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THE SPITZEE'S NEW EPOCH

Capitalists Take Hold of Wellknown Rossland Mine.

More Ground Is Secured-- Working Capital Pro- vided.

The effort to interest English capital in the Spitzee mine has been successful in an eminent degree, and Rossland will have another important mining enterprise on the working list in the immediate future. The company has a substantial sum for working capital, the Nelson and Derby claims added to the property and plans completed for a new shaft house and a five drill compressor plant.

Frank A. Hewer, who has been abroad for the past year in the interests of the Spitzee, will be in Rossland about the middle of March, and the work of reopening the mine and equipping it on the broad scale adopted will be commenced on or about April 10.

One of the most important features in connection with the future of the Spitzee is the acquisition by the company of the Derby and Nelson No. 2 claims to the west of the Spitzee. These claims were formerly owned by a French syndicate represented in the Kootenays by Lucien Weyl. The price paid by the Spitzee people for the two claims was \$70,000, part of which was taken in shares by the French owners. As the Derby and Nelson claims have surface rights in populous residential sections of the city, they are an important asset from this standpoint alone.

For the Spitzee's purposes their acquisition is especially important inasmuch as it gives the company a big extension of working area to the west, and surface ground for the works which are necessary to the carrying out of the plans for new headworks.

The company's plans for the immediate future call for the erection of a new shaft house at a point on the property nearer the center of the known ore body, and the installation of a compressor plant of at least five-drill capacity. These works will be arranged to permit of extensions at any time when occasion demands.

With its treasury thus arranged, and plans marked out for the providing of plant necessary to conduct development on a considerable scale, the Spitzee will enter an entirely new era in its history. The opinions of all the well known mining men who have visited Rossland have been unanimous as to the merits of the property. Hitherto its development has been carried on by local people, whose resources were naturally limited. Even under these conditions the mine was opened up down to the 100 foot level, a drift was run for almost 80 feet in ore, and a considerable amount of ore was shipped to the Trail smelter. The lowest smelter returns received were \$13 net per ton and the maximum \$22 per ton, a handsome profit remaining to the company even on the lowest grade shipped.

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"The district, however, that I think has a glorious future before it is Camborne and the Fish River district," said Mr. Pool. "The ore found throughout the district is free-milling and easily worked. At the present time there is little activity in the Camborne district owing to the heavy snowfall, but I look for a resumption of work all along the line by the time spring comes around once more. An important strike of rich gold quartz was made at the Eva not long ago which ran very high, and good values have been obtained from nearly every mine in the camp. The town is going ahead, and I venture to say will be the banner mining camp of British Columbia before very long. It has everything that should make it so. Buildings are being erected even now, and snow is being shoveled away in order to build the foundations.

STOLE SOME MATTE

A NORTHPORT BUSINESS MAN AR- RESTED REDHANDED YESTERDAY.

HIS GUILT DISCOVERED BY CUS- TOMS OFFICERS--SWAG RECOVERED.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
A sensational case of matte stealing from the Northport smelter developed at Northport yesterday, when George E. Bartlett, prominent business man and ex-member of the town council, was arrested charged with stealing "sows," or furnace bottoms, valued at not less than \$1000. Bartlett was about to leave the town, presumably for the purpose of disposing of the loot. Three hundred pounds of the valuable smelter product was found in his house.

Bartlett has been suspected of implication in the thefts from the smelter for some time. It was believed that he was a "fence" for dishonest smelters to unload the results of their thefts. The manner in which his guilt was finally discovered is quite unusual.

About a week ago Bartlett was to have left town and sent his baggage to the Spokane Falls & Northern depot to be checked to Spokane. The baggage man refused to check the trunk on account of its excessive weight, and the customs officers became suspicious and quietly opened the trunk, as they are empowered to do. The receptacle contained no smuggled goods, but it was full of matte, or pieces of furnace bottoms. Bartlett was not informed of the search, and took the trunk home to repack it. The smelter people intended to wait until he again attempted to leave Northport, but finally became impatient and secured a search warrant for Bartlett's house. The warrant was executed, and in the trunk was found from 250 to 300 pounds of valuable smelter material, estimated to be worth from \$1000 to \$1200.

A warrant was then issued for Bartlett's arrest and executed yesterday morning. He was held under bonds of \$2000, which had not been deposited up to last night. A preliminary hearing of the case is set down for February 14. The prisoner is a news dealer and is well known throughout the district.

A RICH DISTRICT

Camborne and Fish River Camps Yield High Values.
The formation of a British Columbia Miners' Association on the coast is, I think, a move in the right direction. The coast people were, up to a year ago, ignorant of the fact that they were practically dependent upon the mines. They were prosperous, but yet did not fully understand where their prosperity came from. Now that the two per cent tax has caused a stagnation in the mining industry and a consequent falling off of the profits in directly received by the merchants of the coast, there has been an awakening, and I think that the mines of British Columbia may look forward to the time when the two per cent tax will be removed, or else so modified that it will work little hardship.

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THE LONDON MARKET

STOCKS ARE QUIET AND LITTLE MOVEMENT IS TO BE NOTED.

THE SNOWSHOE COMPANY'S RE- PORT FAVORABLY RE- CEIVED.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The mining market is quiet here. Speculation in high priced shares has fallen off, but there have been no disturbances in the market such as were predicted in some quarters as the result of Mr. Chamberlain's visit to South Africa. Not much anxiety is now felt as to additional and grievous burdens being added to the mines for the purpose of raising revenue to offset war losses.

The defection of R. S. Rowe, secretary of the Great Fingall company, remains the principal topic of discussion in mining circles. A warrant has been issued for Rowe's arrest and it is expected that he will be apprehended at a comparatively early date. Mr. Moreing, a senior member of the firm of Bewick, Moreing & Co., in which Rowe was a partner, has announced that he will personally make good the amount of the entire loss, which is variously estimated up to a million dollars.

The issue of the report of the Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, Limited, has created a favorable impression. There have been so many failures of English companies working in that province that the shareholders of the Snowshoe deserve special congratulation. The ore is of low grade, but as the mine is situated on the railroad, it is within easy reach of smelters, and the ore can be mined in open quarry, there is every reason to expect that the company will make a profit. The mine is now shipping 1500 tons a week and in a short time the shipments will be 3500 tons a week. The ore in sight is over a million tons, so that the company can look far ahead. It is probable that the company will decide to build smelters of its own at no distant date. The condition of things generally is eminently satisfactory and reflects credit on the management.

THE PAYNE IN LUCK

TUNNEL NO. 8 HAS TAPPED A
FINE BODY OF HIGH GRADE
ORE.
MAIN VEIN REACHED AFTER
MANY TROUBLES AND
TRIALS.
(Special to The Miner.)
SANDON, B. C., Feb. 3.—The main vein and a large body of high grade ore was struck in tunnel No. 8 of the Payne mine, Sandon, B. C.

This is very important, inasmuch as it adds 400 feet of stopping ground to this famous property. Tunnel No. 8 was started in February, 1900, by one of the former managers, Mr. C. H. Hand, and continued by his successor, Mr. W. E. Zwick, without success. The Payne Mining company spent an unusually large amount of money in driving the No. 8 tunnel 1600 feet to the McGowan side of the Payne mountain. Anyone not familiar with conditions in the Canadian will have some difficulty in realizing the severity and disadvantages relating to the history of this three-year job. Hardness of rock, heavy flow of water and continuous faulting of ground caused not only much inconvenience but also very heavy expenditure. The work proceeded disappointingly, and was therefore discontinued for six months last year, and it was only on the present manager, Alfred C. Garde's, strong recommendation that it was taken up again and vigorously pushed ahead until on last Saturday, after many difficulties and intricate faulting of the vein, the pay shoot was encountered.

GREENWOOD NOTES.
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RICH ORE IS FOUND

A SATISFACTORY STRIKE MADE IN THE SILVER KING MINE.

REDISCOVERY OF THE LEAD WHICH MADE THE PROP- ERTY'S FAME.

(Special to The Miner.)
NELSON, Jan. 29.—A strike of very rich ore has been made at the Silver King mine on Toad mountain by M. S. Davys, lessee of the mine. The property is owned by the Hall Mines, Limited, but was shut down last summer owing to the unsatisfactory results of development work. Mr. Davys, who had formerly been superintendent of the mine, then obtained a year's lease of the property, believing that some rich bodies of ore existed on the upper levels of the mine. He has since kept a small force of men steadily employed and has now struck the original lead which first caused the property to come into prominence. This lead was lost in 1897 owing to a cave-in occurring. It is only two feet in width, but of this ten inches is of clean ore averaging probably several hundred ounces in copper and silver. The balance of the lead is also very high grade. It will be some weeks before a shipment of ore can be got down to the smelter, owing to the great depth of snow, which prevents the running of the tramway, but work will be prosecuted steadily in getting out ore ready for shipment.

Trout-lake is now frozen over and there will be no more navigation there until the ice breaks up, all traffic being carried by way of Thompson's Landing and the Arrow lakes. In the meantime ore is being steadily brought down from the Silver Cup, Nettie L. and other properties in the vicinity of Ferguson, but the ore will be held at Trout Lake City till the reopening of navigation.

Magistrate Crease today Doyle, the prisoner who broke into Patenaude's jewelry store on Tuesday night, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

FEELING FUEL SHORTAGE

Centre Star and War Eagle Mines Suffer From Lack of Coal.
The War Eagle and Centre Star mines have felt the pinch of the fuel shortage. At the first of the winter they had accumulated a reserve of coal at the Centre Star compressor of 800 or 900 tons, and were receiving a daily supply from the Crow's Nest road over the Canadian Pacific. Now the reserve is entirely wiped out, there is no coal at all in the bunkers, and the mines would be closed down were it not for the fact that electricity is used to some extent and wood as fuel also. The companies are bringing part of their wood supply from Trail, purchasing through the contractor who supplies the Trail smelter. The balance of the wood supply is being brought in by J. Stephen Deschamps. The coal shortage is likely to be relieved temporarily at least on Monday by the arrival of supplies from Fernie that have now been on the road for a week.

REBELS BEATEN.

Venezuela Government Forces Gain an Important Victory.
CARACAS, Feb. 2.—The government troops under General Alcantara, a graduate from West Point, have defeated a force of rebels numbering 800 men in the revolutionary general Ducharme on the Camatagua river, about 50 miles south of Caracas. The rebels were captured with their ammunition and arms. On the news of the victory prices on the stock exchange jumped four points.

Since the rout of General Matos and his army of 10,000 men by President Castro near La Victoria October 18, the remnants of the rebel forces have been dispersed in all directions. The scattered bodies of rebels, believing, as reported by General Matos' committee that arms and ammunition had landed, numbered the number of about 2000 men under Generals Rolando and Ducharme and assembled at Alta Gracia, at the entrance of the gulf of Maracabo, and at Orletuco village, 60 miles south of Caracas. General Ducharme with 900 men advanced up the river under the leadership of General Castro and General Alcantara, who took the rebels by surprise and destroyed them after several hours' fighting. Alcantara captured 30 officers and 200 soldiers, 40,000 rounds of ammunition and 50 animals. The remainder of Ducharme's army fled in the direction of Orletuco.

ARE PLACER MINING

AURIFEROUS CLAIMS ALONG SAL- MON CREEK TO BE WORKED ON A LARGE SCALE.

GRAVEL THAT YIELDS HIGH VAL- UES—HYDRAULIC PLANTS ORDERED.

"The placer mining along the main stream of the Salmon river during the present year should bring good results," said A. Schneider of Waneta yesterday. "The placer claims that were developed there last year panned out very well, considering the short time they were worked. This year, with hydraulic machinery, the results should be very good indeed."

"The placers were first worked many years ago. The first prospectors who came to this province in the '90's obtained good results by panning the stream. Later on the prospectors abandoned the ground, as the results obtained were not as remunerative as they had been led to expect.

"During the early days, one miner, who went under the sobriquet of 'Pittsburg Bill,' took out of one claim \$2000. This amount was cleaned up from a space 20 by 35 feet. The claim has since been restaked and work resumed. We figure that we can obtain 30 cents a cubic yard from the claim, which will more than repay us for our trouble. We can do placer mining in this province with a profit at 9 cents a cubic yard. Placer mining is done in California when the dirt runs out at the rate of 4 1-2 cents per cubic yard, but then the wages there are much lower.

"During the coming summer mining on a greater scale will be attempted. Most of the companies working on the main Salmon are preparing to put in expensive hydraulic plants, while the rest to be employed will be in the neighborhood of one hundred. At present none of the placers are working, owing to the heavy snowfall," concluded Mr. Schneider.

SUCCEEDED IN IDAHO.

Former Rossland Man Cut His Throat in Wallace.
The Spokesman-Review has the following dispatch from Wallace, Idaho: "William Fraser, who attempted suicide at the Providence hospital yesterday noon by gashing his throat and wrist, died at 9 o'clock this morning. Death was caused from the loss of blood previous to the time he received medical attendance. Dr. C. S. Stone was at the hospital at the time the deed was done, but he is said to have refused to attend the patient. It was some time before Dr. A. L. Lehman, who was called, arrived. Fraser was then very weak.

"Fraser used both a razor and a pocket knife to do the deed. Although there was only one gash in his throat, he made three or four slashes at it. He cut his left wrist six times, and it was from these wounds came the greatest loss of blood.

"Fraser was about 40 years of age, and was married. It is not known where his wife is. Fraser had been a resident of this district for about three years, but previous to his coming here he was in Montana, and also in British Columbia. He was a bartender. Funeral arrangements have not been made."

THE NOVELTY HAS MERIT

Giant Mountain Property That Promises Well For Future.

Past Work of Little Value --Bright Outlook Now.

The management of the Novelty mine announces that active development on the property will be resumed in the spring, and local shareholders are looking forward with keen interest to the event inasmuch as it is strongly believed that the Novelty has as bright prospects as any mine in the Rossland camp.

For the satisfaction of several local people interested in the mine a thoroughly posted mining man recently examined the Novelty and his opinion was decidedly favorable. The work on the Giant during the past eight months has also gone far toward establishing the merit of Giant mountain properties, and particularly the Novelty, which adjoins the Giant on the north.

The croppings on the Novelty are similar to those on the Giant, although the nearest workings on the latter property are 700 feet from the Novelty, nor is the Giant working on the ore body that continues into Novelty ground.

The Rossland mine manager who examined the Novelty stated that in his opinion, a comparatively small outlay of money properly directed would place the Novelty on a basis where it would be practically self-supporting, but his opinion of the workings on the property up to the present is as unfavorable as his opinion of the claim is favorable. He quietly intimates that the \$10,000 or \$15,000 which has been expended on the Novelty is practically wasted, that one tunnel will emerge from the side of a knoll if it is continued further, while the second tunnel is running away from the ore body instead of into it.

The peculiarity of Giant mountain ore is that little can be told of its values from outside appearances. Ore that is heavily mineralized frequently turns out to be almost barren of value, while samples apparently barren contain high values. Again, two samples of Giant mountain ore may be laid side by side and to all appearances they are identical, whereas one will contain good values and the other scarcely a trace. This has been realized in the operation of the Giant, and overcome by continuous and careful sampling. Similar methods applied to the Novelty will undoubtedly secure equally good results to those on the Giant where 3000 tons of ore has been shipped in eight months with a profit on every pound.

Local shareholders of the Novelty were prompt in putting up assessments in view of the favorable report thus to hand, and if the facts were widely disseminated the Novelty company would undoubtedly find the task of securing funds with which to resume work much simplified.

CORRESPONDENTS HONORED.

Messrs. Hamilton and Ewan of the Globe to Get Medals.
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The war office, says a Tribune cablegram from London, decided to present medals to Messrs. Hamilton and Ewan, two Canadian correspondents who described in the Toronto Globe Paardeberg and other battles in South Africa.

THE TAX SALE.

Application for the Property Offered at Auction.
Interest was evinced at Green-land's adjourned tax sale of property in Trail, Eholt, Midway, and other points. The sales of property amounted to the neighborhood of \$200,000 for less than the amount due cases, said J. E. Hooson, prosol for \$2.50 and other part from \$5 up. The property every case was town lots, or might at some future date be farm property. There was a great amount of property put up for sale over the property put up for sale were correspondingly light. The of the Boundary cared very Trail property, although a lots were disposed of at moderate prices.

LE ROI MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY.

(Cabled to The Miner.)
LONDON, Jan. 31.—The adjourned annual meeting of the Le Roi company took place here yesterday. The feature of the meeting was the presentation and consideration of a somewhat lengthy report from Anthony J. McMillan, managing director, relating to the policy of the company for the immediate future. Minor matters of business connection with the company's interests were also discussed.

AGAINST REBATE.

The Elkins Bill Passed Unanimously by the Senate.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The senate today passed without objection or discussion the Elkins bill, to further regulate railroad transportation. The bill imposes a fine, not exceeding \$20,000, for the giving of rebates on published freight rates by a railroad, and the receiving of a rebate by any person, firm or corporation is also subject to the same fine. The interstate commission is authorized to bring proceedings in United States district courts to inquire into alleged infractions of the provisions of the law and to prosecute the cases.

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LE ROI REPORT.

Disappointment Said to be Felt on Account of Its Nature.
MONTREAL, Feb. 3.—The Star's London cable says: Disappointment is expressed over the latest Le Roi mining returns. The manager reports that tonnage values do not equal expectations, owing to a falling off in value at the intermediate stage between the ninth and tenth levels. The disappointment is all the keener because it is felt to be necessary that some British Columbia mines should show results in order to counteract the bad influence in the past of Whittaker Wright on their financial prospects.

Dr. Kenning is on a brief visit to Spokane. He expects to return within a few days.

THE WATERBURY STRIKE.

WATERBURY, Feb. 3.—The interesting development in the strike situation during the early evening was the announcement that another day might witness the withdrawal from Waterbury of a part of the state troops. Governor Chamberlain announced tonight that he had decided to cause the soldiers to remain in Waterbury until tomorrow at least. At that time if the county sheriff and other civil authorities seem able to cope with the situation practically all the troops will be withdrawn.

CHINESE TELEGRAPHS.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.—In spite of its recent assertions that it had abandoned the proposed scheme, the government of China has again announced that it has decided to assume control of the commercial telegraph lines, and the local taotai has formally requested the consuls to forbid foreigners purchasing shares in these lines.

the property advertised in the has not been disposed of and quite a bit that has been sold to the gold commissioner for another adjourned tax sale for future. The sale, if ordered, place in this city. The prices will depend, in the event the taking place, on how much are and how small a sum the owner will be willing to accept. Property may be bought up in towns for next to nothing.

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RAIN BY TUNNEL

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D DRILLING SHOWS ORE AROUND WORKINGS IN MINE.

tion work with the diamond under way at the Green Mountain, pending the completion of the program laid out by company, no other work is being

ment is made on excellent satisfactory results, that are found in every direction, and as a result it is confirmed that the Green Mountain large ore bodies, although the net is slightly under the standard to pay all costs of mining, and development with a marifolds under existing circumstances and ore practically solved, announcements of Edmund B. mental manager of the War Centre Star mines, and the set by the Le Roi No. 2. The existence of big bodies of ore suitable to milling, establishes a Mountain among the most and promising propositions of

Lawry is now in New York with the principals of the Green Mountain-St. Louis and it is expected that upon important developments will be in connection with the planing and equipment of the mine. tement is made, and the situation a certain extent public knowl- at the Green Mountain people much more than the average worry with water in the work- that the pumps hitherto in- have failed to keep the work- of water, particularly as depth in the main shaft and the drifts opened up on the vein- to the question thus arising be the construction of a drain- and it is understood that is one of the points on which ger will consult his principals the east.

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NOTICE. whereas consent in writing two-thirds of the capital the Primrose Gold Mining Com- Liab., has been obtained (Sec. 41, Act of 1890). is hereby given that thirty on the date of the first publica- this notice the Primrose Gold Company, Ltd. Liab., will re- head office from Rossland, B. front Lake, B. C.

J. M. MILLER, Secretary, at Rossland, B. C., January

RAZOR STEEL, SECRET TEMPER, CROSS-CUT SAW.



ake pleasure in offering to the Saw manufactured of the finest of steel, and a temper which s and refines the steel, gives a cutting edge and holds it longer by process known. A saw to cut must hold a keen cutting edge, secret process and temper is and used only by ourselves. saws are elliptic ground thin equiring less set than any saws lude, perfect taper from tooth to

we ask you, when you go to buy to ask for the Maple Leaf Steel, Secret Temper Saw, and are told that some other saw is good ask your merchant to let see them both home, and try them the one you like best. steel is no longer a guarantee of as some of the poorest steel made branded silver steel. We have the right for the "Razor Steel" does not pay to buy a saw for one less, and lose 25 cents per day in your saw must hold a keen edge large day's work. hands of these saws are shipped United States, and sold at a price than the best American manufactured only by SEURLY & DIETRICH, Galt, Ontario.

DISALLOWANCE CERTAIN

Sir Wilfred Laurier on Anti-Japanese Legislation.

Dr. Sanson Likely to Be the Candidate in West Yale.

(Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, Jan. 29.—Sir Wilfred Laurier told Messrs. Prior and Eberts today that as long as British Columbia insisted on connecting Japanese with Chinese in its legislation so long would the imperial authorities for imperial reasons insist on its disallowance.

Dr. Sanson leaves tonight for his home in Clinton. Government supporters state that it is definitely decided that he will run in West Yale. The steaming schooner Sadie Turpel ran ashore near Esquimalt harbor this morning during a heavy southeast gale which raged here. The schooner had left port the day before on a sealing cruise. She is now high and dry on the beach.

ELVEN BURNED. VANCOUVER, Feb. 2.—The steamer Coquitlam from the north brings news of a fire in the colony of Pines by which eleven were burned to death. The victims were all women and children. The colony was recently established on Malcolm island, and numbered about 20. The fire was caused by an overturned lamp.

CANADIAN FOOTBALLERS. A defeat in Paris and a Victory Over London Scots.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—The Star's London cable says: There was an enormous gathering at Auteuil, Paris, on Sunday afternoon to witness the match between the Canadian footballers and the Racing Club of France. It is reported that their parents called forbidding three of the Canadians playing on Sunday, and their places were taken by English players. France never before played a team from across the Atlantic, and the occasion was signalized by the presence of M. Escudier, president of the municipal council, and Hector Fabre, Canadian commissioner to France. The weather was clear and crisp. A great ovation was accorded the Canadians. The Racing Club lost the toss and began operations against a strong wind and under the captainship of Ruse from their old stadium work. The first half ended with a tie, three points each. In the second half the Racing Club seemed to play with even greater spirit, every effort of the Canadians being brilliantly met. Finally Rutherford scored and the Canadians were beaten by eight points to three. There was great cheering at the French triumph. Never before was so much interest taken in a football match in France.

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—The Telegram's cable says: The All-Canadian football team played the London Scottish team today at this place in splendid weather and on the same grounds on which they played Richmond on Friday last. Five hundred people attended. The Scotchmen attacked strongly from the start, but the Canadians soon had the struggle in Scotch ground, with both sides nearly scoring several times. After twenty minutes the Scots scored a try, which was not improved. The Scottish try was strummed over. At half time the score stood Scottish, Canadian 0. On resumption of play Tait cleverly scored a try, but failed to improve. The Canadians at times excelled in passing and tackling. Finerty scored a try, which Tait improved, and at the finish the score was: Canadian 5, Scottish 3. The game was splendidly played all through, although the Scottish is considered one of the best teams in the country. Three members of the Scottish team played yesterday in Paris with the Canadian team. The final game of the series will be against the Reading Wanderers on Saturday.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH. LONDON, Feb. 2.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra were to have gone on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth this afternoon, but their departure was postponed at the last minute for the reason that the King was suffering from a feverish cold. His majesty was planting trees at noon some distance from Windsor castle, and appeared then to be in excellent health and spirits.

The Daily News published the following telegram from Basin Knollys, the King's private secretary: "Windsor, 10:40 p. m.—The king has a feverish cold, he is doing well and I hope he will be better tomorrow. There is really nothing more to say."

GREENWOOD MINES.

Work Done on Properties Close to the City.

(Special to The Miner.) GREENWOOD, B. C., Feb. 2.—Jas. Sutherland and Phil McDonald, who have a working bond on the Elkhorn mineral claim, situate north of Greenwood and just outside the city limits, and owned by C. L. Thomet, of Midway, are meeting with more encouragement as they make progress with their prospecting work on the claim. In December they commenced sinking a prospect shaft between the old workings and the Elkhorn brewery, following the vein down. For about 29 feet there was little ore of any account, but at that depth a narrow paystreak of clean quartz, carrying zinc and galena, with gold and native silver showing in places, came in. At 42 feet in depth this paystreak is five inches in width of high grade ore, besides which there is about a foot of poor ore, chiefly quartz mineralized with iron and a little zinc and galena. The vein being sunk on it is confidently believed to be a continuation of the lead in the adjoining Providence claim, from which between \$15,000 and \$20,000 worth of high grade ore was taken last year. Men Wilhurst and two other men are working on the Helen claim, at Anacosta, under a working lease and option to purchase. They are drifting and stopping, and purpose shipping a car of ore about the end of next month. The vein varies from 10 to 15 inches of high grade quartz, with values in gold and silver. The property is owned by the Boundary-Helen Gold Mining Co., of Greenwood, but it has not been worked by the company since 1897.

The increased interest in the numerous gold-quartz claims around Greenwood is proving of benefit to the business interests of the town. Already about 40 men are regularly employed on the half dozen of these claims upon work which is being done, and inquiries are being made with the object of securing other claims upon terms that will induce men with a little enterprise to go to work on them.

EAGLES AT GREENWOOD. GREENWOOD, B. C., Feb. 2.—A. W. Von Rhein, Provincial deputy grand president for British Columbia, instituted a branch of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Greenwood last Friday evening. Some 30 of the charter signers were initiated and elected officers for the ensuing term, were elected as follows: Worthy past grand president, James McCreath; president, J. W. Nelson; vice-president, H. B. Madden; secretary, Charles Wilson; treasurer, A. H. McNeil; conductor, T. Pickard; guards, W. McDonald and George Wellwood, chaplain, Thomas Gainer; trustees, Philip McDonald, Duncan Campbell and Fred Mann. A numerous visiting delegation of Eagles was present from Phoenix and Grand Forks to assist the deputy grand president in forming the new aerie. After the officers had been elected and installed a grand social session was held in Eagle style, songs and speeches contributing greatly to the pleasure of those taking part. The new aerie promises to become one of the strongest secret societies in the town, and to W. E. Moran is due much of the credit of its organization, he having been untiring in his efforts to secure its institution.

Nominations for mayor of Greenwood closed at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Those nominated were R. Smalles, ex-Mayor George R. Naden and ex-Alderman D. J. Sullivan. A poll will be taken next Thursday.

YMR NEWS. YMR, B. C., Jan. 31.—George H. Barnhardt, superintendent at the Ymir mine during the past four years, leaves next month to take charge of a mill on the coast. He was presented with a very valuable diamond ring by the employees of the mine and mill as a token of their respect and esteem for him. Accompanying the ring was an illuminated address.

THE V. V. AND E. ROAD. Right of Way For Smelter and Phoenix Branches. (Special to The Miner.) GRAND FORKS, B. C., Jan. 30.—By effecting arrangements today with the owners of the Clement property in the vicinity the V. V. & E. railway has practically secured all the right of way in connection with the proposed Granby smelter spur and the line to Phoenix. It is understood that construction work will be started within a few weeks.

A chamber of commerce has been formed among Victoria business men disaffected with the board of trade. Membership is limited to persons engaged in trade or manufacture in Victoria. The clause making this restriction is specially intended, as speakers at the organization meeting declared, to bar out lawyers, some of whom talk much and long and keep ever well to the fore at board of trade meetings in Victoria. The membership fees of the new body are made very low, so as to induce a numerous membership. The president is Mr. J. L. Backwith; vice-president, Mr. George Carter; treasurer, Mr. James Forman, and acting secretary, Mr. A. J. Morley.

SILVER-LEAD DELEGATION

What Members Have to Say of the Visit to the Capital.

A Cordial Reception and a Sympathetic Hearing.

(Special to The Miner.) KASLO, Jan. 30.—Mr. John L. Retallack and Mr. George D. Potter, the representatives of the Slokan silver-lead mine owners in the delegation to Ottawa on the silver-lead situation, returned yesterday. In an interview Mr. Retallack, who acted as spokesman for the delegation, said to a Miner representative that the delegation was able to obtain the following success: The delegation were most favorably received by Sir Richard Cartwright and Messrs. Fielding, Blair, Patterson, Bernier, Fisher and Sutherland, of the Federal cabinet, who gave them long audiences and plenty of time in which to express their views. Each and every minister went thoroughly into the question and agreed that the mining conditions of British Columbia needed attention. Mr. Retallack stated that the cabinet was as a whole keenly alive to the situation and that he was hopeful of good results attending the efforts of the delegation.

After the return of Mr. G. O. Buchanan of Kaslo and Mr. Campbell of Nelson, the remaining members of the delegation waited a few days in Ottawa and were then able to obtain an interview with the premier, Sir Wilfred Laurier, and though Mr. Retallack did not appear to be in the best of health, yet he accorded them a most sympathetic reception and expressed his willingness to endeavor to bring about a more favorable state of affairs in the mining industry. It was, of course, impossible for him, or for any of the other ministers to pledge themselves to any stated course of action, but every attention was promised for the requests and suggestions of the delegation.

According to the minister of agriculture, one of the great difficulties lay in the matter of the different labor conditions of the East and the West. He had found it impossible to get his constituents to understand how it was that the wage earners in Western Canada were obtaining \$3 to \$3.50 per day of 8 hours while those in Eastern Canada were only receiving from \$1 to \$1.50 for a day's work of 15 or 16 hours, and they could not be brought to help in bettering the condition of men who they think are at the present moment in better circumstances than themselves. It, therefore, behooves the wage earners of the West to educate their Eastern brethren in this respect. Also, in Mr. Retallack's opinion, it is essential that an unceasing agitation along the lines laid down by the delegation be kept up until the government actually has decided what measures to enact, especially as the remedies put forth by the mine owners and their delegation are somewhat opposed to the ancient policy of the Liberal party, and unless the people and the government thoroughly understand the simplicity of the mine owners' case and their demands, there is a probability of considerable debate upon the question.

Mr. Retallack stated that the delegation was greatly helped by the strong stand taken in the matter by the Nelson, Kaslo, Sandon and other boards of trade and labor associations, and their work was materially helped forward by the united and moral assistance of those bodies, as well as by the many public meetings which were held throughout the Kootenay endorsing their action.

TO WIDEN OPERATIONS. B. C. Copper Company's Proposed Increase of Capital. (Special to The Miner.) GREENWOOD, Jan. 29.—The British Columbia Copper Company, Limited, owning and operating the Mother Lode mine and Greenwood smelter, purposes taking steps forthwith to enlarge its operations here on a substantial basis.

A circular has been issued to shareholders of the company calling a special meeting for the purpose of receiving and considering a proposition to increase the capitalization of the company by the issuance of 150,000 new shares at a par value of \$5 each. This will bring the authorized capital of the corporation to \$2,000,000.

The additional capital is asked for three purposes. The first is to erect a bessemerizing plant to convert and refine the product of the smelter. The matter now being produced is subjected to a further treatment before the product reaches the marketable commodity stage, and the proposed additions to the works will enable the company to complete this operation on the ground as is now done at the Granby smelter. The second proposition entertained by the directors is that of increasing the smelter capacity so that the Greenwood plant can handle about 60,000 tons of ore per month. The third project is to acquire more mines in the Boundary district.

NOTES FROM GREENWOOD.

Mayorality Affairs—Developments in the Mines.

GREENWOOD, Jan. 28.—The Greenwood city council has accepted the resignation of Mayor Smalles, who was elected on the 15th inst. and at once resigned, and has appointed Monday, February 3, as the day upon which nominations to fill the vacancy will close. Should there be more than one nominee a poll will be taken the following Thursday.

The entertainment and dance held last night at the Mother Lode mine, for the benefit of an employee who was hurt some months ago and has ever since been incapacitated from work, was a decided success. The attendance numbered about 300, some coming from Midway, whilst Greenwood and Anacosta sent up a large contingent. The net amount realized is not yet known, but it is expected to be about \$140. It is stated that George H. Collins has the Charmer fractional mineral claim, formerly well known as the Golden Fleece, under option for \$40,000. The claim is owned by Witte and Jensen, who have opened up a good showing of copper ore in a prospect shaft. The claim is situate in the south-western part of Deadwood camp, in a locality as yet but little prospected below the surface.

Ore is being hauled from the Lancashire fraction, near Greenwood, for the purpose of making a trial shipment to the smelter at Trail. The claim is under bond to parties represented by D. W. McVicar, and the showing in the prospect shaft at about 60 feet depth is reported to be very promising, some three feet of nice-looking gold-quartz ore having been met with.

C. A. E. Shaw, C. E., the well-known land surveyor, is convalescent after a month's serious illness with typhoid. He will probably be able to get about a little next week.

GREENWOOD NEWS.

Business Men Organize—Death of a District Pioneer. (Special to The Miner.) GREENWOOD, Jan. 29.—The funeral took place yesterday of George Munro, aged 76, an old Scotchman who some years ago took a ranch on McCarren creek, along the old Dewdney trail, above Boundary Falls. The old man sold out his holding to Mark Christensen, and since then has been gradually failing, until death came this week.

The body of the C. P. R. brakeman, A. J. Greer, who was fatally injured at Elhoit on the night of the 22nd inst., has been buried in the Greenwood cemetery. A number of railway men attended to pay their last respects to their deceased fellow workman, and the funeral rites were performed by the local Presbyterian minister, Rev. Dr. McRae.

Father Haggerty delivered an address on Socialism to a large audience at the Greenwood Auditorium last evening. Another meeting of the business men of Greenwood was held yesterday afternoon, when the appointment of the following officers and committee of the recently-formed association was confirmed: President, Dr. J. S. Spinkie; vice-president, W. M. Law; secretary, F. M. Elkins; committee, J. C. Ehrlich, C. H. Fair and Duncan Ross. An understanding was arrived at as to the direction the efforts of the association shall take for the benefit of the town, and it was decided to hold a meeting next week to choose a name for the organization and to arrange for an active campaign to achieve good results.

A young man named Hunter, who was seriously injured by a fall of rock in the Cariboo-McKinney mine at Camp McKinney last fall, and who has been an inmate of the Sisters' hospital at Greenwood ever since, is leaving for his home at Camp McKinney this week. The condition of his ankles was so badly crippled that it will be a long time before he will have the use of that foot again, sufficiently to admit of his getting about freely. It is understood that the company owning the mine offered to pay his expenses to and at St. Paul if he would go for treatment by Dr. McKinnley, but he prefers returning to Greenwood just now. The miners and others in that camp made up a generous subscription for him, so that for the time he is provided for.

IN REPUBLIC MINES

INSPECTION OF THE REPUBLIC WITH A VIEW TO RENEWED WORKING.

RECENT STRIKE ON THE CALIFORNIA—EFFECTS OF COKE SHORTAGE.

(Special to The Miner.) REPUBLIC, Wash., Jan. 28.—The prospect of the renewal of operations on the Republic mine has added a favorable feature to the mining outlook in this camp. John Bresnahan, who was superintendent of the property under the former Clark regime, and W. J. Casey, who held the same position under the new company, have been exploring and sampling the mine for two weeks. Two men are engaged in clearing out the main tunnel so that work can be resumed.

Patrick Clark is expected here soon to examine the workings and map out a plan of development for the future. In a mining way the most favorable development has been the recent strike on the 500 foot level of the California mine. While the ore body is not at all phenomenal, the values are similar and the width of the vein is the same as has been opened in the levels above. While the roads are in good shape, shipments from this property will soon be made to that point. It is believed that the adaptability of the ores here for converter linings will induce the Anacosta people to give a rate that will enable Republic to send two or three thousand tons per month to the Montana city. Information was received here this week that the C. P. R. people were endeavoring to arrange for small shipments to a Vancouver island smelter, but no confirmation of the report has been secured here.

The Quip, which has been closed since last week while the boilers were being cleaned, will probably resume operations next week. The Ben Hur is working a small force of men developing the property through the Trade Dollar workings. E. J. Danson, a prominent member of the Spokane bar, and manager of the reorganized Gold Ledge company, has been here several days arranging to resume work on that property through the long tunnel.

J. F. Lansing is working six men on the Blue Horse ground on Iron mountain, about 15 miles southeast of this city. The property was recently bonded from E. S. Larson, Joe Pape and E. S. Boyer. It is in the same belt as the California mine, and the ore exposed is similar to the ore in that mine. A shaft is now down 165 feet, and a small body of ore similar to that being worked in the California has been exposed.

REPUBLIC NEWS.

Satisfactory Conditions at the Quip and North San Poll Mines. REPUBLIC, Wash., Jan. 30.—The Quip mine starts up this morning with a full force of men. Development will continue along the same lines as heretofore. The company has a contract with the Granby smelter to take their ore, and shipments will also be resumed. The mine has been shipping about 100 tons per week.

J. W. McCann, who recently secured a lease on the North San Poll, started work this week with a force of five men. The development on the property consists of a 125-foot shaft. The shaft will be sunk an additional 100 feet. As this work will be done in ore small shipments will be made while the work is in progress. The ore extracted from the present workings was shipped last fall and gave very satisfactory results.

The Republic mine force has been increased slightly, and it is confidently expected here that a much larger force will be put to work, as the work of clearing up the property will be sufficiently advanced to allow a larger force to work.

The men at work on the Ben Hur mine have been laid off. It is announced, however, that the suspension is only for a few days to allow the company to arrange for the use of the machinery of the Trade Dollar, through which property the Ben Hur will be worked for the present.

SOME NEW FEATURES

OLD-TIMERS' REUNION TO BE HELD DURING CARNIVAL WEEK.

WESTWILE ROSSLANDERS TO FOREGATHER HERE ONCE AGAIN.

As the date for the opening of Rossland's midwinter carnival draws nearer and nearer the various sports and prize committees are concentrating their attention towards perfecting a pleasing program. The sub-committee will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the board of trade rooms with all their sports scheduled and ready for insertion in the official program, which the committee will issue in a few days. The program, like every other feature of the carnival, will surpass anything of its kind ever produced here.

OLD-TIMERS' REUNION.

A feature that has been overlooked in the past, but which will be brought to the fore this year, is a reunion of old-time Rosslanders in this city during the carnival. The secretary of the carnival committee, A. B. Mackenzie, has sent pressing invitations to "old-timers" who reside elsewhere, and has received many favorable replies in return. The writers are heartily in favor of the idea of bringing about a reunion of the pioneers of the camp, and think that no fitter time could be fixed on than the carnival dates. Ross Thompson and several other prominent old-timers of the camp will probably comprise the committee that is to look after the welfare of visitors who helped to bring this camp into prominence in times gone by.

In connection with the idea of holding a reunion in this city the carnival secretary has written to mining men and others who have either lived in Rossland or on account of important interests here have visited the city or are associated with those that are staying with the camp. Each one written to was asked to canvass other "old-timers" whom they may know, with a view to making the reunion a grand success. Among those written to on the subject are the following: J. H. Tonkin, Fernie; Col. Ripdath, hotel man, Spokane; Col. Peyton, Spokane; C. C. Woodhouse, Republic; C. O. Barnes and George Pfunder, Republic; Oliver Durant, Culpeper, Va.; E. P. Davis and Charles Wilson, Vancouver; Hon. Col. Prior, Victoria; H. M. Adams, J. D. Farrell, P. A. O'Farrell, F. Aug. Heine, C. P. Chamberlain, James Breen, A. B. Campbell, John A. Finch, J. P. Graves, George T. Crope, W. J. Snodgrass, August Corbin, D. C. Corbin and others in Spokane, and to Gen. C. S. Warren, Comptroller; E. J. Coyne, Vancouver; W. A. Gallinger, Nelson; A. C. Flumerfelt and W. Y. Williams, Grand Forks.

THE GRAND TOBOGGAN.

The feature of the carnival will undoubtedly be the grand toboggan course down Washington street. The course is being rapidly put into good condition, and by the time the carnival opens it will be one of the finest toboggan slides in the Dominion. The speed attained on the Washington street slide will depend to a great extent on the kind of weather with which Rossland is favored during the carnival. If it is crisp and cold, as it should be, the course, with the proper rolling, will be by far the fastest ever seen in the west, and will give a speed of 75 to 100 miles an hour. Workmen have nearly finished the course. The West Kootenay Power & Light company has had the stringing wires down the side of the course. Incandescent lights will be suspended over few feet, so that the course can be used day and night as long as the snow lasts.

CHEAP EXCURSIONS. The chances of running cheap excursions to Rossland during the carnival look very bright at the present moment. It is understood that the Spokane Falls & Northern will reduce the present tariff between Spokane and the Falls & Northern to have the Spokane rate from Spokane to this city an even \$5, in which event Rossland is sure to draw an enormous crowd of visitors from northern Washington.

METAL MARKETS.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Lead 211 65 3d. NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Bar silver 67 5-8; Amalgamated copper 67 7-8.

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THE LE ROI NO. 2 CONCENTRATOR

The Miner is pleased to have had the opportunity to announce the fact that the Le Roi No. 2 has decided to install a concentrating plant for its lower grade ore. It is good news and gives promise of great things for the camp in the near future. For obvious reasons the management of the Le Roi No. 2 is not in a position to fully take the public into its confidence, and hence it is that the Miner cannot at present publish all the details of the plans which are now being perfected. Suffice it to say, however, that Manager Coudrey sees his way clear to obtain an adequate water supply for both concentrator and power purposes, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. We do not pretend to enjoy the full confidence of Mr. Coudrey, but have sufficiently good reasons for the belief that he will in no way be hampered by the present somewhat complicated situation as regards the present water supply for locally constructed concentration works. It is to be hoped that he will be able to act independently in the matter, and we venture the opinion that such will be the case. It will indeed be fortunate if the Le Roi No. 2 concentrator can be economically operated by a water supply that in no way conflicts with the city or other rights, and Mr. Coudrey is to be congratulated if he has hit upon such a source. The salvation of the camp largely depends upon an ample water supply for concentration purposes. The larger the supply, the better it will be for Rossland. The Le Roi No. 2 and the other mines should receive every encouragement and assistance in getting their concentration works established at the earliest possible date.

THE HOMESTAKE SHIPMENT.

The Miner has been criticised to some small extent for publishing the actual facts in connection with the trial shipment from the Homestake and the temporary suspension of work on that property. To those who object to this sort of thing we desire to emphasize the fact that this newspaper is published without fear or favor and solely in the best interests of the camp and the surrounding country. It will continue in its attempt to follow this course so long as it remains under its present control, for we are determined not to do anything that might detract from its reputation for veracity, enterprise and fearlessness. In our opinion, it is both foolish and unavailing to attempt to bolster up conditions by false and glowing reports. Rossland has a certain and splendid future, and will, within a very short time, be the scene of greater industrial activity than ever. The preparations that are practically completed for treating the enormous tonnage of the Red Mountain mines will soon result in the addition of hundreds of men to the payroll of the camp, and it is only a question of more development to bring the south belt to the same satisfactory condition. If the recent tests of Homestake ore have not come up to expectations, it is probably not the fault of the mine. We are informed on very reliable authority that the shipment was not selected with due care as regards both the character of the ore and the workings from which it was taken. Had more discrimination been exercised, it is practically certain that infinitely better returns would have been obtained. The Miner will have more to say tomorrow about the south belt and the wealth of its ore shoots. Meanwhile we have no regrets to express for telling the actual facts concerning the present condition of the Homestake mine.

THE SOUTH BELT.

Rossland has been several times on the verge of doubling its resources by the discovery of a mine on what is known as the South belt. It is on the verge of such a crisis now. First the Deer Park then the Crown Point, then the Deer Park, now the Homestake have directed attention to that part of Rossland's territory. But the South belt has hitherto been unfortunate.

The people who know most about Rossland mines seldom or never leave Colum-

bia avenue. It is common to hear those street corner experts declare that they would not give 5 cents for any property south of Trail creek. At the present time when the public is attracted toward a South belt property, it may be of advantage to draw attention to the inherent absurdity of such a proposition. When some one competent to talk has proved that there is a characteristic difference between the formation of the North belt and of the South belt, and a characteristic difference in the occurrence of the mineral, it will be time enough to give credit to the somewhat peculiar geological theory that a creek delimits a mineral belt.

It is strange that there should be so many people in Rossland eager to run down the South belt and discourage its development, because its importance to Rossland cannot very well be over-estimated. It forms a big half of the mineral land immediately tributary to Rossland. Granted that Rossland would not be greatly injured by the discovery of no mines over there, and that with the mines already developed and in course of development Rossland is assured of its present standing and of a steady growth, consider the effect upon the town of another range of mines equal in extent to those of the North belt in uninterrupted activity south of the town. The development of the South belt is a problem which means all the difference to Rossland between a camp of moderate productive capacity, and one fitted to rank with the greatest camps of the American continent. One would naturally think then that the South belt would meet with eager encouragement from those interested in the growth and progress of the town. But it is a melancholy fact that those who are not actively hostile to the interests of its development look upon it as a closed book in the history of Rossland mining.

It is a book, however, which is destined to be reopened. It only needs one property, proved a mine, and every prospect in the South belt will again be under development, and a big increase of business and population in Rossland would result. The Homestake may or may not prove the salvation of the South belt. Probably it will. It is devoutly to be hoped so. If so, the greatest possible change will come over the spirit of Rossland's dream this year. But if not the Homestake it will be some other property. The object of this article is to show Rossland people that they have a much bigger asset in the South belt than they give themselves credit for.

And first, what is the South belt? In 1895 when the snow was disappearing prospectors rushed into the thick bush lying east of the R. E. Lee and Maid of Erin and Celtic Queen. The first group of claims located contained the Last Chance, Gem, Uncle Sam and Tiger. Then followed the Southern Cross, Wolverine and Iron Hill; next the Crown Point, White Swan and Hidden Treasure. After them on the west and south came the Trilby, Prince of Wales, Violet and Maggie, and to the east the Spotted Tail, Empress Ida, St. Mary's and numerous others. On May 25th, 1895, a sketch map of the territory extending from the Last Chance to the St. Mary's was published with a descriptive article in the Rossland Miner and called a map of the South belt of Trail creek. Thus originated the name. But it was obvious that this was part of the mineral zone which extended through the Sunset, Nest Egg, Homestake, Gopher, R. E. Lee and so on to the extreme east of the district described, and consequently these claims or rather the district in which they are situated received the general name of South belt. The term South belt used strictly as referring to this particular zone should exclude the Lilly May and Deer Park.

In Rossland boom days it used to be a favorite hypothesis that sunburnt diorite was a sure indication of a rich mine. Iron cap was an elastic term which covered everything from weathered porphyry to decomposed pyrites. Now-a-days it is popular to assume that without values on the surface it is not worth looking for them anywhere else. It is a vexed question. Very often values have been found by going down on a ledge, and the chute containing them has been found coming to the surface, but not in the place where development was begun. But if values which exist must always come to the surface somewhere, the converse should be equally true, that they must continue down to the source of the mineral, for it is impossible to conceive of any form of reasoning, not widely hypothetical, allowing of values evaporating with depth, which would not also account for their existing without coming to the surface at all. And yet it is noticeable that those who are ready to lay down a hard and fast rule that values must always come to the surface, are generally the aptest to argue that they will do, or may give out with depth. The fact is that their opinion is generally modified by whether they are of a sanguine temperament or the reverse, and it is not deducible from any observed consistency in the phenomenon. The safe, practical rule is that values only exist for the miner where he knows them to exist, the amount of speculation he allows himself in looking for them being his own affair.

If we judge of the South belt by this rule it makes a most favorable showing.

ing. Good ore was found on the surface or in the first preliminary work done on the Sunset, the Nest Egg, Homestake, the Gopher, the Mayflower, the R. E. Lee, the Tiger, the Crown Point and the St. Mary's, and if the writer has done injustice to any of the others it is from ignorance. If this does not point to a mineral bearing zone having a certain value and worthy of development, it certainly does point to a zone unworthy of the abuse and neglect which it has received on account of ignorance partly, partly abortive development in particular instances, and partly merciless wild-cattling from which last it was not the only part of the district to suffer.

The South belt has been largely judged and condemned by the record of the Crown Point. What are the facts? It will not be denied that the surface showing on the Crown Point was sufficient to justify its being bonded for \$75,000. It is also true that after the Crown Point company was formed there was sufficient showing of ore, and that ore carried enough value, to justify a conservative engineer in advising the purchase of the control at a very high figure. So far good. But the Crown Point has not yet made a mine. Still there is a very simple argument connected with an occurrence of ore, too simple for many people; it is that the ore must come from somewhere. It is sufficient for the purpose of this article to contend that the Crown Point ore came out of the main vein of the South belt zone and that in that zone it exists somewhere in place and workable. The Crown Point is a strong argument in favor of a valuable mineral zone in the South belt.

It is an extraordinary thing the extent to which the investment of money is dependent on sentiment, which is usually looked on as a consideration entirely alien to that desire of gain which is the ruling motive of investment. Sentimental objections have for a long time obscured the value and prospects of the South belt of the Rossland camp. The present looks like a favorable opportunity to bring a few facts and a little common sense to bear on a section of the camp whose future is of immense importance to the prosperity of Rossland and of everyone interested here.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Miner is highly gratified with the success that has attended its efforts to promote the welfare of the camp by the co-operation of all elements of the community. As will be seen elsewhere in the issue, the secretary of the Miners' Union, the most influential local body of wage-earners, has come out flatly with the avowal that his people stand ready to support the suggestion. It is also satisfactory to know that the council of the board of trade is anxious to meet more than half-way this evidence of public spirit. We believe, however, that the secretary of the Miners' Union is altogether too modest in his recommendations. He has proposed that his association should be represented on the board by one delegate from every hundred members of the union. Why not one for every fifty? The trades unionists of Rossland have just as much interest at stake as any one else. They are the backbone of the camp. Without them the board of trade cannot be expected to do all that lies within its power for the welfare of the camp. It is not sufficient that the board of trade should devote itself solely to matters affecting the merchants, mine owners and smelters. There are circumstances that affect the wage earners that demand equal consideration. It is up to them to help to protect themselves and advance their prosperity to the fullest possible extent. The more representation from the union, the greater will be the influence manifested in this respect.

Mr. Villeneuve, speaking on behalf of his fellow unionists, is unquestionably evincing too much modesty, and it is to be hoped that he and all other Rosslanders will support a more liberal representation of trade unionists in the Rossland board of trade. It is also to be hoped that upon the reorganization of the board of trade, the membership fees will be brought to a figure that will serve to promote less expense and more general subscription.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE C. P. R.

The Provincial government and the C. P. R. continue the role of indifference as regards the threatened coal and coke famine in the Kootenays. The former maintains a guarded silence. Premier Prior and Attorney-General Eberts, being at Ottawa, have had no opportunity to give this important matter their immediate consideration, but The Miner knows positively that all the other cabinet ministers at Victoria have read practically all that we have said on the subject. It may be that the acting premier hesitates to do anything in the

matter until Col. Prior returns. But the astonishing feature of the whole thing is that the government should ever have played into the hands of the C. P. R. and the Crow's Nest Coal company by refusing to issue coal licenses to prospectors who have applied for permission to proceed with extensive development work on the "reserved" coal lands. There is something decidedly wrong somewhere, and The Miner is confident that the C. P. R. is at the bottom of the whole business. The railway company has decided that it and not the general public shall have the right to these lands, and is undoubtedly making its influence felt in certain high places at Victoria. The Kootenay mining industry is to be crippled and all smelters but the C. P. R. works at Trail are to be compelled to suspend operations in order that the C. P. R. may gobble up the cream of the coal lands of East Kootenay and so obtain additional strength for eventually establishing a monopoly in copper and lead smelting in the Kootenays.

The general public of this section is fully aroused. The whole district is closely watching the government. If the people's interest is to be sacrificed in this case and another instance to be added to the long record of exploitations of the public property for corporate gain, the indignation of the Kootenays will be deep and lasting. The life of the mining and smelting industry is involved in the disposal of this matter. There should be no occasion for speculation as to what the government will or will not do, its proper course is so plain and unmistakable. If the ministers regard themselves as the trustees of the public domain, entrusted with the guardianship of the people's welfare, they will not hesitate to open up the coal lands to the public and secure their speedy development in order that the necessary supply of fuel may be furnished. On the other hand, if they look upon themselves as the instruments of certain favored parties they will continue in their present course.

Of one fact the ministers may be well assured—continuance in their present course will secure for them the severest condemnation of the Kootenays. The people of these districts understand the situation so well that there is no chance of misleading them or covering up the iniquity that seems to be in contemplation. If the members of the government are not to be moved by a proper sense of their duty to the public, they may be moved by considerations of self-interest. For that reason it is well that they should be left in no doubt as to what the great majority of the people desire.

DECIDEDLY "YELLOW."

One J. H. Curle, whose name and personality are more or less familiar to Rosslanders, lately undertook to afford the English investor information respecting the stocks of various mines as investments. His effusions appeared first in the London Economist, and one of them, dealing with local mines and others elsewhere in America, was copied in the last number of the Engineering and Mining Journal. It is extremely unfortunate that his lucubrations should have been given a place in the columns of those two reputable and influential papers, because that is the one circumstance that is calculated to give them any effect. In respect to local properties Mr. Curle says:

"It is painful to realize that today, so far as is known, mines like the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, Rossland Great Western, Kootenay and Ymir, are apparently valueless. . . . So far as can be seen Le Roi has nothing now but a big tonnage of low-grade ore in the upper levels, which may or may not just pay for working. In depth it is, I believe, almost blank. The No. 2 is as bad. The other mines are worse. Such mines as Centre Star, War Eagle and Iron Mask, owned in Canada, carry the continuations of these ore bodies, but I do not for a moment consider them as real mining investments."

Thus does Mr. Curle cavalierly wipe out the whole value of the mines of this district, leaving not a shred of comfort for the poor owners and for those whose interests are bound up with the prosperity of the properties. Be it noted, in the first place, that he does this without the trouble of a personal investigation of present conditions, and apparently without gaining even second-hand information. It is hardly possible that any man with locally acquired knowledge would be so great a fool as to furnish Mr. Curle with a basis for his glaring mis-statements. That gentleman was evidently romancing, with what object is probably known only to himself. His achievement in this line is one calculated to fill other members of the "yellow-legged" class with envy, the more so that he has been able to get the peculiar product of his brain introduced to the public in such respectable company.

The facts made public here almost

from day to day are sufficient refutation of the Curle slanders. It is very well known that the Le Roi has been making a substantial profit on its operations during the past months—about \$600,000—and no one knows of any reason why the profits should suddenly cease. Hampering conditions are imposed by the shortage in fuel and other outside influences, but none by the mine itself. It is also well known that the War Eagle and Centre Star have been operating satisfactorily so far as the mines are concerned, and they are steadily earning a handsome profit over and above all working expenses. The only trouble with them lies in the fuel shortage and the inability to secure shipping facilities. Not only is there plenty of good ore in the mines but the stopes are actually encumbered with it because of the trouble in procuring cars. Local evidence is in fact sufficient to show that Mr. Curle was writing either in ignorance or in malice.

A few years ago Mr. Curle wrote and published a book, entitled "The Gold Mines of the World," in which he had much to say in praise of the Rossland mines. From personal observation then he considered that "The Le Roi is undoubtedly a very fine mine, much the best in British Columbia; in fact it may be classed among the great gold mines of the world." He further said: "The future working of the already known chutes, even to a great depth, would seem to be an assured success. . . . I think it more than probable that during the next two years so much ore will be discovered in the Le Roi mine that the future will be absolutely assured for many years." As to the War Eagle he found "There is a good deal of low-grade ore in the mine, and the prospects of continued rich ore being found on the main chute in depth are excellent." The Centre Star was described as having an immense amount of ore in sight, but mostly low grade. The cost of freight and treatment being at that time much higher than they are now, the circumstance is tantamount to an improvement in the grade of the ore. Mr. Curle quotes no evidence whatever in support of his change of opinion since his book was published, for the reason that he could not produce any. There need not be any surprise at his now setting out to malign Rossland properties, since the freakishness of his species is well understood. There is some cause for wonder, though, that a paper like the Engineering and Mining Journal should take the trouble to copy the vapors of a man who gives opinions that are not based on knowledge. In doing so the Journal was in fact making an assault on its own reputation for carefulness and fair dealing. It would surely not make an editorial onslaught on any property without first looking into the facts.

THE DOMINION SESSION.

An Ottawa dispatch yesterday outlined the probable program of the parliamentary session which is to open on the 12th prox., conveying also the intimation that the houses will likely remain at work for most of the summer. The business mentioned in the dispatch might appear too small in quantity to require a prolonged session, but a glance at its character may well cause a different impression. Redistribution will itself occupy the attention of the commons for a considerable time, for that is a matter which most closely touches party interests. The fact that some of the provinces, including Ontario, will be obliged to lose seats, while others are to gain, will necessarily add complications to the task of redistribution. British Columbia is amongst the gainers, and local interest in the apportionment of our additional representation will be more or less keen. The greatest increase of population is shown in the southeastern part of the present district of Yale and Cariboo, so it may be expected that there will be a radical change in the representation of this portion of the province. It is not at all likely that any measure devised by the government will commend itself to the opposition, but the latter will have to depend on its strength in the commons to effect any desired changes. When the Laurier government attempted a redistribution a few years ago the bill was thrown out by the senate; now the government has a majority in that house.

The railway commission and railway arbitration bills, mentioned in the dispatch, may also be counted upon as time-consumers. Both questions have already been before the house, and in regard to the arbitration measure the announcement was made not long since that the government had decided, in deference to the wishes of the railway employees, to substitute the voluntary principle of compulsory arbitration. The Alaskan boundary treaty should not occupy much time, since there is no prospect of changing it and Canada is much interested in securing a settlement of the vexed question in some way. It seems to be a matter of "Hobson's choice" with us. On the other hand, the Grand Trunk Pacific project may occasion a long debate, if any measure of public aid is proposed. The rival railway interests may also be depended upon to do some energetic lobbying.

The dispatch says nothing of the tariff, and it is very probable that the gov-

ernment does not propose to offer any radical departure from the present fiscal system. A number of the manufacturers, however, are intent on securing an increase of the duties that immediately concern them, on the plea that they are now exposed to injurious competition from abroad. Their views will undoubtedly be voiced by the opposition—and by Mr. Tarte—with what effect remains to be seen. There will, at all events, be more or less discussion. The point of local interest is the question of increasing the lead duties, as presented to the government lately by the British Columbia delegation. There is a good prospect of a long discussion on the tariff, though the resultant changes may not be very great.

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REVELSTOKE.

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THE SLOCAN.

It is learned on good authority, says the Kootenai, that the American Boy has made no contract with the American Smelting and Refining company...

IN THE BOUNDARY.

The new city council of Phoenix met last week. Following are the new committees: Finance—John Riddan and L. Y. Birnie. Board of Works—Alex McDonald, James Marshall and J. H. Graham.

ANOTHER DEFAULTER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—In closing up the fiscal accounts of the Philippine government for the year it was discovered that the accounts of James E. Behan of Massachusetts, disbursing officer for the board of health for the Philippines, were in great confusion.

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IN DANGER

Boxer Movement in China Is Growing in Strength.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 3.—Chinese papers received by the Empress of China tonight have further news regarding the crisis in northwest China. The N. C. Daily News publishes a letter from a prominent member of the Chinese council...

A Series of Fatalities Reported From the Orient.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Mr. Bowen's decisive note of last night rejecting the scheme proposed by the British ambassador led to numerous conferences today. It was stated that the representatives of the allies expected to cable this note in extenuation to their respective capitals today...

Venezuela's Scheme to Complicate the Situation.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The Reuters Telegram company says it is officially informed that the attitude of the allies regarding the so-called priority claims against Venezuela have been misinterpreted, thus increasing the complications. It is explained that the allies do not insist on the precedence of their claims over others...

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HOME TEAM VICTORIOUS Rossland Defeats Sandon After a Very Exciting Contest.

Visiting Players Put Up Fine Exhibition Game.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Rossland Victorious, 5-Sandon 3.

The hockey match last night at the rink between the great Rossland team and the Sandon Hockey Club proved to be one of the closest and hardest fought hockey contests played here in some time.

The game was an exciting one from the very start. In a rush of the Victorians down the ice toward the Sandon goal, Howarth unfortunately fell upon a skate, the point penetrating the flesh near the eye.

The game was stopped until Dr. Kenning could bandage the player up. With fifteen minutes' delay, Howarth was able to return to the ice, after which the game was resumed. Felton carried the puck down the ice and by some excellent work with the stick, scored the first goal of the game.

Rossland, after the first goal had been scored, kept the puck continually in the neighborhood of the Sandon goal. Hogan played a remarkably steady game at goal for the visitors, and managed to save off shot after shot.

In the second half Sandon started in playing an aggressive game, but failed to make much of an impression against the strong Rossland defense line. Carmichael and Winn played a star game and lifted the puck from the danger point several times.

The playing of the two goal keepers was one of the features of the night. Both McCreary and Hogan played surprisingly good games. McCreary had less show to distinguish himself, as most of the playing was done at the other end of the rink.

LOCAL MONTE CARLO

SUNSET COMPANY HAD OFFER TO LEASE PREMISES FOR GAMBLING.

LESSEES WOULD BE JUST OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS-ARE TURNED DOWN.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The gambling interests in Rossland ditons here whereby the merry click of the roulette ball and the clatter of the nimble poker chips are stilled in the Golden City. They are casting about for a means to evade the municipal regulations and hope to evolve a scheme that will permit those who desire to stake money on games of chance to do so in a legal way.

Yesterday John C. Drewry, manager of the Sunset mine, was approached with an offer to lease the buildings at the Sunset for a roadhouse and gambling joint. As is generally known, the Sunset is located about a mile south of Columbia avenue on the east slope of Deer Park mountain, and is just over the city limits, in fact one or two of the buildings are actually within the city limits.

the location is excellent for a "Monte Carlo" on a small scale. The tempting sum of \$250 per month was offered in consideration of the proposal being accepted.

Mr. Drewry flatly declined to consider the proposition. He stated that the company he represented was in the mining business and would not consider for a moment the idea of permitting their premises to be used for such purposes. He declined to give the matter further consideration, and the interview terminated.

TOKENS OF ESTEEM

FATHER WELCH WAS PRESENTED WITH A WATCH, A CANE AND PURSE.

CONGREGATION TURNED OUT EN MASSE TO BID THEIR PASTOR GOOD BYE.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

At the Catholic church last evening the extreme respect and esteem in which the Rev. Father Welch is held in Rossland was evidenced by the presentation of a handsome gold-headed cane, a gold watch and a purse of money.

The departure of Father Welch for New Westminster brought more forcibly to mind his works in this community for the past three years, and prompted his parishioners and friends in the city to show their appreciation in a substantial way.

Every seat in the church was occupied for the benediction, and after the conclusion of the service, C. O. Lalonde took charge of the ceremonies incident to the presentation.

While it is a source of sorrow to us all to bid farewell to you, our beloved and reverend pastor, we are grateful at the same time for having an opportunity of expressing to you our feelings of deep respect for your high character as a priest and our thankfulness for your solicitude towards us as a guide and friend.

During the three years that you have lived in our midst you have guarded our interests with untiring watchfulness, you have promoted our happiness in countless ways and you have offered your sympathy and aid to those in sickness and misfortune as you have borne with the unruly and controlled the headstrong of the congregation.

And wherever you may chance to be in days to come we trust that it will be a thought of assurance and comfort to you to know that you carry with you at all times the loving veneration and respect, and the heartfelt gratitude of your old parishioners in Rossland.

Signed by the following committee on behalf of the congregation of the Church of the Sacred Heart: N. D. MCPHREE, E. M. QUIRK, J. T. SULLIVAN.

J. S. C. Fraser made the presentation address, which was responded to with much feeling by Father Welch. He thanked the people of Rossland for the handsome mementos of their regard for him, expressing joy that his humble services here had won for him such an expression of appreciation, while at the same time he was filled with sorrow because he must soon depart from them.

Father Welch came to the door and bade good bye to the congregation as they filed out.

HOSKINS LOSES SUIT.

Appeal in Damage Action Dismissed at Victoria.

The appeal taken by the plaintiffs in the action of Hoskins vs. Le Roi No. 2 has been dismissed by the full court at Victoria.

It will be remembered that at the last sitting of the supreme court at Nelson before Mr. Justice Martin the family of the late William Hoskins, who was drowned at the Josie mine in September last, sued to recover \$30,000 damages. The jury in the case awarded the plaintiffs damages to the extent of \$5000, but Mr. Justice Martin set aside the verdict on points of law and entered a decision for the defendant mining company.

S. S. Taylor, K. C., counsel for the plaintiffs, took an appeal to the full court, where Judge Martin's decision has just been upheld.

A feature of the case was that in giving judgment for the defendants at the hearing in Nelson Judge Martin stated that he did so against his personal feelings, as he had rarely tried a case in which his sympathies were so completely with the plaintiffs.

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BRADSHAW IS CHIEF

Is Permanently Appointed by Police Commission --In Charge.

Gambling Is Suppressed Definitely--Figures Quoted.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

George Bradshaw will be Rossland's next chief of police. This was decided upon last night at the first meeting of the new police commissioners. Bradshaw will assume control of the force as chief on Sunday next, the first day of the incoming month.

The new chief of police requires no introduction to the citizens of Rossland. He joined the force several years ago after serving in Ontario as constable and jailer at various points. For the first year or two of his connection with the Rossland force he did patrolman's duty. In January, 1902, he was appointed sergeant, and early this month he was placed in charge of the force as acting-chief on the withdrawal of John S. Ingram. Now he is permanently appointed, and the post of sergeant is to be abolished. Chief Bradshaw has a clean sheet on the police force, and has been a trusty lieutenant to the various heads of the department under whom he has served. From time to time he has distinguished himself in detective work.

The department is to be maintained at its present strength only. Chief Bradshaw will have two patrolmen, Constables Heavener and Stewart, and will have to get along with this force. The patrols have been rearranged to meet the new conditions and the police are not likely to have any trouble in looking after their work, even with one man less on the force. The salary now received by Acting-Chief Bradshaw will be increased to \$100 per month when he assumes charge of the force as chief, and the whole question of police salaries will be dealt with by the report of the council in committee of the whole.

Mayor Dean presided at yesterday's meeting of the commissioners. The board went on record as a whole against the perpetuation of professional gambling, and this point is now settled definitely.

Speaking to his colleagues on the board in reference to the revenue derived in 1902 from gambling, Mayor Dean pointed out the following figures as the total sums secured from gamblers' fines by the police department last year: February \$350, March \$510, April \$700, May \$400, June \$500, July \$360, August \$360, September \$360, October \$310, November \$60 and December \$100; the December figures, he stated, included \$60 from Chinese gamblers. The deduction which His Worship drew from the figures was that the receipts from gambling and dropped off toward the end of the year to a point where they did not appreciably affect the city's revenue. Hence in suppressing the games and doing away with professional gambling the commissioners were not taking a step that reduced the revenue of the corporation nearly as seriously as many citizens seemed disposed to believe. He laid special stress on this point.

A SCHEME ADVANCED

PROPOSAL THAT BOARD OF TRADE MERGE WITH MINING ASSOCIATION.

THE ARGUMENTS FOR AMALGAMATION BY THOSE ADVOCATING IT.

An interesting suggestion has been advanced in connection with the proposed Rossland branch of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, to the effect that as the objects of the two organizations are in a sense identical, the board of trade and the new association might be merged.

The idea has emanated from those who consider that the scope of the board of trade could be widened and more effective work in the interests of the community and district accomplished if the board were made more representative. In a general way the officers of the board have constantly striven to bring this about by securing as large a membership as possible, but their efforts have apparently not met with the measure of success that was hoped for, and the proposition now advanced in some quarters may solve the question that has vexed the officers of the board who have exerted their energies toward increasing that body's usefulness without securing the results their efforts merited.

It is stated by the advocates of the consolidation scheme that the Provincial Mining Association would be supported by all classes in the city and district, and that its meetings would be largely attended and of an interesting nature. Moreover it would have the backing in all approved projects of the central organization, and presentations made with a view to promoting the interests of the mining industry would consequently carry greater weight than can be secured by the existing chamber of commerce,

whose recommendations are only supported by the single organization. Another factor is that the new association would start with a clean sheet, as it were, and this would doubtless contribute to its success. Local affairs are the principal subjects which the board of trade handles in addition to questions affecting the mining interests of the district and it could probably be arranged that these minor matters could be dealt with in some way by the new association, thereby doing away with the necessity of the board of trade as a separate organization.

The proposal undoubtedly has merit, and it would do no harm if the proposition was considered in all aspects. Certain it is that an arrangement could be arrived at readily by which the two organizations could work harmoniously and to the same end of promoting the mining interests of the Rossland camp.

SCHOOL ESTIMATES

FIRST MEETING OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The first meeting of the year of the newly elected board of school trustees took place yesterday morning at the city hall. The members present included Chairman McCraney and Peter Ronald McDonald of the old board and W. J. Nelson and C. E. Gillan, the newly elected members. The meeting was rather of an informal nature, and resulted in the board deciding to hold a brief session Saturday afternoon for the purpose of seeing what the city council would do during the year toward the schools and getting the schools' average attendance for the month.

The board was unanimous on the point of retrenchment. Everything will be done toward keeping the amount of the school estimates down to as low a point as possible. W. J. Nelson and C. E. Gillan spoke on the subject and their views were endorsed later on by the two older members. It is the idea of the board this year to try and keep the school estimates below the \$13,000 mark, but in order to do so, the board has been to the necessity of appealing to the city council for a removal of the water and scavenger bills. The water and scavenger bills amounted to \$195. They thought that something should be done in this matter, as to the members it looked like a case of taking money out of one pocket and putting it in another. With this item out of the estimates, the school board think they will be able to get along during the year on the amount which was arrived at after Messrs. Nelson and Gillan had reviewed the estimates prepared by the members of the old board.

Chairman McCraney and Trustee McDonald also thought it would be well to cut the estimates down to as low a figure as would be consistent with good teaching. The sum set aside for an extra teacher was cut out of the estimates, as well as the expenses set aside for the leveling of the grounds around the school houses, the water and scavenger bills, and a small cut in the amount set aside for the teachers' reference library.

A resolution was introduced by Trustee Nelson that in view of the decrease in the city revenue the board adopt a policy of retrenchment in so far as was compatible with the efficiency of the present school service. None of the members of the board were in favor of cutting any of the teachers' salaries. They thought that in order to keep the schools up to their present high standard it would not be well to cut the estimates of anything that might work a detriment at some future day.

Trustee McDonald spoke on the subject of the falling off of the school attendance and suggested that the appointment of a truancy officer might have the effect of increasing the daily average. On the average daily attendance in the city is 12,000. The government school grant, and it is the policy of the board to secure as large a grant from the government as is possible under existing conditions. The truancy officer plan was tried last year, but owing to the fact that the schools were closed a considerable portion of the year did not work as well as some have wished.

The resignation of Mrs. O. N. Willis of the Cook Avenue school was received and accepted. No appointment to fill the vacancy will be made by the board for some time. W. McQueen was again elected secretary of the board and H. F. McCraney vice secretary. The estimates of school expenses for the year as prepared and submitted at yesterday's meeting of the new board is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Salary. Includes H. A. McTaggart, High school, \$1320; Lead E. Bruce, principal Central, 1200; W. Elley, sub. prin. Cook ave., 1080; G. A. King, first assistant, 960; Miss Agnew, 780; Miss Blair, 780; Miss Walker, 780; Miss Shrapnel, 680; Miss Taylor, 660; Mrs. Willis, 660; Mrs. Shaw, 660; Miss Urquhart, 660.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Salary. Includes Total for teachers, \$10,200; H. Marshall, Central school, \$780; F. White, Cook Ave. school, 700; Total for salaries, \$11,740.

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VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Mayor Dean Disposed to Rearrange Fire Protection System.

His Plan Outlined--Business Men Opposed to Change.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The city council in the "star chamber" sessions now under way is taking up the question of the fire department as an important feature of the city's business for the ensuing year. Mayor Dean has suggested that if a complete review of the city's probable income for the year demonstrates that the corporation will not be in a position to devote sufficient funds to support the department on its present basis the council may as well consider plans for a rearrangement of the department to come within the scope of the funds available for fire protection.

Mayor Dean states that if the city has funds sufficient to maintain the fire brigade at its present standard without crippling other departments of the civic business, there will be no changes made, other than he will recommend the adoption of a volunteer fire organization of permanent men to get the apparatus at the firehall to the scene of a conflagration without delay. It is well known that his worship has advocated this idea for some time; it formed a part of his minority report as a member of the special citizens' committee last year. He questioned and that his view should be thoroughly considered.

"Hands off the fire department!" has long been a recognized plank in the platform of the business men of Rossland, and other sections of the community hold the same views with respect to fire protection. It is urged that in a wooden town, such as Rossland, no fire insurance company would be willing to transact business here were the paid department withdrawn, in fact it is intimated that much difficulty is found in convincing companies that Rossland risks are a good hazard under existing circumstances. In view of this, Mayor Dean's proposition is certain to be opposed by the merchants almost to a man. Mayor Dean realizes this, but says that many of the business men who would offer the greatest opposition are not really taxpayers and do not now contribute to the maintenance of the department to which citizens owning residences are large contributors.

His worship considers that the present expenditure on fire protection account is out of proportion to the outlay or other necessary accounts, that the city has other departments of equal importance which must be neglected if economies are not effected, and, finally, that a large department with a backbone of paid men, and a balance of trained volunteers, who would sleep at the fire hall during the night and answer calls from their place of employment during the day, will give the city better protection for very much less money than is now afforded by the small force of permanent men.

If Mayor Dean's suggestion is adopted there will be a chief and an assistant or two permanently at the fire hall, and the salaries of these men will not be cut down because they will be required to devote considerable time to the training of the volunteer members that will be added.

In the event of it being decided to maintain the brigade on its present basis, sufficient pressure will doubtless be brought to bear on the council to accomplish this, it is proposed to cut the salaries of all members of the department in common with other civic employees.

OUT WITH TORCHES.

The Snowshoes Have Their First Torchlight Parade.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The torchlight procession of the Rossland Snowshoe club will be one of the star features of the midwinter carnival, if last night's demonstration may be taken as a fair sample. Last night, with but forty-one people in line and with two of them short of torches, the effect from the town was quite a spectacle as the torch-bearers made the ascent of the mountain side.

The club, with J. S. Deschamps at the head, started out from Columbia avenue to make the ascent. On reaching the mountain side Robert Lamont of the Bank of Montreal took the lead in order to break the trail. Half way up Charles O. Lalonde took the lead, and between the two managed very well for the balance of the party. No manoeuvring was attempted. All that was required of the snowshoers was that they keep fairly in line and follow the direction set by the leader. After a short rest half way up the side of the mountain the party proceeded to the top, where the fort is built. The descent was made in a short space of time.

HE OWNED A MINE

FATHER COCCOLA, TEMPORARILY IN CITY, ONCE OWNED ST. EUGENE.

ITS LOCATION DISCLOSED TO HIM BY A CONVERTED INDIAN.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Rev. Nicolas Coccola, O. M. I., who is to be in charge of the Sacred Heart parish pending the appointment of a permanent successor to Father Welch, is one of the most interesting clerics in the Kootenays. In the early days of the country he was the owner of the St. Eugene mineral claim, that afterwards developed into a mine said to be the largest silver-lead proposition in America.

Father Coccola learned the secret of the location of the claim from a converted Indian, and the substantial sum realized by him from the sale of the property has been devoted to the St. Eugene mission and industrial school, of which he is rector and principal. Father Coccola was one of the pioneer evangelists of the Roman Catholic church in the Kootenays, and his work among the Indians of East Kootenay was well established before the advent of the Crow's Nest railroad brought the resources of the country to the attention of the outside world. One of the Indians converted to the faith under the missionary's ministrations told Father Coccola of the big ledge outcropping near what is now called Moyle lake, and the claim was staked under the reverend gentleman's directions. While in its prospect stages, and when its magnitude was an unknown quantity, the St. Eugene claim was sold to its present owners, and several thousand dollars was realized for the missionary work inaugurated by Father Coccola. The funds thus forthcoming were applied to the carrying on of the evangelistic work at St. Eugene mission, seven miles up the St. Mary's river and five miles from Cranbrook. The industrial school is in a flourishing condition and the status of the Indians of the district has been entirely altered as the result of the educational work instituted.

HAD NO INSURANCE

INTERESTING POINT IN CONNECTION WITH ESTATE OF W. R. JEAN.

ESTIMABLE YOUNG MAN TOO ILL TO DO BUSINESS.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The granting of letters of administration in the estate of the late William R. Jean at the court house yesterday to J. Stilwell Clute in favor of Robert Anderson, of Eholt, brings to the front another of the instances which insurance men are fond of presenting as demonstrating the dangers of procrastination. Deceased had several thousand dollars' insurance, but one policy of \$1700 is in dispute.

In December last the late Mr. Jean applied for \$2000 insurance, which was to be made out in favor of his estate. He paid the initial premium with a note and received the usual provisional receipt. When the policy was returned it developed that the insurance company had reduced the sum named therein to \$1700, being \$300 less than the amount named in the application.

When the policy came to Rossland the deceased young man did not take it up immediately. He was feeling unwell, the first symptoms of the fatal fever doubtless having manifested themselves, and did not bother about any business matters. When the illness rested a little, all the usual formalities had not been attended to, although deceased had a couple of weeks in which to complete the business of the insurance. In consequence there is a dispute as to the payment of the risk. The heirs of the deceased young man will make an effort to collect the amount from the insurance company, and have placed the matter in the hands of a solicitor with this end in view.

A somewhat similar instance occurred in the case of the late William Hoskins, who was drowned at the Josie mine. The fatality took place on a Saturday. The late Mr. Hoskins had made an appointment with an insurance agent to take out a policy for his family on the following Monday.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 2.—At a meeting of the Cornell Electric Society tonight Prof. Frederick Bedell, of the Physics department of Cornell university, announced a new discovery in electrical power transmission whereby an alternating and direct current may be sent at the same time. Experiments show great economy, the amount of copper being reduced one-half.

Advertisement for Wood's Peppermint Cure, describing its benefits for various ailments like colds, coughs, and chest issues.

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PRUNED OFF ALL SALARIES

City Fathers Slashed City Employees' Wages Last Night.

Everybody Gets a Cut-- Saving \$1,440 Annually.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The city fathers applied the pruning knife to all civic employees' salaries last night. From \$7 to \$20 per month was lopped off individual salaries. The aggregate saving in the course of the year as the result of the economies thus effected will be \$1,440. Council met pursuant to adjournment, all members being present save Alderman Embleton. At 8:30 the board convened, but confined its deliberations to the passage of a resolution providing that in future all civic salaries shall be payable on the 15th of each month, on which date the salaries for the previous month are to be distributed. It was resolved that a month's notice be given to all civic employees in case it was desired to dispense with their services, and that a similar thirty days' notice be required from city employees desiring to leave the service. When this resolution was passed an adjournment was taken to the star chamber, where the merits of further recommendations regarding the city employees were gone into. The public is not to be taken into the confidence of the city fathers on the merits of the case as applied to this matter, but the concrete results of the deliberations last night are contained in the following report of the committee of the whole as presented and passed without a word of explanation: "That in view of an approximate reduction in the revenue of from \$200,000 to \$25,000, all salaries over \$100 per month be reduced 12 per cent. That all salaries of \$100 and under be reduced 10 per cent, except the auditor, whose salary shall be reduced 25 per cent, and the city solicitor, whose salary shall be \$70 per month, to cover all legal expenses required by the city not involving his absence from the city; all reductions to take effect on March 1st next. That the city clerk notify all officials of the reductions proposed to be made in their respective salaries not later than the 31st inst. "That in view of the numerical strength of the fire department not being interfered with, notwithstanding the chief's recommendations in his report that one or two members under certain conditions could be dispensed with without materially reducing the department's efficiency, we recommend that the fire department be charged with the duty of hydrant inspection, clearing snow from hydrants, care of library and ambulance and do street sprinkling in summer. "That the police commissioners be requested to inform the council of the salaries paid under their jurisdiction and for such recommendations as they can make in the direction of economy. "The officials affected by the foregoing and the extent to which their monthly salaries are cut down is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Salary. Major VanBaskirk, city engineer, \$166.00; W. McQueen, clerk, \$125.00; Donald Guthrie, chief of fire brigade, \$125.00; Thomas H. Long, sanitary inspector, \$100.00; Charles Collins, assistant chief firemen, \$90.00; Firemen, \$75.00; John Stussi, sanitary inspector, \$82.50; J. L. G. Abbott, city solicitor, \$100.00; W. H. Falding, auditor, \$20.00.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER

Former Philippine Official Arrested in Montreal. MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—Alexander W. Waters appeared in the police court here today charged with the embezzlement of \$8000, the property of the United States government. When arrested Waters said that he had no desire to fight extradition proceedings, but was prepared to leave at once for Washington. The Washington authorities who had asked for Waters' arrest were communicated with and as a result he left for the United States capital in custody of Vice-Consul Morgan and a local detective. Waters was the disbursing officer of the bureau of coast-guard and transportation at Manila. When he disappeared from Manila an examination of his accounts was made and it is said that they showed a shortage of \$8000. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—It is said at the war department that the man arrested in Montreal is named Wilson, instead of Waters, and that he is charged with being an absconder from Manila in the sum of \$8000. His case is likened at the department in some of its features to the Neely case in Cuba. He was employed in the coast-guard service in the Philippines. The application for his arrest was made by the attorney-general, acting at the request of the insular bureau of the war department.

IT WILL PAY ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE ROSSLAND MINER. IT GIVES ALL THE NEWS ALL THE TIME.

MANY ARE EXPECTED TO BRING A FAIR CROWD OF VISITORS.

PREPARATIONS FOR SPORTS ARE WELL ADVANCED—THE COMPETITORS.

Many Rosslanders are receiving inquiries from people of neighboring Kootenay towns and from the towns and cities of northern Washington, asking for particulars in regard to the midwinter carnival, which takes place here in two weeks' time.

EASTERN VISITORS.

The winter carnival has aroused a surprising amount of interest among the people of the Crow's Nest section of British Columbia and Western Alberta. If the hockey clubs from Pincher Creek, Medicine Hat and Fernie compete they will bring with them quite a number of people from these districts. Joseph Carter, of the Canadian Pacific railway, is and has been doing all in his power to arouse interest along the Crow's Nest branch of the road, and has great hopes of being able to bring quite an excursion into this city from there.

THE TOBOGGAN SLIDE.

Arrangements for the various sports that will take place during the carnival have nearly been completed. Yesterday the members of the toboggan committee took a slide or two down Washington street on the toboggans, and concluded that the slide would be speedy enough without building headworks. As the road is today a person on a toboggan will go down at something like 60 miles an hour. With the headworks that were at first proposed the speed to be attained would have been dangerous. The committee thought that if they added anything to bring about the slide they might increase the danger to the tobogganists. Yesterday afternoon the toboggan committee ordered a number of men out to build the course. They were kept busy all the afternoon shoveling snow and forming a bank on either side of the course. It has been decided to have the start of the toboggan slide at the entrance of the alley that leads to the opera house. From this point there is a straight shoot up to C. R. Hamilton's residence, where it is expected the slide will terminate. The course will probably be built and ready for use by tomorrow. If it can be completed by that time the local tobogganists will be allowed to take a slide down the street.

THE SKI EVENTS.

It is the intention of the ski committee to leave the building of the ski jump on Monte Cristo mountain until the last moment. By doing so the committee expects to have the snow at the bottom of the jump soft, and not hard and trodden down as was the case last year. By not building the jump until the last minute the committee will keep the small boy from experimenting. In the ski jump and also in the ski race, large entry list is expected. During the past few years the youths of the city have taken up the sport as well as a number of the older people, so that it is almost certain that the contest will be better filled out than was the case at any of the previous carnivals.

THE SNOWSHOERS.

The members of the snowshoe brigade have decided to keep up their practice, and have fixed upon Monday night to once more climb the snow-capped summit of Monte Cristo mountain. The parade of the club the other night was a distinct success and will undoubtedly be the means of encouraging others to go into the sport. J. S. Deschamps, who is at the head of the club, believes that he will be able to get at least a hundred snowshoers in line. R. Lyon, who holds the snowshoe championship of B. C., will probably return from the coast to contest once more for the trophy. In this contest there will be the canny McPhail, who won the trophy twice, Williams, Jack Rea, Robert Lamont and possibly several other members of the snowshoe brigade. The carnival project meeting with the greatest favor around the city is that of the Mardi Gras along the principal streets. It is thought that quite a number of people will be brought out for such an affair.

GENERAL MILES.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Lieutenant General Miles, U. S. A., who returned here from Windsor today, said to a representative of the Associated Press: "The King received me most cordially, recalled pleasant memories of our visit here at the time of the jubilee, and spoke as friendly as ever of America. He showed keen interest in the far east, on which subject I was able to give some information. Altogether it was a most pleasant visit."

BUCKED A CROOKED GAME

Henry Bratnober Went \$30,000 to the Bad in Seattle.

The Wheel Was Controlled By Electricity and Beat Him.

The recent visit to Rossland of Frazzen, a well known Seattle gambler, has brought to light a hitherto unwritten chapter in the life of Henry Bratnober, the eminent mining engineer, who is the practical head of the Exploration Company of London, which is the Rothschild's venture in the mining world. Frazzen was the lessee of the gambling privileges at the Rainier-Grand hotel in Seattle owned by Colonel Dunbar. When the grand jury got to work in Seattle it indicted both Frazzen and Dunbar, but the gambler jumped the city and came to Spokane, then heading into British Columbia. He was in Rossland, went from here to Nelson and is now understood to be in New Westminster, waiting until the Seattle grand jury ceases its operations among the framers. The story is that among Frazzen's paraphernalia at the Rainier-Grand was a wheel device with an electrical contrivance whereby the wheel was under the control of the dealer and could be manipulated to win or lose as he desired. One of the last men to go up against the crooked wheel was Henry Bratnober, well known in Rossland through his connection with the Le Roi company's affairs here about fifteen months ago. Bratnober is a wealthy man, and noted for his tenacity of purpose. His losses at the wheel were not heavy at the start, but he determined to beat the game, and before he closed was \$30,000 behind. As he is several times a millionaire according to all reports, the loss was not as serious as it might otherwise have been the case, but his disgust can be better imagined than described when he learned that the game was crooked and that he never had a chance to break even. The statement is made that when the case came up to light, the electrician who put in the wheel, or rather the electrical apparatus to place it under the dealer's control, gave up the secret of the game, and that the whole facts will be brought out in open court as soon as the Rainier-Grand's case is reached on the long docket now before the court. The Bratnober story has not been related up to this time, and probably would never have leaked out in this district had it not been for the recent visit of Frazzen to the Golden City.

NOT MUCH SUCCESS

THE PROVINCIAL MINISTERS MAKING POOR SHOW IN OTTAWA. CANADA LIKELY TO GET SMALL END OF BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—Messrs. Prior and Eberts will wait on the government again tomorrow on the financial question. They are making a sort of political burlesque of the whole business, and whatever the province may get from Ottawa the business will have to be transacted through some person who puts province before party. Nothing possibly can come out of the political farce which is now being played. There is a feeling that Canada is to get the worst of the arbitration of the Alaskan boundary and the sooner she knows it the better. There is also a strong feeling that as long as it is left as it is the odds against Canada will be growing.

SMASHED THE WINDOWS.

Great Northern's Big Rotary Created Havoc With Window Glass. The Great Northern has had a big rotary snowplow and a force of a hundred men working on its lines in and about Rossland for two days. The men were brought in from the Nelson & Sheppard, where they have been engaged in a battle with snowbanks for a couple of weeks. The procedure followed here was for the men to precede the plow, throwing the snowbanks into the middle of the track, whenever it was lifted bodily by the rotary and thrown many feet clear of the rails. Starting on the O. K. grade, the rotary worked into the city, and when the thickly settled section was reached there was trouble. As the rotary passed along the stream of snow from its fan was hurled twenty feet to one side and intervening offered no bar to the passage of the torrent from the big plow, and there was destruction wrought on all sides. A couple of hundred people were skating in the rink, when there was a crash and a rush of snow at the lower tier of windows was shattered. It was believed that a slide had occurred, but it evinced that the trouble was occasioned by the playful rotary. At other points along the line similar destruction was done, and the local representatives of the road were besieged yesterday morning by indignant householders all presenting demands for recompense.

AGAIN VICTORIOUS KEEP MONEY AT HOME

GRAND FORKS HOCKEY MEN DEFEATED BY SCORE OF SIX TO ONE.

GOOD TEAM WORK BY THE VICTORIAS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESULT.

The Rossland Victorias defeated the Grand Forks Hockey club last night at the rink in one of the closest and fastest games of hockey ever played in this city. The score at the end of the contest stood six for the Victorias and one for the visitors. The game drew a large crowd to the rink. Owing to the fact that the Spokane Falls & Northern train was blocked somewhere near Sillia, it was thought at one time that it would be impossible to pull off the game, but word having been received of the exact location of the missing train it was decided to send sleighs down and bring the Grand Forks boys into town. As a result of the delay the game was not started until an hour after the scheduled time. No contest that has been played here this year has been as hard fought and it brought out the best points of the players. It was a game that belonged to the team that could wear the other out the quickest. Rossland proved the heavier team, and by keeping the puck constantly on the go wore Grand Forks down and scored repeatedly in the first and second halves. The Rossland team played a better combination game and a better defensive game than they have done at any time during the present season. The combination work was as nearly perfect as circumstances could permit. The work of the visitors in this department was also good, as was amply evidenced whenever they secured possession of the puck. Grand Forks has a good team and may be looked upon as one of Rossland's most dangerous competitors for the cup. They will make a hard bid for the coveted trophy during the carnival. The game started with a rush and a whirl that soon put the crowd on the anxious seat. The Victorias, however, were out for blood and kept the puck from the very start in the territory of the visitors. Grand Forks played a grand defensive game and managed to send the puck up the ice out of danger. Grand Forks' forwards got in some pretty combination work, Felton, McPherson, Clothier and Al. Harris playing well together. By a magnificent spurt down the ice McPherson got the puck near enough to the goal to send it through. The other two goals in this half were scored by Felton, albeit assisted by his team mates. Carmichael, blocking and taking the puck away several times from the visitors when they looked most dangerous. His work with the stick saved Rossland several times. Winn and McCreary also did some great work in this half. The Victorias went at it hammer and tongs in the second half and again won out. Most of Rossland's play was on the offensive. The great work of the Rossland forwards, brought the crowd up standing time and again. Felton, Clothier and Harris scored the goals for the Rosslands in this half. Grand Forks scored a lone tally by a quick rush down the ice toward the end of the half. The two teams lined up as follows: Victorias. Position. Grand Forks. McCreary...goal...Cochrane. Winn...point...Jackson. Carmichael...cover...Mitche. Felton...rover...Niles. McPherson...center...Perrier. Clothier...left wing...Ewing. Harris...right wing...McQueen.

THE CURLERS.

Now that the bonspiel of the Kootenay Curling association is officially over, the members of the Rossland Curling club have returned to the club competitions. Of the club competitions, the president vs. vice-president competition has been nearly finished, while for the president's cup, none but two or three games have been played. These competitions have excited a great deal of interest among the members of the club. In the matches so far played in these competitions, the games have been close in every instance, and have afforded the followers of curling much food for thought. Reversals of form have been numerous. Some of the strong rinks have been beaten by long scores by weaker rinks and vice versa. Last night a match in the president's competition was played off, as well as a couple of other club matches. A lively curling match also took place when the members of Barker's mess met and vanquished a mixed rink comprising some of the best players of the club. The rinks were tied in the twelfth end, but the Barker team captured the game in the extra end, the score being 13 to 12 in favor of the mess. Following were the players: J. H. Watson H. Paul Renwick W. H. Gillard H. G. Oliver A. B. Mackenzie W. M. Wood A. B. Barker, skip R. W. Grigor, skip Yesterday at a meeting of the club, the Drawings in the Consolation competition, the one event in the Kootenay Curling association bonspiel employed, were made. The drawing resulted as follows: A. H. MacNeill, by. R. W. Grigor vs. A. W. Strickland, Judge Boulbee vs. W. H. Gillard, J. S. C. Fraser vs. W. M. Wood, Dr. Campbell vs. T. S. Gilmour, A. H. MacNeill, by. J. S. C. Fraser or W. M. Wood vs. Dr. Campbell or T. S. Gilmour, R. W. Grigor, or A. W. Strickland, by. Judge Boulbee or W. H. Gillard, by. The matches in this competition will be played off as rapidly as possible.

Thousands of Dollars Go Annually to Washington For Wood.

Could Be Kept in Rossland If C. P. R. Would Help Out.

From \$75,000 to \$100,000 annually goes out of Rossland and Canada for timber and firewood. This is a serious loss to the country, and especially deplorable in view of the assertion by those in the business that the leakage could be effectually prevented were certain conditions brought about. The statement is made that the Canadian Pacific has never met the Spokane Falls & Northern's timber and cordwood rates, and that this fact accounts for the anomaly of American wood being marketed in Rossland to the exclusion of Canadian wood that could be cut within a few miles of the city. In the matter of firewood, of which the importations are about \$2000 per month, it may be said that the American shippers have one advantage over Canadians. The timber lands immediately adjoining the Spokane Falls & Northern road are filled with fir and tamarac, the best quality of firewood, and the timber grows on level ground, expediting the choppers' operations and reducing the cost of production. On this side of the line the timber within practical teaming distance of the city is three-fourths cedar, spruce, hemlock and pine, all of which are graded second-class firewood. Along the line of the Canadian Pacific in the immediate vicinity of Rossland and elsewhere are great quantities of the fir and tamarac so much desired for firewood and mine timbers. These supplies are known to exist and have been "crushed" carefully so that their dimensions are quite accurately established. The apparent supineness of the Canadian Pacific in establishing a rate under which this timber could be marketed in Rossland and at other points in the Kootenays is the only bar to their practical exploitation and the resulting conversion of thousands of dollars of loss to the country into equal or greater outlay to Canadian workmen who will distribute their earnings among the business men of Rossland, Trail, Nelson and other points that would be benefited. For mine timbers there is an inexhaustible supply along the line of the Canadian Pacific, but the cry is that rates on the Canadian road are much higher than on the Spokane Falls & Northern, that the Canadian Pacific has never granted a rate that would enable dealers to use the Canadian article in preference to the imported, and that no satisfaction can be obtained when freight officials of the home road are approached on the subject. The result is that the Spokane Falls & Northern has built up a splendid carrying trade in firewood and mine timbers, and many thousands of Canadian dollars go annually to build up towns along the line of the American road, all of which is opposed to the best interests of this country and should be amended at the very earliest opportunity. The question is, why doesn't the Canadian Pacific at least meet the timber rates granted by the Spokane Falls & Northern? The stimulus to business would be immediate and substantial. Many thousands of dollars would be put into circulation on this side of the line, and employment given to scores of men at excellent wages. This is the subject which the barrowmen of the union should take up without delay, because a successful campaign in the direction indicated means as much to Rossland as the resumption of work on two or three mines.

WINNIPEG WON.

Another Great Game of Hockey for the Stanley Cup. MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—The big Arena rink was crowded to the doors tonight to witness the game between the Montreals and the Winnipeg Victorias for the Stanley Cup series. The game was one of the best ever played for the Stanley Cup. The excitement was intense all the way through. Every good play was cheered by the crowd, who were very fair, their applause on account of their brilliant play. At the end of half time neither side had scored, but in the second-half the Winnipeg boys outplayed the home team, and when time was called the score stood 4 to 2 in favor of the Winnipeg team. The next match will be played on Wednesday night. Each team has won a game, with Saturday night's game a draw. By mutual agreement the Montreals and Victorias decided to call Saturday night's game as not played. In accordance with this agreement the Stanley cup was played off this evening, resulting in a victory for the Victorias by a score of four points to two. This makes the teams tied at one win each. Tonight's game was a splendid exhibition of fine clean hockey. The deciding game will be played Wednesday evening.

Fraternal News

Last week has been a quiet one among the local fraternal organizations, the events of importance being the trip of the Masons Friday night to Trail and the banquet given by the Fraternal Order of Eagles to A. W. von Rhein, provincial deputy grand president of the order in British Columbia. The societies are all trying to increase their membership. The growth of the orders during the past year has been surprising. Some of the organizations have more than doubled in point of membership, while other lodges have grown steadily. The banquet given by the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to the provincial deputy grand president at the Windsor was a most successful affair. In the brief time that the provincial grand president has been here he has made a host of friends, and the banquet was but a fitting testimonial of the respect he has inspired among the members of the local aerie. He has been on a tour of the Boundary country, but is expected back in time to be present at the grand social session of the Eagles on Monday night. On Tuesday night he may try to institute a branch of the Eagles at Trail. He has secured over forty names for charter members and expects to swell the number by the time he reaches the smelter city. The social session Monday will be an event of some importance among the Eagles, as it will be the first public social given by the order for nearly a year. A grand program has been prepared and an excellent time is assured all who may be fortunate enough to be present. The members of the various Masonic societies in the city spent a very pleasant time as guests of the Trail lodge last Friday night. The party included some of the well known members of the society. A long program had been arranged for the occasion by the members of the Trail lodge. The Knights of Pythias are arranging for a joint initiation of candidates for their next meeting night. The Trail team will come up and put through one of the candidates, while the Rossland team will put through the other. After the initiation a banquet will be served by the members in honor of the visit of the Trail lodge in the hall above the meeting place. Speeches, songs, musical numbers and other entertaining matter will, it is understood, be arranged for the occasion. The Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs are doing little in the matter of arranging anything for the entertainment of the members. Both lodges have a number of names of candidates on their list, so that the next meeting should be of interest to the members of the fraternities. The Woodmen of the World will meet in their hall next Wednesday evening, but may prepare another social program for the evening. The last one was such a distinct success that it is understood that the members are anxious to repeat the affair. The members of the Sons of St. George will meet in their library rooms next week, when the question of the library will again be brought up. The lodge is in the best of condition and is adding new members constantly.

THE SNOWSHOERS.

Another Ascent Made Last Night Up Monte Cristo. The members of the snowshoe club, to the number of sixty or more, turned out last night for another ascent of Monte Cristo mountain. The procession, armed with torches, foregathered at the intersection of Washington and Columbia avenues at a little after 3 o'clock and in a few minutes were in line by the captain of the club, J. Stephen Deschamps. Last night's trip was the third made by the club this season. With each ascent the club has gained in numbers until it now has in the neighborhood of 75 on the roll. It is almost certain that the club will ascend the mountain during the carnival over 100 strong. Last night's procession of snowshoers was led by that redoubtable warrior, J. W. Nelson. Mr. Nelson was dressed as a pirate chief and made quite a striking figure as he slowly trod his weary way along to the fortress erected on the summit of the mountain. The only thing that vexed the judge on his ascent among the "lines from the pines" was the exasperating manner in which some small boys in the party repeatedly became mixed with his snowshoes. It was originally planned to have the snowshoe procession led off by the Bugle Band, but at the last moment a change was made, which put the buglers at the rear of the procession instead of at the head. On reaching the foot of the mountain the procession divided into two files formed in Indian style. From the town the sight of the torches moving up the hill was strange and fantastic. The spectacle was stranger still when the leader ordered the men to move in a zig-zag circle in the ascent. The scene of the snowshoers slowly climbing the mountain, if judged from the spectacle last night, is one that will undoubtedly appeal to the outside visitors. It was late when the snowshoers returned to the city.

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ALDERMEN DREW SALARIES

All Members of Council Accepted January Checks.

Mining Companies Asked to Abolish Boarding Houses.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

If any citizen of Rossland believed that the members of the city council were disposed to give their services to this sorely embarrassed city without charge, recouping themselves from the honor that ordinarily attaches to an aldermanic position, that citizen is apparently very much mistaken. All the salaries paid by the city to men who work all day in their positions have been cut down, but the aldermen will draw full pay.

Last night the city finance committee presented a report to council recommending the passage of an item of \$238.33 for mayor's and aldermen's salaries for January. The report was passed in toto, no comment was made on the aldermanic salary question, and the members of council will receive their little checks today, while the next checks for the men who do the work will be substantially slimmer.

Report has it that the aldermanic salary question will not be pressed by Mayor Dean, as was his intention when the council took office. The members of the board are said to have intimated to his worship that if he persisted in his idea of saving the city several hundred dollars per annum—almost as much as was saved by the wholesale slashing of the civil list—they would quietly cut off his remuneration, and that this threat has disposed of the whole subject.

Alderman Embleton was to have brought in his resolution to cut \$300 from the mayor's stipend and abolish aldermanic salaries, but he didn't make a move in that direction. The reason alleged will probably be that he failed to get a seconder for the motion.

The only other matter of importance coming up at the session of council last night was the presentation by Mayor Dean of his proposed memorial to the mining companies relative to the abolition of the Red Mountain boarding houses. The document was carefully drawn and of considerable length. It was couched in conciliatory language, and recited in detail the conditions existing as between the mines and the city; that because of the existence of the mining industry the corporation had been evolved, that the corporation had expended \$300,000 in water system, street work, sewers and fire protection, in all of which the mining companies participate equally with citizens generally, that the perpetuation of the boarding house system on the hill had a serious effect upon business conditions in the city and retarded the prosperity of the community, especially because it had the effect of increasing the proportion of unmarried men employed in the mines as against married men who would maintain families here if they were able to secure employment. It was stated that in the opinion of the council the mines would secure a better class of men in many respects if the boarding houses were abolished, and that certainly the community would profit very substantially through being enabled to supply the wants of the men at present residing in these boarding houses and the increase of population incident to the employment of a larger number of married men. All these arguments were given in detail, and the memorial wound up by recommending that council endorse the document, that it be presented to the managers of the local mines and that copies be forwarded to Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general of the province in London, with the request that he place it before the directors of the respective companies owning properties in Rossland.

The members of council unanimously endorsed the memorial, but were divided in opinion as to the means suggested for bringing it to the attention of the mining companies. Aldermen Daniel, Embleton, Dunlop, McKichan and Talbot protested against the memorial being forwarded immediately to the London directors, on the ground that such a move would smack of dictation to the local managers, all of whom were courteous in their dealings with business men and others. They declined to countenance the sending of the memorial to London or Toronto until it had been presented to the managers in Rossland and a refusal of the request made or a suggestion made by the managers interested that it be immediately sent on. In event of this refusal it was agreed that the juncture would be propitious for taking the question to the court of last resource.

Having endorsed the memorial and passed a resolution that no copies be sent out of the city until local representations had been made, the council adjourned.

KILLED BY YAQUI.
Mexican Soldiers Said to Have Been Caught in a Trap.

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 3.—According to advices received here the Twelfth battalion of Mexican regulars, which was pursuing the Yaquis, after having defeated them in a fight at San Mariel, were caught in a trap by the Indians and a number killed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Snow is generally reported between the great lakes and the Rocky mountains today. In Chicago the heaviest fall of snow of the season was reported.

HEAVY SNOW EAST.

LOSS OF A SHIP.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Advices from Bay Head say that a large ship has been wrecked off Duraborg reef. She is believed to be the French bark Van Stabel, which sailed from Glasgow January 27 for San Francisco. The body of a boy has been found, but the fate of the remainder of the crew is not known.

Dr. Sinclair, who has been ill in this city for some time, is at Grand Forks trying to regain his health by a change of climate.

WHEN CY WAS HERE KILLED BY DEADLY FUMES

CY WARMAN, WELL KNOWN WRITER, AND HIS ROSSLAND TRIP.

REMINISCENCES OF MAXEY CROW'S AND THE SLOT MACHINES.

Two years ago Cy Warman, a well known writer, whose railroad stories have been read with much interest, visited the Golden City, and was shown the sights by Hector McRae. Some of his impressions have just seen the light in a recent issue of Harper's Weekly. The story is as follows:

At Rossland, British Columbia, as in many other parts of this earthy vineyard, the machine is beating the working man out of his job. That well-dressed, retiring, velvet-fingered "gent," the fero dealer, who has spent long days and nights learning to deal from the bottom of the deck, is unknown in a Canadian camp. Just picture in your mind's eye one of these dagger gent's alighting with his layout from the afternoon stage. Follow him to the leading gin, and watch the four card flush fade from his face when he meets that bloodless usurper, the slot machine.

For the next thirty days he will haunt the cafe, flooding his grief with champagne, and going against the machine between drinks. Finally, when his dust has dwindled, we see him in the back yard of a cheap boarding house, halting between a sawbuck and the jail. It is, indeed, a pathetic picture.

I went into a little cigar store with Mr. Hector. The shop is run by one James Crow. On the counter there were two small machines, about the size of a typewriter machine. Hector grasped one of them, and after feeding Yankee nickels into it for a few moments got a cigar.

In the meantime other smokers (I ought to say suckers) came in, and Mr. Crow put up another machine. In less than five minutes four machines were humming away, doing what they could, uncomplainingly, to make Mr. Crow comfortable. To be sure, they were small machines and could not do much. A big one in the Kootenay park, which cost \$180, is said to have paid for itself in two days. You can bet as low as five cents and win as high as five dollars. I saw a man do this. The machine made a show of holding out to the man, but the man punched it under the chin, shook it, kicked it, and cursed it some, and then it coughed up a quart of nickels. The man spilled them upon the bar and got a five-dollar bill.

He told me, confidentially, that he had been up against this machine for about a dollar a day for the past three months. "I was bound to beat the thing," he added, triumphantly, as he called the crowd to the bar, "if I had to stay with it all summer."

But we were in Mr. Crow's mint. In a little while he put up another machine; five of them on a ten-foot counter. It is wonderful how the instinct, or desire, to gamble goes with the airy freedom of a mining camp. Another thing I have observed. The moment you try to suppress out in some other form. Stop the spout and the teakettle will blow the cover off. In ten days' residence in the prohibition capital of Kansas I saw not a single drunken man—not even the reflection of one in my mirror—but I saw such a variety of gamblers of the penny-ante variety as I have not seen elsewhere in all the wide world.

To be sure, there was no poker—none that I saw—but in nearly every drug store, upon every show case where cigars were sold, there was a slot machine or some sort of a chance device, with the chances in favor of the house. Yes, prohibition does prohibit. It tends to decrease drunkenness, but it does seem to provoke men to other, though perhaps less disastrous, pastimes. Man is a strange varmint. As the immortal David would say, a certain amount of vice seems to be good for a civilized man—keeps him from brooding on being civilized.

"But tell me, Mr. Hector," said I, "about how many machines does Mr. Crow keep?"

"Five," he answered, relighting his cigar for the third time. "You see, he opens at six in the morning and closes up at six and a half at night. The other two work from that hour until closing time. The other is an 'extra,' to be ready in case of a breakdown or a hot box."

"But why must he change them?"

"The union," said Hector, glancing about. "The miners would boycott the shop if he worked one of these machines over eight hours straight."

IT COST MONEY.

The Stamping Out of Cattle Disease in New England.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Dr. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, who has returned here from Boston, where he superintended the fight against the foot and mouth epidemic, said today that about 900 animals have been slaughtered in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire, and that the indemnity the government paid the owners aggregates over \$100,000. He said that unless new cases develop it is probable that most of the quarantine restrictions now existing will have been removed in about 60 or 90 days.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

(In this column The Miner will hereafter publish replies to queries from its readers anent mining properties in the Kootenay district.)

L. B. San Francisco.—(1) The Tamarac mine at Ymir is not being actively operated at this time. The company's buildings were partially destroyed by a forest fire last fall and it is impossible to replace these until spring at least. (2) The Fairmont mines are not being actively developed now, this being due to the failure by the directors to secure a market for the treasury shares in England. It is understood that this matter is being taken up afresh with good prospects of a successful issue. Thereupon development will be resumed and as the property has a good showing, can be economically worked, and is adjacent to transportation, the outlook for its place as a dividend-earning basis within a comparatively short time after development is commenced would seem to be good. (3) The White Bear mine at Rossland is carrying on development work with a crew of seventeen men. Sinking is under way between the 700 and 900-foot levels. When the latter depth is reached the shaft will be turned off to cut ore bodies found on the 700-foot level. (4) The Reddin-Jackson Co. Ltd., or J. L. Whitney.

J. H. Hampstead, Ont.—(1) A reply to your former communication was sent by mail; it must have miscarried. (2) The only address we can find in connection with the Irbex company of this city is W. J. Green, secretary-treasurer, 157 Wallesey street, Toronto. The company may come to the front again with the expected revival in the south belt of the Rossland camp.

G. I. Westmount, P. Q.—The English Canadian company is not now operating its properties in the Rossland camp. The concern is involved in litigation, which comes up at the next sitting of the supreme court in Rossland. Their program for the future will doubtless hinge to a large extent on the outcome of this litigation, but as the company holds promising prospects in the south belt of the Rossland camp it is likely that sooner or later steps will be taken to reopen the claims and resume active mining.

TO ADMIT JESUITS.

A Somewhat Sensational Departure by Germany.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The German government has decided to admit Jesuits, who since July, 1872, have been excluded from Germany. Chancellor von Buelow, in the reichstag today, said he would use his influence to instruct the Prussian members of the bundesrath to support the repeal of the anti-Jesuit law so far as permit individual German and foreign Jesuits to reside in Germany, but not to allow the founding of Jesuit chapters, which the chancellor believed, and the confederated government would not accept. The chancellor's announcement caused a sensation. It was reported early in December last that the government had promised the leaders of the Centre party that it would no longer oppose the re-admission of the Jesuits provided that party supported the government's tariff bill.

The majority of the reichstag undoubtedly will support the re-admission when the bundesrath submits the necessary bill.

REMINDER FROM WILLIAM.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The vice-president of the reichstag, Count von Stolberg-Wernigerode, in calling the reichstag to order today said Emperor William had presented the house with a diagram in his own hand contrasting the British and German navies. The drawing probably will be hung in the lobby of the reichstag as an object lesson to the members.

GIFT FROM MR. PHIPPS.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.—Henry Phipps, a director of the Carnegie steel company, who is traveling in this country, has given Lady Curzon of Kedleston, wife of the viceroy, the sum of \$10,000 in support of her Victorian memorial midwifery fund.

A WINTER SCOURGE.

La Grippe or Influenza Responsible for Hundreds of Untimely Deaths.

La grippe starts with a sneeze—and ends with a complication. It lays a strong man on his back; it tortures him with fevers and chills, headaches and backaches. It leaves him prey to pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption and other deadly diseases. You can avoid la grippe by fortifying your system with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They protect you; they banish all evil after effects. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills ward off all winter ailments. They cure all blood and nerve disorders. They are the greatest blood purifier and nerve tonic that science has yet discovered. We know this to be true because we have tried it, but we do not ask you to take our word alone. Ask your neighbors, no matter where you live, and you will learn of someone who has been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, after other medicines had failed. It is upon the evidence of your neighbors that we ask you to give these pills a fair trial if you are sick or ailing. Mrs. Emma Donnet, St. Eulalie, Que., says: "Words can hardly tell how pleased I am with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had an attack of la grippe, which left me a sufferer from headaches and pains in the stomach. I used several medicines, but nothing helped me until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I began them I was weak and very much run down. The pills have completely cured me and I am not only as strong as ever, but have gained in flesh." The genuine pills always bear the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the label around every box. Substitutes can't cure and to take them is a waste of money and endanger life.

CORONER COMING.

Dr. Arthur of Nelson, who is a coroner for the province, has replied to Government Agent Kirkup's telegraphic communication anent the Kootenay mine fatality. Dr. Arthur states that he will arrive in Rossland on the noon train today and proceed to inquire into the matter. If he concludes that the case demands an exhaustive inquiry he will have a jury empaneled and conduct an inquest.

BOLIVIA'S POSITION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The minister for foreign affairs of Bolivia, Mr. Villazon, has addressed to the Bolivian legations abroad a cable dispatch in which he says: "The Acre contract is not a lease. Bolivia retains sovereignty in charging only the collections of revenues to the syndicate. This has the purely industrial character, subject to the laws of the republic. Bolivia has always been ready to make arrangements to settle this satisfactorily for both countries, and the syndicate at present maintains the same purpose. The Brazilian population of Acre has been afforded ample protection under the Bolivian administration. President Fando's expedition is to relieve the garrison of Puerto Acre, besieged by the revolutionists, maintain sovereignty and protect Bolivian interests against the depredations of the insurgents. Bolivia does not desire war. She is willing to settle all differences on a fair basis, by direct arrangements or arbitration, for the sake of peace."

CITY NEWS

HAD INSURANCE.—The late Gus Olson, one of the victims of the Kootenay mine fatality, carried a policy for \$2600 in the Equitable Assurance Society.

CUT 'EM DOWN.—The estimates drawn up by the board of school trustees for the current year were presented to the council last night. It was referred to the finance committee, Mayor Dean remarking: "I expect the finance committee will make recommendations after studying the matter carefully that some reductions be made."

RESIGNED.—Robert Marshall, janitor at the Central school, resigned his position yesterday on the ground that the work was too heavy for him to perform. Hiram P. McCraener, of the school board, has appointed Frank Logar to perform the caretaker's duties until the board meets next week and makes a permanent appointment.

PING-PONGERS NOTE.—The ladies' auxiliary to the public library committee has decided that the ping-pong tournament in aid of the funds of the institution will take place about the middle of March. Definite announcements will be made later.

A BANQUET.—The members of No. 1 company, Rocky Mountain Rangers, and friends of Lieutenant Gordon Logan will tender him a banquet prior to his departure for Toronto to re-enter the offices of the Canadian General Electric company.

ADJOURNMENT.—The next sitting of the supreme court in Rossland was set for the 24th inst., but as the full court is still in session at Victoria, it is expected by the local legal profession that an adjournment of the Rossland sitting will be announced shortly. Such adjournment will probably be for a fortnight at least, and likely for an entire month.

MAIL SERVICE.—Rossland will have a daily mail service to Grand Forks via the Spokane Falls & Northern in future. Mail matter will be carried by Marcus, and will close here daily at 9:15 a. m., being received with the regular eastern mail on the 5:10 train, which is five hours earlier than the night mail over the Canadian Pacific. The present service over the Canadian Pacific to Grand Forks will be continued as usual. The postoffice announces that Yukon mails will close here at 9:15 on February 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 25 and 27.

BEST YET.—The attendance at the public schools last month was the best average in the history of the city. The pupils in attendance during January numbered 514, and the actual attendance was 458, or 89 per cent, which is the highest percentage on record locally. As the per capita grant from the department of education is based on the average actual attendance, the record of the schools is gratifying from a sordid point of view as well as on the general principle that well attended classes speak well for the intelligence of the community.

THE HOSPITAL.—The week has been a quiet one at the hospital. All the old patients are doing well, and the new ones added during the week are on the high road to recovery. Antone Urdine, the injured Centre Star miner, is able to get around. Walter Pinnock, who was taken to the hospital from the Nickel Plate addition on Friday, is reported as being very sick. John L. McBride, who was brought to the hospital yesterday, is probably the most dangerous case occupying a ward in the hospital.

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GOING TO ALBERTA

Morrison & Bryenton intend leaving for Alberta as soon as they can dispose of their stock of groceries. The sale is now on and will continue until all is disposed of.

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MADE MONEY.—The Ymir mine's cabled December report is as follows: "During last month 50 stamps ran 650 hours (27 days). Estimated profit on operating, \$6711 (\$1590). This is after deducting development, \$2390 (£600) and repairs \$1584 (£320)."

TO MOVE.—It is understood that the city ticks office of the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad, which has long been on the Washington street side of the Bank of Montreal building, will be moved into the office now occupied by the Spokane Falls telegraph line. The move will be made tomorrow.

A BALL AT TRAIL.—A very successful ball was given at Trail on Friday night under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge. Many Masons attended from Rossland, Ymir, Nelson and Northport. Among those who went from this city were Messrs. J. S. Clute, Keith Lackey, T. A. Gray, J. Anderson, J. Dunlop, M. M. Stephens and Harry McIntosh.

ABOUT GAMBLING.—The statement is made in some quarters that gambling is carried on at certain points about the city, fostered by some of the men who were employed about the other games up to a fortnight ago. The report is not confirmed. None of the old club rooms are running openly, and the police assert that no public games are in operation anywhere in the city. The officers are anxious to get track of any illicit gambling outfits now being operated.

LEAVING TOWN.—Gordon Logan, accountant at the West Kootenay Power & Light company's Rossland offices, leaves shortly for Toronto, where he will re-enter the offices of the Canada General Electric company. Mr. Logar has been a resident of the Golden City for several years and his numerous friends among the younger business men will learn of his departure with regret. He is junior lieutenant in the Rossland company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers and will be a serious loss to the corps.

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