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OUR LONDON LETTER

A Busy Time Expected There in B. C. Affairs.

ROSSLANDERS ABROAD

A List of the Companies That Have Recently Been Formed to Operate in This Section and the Klondike Region—Prices of Local Shares.

London Office, ROSSLAND MINER, 108 Bishopsgate Street (Within).

LONDON, Jan. 28.—There has been very little in the way of developments in regard to British Columbia since my last letter, but for all this we are looking for a very busy spring, and as the particulars I send you below show, the promoter is making active preparations for the coming campaign. Kennedy and Parker are both busy, and they have this week taken an office in Broad street avenue as a London domicile for the companies in which they are interested. P. R. Ritchie has left for British Columbia, en route for Klondike, in the interests of the companies in which he is an active spirit.

I have this week seen the prospectus of a company called the Golden Territories, the capital of £100,000, proposed to acquire the Copper Creek, Lillooet district, for £100,000. Mr. Ritchie acted as the medium between the buyers and sellers in this case, but the company will not be brought out until the market is in a healthier condition than it is now.

I send you a report of the proceedings of the Dawson City (Klondike) & Dominion Trading Company—one of the Turner-Pooley group—by which you will have seen the efforts that were made to explain the connection of these two gentlemen with this and other companies.

Canning Combine Comes to Naught. I am sorry to say that the proposals to form a great canning combine have come to naught. I am afraid there is little prospect of their being reopened.

This week the prospectus of the Irish Proprietary Oilfields of Gaspe (Canada), limited, has been introduced by an Irish firm. The capital is £100,000, but if all I hear be true, the promoters are experiencing difficulty in obtaining the capital they are asking for.

A. L. Pearce is, of course, still here, but it is noteworthy that since his return the shares of the B. C. Development Company have been steadily declining.

I called in at the office of the Canadian Pacific Exploration, limited, the other day and was shown the splendid specimen of ore taken from the Porto Rico mine No. 2 tunnel which was exhibited for some time in the window of the Rossland office of THE MINER. This is one of the finest pieces of British Columbia ore which I have yet seen in London.

The outlook is fairly cheerful and promising but the developments in the far east and the anti-semitic crisis in Paris, generated by the Dreyfus scandal, have kept new business in a little nervous state. The following is a list of some of the latest British Columbia and Klondike companies formed, and which will, in addition to a crew of others whose prospectuses are already in the public at a convenient season. They are taken from the Somerset House register:

B. C. and Klondike Companies.
Klondike Champs d'Or syndicate, limited; registered by L. Lambert, 3 Broad street buildings, E. C., with a capital of £2,000 in £1 shares; table A mainly applies.
British Columbia Steamship Trading & Agency Company, limited; registered by Dawson & Co., 9 and 11 Finsbury Lane, E. C.; table A mainly applies. Not to be seriously regarded.
The Klondike Bonanza, limited; capital £150,000 in £1 shares, to carry on the business of explorers, etc.; already launched.

The Dominion Fairview & Klondike syndicate, limited; capital £130,000 in £1 shares, to carry on the business of financiers, etc.; been severely criticized.
The Klondike Co-operative Transport Company, limited; capital £6,000 in £1 shares, to carry on the business of ship-owners, merchants, etc.; I hear this has fallen through.

The London & Klondike Gold Mining Agency, limited; capital £5,000 in £1 shares.
The Canadian Estates, limited; capital £150,000 in £1 shares; objects to secure openings for the employment of capital in Canada and elsewhere.

The British Columbia & Northwest Territories Exploration syndicate, limited; capital £30,000 in £1 shares; object of formation to acquire properties situated near Greenwood City in the district of Kettle River Mining division, British Columbia.
The Rossland and Boundary Creek syndicate, limited, capital £30,000 in £1 shares.

The Stuckeen River, Teelin Lake and Yukon Transport and Trading Company, limited, capital £100,000 in £1 shares. Great interest is still taken in the railway question here, and the announcement that the Canadian government has made arrangements for a Canadian route to Yukon was widely commented upon in the various financial journals. The feature of January has been the wonderful advance in the prices of all Canadian railway securities, owing partly to their excellent traffic receipts, but largely to the belief that they would materially benefit from the rush to Klondike which is expected to commence in a month or so.

Quotations on Rossland Properties. We hear nothing about the Le Roi deal, and the premium on British America corporation shares is a very nominal one. Dundees are quoted at 1s 1/2,

and the price at which the dealers are prepared to buy or sell War Eagles on this market is 3s 9d to 5s. Amongst other British Columbia registered companies dealt in on this market I may mention the Gold & Silver Mines Development Company, which are quoted at 6d to 1s 1/2, and I am sorry to add, Alf Gold, which are priced in one of our leading broker's investment lists at 2s 9d. Turner's companies have been well supported, and on the news that Waverley is now shipping, the price has been put up to 2 1/2s.

Grant Govan is now staying at Tunbridge Wells.
Hedley Chapman of the Georgia is still here, but has been very ill.
Rollo O. MacLachlan, who is coming out to Rossland, is an Edinburgh man, and a son of the late General MacLachlan of the Royal Horse Artillery.

Prices on Change. Following are the quotations for British Columbia and Klondike shares for January 28:

Alaska Goldfields	3/4	1 prem
British America Corporation	2 1/2	3 prem
B. C. Develop	1 1/2	4 prem
British Columbia Finance Trust	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Resident	1/2	par
British Columbia and New Field Goldfields Corporation	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Canadian Pacific Exploration	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Kootenay Goldfields Syndicate	1 1/2	1-16 prem
London & B. C. Goldfields	1 1/2	1-16 prem
New Goldfields of B. C.	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Records Exploration	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Waverley	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Hall Mines (dividend for 1897)	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Lillooet & Fraser River	1 1/2	1-16 prem
New Golden Twins	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Waverley	1 1/2	1-16 prem
Dawson City Klondike Dominion Trading Co.	1-16	3-16 prem
Klondike-Columbian Goldfields	1-16	3-16 prem
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Klondike-Columbian Goldfields (deferred)	1-16	3-16 prem
Klondike-Bonanza	1-16	3-16 prem
Klondike-Mining Trad. & Trans.	1-16	3-16 prem
Klondike & N. W. Territories	1-16	3-16 prem
Klondike-Yukon and Stewart	1-16	3-16 prem
Pioneer	1-16	3-16 prem
Ontario Limited	1-16	3-16 prem
AI Gold Mining Company	1-16	3-16 prem
Dundee Gold Mining Company	1-16	3-16 prem
Gold & Silver Mines Development Company	1-16	3-16 prem
War Eagle Con	1-16	3-16 prem

From the Gazette.
The last issue of the British Columbia Gazette contained the announcements of the following appointments:

George Ingram Wilson, and Arthur Edwin Shelton, of Vancouver, to be members of the licensing board for the city.

T. S. Annandale, and Richard McBride, barristers-at-law, to be members of the licensing board for the city of New Westminster.

William Henry Lilly, of Sandon, S. M., to be police magistrate for the said city.

H. H. Pitts, of Sandon, to be a member of the licensing board for that city.

Evelyn Montagu Sandilands, J. P., of Sandon, to be a member of the board of police commissioners.

An order-in-council has been passed giving an extension of time for six months, to date from November 10, 1897, within which to perform the annual assessment work for the year 1897, in respect to the mineral claims known as the Texas, Leonard, Europe, and Gladys C., Great Copper Chief and Volunteer, on Texas Island.

The minister of agriculture authorizes the organization of a Farmers' Institute in the district of Alberta, and adjacent islands, and the mainland contiguous thereto, for the purpose of the organization, to be held on February 19.

N. F. Hagel gives notice of application to be called to the British Columbia bar.

A Surprise Party.
The young ladies' Bible class of the Methodist church Sabbath school, of which B. F. Casselman is teacher, accompanied by a few of the teachers and officers of the school, called at his home on Tuesday evening well prepared in every particular for an enjoyable time. During the course of the evening a handsome clock was presented to Mr. Casselman as a small token of the appreciation of his efforts as a teacher. The evening was spent very pleasantly and after the delicacies prepared by the ladies were partaken of the gathering broke up, all feeling well-satisfied with the pleasant evening.

PERSONAL.
Edward Cronyn was in Trail yesterday on legal business.
Hermann Luemann is back from a mining trip on Sophie mountain.

J. F. Hoskins went to Vancouver via the C. P. R. last evening.
Charles Harrington left yesterday for Spokane, en route for Klondike.

J. D. Rogers of the Ingersoll-Sargeant Drill company has gone to Montreal on a business trip.

Frank Hanna, one of the original owners of the Trail townsite, was in the city yesterday.

Elling Johnson returned yesterday from an extended visit to Portland and coast points.

Frank Mendenhall, the agent of the Canadian Rand Drill company, returned yesterday from a trip to Spokane.

E. J. Grant, the secretary of the Young Men's Liberal club, left last evening for the coast.

Attorney Albert Allen of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway is in the city from Spokane on business connected with his railway.

Andrew Jelness of Portland and joined his brother Olaus, and will participate in the coming ski races at the winter carnival.

MINES AND MINING

A Strike of Rich Ore Has Been Made on the Lone Star.

ON SOPHIE MOUNTAIN

Work to Be Resumed on the Victory-Triumph. After a Shut-Down of Several Months—Licenses for Extra-Provincial Companies—Notes.

Charles Connell and R. Lee were in from Sophie mountain Monday, and report that there has been a rich strike on the Lone Star, which is on the east side of Sophie mountain. At a depth of 38 feet an ore body has been encountered that assays \$52.60 in gold and 10 per cent copper to the ton. The Lone Star is owned by Robert C. MacDonald and others. Messrs. Connell and Lee report that the Sultana group and other properties in which they are interested are looking first rate. They, however, regard the strike on the Lone Star as the most important that has yet been made on the east slope of the mountain. They say that there is metal on the north-east, south and west slopes of Sophie mountain, and that in the Velvet Sir Charles Tupper and his associates have a mine of undoubted merit, as is shown both by the recent development and the large returns that have been obtained from ore that was lately sent to the smelter.

Work Resumed on Victory-Triumph.
A force of seven men left Monday for the Victory-Triumph to commence operations on that property. The group includes the Victory and the Triumph on Sophie mountain near the Velvet and close to the Boundary line. Operations will be continued in the tunnel, which has already been driven about 190 feet.

Licenses for Extra-Provincial Companies.
According to the British Columbia Gazette, licenses have been granted to the following extra provincial companies lately:

The African-British Columbia corporation, limited. The head office is located at No. 39 Bishopgate street in the city of London, and the office in the province is at No. 48 Fort street, Victoria, and the capital stock is £200,000. The object is to carry on a general mining business in Africa and on the continent of North America.

The Canada Permanent Loan & Savings company, with a capital stock of £250,000. The object of the corporation is to encourage the accumulation of capital by furnishing safe and remunerative investment to its shareholders, depositors and debenture holders, and to carry on a general financial business in all its branches. The head office of the company is in Vancouver, and Caesar J. Marani is the attorney and general agent of the company.

The Montreal & Kootenay Mining company, limited, with a capital stock of \$20,000. The object of the corporation is to carry on a general mining business in the Yukon, and to transport ore from the Yukon and Hootalinqua rivers and to carry on a general transportation and steamboat business. The head office of the company is in Victoria.

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MINING NOTES.

Certificates of improvements have lately been granted the Ida May, the Grand Prize, the Pearl and the Fairford. C. J. Kelly has sold his interest in the old Olivett, near the Legal Tender, to W. J. Clark.

A quarter interest in the Consolation, north of town, has been sold by W. McCulloch to A. C. Fraser for \$500.

Ralph White has sold a third interest in the British Obiet, between Beaver and Bear creeks, to E. S. Topping.

J. J. Rodgers has bought the Morning Star No. 1, on the Fraser, from H. L. Turner a half interest in the Velvetine and the Silver King, on Sophie mountain.

F. Ang. Heinze has bought a third interest in the Harrisburg, near the Rhodoric Dhu, on Deer Park mountain, from J. F. Reddy.

The Nick-of-Time, lying between the Black Bear and the Legal Tender, has been bought by Paul Gaston to F. P. Gustel of Trail.

J. H. Jones of Sarnia, Ontario, has bought a sixth interest in the Bullion fraction, on Deer Park mountain, from Andrew Hackett.

A half interest in the Diamond Dust and the Moonday, lying just east of town near the Commander, has been bought by Edward Baillie from C. A. Baldwin.

Wilson McKinnon has secured a quarter interest in the Maggie and the Ajax, on the west slope of Sophie mountain, from James Derby.

The British Columbia Smelting & Refining company has secured the Morning Star No. 1, on the Fraser, from J. W. Kimball.

The Abe Lincoln is installing a gallois frame in its shaft house, and is replacing the former rope with a half-inch wire cable, to be operated by horse power.

W. H. Bell has bought from W. McCulloch a quarter interest in the Consolation, on Murphy creek, and the Lucky Jeff and the Star of India, on Lake mountain.

The Little Bess Gold Mining company has negotiated a loan of \$1,500 from Kenben Stevens of Sarnia, Ont., with which to pay the indebtedness on its property, the Little Bess, on Lake mountain.

A quarter interest in the Sink-to-Rise, on Sophie mountain, about a mile from the Northport wagon road, has been sold to Nellie Kelly by A. C. Fraser for \$1,000.

Work is to be commenced on the Ivanhoe in April. A three-drum compressor will be put in and a shaft sunk several hundred feet.

A. B. Dockstader of Cody has purchased the mineral claims of Cinderella, on the Medford, situated near Three Forks, 2,800 being the price paid.

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The Tariff mine near Ainsworth will most likely supply the smelter at Pilot Bay with ore.

Ferguson and Caldwell report that an option has been given on the Carbonates in Jackson basin for \$75,000 to Chicago parties, who will soon erect a \$40,000 concentrator.

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The tunnel on the Annie Rooney, near Salmo, is showing up a good body of ore, assaying from \$16 to \$25. The tunnel is in 32 feet, and two shafts are in constant work.

The largest order for wire rope ever given in Canada was placed last week by the Hall Mines at Nelson for 10 miles of cable. The shipment will come in six sections.

REVELSTOCK AND TROUT LAKE.
The Waverley Mine, limited, which at present has quarters at Revelstock in a temporary office in the Cowan block, is about to put up a building in the summer containing offices for the engineer and manager and a board room.

Arrangements have been concluded by which the Great Western, limited, have acquired the Nettie Bell claim in the well-known Pool group, 1 1/2 miles from Ferguson. The claim has a great showing of galena and carbonate, rich both in silver and gold. In fact, the silver content is considered by miners as being on the same level as the Silver Cup group. The promoters of the company have purchased the property for the benefit of the company, which now possesses a silver and a gold proposition. Active work will be started on both as soon as the season opens. Holders of treasury stock get the full advantage of the new purchase.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.
Extensive work on the Knob Hill has been planned for the coming summer by the company owning the property.

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FROM OTHER CAMPS

A Body of Rich Ore Found in the Arlington.

TARIFF A LIKELY MINE

Rathmullen Group in Boundary Country Has Been Sold to an English Syndicate—Properties Near Fort Steele Will Soon Ship Ore.

SLOCAN DIVISION.
The Lucky Jim mine has closed down by laying off a force of 30 or 35 men. The suspension of operations is ascribed to the necessity of altering the mill in order to more successfully handle the zinc contents of the ore. It is said that operations will be resumed again with the early spring.

The Howard Fraction mine yields 13 1/2 ounces of silver and 1.14 ounces of gold to the ton, a total of \$101.17.

Wm. Copen, Geo. Sioll and Blair Carter took an outfit to the Skylark and Ranger last week and will work on the latter named property. They will work on the Ranger ground and will start in taking out shipping ore. These are among the most promising properties in the Slocan City section lying close to the Chapleau, and the progress of work on the ground will be watched with interest.

Work was started last week on the Rainbow, owned by H. A. Hicks and C. Barber. The Rainbow is about half a mile northeast of the I. X. L. and has an exceptionally fine surface showings. An exceptionally fine surface showings. An exceptionally fine surface showings. An exceptionally fine surface showings.

Although not much advertising has been done, Roseberry townsite, at the mouth of Slocan lake, has been steadily coming to the front for the last three months.

A settlement has been reached and the suit withdrawn in the matter of G. B. D. Turner vs. West Kootenay (B. C.) Exploring company, in which the Wakefield and other properties were tied up. Now that those properties are free from litigation it is the intention to commence work on them in the near future.

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stance is entirely different, it is expected by this means to be able to ascertain which manner of treatment will give the best results, thereby deciding the character of the mill to be erected on this property. The result of this test will be eagerly watched for by all interested in Eureka, as there exists a wide difference of opinion as to the best method to be employed in the treatment of the ore of this camp.

The Rathmullen group of mineral claims, consisting of 11 claims situated in Summit camp, is about to be transferred to an English company now being incorporated in London. As soon as the deal has been completed development work will be prosecuted on the property. This company has £100,000 in the treasury, 45,000 of which has been subscribed. The vendor company will receive stock in this new company, which will net them 20 cents per share on the amount of their present holdings. This will be distributed among the shareholders of the Rathmullen company as a dividend.

A prospect has been run at the 50-foot level on the B. C. property, and as yet the width of the ore body has not been ascertained.

EAST KOOTENAY.
At a recent meeting of the shareholders of the Channe Mining company of Vancouver, G. W. Willis was elected president and managing director. The directors' report gives a detailed description of the various properties owned by the company, and shows that Kootenay and shows a good balance on the right side of the ledger.

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bald Mountain Mining & Development company was held at Golden on the 8th inst. Messrs. W. H. Lee, W. H. Knistinn, J. A. McAllister, G. B. McDermott, and William McNeish were re-elected as directors for another year. The usual reports of officers were received showing the company to be in a sound condition.

On the Coronado the tunnel is now in 22 feet, and the showing of grey copper is much better than was found on the surface. The owners intend to fully develop this property next summer.

On the Dodo group a large machinery plant will be placed as soon as possible. The owners are now in the east purchasing air compressors and other machinery necessary to the successful development of the property.

The Colossal tunnel is now in 80 feet, and it is reported that there is a good showing of grey copper in the face of the tunnel. Work will be continued on this property until the main lead is encountered.

The Shakespeare claim is situated on Perry creek and has several large leads. It is the intention of the owners to work the large shaft at least this summer. It is a free and open proposition and considerable development work has been done. A thorough test will be made of the ore, as a prospecting mill on the property.

The Carbonates and Robit claims, discovered on Lake Kootenay, show a four-foot lead of galena assaying 40 ozs. in silver and 72 per cent lead. Work on the property has developed the fact that as depth is obtained the formation changes. Considerable quartz is now encountered, carrying copper and gold, which assays \$13 in gold to the ton.

Donald McKay on Monday last started for Lewis creek with a number of men, who will run a 100-foot tunnel. If the showing at the completion of this work warrants it, a 20-stamp mill will be placed on the property.

A new strike of copper ore has been made on the Peacock group at Pilot Bay. These claims are situated on Dibble creek, and the group consists of five claims. They are owned by W. A. Wells and J. Farnsworth. The ore assays \$18 in gold and 22 per cent copper.

The owners of the Dibble will commence work at an early day and have ore ready for shipment as soon as transportation is afforded. The North Star has 3,000 tons at the landing, and can furnish more than 100 tons per day. The St. Eugene has 5,000 tons on the dump.

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THE ORE SHIPMENTS. Following are the ore shipments from the mines adjacent to Rossland from Jan. 1, to Feb. 13, 1898:

Table with columns for mine names (Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Poorman, Iron Mask, Cliff) and their respective shipment amounts in tons.

REDISTRIBUTION IN KOOTENAY.

Figures obtained from the most recently compiled directory show that the white population of British Columbia is 117,350, of which 78,500 are credited to the Mainland, and 38,850 to Vancouver Island.

ROSSLAND REAL ESTATE.

There is not a mining camp on the continent that offers a better field for the real estate investor and speculator than does Rossland at the present time.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Provincial government has issued a statement of the public accounts for the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 1897, the period being from July 1, 1896, to the date mentioned.

It will be seen in the foregoing that the mineral districts have handsomely contributed to the public receipts, and of course Kootenay contributed nearly all of it.

KLONDIKE BAIT.

A company, styling itself The Portage La Prairie Gold Prospecting & Developing company, limited, has issued a prospectus which sets forth the objects of the concern, and dangles a Klondike bait before the "sucker" public.

BRITISH JUSTICE.

Lord Nevill stood up in the dock in London Tuesday and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for fraud.

ECONOMICAL SMELTING.

THE MINER has endeavored, but so far without success, to obtain corroboration of the truth of the report received by it by telegraph from Montreal that the C. P. R. will, in the near future, quote a freight and treatment rate of \$7.50 per ton for ore at the Trail smelter.

CABINET REPRESENTATION.

The movement on the part of Mr. Helmecken of the legislative assembly, to secure representation in the Dominion cabinet for British Columbia, is one that will meet with the approval of everyone in this Province.

A. B. C. EXHIBIT.

The member of the legislative assembly who has moved a resolution urging the Provincial government to take into early consideration the desirability of British Columbia being properly represented in all branches of its varied resources at the World's Fair to be held in Paris in 1900, is to be highly commended for a most admirable suggestion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The public press of British Columbia continues its agitation for the establishment of a Canadian mint, but thus far the Dominion government has not responded in the way that it should.

here makes it the financial center of Southern Kootenay and helps to sustain the value of realty. The government intends to build a commodious court-house in which will be housed the county court, the deputy registrar of the supreme court and other of the provincial officials.

In addition to all this the city is one of the healthiest in Canada and this is so much the case that the physicians have a very small practice and the undertakers do not make even a comfortable living.

Geographically the Province is situated a long ways from the seat of the Dominion government, and we are to a certain extent isolated from the other Provinces by great physical barriers.

THE need of an all-British Pacific cable becomes more apparent as time goes on. In London the matter is receiving considerable attention, and it is probable that no great length of time will elapse before the project is well under way.

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The Council Settles on the Retail Liquor License.

FIREMEN NOMINATED

Chief McKinnon Recommends That Iron Fire Escapes Be Constructed on Buildings More Than Two Stories High—An Incipient Damage Suit.

The city council had a meeting Tuesday night, when the liquor license question was disposed of by compromising the rate for saloon licenses at \$300 semi-annually, instead of \$350 as was proposed. The decision was reached after a private caucus in the middle of the meeting, when the matter was thoroughly discussed. At last, the councilmen decided on a scale, which was put in the form of a bylaw that passed its second reading at the meeting last night. The scale was as follows: Retail liquor license, \$300 per six months; hotel license, \$150 per six months; wholesale liquor license, \$75 per six months; transferring licenses, \$10; special license, good for picnics and the like, \$10 for each 48 hours.

Hotel licensees must conform strictly with the provisions regulations, which provide that the hotel must have at least 30 bedrooms and specified dining-room accommodations. To get a retail liquor license, at the rate of \$300 per six months, no bedrooms in the barroom must be 14 feet wide and 20 feet deep by 10 feet high, with proper toilet conveniences. The new schedule will go into effect on July 15 next. Meanwhile hotels can remain in operation as at present, when merely nominal hotel accommodations suffice to procure a hotel license.

Invitations Acknowledged. Courteous acknowledgments of the invitations to attend the winter carnival were received from the city councils of Victoria, Sandon and Seattle. A letter was received from Hewitt Bostock, M. P., promising to use his influence in getting a charter for the Kettle River Valley Railway company, which the city council recently endorsed.

G. W. Richardson, representing the proposed Roseland Gas company, presented memoranda of the privileges which his company will ask from the city. They were practically identical with the concessions desired by the old Kootenay Gas Light & Power project, which has been consolidated with the present concern.

The concessions asked for by Mr. Richardson were briefly as follows: The right to construct and operate gas works and to supply gas to the citizens of Roseland for 10 years, with the right to lay mains and service pipes along the streets of the city; gas to be of a standard not less than 16-candle power, and to be supplied at a rate not more than \$2.50 per thousand feet; work to be completed in six months and to be completed to city at \$5 per month per light; if 25 lights are taken, and \$2.50 per lamp if more than 30 lamps are used; corporation to have the privilege of purchasing at the plant at any time within a year at a price to be decided by arbitration.

The subject was referred to the board of works. The eternal sewerage question, the nemesis of the council, appeared again at the meeting last Tuesday. This time it materialized in the shape of a letter from Dr. George H. Duncan, provincial health officer, in which he urged the council to take immediate action in preventing the venting connections being made with the sewer line, until some arrangement be made for disposing of the sewage. Coupled with Dr. Duncan's communication was a copy of a letter he had received from John J. Fitzroyan, an architect of Roseland, in which Mr. Fitzroyan protested against the city's tolerance of the connections which had been made with the sewer. Dr. Duncan also enclosed a copy of a resolution adopted by the provincial board of health, directed particularly against the health, directed particularly against the health of Roseland, Kaslo, Nelson and Kamloops, in which these towns were warned against dumping their sewage into any body of fresh water, and were also notified that the sewer systems also conform with the specifications of some good sanitary engineer, two of whom were recommended, E. Mohun of Victoria, and Colonel George E. Waring of Newport, B. I., the board of health.

An incipient damage suit showed up in the shape of a communication from W. J. Whiteside, in which he informed the council that he was about to commence action against the city in behalf of Anton Zeyher, whose wife had been injured by falling down the steps on First avenue. There was little doubt, said Mr. Whiteside, that his client had ground for damages, but he offered to settle the case for \$1,000 if immediate action was taken. The matter was referred jointly to the finance committee and the board of works.

Fire Protection Recommended. In his first official communication to the council, presented at last night's session, Wilson McKinnon, the chief of the fire department, recommended the following nominations for positions in the fire department: Jos. Squires, assistant chief; Dan McDonald, driver; J. G. Martin, Earnest Plass, C. M. Weller, J. Watson, Jr., W. J. Moon, J. E. Miller, E. A. Rolif, Frank Raymer, Jas. McLean and Geo. Grenig, captains. Chief McKinnon also reported that he had inspected most of the public buildings and part of the residences in town, and found that in most cases they were in very satisfactory condition as regards freedom from danger of fire, and in all cases he had found with any instructions, willing to comply with any instructions, Mr. McKinnon reported, however, a total neglect of the provincial law required that every hotel or public building more than two stories high be provided with an outside stair, and extending to within eight feet of the ground. In most cases such buildings were provided merely with an ordinary stairway, which in case of fire would be consumed and cut off all escape in that direction. He strongly recommended that the council enforce the act.

Mr. McKinnon pointed out that the act also compelled all hotels to keep a rope in each room, so fastened as to afford means of escape through the window. He suggested that this also be enforced. The communication was referred to the fire, water and light committee.

An insurance agent at Nelson wanted to insure the firemen in the city's service, on payment of a premium of \$6 per week each, whereby they would be covered by a policy giving them \$1,000 in case of death, loss of limbs or eye, and in case of other injuries \$10 per week for a period of 26 weeks. The munificent proposition was referred to the fire, water and light committee.

Mrs. Helen M. Keyes, formerly the city stenographer, requested that salary due her be paid. The communication was referred to the finance committee.

The council did not forget the Sisters' hospital, but passed a strong resolution requesting the government to grant the hospital at least \$5,000. The resolution will be forwarded to the premier and to J. S. Kelle, the representative from this riding.

A number of routine bills, approved by the finance committee, were adopted. A report from S. Fortzath, sanitary inspector regarding the condition of the buildings of the city, was referred to the board of health.

Wm. Harp, the city assessor, was instructed to take an assessment of the city to be completed by May 1.

PERMANENTLY CURED

A Story Told by a Justice of the Peace.

Attacked With La Grippe, Which Left Him Weak and Worn Out—Kidney Trouble Added Its Complications, and the Sufferer Was Discouraged.

(From the Journal, Summerside, P. E. I.) One of the best known men around Bedoune and vicinity is Alfred Schurman, who has recently removed to North Carleton. Mr. Schurman was born in Bedoune about 37 years ago. Some 25 years ago he was sworn in as a justice of the peace, and about 21 years ago he was appointed clerk of the county court, in both of which offices he has given every satisfaction. Mr. Schurman was also a farmer on a large scale, and, like most men engaged in that occupation, led a busy life, being compelled to attend strictly to business; but less than a year ago he retired from farming, and now lives in a cosy cottage in North Carleton. Before his retirement, work directly tributary to it which rivaled Le Roi at the same game of development; it is his attention. His increasing years made the burden heavier, and the spring work of 1893 wore him completely out. This is what he tells about it, and how he was cured: "In the spring of 1893 the constant toil and drudgery connected with the work of farming wore me out completely, and the breakdown was the more complete because the results of a coupled with the backache, and the attack of la grippe was a nasty cough, another was the complete loss of appetite. My spirits were greatly depressed, and I felt that I had lived out my days. Always I was great friends, but the cold effect of the grippe especially my feet and caused me great annoyance. Added to this complication was a serious kidney trouble, which threatened to prove the worst enemy of all. I was unable to do any work, had no ambition and less strength, and was not a bit the better of all the doctor's medicine I had taken. It was my wife who advised me at last to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I bought six boxes and began taking them. My hope revived because a change for the better was soon taking place, and before they were done I was cured. The six boxes brought back my appetite, strength and ambition; in short, all that I had lost in the way of strength and health. The next spring, however, my health again gave way and I immediately began using the Pink Pills again, and I am happy to say they effected that time a permanent cure, and today I am as well and hearty as if I were only 40. I strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all who are suffering as I was."

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MURDER AT KUSKANOOK.

Dennis Connors Killed By a Tough Named Doyle. NELSON, Feb. 14.—[Special.]—The steamer Nelson brought in the body of Dennis Connors, who was murdered last night at 11:55 at Kuskanook. Connors was sitting in Erickson's hotel when he was killed by Doyle, a man known here as Doyle and in Roseland as J. Sullivan, came in and walking up to Connors, said: "Dig up or I'll shoot you." Connors smiled and said: "Fire away." Doyle immediately fired the bullet entering Connors' left breast above the nipple. Constable Forbes, acting in the absence of Constable Jarvis on special duty at Nelson, arrived on the scene five minutes later but the murderer had fled. A search assisted in by T. W. Ryan, timekeeper of the C. P. R., was made, but no trace of the murderer could be found. The body was placed on board the steamer and brought to Nelson, accompanied by Forbes and Ryan who also brought Erickson and Tom Smith, chums of Doyle, and Klyle, who was in the bar at the time of the shooting, as witnesses for the inquest to be held on Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Supt. Hussey has been notified and the police are on the alert for the murderer. Connors was a miner and worked last summer in the California mine at Nelson. Doyle came here from Roseland a short time ago. Connors was an American and so is the man who shot him.

The Kootenay Again in Service. The Kootenay, which struck a submerged rock near Robson while making a landing, has been patched up, and is again in service. James Whitmore, the better known as "Sport" formerly the pilot of the Kootenay, has been promoted and is now the captain of the Lytton; Captain Short, the former master of the latter boat has gone to the coast. "Big Pete" Wilson succeeds Mr. Whitmore as pilot on the Kootenay.

A TOWNSITE DEAL

Kennedy Bros. & Purgold

FOR A LOCAL COMPANY

The Place Will Be Platted, Streets Opened, and a Hotel and Store Erected Immediately—Will Be a Promising Suburb of Roseland.

One of the most important land deals ever made in West Kootenay was consummated Tuesday, when D. B. Bogle secured for a local company the townsite to which the mines of Sophie mountain and Big Sheep creek are tributary. This piece of land, which was located before the Columbia & Western railway land grant reserve was imposed, and which has since been crown-granted, is situated at the junction of the Dewdney trail and Big Sheep creek, and covers 320 acres of good flat land just north of the boundary line. It has long been obvious that there were anything in the Sophie mountain mines and other prospects in that district, this land was the only point at which a town could be started which would draw its revenues from these mines. The surprising developments of the last six months have rendered it a prize in the real estate market of British Columbia. The owners have recently had a large offer made to them by the British America corporation to purchase their interest in the prospective town. This, however, they refused, as they considered the proposition if properly developed, shows great prospects.

Through the instrumentality of D. B. Bogle, whose name has been so long connected with the mine and with the Sophie mountain, a local company has been formed to take the property over. The directors are Ross Thompson, the president of Roseland; Charles Dundee, president of the Dundee mine, and E. Kille, trustee for the owners of the land.

Ample capital is assured to plat the land, open streets, build a hotel and store and connect by trail and wagon road with the mine and with the railroad down Big Sheep creek. At the present time this town without a building in existence has a shipping mine directly tributary to it which rivaled Le Roi at the same game of development; it is his attention. His increasing years made the burden heavier, and the spring work of 1893 wore him completely out. This is what he tells about it, and how he was cured: "In the spring of 1893 the constant toil and drudgery connected with the work of farming wore me out completely, and the breakdown was the more complete because the results of a coupled with the backache, and the attack of la grippe was a nasty cough, another was the complete loss of appetite. My spirits were greatly depressed, and I felt that I had lived out my days. Always I was great friends, but the cold effect of the grippe especially my feet and caused me great annoyance. Added to this complication was a serious kidney trouble, which threatened to prove the worst enemy of all. I was unable to do any work, had no ambition and less strength, and was not a bit the better of all the doctor's medicine I had taken. It was my wife who advised me at last to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I bought six boxes and began taking them. My hope revived because a change for the better was soon taking place, and before they were done I was cured. The six boxes brought back my appetite, strength and ambition; in short, all that I had lost in the way of strength and health. The next spring, however, my health again gave way and I immediately began using the Pink Pills again, and I am happy to say they effected that time a permanent cure, and today I am as well and hearty as if I were only 40. I strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all who are suffering as I was."

TRAIL BREWERY SOLD

John R. Myers of New York Purchased It For \$25,000.

Protest Filed By A. C. Galt, Who Represented One of the Largest of the Unsecured Creditors.

The plant of the Kootenay Brewing, Malt & Distilling company was sold Tuesday under a foreclosure of a mortgage for \$25,000, and the purchaser was John R. Myers of Rouse Point, New York. The fact that the concern was to be sold was advertised in the papers, and there was quite an attendance at the sale. Among those present from Roseland were J. S. C. Fraser, local manager for the Bank of Montreal; A. C. Galt, solicitor for Adams & Burns; Louis Blue, the local brewer; Edward Cronyn, solicitor for Low, Young & Co., and others. W. J. Robinson, bailiff in charge, acted as auctioneer.

The bidding started at \$20,000 and made jumps of \$1,000 at a time until Mr. Myers bid \$25,000, and as no one seemed inclined to raise that amount it was knocked down to him for that sum. This sum goes to the Bank of Montreal, and leaves the other creditors without anything.

A. C. Galt, as the legal representative of Adams & Burns, filed a protest against the sale on behalf of his clients and said the property would be subject to their claims as execution creditors.

The Bank of Montreal held the mortgage for \$33,000 on the concern, and it covered all of the property. There are numerous other creditors and the total debts aggregate between \$55,000 and \$60,000. The largest of the unsecured creditors are Adams & Burns, \$3,000; Tasey, Wood & Co., \$3,000; Low, Young & Co., \$5,000. Besides these are numerous others. The brewery was built early in 1897 and principal stockholders were J. S. C. Fraser, who was president of the corporation and E. H. Kane was secretary-treasurer and acted as general manager. It cost more to erect the plant than was expected on the start, and the concern began business handicapped by indebtedness. In its anxiety to do business in order to wipe out this indebtedness it sold to many who were unable to pay, and this is its present embarrassment. Since then the situation has been the same. Mr. Myers, on November 1 of last year got into litigation with its creditors, and it was soon evident that it could not stem the financial tide that was setting in so strongly against it.

Since then the institution has been made a sort of football of by the courts. First W. J. Robinson took possession as deputy sheriff under an execution. Then he was appointed liquidator of the concern. Judge McKane as liquidator, and installed John McKane as liquidator. The latter remained in possession for a little over a month and then the supreme court decided that Judge Forin's action in appointing Mr. McKane was illegal and therefore void. On the 23rd of January W. J. Robinson took forcible possession of the property as bailiff for the Bank of Montreal, which held the mortgage for \$33,000. He held the fort till he sold the property yesterday to Mr. Myers.

The property consists of a brewery and 10 lots at Trail. It is among the largest on the mainland of British Columbia, and extending to the Kootenay. The company has a refrigerating plant, and also carried on a wholesale and retail liquor business in connection with its brewery. The plant and stock was valued at about \$60,000.

Rossland Mining Market

Stock Quotations Corrected Weekly by DICKINSON & ORDE,

DANIEL DICKINSON. WALTER L. ORDE. P. O. Box, 631. ROSSLAND, B. C. Codes: A B C, Moreing & Neil's, Clough's. Cable Address: "Dickinson."

FEATURES OF THE WEEK.

The market on the whole for the past week has been quiet. The stocks most in demand have been War Eagle, Fern, Iron Mask, Noble Five and several sales of all these were made, especially the two first. There has been also some enquiry for the stocks of the Golden Cache, Northern Belle, Josie, Eureka Consolidated and Alf.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Price, Name of Company, Price. Includes Grand Prize, Great Western, Homestake, Iron Mask, etc.

SNAPS FOR THIS WEEK, FEBRUARY 17.

We offer this week subject to a previous sale the following: 5,000 Gertrude, 11c; 2,000 Silverline, 5 1/2c; 500 Stocan Star, 42c; 5,000 Fern, 70c; 10,000 Deer Park, 11c; 1,000 Monte Cristo, 21 1/2c; 2,000 Evening Star, 63c; 5,000 Noble Five, 18c; 400 Noble Five, 23c; 1,000 Cariboo (Camp McKinney), 53c; 500 Iron Mask, 4c; 5,000 Grand Prize, 3 1/2c; 50,000 Eureka Consolidated (one block), 5 1/2c; 5,000 Red Mountain View, 2 1/2c; 10,000 Northern Belle, 3 1/2c.

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TO THE MINING INVESTOR.

While the stock market at the present time offers exceptional opportunities for remunerative investment, the fact must not be lost sight of, that those who have the means, have numberless chances before them, for

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In the purchase of claims of merit, which at times can be bought for a song. In this connection we desire to state, that we have completed arrangements with a number of genuine prospectors, whereby we are enabled to supply promising prospects, at prices ranging from \$200 upwards, which are worth developing. We are also in the position to furnish the English market with

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both in British Columbia, and the Yukon. An assay taken from the present depth of No. 2 shaft of the Salmo Consolidated, last week, yielded returns of \$68.91 in gold and silver.

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CANADA

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

No. 3.

In the Supreme Court.

In the matter of

O. K. GOLD MINING CO.

Limited Liability, (Foreign). In Liquidation.

The Undersigned Official Liquidator

Will sell by tender,

Subject to ratification by the Court.

The property known as the O. K. Mine and the buildings belonging to the said company. Also the entire mining and milling plant of said company, the whole situated on the south slope of O. K. Mountain, in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia. The claim is surveyed in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia. The claim is surveyed in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia. The claim is surveyed in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia.

The O. K. mine is largely free-milling, and to work this property the first stamp mill in the district was erected. That mill, a five stamp one, is now partially dismantled, (being superseded by the new ten-stamp mill) and the mill, engine, boiler and crusher, not being further required, may be tendered for separately. The O. K. mine has been operated since 1893 and was a producer from the start. From January 14th to June 19th, 1897, 2472 tons of O. K. ore were milled, exclusive of several hundred tons of custom work for adjoining mines. The O. K. property is favorably situated for every mining purpose and for the economical handling large custom trade for the mill. The new ten-stamp mill is thoroughly equipped for the economical handling large custom trade for the mill. The new ten-stamp mill is thoroughly equipped for the economical handling large custom trade for the mill.

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RICHARD PLEWMAN, OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR.

(Editorial concluded from Page 4.)

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The speech from the throne, delivered at the opening of the legislative assembly, is in the main a satisfactory address. Interspersed with the customary optimistic platitudes are some very gratifying assurances that the Government is alive to many of the needs of the Province. The promise of a Redistribution Bill will be cordially received by the electors. The intimation that legislation will be introduced having for its object the development of new districts will meet with general approval.

The reference to negotiations being in progress between the Government and the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway company, "which will open the rich mining camps and agricultural lands along the route," will cause many a man in Southern British Columbia to smile broadly. We are not aware that the V., V. & E. people had located a route except between the termini of the Shushwap & Okanagan branch of the C. P. R. and Boundary Creek. Evidently Dan Mann is one of those kind of men who can do two things at once. He seems to be as "solid" with the Victoria authorities as he is at Ottawa. Verily this is a great year for the C. P. R. However, as the nature of these negotiations will be made public shortly, it might be as well to postpone further criticism until the details are presented to the assembly.

It cannot be said that in the Speech Mr. Turner has been guilty of showing the hand he intends playing at the present session.

AN EXTENSIVE OPERATOR.

It would seem that the much-talked of Canadian Development company, which is composed of some of the most influential capitalists of Eastern Canada and New York—notably C. P. R. officials, J. W. Mackay and H. Maitland Kersey—is ready to commence operations in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. Mr. Kersey has arrived in Victoria and established his western headquarters there. He will open an office at the Provincial capital and devote his attention at first to establishing a line of well equipped steamers that will ply between Victoria and Vancouver and the Stickeen. The vessels will be operated in connection with the C. P. R. railway that is now being constructed by Mann and Mackenzie, between the Stickeen and Teslin lake. It is more than probable that this company will not confine itself to this business, but will, in the near future, operate extensively in various parts of the Province. The syndicate is one of the strongest that has yet been attracted by the wonderful resources of British Columbia.

Mr. Kersey was known in the business world as the New York manager of the White Star line of steamships. He is one of the best known clubmen in America, and is, besides, an enthusiastic yachtsman, taking a prominent part in the arrangements that have been made in recent years for the international matches for the America's cup. It is to be hoped that this energetic and popular gentleman will soon find it convenient to visit the great and glorious Kootenay country.

A TIMELY WARNING.

The Victoria Colonist utters a very timely warning concerning the proposed intention of the United States government to send an armed force with the relief expedition that that country will dispatch to the Yukon before the close of the present winter. If our neighbors desire to forward supplies to Circle City and other points in the Yukon which lie in American territory, and are anxious to avail themselves of the Canadian route which traverses the upper reaches of the river, all well and good; but this can be done without an armed envoy. Under the most favorable circumstances troops sent down the Yukon to Circle City would not reach there until June, or about a month later than they could be sent in by way of St. Michael's. No conditions exist that render it necessary for troops to be dispatched to Alaska before the Yukon opens, when they can be sent via St. Michael's and through United States territory.

The Colonist in a discussion of the incident says: "Remember San Juan," and goes on to remind its readers that the United States was permitted to land troops on that island, and the result was that Canada lost it. It then remarks that something like this might possibly be attempted in the Northwest Territories.

While it is not to be supposed for a moment that either the Dominion or Imperial authorities would tolerate the slightest infringement on any privileges that might be accorded the United States troops passing through Canadian territory, the fact should not be lost sight of in Ottawa and London that the people of the United States are crazed with the Klondike gold discoveries, and that irresponsible and blatant jingoists at Washington might seize on the opportunity offered by the presence of United States soldiers in British territory to cause trouble between the two countries.

THE OUTPUT OF KOOTENAY.

The yield of precious metals of the Kootenay country is assuming great proportions, and it is interesting to note that during the last month the output

from the mines of Kootenay amounted to nearly one-third of the monthly yield of the gold mines of South Africa when the Kaffir boom was at its flood tide in the year 1895. At that time something over \$1,000,000,000 had been invested in South African gold mines, and the output was less than \$4,000,000 per month and the profit from this was considerably less than \$1,000,000. The gold mines of the whole of Australia in 1897 yielded in dividends \$4,600,000, a monthly average of \$300,000, which must be considerably less than the profits from last month's output from Kootenay. According to the customs house report the total export of the output of the mine, and all the product sent out of the country, was \$1,197,489 in Kootenay. As large as this is, it is certain to be doubled before the present year will have spent itself. It is now certain that the Kootenay district will ere long completely overshadow both South Africa and Westralia.

DEEP-LEVEL MINING.

The project of resuming work on the Comstock lode is being agitated, and it is within the range of probabilities that operations may be recommenced on this famous Nevada vein. Operations on the lower levels of the lode were suspended in March, 1882, because of the inability of the companies owning mines along the lode to make a satisfactory combination to pump the water out of the lower levels. At that time the deepest workings were in the Union Consolidated, 3,350 feet, and the Yellow Jacket, the Combination and other mines, had attained in their workings within a few feet of a similar depth. The mines were connected with each other by tunnels and upraises, and as a result, when the pumping ceased, the lower levels filled with water up to the level of the Sutro tunnel, 1,600 feet from the surface, and the water has remained to this day. The work that has been carried on since has been in the levels above 1,600 feet.

It was supposed at that time that the maximum depth at which mines could be operated successfully had been reached, as the only other working in the world that had attained a similar depth was the Adalbert shaft, Bohemia, which was only 3,280 feet deep. Since then the Calumet & Hecla shaft at Lake Superior has been sunk to 4,900 feet and there are several other mines in the world that have attained a depth in about the same neighborhood. It is certain that with modern machinery mines can be worked more than a depth of 6,000 feet or more than a mile. The success that has crowned the efforts of the deep level mining in other parts of the world, has encouraged the companies having holdings in the Comstock lode to the idea that the operations there could be extended till a depth of at least 6,000 feet will have been reached. It is known to a certainty that the lode had not been worked out when the water drove the miners from the lower levels in 1882.

In point of fact, the mines there were only down about 1,600 feet for the reason that the completion of the Sutro tunnel had created a new level from which mining operations could be conducted, as that long bore which extended from the Carson valley, a distance of four miles to the Comstock lode, kept the mines free from water down to its level. The initial cost of the enterprise would be the greatest expense as after clearing the miles of workings of water it would be a comparatively easy task to keep the workings clear after this was done. This would be particularly the case if water power was utilized and turned into electric energy, which in its turn could be utilized to operate pumping machinery. The Comstock lode has since its discovery, some 40 years ago, produced nearly \$400,000,000. It is safe to say if the mines are pumped out and work resumed in a careful and scientific manner that it could be made to yield at least \$100,000,000 more. This is a prize that is certainly worth striving for and is easily within the range of probabilities of that famous lode.

Everything points to the fact that deep-level mining is to become more and more the mining of the future. Who can say how deep men will delve 50 years from now for the precious metals?

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The present city council is composed of men who are thoroughly representative of the municipality and their chief desire as councilmen is to serve the city to the best advantage. They enjoy the unreserved confidence of the taxpayers and are disposed to promptly carry out the ideas of a majority of the people. It may, therefore, be expected that their actions regarding the petition presented by the Sunday Observance league will be guided by popular sentiment. If it is seen that a majority of the residents of Rossland are desirous of having the council prescribe the manner in which they shall conduct their businesses and how they shall partake of innocent sports, recreations and pastimes every Sunday, the council may be relied upon to at once pass bylaws to that effect. If they feel capable of doing all this without any advice or assistance, their wishes will be respected. So far as the mine owners are concerned, they are as intelligent and considerate a class of men as can be met anywhere. If the suspension of work on their properties can be conveniently arranged they will, without doubt, be only too willing to fall in

with the views of the Sunday Observance league. If, however, they find that this is not expedient and so inform the council, that body will probably give the matter no further thought.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A LARGE number of the newspapers of Canada are apparently ignorant of the fact that the C. P. R. is behind Mann and Mackenzie in their railway enterprises.

It must not be supposed that the circumstances of the Costello trial are being overlooked at Ottawa. There is every reason to believe that the minister of justice is giving the matter his attention.

The resignation of the lieutenant-governorship of the Northwest Territories by Hon. C. H. Mackintosh seems to have left a vacancy that is hard to fill. Mr. Mackintosh resigned at the beginning of the year, but no one has been appointed to succeed him.

The Spanish mine, Nevada county, Cal., is a good example of a cheaply worked property, though the exceptional conditions favor a lower cost than ordinary. At present 12 men furnish the mill with 270 tons of ore daily, which is mined and milled at a total cost of 65 cents per ton.

ROSSLAND is now generally recognized as the best place in Kootenay to sell a prospect or a mine. Prospectors and claim owners from all over Southern British Columbia now come here to find purchasers or capital to do development work with. There is a large sum of money in Rossland for investment in such channels.

The placing at sides of the archway leading into the rotunda of the Provincial parliament buildings of statues of Captain George Vancouver and Sir Mathew Baillie Begbie is most appropriate. Both were really great men and deserve the tribute that has been paid their memory in this instance. The likeness of the illustrious navigator typifies the progressive, explorative spirit of the West; while the figure of the stern, yet just, judge is emblematic of the great respect the people of this Province have for law and order.

The Revelstoke newspapers are doing yeoman's work for their town in the matter of the repair of the bank of the Columbia river, which, owing to its present condition, is being washed away. They have asked for appropriation from the Dominion and Provincial governments with much persistency and it would seem that their efforts are about to be rewarded. It is said that Premier Turner, on behalf of the Province, has promised to bear half the expense, provided the Dominion government will contribute the balance. This is a very liberal offer and should be promptly accepted at Ottawa. The sum required of the Dominion is \$15,000.

An English contemporary is responsible for the statement that an individual named C. P. Cook has discovered the fact that there is a place called Vancouver island, which he considers would be a suitable place for England's poverty-stricken and unemployed men and women. Mr. Cook doubtless means well, but THE MINER desires to impress upon him the fact that this Province does not want the element that he proposes to dump among us. If Mr. Cook is still determined to find another abiding place for the destitute of England, we would suggest that he take them to Central Africa or some other place than British Columbia.

The great strike of the English engineers, which lasted 29 weeks, cost \$3,000,000 in wages alone. The Amalgamated Society of Engineers commenced the dispute with a balance of \$380,000, 200,000 of which belonged to the superannuation fund, and could not be touched for strike purposes, and has received, in special levies from the 60,000 members who have not been affected by the lock-out, about \$200,000, and £140,000 from outside subscriptions, making a total of £740,000 available for carrying on the dispute. On an average, the society's weekly expenditure amounted to £24,000 in providing strike pay for 32,000 men, or a total during the dispute of £720,000. The direct loss of wages to the men is calculated at £2,000,000, but this sum does not include the loss that has been sustained by many other classes of workmen engaged or dependent upon the engineering and shipbuilding industries. The men obtained some concessions, but it cannot be said that they achieved a victory.

F. J. Deane, who will be the candidate of the Provincial Oppositionists of North Yale, at the next general elections, has opened his campaign. One of the tenets of Mr. Deane's political creed, according to the Kamloops Standard, is that with our numerous resources, minerals and other materials of wealth, the country should not get into the Province desiring to see the country developed without unnecessary delay, with such an enormous and marvellously rich area to open up, and with a credit in the financial center in the world that admits of borrowing funds at an almost ridiculously low rate of interest, it is the height of folly to talk about not going into debt for a moderate amount of money. As things are at present it is most business-like for the Government to adopt a boldly progressive policy. If Mr. Deane cannot do better than advance such ideas as

are accredited to him, it may be safely predicted that he will be elected to stay at home.

RUMOR is busy selecting a new governor-general for Canada to take the place of the Earl of Aberdeen, whose term of office will shortly come to an end. The salary attached to this position is £10,000 and the appointment is for five years. Since confederation, which took place July 1, 1867, the Dominion of Canada has had seven representatives of Her Majesty holding a vice-regal court at Ottawa. Viscount Monk was the first governor-general, and he was succeeded in turn by Sir John Young, afterwards created Lord Lesgar; Lord Dufferin, afterwards created Marquis of Dufferin and Ava; Marquis of Lorne; Marquis of Lansdowne; Lord Stanley of Preston, who has since succeeded to the Earldom of Derby, and, lastly, the Earl of Aberdeen. Lord Aberdeen is respected for his many admirable qualities of heart and mind. His indefatigable efforts to promote the welfare of this country are very generally and heartily appreciated, and his charmingly well lost no opportunity to do all in his power to assist him in the administration of his high office. Who ever the new occupants of the Queen's Hall may be, it is safe to say that they will not be more popular than those who immediately preceded them.

SOMETHING IS WRONG.

A New City Clerk Has Been Appointed in Sealey's Place.

NELSON, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—During the early part of the week there was considerable excitement in the city over the report that C. E. Sealey, who, since the incorporation of the city, has filled the position of city clerk, water company assessor and collector, had resigned. The council had gone to Revelstoke for Mr. Sealey would be back in a day or two, but the fact that a successor had been appointed on Tuesday afternoon lent color to the rumor. The council held all right at that time, but the fact that Mr. Sealey had declined to state what reasons for Mr. Sealey's sudden departure were, and state that the shortage in his accounts is almost covered by the amount due him for salary. A rather strange feature of the case is that although the city clerk handles a large portion of the city funds as water commissioner and collector, as far as is learned, no bonds were ever asked for or given.

At a special meeting of the city council held this afternoon, Alderman Hill moved and Alderman Madden seconded a motion to rescind the motion passed at the last meeting of the council, authorizing the chief of police to strike proceedings in the city, and to strike in the motion of the minutes. The motion was carried, and the chief was instructed to go ahead with the proceedings. At this afternoon meeting the engaged hotel keepers and keepers of cigar stores in the matter. The experiment will be watched with interest, as public opinion is very much divided on the question. What the shareholders are really desiring is that the gambling remains to be seen, although a large number of our citizens are of the opinion that the gambling is intended as a blind, and that gambling will be allowed to go on unmolested.

At the meeting of the council, in discussing the question of expenditure, the mayor stated that the assessment roll made ready to lay before the council next Monday night, and that the value of real estate in the city would be over \$1,000,000. He advised that a rate of one per cent levied on real estate only, would estimate the revenue to be about \$35,000. John Robinson, who left here a couple of weeks ago for the Klondike, is reported to be returning to the north-going boats, and is being impossible to get through this winter. He reports that large numbers of people are returning on every boat from Skagway, it being thought that the Klondike boom will collapse in the summer but while it lasts the people of the coast cities are making the most they can out of the rush.

About 60 men from the Crow's Nest Pass railway construction left yesterday to work on the Teslin Lake railway. Archie McDonald, formerly of Rossland, but lately freight agent on the steamer Kokanee, has been promoted to the Columbia river section and has prepared a plan for a new English church edifice to be erected in the early spring on Silica street, adjoining the present church building. Rev. H. S. Akhurst, incumbent, who has spent the past three months in England for the benefit of his health, sails for home on Saturday, and is expected here in about two weeks.

A New Alderman.

Born, at 10 o'clock yesterday, to Alderman and Mrs. Albert Barrett, an 8½ pound girl.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Dunlop Engineering Company, limited liability, will be held at the offices of the company, 37, Columbia street, at 3 o'clock on the 4th day of March. GEORGE PURGOLD, Acting Secretary.

The Northern Belle Gold Mining Co. of British Columbia, Limited.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held in Toronto, on Monday, the 21st day of February next, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Oriental mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout mountain. Take notice that I, John Boulbee, acting as agent for the Trail Creek Mining Company, do hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Big Three Gold Mining Company," as an Extra-Provincial company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends. The head office of the company is situated in the city of Spokane, State of Washington, U. S. A. The amount of the capital of the company is three million five hundred thousand dollars, divided into three million five hundred thousand shares of one dollar each. The objects for which the company has been established are:— To work, operate, buy, sell, lease, locate, acquire, procure, hold and deal in mines, metals and mineral claims of every kind and description within the United States of America and the Province of British Columbia, Canada, to carry on mining, smelting, reducing, refining, milling and conducting a general business, to purchase, acquire, hold, erect and operate electric light and power plants, for the purpose of furnishing light and creating power for all purposes, and for the power plants and treating ores; to bond, lease, locate and hold ditches, flumes and canals, to construct, lease, buy, sell, build or operate railroads, ferries, tramways or other means of transportation for transporting ores, mining and other materials; to own, bond, buy, lease, locate and hold claims, and to carry on all other mining, smelting, reducing, refining, milling and conducting a general business, consistent, proper and lawful, to do everything consistent, proper and lawful that may be required for the carrying on of the objects and purposes aforesaid in their fullest and broadest sense within the territory aforesaid. Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. [L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." Registered the 28th day of December, 1897.

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Almaden mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of and adjoining the Mormon Girl mineral claim. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. R. Newman, free miner's certificate No. 53,000 and G. D. Monk, free miner's certificate No. 82,000, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 5th day of January, 1898. 1-6-101

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Amelia mineral claim, situated in Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Rock creek and about 500 feet northwest of the Highland mineral claim. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnett, acting as agent for Charles E. Hope, free miner's certificate No. 44,000, and J. Johnstone, free miner's certificate No. 99,000, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. KENNETH L. BURNETT, Dated this 14th day of Dec., 1897. 12-16-101

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Good Hope mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: North of and adjoining the Good Hope mineral claim and north easterly about 1,500 feet from the Jumbo mineral claim. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Good Hope Mining & Milling Company, limited liability, free miner's certificate No. 8,756, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, Dated this 12th day of January, 1897. 1-13-101

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THE STOCK MARKET

There is a Brisk Demand For War Eagle.

IRON MASK A FREE SELLER

Stockholders of the Evening Star Protesting Because \$40,000 Shares of Treasury Stock Was Sold Under Market Price.

The stock market has hardly recovered from the exuberance that was characteristic of the time when the Mackintosh combine was purchasing the control of the numerous properties it has acquired, and it is not lively at present.

There is a good inquiry for War Eagle, caused by the fine reports that come from the mine and the prospect that it will not be long before the large deposits of ore that are uncovered will be marketed. War Eagle has advanced recently from \$1 to \$1.10 and a dividend would send it kiting up among the dollars. It is considered by those who intelligently know the mines of Rossland as one of the very best of buys.

Iron Mask has been a favorite with buyers during the past week, and is advancing under the competition to 32 cents. It has advanced from 22 to 42 cents in the last two weeks, and the outlook is that it will go still higher. The ore from the Iron Mask is of a high grade and it is seldom that a ton of it will run below \$40, and this, too, without sorting.

Local brokers report that there is quite a demand for Noble Five, which is located in the Slooan on Noble Five mountain. The affairs of the company, which a few days since were in bad shape, have been reorganized and the obligations have been provided for and it is reported to be in first class shape. The company has paid dividends amounting to \$40,000, and the stock is now quoted at 20 cents per share.

One of the largest deals of the week in which local people are interested, was the sale of all of the treasury stock of the Twin, 300,000 shares, in London for 25 cents per share. The stock of this company, which has been selling for 15 cents, has been advanced to 25 cents. The mine is located at Ainsworth and there is 400 tons of high grade ore on the dump. It is the intention to put the money that has been derived from the sale of the treasury stock into the development of the property.

There has been a decline in the shares of the Evening Star. It is claimed that 240,000 shares of the treasury stock have been sold to M. M. Cowley for 100 per cent below the market price by the directors of the company. The smaller stockholders do not like this action and it has shaken their faith to a degree in the future of the company. It is such actions as these that do more to hurt the mining industry than anything else, and it is a matter that should call for a meeting of the stockholders and the taking of such steps as should right the matter. H. B. Blackmer, and the Toronto stockholders have filed a demand that the sale be set aside on the ground that the stock was sold for less than it was worth.

Brokers anticipate a better market within the next few days, and a very brisk one when the Mackintosh syndicate gets fairly to work. This, they claim, will give a new impetus to the entire camp and to everything connected with it, including its mining shares.

NELSON'S CLAIMS.

A Memorial Drafted to Aid in Securing Public Buildings There.

NELSON, Feb. 15.—[Special.]—At a recent meeting of the South Kootenay board of trade, the report of the committee appointed at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon to draft memorials regarding a government building, etc., was received. The petition set forth that South Kootenay is one of the most important districts in British Columbia and also in the Dominion of Canada, and that Nelson as the central point in the district was recognized by the government in 1895 when it was made the chief customs port of this part. The customs returns for this port were compared with those of other ports to show the volume of business transacted here. The returns for the Nelson port office were given as follows: In 1897 the office of stamps amounted to \$11,163.27; money orders paid, \$70,661.37; money orders paid, \$14,373.14; postoffice savings bank deposits, \$4,574; monthly average of registered parcels, 1,357; sale of stamps for January, 1898, \$1,102.18; registered parcels for the month of January, 2,340. In support of the claim that Nelson is the commercial city of the Kootenay district the following facts were cited: Several wholesale firms have established business here; three chartered banks have established branches in Nelson; the Canadian Pacific Railway company has its head offices for southern British Columbia here, and this city is the legal and government center for the district.

Copies of the petition were ordered to be sent to the minister of public works and to Hewitt, Boetock, M. P., with the signatures of the members of the board attached. Five hundred copies will be printed for distribution among the members of parliament.

Nelson Notes. NELSON, Feb. 15.—[Special.]—J. M. Patterson, formerly manager of Dr. Arthur's drug store, has shipped a large stock of drugs, etc., to Kuskanook, where he will go into business himself. Dr. George Hall has left for New York, where he will take a post-graduate course in the city hospitals. He will be absent about four months, during which time his practice at the Kootenay Lake general hospital will be attended to by Dr. Hawkey.

H. J. Evans has applied to the city council for a franchise for the establishment of gas works. The franchise is for a period of 25 years and the system to be installed within two years.

Carlyle Has Resigned. VICTORIA, Feb. 15.—W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, has handed in his resignation, to take effect April 1, when he will leave for Rossland to accept the mining superintendency of the British America corporation.

ROSSLAND REALTY.

It Begins to Look as Though There Is to Be a Real Estate Movement.

With the improved condition of the mining interests in this vicinity, there comes with it a betterment in the state of the real estate market. There has not been a great deal of dealing in Rossland realty since the collapse of the stock market last year, when values went down with something of a crash. A few lots were bought here and there for actual use, and in some instances business property changed hands. These transactions, however, were only for current use, and in no sense were they for speculative purposes. Within the last few weeks there has been a considerable inquiry for desirable lots for speculative purposes, principally, and there have been more deals than usual. One broker reported yesterday that there had been more inquiries during the past three weeks for Rossland realty than there had been in the previous six months. He was making not a few sales and in the past three days he had sold three residence lots. "Never in the history of the town," he said, "was there a better time to purchase lots than the present. The market, in my opinion, is a rising one, and before the year is over there will be a big demand at prices much higher than those that at present prevail. There is money to be made in Rossland real estate during the next year, and those who are wise will make a few investments."

A Bank For Dawson. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 16.—The Bank of Commerce has arranged with the government for the opening of its branch at Dawson City to handle bullion, issue drafts and carry on a general banking business. W. Wills, the local manager of the Bank of Commerce at Orangeville, Ont., has been appointed manager at Dawson. He is a brother of Dr. Wills, who spent three years in the Yukon.

TWO OF THEM HELD UP Masked Highwaymen Compel Them to Stand and Deliver.

One Relieved of His Watch and the Other of His Money—No Clue to the Robbers.

Two masked highwaymen held up David O'Day and G. Campbell about 1:30 o'clock this morning, while they were on their way to the Le Roi, where they are employed. O'Day was relieved of a watch, worth about \$15, and his companion was robbed of \$2.00, all the money he had with him at the time.

The two had spent the evening with friends down town, and left for home shortly after 1 o'clock. They had taken the path to the Le Roi, when two masked men jumped out from the side of the trail and thrusting a revolver each at their heads, ordered them to step, laughingly tried to thrust them to one side, but from the energetic tones of the highwayman, he soon found that they were in earnest, and the two accordingly obediently held up their hands.

The robbery slowly went through them, and from O'Day got his watch and chain, and from Campbell his change, amounting to \$2.90. They were very evidently green hands at such work, for they were very nervous and rifled their victims' pockets with difficulty, while they entirely overlooked some coins in O'Day's vest pockets. After completing their work they started towards town.

O'Day and Campbell went on up to the Le Roi, but returned at once to find a policeman. They told their story to Officer McPhee, but there was no clue to the identity of the men, and he could do little. They describe their assailants as being dressed in black overcoats, with black slouch hats, and from their talk they judged them to be young—perhaps 23 years old.

The watch stolen from O'Day was a Waltham movement, with an engraved dial and Bos hunting case. The chain was of gold wire links.

O'Day is steward at the Le Roi boarding-house, and Campbell is employed at the same place.

FROM THE RECORDS. Certificates of Work.

February 2—Butte. February 8—Longwood Fraction, Duluth, Water, Ring No. 2, Water Ring No. 1, Dexter.

February 10—Meganitic. February 11—Herman, Old Glory, Revenue. February 14—Ruby Bell, Olivet, Harrisburg.

Certificates of Improvements. February 1—Ida May. February 2—Fairford. February 9—Fairford.

Transfers. FEBRUARY 2. Midnight Fraction 1/2, Warden Fraction 1/4, John K. Hacho to D. C. Coakley, \$100.

FEBRUARY 3. Ajax R. Maggie 1/4, Jas. Derby to Wilson McKinnon. Bullion Fraction 1/4, Andrew Hackett to J. H. Jones.

FEBRUARY 4. Baltic Fraction, John C. Bell to Chas S. Warren, \$250. Baltic Fraction, Chas S. Warren to Charles H. Mackintosh.

FEBRUARY 5. Olivett 1/4, C. J. Kelly to W. Clark. Copper Cliff, seized by sheriff to cover judgments of \$39.73 against Ida Queen Gold Mining Co.

FEBRUARY 7. Little Bee Gold Mining Company, loan of \$1,000, secured from Reuben Stevens of Stouffville. Lucky Jeff 1/4, W. McCulloch to W. H. Bell, \$50.

FEBRUARY 8. Helen M 1/4, Geo. Ellis to F. S. Hobbs, \$1,000. Helen M 1/4, Geo. Ellis to J. H. Jones, \$1,000.

FEBRUARY 10. Consolation 1/4, W. McCulloch to W. H. Bell, \$500. Parrott, D. W. Maloney to J. H. Jones, \$500.

FEBRUARY 11. Velvetine 1/4, Silver King 1/4, H. L. Turner to J. T. Rodgers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[In this column THE MINER is pleased to answer inquiries regarding mines and mining companies of the Rossland camp, but in many cases some time and little correspondence are required to obtain the information requested. Inquirers should not be disappointed if their letters do not receive an immediate answer. THE MINER can not undertake to reply by letter to inquirers.—Ed.]

Royal Gold. WANETA, Feb. 11, 1898. EDITOR MINER:—Sir:—Would you kindly inform me what stock in the Royal Gold Mining company is worth at present time and what showing they have? Do not see any account of same in your paper, and oblige yours truly, J. N. DAVIDSON.

[The Royal Gold company has not been working its property lately, and there is not sufficient funds on hand to carry on systematic operations. The company, however, is out of debt, and has some money on hand. At present one of the original owners of a claim now held by the company, but the officers say that they have no fear of an unfavorable result. The development of the Royal Gold's properties has not been done to determine their value. There is very little deal in the stock. It is quoted nominally at five cents, and some deals have gone through on the basis of three cents. D. D. Binks, secretary of the company, is working hard to place the company on its feet, and he has good hopes of success.—Ed.]

The Great Western. BROCKVILLE, Ont., Feb. 6. EDITOR MINER:—Sir:—Some few weeks ago I was told that the Great Western mine had been sold to an English syndicate, and that the stockholders were to receive 10 cents per share for their stock. Holding some stock in the above company, and not having received any notice of the sale of the property, I am anxious to find out whether or not there is any truth in the report, and if it is true, about what time the present holders of the company's stock to get the above amount for their holdings? By publishing the above in your valuable newspaper, and giving any information on the above, you will greatly oblige. Thanking you, I remain, Yours very truly, READERS.

[The Great Western company has sold its property to the British America Corporation for \$95,000, of which \$50,000 has already been paid, and the remainder, \$45,000, will be due on April 4. This will net shareholders about 9 1/2 cents per share. A payment of 4 1/2 cents per share has already been made, and the remaining payment to shareholders will probably be declared about the 5th or 6th of April.

If you have not received a payment on your stock, forward it by registered mail to J. B. Jones, secretary of the Great Western Mining company, Spokane, Wash., U. S. A., who will remit the amount coming to you, and return your shares, endorsed with the fact that the first payment has been made upon your holdings forward your stock to Mr. Jones immediately after the second payment is made, on April 4.—Ed.]

Those Naturalization Laws. ROSSLAND, Feb. 16. EDITOR MINER:—Sir:—If a foreigner settles in the United States and becomes naturalized before his children reach the age of 21, do they thereby become citizens? CONSTANT READER.

[The children of a foreigner become citizens of the United States if they are living in the United States and are under 21 years old at the time that their father obtains his final naturalization papers.—Ed.]

The Mascot. TORONTO, Feb. 8. EDITOR MINER:—Sir:—Will you be good enough to inform me of the position of the Mascot Gold Mine company. Yours very truly, F. C. M.

[The Mascot Gold Mining company owns the Mascot claim, a claim about 600 x 1,200 feet in size, lying southeast of the Columbia & Kootenay group, from which it is separated by the Michiganian. The company has a crown grant to the property. No work is being done as the company is out of funds. The claim has been optioned to A. J. McMillan, who is now in London. Mr. McMillan also has an option on the Michiganian, the adjoining property, and he expects to float a company for the purpose of operating both.—Ed.]

The Early Bird. ACUBLE, Mich., Feb. 7. EDITOR MINER:—Sir:—Will you please give me any information you can regarding the Early Bird Gold Mining company? Is any work going on at the Early Bird mine? What are their prospects and in what part of Rossland are they located? I would be pleased with any information you may give me and oblige, yours truly, JAMES R. MILLER.

[The Early Bird company has some little money on hand and is out of debt, but operations have been suspended until enough means have been secured to carry on an active scale. The company has three properties—the Primrose and the Early Bird fraction, on the north side of Red Mountain, on Blue's sawmill, and the Columbia, on Lookout mountain, near Trail. Application has been made for a crown grant for the first named claim, and the officers of the company are confident that it will be obtained. Enough work has been done on the Columbia to obtain a crown grant, and all that is needed preparatory to an application being made for one is a survey of the property. The Early Bird fraction is a location of the Minnie No. 2. The company intends to do all its future work on the Primrose fraction, which has been explored by several prospect shafts, together with one shaft down and some well mineralized ledge matter have been met.—Ed.]

Liberal Club Elects Officers. The Liberal club had a meeting Monday night in Beatty's hall, when officers for the ensuing term were elected. J. B. McArthur was chosen president; C. O. Lalonde, first vice-president; H. P. McCraney, second vice-president; Thos. Parker, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Sinclair, Dr. J. T. McKenzie, J. M. Martin, Smith Curtis, J. E. Saucier and Arthur Dutton, executive committee. Notice was given that at the next meeting of the club a resolution condemning the Yukon railway deal will be introduced.

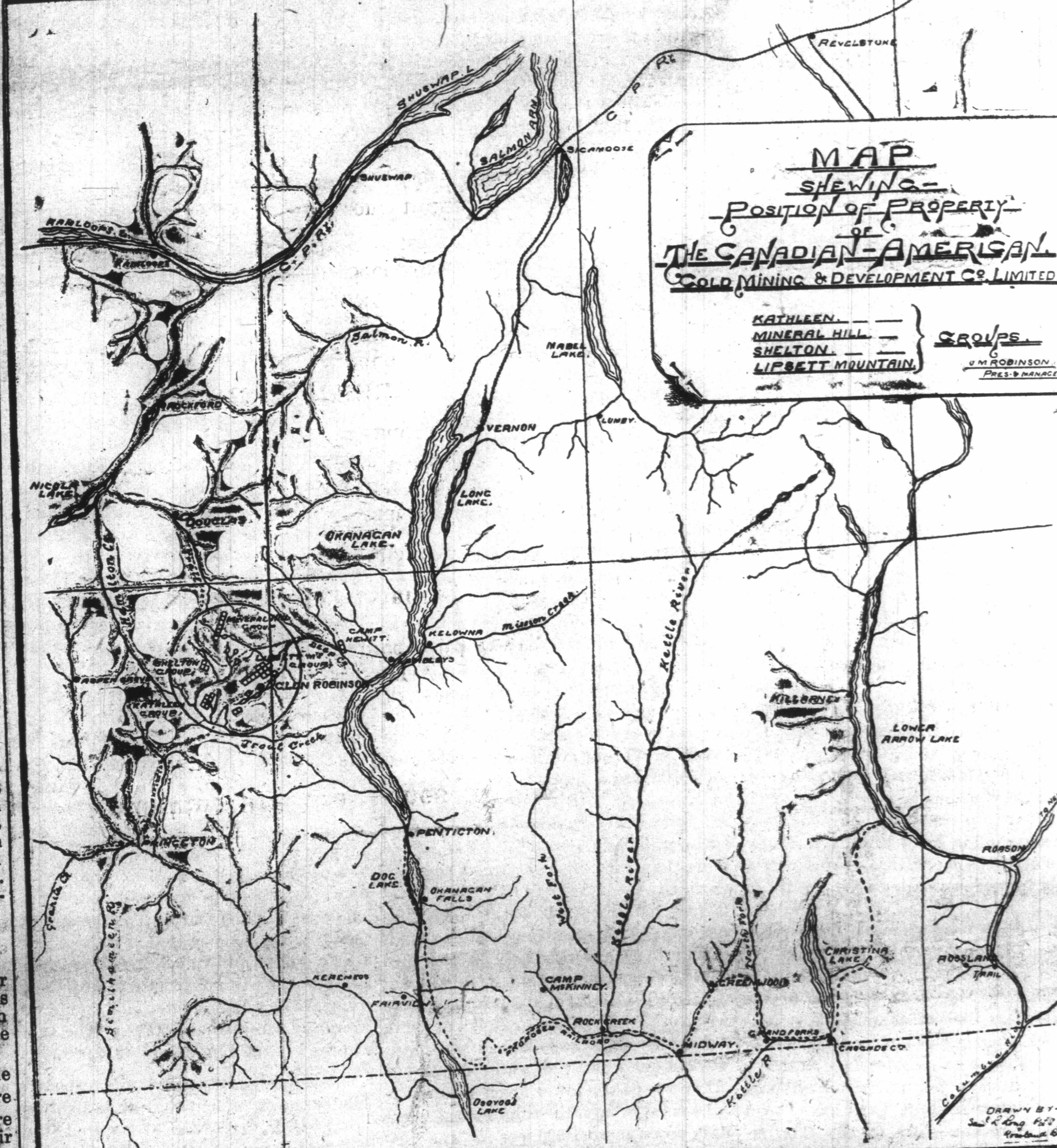
KEEP YOUR EYE ON GLEN ROBINSON

THE NEW FREE GOLD MINING CAMP, 12 MILES WEST OF OKANAGAN LAKE, IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. THE TOWNSITE OF 960 ACRES IS OWNED BY

The Canadian-American Gold Mining and Development Company.

The town is to be governed on a semi-cooperative basis. Civic government by commission and civic insurance. The "Guttenberg" system of handling the liquor traffic, etc., is to be tried.

This company also owns THIRTY-SEVEN mineral claims, or nearly 1,800 acres of mineral land. Twenty-five of these are free gold properties, eight refractory ore gold and 4 silver-lead. It also owns 620,000 shares of the capital stock of five other mining companies operating in British Columbia.



Following are the names of the claims owned by this company:

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| Sadie B.
J. M. R. | | JOSIE GROUP. | Iron Hill
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THE CANADIAN-AMERICAN COMPANY is capitalized at \$1,500,000, divided in 1,500,000 shares of \$1.00 each, fully paid and non-assessable. Treasury, 1,000,000 shares. Full amount of Promoters' stock pooled till a dividend is paid.

OFFICERS: J. M. ROBINSON, President and General Manager; DR. R. C. LIPSETT, Vice-President; T. J. SMITH, Secretary; W. J. ROBINSON, Treasurer; and W. J. SHELTON, Mining Superintendent. Head office of the Company—ROSSLAND, B. C.

The company is mining continuously, night and day shifts, on the Josie group and the Alma Mater group. There is a tunnel in 120 feet on the Alma Mater which is situated close to the company's townsite. This tunnel is running through highly mineralized rock, and it is the intention to crosscut the lead when the tunnel is in 200 feet. Mr. Watkins, a man of 25 years' experience in mining says: "I am satisfied that a large body of paying-ore exists here." On the Josie group the last reports were that the shaft was down 95 feet and that they had started to crosscut the ledge where it is expected that a large body of ore will be found.

THE TOWNSITE—At present a gang of men are at work putting up houses, stock warehouses, etc.; a large pack train has been put on to get in supplies and will run until a wagon road from the lake is made, a petition for which is being sent to the government to have the road built at once.

This company gives every promise of being the wealthiest and most influential mining concern on the American continent. Its foundations have been securely laid on the strictest of business principles, and it has reached that stage where failure is well nigh impossible. It has good properties—plenty of them—\$20,000 in cash in the treasury and upwards of 300,000 shares of unsold Treasury stock, with which to carry on its mining operations.

The investor, who buys this stock now, will DOUBLE HIS MONEY within a year, and his shares will be worth from \$5 to \$10 each in five years.

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Is now offered to the public at FIFTY CENTS PER SHARE. When this block is sold, no more of the Treasury will be offered for sale. Applications for shares will be filled in the order in which they are received. If the investment suits you, wire, or write to the Company's official brokers:

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