1/2	11 1/2
Centre Star	30	29
Fairview	6 1/2	5 1/2
Fisher Maiden	3	2
Giant	3 1/2	2 1/2
Granby Consolidated	35.50	34.50
Lone Pine	1	1/2
Morning Glory	2 1/2	1 1/2
Mountain Lion	21	19
North Star (E. K.)	12 1/2	10 1/2
Payne	13 1/2	12 1/2
Quip	38	29
Rambler-Cariboo	43 1/2	42
Republic	4	3
San Pol	5	4
Sullivan	4 1/2	4
Tom Thumb	4 1/2	3 1/2
War Eagle Con.	14	10 1/2
Waterloo (Ass. paid)	3 1/2	2
White Bear (As. paid)	4 1/2	4 1/2

**SALES.**

Centre Star, 1000, 29c; Morning Glory, 5000, 17-8c; Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 11-1-2c; Novelty, 2000, 2c. Total, 9000.

Sullivan, 1000, 41-2c; White Bear, 2000, 41-4c; 1000, 43-8c; Cariboo McKinney, 2000, 11-1-2c; 500, 11-3-4c. Total, 6500.

Cariboo McKinney, 2000, 11-3-4c; Giant, 5000, 21-2c; American Boy, 1000, 41-2c. Total, 8000.

Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 11-1-2c; 2000, 11-3-4c; Giant, 4000, 23-4c; Morning Glory, 2000, 2c. Total, 9000.

Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 11-1-2c; 1000, 11-7-8c; Sullivan, 1000, 41-2c; Centre Star, 1500, 30c; Giant, 2000, 27-8c. Total, 6500.

Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 11-1-2c; Centre Star, 500, 29-1-4c; Giant, 2000, 3c; Payne, 1000, 13c. Total, 4500.

## MANY ARE COMING

**DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES TO COMMERCIAL CONGRESS AT MONTREAL.**

**THE DELEGATES ARE TO VISIT ROSSLAND AFTER THE CONVENTION.**

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
A number of distinguished business men of Great Britain and other parts of the empire will visit Rossland following the conclusion of the fifth congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, which opens in Montreal on August 17, closing on the 20th.

Advices from Great Britain and other parts of the Empire indicate that this gathering will be of a most representative character. Among the British cities which have already indicated their intention to send important delegations are London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Manchester, Dublin, Sheffield, Aberdeen, Bristol, Swansea, Cardiff, Falmouth, Exeter, Huddersfield, Derby, Bradford, Bury, Osest, Folkestone, Greenock, Wolverhampton, Yeovil, Walsall, Goole, Dover, etc.

The British Chambers of Commerce of Paris; of Kimberley, S. A.; Masern, Basutoland; Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony; Colombia, Ceylon; Aden and other points will be represented.

The names of many prominent delegates have been already forwarded to the Montreal committee, among others those of the Right Hon. Thomas Sinclair, P. C.; Sir W. H. Holland, M. P. of Manchester; President Wilson of the Glasgow chamber; Joseph Walton, M. P. of Barnsley; Sir J. J. Jenkins, vice-president of the Swansea chamber; William Jacks, vice-president of the Glasgow chamber; W. F. Beardshaw, of the Baltic Steel works, president of the Sheffield chamber; Mayor Gratewick, chairman of the Exeter chamber; Amos Crabtree, president of the Bradford chamber; and E. P. Arnold-Foster, vice-president of the Derby chamber; Edgar V. Johnson, of the Derwent Foundry company, vice-president of the Derby chamber; Alderman G. H. Wilson of Osest; E. D. Crane, president of the Wolverhampton chamber; John H. Ives, president of the Yeovil chamber; Joseph A. Lockwood, president of the Walsall chamber; John Madden, president of the Bristol chamber; W. T. Anderson, president of Kimberley (S. A.) chamber; G. R. Hobson, president of the Masern (Basutoland) chamber; and R. Bertramjee, of the firm of Dadaboy and Co., coffee merchants of Aden.

The boards of trade in Canada which will be visited by the British Commercial party after the congress are vying with one another in extending courtesies; in some cases the entire cost of entertainment will be borne by the local authorities.

ties, in other cases, banquets, luncheons, receptions, drives and other hospitality, will be extended. The official itinerary of the tours will be definitely given out about June 15th.

As to the Canadian deputations who will visit Montreal to attend the congress, the railways announce that they will grant a single fare for the round trip on the certificate plan, good to arrive three days before the congress and to remain three days after its close. This reduced rate will be given only to duly accredited Canadian delegates and their wives when accompanying them, for a continuous passage (without stop over) and returning over the same route.

## THE LONDON FARCE

**BRITISH COLUMBIA'S AGENCY-GENERAL IS QUEERLY OPERATED NOW.**

**SIX STORIES UP AND AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY IN WORLD'S METROPOLIS.**

A thorough revision of British Columbia's agency-general in London ought to be one of the first undertakings of the new provincial administration, judging from the report on the institution emanating from Rowland Machin, the well known machinery man, who is in Rossland for a few days.

Mr. Machin describes his experiences in endeavoring to locate B. C.'s London office in a manner that would be humorous did it not point to a condition of affairs that is annoying, to put it mildly, to every British Columbian. "On arriving in London," said Mr. Machin to a Miner man last night, "I hunted up a telephone office and asked the man in charge if he would be kind enough to look up the number of the telephone of the Hon. John H. Turner, agent-general of British Columbia, as I wished to speak to him. The man looked over the book for a half hour or so, and under all possible heads, and finally announced that he could find no such person listed in the book. I asked him to let me see the book, but after looking through gave it up as a bad job. The manager then came forward and I asked him if he could tell me the telephone number of the agent-general. He said that he had no telephone, and that he had spent an hour or more the day previous looking for Mr. Turner's telephone number for another person from British Columbia who had business to transact with him.

"Disgusted at not being able to reach a person of Mr. Turner's position through the medium of a telephone, I visited his office in Salisbury building, Pinstury Court, and found that the agent-general's offices were on the sixth floor of a barn-like structure that would hardly have done credit to a hay ranch. After a search I found an elevator that was running and reached the agent-general's quarters, finding two lone rooms among a number of empty offices. The situation looked as if the agent-general had been paid a certain premium for occupying the place. No one was in but his son, Arthur, who did not seem to know when the Hon. Mr. Turner would be in or where he could be found or anything else. I waited around for perhaps an hour and then left. The offices were simply furnished, with nothing that would attract a person. The fittings included several salmon engravings on the wall and some C. P. R. pictures, a register and a few office fixtures.

"I next visited the offices of the high commissioner for Canada on Victoria street, and to my surprise learned that they did not even know Mr. Turner. The next day I again visited the agent-general's offices, but only to find them vacant. I waited a considerable length of time and left. My experience is only one of many, as many residents of the province have met with the same failure upon visiting the headquarters of our busy representative in London.

"On returning to the coast I brought the matter to the attention of the board of trade and worked at it through the newspapers. I think it is a shame that British Columbia should be so poorly represented in London and that a remedy ought to be found at once."

Mr. Machin is agent for the Holman Drill company and is here on a business trip. In the Boundary country, through which Mr. Machin just passed, he found conditions of the brightest and prospects good for a busy year in the mining industry. Rich strikes were reported in several of the Boundary mines, while the older mines were working as large if not larger crews than on his previous visit to the portion of British Columbia. The Frovance mine near Greenwood has turned out some phenomenally rich ore, some of the rock running as high as \$4000 to the ton. This is vouched for by returns received by those in charge of the mine from the smelter where the ore was sent for assay purposes.

Other mines in and about Greenwood report equally good strikes. This, with the smelters and mines running at their full capacity, makes conditions active.

### YMR NOTES.

**Election Speculation - High Water May do Damage.**

YMR, June 1.—Ore was exported during the month of May to the United States through the port of Waneta, B. C., to the value of \$46,374.

The water in the Salmon river was the highest on Sunday that has been seen for years. The prospects are that it will be even higher yet. The mill company here lost considerable loss through their boom breaking, but this they figured on.

The bridge leading to the Ymir mine from here is in danger, all the drift from the upper river lodging against the abutment. Gold Commissioner Renwick has put on a man to look after this, and as soon as there is a stoppage dynamite will be used to break it up. In this way it is thought the bridge will

Jim Dumps a little girl possessed. Whom loss of appetite distressed. "I des tant eat!" the child would scream. Jim fixed a dish of "Force" with cream; She tasted it, then, joy for him! She begged for more from "Sunny Jim."

**Force**  
The Ready-to-Serve Cereal  
a good fairy to all youngsters.

Perfect Food for Children. "Wheat is a perfect summer cereal, and efforts should be made to teach children to eat it." LOUISA E. HOGAN, in "How to Feed Children."

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## PERSONAL

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
J. F. Harper, of McArthur & Harper, left last night on a business trip to the headquarters of the firm at Kamloops, and will be absent a week.

While in Scotland on his recent trip, Neill Cochrane, E. M., visited the Dean cemetery at Edinburgh, where the remains of the late General Sir Hector Macdonald are interred. The visit was a couple of days after the interment, and police were stationed about the grave to preserve order and guard the mountain of floral tributes placed thereupon by the dead general's sorrowing countrymen. On the following Sunday 30,000 people visited the cemetery.

E. E. Sheppard, of the Dominion Express company, spent yesterday in the city.

George A. Hunter, of Nelson, has been in the city for several days.

Mrs. Harry Daniel has gone to Portland to spend a few weeks with relatives.

J. H. Watson, former manager of the Northport smelter, has brought his family to Rossland and will make his headquarters here.

Mrs. Prest and daughter left last evening for Toronto for the Canadian Pacific.

S. Thomas was ticketed to Winnipeg over the Canadian Pacific last evening. Hugh McPherson left last evening for Brandon on the Canadian Pacific.

W. H. Bullock-Webster and C. W. Young left last night for Nelson, having concluded the legal business that brought them to the city.

R. A. O. Hobbes and Mrs. Hobbes left last night for Winnipeg. They will be followed by the best wishes of a wide circle of Rossland friends.

Francis E. Armstrong returned yesterday from a business trip through the Northwest Territories.

**COULD NOT WALK.**  
A Young Lady Tells the Torture She Suffered from Rheumatism.

Miss Myrtle Major, Hartland, N. B., is one of the thousands who have proved that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure rheumatism. Miss Major says: "I suffered from the trouble for nearly a year. I had the advice of a doctor and took his medicine, but it did not help me. The trouble was located chiefly in my ankles, and the pain I suffered at times was intense. As a matter of fact at times I was unable to walk across the room, and for six months I was confined to the house. I used liniments and other medicines prescribed for rheumatism, but they did me no good. Then some of my friends urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I acted on their advice and before I had used three boxes I began to feel better. I took nine boxes of the pills altogether, and before I finished the last box not a trace of the trouble remained. It is now nearly two years since I took the pills and as there has not been a symptom of the trouble since it proves that the pills make permanent cures."

Rheumatism is a disease of the blood and can be cured by treating it through the blood. That is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills always cure this trouble. Good blood makes every organ in the body strong and healthy, and as every dose of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make pure, rich blood, it follows that they cure such troubles as anaemia, neuralgia, indigestion, heart trouble, kidney ailments, erysipelas, the after effects of the grippe and fevers, etc. They also relieve and cure the ailments from which so many women suffer. See that you get the genuine pills with the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of Lizzie Hornshaw, late of the Town of Rossland, in the province of British Columbia, wife of George W. Hornshaw, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section "88" of Chapter 129, R. S. O., 1897, that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said Lizzie Hornshaw, deceased, who died on or about the 24th day of February, 1901, are required to send by post prepaid to Scellen & Weir, Berlin P. O., Ontario, solicitors for John Mook, administrator, on or before the 13th day of June, 1903, their christian and surnames, their addresses with full particulars in writing of their claims and statements of their accounts and the nature of securities (if any) held by them duly verified by statutory declaration.

And take notice that after the said 13th day of June the said administrator will proceed to distribute the said assets among the parties thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or for any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him.

SCELLEN & WEIR.  
Solicitors for said Administrator.  
Dated May 12, 1903.

### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

**VULCAN FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIM.**

Situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About 1 1/2 miles east of Rossland, bounded by the Cass, Mammoth, Antelope and Venus mineral claims.

These notices that I, Thomas S. Gilmore, free miner's certificate No. B 57,143, acting as agent for Andrew D. Frovance, London, England, free miner's certificate No. B 57,144, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate. Dated the 11th day of May, 1903.

THOS. S. GILMORE.

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