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A LARGE SYNDICATE

Sir Adolphe Caron of Ottawa Organizes a New One.

IT WILL OPERATE IN B. C.

It is Made Up of Some of the Leading Men on Both Sides of the Line and Has Strong Connections in England and France.

L. Davis of London, Eng., the representative of one of the largest syndicates that has yet been organized to operate in British Columbia, left Toronto a few days since for this section and expected to arrive here shortly. He is the mining expert of the North Star Mining & Development company, limited, of Ottawa. This company has been formed by Sir Adolphe Caron. It is associated with a Parisian syndicate and also a London syndicate. Mr. Davis' mission to this section is to examine mines that have been offered for sale to his company.

The Canadian company is composed of Sir Adolphe Caron, president; Hon. Lyman M. Jones, president of the Massey-Harris company of Toronto, first vice-president; Richard P. Lounsbury of New York, son-in-law of Haggin, the largest stockholder of the Anaconda mine, 2nd vice-president; directors, Sir J. A. Chapleau, lieutenant-governor of Quebec; Hon. Francis C. Genoway, Ottawa; A. M. Crobie, Toronto; J. A. Carlow, president of the Canadian Savings Loan and Investment company, Toronto; D. C. Corbin, president Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, E. B. Gaver-naugh, G. J. Gould, New York; Harold Kennedy, lumberman, Quebec; Hon. James O'Brien, Montreal; J. W. McKee, Ottawa, Ont.; Thomas Marks, Port Arthur; W. A. Allen, Ottawa; S. Nordheimer, Toronto; Charles Riverdon, St. Catharines; James Dunsuir, British Columbia; Wilson Smith, Montreal; A. A. Tallon, acting treasurer; Hon. J. W. Webb, New York; Hon. Peter White, and W. R. White, Q. C., Toronto; and Hon. J. H. Turner, premier of British Columbia; A. H. Bows, Toronto, acting secretary. The bankers are the Bank of Montreal.

The London syndicate is in direct touch with a Parisian syndicate composed of La Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, the largest bank after La Banque de France, La Banque Internationale de Paris, La Compagnie Francaise des mines d'or et d'exploration, Paris; and the London syndicate in sympathy with the Company of Exploration of London; these two companies have had more than any other to do with the large mines of the world.

The London syndicate is composed of the Canadian Mines Exploration company, limited, John Morrison and T. S. Marshall.

Mr. Davis, in a recent conversation with an Ottawa correspondent, said: "I have been all my life in mining operations, beginning with the drill and ending as a practical expert. In 1890, I was in the province of Manitoba, land, after that I went to West Australia, thence to Brazil, and on my return from Brazil I came out here. I was traveling in the interests of the Compagnie Francaise des mines d'or et d'exploration, 20 Rue d'Artois, Paris, and the Exploration company, 11 Cornhill, the two largest mining organizations in Europe. I have also had something to do with the Calar mine in Venezuela. I only arrived in Canada on October 22, and have owned the various properties submitted by the North Star company. I leave tonight for British Columbia to inspect properties offered to the company. I am the expert of the syndicate which is partner in the European syndicate. The fact of getting together such a strong syndicate of men who are not going to risk money except on most excellent ground will secure only the best mines being floated. The company will investigate fully before securing any rights."

The Red Eagle Property.
Dr. D. E. Kerr and others have associated themselves with J. W. Boyd who purchased the prospects of the Red Eagle Gold Mining company, limited, and negotiations are now under way for a resumption of work on the property. It will be run as a close corporation at present. Mr. Boyd stated that he had nothing personal in the matter, but that the Red Eagle company, and if they will make a proposition that is satisfactory to himself and associates for acquiring the property, he has no doubt but what a deal can be made.

Dundee Ore For London.
The Dundee Mining company Tuesday shipped 540 pounds of ore from its mine near Ymir to London. It was necessary to prepay the charges on this shipment, and they amounted to just \$102. The ore is principally of the galena variety, and runs high in silver and gold. It is to be placed on exhibition in London by the Dundee Mining company at No. 70 Grace church street, C. E.

Deer Park Looking Well.
Lew Mulholland of the Deer Park was in town Tuesday. He says that the property is looking better than ever. The entire bottom of the shaft is now in a solid body of quartz, carrying iron and some calcite. Small quantities of sylvanite are also present. Recent assays are of the most encouraging nature. One of the last samples to be tested returned over \$250.

Negotiating For a Cruiser.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Spanish government has again announced that it is negotiating with the Armstrongs; this time it is for a cruiser of 4,300 tons, said to be worth £300,000, built for Japan, but which Japan does not want. The vessel is said to be practically ready for sea.

THE APPEAL SUSTAINED.

House of Lords Decides a Case of Interest to Trades Unions.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The house of lords has rendered a judgment in the Allen vs. Flood case, which is of much interest to trades unions, and has sustained the appeal. Lords Herschell, MacNaghton, Sharn, Davy and James forming the majority and Lords Halsbury and Norris composing the minority. Two shipwrights named Flood and Taylor were employed in 1884 to repair the British ship Weller then lying in the Millwall docks, London. The boiler-makers objected to the shipwrights working on an iron ship and their delegate, Allen, obtained the discharge of Flood and Taylor by threatening a strike of the boiler-makers. Later Flood and Taylor sued Allen for wrongfully and maliciously obtaining their discharge and were awarded £200 damages. Allen appealed to the house of lords on the ground that no evidence was shown that he acted maliciously. The judges of the high court of justice summoned by the house of lords consider such cases and they delivered the opinion on June 3 last on the question of law and whether the evidence was sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

TOOK UP MANY THINGS

City Council Gave Attention to Numerous Matters.

Water Rights to Be Acquired for the Municipality—Skating Rinks in Alleys, Etc., Etc.

The city council at its session Friday evening ran the gamut of subjects from jails to gasworks, and from loan bylaws to skating rinks.

On the advice of E. M. McLeod, city solicitor, the mayor was instructed to have an engineer take up for the city water rights to all the neighboring streams, so that the municipality would be secure in the possession of all the surrounding watercourses. Mr. McLeod explained that while the city could appropriate water rights already granted, yet much trouble and expense would be saved if the municipality would take up and record its rights to the streams hereabout, prior to grants being issued to others.

J. Fyfe, representing the Kootenay Gas Light & Power company, requested that the council take special action on the request of his company for authority to construct gas works here, but the councilmen seemed reluctant about committing themselves. The company would like to be allowed a maximum charge of \$3 per thousand feet for gas, which the council deemed excessive. City Solicitor McLeod was authorized to confer with the company's solicitor, J. T. Abbott, and to prepare a bylaw on the subject to be considered by the council. The bylaw must be submitted to the people, and Mr. Fyfe would like to have it voted upon at the coming municipal election. The company, Mr. Fyfe said, would expend \$150,000.

In a letter to the council, Arthur G. Smith, deputy attorney-general of the province, offered to turn over to the city, rent free, the provincial lock-up in the camp, since the government intends to detain its prisoners at Trail hereafter, instead of here as formerly. The only reservation made was that in case the province should wish to detain its prisoners here temporarily it should be allowed that privilege. However, the aggregate number of prisoners so detained amounted to more than the keeping of one prisoner for 40 days, then the province would pay the city for their keep at the rate of 50 cents per day for each one so detained. The councilmen considered the offer exceedingly liberal one, and accepted it.

The dangerous condition of the steps on Washington street and on First avenue was discussed, but as the city has no funds for clearing off the snow and ice on them, no action was taken.

John McGree, in a letter, called the attention of the council to the fact that a building (the skating rink) is being constructed on the alley between Second and Third avenues. He gave notice that unless the structure is removed he would bring suit against the city. A letter was also received from the proprietor of the First-avenue skating rink, a rival establishment, calling attention to the same fact, and protesting against being forbidden to extend his rink over the alley. No action was taken in the premises.

The city printing and the publication of the voters' list were taken up in the evening, and F. E. Loder was awarded the contract for completing the fire station.

In view of the quashing of the \$50,000 loan bylaw Alderman Raymer gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he would introduce a bylaw similar in intent to those that were quashed, save that no clause affecting the sinking fund will be included. Notice was also given of intention to repeal the wards bylaw, and re-enact one that will cover the ground. The present bylaw, it will be remembered, is deficient, as a large part of the municipality is not affected by it.

The council then adjourned until Thursday evening.

RICH STRIKES MADE.

A Rush into the Hootalinqua River Country—An Unlucky Rafting.
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.—Passengers on the steamer Alki, which arrived here today from Skagway, report that Collector of Customs Godson, who is stationed at Lake Tagish, came into Skagway on December 7, bringing confirmatory news of rich strikes on the Hootalinqua river, and said that many prospectors at Lake Marsh and other places on the road to Dawson had gone into the Hootalinqua country. According to the new ruling of Deputy United States Collector of Customs Floyd at Skagway, goods purchased in Canada and brought to Skagway must pay the regular duty of \$6 per ton to the customs officials, while the goods are in transit to the international boundary line.

IS BUYING MINES

British-American Corporation Has Purchased Three Properties.

JOSIE, NO. 1, NICKLE PLATE

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh Gives Further Details of the Operations of the Big Company of Which He is the Managing Director for Canada.

On Sunday THE MINER published a special telegram from London concerning the affairs of the British American corporation, limited, to the effect that the company had issued its prospectus and that its capital was \$7,500,000. It stated that the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava and other notable men were among its directors. The prospectus stated that the company had acquired the Annie, belonging to the West Le Roi & Josie company, and other promising properties in this vicinity, the Alaska Commercial company, the townsite of Dawson City, and claims of value in the Klondike region. Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, lieutenant-governor of the Northwest territories, who is the managing director, was telegraphed to by THE MINER for further particulars as to the plans of the company. The following delayed reply was received last evening:

FRANK, N. W. T., Dec. 13.—The special from London is substantially correct. Our company has bought the Josie, Number 1 and Nickle Plate properties. I am not in a position to speak definitely regarding the Le Roi and Alaska. They were under offer to our company but the deal for a while has been closed. I will give you further particulars just as soon as I possibly can. The statement regarding the purchase of the Dawson and Yukon properties is substantially correct. The shares of the company are now in the hands of Canadian directors for the company, and will begin to take a more active interest in its affairs as soon as I resign my office as lieutenant-governor, which will be in a short time.

C. H. MACKINTOSH.
The Josie mine, previously known as the Josie mine, is situated on the north side of the Le Roi, and was the property of the Josie Gold Mining company, limited, of Spokane. It has 1,400 feet of tunnels and 200 feet of shaft. It has a plant consisting of an 80-horsepower boiler, seven-drill compressor, hoisting engine, pump and a 100-hp. engine, and a 200-ton capacity. During the present year it shipped 885 tons. The price paid for the property by the B. A. Corporation was 30 cents per share, or at the rate of \$30,000 for the entire property.

The No. 1 property was owned by Oleana Jeldness of this city and several residents of Missoula. It is located north of the Josie, and it is evident that its new owners intend to work it in connection with the first mentioned property. The price paid for the No. 1 was \$300,000. Of this sum \$50,000 was paid by the B. A. Corporation, and the balance, \$250,000, will be paid in the stock of the company that purchased it. It is in an excellent neighborhood.

The Nickle Plate property consists of the Nickle Plate and the Ore-or-nogo fraction, which was situated on the north side of the Le Roi. The property has been developed by a shaft of 300 feet and by considerable crosscutting and drifting, and the ore so far encountered has been of a high grade. The Nickle Plate Gold Mining company, from which the property was purchased, was incorporated for \$750,000.

School Contract Let.
The school board has let the contract for the construction of an eight-room school house, to be constructed in the northern part of the city, to Robert Hunter for \$7475. There were nine bidders for the erection of the building when the construction tenders were first opened, and five on the last occasion. The successful bidder will have to give security in the shape of a bond to insure the faithful carrying out of the contract, and as soon as this is done the contract will be signed and ratified. Under the last amended plans two rooms will be left unfinished, but it is thought that the provincial legislature will make an appropriation of a sufficient sum to complete them. As the legislature will meet shortly it will be long before all the rooms in the school will be ready for occupancy.

With these eight rooms and an addition of two more rooms to the school on Kootenay avenue the schools will be of a sufficient capacity for current and for some future requirements. It is certain that the legislature, when it understands the situation, will make the necessary appropriations for all of Rossland's school needs.

Tailors' Union Organized.
E. S. Christopherson, organizer of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America, arrived in this city on Tuesday and last evening he organized the working tailors into a union. Fifteen signed the roll, and the union elected officers and also three delegates to the Rossland Trades and Labor council. Mr. Christopherson was seen last evening and said that there were 200 local lodges of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America, and that these were scattered all over Canada and the United States. He reported that business is in good shape, and that the members of the craft have plenty of employment in the east and the middle west, as far west as the Missouri river. From there west business is not quite so lively, and a number of the tailors here and there are out of work. Mr. Christopherson will leave at noon today for Tacoma, and will visit Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, and San Francisco, and return to his home in Rockford, Ill., by way of Salt Lake and Denver. At each of these points he will endeavor, where there is no tailors' union, to organize one.

\$100,000 DAMAGES.

John A. Manly Made Defendant in an Important Mining Suit.

A suit has been commenced against John A. Manly, mayor of Grand Forks, and until recently the proprietor of the International music hall of this city, to recover \$100,000 damages and a one-sixteenth interest in the famous Volcanic and Wolverine mines, situated on the North Fork of Kettle river and about 12 miles from Grand Forks.

The plaintiff in the case is R. A. Brown, sometimes known as "Crazy" Brown, the locator of the Volcanic and Wolverine mineral claims.

Brown is represented in the case by A. C. Sutton, the barrister and solicitor of Grand Forks, who is making the big legal fight for Robert Clark, the locator of the well known Seattle mine. As alleged by the writ, about a year ago Manly introduced to Brown two men named Nells Larson and Edward Blewett, claiming that they were men of very large capital and experienced in mining affairs. He shortly afterwards introduced to Brown, W. Shupe and H. W. Treat. The plaintiff subsequently entered into a contract with these four men to organize the Olive Mining company, with a capital stock of \$200,000. The four men introduced by Manly were to receive stock in the company (presumably \$2,000,000 each) provided they performed certain development work and erected reduction works. Manly is supposed to have received a one-sixteenth interest in the company for introducing the eastern millionaires. A year has elapsed since the contract referred to was made, but Mr. Manly's friends have failed to carry out their part of the bargain, and Manly is now sued for damages arising, so it is alleged, out of misrepresentation.

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION.

Mayor Scott Monday authorized the announcement that he will be a candidate for re-election in the coming campaign. While it had been expected all along that Mr. Scott would be in the race again, he steadily declined to announce himself until yesterday afternoon, when he informed a MINER reporter of his candidacy.

International Property Sold.

The largest real estate transaction that has taken place for some time in Rossland was the recent sale of the International property by John A. Manly to Albert Klockman for \$26,000. The property sold consists of three 30-foot lots on the east side of Spokane street, between Columbia and First avenues, together with the International hotel and hall building and the Highland hotel building. When it is considered that the property has a frontage of only 90 feet and that it is located on a side street, the value of the property is worth considerable, and that it can be readily sold for a good price when there is a necessity to market it. The transaction was practically for cash.

MINING NOTES.

Loring, Crane & Snodgrass, brokers of Rossland and Spokane, have taken a bond on the Athlestone claim in the Boundary country. The bond is for \$15,000, of which \$1,500 was paid in cash and the balance is to be paid at intervals extending over a year. The Mack Brothers were the owners of the property. It is a valuable prospect and is located within a quarter of a mile of the Winnipeg. It is thought that it is likely to be as valuable as the last named property. A force of men has been put to work on the property, and it is to be developed as speedily as possible.

The main shaft in the Iron Mask, which is being extended to the 200-foot level, is now down 187 feet, and shows up a three-foot body of good ore. Thirty men are at work on the property.

Work has been resumed in the old tunnel of the Josie, where one drill is being utilized.

Friday was pay day at the Colonna and the Monte Cristo, and the sum of \$6,000 was disbursed.

Wilkinson Brown, M. E., who has been in the camp for several months, left Saturday for London, where he will remain until next April. Mr. Brown has taken with him the power to sell several mining properties which are located in the Trail Creek district and also on the north fork of the Salmon river. He expects to be able to place them among his friends in London, which was formerly his home.

Edgar A. Allen has been appointed the resident manager of the Lillooet-Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields company, limited, to succeed F. S. Barnard. The latter has made his headquarters at Vancouver, but Mr. Allen, the new manager, will locate at Kamloops so as to be close to the Lanark and Isabelle mines that are being operated by the company, and which are situated at Laurie, 3 1/2 miles west of Lillooet. This company is also the owner of the City of Spokane property, which is located north of the Iron Mask and the Miguump in this district. It is thought to be likely that under the new manager the work may be resumed on the City of Spokane. It will be remembered that operations were shut down on this property early in the spring.

The Reddin-Jackson company has accepted the provincial agency for the Poorman company.

The Virginia is putting in a new air receiver, two drills and an 8x12 hoist, furnished by the Canadian Rand Drill company.

THE STOCK MARKET

A Wrong Quotation Spoils a Good Sized Deal.

UNDER MARKET PRICE

Holder's Are Not Inclined to Shade Prices in Order to Make Sales—Volume of Business Is Increasing, Notwithstanding It Is Holiday Season.

The tone of the stock market has been decidedly healthy during the past week, and the volume of business, which usually is slack at this season of the year on account of the holidays, is keeping up remarkably well. The orders continue to pour in from Eastern Canada, and London is becoming a large buyer of Kootenay stocks. There has been considerable increase in the demand for shares from London since the Le Roi people went there for the purpose of making a deal. The fact, too, that several large syndicates have been formed to operate in this district has drawn attention to the mining properties here, and the tendency is to deal in local stocks. Not only are the orders coming in from London but also from Belfast, Ireland, and other parts of the United Kingdom.

One broker yesterday showed a reporter two telegrams ordering the purchase of 50,000 shares each in two of the promising properties of the district. The standard stocks are held at stiff prices, and there is scarcely any disposition on the part of holders to sell at less than the market quotations. In some cases more than the market price is asked. In one instance in point a firm of brokers in this city was quoting the stock of a promising company for 10 cents per share. Another firm received an order from London for about 100,000 shares of this stock. On attempting to fill the order, it was found that those who owned it would not sell for less than from 12 1/2 to 22 cents per share. At 12 1/2 cents only about 2000 shares could be purchased and the majority of the order could only be secured by paying 22 cents per share. It took considerable persuasion, however, to get options on the large number of shares that were wanted. Finally the quantity desired was secured, with the result that the order was notified. The reply came that he would not pay the price for the reason that he had seen in an advertisement in the Rossland MINER that the stock could be purchased for 10 cents per share. This prevented the deal from going through. It was claimed by the firm that lost this sale that the firm that quoted the stock at one for sale, and that it quoted the stock at a price below which it could ordinarily be purchased for. What was the reason for this low quotation is uncertain, but it appeared a sale that would have brought money into the camp. Brokers cannot be too careful in making quotations. In some instances a man may be hard up and offer to sell a small block of stock at a price that is below the market value. This is not to be done, for it will depress the market quotation for the stock, for the reason that it would be impossible to obtain a large block of the stock at the figure for which the individual who was needy sold.

The fact that the Mackintosh syndicate has purchased the Josie, No. 1, and the Josie properties in this camp and that it has also acquired several other mining claims in this vicinity, has had a tendency to stiffen prices and to stimulate quotations among local people. A number of the shares in the standard mines of the camp are being held up during the week. The shares that have been most in demand are the Lily May, Elise, Monte Cristo, Deer Park, Poorman, Great Western, Evening Star and Le Roi.

A New Mining Division.
It is likely that at the next meeting of the legislature the Kootenays may be re-divided into new government agencies, and it is possible that this redistribution may be made even before the legislature convenes. The present mining division of which Trail creek is a part and Nelson, the seat, is woefully overcrowded, and it is imperative that another division be created from out of it. As things now stand the gold commissioner at Nelson is the busiest emissary of the government in the province, and the Trail Creek district receives only a vestige of his attention. The situation of Hon. Col. Baker, minister of mines, was called to the present state of things on his recent visit here, and he promised to look into the matter thoroughly.

There has been no doubt that a new division should be created, with Bonanza as its seat, and the only subject of discussion has been as to its proper boundaries. It has been suggested by men familiar with the situation that the present Nelson division be practically cut in two, the west half from the new territory boundary, while the territory west of Little Slooan lake, and its western limit the summit of the Gold Range, which already separates Kootenay from Yale. The new division, as thus proposed, would extend north to the Narrows, between Upper and Lower Arrow lakes, and its limits on the west side of the Narrows would be marked by Cariboo creek, flowing almost due east and west. From the source of Cariboo creek to Little Slooan lake the watershed between these two points would be the boundary, while the territory west of Little Slooan lake, and its western limit the summit of the Gold Range, which already separates Kootenay from Yale. 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ROSSLAND'S MINES

Another Big Deal in the Sale of the No. 1.

EVENING STAR SHIPPING

The Le Roi Will Output 2,000 Tons Per Week—The War Eagle and the Deer Park Continue to Look Well—News From All the Camps.

[From Sunday's Daily.] The most important news of the past week was the sale of the No. 1, a highly promising Red Mountain property lying near the War Eagle and the Josie. The deal was made through Alex. Dick, but the identity of his principals is not announced. The consideration is \$200,000, of which an initial payment of \$50,000 has been made. The No. 1 is practically undeveloped, and it is most gratifying that the property should have commanded such a price.

The big strikes in the War Eagle and the Deer Park, reported last week, have improved during the past seven days, and the showing now is better than ever.

The announcement is made that the Le Roi from now on will output 2,000 tons per week. The Evening Star has joined the shipping list, and is now sending out its first consignment of ore.

The shipments since last reported aggregated 1,275 tons, divided as follows: Le Roi, 1,080; Iron Mask, 90; Centre Star, 45; Lily May, 30; War Eagle, 15; Cliff, 15.

Operations have been resumed most actively at the Le Roi. The skipway in the main shaft has been completed to the 600-foot level, and work will be commenced this week continuing the shaft to the 700-foot level. This latter depth will be reached in about 60 days. Sinking is to be continued indefinitely, and arrangements are being made so that the shaft can be extended to the 1,000-foot level. New cables for that purpose have been ordered. A sump has been cut out at the bottom of the present shaft, and a stationary pump is being installed.

Capt. Wm. Hall, the superintendent of the Le Roi, expects to output from now on at the rate of about 2,000 tons per week. This amount of ore, it is anticipated, will be raised continuously from now on. A full force of men, numbering in all 224, is employed at the mine.

The 600-foot level, which has been showing up so favorably of late, produced 100 tons of high grade ore Friday. The total shipments for the past week amounted to 1,080 tons, produced from the 450, the 500 and the 600-foot levels, together with some from the 100-foot drifts. The upper workings, while showing up some especially fine ore, are not being operated very heavily, as the ore there is assured, and the policy of the company is to keep on opening up the mine in its deeper levels.

Twenty-two drills are at work in the mine. About 20 per cent of the rock hoisted is waste. The rest is ore of various grades.

The low grade dump contains about 60,000 tons of ore, containing an average gold value of \$9, of which \$4 can be saved by a free milling treatment. There is in sight in the mine 100,000 tons more of this same class of ore. The aggregate gold value of it all is \$1,440,000.

The Virginia.

The hoisting engine was taken to the mine yesterday morning and will be installed this morning. It is expected that the air connections with the engine will be made and the machinery put in motion within the next three or four days. In addition to the hoist two power drills are to be connected and will be started simultaneously with the hoist. The power will be furnished by the Monte Cristo compressor. When the machinery is in motion the intention is to push the work on the double-compartment shaft, which has now attained a depth of some 35 feet.

The Mountain View.

The showing on the Mountain View, near the top of Red Mountain, has improved most encouragingly in the past few days. The face of the tunnel, which is in 60 feet, shows nearly a solid body of iron ore giving fair values. Considerable increase in copper has been noticeable lately. The iron in the ore occurs in cubical form. The Mountain View is being developed under the superintendence of Captain William Hall.

The Monte Cristo.

Work on the Monte Cristo is being carried by the management. This is evidenced by the fact that the shaft has now attained a depth of over 400 feet. About 40 men are now at work and the outlook is most encouraging, as the indications are that the Monte Cristo will ere long be a mine.

The Iron Golt.

The long crosscut tunnel is being pushed ahead through the country rock. The main drift continues to show up a fine body of low grade iron ore, and a new drift was recently started to the west of the main tunnel, on a good-looking stringer.

The Centre Star.

Nominal shipments from the Centre Star continue. The consignments last week amounted to 45 tons. Work is being concentrated in the shaft which is being sunk on the northeast corner of the property. Between 25 and 30 men are at work.

The Evening Star.

The Evening Star has been busy for the past two days getting out its initial shipment of ore. Two teams are hard at work hauling down to the C. & W. wye. About 30 tons has already been got on the cars ready for shipment. Stopping is in progress, with good results, in the drifts at the bottom of the shaft.

The Iron Mask.

The main shaft is now down nearly 175 feet, and a station will be cut out at that level, but sinking will be con-

tinued. Stopping is in progress at the 100-foot level. The shipments since last reported amounted to 50 tons.

The Cliff.

The upper tunnel, in which work is being confined, is showing up some excellent medium grade ore. The fine surface showing which was recently opened up lies directly over the tunnel, and stopping in it is in progress.

The Colonna.

At the Colonna the usual progress was made during the past week, and the indications are of an assuring nature.

The Poorman.

Arrangements have been made to operate the Poorman from the Josie tunnel, which will permit a depth of 230 feet being attained. The upraise from the main tunnel is in solid ore, and the showing is very encouraging.

The Sunset No. 2.

The main tunnel continues in a good body of copper ore, and the upraise from the tunnel level to the shaft is progressing rapidly. No. 3 shaft is showing up some good ore.

The Ferndale.

The shaft which is being sunk on the Ferndale in the South belt is being continued and the showing of copper ore, met some time since, remains as promising as ever.

The War Eagle.

The recent big strike in the east extension of the 375-foot level continues to show up very well. A crosscut to open up the vein is in progress at the west extension of the same drift.

The Abe Lincoln.

Sinking is progressing as rapidly as the shaft can be pushed through the body of conglomerate which was recently met. It is believed that a large ore body lies near at hand.

The Little Joe.

Smelting returns from the recent shipment of ore from the Little Joe show an average value of \$45 per ton, almost entirely in gold. The tunnel on the property is being steadily advanced.

The Santa Rosa.

The tunnel which is being driven on the Santa Rosa group is in about 40 feet, but there is no development, as the work is in the nature of a crosscut, and it will be three months before the lead will be met.

The Velvet.

The main shaft on the Velvet, which is down about 85 feet, continues to show up a fine body of copper ore. Twenty-two men are at work.

The Deer Park.

Work is being continued in the shaft, and the body of ore which was struck a fortnight ago continues to show up most gratifyingly.

The Blue Elephant.

The shaft on the Blue Elephant, while only down a few feet, is showing up some very good looking mineral. There has been no recent change of importance.

The Lily May.

Crosscutting is in progress at the 100-foot level in the shaft, but it is not expected that the ledge will be met for some time yet.

The Jones.

Operations are in progress at the drifts at the 300-foot level, and a machine drill is also at work in the main tunnel. Nothing is announced regarding the showing.

The Portland.

A small force continues at work on the Portland, one of the New Goldfields of British Columbia's group on Sophie mountain. A shaft is being sunk.

The Elba.

The Elba, in the South belt, is being pushed steadily along and the showing is encouraging.

The Jumbo.

There has been no marked change in the Jumbo. The tunnel continues in a good body of mineral.

The Atlantic Cable.

The shaft on the Atlantic Cable is being pushed rapidly.

The Crown Point.

The upraise from the tunnel level is being continued.

The Coxe.

The crosscut tunnel is being continued through the country rock.

Hall Mines Lead Smelter.

Nelson, Dec 10.—[Special.]—The lead furnace of the Hall Mines smelter is nearly completed and will be ready for operation shortly before January 15th.

It may be blown in by that time for a short run, but will not run continuously until contracts have been made for a supply of lead ore.

The completion of the Slocan Lake branch of the C. P. R. opens that entire district to the smelter, and as there are innumerable lead properties there it is probable that contracts will be made that will be advantageous to both the mine owner and smelter. The capacity of the furnace when it was being operated with copper ore was 100 tons per day, but this was often run up to 130 tons. As lead ores work more readily in the furnace the probabilities are that the amount will be greatly increased. The lead ores now on hand are being roasted and freed of their sulphur and made ready for the smelting furnace.

A Shortage of Powder.

The camp is decidedly short of explosives, and unless a supply is obtained within the next few days there will be a regular famine in that commodity. In one instance one of the leading mines of the camp sent to one of the stores for a good sized order of giant powder. The store did not have a single stick in stock, but sent out and borrowed a small quantity, which will only last for a day or two. Some has been telegraphed for, but during the present stormy weather it is uncertain when it will arrive. Powder is pretty high. It costs 18 cents per pound in carload lots, 19 cents in 100 case lots, and 21 cents in smaller quantities. The powder combine has a corner on this market as well as elsewhere.

WILL SELL THE AIR

It Will Be in Compressed Form For Power Purposes.

AN INTERESTING SCHEME

A New Device Which Automatically Puts the Atmosphere Into a Marketable Shape—It Will Considerably Reduce the Cost of Mining.

A project is now under consideration for supplying the mines of the camp with compressed air from pipe lines radiating out of a big central compressor. The promoters of the enterprise purpose doing away with the local compressing plants now in operation at the various mines, so that the only machinery required would be the drills, the pumps and the hoists, each of which would be supplied with power direct from the company's pipes. No announcement is as yet made of the price at which the company would furnish air, but it would evidently be at a very considerable reduction over the present cost, since the plant, if installed, would be in direct competition with the West Kootenay Electric Power & Light company, which contemplates furnishing motive force at 20 per cent of the present rates. With the two rival companies in the field against each other, a big reduction over present costs would be assured.

The proposed new plant would be erected under the Taylor system of air compression, which has received practical tests in the east, and has proven highly satisfactory and exceedingly economical. The patents are controlled by a Montreal company, headed by the inventor, G. H. Taylor, and a subsidiary company, composed of Swiss people, has recently been formed for the purpose of instituting plants in this country. The company is now putting up a plant at Ainsworth, similar, except in capacity, to the one which it may erect here. The Ainsworth plant has a capacity of 500 horse-power, and air will be distributed from it by pipelines to the neighboring mines.

The company has not disclosed the location of its plant, further than to say that it will be on one of the streams within nine miles of Rossland. It is conjectured that the site will be at the junction of Big Sheep and Little Sheep creeks.

The Taylor system of air compression is altogether unique. It utilizes the fall of water, but dispenses with any moving parts. The plant consists of a cistern, down the center of which passes a vertical tube, widening out at the bottom into a large drum. The top of the vertical tube is connected with it, is a horizontal supply pipe. The water, which is automatically mixed with air, flows through the supply pipe down the vertical tube to the bottom of the cistern. During the course of the fall the bubbles of air contained in the water are compressed in a measure proportionate to the height of the fall. Arriving at the bottom of the tube, the compressed air is caught in the drum while the water is allowed to escape. The drum acts as a storage tank for the air, and from it the main pipe line leads, while branch pipes run off to supply individual customers.

It is estimated that in such a plant as is to be erected here it is possible to produce the potential power contained in the water. G. H. Taylor and W. S. Norman, who are representing the company, were here last Monday looking over the field. The object of their visit has just transpired.

WILL USE SAME TRACKS.

C. P. R. and Corbin Have Evidently Made a Combine. J. L. G. Abbott, who is the local solicitor for the C. P. R. railway, is just now securing the right of way for that company into this city. So far he has had no trouble, as the owners of claims which carry the surface rights with them have cheerfully donated the company enough land for a right of way.

It is rumored that an arrangement has been entered into with D. C. Corbin by which the C. P. R. is to have the right of way over the grant of the Red Mountain railway. It was also stated that the relations between the Corbin line and the C. P. R. are of the friendliest character. It is evidently the intention of the C. P. R., when its connection with Rossland is completed, to run a daily train into Spokane over the tracks of the Red Mountain railway and the Spokane & Northern Pacific railways, that have for a long time been seriously cutting into the business of the C. P. R., by reason of the greater expedition with which they handle the business, and the deep cuts that have sometimes been made by those lines in the freight rates.

THE MAYOR AND THE BYLAW.

Mayor Scott was seen Friday last by a MINER reporter in regard to the administration's policy now that the \$50,000 loan bylaw has been quashed. "There has been no meeting of the council yet in regard to the matter," said the mayor, "and consequently I cannot speak authoritatively regarding it. Personally, I think that a mistake was made in seeking to have the bylaw set aside, as it involves considerable expense and no benefit can be gained. I am extremely doubtful that the city can make so good a bargain again, especially in regard to the sinking fund, for which under agreement A we were to receive 4 per cent interest. The bylaw that action has been commenced to set aside the two \$7,500 loan bylaws, but I am satisfied that such an endeavor will prove futile. The bylaws have been carefully prepared by the city's solicitor, and I am sure they are entirely legal."

Wild Horse Gold Mining Company

(LIMITED LIABILITY.)

ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA. CAPITAL STOCK - - - - - 2,000,000 SHARES. PAR VALUE \$1.00, FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE.

TREASURY STOCK - - - - - 700,000 SHARES.

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT R. A. DICKSON, ESQ. VICE-PRESIDENT J. S. CLUTE, ESQ. SECRETARY-TREASURER JOSEPH B. DABNEY, ESQ. GENERAL MANAGER J. L. PARKER, Esq., Mining Engineer.

The properties comprise seven gold and silver bearing claims, viz: the Molly F. Big 2, Nebraska Girl, M. E. F., Red Lion, Whale and Commonwealth, situated on Wild Horse, Porcupine, Bear and Quartz creeks, which empty into the Salmon river, distant on an air line about 30 miles from Rossland, in the West Kootenay District, British Columbia, and within a radius of four miles of Ymir station on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Rail Road.

These properties are not isolated, but in the immediate vicinity and surrounded by such properties of known value as the Dundee, Ymir and Tamarac. A considerable amount of work has been done on each of the properties belonging to this company and without exception every one shows up remarkably well. On the Nebraska Girl a splendid ore body has been found and a tunnel is now being driven in on the lead where a depth of 350 feet will be attained. The latest assay gotten from ore taken from this tunnel runs \$74.68.

These properties were passed upon by Mr. J. L. Parker, the mining engineer who passed upon the Dundee property and under whose superintendence it has shown up so well that the stock has advanced from 10 to 75 cents per share, and we may add that he also passed upon the Keystone, the shares of which have doubled in value within a short time.

Mr. J. L. Parker has accepted the position of General Manager of the Wild Horse Gold Mining company, and all its work will be carried on under his direction.

This is essentially a strictly a working company, and we have every reason to believe that, by careful and judicious management and expenditure of money in opening up the property, gratifying results will be achieved, and the property made a dividend payer within a reasonable length of time.

All the promoters' shares have, by agreement, been pooled indefinitely and consequently cannot come into competition with the treasury shares until the mine is on a paying basis, and none will be sold except treasury stock for development purposes and the putting in of machinery.

The Wild Horse Gold Mining company has 700,000 shares of Treasury Stock. It is our aim, and we believe we can make the work of the company a grand success. The work of opening up and developing the property is going steadily ahead and will be pushed vigorously.

For the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on the work, the company has decided to offer for sale a limited number of shares. Statements will be sent from time to time to every shareholder giving full information in regard to the condition and progress of the business.

All communications and applications for shares should be addressed to the WILD HORSE GOLD MINING COMPANY, ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Box 753.

AN ILLEGAL ARREST.

The Crown Backs Up Barrett's Claim for Compensation. Toronto, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The English government, through its ambassador, has made a claim at the state department at Washington, on behalf of Patrick Barrett of Montreal, for compensation for his illegal arrest in this city some weeks ago.

On November 18 Barrett arrived in the Union railroad station here, from his home in Montreal, about 3 o'clock in the morning, and started down Broadway on his way to Waterville to visit his father, who was seriously ill and to whose bedside he had been suddenly called. Barrett was in a hurry and was going at a pretty fast gait, when he was hailed by a policeman. He thought some one was trying to hold him up and started to run. The policeman pursued, fired several shots at him, and finally caught him. Barrett told the policeman that he was going over the river to visit his father, who was ill, but the policeman was not convinced until he had accompanied Barrett to the house and heard his story corroborated by members of the family. Barrett is a British subject, and was very indignant over his arrest. When he returned to his home he notified the crown, with the above result.

TURKISH BATHS BURNED.

QUEBEC, Que., Dec. 10.—The recently completed Turkish baths establishment was burned early this morning. Five gentlemen were in the baths at the time and several young women employed in the Victoria hotel, who were asleep in the upper portion of the building, all had narrow escapes. The loss is covered by an insurance of \$11,000.

WAS TIRED OF LIFE

A Mining Man Sends a Bullet Through His Brain.

FAILED TO MAKE A DEAL

This so Disheartened Him That He Wrote a Letter and Then Stood Before a Mirror and With a Pistol Killed Himself.

Disheartened by the ill success which had attended his mining ventures Edward P. Snydam, a prospector, fatally shot himself in the right temple at 9:30 o'clock Friday evening at his room in the War Eagle hotel. He was intoxicated at the time. In a remarkable letter, in which he declared that he killed himself as the world would be better without him, and he requested that he be buried by his brother Master Masons on American soil. He leaves a wife and children at Castle, Mont. Snydam came to Rossland on December 1 from Grand Forks, in company with C. A. Hagelberg, to sell some claims in which the two were interested, as well as to negotiate some deals for acquaintances in the Boundary country. He went into that country five or six years ago, and was credited with having some good claims. Snydam was not successful in his deals, and expected to return to Greenwood Saturday. He was busy writing Friday, and evidently drew up his ante-mortem document at that time. About 9:30 he came down from his room and got a glass of beer at the bar. Bidding his friends goodnight he returned to his room, and a moment later a report was heard. On investigation it was found that he had calmly seated himself before the mirror, placed a pistol at his right temple, carefully aimed and fired. The bullet entered the right temple and came out in the upper part of his forehead, slightly to the left, and lodged in his hat. Drs. Campbell and Bowers were summoned, but could do nothing for him, as the wound was palpably fatal. He was still living and was sent to the Sisters' hospital.

Snydam, who was 54 years old, was an American, and served in the Federal army. Drifting west, he made a fortune as a mining operator in the San Juan country in Colorado, but he lost all he made. Subsequently he grew rich in the wool business, but was again unfortunate, and for the past five or six years he had followed mining in British Columbia. He had a large number of acquaintances here, all of whom have a kindly word to say of him. Mr. Snydam died at 20 minutes to one Saturday morning. B. B. White, undertaker, has charge of the remains.

An Exceptional Offer.

Commencing Oct. 1, 1897, THE WEEKLY MINER will be sent to any address in Canada or the United States until Jan. 1, 1899, for one year's subscription.

Going East?

IF YOU ARE DO NOT FORGET: Three Important Points.

FIRST—Go via St. Paul because the lines to that point will afford you the very best service. SECOND—See that the coupon beyond St. Paul line makes close connections with all the transcontinental lines entering the Union depot there and its service is first-class in every particular. THIRD—For information, call on your neighbor and friend—the nearest ticket agent—and ask for a ticket, reading via the Wisconsin Central line, or address JAS. C. FORD, Gen. Pass. Agt., Milwaukee, Wis. or GEO. S. BATTERY, General Agent, 246 Stark St., Portland, Or.

Kaslo & Slocan Railway

TIME CARD. Subject to change without notice. Trains run on Pacific Standard time. Table with columns for Kaslo, Slocan, and various times.

Columbia & Western Ry.

SCHEDULE. Effective Monday, Nov. 22, 1897. Table with columns for Westbound and Eastbound, listing train numbers and times.

Spokane Falls & Northern

Nelson & Fort Sheppard R'y RED MOUNTAIN RAILWAY. The Only Route to Trail Creek. And the Mineral Districts of the Colville Recreation, Nelson, Kaslo, Kootenay Lake and Slocan points. DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAY, BETWEEN SPOKANE, ROSSLAND AND NELSON.

THE WESTERN BO Some of the business men are complaining that trade is slow. This is the case with more than any other class, that there are more hotel guests. The hotels of Marcus, which are enjoying the Boundary country, that it is hard to find ac at times in these cities. The Boundary country are to trade with the people, the situation was such that do so with advantage to the men of this city who

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SHIPMENTS OF ORE.

From January 1 to December 31, inclusive, the
shipments of ore from mines at Rossland to
smelters were as follows:

Mine	Tons
Le Roi	53,727
War Eagle	5,333
Columbia & Kootenay	3,239
Iron Mask	3,029
Jumbo	91
Iron Mask	91
Chief	91
Centre Star	56
Red Mountain	172
O. K.	172
Evening Star	172
Giant	21
I. X. L.	15
Velvet	15
Little Joe	15
Proton	15
Lily May	30
Total	69,176

"Concentrates."
From January 1 to June 30, inclusive, the
ore milled in the camp was as follows:

Mine	Tons
O. K.	3,473
X. L.	330
Total	3,803

The shipments of ore since last reported were
as follows: Le Roi, 1,283; Iron Mask, 91; Lily
May, 30; Chief, 15; Centre Star, 45; War Eagle, 15.
Total, 1,475.

MINERAL LOCATIONS.

W. A. Carlyle, Provincial mineralogist,
has published an article on the law
regulating the location of mineral claims
that will undoubtedly receive the in-
dorsement of a very large majority of
British Columbia miners.

It is the opinion of Mr. Carlyle that
the Mineral Act should be amended so
that within 60, or perhaps 90, days after
staking a mineral claim a certain amount
of work on the claim, before it is re-
corded, should be made imperative.

The mining laws of this Province
relating to mineral claims are simple
and extremely liberal, but the attempt
to limit the number of claims that one
person may locate on a vein or deposit to
one, was at once nullified when the right
to purchase (that could hardly be de-
nied) was granted, for, provided with a
sheaf of miners' licenses, an axe and a
pencil, a man can stake out and locate
as many claims as he feels disposed.
Under the present regulations, says Mr.
Carlyle, it has been possible for a com-
paratively few men to effectually lock up
great areas of valuable mineral land by
simply putting up their stakes on each
claim, which claims are sometimes re-
corded, and very often not. That the
annual assessment work required by law
is not being done on a very large por-
tion of these claims is a notorious
fact, as the requirement is simply
evaded by the now universal
subterfuge of re-location of these
claims in the name of other
parties who at once deed them back by
bills of sale to the locator. Thus from
year to year thousands of acres of valu-
able land are being held, on which not
even search is being made for leads that
might otherwise be found. Mr.
Carlyle states that he has been informed
that one man held 70 claims in the Trout
Lake district, and quite recently another
man proudly informed him that he held
200 locations, or 10,000 acres of presu-
mably mineral land.

Many attempts have been made in
other mining countries to overcome this
same difficulty, and some have adopted
intricate and arbitrary laws that would
not serve here. Our Provincial mineralogist
believes that a simple yet absolute
method is the best, and the best, he
maintains, is the one already sug-
gested. In Colorado for many years the
prospector, after discovery, has had to
sink a 10-foot hole on the vein or run a
cut to expose a face 10 feet high on the
vein. In Montana the same amount has
lately been required, while in California
\$50 worth of work is stipulated to be
done in a certain time before record.

Such a regulation in British Columbia
would at once open up a large extent of
territory now held by men on pure
speculation, who are only hoping
in many cases to make a few
dollars by their sale, and there is
much ground that would then be care-
fully prospected by honest prospectors
who today are being forced to leave most
desirable districts because on all sides
they are confronted by stakes on claims,
many of which have never been re-
corded, but to ascertain which these
men will not tramp many difficult miles
to the recorder's office; and such men
who would carefully look over the
ground and work it if anything were
found, simply move off to some other
place, probably to be again confronted
by these ubiquitous stakes.

Some will contend that a regulation
requiring the performance of \$100 worth
of work on a mineral claim prior to the
recording would be too great a hardship
considering the heavy country that is
being prospected, but it cannot equal
the hardship now being felt under the
present greedy grabbing up of so
much land by a few. The ancient

objection made in cases where
locations are made late in the
season when such work could only be
done under the greatest difficulty, will,
of course, be advanced, but old hands
will know this is one more in words
than in fact, and very seldom would
such extreme cases occur.

It is not improbable that Mr. Carlyle's
suggestions regarding the location of
mineral claims will be adopted at the
next session of the legislative assembly.

THE GOVERNMENT APPROVES.

The Victoria Colonist, the mouthpiece
of the Provincial government, heartily
approves of the suggestion that wagon
roads should be constructed in this dis-
trict. It says:

"* * * There can be no question as
to the desirability of everything possi-
ble being done to promote mining
development around Rossland. We are
confident that the government's only de-
sire will be to meet the wishes of the
people to the greatest extent possible,
consistent, of course, with other de-
mands upon the revenue. The people
of Rossland have never shown any
disposition to be extreme in their
demands, and this of itself
will lead the Province to view with favor
anything that they may now ask. At
the same time it must be kept in mind
that Rossland is not all Kootenay, and
that Kootenay is not all British Colum-
bia. We concede the strength of Kootenay's
claim for liberal consideration at the
hands of the Government and legisla-
ture, and admit that the subject of
local improvements in aid of mining de-
velopment must not be approached in a
picaresque spirit. There must be no
quibbling about the taxes paid in the
district where the expenditures are
needed. What is done to build up one
part of the Province will benefit, either
directly or indirectly, every part of it,
and the cost should be borne by every
part without regard to local contribution."

We are glad to see THE MINER lead in
demands for Kootenay, and hope its ex-
ample will be followed in all parts of the
Province. The newspapers should let
the government and the people generally
know what the several localities need.
In that way some idea can be formed of
how much the legislature ought to be
asked to expend in these works next
session. We repeat that the Colonist
favors a vigorous, liberal, but, of course,
judicious expenditure. The Province
has reached that stage when its require-
ments can be ascertained with an ap-
proach to exactness, and its credit is
good enough to get all the money it
wants for legitimate objects.

CANADA'S SHAME.

An Associated Press dispatch from
London works that the story of the
treatment of workmen employed on the
Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R. has
reached England. The news has arrived
there in the form of letters written by
men who were lured to what is little
better than the blackest kind of slavery.
The dispatch says:

"One of the latest letters received in
Cardiff, from a miner who originated
from that city and is now working on
the Crow's Nest Pass railroad, has
created a sensation, especially as several
parties are in process of formation with
the view of emigrating to the Dominion
next spring. The letter is a lengthy one,
but its principal points are as follows:
"We are nearly 200 miles away from
any town. We have to find our own
blankets, brushes and light, and every-
thing costs five times as much as you
have to pay at home. We have to walk
14 miles to post this letter, and get paid
only once a month, then they keep 15
days in hand, so that they can easily
give one dollar and a half a day. If you
know of anybody coming out let them
know that they may come over for
\$4 17s 6d, but that great care will be
taken they do not get away from here,
as it will cost about £15 in railway fare
to get to any number of Welshmen
here, but they are leaving as fast as they
come, only to starve on the prairie."

The C. P. R. is apparently becoming
bolder and more unscrupulous every
day. In pursuing its short-sighted policy
of extortion, the big monopoly shows
mercy to none; the rich and the poor
alike are victimized whenever an oppor-
tunity occurs. The almost destitute
laborer, the struggling miner, the toil-
ing farmer and the hard-pressed mer-
chant are all made to suffer in order that
the C. P. R. may declare fat dividends
at regular and frequent intervals on the
operation of a railway system that was
built at the public expense.

There is good reason to expect that
the Dominion Government, at the next
session of parliament, will arrange for
the creation of a railway commission,
which will, to a very considerable ex-
tent, act as a check on the encroach-
ment that are constantly being made by
the Canadian Pacific railway on the
prosperity of the country. Such a com-
mission is greatly needed, and it is to be
hoped that this move on the part of the
government will be quickly followed by
further legislation that will make the C.
P. R. a blessing instead of a curse to
Canada.

THE LEAD SMELTING COMBINE.

There is, quite naturally, much curi-
osity to know what has been decided
at the recent meetings in Denver and
New York of the representatives of the
principal lead smelters of the United
States, and it is quite natural to assume,
what is unquestionably to be a fact, that
the object of the meetings has been to
better the condition of the smelters. It
is understood, indeed, that they propose
to attain that end rather by avoiding
over-competition in some cases, and by
preventing losses in the marketing of
their products, than by any general ad-
vantages in smelting charges or any
general lowering in the prices paid for
ores.

The Engineering and Mining Journal
of New York is the authority for the
statement that, owing to the constantly
falling prices of silver during the past

five years and the sharp competition for
ores which resulted from the great num-
ber and capacity of smelting plants, the
American smelters have found it impos-
sible to prosper; indeed, that journal goes so
far as to say that they have lost many
millions of dollars during the past few
years through the fall of silver alone.

Under existing conditions the smelter
has to carry the metals he produces on
an average 90 days, for he has to lay in
a stock of ores, which must be paid for
before they are smelted, and he has to
carry the final metals until they can be
marketable. If the market declines he
loses, if it advances he gains, but the
risks in these fluctuations must be
covered by a margin finally
coming out of the price paid
to the miner for his ores. Otherwise the
smelter goes into liquidation or sells out
to a concern with more capital. Since
the miner cannot wait for the marketing
of the metals, he must pay the smelter
for taking the risk of the market, and
the less that risk is the less the miner
will have to pay for assuming it. If the
smelter could ascertain what the market
price of his metals would be two or three
months in advance, he would eliminate
this risk and could on an average pay
better prices for his ores.

The interests of both miners and
smelters would be served by some ar-
rangement under which the purchase
price of ores would be based on the
market prices of the metals two or three
months later. Whether this could be
arrived at by having the prices based on
quotations of 60 or 90 day "futures," or
by providing a specific safety margin on
the price of the ore, or by an insurance
fund to protect the smelters against the
risk of fluctuations in the market, may
be open to discussion; but it is unques-
tionably to the interests of the miners
that the smelting business should be
sufficiently profitable to attract capital,
and that it should be free from gambl-
ing risks of market fluctuations as possible.

Owing to the already great and in-
creasing importance of the mining
industry of this Province THE MINER has
decided to publish a comprehensive
weekly review in both its daily and
weekly issues of the mining news of the
region included in southern and south-
eastern British Columbia.

The district which it is intended to
cover is a large one, embracing as it does
the area lying between the summit of
the Rocky mountains on the east and the
Okanagan valley on the west, and from
the international boundary stretch-
ing northward for a distance of 500 miles.
This immense scope of country, with its
countless opulent veins of gold, silver,
copper, and the base metals, its inex-
haustible coal beds and limitless
deposits of fluxing material for
smelting purposes, forms what is
the most prolific and richest min-
ing region in the known world.
The Kootenays and Boundary are des-
tined to become the theatre of the great-
est activity the mining world has ever
witnessed. These districts will fairly
swarm with an active and enterprising
population, for whom there are many
fortunes planted in these hills. The
beginning of the end of this prosperity
is just commencing to be seen in the
present development and the investment
of millions that is being made by the
large English operators. From the
manner in which British investors are
taking hold in this market, it is evident
that they will operate in this section on
even a larger scale than has characterized
their operations in South Africa and
Australia.

**THE BOARD OF TRADE AND THE
WAGON ROAD.**

The board of trade at its meeting Mon-
day evening, unanimously endorsed the
plan for a wagon road from Rossland to
Cascade City, by referring it to the
earnest attention and consideration of
the Government. Two routes were con-
sidered by the committee which had the
matter in charge. One route was via
the Dewdney trail and the Northport
road, which would be about 25 miles in
length. The second route was via the
extension of the road up Centre Star
gulch from Blue's sawmill northward,
crossing the south and middle forks of
Murphy creek, and then turning west
and crossing the divide near the head
waters of Sheep creek and Sheep lake,
and thence following McRae creek to
Christina lake, and skirting the east
shore of Christina lake to Cascade City.
This would make a road 50 miles in
length. It was evident from the report
of the committee and the debate that
those present favored the route via the
Dewdney trail. It was admitted that
the latter course would be a little steep
in places, but the fact that but 16 or 17
miles would have to be constructed
seemed to have considerable weight. It
was thought that the road could be built
for the sum of \$1,000 a mile.

In conclusion, the report suggests that
the government be asked to build an
electric tramway with a two-foot gauge,
and states that the power could be
obtained from Sheep creek with which
to operate the road.

The committee has done its work in a

thorough and business-like manner.
There are one or two points in the re-
port in which many will not agree with
the members, however, and the chief of
these is that the government be asked
to build an electric tramway over the
route between here and Cascade City.
It would be best to have the wagon road
constructed first. In time there would
be an increase in the traffic, and then
the government could be requested to
appropriate money for the electric road.
It is to be feared if the government is
asked for money for such an expensive
piece of public improvement as an
electric tramway at the present it would
be unwilling to make so large an ex-
penditure of the public funds. For the
wagon road, involving as it does a much
smaller expenditure, it seems to us that
there would be little or no hesitation on
the part of those in authority to grant
the sum necessary.

It is doubtful, too, if an electrical
tramway could be built so as to be of the
benefit that is desired and which would
be sure to come from the wagon road. A
tramway would not answer the present
requirements near as well as a wagon
road. In time, when the mines along
the route are more fully developed so
that it may be determined over which
route an electric tramway could best be
built, it might be laid, but to con-
struct it now would be to make some-
thing that would be in ad-
vance of the times and ahead of the
current needs.

Another point in which we think the
committee was at fault and that was in
its estimate of the cost of the construc-
tion of the wagon road, which was
placed at \$1,000 a mile. This is too high
as competent engineers have placed the
cost at a much smaller sum than this
per mile.

THE GROWTH OF KOOTENAY.

The interest in British Columbia
mines, and particularly those of the
Kootenays, is now very great in London,
where large syndicates are being formed
for the purpose of investing in mineral
lands of this Province. It is quite inter-
esting to trace the genesis and growth of
the concern that is taken in our deposits
of precious metals by the financiers and
investors of the British metropolis.
Prospectors from Idaho and Montana
first made known to the world the fact
that there were fortunes to be made
amid the mountains of this district,
and it was only natural that they should
go to their countrymen for money to
develop their rich finds. During the
first few years of mining activity in
Kootenay, Americans had the field al-
most exclusively to themselves, but the
great financial successes that they
achieved awakened a widespread inter-
est, and with the establishment of bet-
ter transportation facilities to and with-
in the district, Canadians evinced a
desire to share in their prosperity. The
more enterprising capitalists of the Coast
cities were the first people of this coun-
try to engage at mining in Kootenay.
As the marvelous resources of the dis-
trict became more and more apparent
men of money and influence in the East-
ern Provinces also became interested to
such an extent that Kootenay grew to be
a familiar word from one end of the
Dominion to the other.

Then the good news of our mining pro-
gress found its way across the Atlantic
ocean, and the moneyed men of the lead-
ing financial centers of Europe began to
investigate and put some of their capital
into the mines here. The theater of the
greatest activity, however, has been
London, where great syndicates, with
millions of pounds capital, were formed
for the purpose of conducting large min-
ing operations in this country.

Among these is the New Goldfields
of British Columbia, with a capital of
\$1,250,000. The head of this company is
Charles Tupper, ex-prime minister of
the Dominion of Canada. The New Gold-
fields has acquired the Velvet, the
Portland, and other properties in this
district, which are being rapidly devel-
oped into valuable mines.

Then there is the British-American
corporation, with a capital stock of \$7,
500,000. This corporation was organized
by the Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh,
Lieutenant-governor of the Northwest
territories, and has in its directorate the
Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, late gov-
ernor-general of the Dominion and ex-vice-
roy of India; Edward A. Hoare, one of the
directors of the Bank of British North
America, and Mr. Whitaker-Wright, one
of the shrewdest of London financiers.
This company has already secured,
through its agents, the Josie, No. 1, the
Nickle Plate and other valuable prop-
erties in the Trail and Nelson divisions,
and active operations, backed by plenty
of British gold, will soon be begun upon
them.

Then there is the Lillooet, Fraser
River & Cariboo Gold Fields company,
limited, that has a capital stock of
\$5,000,000. This company owns the City
of Spokane property in this district, and
also the Lanark and Isabelle claims, sit-
uate at Laurie, on the C. P. R.

There are, besides, the Hall Mines,
limited, owners of the famous Silver
King mines and the Nelson smelter;
the London & B. C. Gold Fields, the
Vancouver syndicate, the Records syn-
dicate and a dozen others of large cap-
ital and good standing.

So general has become the interest in
the mines of this Province in London
that a portion of the stock exchange
there has been set aside and is known as
the British Columbia section of that
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come so extensive that it bids fair to
overshadow those of South Africa and
West Australia.

This brief outline of the trend of our
mining affairs shows as plainly as a pike
staff that we are but in the vestibule of
our prosperity, but it will not be long
before we will be permitted to enter the
sanctuary. This is made plain by the
intense, active interest that is being
taken in our affairs by the investing
public all over the world. It is also
shown by the presence in this camp of
the representatives of some of the large-
est mining operators of London, who
say: "Show us mines that are produc-
ing and that have genuine merit and we
will not haggle about the purchase
price."

Taking a calm and conservative view
of the situation we are forced to the
conclusion that the entire mining world
now fully realizes that, which we al-
ready know, this is the biggest and the
richest mining section on the footstool
of the Creator; that the largest oper-
ators are eager and anxious to make in-
vestments here, and that there is about
to be inaugurated here one of the great-
est eras of intense mining activity, and
on such a gigantic scale that all other
periods of activity in the production of
the precious metals will pale into the
most minute insignificance before it.
In short, we are going to have a great
mining boom—a boom that will last for
years and years.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Provincial Government is cer-
tainly fully alive to the needs of Trail
Creek mining division. Rossland could
not reasonably ask for more favorable
consideration than is being shown it by
the Turner administration.

PIG-LEAD has been imported all the
way from Australia to be manufactured
into weights for the nets of the Fraser
river salmon fisheries. And still thou-
sands of tons of the galena ores of Kootenay
are being shipped 2,000 miles to
foreign smelters.

THE British Columbia Mining Record
is also of the opinion that the construc-
tion of a direct railway from Kootenay
to the Pacific coast is a matter of the
greatest importance, not only to the
Coast cities, but to the Province gener-
ally. The Mining Record is surprised that
the people of Vancouver and Victoria,
who held mass meetings not 12 months
ago to advance the building of a railway
through southern British Columbia, in-
dependent of the C. P. R., would allow
the matter to become forgotten.

During the season that has just come
to a close, the northern districts of the
Province have received considerable at-
tention from prospectors in search of

quartz and placer mines. Several well
equipped companies and individuals
have been engaged exploring the rich
Omineca district, and not a few placer
miners have worked the bars and
benches of the Peace river. From both
sections come very encouraging reports
concerning the success that has been
encountered there this year. There is
more mining activity in Cariboo division
than there has been for many years
past, several large hydraulic mining
companies operating there on an extensive
scale last summer, and, on the whole,
with fairly good results. After being
practically deserted for 30 years North-
ern British Columbia shows signs of re-
turning prosperity. The scenes of the
great placer excitements of the early
sixties promise to again become im-
portant mining centers.

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MARKET FEATURES.

Great Western, Deer Park, Monte
Cristo, Colonna, Poorman and Elise
were the sellers yesterday. At the
quoted price we consider them good
buys. We also recommend at prices
asked: Le Roi, Josie, Evening Star,
Iron Colt and Lily May. Investments
in these stocks we believe will bring
good returns.

Snaps for Today.

Stock	Price	Stock	Price
Colonna	21	MonteCristo	25 1/2
Deer Park	12 1/2	Noble Three (Silver)	10
Dundas	10	Pick Up	12 1/2
Elise	12 1/2	Poorman	12 1/2
Evening Star	9	Red Mountain	15
Great Western	16	Rossland View	5
High Ore	4 1/2	Roderick Dhu	10
Iron Mask	35	St. Elmo	5
Iron Colt	10	Silver Bear	8
Josie	30	Silver King	15
Le Roi	100	White Birch	10
Lily May	25	Yale	15
Months	16		

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Board of Trade Opposed to Present Companies Statutes.

OBSURE AND UNWIELDY

An Analysis of the Features of the Act by Barristers A. C. Galt and A. H. MacNeill—An Indorsement of the Cascade City Wagon Road.

The board of trade had an important meeting in Dominion hall Friday evening, when the Companies act, 1897, was vigorously assailed. The committee on roads and trails recommended the construction of a road from here to Cascade City, in line with the Miner's suggestion.

The committee to investigate the Companies act reported through the chairman, A. C. Galt.

Mr. Galt explained that owing to the shortness of the time allowed the committee it had been unable to prepare its report in writing, but it had discussed the various points of the act, and had come to definite conclusions regarding it.

The easiest mode of dealing with the subject, said Mr. Galt, would be to consider the 10 parts separately. He prefaced his remarks by saying that while credit should be given to the government for its desire to benefit both the companies and the public by passing the act, yet, as was apparent, the efforts were not successful, as the act consisted for the most part of the re-enactments of former laws, with cumbersome and puzzling provisions regarding the management of companies.

He pointed out that the first part regarding the incorporation and constitution of companies was in no respect an improvement on previous laws. The second part regarding the distribution of capital and the liability of members was practically a re-enactment of former laws, and any changes introduced were burdensome rather than beneficial to companies.

Extraordinary Powers of Companies. The third part re the extraordinary powers of companies was dealt with at considerable length, owing to the supposition that it would be advantageous to companies to be registered under the act, but Mr. Galt pointed out that these so-called extraordinary powers were almost all provided for under the act of 1890, and so no good object could be attained by taking advantage of them.

The two exceptions pointed out were contained in sections 56 and 82, the former providing for the issue of shares without personal liability, and the latter providing for a company obtaining a change of name. It was shown that though foreign companies could not obtain the benefit of section 56, without payment of the full schedule of fees, amounting to nearly \$1,000 in the case of a large company, yet section 81, which practically makes all shares in an existing mining company assessable, rendered it unnecessary for any such foreign company to take the benefit of the act, and that the provision relating to a change of name could also be secured under former acts without any such payment as is required by the schedule.

A Heavy Burden to Bear. It was shown that the fourth part, re the management and administration of companies, instead of being an advantage was an excessively heavy burden to companies; that the fifth part, re the borrowing powers of companies, contained nothing new.

A good deal of consideration was then given to part six, concerning the licensing and registration of extra-provincial companies. Letters from the deputy attorney-general and the registrar of joint stock companies were produced, showing that the opinion prevailed at Victoria that unless an existing foreign company obtains a license or registration on or before January 1, such company would incur the penalty of \$50 for every day it carried on business thereafter, under section 123 of the act.

Mr. Galt ventured on behalf of the committee to challenge this opinion upon the following grounds: Section 123 provides that "unless otherwise provided by any act, no extra-provincial company, having gain for its purpose and object, shall carry on any business within the scope of this act in this province unless and until it shall have been duly licensed and registered under this act."

Manifestly every existing company was incorporated under one of the previous acts, and hence its rights were "otherwise provided for by an act."

The Repealing Clause. Then under the repealing clause it is provided that such repeal of the former acts shall not be held or taken to in any way alter, limit, or effect the corporate existence, the rights, privileges, powers and liabilities of any incorporation under the said repealed acts, or any or either of them; but it is expressly mentioned that certain provisions of the act, namely, the eighth part and sections 37, 38, 80 and 90, should apply to every company incorporated under any of the said repealed acts; which was a reasonably clear intimation that an existing company would only be affected by those particular clauses of the 1897 act.

Continuing his examination of the act, Mr. Galt showed that the seventh part, relating to procedure against unregistered extra-provincial companies, contained nothing new, and was in itself a bold and extensive process. He pointed out that the eighth part, relating to the voluntary winding up of companies, afforded no new rights, inasmuch as the act of 1890, section 44, already covered the ground.

Protection of Purchasers. The last point dwelt upon was the ninth part, re the protection of purchasers of stock from losses by forged transfers, etc., and it was shown that while these provisions were doubtless beneficial to the public or at least intended so to be, they afforded no reason to a company for desiring to register under the act.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Galt stated that in the opinion of the committee the act was unnecessary and unworkable; nearly all of its beneficial provisions being already in force under the repealed acts, and that with the ex-

ception of two or three provisions every one concerned would be much better off if the act were repealed in toto.

Mr. MacNeill's View of the Law.

A. H. MacNeill, another member of the committee, stated to the board that in case a repeal of the act could not be obtained, there were certain special clauses which certainly ought to be repealed at the earliest possible moment.

The first of these was section 133, providing amongst other things (a) that all extra provincial companies must file with the registrar a power of attorney empowering some person therein named, resident in the province, to issue and transfer stock, etc., (b) a true copy of the charter and regulations of the company, which has been interpreted by the registrar of joint stock companies to mean that a company incorporated in England must furnish a copy of all the statutes passed in England since the date of the companies act, 1862.

Secondly, to strike out the provisions relating to special resolutions, which made it more difficult for a company to secure authority to borrow a thousand dollars on mortgage than to sell out its whole assets.

Thirdly, the provision relating to service of process on unregistered companies was much more onerous and expensive than the provisions of our law relating to service on registered companies, and that provisions could be made under which the former should be served with greater speed and less expense than the latter.

Finally, Mr. MacNeill made a strong appeal against the \$100 license fee charged against the companies, which, he declared, served no useful purpose, but was only a source of annoyance and needless expense to the conduct of business in this province.

Favor the Wagon Road. The committee on trails and roads, through J. A. Kirk, submitted a report recommending that a wagon road be constructed from Rossland to Cascade City along the line of the Dewdney trail. It also suggested the practicability of a road up Centre Star gulch to Murphy creek, thence to Sheep lake, and from there on to Christina lake through McRae pass. Either a wagon road could be constructed from the top of Christina lake to Cascade City, or wagons could be transported down the lake on scows.

The latter route is estimated at nearly 50 miles in length, while the Dewdney trail route would be only about 25 miles in length, of which only about 16 or 17 miles would need to be built. The cost of construction need not exceed \$1,000 a mile. In conclusion the report recommended that the government, instead of constructing a wagon-road, install an electric tramway of two-foot gauge, for which power could be secured from the fall of the water in Sheep creek.

The board adopted a resolution urging that the government look into the two routes and also the route from here to Waneta over the Dewdney trail, a distance of nine miles, which, if repaired, would open up a new field to Rossland merchants.

Mr. Kirk's report was accompanied by an excellent map of the country between here and Christina lake, showing both of the proposed routes to Cascade City. It is on display in the windows of THE MINER office.

Before adjourning the board passed a resolution, calling upon the province to extend its aid to the Sisters' hospital in Rossland.

FROM THE RECORDS. Transfers. DECEMBER 7. Annie 1/2, and Crescent 1/2, Lee McKamey to J W Boyd. DECEMBER 8. Camp Bird 1/4, Ed Terlich to J H Jones. Buckeye 1/2, B W Finnell to Joseph Morris, Bro. Ruby & Beaugard Atlantic Pacific Exploration syndicate to Canadian Pacific Exploration. Helena No. 2, G Larson to C J Johnson, \$500. DECEMBER 10. Penelope, Silver Fraction, Don Juan, Golden Star and Barstler, Monte Carlo, Prima Donna, agreement as to title among St. George, Hamersley, Wm. W. Robbins, Thomas Robbins, W. De V. Le Maistre. DECEMBER 11. Oriental 1/2, Wm Claffy to Alfred Hoyt, \$1,000. Green Leaf Fraction, Andrew Hackett to E S Larsen. DECEMBER 12. Certificates of Work. Dec. 8—Rita, Amazon, Red Canon, Hard Times, Castle. Dec. 10—Copper Mask, Red Copper.

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MANY WILL PERISH

A Thousand Miners Left Dawson in October For Dyea.

THEY FEARED THE FAMINE

It is Estimated That 25 Per Cent of the Terror-Stricken Army Will Succumb to the Hardships During the Perilous and Fearful Journey.

VICTORIA, Dec. 13.—By the steamer Topeka, which arrived today from Dyea, news is received that more than 1,000 ill-provisioned men stampeded from Dawson City during the latter part of October, and impelled by the haunting fear of famine are now madly foraging their way over the mountains to Dyea. Auk, the Indian mail carrier, who brings this report, left the Yukon capital fully 10 days after the Dalton party. He says that the vanguard of the terror-stricken army is following less than a week behind him. Auk declares that fully 25 per cent of the stampeding army will not live to recite the terrors of the fight from the north. The river steamers Belle and Weare, it now appears, did not land more than 100 tons of provisions for their arrival in Dawson City in the early part of October, owing to their having been held up at Circle City.

THE STARVING MINERS. Secretary Alger Suggests a Means of Furnishing Them Food. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—In answer to a senate resolution, calling for such information as the war department possesses relative to the lack of food supplies on the Yukon river, Secretary Alger today submitted a letter, reciting his action in sending Captain Ray of the Eighth infantry to that country to investigate the conditions, and enclosing copies of that officer's report, giving the features which have already been published. Secretary Alger says: "From these reports it will be seen that as early as the first of September, while en route up the Yukon river, Captain Ray was in receipt of information to the effect that unless some relief was sent to the district, starvation or at least great privation would be inevitable."

"From other sources, including dispatches from the chambers of commerce of Portland and Tacoma, which, while unofficial, the department believes to be thoroughly reliable, it was ascertained that since August 13 but 165 tons of provisions have reached Dawson City by river and the boats of the two transportation companies operating thereon. It was also learned from three different sources that the population of Dawson City and vicinity in October of this year was estimated at not less than 5,000, and probably much more. The population of Dawson City and the country tributary thereto, containing a large number of American citizens, are reported to be insufficient to furnish the needs of the winter, and many are absolutely destitute. When it was ascertained at Dawson City, about October 1, that no provisions would reach the miners before the summer via the Yukon river 700 or 800 people are reported to have gathered in Dawson City in boats to Fort Yukon, a journey requiring 23 to 28 days travel, where it is estimated that 700 tons of provisions are cached. The last information from the mining district bears date of October 17th, when it was reported that the stock in Dawson City and those accessible to the mining region had not a single pound of bacon, beans or flour, and the miners, who have been in the territory contiguous to Dawson City depending on the stores there for usual winter supplies, found it impossible to purchase any provisions, while the supplies in rare instances, from friends or individuals, who thought they had an over supply, and even prices under these circumstances were exorbitant and almost prohibitory, a 50-pound sack of flour selling for from \$100 to \$125 per sack. Although there are many supplies at Fort St. Michaels, 1,770 miles from Dawson City, down the Yukon, it is impossible to get anything from there before next summer.

"The only possible route by which supplies can be transported into the mining region, and which will be either by Chilkoot or White passes, through Lakes Linderman and Bennett and down the Lewis and Yukon rivers.

"From the best information obtainable it is believed that the use of reindeer will be the best means by which supplies can be gotten through, if at all. It is therefore recommended that reindeer be purchased in Lapland to the number of 500 and permission be granted to bring reindeer drivers from that country. This is upon the information that it requires much skill to manage these animals. It is believed that the supplies taken into the country need not to any great extent be furnished as a gratuity, but that many miners will be able to pay the cost of such supplies."

Will Be Buried at Northport. The love of country is one of the strongest passions that dominate the human breast, and when the last hour comes, with it arrives a desire to pass the sleep that is eternal on the soil where one was born. Poor, discouraged Edward F. Snydam, when penning his last words on Friday last, thought of the land of his nativity, and a few seconds before he sent a bullet crashing through his boisterous brain, requested that he be buried on American soil, as though it would make any difference to him where he was interred after his supreme moment of the dying struggle was over, carried out Wednesday. At 6:30 Wednesday morning a four-horse team attached to a sleigh left Beatty's undertaking establishment for Northport. It will contain all that is mortal of the late E. F. Snydam, and also two members of the Masonic fraternity, who will accompany the body of their dead brother to its last resting place. The interment will be in the cemetery at Northport. Mr. Butler, a son-in-law of the deceased who resides at Castle, Mont., Tuesday telegraphed directing that the body be given a decent Christian funeral.

THE WEEKLY MINER contains all the mining news of Kootenay.

TRIAL OF LUEGERT.

The Jury Secured and the Opening Arguments Made.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—After two weeks spent in securing a jury the second trial of Adolph L. Luegert commenced before Judge Gary today. The court room was crowded when the case was called, and every available seat was taken, while scores of curious men and women stood in the aisles, the jurors anxious to hear the proceedings and get a glimpse of the man is charged with boiling his wife away in caustic potash in one of his own sausage vats. The prosecution, as in the former trial, was represented by State Attorney Densen and his assistant, Mr. McEwan. Mr. Luegert is defended by Attorneys Harmon, Reise and Kehoe. McEwan made the opening address for the state and his speech, which occupied the greater part of the session, did not deviate from the line he pursued at the former trial. McEwan was no attempt at dramatic effort. He quietly but impressively told the 12 men the familiar story of the night of the 1st of May. At the close of McEwan's address an adjournment was taken until the afternoon at the request of Attorney Harmon. At the afternoon session Luegert's side of the case was presented to the jury.

A Peticion to Mr. Bostock. GREENWOOD, Dec. 9.—[Special.]—An address, prepared by a committee appointed for the purpose at a public meeting held recently at Greenwood, which it was intended to present to Hewitt Bostock, M. P. for the Yale-Kootenay district, upon his visiting Boundary creek, has been forwarded to that gentleman, he having found it impossible to at present carry out his intention to visit the district. The address sets forth the most urgent needs of the district, these being railway communication and a daily mail service.

EXTREME NERVOUSNESS.

Frequently Brings Its Victim to the Verge of Insanity.

The Case of a Young Lady in Smith's Falls Who Suffered Severely—Given Up by Two Doctors—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Have Restored Her Health.

From the Smith's Falls News. Many cases have been reported of how invalids who had suffered for years and whose cases have been given up by the attending physicians, have been restored to health and vigor through that now world-famed medicine, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but we doubt if there is one more striking or more convincing than that of Miss Elizabeth Minshull, who resides with her brother, Mr. Thos. Minshull, of this town, an employee in Frost & Wood's Agricultural Works. The News heard of this remarkable case, and meeting Mr. Minshull asked him if the story was correct. He replied: "All I know is that my sister had been given up incurable by two physicians. She is now well enough to do any kind of housework and can go and come as she pleases, and this change has, in my honest conviction, been brought about by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Mr. Minshull then related the following story to the News:—"My sister is twenty years of age. She came to Canada from England about ten years ago, and resided with a Baptist minister, Rev. Mr. Cody, at Sorel, Que. In April, of 1896, she took ill and gradually grew worse. She was under a physician's care for over five months. The doctor said that she was suffering from a complication of nervous diseases, and that he could do little for her. The minister with whom she lived then wrote me of my sister's state and asked me to do what I could for her. I had great faith in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as she knew of several cases where they had worked wonderful cures, and I concluded it would do no harm to try them anyway and mentioned the fact to the doctor. The doctor did not oppose their use, but said they might do her good, and was certainly a good medicine. In September of last year she began to use the Pills and before two boxes had been used, she began to show signs of improvement. She has continued their use since and is today a living testimony of the curative powers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." Mr. Minshull has no hesitation in sounding the praises of a remedy that has worked such a change in the health of his sister and cheerfully gave the News the above particulars, and when asked to do so most willingly signed the following declaration:—

SMITH'S FALLS, Sept. 11th, 1897. I hereby make declaration that the statements in above as to the condition of my sister, and the benefit she received from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are absolutely correct.

Witness, J. H. Ross. THOS. MINSHULL.

Beware of Cocaine. Thomas Hays, analytical chemist, Toronto, says: "I have made an examination of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure for Cocaine and any of its compounds from samples purchased in the open market, and find none present." Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is a cure—not a drug. Price 25 cents, blow included.

The Silver Queen. The Silver Queen Mining company, of which Hon. Geo. E. Foster of Ottawa is president, and Edward O. Finch, manager, is working three double shifts on its Cariboo creek property, the Silver Queen mine. Over three feet per day is being driven in solid ore, on its No. 1 tunnel, which is 527 feet in the clear, and an upraise to the surface will be made before long.

Rossland Mining Market

Stock Quotations Corrected Weekly by DICKINSON & ORDE.

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FEATURES OF THE WEEK.

The tone of the stock market for the past week has been exceedingly healthy, every day orders coming in from Eastern and Western points, and many orders also coming in from various points in the United States. The standard properties that are at the present time being developed are the favorites. Footman has had the readiest sales, buyers for this stock being very numerous. Next in order come Monte Cristo, Deer Park, Josie, Iron Mask, Le Roi, Great Western and Evening Star. The Deer Park is now in a splendid body of ore, and the Footman and Evening Star are being shipped regularly every day, some of the ore of the former giving very high values. Orders for Le Roi principally come from England, but some small orders for this stock have come from Ireland. Monte Cristo is almost off the market, it being exceedingly difficult to fill orders at prices that buyers are willing to give. Besides the above stocks there has been quite an enquiry for that of the Reservation Mining & Milling company, and we have now of this 25,000 (pooled stock) at 2 1/2¢ per share. We would advise our clients this week to pick up all the Footman that they can lay their hands on.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Price, Name of Company, Price. Includes entries like Alberta, Evening Star, Noble Three, Grand Prize, Great Western, etc.

SNAPS FOR THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 16. We offer this week subject to sale the following: 5,000 Josie, 7¢; Noble Five, 7¢; 1,000 Colonna, 18¢; 5,000 Silver Bell, 2 1/2¢; 5,000 Great Western, 7 1/2¢; 5,000 Evening Star, 7¢; 1,000 Red Reg, 3 1/2¢; 5,000 Iron Mask, 3 1/2¢; 1,000 Iron Mask, 3 1/2¢; 1,000 St. Elmo, 4¢; 24,000 St. Elmo, 4 1/2¢; 25,000 Reservation, 3 1/2¢; 15,000 Virginia, 2 1/2¢; 5,000 Elise, 2 1/2¢; 10,000 Red Mountain View, 3¢; 1,000 Jumbo, 5¢; 250 Monte Cristo, 25¢; 500 Monte Cristo, 25¢; 1,000 Lilly May, 25¢; 25¢; Duck Creek Mining Co., par value \$100, wanted an offer; 1,000 Spokane Belle, wanted an offer; 5,000 Palo Alto, 2 1/2¢; 1,500 Rossland Homestake, 5¢; 35,000 Celtic Queen, 2 1/2¢.

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SMOKE THE GREAT CIGAR

A CHARGE OF BIGAMY. The Strange Story of Harry Baird's Matrimonial Affairs. IS HE TWICE MARRIED? A Lady Who Formerly Resided in Tacoma Says She is His Lawful Wife, and That He Broke the Law When He Recently Married Again.

ance with a petite stenographer, whose father, a Klondike gold-miner, was reputed to be worth something like a quarter of a million dollars up on the Yukon. All forgetful of the former Mrs. Baird, back in Iowa, the one-time ticket broker rushed into matrimony again without the formality of a divorce, and married the Klondike heiress in the spring of the present year. This marriage coming to the ears of the original Mrs. Baird, she promptly swore out a complaint charging her spouse with bigamy, but when it came to the arresting of the principal it was found that he and his second wife were missing, and it was supposed that they had flown to British Columbia. Mr. Baird claims he will collect \$25,000 damages from the good, old-fashioned above story. He was in to see THE MINER about it, and declared that the whole tale was a mass of falsehoods from beginning to end. In the first place, said he, there was no marriage either contract or otherwise with the Miss Smith mentioned in the Ledger's story, and the only woman he ever married was his present wife, with whom he is now living in this city. Consequently there could be no bigamy, and the whole story falls to the ground. Mr. Baird says that the animus of the whole thing arose out of a desire to be revenged on the part of a Tacoma newspaper man whom Mr. Baird formerly affronted.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The thermometer yesterday morning registered six degrees above zero. Jasper Brown, the colored "professor" of Lincoln street, was fined \$25 in the police court yesterday for vagrancy. Jasper paid up.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Amelia Mivison claim, situate in Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Rock creek and about 1,500 feet northwest of the Highland mineral claim. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burns, acting as agent for Charles E. Hope, free miner's certificate No. 99,953, free miner's certificate No. 5,374, 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. 12-16-97

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NEWS OF THE COAST

Rossland Loan Bylaws Before the Supreme Court.

A CANVASSER'S TROUBLES

A Magistrate intimates That Criminal Courts Cannot Be Used for the Collection of Debts—Drowned White Duck Hunting—Admitted to the Bar.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 10.—On behalf of George E. Gillan, a resident and ratepayer of Rossland, and Archer Martin, this morning, it was moved before the chief justice for a ruling to quash two bylaws of the city of Rossland regarding the raising of \$7,500 to be applied towards the current expenses of the city, and \$7,500 to pay a balance due on a contract for a sewerage system. The rule was granted, returnable on the 22d. The objections are against the methods of the submission of the bylaw, the mayor having refused to make provisions respecting scrutinizing during the polling and also in regard to the voters list before the election.

The steamer Parallon, which sailed this morning for Alaska, had a large cargo of freight and 75 passengers bound for the Klondike. She carried 300 tons of general merchandise and 200,000 feet of lumber, nearly all for Skagway.

Detective Perrine returned this evening from New Westminster with a man named C. W. Johnson, a canvasser for the Chicago Portrait company, who is charged with stealing \$140 of the company's money. Johnson lost the money at cards and wrote to the company promising to make it up. He moved to Vancouver in hopes of earning the money. Coast Manager McDevitt came to Victoria and laid information upon which the arrest was made. In court McDevitt said he did not wish to prosecute, his idea being to get money out of Johnson. The magistrate intimated that the criminal courts could not be used to collect debts, but remanded the case until tomorrow to see what could be done. In the mean time allowing Johnson liberty on his own recognizance.

W. J. Hendron, of middle age and a native of Ireland, living in a cabin in the Rock Gay district went with a companion to hunt this afternoon in a flat bottomed boat. The crew consisted of Beason Hill and Hendron was drowned, his companion swimming to the shore about 30 yards distance.

C. W. C. Tabor, of Vancouver, H. W. Herchman and W. B. Ross of Fort Steele, and G. S. McCarter of Golden, who have just passed the final examinations of the law society, were called to bar this morning and presented in court by Sir Henry Grease.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

An American Company Will Soon Start an Electric Plant.

GRAND FORKS, Dec. 8.—[Special.]—A messenger from Cascade City brings word of the sale of the Cascade Development company to an American company for a large sum. One thousand dollars was paid down last Saturday as a part of the consideration. By the terms of this sale the new company acquiring the water rights at Cascade City are to put in an electric generating plant immediately. George K. Stocker, of Cascade City, and others composed the company known as the Cascade Development company.

Officials Disagree. Dr. Nelson, veterinary inspector for the state of Washington, who has been here for the last few days in relation to the quarantining of stock here, left for this morning, where he will remain for a few days and try the Mallein test on some horses at that place.

Dr. Hickingbottom, in an interview this morning, said: "Dr. Nelson wants me to lift the quarantine at once, although he has not yet ascertained whether the glanders exists here or not; he also wanted me to accept of external certificates signed by him. This I refused to do unless the animals had been properly tested by him. Dr. Nelson has gone to Marcus now, and will round up all horses at that place and test them; I can have it next Tuesday. As far as I am concerned I will hold the quarantine here until I am satisfied that there is no glanders in the country."

Grand Forks Notes. The board of city license commissioners will meet tomorrow.

The Independent Order of Foresters at Grand Forks will give a grand ball at this place on New Year's eve.

An English company is at present negotiating for the purchase of the Iron King and the Lily properties, which are situated some three miles up the North Fork from Grand Forks.

From the present aspect of affairs, there will be a most exciting time here at the coming city election in January. There will likely be three candidates in the field for the majority of 1898, namely: Jeff Davis, a prominent merchant; Robert Hewitt, proprietor of the Grand Forks brewery, and Alderman L. A. Manly, a brother of Mayor Manly.

In speaking of the statements that had been made that the town of Greenwood was in darkness for a week, owing to the fact that a quantity of coal oil had been detained at Grand Forks by the quarantine officer here, Dr. Hickingbottom said: "The coal oil referred to on this occasion was transferred at Grand Forks immediately on its arrival and sent right on to Greenwood," so that the Boundary creek people have no reason to kick at the quarantine officer's action on this occasion.

A REPORTED INVESTMENT.

GREENWOOD, Dec. 8.—[Special.]—It is reported here that J. E. Boss, M. E., of Spokane, has purchased all the interests held by Farrell & Migeon, of the Parrott smelting works, Butte, Montana, in Boundary Creek mining properties. These include the Stenwinder and one-fourth interest in the Phenix and the Rawhide, all in Greenwood camp; the Emma, Mountain Rose, Mattie Davis, Minnie Moore and Jumbo, in Summit camp; two-thirds interest in the Enterprise, in Copper camp; the Golden Rod, in Central camp, and others. Several of these claims are crown granted, and some have been proved to have shipping ore in considerable quantities,

especially the Stenwinder and Emma, these being the most developed claims of the lot. Farrell & Migeon have held interests here for five or six years, and have for some time been represented in the district by W. B. Smith, the pioneer prospector, who located the Non Such in Smith's camp about 11 years ago.

A Cutting Affray.

MIDWAY, Dec. 8.—[Special.]—A cutting affray took place recently at Camp McKinney, where Alex. Ramage received a knife wound about four inches in length on the back of his neck and a severe contusion on the top of his head, the latter said to have been caused by Mike Dooley of Rock Creek. The man who did the cutting got away across the line. Dooley was arrested and brought before Jas. Kerr, J. P., at Midway, who remanded him until the 20th inst. Ramage is said to have provoked the assault, which was the outcome of a drunken row.

WILL HELP THE CAMU.

The British-American Corporation Landed in London.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—[Special.]—The prospectus of the long-talked-of and gigantic British American corporation is issued today. The capital is £1,500,000. One million £1 shares are now offered at par, the issue being limited to shareholders of the London & Globe Finance corporation. The directors are the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava; Lord Loch; the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, lieutenant-governor of the Northwest territories; Edward A. Hoare, one of the directors of the Bank of British North America, and Whitaker-Wright, a well-known London financier. The corporation has secured the famous Le Roi and Josie mines, as well as eight other well-known Rossland mines and Nelson properties. It also secures a going concern the Alaska Commercial company, with the townsite at Dawson City and claims on the Bonanza, Eldorado, Bear, and other Klondike creeks.

[The allusion in the above dispatch to the "famous Le Roi and Josie mines," evidently means the West Le Roi & Josie mines, which the American claim. Shortly after the reception of the above dispatch a message inquiring for further particulars of the plans of the new company was sent to Regina, N. W. T., to Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh, by Mr. J. H. Hendron, who is a resident of Rossland. No reply had been received. Spoken was also wired, and Colonel Ridpath of that company was interviewed at midnight, and as can be seen by the appended article, he absolutely denied that the Le Roi had been sold.—Ed.]

SUICIDE OF SUYDAM.

The Deceased Left Behind Him Scores of Warm Friends.

No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral of Edward P. Suydam, the big-hearted mining man who took his life Friday evening at the War Eagle hotel. A telegram was received Saturday by Chief of Police Ingram from Mrs. Suydam at Castle, Mont., but she was too much shocked by the sad intelligence to formulate any plans for the interment of her husband. The Masons of the city will probably have charge of the funeral.

This is a copy of the ante-mortem statement prepared by Mr. Suydam: "It has been stated by smart men that no smart man ever committed suicide, and that any man who committed suicide or takes his own life is a cowardly matter over carefully and decided that I wished to quit.

"I have nothing against no man or woman on earth. I simply think my world is better off without me. My family, who I am proud of, is in Castle, Mont. I am an old soldier; fighting under John A. Logan and Phil Sheridan three years for the American flag, and have concluded that President McKinley is a damn fool and his gang. Men of energy and wisdom has been and is trodden down, so I simply wish to quit. Please don't state that liquor was the cause. It was not. I am a fully sober man and I committed this act on my own account, and I alone am responsible.

"Don't charge my death to no one and no cause. I am strictly sober and rational, and have my reasons. God bless all. Yours respectfully, E. P. SUYDAM."

Mr. Suydam was a fine example of the mining men who have made possible the wonderful development of the west. In his testaments, which he explored the wildernesses of the country, and, opening up their marvelous resources, led the way for the civilization which follows. Kinhearted, friendly and hospitable, he knew no race or tribe, but with the generous, warm-hearted hospitality of the trueborn western man, every one whom he met was to him a friend, and with him he would share his last morsel of bacon or divide his dollar. He had been in the Kootenays since they were first opened, and had scores of friends in every camp in the country, all of whom have only words of sorrow at the sad end of poor old Suydam.

SUED FOR SALVAGE.

Government Reserves Land Along Lakes and Rivers.

VICTORIA, Dec. 11.—For services rendered to the British ship Senator, Capt. Harrison, which narrowly escaped destruction on the rocks at the entrance to Esquimaux harbor on Thursday, the O. P. N. company, the owners of the steamship Mandie, have attached the vessel, claiming \$5,000 as salvage for their services. The owners of the tug Sadie have made a like claim. The attachment was made this morning, the deputy sheriff mailing his writs to her masters. An extra of the British Columbia Gazette was issued today, reserving for provincial government purposes a belt of land five miles in width all around that portion of Bennett lake which lies within the province, a similar belt around Teelin lake, and a belt five miles in width on each side of the Stickeen river, commencing at a point five miles below Glenora and extending to five miles above Telegraph creek.

Reco Mine Dividend.

NELSON, Dec. 11.—[Special.]—On January 1 the Reco mine will declare a dividend of 10 cents a share. This will be equivalent to \$100,000. The matte shipments from Kootenay this week were 17 1/2 tons; total value, \$137,860.03. Total value of ore and matte exported for the week, \$236,990.03.

WANT THEM BUILT CONCENTRATORS, ROLLS, CRUSHERS, VANNERS

General Mining Machinery and Supplies A LARGE STOCK.

It is Recommended That Highways Be Constructed to Cascade City, to Sheep Lake and Up Pend d'Oreille—Will Ask For an Appropriation.

The MINER'S proposition to construct a road to Cascade City was unanimously endorsed by the roads and trails committee of the board of trade yesterday afternoon.

Almost a full committee, as well as the members appointed to confer with it regarding the Cascade road, was present at the meeting, which was held in the parlors of the Bank of Montreal. There was no difference of opinion that the road would be of immense value in opening up the Boundary district to the merchants of Rossland. The only question was as to the most feasible route, and after some minor discussion, the trail extends to Barney's ranch, and from that point on the general course of the road will be along the Dewdney trail.

The committee also endorsed the project to complete a wagon road to Sheep Lake, north-west of town. At present, the trail extends to Murphy creek, only three miles this side of Sheep Lake, and it would be quite practicable to widen this trail and extend it on to the lake. The completion of such highway will be of immense advantage to Rossland as it would divert to this point the business of the mining properties in that territory, including the area along Stony, Rock, Murphy and Sullivan creeks, which now goes to Trail.

The council likewise recommended the repair of the Pend d'Oreille road from Waneta up the Salmon river. This latter road is of no great importance to Rossland.

The government will be asked to construct each of the roads mentioned, and as it has expended only a trifling sum on trails and highways in this district, it is anticipated that no trouble will be experienced in securing the construction of the roads by the province.

BAPTIST CONCERT.

It Was a Success Artistically and Financially. The concert Friday night under the auspices of the Baptist church choir was greeted by a crowded house, every seat being taken. The audience was an appreciative one, and judging from the many encores every number on the very excellent program was warmly appreciated. Some visitors from Washington were so well pleased with the performance that the choir has been requested to repeat the concert at Northport, and if arrangements can be made it will probably do so.

The opening number, a piano duet by Misses DeVoin and Stiles, was well rendered and received. Messrs. White and Whitaker's duet, "Flow Gently, Deva," was given in excellent style and was a well deserved encore. Mrs. Whitaker's solo, "Waiting," by Millard, captured the audience, and the lady responded to a request to sing a ballad, entitled, "My Sunday Girl." Mrs. Taylor's recitation was pathetic, but nevertheless very pleasing. Mrs. McInnes is an acquisition to Rossland's musical circles, and her solo, "For All Eternity," for which she received an enthusiastic recall, was one of the features of the evening. Mr. Nelson, O. C., gave a recitation, entitled, "Breaches," by Colonel John Hay, which was rendered in finished style. Mr. Nelson has dramatic talent of a high order. His description of a stampede of cattle on the plains, which he gave on encore, as well as his treatment of the "dream of King Robert," given later in the evening by request, were thoroughly enjoyed.

The one-act operetta, "The Blind Beggars," by Messrs. White and Whitaker in costume, was delightfully funny and a most enjoyable treat. Mrs. Hall is a demure looking little lady who gives no sign of the fund of humor she possesses. Her piece about "The Thermometer Parrot," in response to a hearty encore for "The Professor at Home," was unusually good. Miss Stiles' piano solo, "Raphaëlle Hongroise," No. 12, was given in a very artistic manner. Mrs. Dunlop's solo received a well merited encore. Miss Aldrich gave a contralto solo in sweet little love song entitled, "Would You?"

The entertainment concluded with the comic quartet, "The Professor at Home," by Messdames Whitaker and McNeill and Messrs. Whitaker and McNeill. This was given by request, and proved one of the most enjoyable items on the program.

A Station at the Boundary.

The Red Mountain railway recently caused to be erected a station and depot close to the boundary line. An operator, who will also act as station agent, has been established at this station. The customs authorities will also place a customs officer there, whose duty it will be to examine freight and baggage coming from the United States. It is probable that this task will devolve upon A. N. Paterson, landing waiter of the customs department, who will be stationed there permanently. This will do away with the examination of the baggage of passengers on the arrival at the Red Mountain depot in this city. It will, however, involve the holding of the train at the boundary line while the baggage is undergoing inspection. The business of the road, which has resulted from the development of the prospects in the vicinity of Sheep creek, has made this station a necessity.

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THE EDMONTON ROUTE.

L. Wormolts Defends It Against Its Traducers.

CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 11.—L. Wormolts of Chicago, leader of the Wormolts overland expedition to the Yukon, accompanied by Edward Brock, arrived here last night from Fort Resolution, on the Great Slave lake, 1,200 miles north of Calgary, where the rest of the party, 12 in number, are encamped for the winter in a substantial building belonging to the Hudson Bay company. The Wormolts expedition left Chicago on August 25 and reached Fort Resolution on October 12, going down the Athabasca river and Slave lake in boats, which took 10 days to build. Wormolts and Brock are returning to Chicago until the spring, when they will return with Wormolts' wife and three small children and additional supplies, to join their friends at Fort Resolution, whom they report to be happy and well, with lots of provisions, including fresh moose meat and the best of whitefish. The trip to Fort Resolution was made without accident and the part are emphatic in their opinion that the all-Canadian water route is not only practicable, but the easiest and cheapest of all.

When told that derogatory reports had appeared in the Chicago Tribune concerning the Edmonton route, Wormolts and Brock were indignant. They said that any man who condemns the Edmonton route in the way that Fred Merryweather and W. A. Foote are reported to have done do not base their remarks on facts.

On their trip Wormolts and Brock walked from Fort Resolution to Fort Smith, 215 miles, packing their provisions with the assistance of an Indian. At Fort Smith they secured one train of dogs and went on to the headwaters of the Red Chippewa, where additional dogs were bought, with which they reached Heart lake, 210 miles north of Edmonton, which town was reached by team. The whole distance, some 1,200 miles, was covered in 31 days traveling, 20 days being spent in the Hudson Bay company's forts, and in hunting wild game, such as bears, moose and other animals. They camped every night, without tent or sleeping gear, but slept comfortably with nothing but their blankets. The thermometer stood at times at 45 below zero. They report having passed several bars on the route, but they were not at all deterred by them. They were not at all deterred by them. They were not at all deterred by them.

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You cannot afford to wear slop clothing. It is a weakness of human nature to judge by appearances. Even a dog will bark at a tramp while a well dressed man will pass by unmolested. It pays to wear Shorey's Ready-to-Wear Clothing.

For several Reasons: First. You feel yourself to be a better man. Secondly. You look a better man. Thirdly. Your fellow-man respects you. Fourthly. It is Ready-to-wear and you can choose, try on, and suit yourself from stock, without the uncertainty of an ordered garment. And lastly, you will find a little Guarantee Card in the pocket, which means "Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Refunded."

Does the combination of Reasons appeal to your judgment?

AN EXCELLENT MOVE. Government Will Investigate the Crow's Nest Railway.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 11.—The government at yesterday's cabinet meeting decided to appoint a commission to investigate the charges of improper treatment of the men employed on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The Mines of Rossland has repeatedly called attention to the existing bad state of affairs on the Crow's Nest branch.

An Honor For Prince Henry.

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It will be the last chance of securing lots at low rates and easy terms, as individual holdings are always higher than those of the government. The terms will be: One-third cash; one-third in three months, and one third in six months, with interest on deferred payments at the rate of six per cent per annum. Nelson is a city of homes, and is justly known as the capital of West Kootenay. Its geographical position, coupled with its transportation facilities by both land and water, makes it the natural distributing point, and its commercial importance is now an established fact. The Hall Mines company, with its mine and smelter, and the many other producing mining properties near Nelson employ much labor, and give the city a standing that will be enduring.

Masonic Lodge Election.

Kaslo Masonic lodge held their annual meeting for the election of officers a few evenings since. Appointments were made as follows: H. Byers, worshipful master; S. C. Wing, senior warden; G. A. Carlson, junior warden; A. W. Goodenough, treasurer; E. R. Chapman, secretary. These officers will all be installed on the 27th of the present month.

Caused by the Strike.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Sir Wm. Grey, the principal shipbuilder of Hartlepool, has issued a statement of the condition of the shipbuilding industry, in which he says that the engineers' strike has caused a reduction of the output of eight large steamers, which means a loss of £75,000 in wages.

\$50,000 BYLAW QUASHED

It Was Set Aside Yesterday by Justice McCall.

The Court Also Killed Agreement "A," Which Directed That Sinking Fund Be Paid to Lenders.

Mr. Justice McCall, sitting at Vancouver, Thursday handed down an opinion quashing the \$50,000 bylaw, and also set aside the bylaw authorizing agreement "A," which directed that the sinking fund and interest on the loan be paid into the hands of the lender, the Guarantee Loan & Trust company of Toronto.

The action to have the two bylaws set aside was commenced by Ross Thompson, through his solicitors, MacNeill & Deacon, on account of their features regarding the disposal of the sinking fund and interest, and the clause whereby the loan became a first mortgage on the city.

In hearing the arguments in the case Justice McCall strongly expressed his disapproval of the two bylaws, but it was not until Thursday that he handed down his decision formally setting them aside.

The Other Bylaw Cases.

It is probable that the documents seeking to quash the two \$7,500 loan bylaws will be forwarded to the supreme court early next week. The grounds for this new action are that the election was illegal.

A conference was held yesterday by the principals, who are pushing the application to have the loan bylaws quashed, when a proposition was considered tending to the withdrawal of their opposition to the bylaws, but the proposals were not considered and it was decided to continue the attack upon the proposed loans.

THE ELGIE SCHEME.

Board of Trade Recommends That City Take Up Water Right.

The council of the board of trade had a special meeting at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the office of J. B. McArthur to consider the Elgie scheme. Mr. Elgie, it will be remembered, has asked the city to secure to him its rights to all the surrounding streams, in return for which he promises to put up a reduction works for treating the ores of the camp.

The attention of the council was directed principally to the clause of Mr. Elgie's proposition requesting the assignment to him of the city's water rights, and the reduction works feature did not come up for consideration. The council's legal adviser, J. A. Macdonald, presented an opinion to the effect that as yet the municipality had not secured any water rights, and hence was not in a position to negotiate for their transfer. Acting on this advice, the council decided to recommend that the city promptly secure its title to the surrounding streams, so as to be in a position to use them to the best interests of the city.

THEAT WAGON ROAD.

People of Boundary Strongly in Favor of Its Construction.

GRAND FORKS, Dec. 7.—[Special.]—The movement to build a wagon road from Rossland to Cascade City to connect with the main stage road to Grand Forks, meets with the emphatic approval of this entire community, as the people here would much prefer to deal in Rossland in the purchasing of their supplies than be compelled to always deal at Marcus.

Work comes from Nelson, Wash., to the effect that Louis Koseuth Boisjournault, of Spokane, has been appointed a customs inspector for the Nelson section. Mr. Boisjournault opened this office officially last Wednesday. The appointment of this official has been a boon to the reservation people, as they formerly had to pay their customs dues to the Marcus official, and now that is ended.

Special Customs Collector Stockbridge, who has been in charge of the office at Nelson for the last few weeks, has left for his former home at Everett, Wash.

A messenger from Deacon Wood Camp brings word of an accident on the Gold Bug property in the above named camp. While a miner named Dillier was engaged in cutting down a large tree and while in the act of felling it, he somehow got his right hand caught between the tree and the stump, completely smashing it. He will probably lose his hand.

OUR LONDON LETTER

The Le Roi Deal Is Still in Suspense.

MARKET IS QUITE DULL

There Are But Few New Companies Being Flashed—A Boom Is Expected for the British Columbia Market in the Early Spring.

LONDON OFFICE, ROSSLAND MINER. 108 Bishopsgate street (Within). LONDON, Nov. 25.—[Special.]—The market in British Columbia properties has been decidedly dull, and I think it is a great pity that the Le Roi deal is such a long time in that suspensory condition occupied by Mahomet's coffin. It is also a pity that the Whitaker-Wright crowd are such a long while fixing up the British American corporation. By the way, a company with an almost similar title was registered the other day. The title is close enough to cause confusion. Prices move very little, indeed. Hall Mines keep about 1 1/2%, waiting for the dividend. River Dredging properties have been quite dull. They have few friends here. Klondike properties are also featureless, beyond the effort which is made to crowd the crowd to hoist these shares. The Recordia (Woodhouse) rig has flagged a little, and after having been down to £3 1/2 they are now only back to £3 3/4. Dundees were down to about 1s. 3d sellers, but are being bid for today at 1s. 6d. Vancouver syndicates are flat. Envision firm, and Poormans 3/4d. to 4s. 1/2d. I hear excellent accounts of this property from a London director. B. C. "Devils" are quiet, and prices generally sellers where they were buyers.

New New Companies.

New companies have been few and far between since my last dispatch, but two prospectuses have made their appearance. The first deals with Ontario, under the title of the Rainy River & Ontario Exploration company, limited, with a capital of £150,000 in 21 shares, 100,000 of which are issued now. This concern is launched by the indefatigable Klondike & Columbian Goldfields group who have made their headquarters at 34 Victoria street, Westminster. Among other things, the company has secured an option to purchase the townsite of Wabagoon, Western Ontario. Our Financial Times goes for this "paper town," as it calls it, unmercifully. The company is not thought much of here. The second scheme is one of those composite concerns, which, with a large capital, propose to do almost anything under the sun, from making matches to selling mines. The title enables the company to work in either Klondike or British Columbia, but it is not worth serious discussion. It is only one of the same pattern which have been frequently referred to in these columns.

Prices in London.

Following are the prices of British Columbia and Klondike stocks in the London market today:

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes B. C. Devils, London & B. C. Goldfields, British Columbia Financial Trust, B. C. Development Assn., New Goldfields of B. C., Klondike & Columbian Goldfields, Fairview, Ontario, Dundee, Galena, Lillicoet & Fraser River, Klondike-Columbia, Klondike Mining, Trading & Transp., Klondike & N. W. Territories, Hall Mines, Recordia Syndicate.

A Death of News.

There is a dreadful death of news this week. Christmas is only a month away, and although after that business may wake up a bit, the B. C. section of the stock exchange is quietly dozing at the present moment. But while the surface is untroubled by a single ripple, the gentlemen who compose the market are busily preparing for the coming boom, which we are all looking forward to in the spring of 1898. The old year has been a momentous one for British Columbia, not so much in things accomplished as in the gradual education of the public to the possibilities before the province. There was at one time an impatient boom; but when we have said that we have said all. Let us be thankful for small mercies! It is surely a grand thing to have obtained that proud distinction, namely, a separate section of the stock exchange all to ourselves. That is really a good enough result for one year. While we do not wish to resemble the very steady-going old tortoise, I might remind you that the race is not always to the swift. In witness whereof I need only point to Westralia and New Zealand. British Columbia is going quite fast enough to please its friends here in London.

Fielding in High Feather.

The Dominion minister of finance (W. S. Fielding) was of course interviewed on his return from Paris—before leaving for Ottawa—by the indefatigable Reuter. Mr. Fielding was in high feather, and was obviously very satisfied at having placed Canada in the record position of being the first colony to place a 2 1/2 per cent loan. He was not a wee bit less emphatic about the new mail service and was quite pleased to be able to add his confirmation to the semi-official statements regarding the fast steamship service about which I had a good deal to say back in the summer months. What we are also pleased here to see is the imperialistic ring in such Canadian leaders as Mr. Fielding. We are no less satisfied than this gentleman that the new service will thus be from England to Canada, and absolutely independent of United States ports.

WILL ONLY COST \$10.

Re-Registration of Foreign Stock Companies Is Not Costly.

Contrary to the prevalent opinion, the fee for registering foreign stock companies under the companies' act, 1897, is only \$10. Much uncertainty has been felt over the interpretation of the new act, and the fear has been general that

foreign companies, even if registered under the old act, would need to pay the full fees for re-registration under the new statute. In the case of a company incorporated at a million dollars, the fees would amount to \$404.50. Every company doing business here but not incorporated in this province, is affected by the act.

The decision that such companies can be registered at a cost of \$10 comes officially from S. Y. Wootton, the registrar of joint stock companies, in a letter received last evening by the Redding company. The company, which has been appointed provincial agent for a number of important American companies operating here, wrote to Mr. Wootton for an official interpretation of the companies act, 1897, and received the following reply:

"I have to say in reply to yours of the 13th instant that extra-provincial companies registered under the old laws, will, if they wish to carry on business within the scope of the 'Companies' Act, 1897,' after the first of January next, have to comply with the provisions of the new act. The procedure to be followed to obtain registration will be found in section 133, and the registration fee will be \$10, unless the company is to be specially limited, in which case full fees are to be paid, less the amount paid on the former registration. The certificate of registration will have to be published in the Gazette and in the local newspapers as before. I enclose forms of power of attorney which need not necessarily be used, but every power of attorney must give all the powers provided for in subsection (d) of section 133, and also assign to the attorney to issue and transfer shares of the company as provided by section 140. Your obedient servant,

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, THE REDDING-JACKSON CO., limited, Rossland, B. C.

Section 133, reference to which is made in Mr. Wootton's letter, is as follows: "Any extra-provincial company desiring to become registered as a company under the act as aforesaid, may petition therefor under the common seal of the company, and with such petition must file in the office of the registrar:

- (a) A true copy of the charter and regulations of the company, verified in a manner satisfactory to the registrar, and showing that the company by its charter has authority to carry on business in the province of British Columbia; (b) An affidavit or statutory declaration that the said company is still in existence and legally authorized to transact business under its charter.

"(c) A copy of the last balance sheet of the company and the auditor's report thereon. (d) A duly executed power of attorney, under its common seal, empowering some person therein named and residing in the city or place where the head office of the company in this province is situated, to act as its attorney and to sue and be sued, to plead and to be pleaded in any court, and generally on behalf of such company and within the province, to accept service of process and to receive all lawful notices, to issue and transfer stock, and to do all acts and to execute all deeds and other instruments for the purposes aforesaid, to replace the attorney formerly appointed, and to give to its attorney, and such company may from time to time, by a new or other power of attorney, executed and deposited as aforesaid, appoint another attorney with the power for the purposes aforesaid to replace the attorney formerly appointed. The power of attorney may be according to a form approved of and provided by the registrar."

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

There is said to be a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals in this city and its members should be more active. In several instances recently horses have been led tied to poles in the street for from four to eight hours. When the snow is falling and the weather is as cold as it has been it is a shame to expose animals to such hardships. It is sometimes the case that the owners are in saloons and elsewhere having a pleasant time, while their poor animals are chilled to the bone and must endure considerable pain. It is often pure thoughtlessness and sometimes downright criminal carelessness and cruelty. In one case recently a reliable citizen stated that a horse was left standing for 10 hours and he unfastened the animal so that it might return to its stable. There was only one regret in this act, and that was the thought that the stable door might be shut and then the horse would not be able to get in and would be in almost as bad a position as though he was tied to the post in the streets, with this difference, that it could get behind some shelter until such time as the owner appeared. In the earlier history of the camp the provincial police were very particular about such matters and took charge of horses that remained tied in the street, and if the practice continues the city council should pass an ordinance fixing a penalty for such an act during the cold months of the year. The least that could be done would be to blanket animals when they are left tied in the street. The society for the prevention of cruelty to animals should bestir themselves, and at least remonstrate with those who abuse animals in this and in other ways.

Injured in a Snowslide.

Ymir, Dec. 10.—[Special.]—An accident happened at the Porto Rico mine on Tuesday when Jack Chestnut, who has a contract for tunneling, met with a considerable injury. Mr. Chestnut was leaving the tunnel after firing off his blasts when a snowslide, probably loosened by the concussion, struck him and carried him into an open ore chute, and but for the fact that the partitions of the ore box prevented the snow from packing, he would undoubtedly have been smothered. As it is he has sustained a severe facial injury. This has caused a temporarily shut down of the Porto Rico and a gang of men are busy repairing the damage.

A Strike Has Just Been Made on the

Independent group, owned by Messrs. Hughes and Crittenden. The present workings show a ledge about two feet in width, and assays taken from it run from \$56 to \$76 in gold.

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KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY

What is Being Done in the Numerous Mines of the Ainsworth, Slocan, Nelson, Revelstoke, Trout Lake, East Kootenay and Boundary Districts.

AINSWORTH DISTRICT.

A contract has been made between the Black Diamond and the Highlander concentrator, and work at running through the ore commenced last week under the new terms.

The Montezuma mill and tram will be completed today, when mining will be prosecuted vigorously.

The Whitewater mine will declare its monthly dividend today, December 15, and the outlook is that it will be larger than the last.

Superintendent Gibson has resigned the management of the Black Diamond at Ainsworth.

The Albion Mining company, owners of the Albion mine near Ainsworth, has been incorporated with a capital of 1,000,000 shares at the par value of \$1 each.

A strike has made on the Adams, one of the Hillside group near Whitewater. The showing is four feet wide, has been stripped for a distance of 18 feet and is improving in grade as development continues.

The Wellington mine near Whitewater has resumed operations with a small force of men. W. G. Robb is in charge.

The Alamo concentrator has been shut down for some time past, undergoing necessary repairs and placing of new machinery.

All of the mines in McGuigan basin, that are working are looking well, and while there may be fewer prospects being worked this winter than last, more men are employed at the shipping mines, the output is much larger and constantly growing on the whole.

George McDonald, bookkeeper of the Noble Five company, has been appointed liquidator of the company. His duty is to wind up the company's affairs otherwise with dispatch.

The recent stockholders' meeting at Sandon, when it was decided to borrow \$150,000 and resume work on the mine. Hugh Fletcher has some fine specimens from the Isis, near the Lucky Jim. He and Gus Boetcher, W. S. Drewry and the Black brothers own the property, and are pushing development work.

Ore is being shipped from the Fidelity to the shore of Slocan lake. Some fine specimens of cube and steel galena are being shown by the owners, taken from the same ledge. Ore from the mine, which was not considered worth saving, is now being sorted and sacked, recent assays giving 85 to 145 ozs. silver to the ton.

At the Ymir mine, on Wild Horse creek, which is being developed by the London & British Columbia Goldfields, limited, there are now 34 men on the pay roll. The Ymir is developing most satisfactorily.

The owners of the little steamer William Hunter have chartered the boat to the Canadian Pacific Railway company. R. B. Wood, late superintendent of the Ymir mine, who went to Klondike last summer in the interests of the Yukon Goldfields, limited, has written to J. E. Robertson, of Nelson, manager of the company, and reports his safe arrival at Dawson.

The lead furnace at the Hall Mines smelter is nearly completed and will probably be blown in shortly after January 15. Some of the lead ores are now being roasted and made ready for the furnace. The company is now endeavoring to make contracts for a steady supply of lead ores, and if this has not been done by the time the furnace is blown in, only a short run will be made with the ore now in hand.

The Lindblade brothers, who made such a phenomenal strike on the Summit mineral claim, the ore assaying \$2,700, have put on a gang of men and are making preparations to ship a carload. It will be hauled down to the railway and a mill test will be made.

The Quartz Creek Mine estimates that 146 men are working in mines around Ymir, receiving on an average \$3 per day, making a monthly pay roll of \$17,220. This does not include men doing assessment work or developing their own claims.

One thousand dollars is to be spent on a tunnel on the Niagara and Queen, on Sheep creek, 12 miles from Salmo.

A wagon road is built up the north fork of Salmon river, the Second Relief will begin shipping ore. Work is going ahead on the Big Bump, Atlanta, Arlington, Belle and Rosa, all of which have excellent showings.

G. B. Thompson of West Virginia, has bought the Yellow Bird and Maple, near Mill Siding, from A. E. Story.

The Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, limited, have their new offices at Revelstoke, in the McHenry building, almost ready to move into.

Forty-six men are employed on the Silver Cup, which is shipping 20 tons per day by the way of Ferguson. About the same number of men are working on placer claims on Lardo creek and several new hotels have been built at Trout Lake City to accommodate the influx of population. Reports are current concerning the building of railroads, but as yet nothing definite is known.

The above company, registered with a capital of \$120,000, in 21 shares, has been successfully floated in London. Only \$25,000 was offered and it was all underwritten by the directors and their friends. The following are the principal stockholders: The Earl of Essex, Sir

R. G. Head, bart., Colonel H. Findler, E. G. Govan, Lord Aberdare, Hon. G. Hill-Trevor, A. Matheson, T. Callow Hole, Captain E. Whitaker, Colonel T. H. Anstey, E. C. de Segundo, W. T. Williams, A. Fairlie Aillingham, A. Rashleigh Phipps, Major W. P. Anstey, Admiral Sir M. F. Nicholson, Colonel A. Disney-Roebeck, Colonel E. Blakesley, Mrs. M. Mulock, Major General W. Osborne Barnard, Captain J. Strachan Bridges, J. H. A. Brauson, Major Herbert, S. O. Gordon, Lieut.-Colonel L. K. Scott and Mrs. H. T. Barney. James Dixon, who has a bond on the Silver Queen, a property near the Great Northern and on the same lead, is coming in a few days to commence work on it.

BOUNDARY.

Work has been started on the Bruce on Ingram mountain to run a tunnel of 230 feet. It is expected to cut one vein at 140 feet and a second at the end of the tunnel. J. C. Haas is the chief owner, but the Stratford (Ont.) Development company is interested.

A very gratifying strike has been made on the Summit claim in Summit camp. A tunnel had not been run far before a two-foot vein of quartz, carrying iron and copper pyrites, was uncovered.

Rich ore is reported to have been found on the San Bernard in Providence camp.

The machinery for the Golden Crown has arrived at Pentonville. Ten properties in Deadwood camp are working. At the 100-foot level the Mother lode shows 15 feet of pay ore.

Buildings are being put up on the Winnipeg, and work will be carried on all winter.

R. A. Brown has refused to extend the option given to Rossland people on the Sunset copper group in Similkameen and will work it himself.

A superintendent's residence and shaft house is building on the E. O., and a pump house will be put in.

The Golconda group, in Smith's camp, has been bonded by I. C. Stoess, for \$35,000. The MINER described this property at length two weeks ago.

J. McNicol has transferred a half interest in the Great Heeper and Hecla to J. C. Haas.

When Father de Smet, the original missionary to the Indians, came over the Whiteman's pass, he discovered a ledge of copper, and marked a tree near the spot. He died at St. Eugene mission and left a record of the discovery. Father Coccolis lent this to Hon. Colonel Baker, whose house was burned and the record lost. Several prospectors have endeavored to re-locate Father de Smet's discovery, but failed, though one man claims to have found the tree that was marked near the alleged discovery—Golden Era.

The Invicta Hydraulic company intends putting in an hydraulic pump to raise the gravel of the bedrock.

The prospector says that an investigation has been ordered from Ottawa into the treatment of the men on the Crow's Nest railway, and Mr. Haney, the superintendent, has resigned rather than obey the summons to Ottawa.

Has Gone to California. J. Thornton Langley, the mining broker, has gone to California for an extended visit. He has several mining properties which he hopes to sell to his friends in San Francisco. Before Mr. Langley came to Rossland he was engaged in quartz mining in California, and for two years one of the owners of a mine and quartz mill which gave good returns.

The richness of the Kootenay country was so great, however, that he left his mining interests and came here. He thinks that this region is a much richer and more promising one than California is at present, and while he is away he will do all he can to induce capital from that state to come in this direction. The foundations of most of the mines in San Francisco that stands ready to be placed in mining, provided it can be shown that there is a probability of profit, as it is essentially a mining community. The foundations of most of the large fortunes were laid in the mining industry. While Mr. Langley is away, Robert McCann will have charge of his affairs.

The Spokane & Northern Will Build Through Grand Forks. GRAND FORKS, Dec. 12.—[Special.] Messrs. Bodwell & Irving, solicitors of Victoria, are giving notice that they will apply to the Dominion parliament at the next session, for a charter to build a railway from a point on the Spokane & Northern railway through the Christina lake section to the Kettle river, thence up this river to Grand Forks, thence at or near Harrison, and proceed into the Colville Indian reservation, presumably to Eureka camp.

NEWS OF NELSON. NELSON, Dec. 12.—[Special.]—The C. P. R. has commenced laying the track on the extension of the Columbia & Kootenay railroad from the eastern limits of the city. By the use of the C. P. R.'s ferry service on Slocan lake eight carloads of coke were landed in Nelson without breaking bulk. The coke was for the Hall Mines smelter.

A number of Nelson's young men and ladies went up to the Silver King dance last Friday night, which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Davey and the employees of the Silver King. The outside guests left for Nelson about 3 o'clock and the rest of the evening was spent by those present in dancing, etc., until the morning. These dances have become features of the Silver King mine.

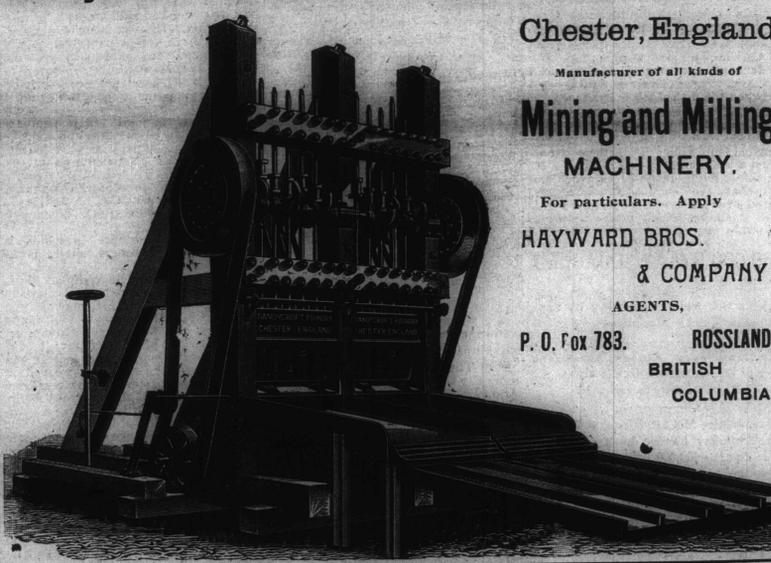
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Claims and Other Property of the Red Eagle Company Have Been Sold to J. W. Boyd for \$2,184.40, Which is Less than the Cost of the Machinery.

The appointment of Richard Flewman as liquidator of the O. K. company has been gazetted, and he will in a few days enter into the custody of the company's assets, consisting of the mine and the mill. It is understood that one or two parties stand ready to purchase the property, and if an advantageous offer is received, it is probable that Mr. Flewman will accept it. There is a large indebtedness, but the property is said to be a valuable one, and it is thought it will sell for more than enough to pay the obligations.

The Red Eagle Mining company's plant and prospects were sold under the sheriff's hammer Monday and were bid in by J. W. Boyd for \$2,184.40, which was the full face value of the judgment against them. The property bought by Mr. Boyd include the Red Eagle and the Red Pole claims. The Red Eagle is located on the east slope of Deer Park mountain, in the South belt, one and a half miles south of this city, and between the Olla Podrida and the Curlew claims. The vein is from four to six feet wide and is traceable for a distance of 1,400 feet. The ledge of the Mayfield also crosses the property for a distance of 800 feet. The plant consists of a 30-horse-power boiler, a 10-horse-power hoist, a pump, two steam drills, a blacksmith shop and tools that cost fully \$2,500. The development consists of a shaft 75 feet deep, a drift of 70 feet and a tunnel of 100 feet, besides some open cuts.

The Red Pole is an undeveloped claim, situated two and a half miles south of this city and one and a quarter miles south by west of the Red Eagle. The Red Eagle Gold Mining company was incorporated on November 16, 1896, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000 in shares of \$1 each. The officers were: President, W. H. Fife; vice-president, William Bennison; secretary-treasurer, T. G. Elgie; manager, John W. Cover; consulting engineer, C. W. Callahan. The company sold considerable of its stock, and with this money spent \$5,000 for development work and some \$2,500 for a plant. A few months since it became involved in debt, and though the officers tried hard to extricate it from its bad condition, they were unable to do so and the result was that it was sold by the sheriff yesterday.

Mr. Boyd, the purchaser, was seen and asked what he intended to do with the property, and he stated that he had not fully made up his mind. He was satisfied, however, that he had secured a bargain. He further said if the promoters and stockholders made it worth while he would consider any reasonable proposition by which they could take the property over. There was one condition that he would insist upon, however, and that was that the present officers be excluded from all participation in its affairs. Asked the reason for this, he declined to answer for publication.

confident that the company will be secured in its title to the claim. The company is out of funds at present, and consequently nothing is being done, but it still has a large block of treasury stock on hand.

The Washington company of the same name holds the Eureka and the Eldorado claims on the Colville Indian reservation near the international boundary line, between Rossland and Northport. Treasury stock was recently put on the market, but no work is now being done.—Ed.]

The Superior, BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 7. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you kindly advise me as to the present status of the Superior, near the Commander. Is work being prosecuted, and what are its prospects? Yours truly, SUBSCRIBER.

[No work is being done on the Superior at present.—Ed.]

The Wild Horse Mine. CHATHAM, N. B., Nov. 30, 1897. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you please let me know through the columns of your valuable paper, how the Wild Horse Gold Mining company stands? H. E. B.

[The Wild Horse property is in good condition. At the present time a force of men are working night and day driving the tunnel, which has now been driven a distance of 75 feet, and the latest assay gives a value of \$78.60 per ton. The ore from which this assay was made came from the face of the workings in the tunnel. The force will be kept at work all winter. There is a five months' supply of provisions at the mine, funds enough in the treasury of the company to carry on the work for the next six months and there is not a dollar of indebtedness.—Ed.]

The Le Roi Mine Is Not Sold. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 11.—[Special.]—Colonel W. M. Ridpath of the Le Roi was seen at midnight, and said there was no truth in the cable so far as it referred to the Le Roi mine.

Tobacco From Havana. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Ward line steamer Orca arrived today from Havana with 85 bales of tobacco, being the first shipped from that port in many months.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. The Eureka Con. FLORENCE, Ont. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I enclose an inquiry re Eureka Consolidated, and in reply would be pleased to have as full information as possible, being a shareholder myself. Your kind consideration will greatly oblige, Yours Truly, WALTER DREW.

[There are two Eureka Consolidated companies, one a Washington state corporation, while the other was incorporated in British Columbia. The latter was organized to operate the Eureka, on Spokane mountain, just west of Rossland. The title to this claim is in dispute, and no decision in the matter has been handed down, but the officers are

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Weekly Market.

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Table with columns: NAME, Par value, Price this week, Price last week. Includes Butte, Commanche, Deer Park, Dardanelles, Dundee, Eureka, Evening Star, Great Western, Iron Ore, Iron Mask, Josie, Keystone, Le Roi, Lily May, Monte Cristo, Poorman, Silver Bell, War Eagle.

MINES AND STOCKS. Strike of High Grade Ore May Second Relief. F. W. Cummings, one of the north fork of the Salmon river on route for Spokane, where some spending the holidays, carries other values in copper at the claim adjoining the Good important strike has just been consists of a vein of ore, three that assays up to \$300 in gold. carries other values in copper at the ore is said to closely resemble the Porto Rico mine. The ore is owned by S. L. Myers of this

Boundary Claims Bond. GRAND FORKS, Dec. 20.—[Special.] Messrs. McKenzie and Mann, known Canadian Pacific railway have just bonded the following Monte Steam works, Standard, and Minnie Moore, Mattie Davie, Mountain Rose, Golden Robie, Phoenix, and Montezuma claims are situated both in the Forks and Kettle River Mining. The consideration for this \$100,000, of which 25 per cent is down, and the balance is due nine months.

One engine of 120-horse another of 65, together with a chinery belonging to the water plants, are now being hauled few to Grand Forks, and will a few days; when they will be position with the least possible.

The Silver Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Barrill per ounce; Mexican dollars silver certificates, 56 3/4.

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