

IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

The Slocan Division Is Showing Up in Excellent Shape.

ITS SHIPMENTS OF ORE

Boundary Country Is Showing Up Better Every Week—Development in Some Districts Stopped by the Holidays.

The near-by camps show even greater progress this week than those farther away. The reports from Slocan are especially encouraging. Below will be found the shipments of ore from the Slocan division for the six months just closed. The values of the ore are not available at present, but it is very rich, and when the returns are published they will prove a surprise to the people of the Kootenays.

Slocan Ore Shipments. Table with columns for From location, Tons, and Value. Includes items like Slocan Star, Last Chance, Sapphire, etc.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

The Ruth mines have put in circulation a requisition asking that the Ruth company be exempted from paying taxes on its proposed concentrator.

A big strike is reported about six miles below Slocan City on one of the river properties.

Upwards of 1,000 tons of ore has been shipped from the Four Mile properties during the year.

The Wakedfield has commenced this season's shipments by sending out 120 tons of high grade ore.

G. H. Dawson is still working the Edinburgh group on Four Mile. The men are getting into good mineral.

Geo. Hughes denies the rumor that he is out of the Idaho or that there is any deal on for the Mountain Chief.

The Dardanelles report a fine strike of ore at the eighth level, 500 feet from the surface. Twenty-five men are employed.

Shay men are working on the Idaho mines. Great difficulty is experienced in handling supplies and ore owing to the bad roads.

Two men are working on the Mowich, the other side of the Mountain Chief. They have got in through the wash and hope to have mineral shortly.

Charley McNicholl claims to have a gold bonanza in the Oms group, on the Galena Farm. As depth is gained the value increases. F. O. Berg of Spokane is interested with him.

Hunt, Lockland and partners, all of Vancouver, have commenced work on the Noble Five claim, adjoining the Mollie Hughes. There are two openings on the property, one of which is in 30 feet, with two feet of well mineralized quartz in the breast, from which assays have been obtained.

A. Tanks and J. Pilon, owners of the Cabin claim, adjoining to Pinto, on Goat mountain, have done considerable work on the property. They have run in a number of open cuts across the vein, and have started a shaft following down the mineral. There is a good showing of quartz, containing some very high grade ore.

Rawhiding has commenced from the Enaka.

The force on the Comstock has been increased.

The Idaho mines shipped 200 tons of ore last week.

More men have been put to work on the Whiteaker.

One is being shipped from the Blue Bird mine, some 30 tons going out last week.

from the Comstock to Silverton. Several hundred tons will be exported.

It is expected that the Comstock concentrator will be started early in January. The plant has a capacity for 50 tons per day.

Ore from the Wakedfield is being hauled to Silverton for shipment. Over 2,000 tons are expected to be shipped this winter.

The Marion has improved a great deal during the past week, and there is now showing in the main workings 10 inches of clear ore on the hanging wall and four inches on the foot wall. The ledge gives signs of becoming fully mineralized. Everything is in good shape.

BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

The development of the Boundary country seems pretty well to settle the fact that values there increase with depth. As an example, the Old Ironsides on the surface ran in the neighborhood of \$3 to \$4, and when a \$12 assay was received, the owners thought that they had a bonanza.

The War Eagle in Greenwood camp has been bonded to Spokane people, headed by Mace Campbell. The price is understood to be \$45,000 with a 10 per cent cash payment.

The Fontenoy, near the Cariboo in Camp McKinney, has been bought by Dr. J. F. Reddy of Spokane. The bond is for \$20,000, with a 10 per cent cash payment.

An 83-foot shaft has been run on the Fontenoy in a five-foot vein, showing good ore.

On the Lincoln and City of Paris, the crosscut tunnel is in about 550 feet, and should meet the ledge in about 60 feet more. The tunnel is showing increasing moisture.

On the White Cloud in Graham's camp, the No. 2 shaft has shown a change in the ore from iron pyrites to copper sulphides.

The force of men on the big dam to be built on Kettle river above the falls has been increased, and Foreman Simmons now has a dozen men busily at work.

It is said that in a few days the number will be increased to probably 30 in order to get as much of the work as possible done before the water begins to get high enough to be troublesome.

A stamp mill is to be placed at Long Lake to treat the ores from the Jewel, Anchor and Enterprise mines. The owners of both properties are joining forces to erect a mill. There is an excellent mill site at the foot of the lake owned by the Jewel company.

The work on the Anchor and Enterprise during the past few months has been of a most encouraging nature. The ore vein is widening materially and increasing in value. A force of men is now at work on the Jewel.

The Magnolia and Copperopolis properties in Copper camp have been bonded by Henry Berlich. These properties are owned by George Riker, and the deal was negotiated by O. R. Forde of Nelson. The price mentioned in the bond is upwards of \$50,000. Both properties have strong ledges of high grade copper ore. Development work will be commenced immediately.

NELSON DIVISION.

The returns from a sample assay taken across the lead in the bottom of the shaft on the Eschequer have been received and gave \$118.23 in gold. Thus the value of the ore is holding well, and, if anything, are improving. There are now three feet of ore in the bottom of the shaft.

The annual report of the London & British Columbia Gold Fields, which recently floated the Ymir Gold Mines, is just out and is very satisfactory. The report shows that at the last examination of the Ymir group, near the town of Ymir, the ore in eight amounted to 93,000 tons of a value of \$1,123,200. The company recommends that dividends amounting to 20 per cent be declared for all for the year, and that 20,000 shares in the Ymir Gold Mines be distributed as a further dividend. All the machinery for the new 40-stamp mill on the Ymir has arrived and is ready to be put in place.

The Halls Mines company announces that the result of the smelting operations for the four weeks ending December 2-18 days 7 hours smelting—was 2,207 tons. It contained approximately 53 tons of copper and 45,960 ounces of silver.

REVELSTOCK DIVISION.

The Revelstoke Herald claims that more prospective capital looking for investment in North Kootenay is now in sight than ever before. In the Lardau, however, claim holders are still holding out for exorbitant prices, and this country cannot bring about any widespread development of the Lardau until prospectors are satisfied with reasonable prices for their interests.

TO BE BANQUETTED.

The International Commissioners to Be Complimented at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 4.—A big complimentary banquet will be tendered to the international commissioners by the Reform club and the liberal of Montreal at the conclusion of the negotiations at Washington. Arrangements are already being made. It is believed the affair will be the most elaborate ever held in Canada. It will be held at the Windsor hotel.

J. F. Herrick, Austin Corbin 2d and E. J. Roberts, of the Iron Mask company, are in the city.

THE STOCK MARKET

A Period of Quietness Follows the Holidays.

WILL NOT LAST LONG

Shares Which Pay Dividends Are What the People of Toronto Wish to Invest in—War Eagles and Cariboes Advancing in Price.

The stock market is feeling the collapse of business affairs that usually follows the holidays. In one way and another a considerable expenditure is made by nearly everybody during the last week or ten days of the year. Then follows a sort of stocktaking period at the end of which people find out where they are at financially. When this is finished and people know how their balances at banks stand they begin to make expenditures. It will therefore be some little time, perhaps, before the share market will resume its ante-holiday liveliness. The brokers generally speak very hopefully of the coming year and say that they expect it will be much livelier than in 1898, and so the existing quietude does not trouble them in the least. It will only last for a very short time, they say, and then business will once again become lively. Most of the stocks have fallen off a point or two and this is notably the case with those of the Republic group.

War Eagles advanced from \$3.05 to \$3.08 in the Toronto market yesterday and Cariboo (Camp McKinney) from \$1.35 to \$1.47. Both of the War Eagle and the Cariboo companies are dividend payers and this accounts for the advance in their price lately and the desire of the people of Eastern Canada to get hold of them. In a section where 4 and 5 per cent is considered fair interest stocks which pay a higher rate, it is very hard to get.

The effort of the mine managers of this section should, therefore, be to place their properties on a dividend paying basis as soon as possible. The people of Eastern Canada are hungry for this sort of stock and their capacity for absorbing it is very large. The more dividend paying stock held there the better it will be for the mining interests generally.

There were some Virginia sold yesterday. Workmen grading on the Virginia ground for the O. & W. railway uncovered a large and promising looking ledge, however, to determine its value. It is claimed that if the drift from the 300-foot level had been driven 60 feet further it would have encountered this ledge.

There was some demand for Deer Park and they sold during the week from \$1.75 to \$1.85 yesterday they were \$1.75 to \$1.85.

Giants are selling at 3 1/2 cents. Novelties are in demand around 4 cents.

White Bears are firm at 7 cents. There is a good demand for Spitzees. The final payment for the Spitzee properties will be made on the 15th of January.

There was a general decline in all of the Republic group. Jim Blaines fell from 51 to 46, and Lone Pines from 31 to 28 cents, Republic from \$3.40 to \$3.20, Princess Mauds from 13 1/2 to 11 1/2 cents, Rebates from 26 to 22 cents, and the others went down in the same proportion.

In the Ymir group, Sarah Lees were in demand at 7 1/2 cents. Fairmonts, owing to good news from the property, are stiffer. There is also considerable demand for Dundees and Tamars.

Salmo Cons. are the same, several orders are being lately come from Toronto and from London.

There is a renewed demand for Brandon and Golden Crowns. A good sized block was sold yesterday at the rate of 25 cents per share. Shipping ore has been encountered in the 100-foot level. When this is taken body is encountered in the lower levels there should be a movement in these shares.

Okanagan Free Golds are selling well. So far in the neighborhood of 700,000 shares have been sold. The first block of 500,000 shares was subscribed for at the rate of 6 cents per share. The second block of 100,000 shares was placed on the market on December 15 and was all sold in Rossland in one day. The third block of 100,000 shares was placed on the market at 10 cents in the latter part of December and was largely subscribed for in Spokane and Rossland.

There has been so much the case that there is now no stock on the market under 1 1/2 cents.

IT IS CERTAINLY COLD.

Reliable Thermometers Register 4 1/2 Degrees Below Zero.

Yes, it certainly was cold, and it certainly was the coldest day of the year yesterday, but nevertheless it was not so frigid as people seemed to believe. C. H. M. Cameron, who by common assent is the local lord of the weather, has been keeping tables on the temperature with considerable care. Mr. Cameron's equipment includes adjusted maximum and minimum thermometers and he takes readings every morning at his home on the 10th avenue. Yesterday morning the minimum instrument recorded a temperature of 4 1/2 degrees below zero, which is the lowest point yet reached. The nearest approach this winter to the cold readings of 11 above zero.

Various erratic instruments all over town registered anywhere from freezing to 25 below zero yesterday morning, but where, it is needless to say, entirely wrong.

All members of the curling club are requested to attend a meeting of the club to be held in the club rooms at the rink at 8 p. m. Friday, the 6th inst. Please come on time. Business, organization for club, games and bonspiel.

MINES AND MINING

Work Will Soon Be Commenced on the Spitzee.

FAIRMONT IS ALL RIGHT

Shipping Ore Is Being Extracted From the Shaft—The B. A. C. Paying for the Le Roi—Lily May Has a Fund for Development Purposes.

The third payment was made on the Spitzee on the 31st of December. The fourth and final payment will be made on the 15th of January. Then the task of developing the property will be commenced by the Indian Chief Mining company, which has been formed for that purpose. The Spitzee vein is a wide one. There is 15 feet which is strongly mineralized, and in the center of this is four feet of pay ore. The property has an excellent surface showing.

Taking Out Shipping Ore. A whim has been installed on the Evening Star, one of the properties of the Fairmont Mining company near Ymir. The inclined shaft has now reached a depth of 60 feet. It is being sunk on the vein, and all the ore that is being taken out is of a shipping grade. This property is exciting a great deal of attention at Ymir, where it is declared that it will make one of the best mines of that vicinity. The assays of the ore taken from the Evening Star gives values of about \$40 per ton. The management of the Fairmont company in this city is greatly pleased with the manner in which the property is turning out, and feel confident that it will in time make a dividend paying mine.

Deal for Mother Lode Group.

Messrs. Trethewey and McKenzie, the well known mining men from Kaslo, have been in the Burnt Basin recently examining the Mother Lode group, and it is reported that Mike Shick and M. Jackson, who own the property, have made a deal. It is expected that mining will shortly commence on the principal free milling ledge, samples of which are shown in the mine office. The results will be watched with keen interest by the property owners in the district, for the extensive surface showing of Burnt Basin are now well known and much interest will be taken in this locality with the opening up of spring and the advent of railway facilities. Other properties in line with and having similar showing to the Mother Lode are the Jackson, Daly, Pleasures of Hope, Lewiston, Tammany, Jackstraw, Modinat Chief and Monitor.

The Royal Kangaroo group, consisting of three claims located on Greenville mountain, was yesterday bonded by E. J. Liljebran. The bond was given by E. J. Brailo, E. Terwick and others. By the terms of the bond Mr. Liljebran obligates himself to pay \$10,000 for the property on August 1. In the meantime he agrees to do \$500 worth of work on the property before the 1st day of July. The group is considered a valuable one. The ore is free milling and runs from \$8 to \$18 in gold and silver on the surface. The group is only three-quarters of a mile from the Columbia & Western railway, which is being constructed from Brooklyn to Cascade City.

Greenville Claim Sold. The sale was closed yesterday of the Greenville claim, located on Greenville mountain, in Trail Creek division. Greenville mountain is 2 1/2 miles west of Rossland. The property was sold by E. J. Brailo and Edward Terwick, and was purchased by E. J. Liljebran for a syndicate which he represents. The consideration was \$4,000. This sum was paid in full yesterday for the property. The Greenville claim has a four-foot vein of free milling quartz in a porphyry and limestone formation. The ore assays from \$8 to \$108 in gold and silver. So far only assessment work has been done on the property. The intention of the new owners is to begin the development of the Greenville as soon as the snow gets off the ground. Work it is thought will be commenced early in April.

An Encouraging Outlook. Mr. Chambers, manager of the Salmo Consolidated, has just returned from the mine, and reports that very satisfactory progress is being made. The showing in No. 2 shaft at a depth of 110 feet evidences a great improvement in values. Assays at this depth have given a return of \$75 in gold and silver, which is eminently pleasing to the management. From present indications the showing of ore in the shaft from now on will prove up to the high expectations indulged in by those who have visited the mine. Work is being pushed without cessation.

The Bond on the Lily May. W. J. Harris of the Lily May company is back from a trip to California. Mr. Harris says that the English Canadian company, which has a bond on the Lily May, has \$75,000 cash in its treasury for the purpose of carrying on development work. The Lily May shaft is to be continued to the 200-foot level, when drifting and crosscutting will be undertaken.

THE MASOOT COMPRESSOR.

It Will Be Put in Fractional Operation Tomorrow.

At the Masoot yesterday the superintendent of the property, William Yolen Williams, completed the new power plant by connecting the compressor with the electric motor, which is used in operating it. The compressor, which is of

the seven-drill type, proved quite as successful in its operation as had the motor when it was tested on the previous day. The necessary adjustments of the entire new plant are now being made and tomorrow Mr. Williams will put three drills at work. The electrical machinery was put in place under the supervision of Percy Roper of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, and his handling of the work has established for him a high reputation as an electrician.

Paying for the Le Roi. The second payment by the British American corporation to the minority shareholders of the Le Roi company has been made, and the final settlement will be made on the 31st of the month. The payment just made and the one yet to be made were each \$3.12 1/2 per share. The shipment of the ore milled from the Le Roi smelter at Northport is going ahead at the rate of about a carload a day, and returns are satisfactory. All the shareholders in the Le Roi company will share equally in the distribution of the proceeds from the matte shipments now being made. The matte is the product of the ore shipped prior to the final acquisition of the mine by the British American corporation.

THE CURLERS.

They Have Been Having a Merry Time Lately.

The curlers have been having a merry time for the past three days in playing the second series of games between the president and vice-president. The games so far have resulted in an overwhelming victory for the vice-president. The ice has been in excellent condition and some good playing has resulted. On Monday afternoon in the game between W. A. Carlyle and J. S. C. Fraser the former was beaten by a score of 9 to 11. On the same afternoon the forces of Cranston and Morikill contested, and the result was a victory for the latter by a score of 3 to 19.

On Monday evening a game was played between rinks headed by Bogle and Barker, and the latter was victorious by a score of 11 to 13.

H. H. Smith met a rink skipped by J. S. Paterson, and the former was beaten by a score of 7 to 12. This was one of the most exciting games of the lot. Mr. Smith has the reputation of being a past master of the art of curling and his rink was composed of four of the best players in the city. Mr. Paterson is a more novice at the game and his rink was made up of apprentices at curling, and yet his rink ignominiously defeated the veterans under the able generalship of Mr. Smith, but the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong.

The games of Tuesday afternoon were not reported. Tuesday evening a game was played by Beaman vs. Paterson, which the latter won by a score of 12 to 7. A game was played between Fraser and Leckie, which the former won by a large majority.

Wednesday's games were not reported. A meeting of the club-steps and the executive committee was held in the club-rooms at the rink last evening, when organization for the season was discussed, also the arrangement of rinks for the coming bonspiel.

A general meeting of the club has been called for Friday evening at the club-rooms, 8 p. m. sharp, when rinks will be selected and other business of the club arranged.

HAMPBRED BY ICE.

The Surface of the Arrow Lakes Is Frozen.

For the first time this winter navigation on the Arrow lakes has been seriously hampered by the ice in the narrows. The Minto, which left Arrowhead for Robson on Tuesday morning, fared so badly with ice and low water that she was completely tied up below Nakusp, and has not yet been removed. Her passengers were of course unable to get away, and were forced to spend the night on the ice-bound vessel. Yesterday the Kootenay on her down trip was taking aboard the Minto's passengers, and it was hoped that the Kootenay would be able to push on to Robson some time last evening. The train, which should have come in over the Columbia & Western railway at 11:15 Tuesday night, waited all night at Robson for the down coming boat, but the boat came not, and it was 10:10 o'clock yesterday morning before the train reached here. Last night's train was similarly delayed. It is expected that it will arrive early this morning from Robson, with the down passengers and mails of both the Minto and the Kootenay.

In order to avoid the dangers consequent on low water and ice in the narrows, the Canadian Pacific railway is considering running the service from Arrowhead to Robson via Nakusp, Silverton and Slocan City over Slocan lake.

GREAT DISPLAY OF LOYALTY.

Francis Joseph's Austrian Subjects Volunteer Their Taxes in Advance.

VIENNA, Jan. 4.—In consequence of the substitution of the government by decree in Hungary for a constitutional government, which is due to the expiration of the Austrian ausgleich or agreement between Hungary and Austria, recruiting for the army ceases, as do also the collection of taxes and prosecutions for the non-payment thereof.

This has led to a remarkable exhibition of patriotism on the part of numerous supporters of the government who, in many places, crowded the tax offices and voluntarily paid in advance a year's taxes. Their action was partly due to an appeal by Maurice Jolani, the well known Hungarian novelist, published in the Nemzet.

Gloating Over Their Own Sin.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The anti-Dreyfus partisans claim a great victory has been scored by their side in the presence of General Chanoune, the former minister of war, in the court of cassation during the examination of the secret dossier.

This, they say, virtually makes the army a part of court and is a further check on revision.

CAN THIS BE TRUE?

Spanish Judge Charged With Blowing up the Maine.

CUBAN ORGAN, ACCUSER

Champagne Drank While the Vessel Was Going Down—The Judge and His Friends in the Theatre, and Orled, "There Goes the Maine."

New York, Jan. 4.—The following is from the Herald: Havana, Tuesday.—The city is much excited tonight by the open charge made in El Reconcentrado, the organ of Cuba Libre, that Xacarias Breares, a Spanish judge, now a fugitive from Havana, was actively engaged in the plot which resulted in the destruction of the Maine. El Reconcentrado today gave a sketch of Breares' career previous to last February, charging him with various crimes. The paper will say, tomorrow: "The Maine came to Havana harbor. Breares accused declared in Spanish cafes that such an act of audacity on the part of the Yankees could not pass without stringent punishment. His threats were direct and boded destruction to the American ship. His associates were Felix Gonzalez, Dion Sionvia and Eusebio Acosta, violent Spaniards. The others were off-voulters."

"These men boasted that the Yankees were about to get their dues, though no charge can be directed against any save Breares. He and the hot-headed Spaniards of Zurulo street met nightly at a house near the corner of Murrado and Habana streets, where the public plot against the Maine was concocted and the arrangements completed. When the explosion took place Breares was in the Lacon theater with friends. At the sound of the explosion he cried, 'There goes the Maine.'"

"Champagne was drunk in honor of the deed at the moment, when others were vaguely inquiring of one another what had happened. Breares' name was mentioned before the American court of inquiry, but not sufficient evidence was forthcoming to warrant any action and all reference to him was suppressed in the published report."

The Cubans here almost without exception regard the charges of El Reconcentrado as beyond dispute. Breares is now said to be hiding in Spain.

AN INFAMOUS WITNESS

Count Esterhazy to Testify in the Dreyfus Case.

The Unhappy Prisoner Himself Will Be Examined by Wess and Will Not See the Court at All.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Major Comte Ferdinand Walsen Esterhazy, now known to be the author of the Dreyfus Bordereau, has been summoned to appear before the court of cassation on January 12. It is understood that while no formal undertaking has been given, he will be free from arrest coming and going. It is said that the Dreyfus depositions will be received on Saturday from Cayenne and the court will then decide whether his presence is necessary in Paris.

It is believed the whole examination will be conducted by telegraph in enormous expense in order to avoid manifestations here.

The recently formed league known as La Patrie Francaise, whose avowed object is to "knit intellectual France into a union for counteracting the Dreyfus agitation," seems stillborn, owing to the incompetency of M. Brancieres Coppee and Maurice Barros, and the dissensions among the authors, professors and sceptics who have signed the membership list.

INDIA'S NEW VICEROY

Lord Curzon Now in Calcutta and Assumes Office Tomorrow.

Brilliant Scenes That Will Be Witnessed For Days to Come in the Vice-Royal Mansion.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 4.—It is understood that Queen Victoria gave Lady Curzon special instructions regarding the Dufferin fund and the necessity of affording female medical relief in certain sections. Lady Curzon has already expressed the intention of making the fund proper under her guidance. Lord and Lady Curzon are now the guests of the Earl of Elin, the retiring viceroy of India, and Lady Elin.

Lord Curzon's assumption of the viceroyalty on Friday will be surrounded by brilliant functions. He will be conducted from the throne room to the historic council chamber, and the usual guards of honor, and all the civil and military authorities will attend in full dress. The number of native princes, with brilliant retinues, attending the functions is quite unprecedented.

Numerous addresses of welcome will be presented next week when Lord Curzon's recent speeches have greatly pleased India, which is regarded as a happy augury for a successful career here.

The question of lighting the Presbyterian church in this city was decided yesterday in favor of electricity, and it is expected that on Sunday next the church will have been wired and the lights installed.

IT IS NECESSARY THANKS OF THE SISTERS

Replies Received to Rossland's Request for Federal Building.

SOME ARE FAVORABLE

One Official Thinks That the Request Is Too Modest and That a Structure Suitable for Future Wants Should Be Put Up.

The board of trade on December 7, adopted a memorial addressed to the Dominion authorities, requesting that a suitable building for the accommodation of the federal officials be erected in this city.

Secretary John McKane was directed to forward copies of this memorial to Premier Laurier and the members of his cabinet. Several replies have been received and some of them are of a character to encourage the hope that this city will get what has been asked for.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23, 1898. Dear Sir: I am requested by the prime minister to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7th inst., addressed to the minister of public works.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24, 1898. Dear Sir: Your petition of December 7th on behalf of the board of trade of the city of Rossland has come to hand.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21, 1898. Dear Sir: I received today a copy of a resolution passed on the 7th inst. by the Rossland board of trade and addressed to the honorable minister of public works.

Dear Sir: I am directed by the Hon. W. S. Fielding to acknowledge receipt of copy of resolution of the board of trade of Rossland, B. C., dated December 7, petitioning for the erection of a public building at that place.

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THANKS OF THE SISTERS

The New Heating Apparatus at the Hospital is Working Well.

Work of the Ladies in Collecting Subscriptions and the Generosity of Others is Much Appreciated.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are very grateful to the people of Rossland for the kind way in which the hospital has been remembered and their work appreciated.

Some time ago a movement was made to collect funds for a steam heating apparatus for the building. A number of ladies undertook the work of soliciting subscriptions from the citizens and these were supplemented by donations which were sent by the miners through their superintendents.

The following were the ladies, who worked hard in the matter and to whom the Sisters' desire to return their heartfelt thanks, viz: Mesdames James Corbin, Dr. Kenning, W. F. McNeill, Norman McInnis, William L. Reddin and T. Costello.

The apparatus has been installed and is working excellently, thoroughly heating the whole structure. It is believed to be the first hot water apparatus to be placed in Rossland, if not in the Kootenays.

The heating apparatus is not the only favor the Sisters' desire to thank the people of this city for. At Christmas they were surprised and delighted at the number of valuable and useful presents sent in.

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REDUCTION IN SMELTING RATES.

It is acknowledged that the Le Roi ore is being treated at the Northport smelter for \$5 per ton. This, too, is with coke hauled from a considerable distance. The understanding is that the Northport smelter will begin to use Crow's Nest coke, because it can be laid down at Northport, duty paid, much cheaper than this fuel can be landed there by the American coke makers. Coke from the Crow's Nest mines is today delivered at the smelter at Trail for about \$3 per ton, and this will doubtless be cheapened when the coke ovens are more numerous and those who are now manufacturing it in West Kootenay know more about the business than they do at present. The probability is that the fuel will take place sometime during the present year. With the lessening of the price of this fuel, which is the main item in smelting operations, there should be a cheapening in the cost of smelting at the local smelters. There is no good reason why a rate of \$5.50 per ton for smelting should not be put in effect at Trail and Northport before the end of the present year. This should especially be done at Trail. A lead stack will shortly be started there and some of the ores of this camp that contain only a small percentage of copper could be smelted with the lead ores of the Slocan at considerably less cost than the gold-copper ores can be reduced by themselves. With a larger output of this camp, which is certain this year, it will give the smelters an opportunity to operate at all times to their full capacity. This will lessen the cost of smelting, because whether a smelter requires 100 or 500 tons per day there are always certain fixed charges, such as electrical help, interest on cost of plant, etc., which are always the same, and hence the greater the quantity of ore reduced per diem the cheaper the cost. It seems certain, therefore, that there will be a reduction to the neighborhood of \$5.50 for smelting before a great while. This will be a reduction of \$2 per ton on the present rate of \$7.50.

Besides this plant at Silica, which was constructed especially to reduce ores which were of too low a grade for the smelters to handle, has proved itself so successful that its management has decided to enlarge the plant. These works will reduce a large quantity of silicious ores during the year and at a cost somewhat under that which now prevails at the smelters.

Each reduction in the cost of smelting adds to the profits of the miner. A considerable quantity of high grade ore is found in the mines of the Rossland camp. There is also a large quantity of low grade ore in the camp, and each reduction in the treatment charges bring more of this within the range of profit and in time a good sized ore body of \$12 ore will mean a mine that will pay dividends. It is hoped, therefore, that the \$5.50 treatment rate may materialize at the earliest possible moment, as it cannot come to soon for the best interests of the Rossland camp.

AN UNFAIR CRITIC.

The mining commissioner of the London Economist has written himself down as a man of poor judgment in an article published on the 17th of December on British Columbia. This commissioner first visited and wrote up the Transvaal and the Australian gold fields, and then came to British Columbia, evidently for the purpose of "writing its mines down" in the eyes of British investors. Among other things he says that a fairly comprehensive inspection of Rossland, Nelson and Slocan mines has fully convinced him that the country may be included among the great mineralized areas of the world. Looking at the country from the standpoint of the transportation facilities that are being provided and the wealth of gold, silver, copper and lead, he considers the outlook for the Kootenays for the next two or three years to be a rosy one. He further says: "In the abstract the country certainly has a great future before it as a mineral producer, but how that future is in practice going to benefit the English financial or mining world is, to the writer, somewhat of a mystery." The difficulties he finds in the way are these: First, the majority of the mines and prospects are owned by Canadian and American shareholders; second, the English-located British Columbian companies to date are, in his opinion, a poor selection; third, there is much hearsay and guesswork in the estimates or con-

tents of a claim; fourth, American methods of share speculation are not assuring; fifth, there is a tendency to exaggerated capitalization; sixth, many of the ores are very refractory. It is admitted that the London & British Columbia Goldfields and the B. A. O. have acquired some good properties here, but the properties acquired by some other companies are turned down. He admits that the Le Roi is one of the great mines of the world, but he finds fault with its management. The Ymir mine, the Whitewater mines and the Ruth mine find favor in his eyes. In the main he seems to be a professional fault-finder, and there appears to be a studied attempt on his part to create a distrust of this section in the eyes of the British investor. His deduction that in the abstract the country is a good one, would lead to the inference, if one only knew of it by reading his article, that the country is not actually a good one. Lode mining in the Kootenay is in its infancy as yet, but the Economist commissioner seems to have failed to take into consideration the fact that it sometimes takes years of patient work to open up a mining property so that its full capabilities may be known. He, like all others who visit this section, found properties in what might be called a chrysalis stage. This is half way between a prospect and a mine.

The claims that the mines and prospects here are owned principally by Canadians and Americans is childish and even silly. This is so because the British investors have not taken advantage of the opportunities afforded them to acquire properties here. Besides, such writers as the commissioner under consideration have done as much as they possibly can to deter British investors from putting their money into British Columbia mining properties. Notwithstanding the scree of the Economist commissioner and others of his tribe the mining section of British Columbia is going rapidly ahead, and its wonderful resources are being rapidly developed. The output of metal in 1898 is at least 50 per cent greater than it was in 1897. This year the increase will be much greater, and by the time the British mining investor, if he continues to be misled by the men of the type of the Economist commissioner, realizes the worth of this section, he will have to pay a big price for his slowness, because the people of Canada are recognizing the worth of the properties here and are fast securing the best of them. They are paying good round sums for them because they know that they form excellent investments. British investors must, in time, come here, and now should be the appointed time for them to do so. Notwithstanding the innuendoes of those who are evidently interested in booming other mining sections of the world, and, to this end, are trying to tear down the good name of Kootenay as a mining section, it will come to the front in the estimation of all who invest in mines because of its genuine merit.

AN IMPORTANT INCIDENT.

The sale of the B. C. mine in Summit camp to Montreal capitalists for \$300,000 is an important incident in the mining annals of this section. It is momentous for the reason that Montreal, if anything, is most conservative. Her people are of the older Canadian stock and do not take readily to new ventures and enterprises, but once embarked in them they back their judgment indefinitely with their capital. Toronto has shown hitherto more interest and has made larger investments in mining properties in this section than has Montreal. This is natural because Toronto is younger and her people are less conservative. Toronto is young Canada, while Montreal is old Canada. Montreal is not as quick to accept anything as granted as Toronto is. In a new field therefore, where there are many valuable prizes to be gained, like there are in this section, Toronto is first in the field and usually has acquired many good things before Montreal fully realizes what is going on. This is shown by comparing the investments of the people of these two cities in the Kootenays. At the same time it is a high compliment to the worth of the mineral wealth of this section of the country to have a Montreal syndicate invest so large a sum as \$300,000 in a single mining property here. In doing this there was no hurry—rather a characteristic of Montreal business men. The B. C. mine was carefully examined and after the negotiations had spread over a period of months a bargain was made, the amount agreed upon and the first installment was paid down. As slow as the Montreal people were to act in this instance they beat a British syndicate in point of speed by a period of four days. This latter aggregation was negotiating for the property contemporaneously with the Montreal people. Four days after the McQuaig syndicate agreed to take the mine the representative of the British syndicate appeared on the scene out of breath and said his people would take it. He was informed that he was just four days too late. This shows that it will not do to procrastinate when a good property is offered for sale and the parties desiring to acquire it have the purchase price.

THE BIG COPPER SOLD.

George B. McQuaig, the Purchaser-Italian Bankers Skip. GRAND FORKS, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Geo. B. McQuaig, of the famous Cariboo mine at Camp McKinney, has purchased the well known Big Copper mine in Copper camp, some 12 miles from Grand Forks. The price paid for this property was \$50,000 in cash. This is the largest strictly cash deal ever effected in the Boundary or Kettle River districts. It will be remembered by mining men that the Big Copper was bonded a few years ago by Colonel Weir of New York, who after developing it to some extent, threw up the bond. Since that time the property has remained undeveloped. The Big Copper ore assays 12 per cent copper and six ounces in silver and only a trace of gold. Mr. McQuaig, the new owner, will form a stock company to operate this mine.

FROM THE RECORDS.

TRANSFERS. DECEMBER 29. Comox—Protest claiming fraud on the part of J. P. Reddy and Alex. M. Winston against.

DECEMBER 29. Copper Bar, Grace Darling, Magna Charta, 1/2 mile north of Brophy, which belong to McMillan to the British Columbia (Rossland and Slocan) syndicate.

DECEMBER 29. Silver Bell faction. Nancy Lee and part of her—Silver Bell Mining company to J. A. Currie.

DECEMBER 29. Eagle 1/4 on Beaver creek—Riley G. Currier to W. McIlroy.

Eagle 1/4—E. Charles James-Waito to R. G. Currier.

DECEMBER 27. Confederate 1/2—John Kennedy to F. E. Williams.

A BIG DEAL CLOSED

The B. C. Mine at Summit Changes Hands.

THE PRICE IS \$300,000

The First Payment of \$50,000 Made—Major Leckie Engineered the Deal For a Montreal Syndicate, Headed by Clarence McQuaig.

The largest and most important mining deal since the sale of the Centre Star mine was consummated here Tuesday, when the fortunate owners of the B. C. mine in Summit camp, Boundary, received at the Bank of Montreal the first payment of \$50,000 on the purchase price, which is stated to be about \$300,000. The deal was negotiated by Major B. G. Edwards Leckie, the well known consulting engineer of the Montreal Gold Fields, limited. The head office of this company is in Montreal, and the guiding spirit of the corporation is Clarence McQuaig, who is largely interested in Red Mountain properties, and will be remembered by many for his connection with the sale of the War Eagle mine about two years ago. Both Major Leckie and his principal are to be heartily congratulated on their good fortune in securing one of the most promising gold-copper properties in the province of British Columbia. The B. C. was discovered in the summer of 1897, and was purchased by Messrs. Harrison and Barchard on behalf of themselves and some English friends. On the surface there was an excellent showing of chalcoppyrite, running high in copper, which, when stripped in an open cut, was found to be only 20 feet wide. In fact, this high grade copper ore, carrying good values in gold and silver, continued from the grass roots, and the values at the bottom of a 160-foot vertical shaft show practically the same high grade ore. Drifting has been done on the 50- and 160-foot levels to the extent of about 900 feet, and considerable bodies of high grade ore blocked out, and the mine contains, in common with similar properties elsewhere in British Columbia, large reserves of ore of lower grade, which will yet be treated at a handsome profit. Some idea of the character of the B. C. may be gained from the fact that in carrying out the development of the property about two-thirds of the values at the bottom of the mine in likely, before long to become a large producer.

The large percentage of copper carried in this ore, renders it certain that a matting plant will yet be erected near the mine, as the ore is particularly adapted for cheap smelting—being largely silicious. The Columbia and Western railway extension has been surveyed within two miles of the mine and a branch line located directly to the ore bins. Construction is now being vigorously prosecuted on this road. Though Major Leckie was reticent and declined to give out any information on the subject, THE MINER learned from a reliable source that the purchasers of the property, who are associated with Mr. McQuaig are believed to be among the wealthiest of the financial men of Montreal. The largest trust created in Eastern Canada shows that the market for good British Columbia properties is widening. In selecting a first class property after careful examination by an engineer of the high standing and ability of Mr. Leckie, the Montreal capitalists have shown their usual sound judgment and business capacity, and those who have entered the field a little later than Toronto, they have made an excellent beginning.

The fact, too, that the larger Boundary deals are made, as a rule, in Rossland, shows that this city is being quiet for the mining and financial transactions of southwestern Kootenay.

FIRST IN CANADA.

Mascot's New Electrical Plant Started Yesterday.

The first electric motor ever used in Canada for operating an air compressor was given a test Tuesday afternoon at the Mascot. The trial was entirely satisfactory. The plant will be run for a few days to get warmed, and will be put in practical operation about the end of the week. The compressor is of the seven-drill type. Three drills will be used at first—one in the lower tunnel, one in the upper tunnel and one in the mine. The use of electricity in air compression is one of the newest developments in mining. At only a few of the most modern plants in the United States has it been tried, but the results have proven that the power is especially well adapted to mining uses. The electricity for operating the Mascot plant is supplied by the West Kootenay Power & Light company, which has its generating stations at Bonnington Falls. Although the company has been in a position to furnish power for the past five months, yet because of delays in the arrival of machinery one of the mines except the Mascot has up to date been able to put its electrical plants in operation.

The Mascot electric plant is a type of the most modern equipment in the mining industry. The motor is a 100-horse power synchronous motor, which runs at 900 revolutions per minute. It has an amperage of 21 and its voltage is 2,080. In connection with the main motor is a small direct current four-horse power machine used for exciting its larger neighbor. The motors are set in a heavy concrete foundation braced with railway iron, so that slipping is almost impossible. The power from the main motor is carried by belts and shafting to the compressor, which works at a speed of 120 revolutions per minute. The compressor is of the class B. Ingersoll-Sargent type, furnished by James Donaldson & Sons. The cylinder and the cylinder heads are alike water-jacketed, whereby a considerable economy of power is made possible.

W. T. McDonald of the Abe Lincoln and the Grand Prize, is back from a short trip to Spokane.

A CLEAN CITY RECORD

Very Few Arrests Made for Serious Offenses Here.

THE WHOLE NUMBER OF OFFENSES CHARGED ONLY 434 AND THE CONVICTIONS OBTAINED WERE 339.

The police record for the past year is an evidence of the good morals of the people of Rossland in more than one respect. While the town has been well looked after and arrests have been made in every case where there was sufficient justification, yet the whole number made was only 434, or but a fraction of a percentage of the population. An analysis of the reports show that the crimes against the person amount for the whole year to only 57, and of these 31 were cases of simple assault, 16 for abusive language and five for carrying concealed weapons, leaving only five for more serious offenses, as follows: Assaulting an officer in the execution of his duty, 2; indecent assault, pointing revolver and robbery by violence, 1 each.

The offenses against property numbered 35, which included 20 cases of petty theft, 7 of malicious injury to property, 3 of fraud, 2 of having stolen property in their possession, 1 of having obtained money under false pretenses, 1 bringing stolen property into Canada, 1 juvenile offender. The other 342 cases, or nearly 79 per cent of the whole, include 181 charges of being either drunk or vagrants, they forming nearly 42 per cent of the whole. 95, or nearly 22 per cent of the total, were charged with being either inmates, keepers or frequenters of houses of ill fame; 28 were charged with gambling, 14 with violation of city by-laws, including 3 for keeping a disorderly house, 7 for libel and 7 for perjury. In 20 cases, or nearly 6 per cent of the whole, regular convictions were obtained, and in addition 53 were allowed to leave town, making practically 339 convicted, or over 78 of those arrested, the other cases being 65 dismissed and 27 withdrawn.

Many cases of family disputes have been amicably adjusted by Police Magistrate Jordan and Chief of Police Ingram, and there has been covered into the city treasury \$4,035 from fines collected.

HACKMAN WAS GLOOMY.

The intelligent hackman, collapsed in one corner of his sleigh, was plainly plunged in profound despondency. "What is the trouble?" asked the seeker after truth. "Times are too good," replied the melancholy charioteer. The business is practically ruined. Last year we were busy day and night driving the creditors across the line to Northport. Men and women who had reached their financial limit in Rossland kept us busy with midnight trips across the international boundary. This winter everybody is prosperous, and is making money. So you see there is no necessity for their getting out of the country, and you could not drive them away with a club. Why, I have only made four trips of that kind this winter." Here the hackman assumed an impressive pause, and after an impressive pause he continued: "I don't know how I was surprised at the people that I drove over the line last winter. For the most part they were broken brokers, but besides them there were all sorts of people who suddenly decided that a winter in Rossland would prove fatal to them. They were about as tight as a drum, and the horses a moment's rest until the boundary line was passed.

"How did the passengers act? Well, almost without exception they were the gloomiest crowd that I ever met. They always cursed the country and they always had a quart bottle with them. I was about as cheerful a job as driving a hearse. "Early last winter I drove one unlucky company promoter down to Northport. He had just \$180 in the world, and when we got down to the smelter town he silently passed me two \$20 gold pieces. "So long," said he as I left him. "I shall never see you again." And he never did. He went down to Seattle and a little while afterwards shot himself in a row with a woman."

Advertising the Carnival.

All of the printing for the winter carnival is ready, and H. W. O. Jackson, the secretary of the carnival committee, expects to leave soon for a trip over the inland of the province to attend to the distribution of the advertising matter. Some of the posters are well adapted, being sent away by mail, and Rosslanders who wish to aid the carnival committee in distributing them among their friends in outside towns may secure printed matter on application to Mr. Jackson at his office in the Burns block, Columbia avenue.

Was Not in the Program.

There was a feature that was not on the program New Year's eve at the International, when the employees of the hotel presented to the proprietors, Mr. Klockman and K. K. Peiser, a gold-headed cane each. The presentation took place from the stage, in the presence of a large and much interested audience. The recipients responded in short speeches expressing their appreciation of the gifts. On New Year's night Messrs. Klockman and Peiser gave a dinner at which all of the employees of the house were the guests.

F. W. Dyke & Evans, dealers in musical instruments and supplies, Vancouver, is in the city on a visit. Mr. Dyke is very favorably impressed with the appearance of Rossland. He thinks the claim that Rossland is the third largest city in the province is well sustained.

Rossland Mining Stocks

(Corrected by the Reddin-Jackson Company Limited, Columbia avenue, P. O. Box 48. Cable address: "Mining," R. C. Codes, Clough, Lieber, Bedford McNeill and Moring & Neal.

MARKET FEATURES.

There was a strong undertone to the market for standard stocks. Deer Park was in demand at 19 1/2 cents, everything indicates that Deer Park is due for a good and permanent advance. War Eagle continues to advance, \$3.08 being bid for it today. Cariboo (Camp McKinney) is another stock which is advancing rapidly, \$1.47 being freely bid for it. The Virginia shaft is down 480 feet, speculators will do well to watch this stock for the next 60 days. The demand for Republic stocks has fallen off somewhat, but on this decline buy Lone Pine and Jim Blaine, they are both good permanent investments.

We have Buyers for all Standard Stocks

Baltimore, 5; Cariboo, 12; Deer Park, 19 1/2; Dundee, 12; Golden Harvest, 12; Jumbo, 12; Lone Pine, 12; Monte Christo, 12; North Star, 12; Republic, 12; Silver Queen, 12; Virginia, 12; War Eagle, 12; White Bear, 12.

Snaps for Today.

2000 Novelty, 4; 2000 Virginia, 45; 2000 Canada, 45; 2000 Jumbo, 47; 2000 Republic, 45; 2000 Lone Pine, 28; 2000 Canada, 45; 2000 Victory-Trium, 56.

Republic Camp.

Black Tail, 22; Butte & Boston, 22; Republic, 22; Morning Glory, 25; Silver Queen, 25; Virginia, 25; White Bear, 25.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Corrected by Messrs. Rolt & Grogan, 35 1/2 East Columbia Avenue, Telephone 45, P. O. Box 428. Cable address: "Kent," R. C. Codes: Bedford-McNeill and Clough.

There was a slight lull in the market after the Christmas holidays, but we expect to see renewed activity when business is again in full swing. We have had several inquiries for Jumbo, and should not be surprised to see this stock take a sharp rise.

QUOTATIONS ROSSLAND STOCKS.

Baltimore, 5; Cariboo, 12; Deer Park, 19 1/2; Dundee, 12; Golden Harvest, 12; Jumbo, 12; Lone Pine, 12; Monte Christo, 12; North Star, 12; Republic, 12; Silver Queen, 12; Virginia, 12; War Eagle, 12; White Bear, 12.

EUREKA STOCKS.

Black Tail, 22; Butte & Boston, 22; Republic, 22; Morning Glory, 25; Silver Queen, 25; Virginia, 25; White Bear, 25.

We have the following bargains subject to sale

100 B. C. Bullion Bar, 1000 Rebate, 1000 N. San Pol., 75; 1000 N. San Pol., 75; 1000 Trade Dollar, 75.

ROLT & GROGAN,

Stock Brokers. Rossland, B. C. Agents for the Cranbrook-Townsite Company.

RICHARD PLEWMAN,

Mining Broker. Rossland. Telephone No. 82.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Alf, 4000, 12; Anasconda, 2000, 12; Athabasca, 1000, 41 1/2; Baltimore, 5; B. C. Gold, 2000, 12; Bean Pot, 1500, 2 1/2; Best Three, 500, 17 1/2; Bond, 1000, 11; Brandon & C., 25; Canadian, 1000, 12; Cariboo, C.M.K. Wanted; Cariboo C. & Can., 25; Carnation, 1000, 12; Canada P. 2500, 7; Canada Western, 10; Comander, 1000, 3; Dardanelles, 1000, 3; Dayton, 300, 25; Deer Park, 19 1/2; Dominion, 1000, 25; Dundee, 12; Delacoe, 4000, 32 1/2; Early Bird, 500, 12; Eureka, Com. Rossl., 5 1/2; Eureka-N. Star, 5; Evening Star, 2000, 6; Fairmont, 500, 10; Fern, 1000, 12; Flossie, 1000, 5; Fourteen, 2000, 11; Gertrude, 3000, 11; Giant, 5000, 4 1/2; Good Friday, 1000, 3 1/2; Good Hope, 7000, 1 1/2; Golden Cache, 1000, 7; Grand Trunk, 1000, 12; Gopher, 5000, 3 1/2; Heather Bell, 2000, 4 1/2; Homestake, 1000, 4 1/2; Horsey, 1000, 4 1/2; Iron, 1000, 11; Iron Mask, 1000, 9 1/2; Jumbo, 1000, 12; Jackson, Silo, 5000, 27 1/2; Jumbo, 1000, 49; Keystone, 1000, 4; Knob Hill, 1300, 8 1/2; Lardau-Gold (p'd), 11.

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BUSINESS IS GROWING.

The business men of Rossland in this issue tell stories that are worth repeating. They are tales of the wonderful increase in their business during the year that is just drawing to a close. This growth is not confined to any particular line. The merchant, the broker, the butcher, the grocer, the furniture man and the real estate dealer all have the same recital of prosperity to tell about. They say that the volume of trade has been from 25 to 300 per cent greater than it was during the previous year. It even surpassed in volume the boom time of 1896, when lots were changing hands every hour and the city was growing rapidly under the hands of hundreds of artisans; when prospects located anywhere in the vicinity of Rossland could be sold without the purchaser examining them, and for often as much as fairly well developed properties would bring now; when new mining companies were incorporated every day and sometimes offered more than their shares of these companies, good, bad and indifferent, sold like proverbial hot cakes. Business during a period like that is usually spasmodic; there is either a feast or a famine; either the orders are greater than the capacity of the merchants to fill them within a reasonable period or there is a quietude when scarcely anything is doing. This is why business during a boom period is unsatisfactory to transact. The chief characteristic of the business of the present year, aside from its large increase, was its steadiness and its reliability; it was not made up of furies followed by lulls. The losses through the failure of those to whom credit was extended were comparatively small, too. The losses from this source during the boom period amounted to a large sum in the aggregate and more than one firm was forced to the wall as a result of giving too much credit.

The froth and gas have been eliminated from the business community and it is now established on a foundation that is enduring, because it is based on the merits of the mines. These are producing to a sufficiently large extent to support in excellent style the business community. With the increase in the output and the development of the mines there will come a corresponding augmentation in the business of the camp. There promises to be many steps forward taken in the mines during the coming year. It is certain to be the best twelve months in the experience of this city. The rosy views and prophecies made by the members of the business community, therefore, that they expect a big increase in their transactions in 1899 should be realized. There is every indication that they will be. The growth should be larger than it was during the present year, but even if it keeps up the same ratio of increase as 1898 there will be no good ground for complaint.

The merchants of Rossland have been so successful so far in their own territory they should reach out further and endeavor to make this the jobbing center of West Kootenay. It is already the chief mining, financial and social center and with these advantages it should become the chief jobbing center. It has already taken some steps in this direction. By a little more effort this important goal could be reached. Let Rossland be the first in the jobbing trade as she is in all other things in Kootenay. This will be so if our merchants but will that it shall be.

TWO CENT POSTAGE.

Beginning on January 1 Canada is to have domestic two cent postage instead of three cents as heretofore. This is as it should be. Postmaster-General Wm. Mulock showed his wisdom in bowing to the will of the people in this matter. He could not have stood up much longer, even had he tried, against the almost universal sentiment in favor of the reduction in domestic postage. This was shown to be strong by the expressions of both citizens and newspapers. Whenever the matter was mentioned in a crowd there was an indignation meeting at once, and the views that were expressed were not always complimentary to the postal department nor the postmaster-general. The view of the postmaster-general in the matter of domestic postage was not a logical one. For instance, under the imperial postage system a letter could be sent from this city to Australia for two cents, while one from Rossland to Trail would cost three cents. In other words it would cost three cents to send a letter from one point in Canada to another, while a letter could be sent from any point in Canada to all other portions of the British empire for two cents. This was a reversal of the principle that the longest haul should cost the most and the people recognized that the proposition was not only not tenable, but actually ridiculous. They knew that the Dominion parliament at its last session authorized the postmaster-general to reduce the rate of postage from three to two cents, and still, in the face of all this, Mr. Mulock insisted that the domestic three-cent rate be maintained. A few voices were raised in support of the plan on the plea that this two-cent imperial postage would assist in the unification of the empire. The people of Canada are in favor of imperialism and

the broad British empire has no more patriotic or loyal citizens than they are. They, however, said Canada wants a little unification, too, and one of the steps in this direction is two-cent postage. In so many words they said that they were just as true to the spirit of Imperialism and as loyal to British institutions and the Imperial government with two-cent domestic postage as with three. The storm that the worthy postmaster-general raised about him was too strong for him to stand and he gracefully succumbed at last and has given the country what it so loudly demanded, a reduction of one cent in the domestic postage rates.

The putting into effect of a domestic and imperial rate of two cents is a good one. The honor for the change so far as the Imperial portion of it is concerned, may be partly given to Henniker Heaton. For many years he has agitated in Great Britain for a two-cent Imperial postage. It was not until last summer when the postal conference convened in London that the matter came to a head.

Mr. Mulock was there as the representative of Canada in general and the postal interests in particular, and it was known that he favored the reduction. A resolution was placed in his hands providing for a two-cent postage throughout the British Empire. It was to be only adopted by those colonies that desired it. It was adopted. It is reported that Mr. Mulock will be knighted on New Year's day for this service. The Dominion parliament passed a bill which authorized the postmaster-general to reduce domestic postage from three to two cents whenever he deemed such a step necessary. The imperial two-cent postage went into effect on Christmas day. On New Year's day, through the agitation and will of the people and by the grace of the Dominion parliament and Postmaster-General Mulock, two-cent domestic postage will go into force. They were nice holiday gifts which the people of the Empire and of the province will fully appreciate.

A SPLENDID SHOWING.

The showing made by the mines of the camp during the past year is very satisfactory. A production of 116,697 tons of ore, which returned values aggregating \$2,804,758.12, is not an unsatisfactory showing for a camp of the age of Rossland. This is against 68,000 tons and an output of \$2,100,000 in 1897. The increase is 33 per cent in 1898 over 1897, and the increase in dollars was \$700,000. The increase was made under such circumstances that the wonder is that there has been any growth. The Le Roi, the largest producer in the camp, owing to complications that arose over its purchase, did not ship over half the time. The Centre Star had shipped only about 3,000 tons when it was purchased and its output stopped, pending its more complete development.

The price of transportation and treatment of ore has been cut down to \$7.50 per ton for ore sent to Trail and to Northport and to less on that forwarded to Silica. The result of this has been that ore of a grade which could not formerly be mined and treated at a profit is now extracted and reduced at a profit to the mine owner. This has something to do with the fact that the 116,697 tons yielded \$2,804,758.12. When the cost of reduction was higher the ore mined would have been of higher grade and the yield from this number of tons would have been larger. In the matter of reduction the cheap Crow's Nest Pass coke, which has just come into use, will doubtless cause a further lessening of the cost of smelting and mining. One prominent mining man says he expects to see the price of carriage and smelting reduced to \$5 or \$5.50 per ton. When this reduction comes it will enable the miner to extract ores of a still lower grade than are taken out now at a profit.

The outlook for the coming year is promising. The Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star and Iron Mask promise a largely increased output. Several other mines have reached a stage when they may be expected to ship at any moment. This being the case it is fair to presume that the output this year will be at least double that of last. The mining here, it will be remembered, has only just commenced. It takes time to open a mine here, as it does elsewhere, and the managements of some of the leading properties are just commencing to realize something of their possibilities. A great deal of dead work must be done however, before a property is in a position to be worked to its fullest advantage. When we consider this fact the showing in the past year is a splendid one and one to which we may point with pride.

With so promising an outlook, mine owners and those who work in and around mines, the merchants who supply the miners with provisions, clothing and other articles, and those who serve them in any way, even to furnishing them with news, may confidently look forward to twelve months of good times and after that to many times that number of years, during which the mines of the Rossland camp will render a good account of themselves in furnishing gold, silver and copper for the world.

The Brunswick hotel building, which was recently purchased by Mayor Wallace to be used as his business headquarters, is being altered so that it will be a good sized room for the use of his committee during the municipal campaign now under way. The committee rooms will be thrown open on Tuesday morning, and a meeting of Mr. Wallace's supporters will be held on Tuesday evening, when his committee will be named.

2 CENTS IN CANADA

Mulock Decides to Carry Out the Wishes of Parliament.

SHORTAGE OF STAMPS

The New Rate of Two Cents For Domestic Letters Will Also Apply to Those For the United States--All Postmasters Notified.

Postmaster Waddis Friday received a telegram from E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector for this district, announcing that the rate for domestic postage after tomorrow would be two cents instead of three cents. The message was very brief and read as follows: "VICTORIA, B. C., December 28, 1898. "Postmaster, Rossland, B. C.: Two cent domestic rate goes into effect on 1st of January. Notify the public. "E. H. FLETCHER."

This is the first intimation that has been received that the post office department has decided to place Canada on the same footing as Great Britain and her colonies in the matter of reduced postage rates although the newspapers all over the Dominion had strenuously urged the matter day in and day out. It had indeed become the opinion of most people that the anomalous condition of affairs would continue until after the meeting of parliament at least.

At the Post Office here the matter is looked on in the light of a relief, or what would be a relief, had the notification come earlier, but at present, it will cause inconvenience, by the two cent stamps by no means adequate for the demands of the community and it will take some little time to get a sufficient quantity, and in the meantime the people will not receive the benefit of the reduction unless they have been fortunate enough to obtain a quantity before.

While nothing is said in the telegram above it is at least fair to assume that the two-cent rate will apply to letters emanating in this country addressed to points in the United States, because the postal convention between the two countries provides that the domestic rate of the initial country should be the rate for all letter mail for the other country. Consequently, when some years ago the United States reduced its rate to two cents that rate applied to Canada as well. The postal law of Canada reads: "The rate of postage on letter addressed to the United States is the same as upon a letter addressed to any place in Canada," etc. This wording makes the matter quite clear and settles the questions that have been asked by the few who have heard of the new regulations.

Confirmed From Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—It has been decided by the post office department that a general two-cent rate of postage will go into operation all over Canada on January 1 and a proclamation to that effect is now in course of preparation. Two cents will then carry an ounce of mail matter to any part of Canada, while the Imperial rate of two cents will carry half an ounce to Great Britain or to the colonies and dependencies, which have declared in favor of it. The rate to the United States will remain at three cents.

Later advice states that the two-cent rate will apply equally to United States points as well as Canada.

The News From Washington. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The Canadian government in a telegram from the Postmaster-General Mulock to Postmaster-General Smith, announces that it has reduced the domestic letter rate from three to two cents an ounce, commencing January 1.

Under the convention between the United States and Canada, letters are sent from this country to Canada for two cents, the domestic rate of each country applying to each of the other. The reduction now is made reciprocal and for the first time permits letters to be sent from the other side at two instead of three cents.

Postmaster-General Smith, at the request of the Canadian government, calls the attention of the postmasters of the United States to the reduction and to its taking effect on New Year's day, with a view to preventing matter so sent being charged up as "short paid."

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.

How It Works--Many Letters From Canada Overpaid. TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 30.—A special cable to the Globe says: "Among the first batch of letters under the new imperial schedule at Christmas was eight for Canada, one of which was marked, 'Thank Henniker Heaton for this.' English newspapers generally, however, while giving much praise to the scheme, are not so complimentary in connection with the imperial penny postage, say that the early realization of the scheme is due to Canada and Hon. William Mulock."

Since the new rate came into operation 5,000 out of 41,000 letters to various countries affected have been overpaid by the senders. Nineteen-twentieths of the letters for Canada were properly stamped.

W. TREGGAR IN CHARGE.

He Has Been Appointed Superintendent at the Deer Park.

William Treggar, a brother of Nicholas Treggar, superintendent of the Le Roi, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Deer Park. Mr. Treggar has had many years' experience in mining in Butte and other large camps. The Deer Park mining company has been negotiating with Mr. Treggar for several months to secure his services. He had a good position at Butte and did not care to leave it. Finally the Deer Park company made him an offer of such a high salary that he could not, in justice to himself, refuse it. Under his direction should be quickly brought out, and the company is to be congratulated on having secured the services of so good a superintendent.

The carpenters employed by James Law in the building of the skating rink presented him with a magnificent merschaum pipe last night. The presentation took place at 8 o'clock last evening in the miners' club. Mr. Law is one of the best liked contractors in the city.

TREATMENT OF TAILINGS.

Republic Fracting a Mill For Their Treatment--Other Notes. REPUBLIC, Wash., Dec. 28.—[Special.]—The Republic Mining company is erecting a small experimental plant for the treatment of tailings from the large mill. A system of tanks are being built to receive the tailings direct from the large mill. It is the intention to eventually increase the size of this plant and take all the tailings for treatment from the large mill, as they flow directly from there.

The mill is now running with clockwork regularity, complete in all its appointments.

The "chinkoo" referred to in yesterday's letter, is still with us and is now a driving mist, that has solidified the snow on the trails and roads to a wet, glassy surface, making locomotion very difficult, and making it almost impossible for re-locators to struggle through the hills, as one misstep sends them down the gulch.

The Goldfinch Mining company has been incorporated with G. N. Bryan as manager. The property is located near the Golden Harvest. As soon as the buildings are erected on the Lake View property, two shifts will be worked to run a tunnel 200 feet. The tunnel will tap the lead at considerable depth. There is also a 50-foot shaft on the hill.

The Mabel claim, in the vicinity of the Lake View and Morning Glory, has been incorporated and development work will soon begin. The Belcher claim, at the head of Lambert creek and about 14 miles north of Republic, is being developed by a crosscut tunnel, which is now in 40 feet and will be run 80 feet to tap the lead at a depth of 58 feet. Two shifts of men are now working, and accommodations are provided for three shifts, it being the intention to increase the force early in January.

The force has been increased on the Morning Glory claim. THE NEVADA CLAIM. E. J. Kelly Has Purchased the Controlling Interest. REPUBLIC, Wash., Dec. 28.—[Special.]—The chinkoo has speeded along to some other chilly clime. The frost made the glassy surface solid last night, and he was a sure-footed man that escaped without a fall. The stage line is being pressed to its utmost capacity. Tonight three loaded stages arrived, besides parties in private outfits. They seem to rather enjoy the long ride, but at the same time inquire anxiously regarding the different short-cut snow roads, the opening of which all parties here are anxiously awaiting.

E. J. Kelly has purchased a controlling interest in the Nevada claim, one claim north of the Lone Pine. The intention is to run a 200-foot tunnel, which will tap the ledge at a depth of 275 feet. It is claimed that the cross leads of the Lone Pine pass through this claim. The claim is on the Lone Pine hills, which includes the Black Tail, Pearl, Micawber, Little Cove and other noted claims. Superintendent Wm. Cleary has charge and has already started a force of men to work.

Wm. Cleary has purchased an interest in the Dead Line claim, adjoining the Snow Drop. Work is to begin at once. A tunnel has been started on the Golden Lily to run a 200-foot tunnel, of 40 feet. On the surface the ledge is over 90 feet wide. Among the many new arrivals is J. S. McNaught of Seattle, who is here with a view to mining investments, but he is only one of many in quest of fortune in the Adams and Elys was purchased yesterday by G. P. Mulcahy. The intention is to run a crosscut tunnel to tap the ledge at a depth of 600 feet. It is the fifth claim north from the Tom Thunab. The ledge shows wide and strong on the surface.

Joseph Shuster started a crew of men to work on the Lost Lode, on whose surface is located the original "old town," at present named North Republic. A crosscut tunnel of 140 feet out to a 12-foot ledge, and an upraise of 125 feet was made for ventilators. A drift was 40 feet on the ledge, which ran from a trace to 112. Two shifts will be put on.

GUMMING IN REPUBLIC.

He Regrets That He Took Money Instead of Stock For Debts.

REPUBLIC, Wash., Dec. 29.—[Special.]—The upraise from the south drift of the San Poi tunnel is being pushed along and looks well. They have 160 feet to rise, which will make it 300 feet from the surface. Both north and south drifts are looking well and carrying their values and width. Mr. Earnest, the contractor, says the state road is now completed to Mars. The distance is claimed to be 38 miles. At present it is a sleigh road, and Mr. Edwards states, a four-horse team can haul 4,000 pounds over the road. Mr. Earnest is going to Olympia to interest the legislature in granting an appropriation of \$10,000 to finish and keep the road in good condition. The Quip shaft is now down 32 feet, sinking on the ledge, but the quartz is very hard and progress is necessarily slow. George Cummings, one of the owners of the Grand Forks mine, is in town. He is an old pioneer of Republic, and is largely interested in some of the best mines in the camp. The growth of the town and the development of the surroundings hills have surprised him very much, as some of the mines that he sold for a few hundred dollars, are now rating along in the market at from \$100,000 to \$200,000; but his interests are very large here. Republic shares were offered him here at 10 cents, to liquidate a debt, but he tells regretfully that the dollars looked large to him then, and he demanded a large sum of cash. A rumor is floating around town regarding something in the Bryan & Sewell mine. The mine is closed to the public, and this afternoon the manager informed the MINER correspondent that his "ship was sealed."

A. E. Resurvey, in doing assessment work on his claim on Gold hill, four miles east of here, broke into two feet of quartz, which promises well. The walls are well defined, but no assays have been received. The roads and trails are still frozen and gleasy.

E. E. Ablett was on Friday made happy by the birth of a baby boy. Both mother and baby are doing well.

THE PORT OF NELSON

The Customs Returns of Ore Shipments and Values.

A Large Part of the Quantity and Value for the Early Part of Year Was From Other Points.

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The following statistics are compiled from the books of the customs house here, and shows the amount of ore and matte passing through this port from January 1 to December 29. The tonnage and values up to the end of April included the ores of Rossland, Trail, Ore, Kaslo and Nakusp, but from May 1 Rossland and Kaslo became chief ports with Trail Creek and Nakusp as sub-ports; hence the falling off. With the opening of regular traffic on the Crow's Nest Pass, and the development of the mines along the route, the figures for Nelson will assume their old proportions, as most of the ore passing over the line will have to pass through the customs house here. It will be observed that for the past two months there has been a big increase in the output and values, and this, it is expected, will continue. The returns are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Months, Ore Tons, Value, Matte Tons, Value. Rows for Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Grand Total.

THE CUSTOMS RETURNS.

\$118,388.41 Collected in the Port of Rossland During 1898.

According to figures furnished by Collector McDonald the customs collections in the port of Rossland from January 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898, were \$118,388.41. This is a big showing for a place of the size of Rossland, and shows that it is becoming an important place. The collections by months were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Months, Value. Rows for Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Total for year.

The exports from April 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898, are herewith given. Previous to April 1 the returns from Rossland were sent to Nelson and the figures for that portion of the year are not available at the custom house. Appended are the exports for the period mentioned:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Ore (tons), Values, Miscellaneous. Rows for April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Total.

The value of dutiable goods entered at the custom house from April 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898, was \$377,347. The value of the goods admitted free during the same period was \$74,449. Appended are the figures in detail:

Table with 3 columns: Month, Dutiable, Free. Rows for April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Total.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Special Meeting Yesterday When Important Matters Came Up.

A special meeting of the city council was held at the city hall Saturday afternoon, when there were present Mayor Wallace, Aldermen Clute, Goodlove and Lalonde. The meeting was practically called for the passing of the closing accounts for the year, but several other matters came up. The old fire bell, at the request of the school trustees, was donated by the council for use at the new school house. The letter of K. Farrington Bellairs, editor of the Rossland Times, asking the council to purchase 5,000 copies of his paper of the 30th inst, was referred to the finance committee. The report of the fire committee included the report of Chief Squires since he assumed office on August 15th, and showed that the total cost of the fire department since August 1st had been \$1,701.14, and that the total damage by fire had been \$1,500, of which \$800 was covered by insurance, leaving a net loss of \$1,000. The committee recommended that a new team be purchased for the chemical engine and a driver engaged for the same. The matter was referred to the new council with a strong recommendation that such recommendation of the committee be adopted. The same action was taken with regard to the proposed increase in the salary of the chief and assistant chief of the fire department. Cunliffe & Ablett, the firm that is about to build a foundry in the city, was also referred to the council for some encouragement for their enterprise and stated that they were about to spend \$15,000 in the city. The matter was also referred to the new council with a recommendation that they should give the matter favorable consideration.

James H. Good, formerly of this city but now of Cascade City, where he has been for the past four months, is on a holiday visit to his family and that he has been doing well. He is engaged in the mining business and conveyed there.

Certificate of Improvements.

Ophir Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay District. Where located: Between the Gold King and Corey Mines, Claims on Red Mountain. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for the Jumbo Gold Mining Co. Ltd. (foreign) free miner's certificate No. 12,024, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of November, 1898. I. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements.

Oakland and Emma Weber mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the west side of the middle fork of Sheep creek, about two miles west of O. K. mine and adjoining the Cruiser Mineral claim. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (acting as agent for Joseph R. Walters, F. M. L. No. 3355) free miner's certificate No. 3403, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 17th day of November, 1898. KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements.

St. Bernard mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: One half mile southwest of O. K. mill, and is a re-location of the St. Bernard, located 14th of April, 1896. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (free miner's certificate No. 3403, A. intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 17th day of November, 1898. KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements.

Big Bend Fraction, Double Fraction, Aetna Fraction and Big Four Fractional mineral claims situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About one mile west of Rossland, B. C., and adjoining the Mariposa, St. Paul, Rainy Day, Black Rock, Bryon, Midnight and Sunnyside mineral claims. Take notice that Wm. E. Devereux, acting as agent for Margaret M. Truhy, Free Miner's Certificate No. 34,034, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 15th day of December, 1898. WM. E. DEVEREUX, P. L. S.

Certificate of Improvements.

James Stanley mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the north side of Rock Creek, south of the Winnie Davis miners' claim. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for A. G. Elliott, free miner's certificate No. 6202, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 20th day of November, 1898. J. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvement.

Douglas mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Sophie mountain. Take notice that I, O. B. N. Wilkie, F. L. acting as agent for E. H. Smith, free miner's certificate No. 12,024, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 10th day of December, 1898. O. B. N. WILKIE, P. L. S.

Application to Purchase.

Notice is hereby given that I, Wilkie, sixty days after date, hereby to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the crown land hereinafter described, that is to say: Commencing at a post marked "Anthony John McMillan, S. E. Corner," and planted on the west bank of the Columbia river, about two miles north of the international boundary line, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to the west bank of the said river; thence south, following the meandering of the said river to the said post, containing 160 acres, and being situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District, and being the abandoned pre-emption of one Paulson. Dated this 15th day of October, 1898. 10-27-101 ANTHONY J. McMILLAN.

Certificate of Improvements.

Aaron's Isle, Aaron's Star, Aaron's Gem and Aaron's Fraction mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: East of the Columbia river, about five miles east of Waterloo, at the head of Iron Creek. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Nils Pearson, free miner's certificate No. 9274, and Wm. Gibson, free miner's certificate No. 9275, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 21st day of December, 1898. F. A. WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements.

Yreka Fraction and April Fool mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay District. Where located: On Deer Park mountain, about 1,200 feet west from the Roderick Dhu. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Fred J. Smith, free miner's certificate No. 3353, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 10th day of December, 1898. J. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements.

High Ore No. 2, 3rd and Dandy No. 2 mineral claims situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About three miles southeast of Rossland, in the valley between Lake and Lookout mountains. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for R. Miller, free miner's certificate No. 12,024, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 20th day of December, 1898. F. A. WILKIN.

Liquidators.

Tenders for the purchase of the assets of the above named firm will be received at the office of the undersigned until 10 o'clock on Friday, January 14, 1899.

Advertisements for H. Bobertz (Doctor), D Brokers, KANE, Rutt & Rutter, Rossland Stocks, Lough & Co., Rossland Stocks, usha & Son, Rossland Stocks, child & Co., Rossland Stocks, BUCKLER, Rossland Stocks, AS & CO., Rossland Stocks, CHASE, Rossland Stocks, RAND, Rossland Stocks, S & SLATER, Rossland Stocks, & REINER, Rossland Stocks, IAN & CO., Rossland Stocks, ndeer Milk, in Cream, All Purposes, ensed Milk Co., COURTNEY, Notary Public, SALE, Telephone 88, 6, City of Rossland, Avenue and Earl street, also, Hojning Lot 24, Avenue, together with the 10 acre holding, Hotel or boarding house lease, contains 22 rooms, may be secured if desired, particulars apply to, LEWMAN, Agt., 1st Block, Rossland, B. C. 1st Block, & RANKIN, Brokers, Etc., Principal Rossland companies, commission. Money to loan late, Codes of Moring & Neal Clough, WALKER, LEMAN STREET, SNOX, R. C., for the Rossland "Miner," elements of all kinds for Engineers, Contracts at special rates, J. Walker's Guide to the various charges of the lead-ents.

ALL SORTS OF NEWS QUICK, SLICK WORK THE B. C. GAZETTE Kennedy Bros. & Purgold

Nelson's New Anglican Church is a Handsome One.

"Baron" and "Baroness" Make Hay in Short Order.

Important Notice to Assessors as to Completing Their Work.

ANOTHER NELSON DAILY

THE MAILS THEIR MEDIUM

YMR POWER COMPANY

Messrs. Mann, Foley & Larsen Have Secured a Contract to Build 15 Miles of Railway From Midway to Rock Creek—Sons of England.

At Least \$50,000 Secured in Two Months, But the Postal Authorities Only Took Two Months in Bounding Them Up.

New Companies Incorporated—Boundary Creek to Have a Telegraph and Telephone Company—Salaries of Kaslo's City Fathers.

New Denver spent over \$14,000 in new buildings the past year. Although it was a dull year in Sandon over \$20,000 all told was spent on new buildings and improvements on old ones.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 4.—Postoffice Inspector Mayor caused the arrest at St. Augustine yesterday of Baron and Baroness De Bara for using the United States mail in an alleged scheme to defraud. These people, it is asserted, appeared at Chicago about the first of September and worked from an office at 110 Dearborn street. The baron and baroness when arrested, claimed that their case was one of mistaken identity.

The current number of the British Columbia Gazette contains the following notices: The provincial secretary publishes an order to assessors as follows: "Assessors are hereby notified that the time for the completion of their assessment rolls has been further extended from the 31st day of December, 1898, to the 10th day of January, 1899, on or before which date all rolls must be prepared; and that the duties of all courts of revision and appeal are to be completed, and the rolls finally revised and completed on or before the 25th day of January, 1899."

The Boundary Creek Times of Greenwood, with its usual enterprise, issued a splendid holiday edition. It consisted of 40 pages of well written matter, and contained a number of half-tone illustrations.

Their home is furnished with magnificence; they have been received with more or less social regard since coming to St. Augustine, and their entertainments have been elegant. They will be given a hearing before United States Commissioner Goddell today.

Notice is given that George W. Hughes and John A. Turner, gives notice of an application for certificates of improvement on the Evening Star and Happy Jack mineral claims, in the Nelson division, situate between Sandy and Eagle creeks, about five miles from Nelson.

Nelson's recently opened Anglican church, built of stone, is said to be the handsomest and most substantial church edifice in the Kootenays.

The new C. P. R. big new building at Nelson is to be called the Ymir, and that at Rosebery the Sandon.

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies publishes a certificate of incorporation of "The Ymir Power company, limited," with a capital of \$80,000 in one dollar shares. The office of the company is to be Rossland. The company is granted general powers, under the Companies Act, 1897, and the Water Course Consolidation Act, 1897, and is empowered to acquire water and water power by records of unrecorded water, or by the purchase of water records and water privileges in the following manner, viz.: By erecting dams, diverting streams, laying pipes, etc.

A miners' association has been organized at Slocan City, and also one at Windermere, in East Kootenay.

It is reported that Messrs. Mann, Foley & Larsen have secured from C. P. R. a contract for 15 miles of railway from Midway to Rock creek. It is stated that the sub-contract for this will be awarded at an early date, and will be completed at the same time as the Robson-Boundary Creek road.

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McLean Bros' steam scraper, which was sent to the Trail machine shops for alterations, is now back at the works near Gladstone, but is not doing business yet. The cables are strung in the required places and the scraper will soon be given another trial.

The victims, it is asserted, live in England and Scotland and number thousands; it is claimed by the postal authorities that the baron represented himself as the head of the Edison phonograph company and that by selling agencies in England and Scotland, he solicited his correspondents out of sums ranging from \$1 to \$100. The numerous letters that arrived in Chicago after their departure, were ordered to be forwarded to a small town in Connecticut or else to New York city, where they were never asked for. It is only by chance that the detectives turned up attention to St. Augustine. Less than three weeks had been taken up in the case since the first complaint of fraud came in.

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The Italian, Bernardo Verazro, who was recently brought in from Niagara to Brookly and thence to Nelson, committed for trial on the charge of stabbing a man named Kough, has elected for a trial. He will therefore be tried by Judge Forin at Nelson today.

The Cobden Club to Speak Out on Foreign Affairs.

Important Manifesto Issued by the Executive Committee and Signed by Baron Farrer.

A petition bearing 180 signatures was presented to the postoffice inspector at Slocan, requesting that a postoffice be established at Slocan. This is the first petition that has been forwarded to Victoria.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The executive committee of the Cobden club has issued a manifesto signed by Baron Farrer pointing out that the policy of territorial expansion on the part of all the great powers raised the question of free commercial intercourse in a new and extremely important form, and renders it desirable that the club should reconsider its former attitude of reticence with regard to foreign affairs.

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The Kaslo Kootenian says that heavy sentimental drama does not take well in Kaslo.

Scott Thornburg, one of the men at work for Anderson & Brady, was caught in a slide near Silverton while at work breaking the trail. Fortunately plenty of help was at hand for a rescue. Two mules, caught in the same slide, were completely buried and were only exhumed in time to save their lives after much hard work.

When the East Lillooet case of Stoddart vs. Prentice was called, application for adjournment was made on the ground that Mr. Stoddart, the collector of votes for the district, although subpoenaed to attend, and a material witness, was not on hand.

The Kaslo board of trade objects to the price at which Crown's Nest Pass coal is to be delivered at that place, it being \$6.25 per ton, a rate which is higher than is being charged either at Sandon or Nelson.

At a recent meeting of the Sons of England at Nelson officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Rev. H. S. Akhurst, president; J. Scolamy, past president; T. Morley, vice-president; W. J. Astley, chaplain; C. Farrow, secretary; T. Sherwood, assistant secretary; H. Joy, treasurer; J. Watson, first committeeman; W. Hall, inner guard; E. A. Crease, H. W. R. Moore and Schofield, trustees; E. A. Crease and Schofield, auditors.

Instead there was a letter from Mr. Stoddart that he had not obeyed the summons of the court, because he had not been able to receive permission from the department to proceed to Victoria. Under the circumstance an adjournment was granted until Thursday of next week.

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