

THE 500-FOOT LEVEL

War Eagle's No. 3 Tunnel Has Cut the Vein.

50,000 TONS BLOCKED OUT

Three Pay Chutes Have Been Developed on the No. 2 Level and the Winze Sunk 125 Feet in Ore to Connect With the No. 3.

There has been a persistent rumor going about that the War Eagle had played out. It is said such a story was first given currency in New York shortly after the War Eagle sale by a well-known mining man who at one time held a few thousand shares of stock in the old War Eagle company.

It may be said at the very outset that there is not a shadow of truth in the stories recently circulated to the War Eagle's discredit. The mine never before looked so well. A reasonable estimate is that there are now 50,000 tons of ore in sight of an average value of \$25 per ton—a total value of \$1,250,000.

The principal operations are at present being carried forward on the No. 2 level. This is the level made by the No. 2 tunnel, which starts in near the ore house, and just north of the War Eagle offices.

The No. 3 level is the one farthest west, and is 80 feet long on the upper level and 40 feet long on the No. 2 level, being reduced on the No. 2 level by a fault or break on the west end.

This will give a rough idea of the ore bodies in the mine. It is easy enough to see that instead of the War Eagle being played out it is in the highest stage of prosperous and successful development.

But the best part of the story remains to be told. When Mr. Hastings took charge of the mine he started, as announced in THE MINER at the time, a crosscut tunnel from the Iron Mask, or No. 3 tunnel, which had at that time been run in 850 feet from the Centre Star gulch.

The cutting of the vein at this point is most important. The level upon which it was cut is 500 feet below the outcrop on the hill above the War Eagle No. 2 ore chute, and 250 feet below the No. 2 tunnel.

BOOKS OPEN TODAY

For Membership in Roseland's New Stock Exchange.

SHAW HOTEL SELECTED

R. J. Bealey Elected President; F. W. Rolt, Vice-President; C. O'Brien, Secretary.

Within a very short time Roseland will have its own stock exchange. The provisional trustees appointed at the meeting of brokers on Tuesday last night, elected officers, chose a place in which to hold the exchange, and decided to open the books for membership today.

The following officers were elected: R. J. Bealey, president; F. W. Rolt, vice-president; C. O'Brien, treasurer; Ernest Kennedy, secretary. The secretary was empowered to employ a temporary assistant and to advertise for applicants for the position of permanent assistant secretary of the exchange.

It was next decided that the membership be an individual membership, each party applying for membership having the right to designate an authorized agent to act in his stead, such agent to be approved by the membership committee.

It was resolved that the secretary shall open the requisite books of the company at the office of Messrs. Kennedy & Co., at 11 o'clock a. m., today, for the purpose of receiving the signatures and subscriptions of those already passed upon by the committee of selection, together with applications of those desirous of becoming members, the application in each case to be accompanied by the membership fee of \$30.

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The English company organized by Grant Govan, of which the MINER had mentioned yesterday, is known as the Gold Fields of British Columbia, limited. It has a capital of \$600,000. The directors are the Right Hon. the Earl of Essex, the Right Hon. the Earl of Huntingdon, Col. Henry Fludyer, Col. Thos. Henry Anstey, Ernest Grant-Govan, and Alexander Matheson.

The company has been organized to take over a large number of mining claims in British Columbia, covering in all about 3,000 acres. Several of these are in the neighborhood of Roseland. Six hundred and forty acres consist of the Cromie valley, property situated in the Similkameen district, and are placed under a most elaborate prospectus has been issued by the company.

THE HEINZE SYSTEM

Its Chief Is Working on the Extension to Boundary.

SMELTER AND REFINERY

The Construction of the Latter Has Been Delayed by the Heavy Snows. New Blast Furnace Will Be Blown in by Monday.

These are very busy days at the Trail smelter. Many improvements are being made. The new furnace is almost completed and will probably be blown in between now and next Monday. When this is in operation the capacity of the plant will be almost double.

Mr. Heinze continues in New York. He has now been there for more than two months. His long stay is interpreted to mean that he is negotiating for the capital with which to build the Columbia & Western into the Boundary country.

It is understood that it was decided that, for the present at least, and until the matter is passed on by an official opinion from the attorney general, the policy of the administration will be to refuse clearance papers to vessels suspected of being engaged in filibustering operations in aid of the Cuban revolution.

It is quite likely that some parties hearing this bulletin read word down to the other places and announced the news, and it may be that some of them even offered to make bets after positively learning the result, but this has not been proved against a single individual.

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THE NEWS IN ROSSLAND

How the Report of the Big Fight Was Received.

OUR SPECIAL REPORTS GAVE THE EARLIEST TIDINGS OF FITZSIMMONS' VICTORY—ABOUT \$5,000 WAGERED.

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THANKS FROM GREECE

Words of Sympathy From the United States Senate Appreciated.

THE LE ROI MEETING

It Adjourned Without Increasing the Amount of Capital Stock.

Spokane, Wash., March 17.—[Special.]—At a meeting of the Le Roi company, held last evening, only routine business was transacted. Nothing was completed concerning the proposed increase of the capital stock of the company.

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FILIBUSTERS TO CUBA

Dauntless and Other Ships Discussed by McKinley's Cabinet.

NO VESSELS SUSPECTED OF FILIBUSTERING INTENT ARE TO BE GRANTED CLEARANCE PAPERS HEREAFTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The president and a number of his advisers had quite a prolonged conference today on the subject of the Cuban filibustering expeditions. The cabinet yesterday considered the question of the enforcement of the neutrality laws, with particular reference to the treatment of such vessels as the Dauntless, which are under suspicion of filibustering intent, but seek to secure clearances in routine fashion.

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WATER CLAUSES ACT

Attorney General Eberts Explains the Bill on Its Second Reading.

NORIGHTSTOBELOCKEDUP

Water Franchises to Go to Those Only With the Ability to Utilise Them—An Easier Mode of Incorporation to Be Introduced.

VICTORIA, March 18.—[Special.]—The second reading of the Water Clauses bill went through this afternoon with very little discussion and no one voting against but Walkem. As yet the up country members have not had time to hear from their constituents as to what they think of the bill, and consequently these members hold themselves ready to procure amendments in committee while agreeing with the principles of the bill. Attorney-General Eberts made a long speech explanatory of the various provisions, saying that the government, in bringing it down, considered it essential in the public interest that, as far as possible, specific and adequate provision should first be made for rendering all water rights vested in the crown available as a supply to the people for domestic purposes and to the agriculturist and the miner for the purposes of their respective callings, besides making available a supply for mechanical and industrial purposes. Also that every precaution should be taken against the locking up of any available source of water supply, that would prevent its being used for beneficial purposes.

Quicker Mode of Incorporation. He practically went right through all the provisions of the bill, and was sure that the provisions as to the rights and privileges acquired under the act were subject to and conditional upon the reasonable use of such rights, and would meet with general approbation. He intimated that it was intended very shortly to introduce a companies clause act, on the basis of the one in use in England, so that companies could take advantage of its provisions for a quicker mode of incorporation than that of coming to the house for a private bill as at present. In closing his remarks Mr. Eberts hoped the bill would meet with approval, and said that while some sections might require change it could be done, and the government would be pleased to have suggestions that would improve the bill.

May Move Amendments Later. Semlin, leader of the opposition, while not opposing the second reading, held himself free to offer amendments in committee, and gave as his reasons for not discussing the principle that he had not had time to go through such a lengthy act in the short time since it was handed down.

Cotton made a few suggestions as to details, but was quite complimentary to the government on having introduced a measure with the principle enunciated that the water of the province should be kept for the use of the public and that the right to hold such rights only went with the ability to utilize them. Cotton went on to say that he was in accord with the principle, would make some amendments in committee. Walkem was alone in his opposition to the bill. He said it gave the government too much power and hinted that they would carry out the bill fairly. He alone of all those voting was against the second reading.

The Alien Labor Law. Adams introduced his alien labor bill today, which is to prohibit the employment of Chinese on any works carried on under private acts granted by the house.

The lunacy bill went through its committee stage, one of the chief amendments being to change the title to the more pleasant one of Hospital for Insane act.

OPERATIONS AT THE JOSIE.

Winze Started in the East Drift—All in Shipping Ore.

A winze has been started on the big ore chute at the east end of the Josie. It is being sunk from the level of the tunnel run in from the Poorman ground. It is now down ten feet and is nine feet by five and a half the long way being across the ore body. It touches the hanging wall on one end, but the other end is in solid ore and, of course, both sides are in ore. It is proposed to sink this shaft to the level of the tunnel 120 feet below.

The ore taken out is of shipping grade and is being stored in a big shed outside. The company will not ship any at present, and already has an accumulation of 800 tons. The reasons given by the company for not shipping are satisfactory but are of a private nature, and will not be made public at the present time.

Active development work is being pushed on the west end of the property. The tunnel driven in from the gulch below has tapped the shaft at the depth of 100 feet, and the shaft will be continued to an indefinite depth.

THEY ADJOIN THE LE ROI.

Montreal Offers a Thousand Claims in This Desirable Locality.

A gentleman who is extensively known in mining circles, wrote from Ottawa to a broker in this city, yesterday: "If you happen to run out of mining properties and want a list of good, first-class propositions, all you have to do is to send to Montreal, and you can get it. I venture to say that there are 1,000 pieces of property being offered there, most of which adjoin the Le Roi and War Eagle."

St. Elmo's Ore Improves.

The main tunnel on the St. Elmo, which is now in about 60 feet beyond the crosscut and shows a full face of chalcopyrite ore. A general sample taken yesterday went 2 1/2 per cent copper, 44 in gold and 3 ounces in silver. This makes the ore worth \$16 at a custom smelter. The ore is one of the best concentrating propositions in the camp. The managers of the company feel very much encouraged over the improved values, as the ledge is over 20 feet wide.

THE ROSSLAND IDEA.

Toronto Globe Strongly in Favor of That Railroad Proposition.

TORONTO, Ont., March 15.—The Globe says: If the Canadian Pacific Railway company is willing to build the Crow's Nest Pass railway without aid, rather than make any concessions, we can still maintain the public right in these passes to the utmost limit of the law. We are strongly in favor of the Rossland proposal, that all our bonding of railways, and undue increase of profits by construction companies and stock manipulations, shall be prevented to the utmost extent of the power of parliament. Rates of the transportation of freight ought to be arranged on a basis of actual construction.

SHOWS STEADY IMPROVEMENT.

Late Assays From the Great Western Show Shipping Values.

Developments on the Great Western continue to be of the most favorable character. The shaft is now down 40 feet, and in ore from top to bottom. John Moyahnan, who has charge of the work, has shown THE MINER certificates of the assays made on the 12th, 13th and 14th instant, and they are \$22.40, \$32.40 and \$33.60. These show excellent values. The ore is a heavy pyrrhotite, mixed with quartz or calcifer, and it would probably concentrate successfully. The grade of the ore is so good that concentration may not be necessary.

Centre Star's New Crosscut.

The new crosscut in the Centre Star, 200 feet from the Le Roi line, has now proved the ore chute to be over 20 feet wide at that point. Besides the five foot chute of clean pyrrhotite, mention of which has already been made in these columns, and which assays over \$100 in gold and 20 per cent copper, there are nearly 20 feet of ore averaging over \$24 per ton in gold. This means that every thing in the crosscut is of shipping grade, while five feet of it is about the highest grade ore ever found in the camp in so large a body.

Grant Govan's New Company.

A cable from London announces that Mr. Grant Govan, who was out here last summer in connection with the Corbin option on the War Eagle, has successfully floated a big mining company which is to operate in British Columbia, chiefly in West Kootenay. When Mr. Govan was here he was much pleased with the country, and expressed his determination to return at the head of a strong syndicate. He secured options on a number of properties, some of which will, no doubt, be taken up. Hon. D. W. Higgins, speaker of the British Columbia parliament, is to be associated with the new company. It is expected Mr. Govan or some of his associates will be here shortly.

Changes at the War Eagle.

Some changes have been made at the War Eagle mine. W. M. Crummer has resigned as foreman and Jack Fitzwilliams has been appointed to take his place. Mr. Casey, an old night foreman, is restored to his former position. Some very important development work is now being done in the mine an account of which THE MINER hopes to give its readers tomorrow morning. The mine is not shipping any ore at present, this week owing to the inability of the Columbia & Western to move the cars.

Showing on the Eureka.

The certificate of improvements has been issued to the Eureka No. 1 mineral claim belonging to the Old Flag company. On this claim a shaft has been sunk 50 feet on the footwall and a crosscut run 40 feet in ledge matter. This crosscut shows from four to five feet of ore assaying \$13 per ton in all values. A crosscut tunnel has now been begun to tap the ledge at a depth of 150 feet.

CANADA'S WHITE PINE.

A Retaliatory Tariff on Canadian Logs at Once Suggested.

TORONTO, Ont., March 15.—The United States tariff duties on lumber and lumber manufacture were shown to several representatives of Canadian lumber companies this evening. They all denounced the tariff. Said the president of the Georgian Bay Lumber company: "It is nothing more or less than a direct blow at the white pine trade of Canada. Americans have the advantage of a protection of \$2 as against Canada's one on logs. Of course, if this is done, the United States places \$2 duty on pine lumber, Canadian lumbermen will join a large section of the Canadian people who believe it would be unfair for Canadians to submit to such one-sided legislation and demand the government take such action on the exportation of saw logs as will make the Americans feel some of the disadvantages they are trying to impose on the lumber trade of Canada."

George H. Bertram, vice-president of the Collins Inlet Lumber company, also regarded the \$2 duty on pine as the chief feature concerning Canada. The American import duty of \$2 per 1000 on pine, he said, "Must be met, by an export duty on logs. Of course, if this is done, we are threatened with 25 per cent increase over and above the \$2 on white pine, which would seriously affect the whole Georgian Bay lumber trade. If the Americans are determined to enforce this tariff legislation against the Canada lumber trade, which will result in injury to themselves, we can afford to be just as independent."

Joe Martin to Stay Here.

Hon. Joe Martin has made up his mind to make his headquarters in Rossland. He said so, on the inspiration of the moment, so to speak, in the office of Smith Curtis Saturday. Mr. Curtis studied law under him at Portage la Prairie, Man., and from 1885 to 1891 was his partner. Then Mr. Curtis fell ill-health and later on came to Rossland. In a chat interestingly old times with present business yesterday Mr. Curtis remarked: "I think we had better resume our old partnership." "Why not?" said Mr. Martin, and the thing was done. Mr. Martin is one of the special counsel of the Canadian Pacific and will make his headquarters here.

Fred Oliver, manager of the Monte Cristo, has gone over to the Salmon River district to examine the Robert J. for Frank Loring, who is largely interested in the property.

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QUIET DAY IN HOUSE

Time Was Chiefly Devoted to Private Bills in Committee.

TURNER'S RAILWAY POLICY

Premier Says He Expects to Bring It Down Next Week—Budget Speech May Also Come in a Week or Ten Days.

VICTORIA, March 15.—[Special.]—It had been expected that the second reading of the Water Clauses bill would come up in the house today, but when the attorney general rose to speak the leader of the opposition asked another day, as he wished to hear from up country before the bill was debated. This request was granted and the second reading was put off till tomorrow. An important announcement was made by the premier today in response to a question by Mr. Semlin. It was to the effect that the government expected to bring down its railway policy some time next week.

The first formal motion of supply was given today, but no doubt a week or more will pass before the budget speech. The Land Clauses bill was advanced another stage. The third reading only remains now.

While today had given promise of being a field day on public bills it turned out after all to be a quiet one on private bills in committee, though a good deal of solid work was accomplished. Of interest to Rossland was a petition presented by Mr. Cotton from W. de V. Lemastre and others with claims against the Kootenay Water Supply company, protesting against the British Columbia Power and Light company's bill on the ground that the transfer of the Kootenay Light company's property to George Archer, one of the promoters of the British Columbia Power company, was being attacked in the courts as fraudulent, and if the house gave the British Columbia Power company incorporation the petitioners would lose their rights on the property.

The Bedlington & Nelson railway act was read the first time. The druggists are protesting against the attempt of the women's council to compel the putting up of all poisons in roughened bottles. The druggists point out that this is impossible to do with such patent preparations as "Rough on Rats," already put up in packages. Though there is no objection to the second reading of the Lunatic Asylums act, Semlin said he would ask for some changes in committee. Dr. Walkem made a suggestion that homes for the insane should really be called hospitals instead of the unpleasant term of lunatic asylums. The Revelstoke and Trout Lake telephone bill passed committee.

W. A. Ritchie is in the east negotiating the sale of the Enterprise, a property which he and associates purchased last summer.

EXPECTS AN EXTRA SESSION.

Spokane Member of Washington Legislature Says It Was Ought.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 13.—[Special.] A number of members of the legislature returned to Spokane today. Representative Charles H. Wolf was seen this afternoon. When asked for an interview, he looked disgusted and said that if he was to express his true sentiments regarding the late legislature it would not be fit for publication. "We have got no railway legislation, that is one thing sure," said he. "I believe the governor will veto the railway bill and call an extra session of the legislature. He says he will do it if the people want him to. I guess they do."

"When will he call it?" "I presume in 30 or 60 days. As soon as the people have a little time in which to curse this session and its members. The fact is no secret that this has been the most corrupt legislature that the state of Washington has been cursed with, and the prevailing opinion is that the reform party in control will never again see daylight, but will be repudiated by the overwhelming sentiment of the people."

IS BONDED IN LONDON

Linnard Has Received the First Payment on the Homestake Group.

The Group is Supposed to Include the Gopher, B. E. Lee and Maid of Erin.

A private telegram was received from Toronto, last week, stating that D. M. Linnard had received the first payment in London on the sale of the Homestake group. The information goes no further than this. The Homestake group undoubtedly refers to the Homestake, Gopher, Maid of Erin and Robert E. Lee. These mines are in a string on the same lead, and are all under the management of Mr. Linnard, who went to London about two months ago. While it was not announced at the time that he had gone to place these properties, it was supposed at the time this was the object of his mission.

Nothing is known as to the price at which the group is being sold, but it is no doubt a large sum and shareholders in the several properties should receive a handsome return if the deal be closed. The group has but recently been equipped with very complete machinery plants, one of them being on the Homestake, the other on the Lee; the former serving both Homestake and Gopher, the latter the Lee and Maid of Erin. They are among the best machinery plants in the camp. The Lee and Maid of Erin are incorporated in one company, with a capital of \$2,000,000, but the Gopher and Homestake are separate companies of \$1,000,000 capital each. All the companies are in excellent financial condition. Recent development work on all of them has been of a satisfactory character. Further news from Mr. Linnard will be awaited with interest.

SEED TIME.

Those who wish to reap must not neglect the seeding proposition. If you wish to see your mines grow to dollars, your dollars to eagles and your eagles to thousands you must sow the seed by investing. The pessimist servant who buried his talent in the Bank of Montreal, it day to report. You can leave your money in the Bank of Montreal, it will be safe but it won't grow any larger. You can stand daily at the Spokane depot and watch the ever increasing crowds of fortune hunters leaving for the British Columbia gold fields but if you don't get aboard, you will never get there. Now we have properties listed on our books that possess a DEAD absolute certainty of profit, not a beggarly pittance of a margin but from 50 to 200 per cent. It remains for you to say whether you will get the benefit or not. Here they are:

- \$200 An established restaurant paying \$150 per month net in profits. Sick wife in the east reason for selling. A rare bargain! Rent only \$35 per month.
- \$500 One half interest in steam laundry business. A snap.
- \$1000 Choice business lot on Columbia Avenue.
- \$2000 Stock of groceries in splendid location. Excellent business. Reasonable rent. Columbia avenue. Owner is a miner who will leave when warm weather comes for his mines. Must sell quick. Business pays \$2,000 a year net.
- For Exchange Choice Rossland property for Greenwood business lots. Write us at once.
- \$3500 Corner lot, one of the best business locations in town.
- \$7000 Business block on Columbia avenue.
- \$10,000 One of the best business lots in town with large hotel; pays 30 per cent. net on the investment.
- \$20,000 Three story business block, rents for \$8,000 a year.

Mines. We have a very large clientele of prospectors. You know how they figure. "Good grub stake, fun with the boys when in town, a little ready money in their pockets," and they are happy. They make discoveries expressly to sell again. All the great mines of the world were first sold at small figures. We have some very rare bargains. Send for our list.

Business Opportunities. If you desire to engage in trade we can do you some good, as we have every desirable business in the town THAT CAN BE BOUGHT, listed on our books. We are on the inside. You get the benefit of our information.

Stocks. If you are contemplating an investment in stocks write us for information as to what is a "good buy." Good stocks are as sale as buying wheat, sugar, or coffee. This past week we placed customers' money so that they have made a net profit of 37 per cent in seven days. If you operate alone through prospectuses you may win and you may lose. Call and see us.

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QUEEN CITY GOSSIP

Kootenay Mining Protective Association's First Meeting.

TRAIL NOT REPRESENTED

Committee Appointed to Visit Rossland-Goodenough and Gray Copper Incorporated-Bolt and Croft Made an Investment.

KASLO, March 16.—[Special.]—The first formal meeting of the Kootenay Mining Protective Association took place at Olympic hall on Saturday evening last.

As was noted some time since in this correspondence the owners of the Goodenough and Gray Copper mineral claims have organized a joint stock company to take over their properties.

After numerous transfers, made apparently to concentrate the title, Caleb A. Freeman has transferred to F. J. Holt and Henry Croft, of Rossland, a one-half interest in the mineral claim Uncle Mike and the whole of the silver Tip Valley paraiso and Creese for a consideration of \$4,500 cash and \$1,500 in 30 days.

Peter Hall Dechant has sold his undivided one-half interest in the Nansen mineral claim, situated in the Whitewater basin to Henry Alexander Barton, agent for the Great Lakes Exploring syndicate of London.

The Kootenay Mining company, recently organized, is sending out a force of men to begin development work at once. The claims are situated in Jackson basin, and are said to be promising.

The committee of the English church congregation in this city have assumed a new phase. On Monday the defendant in the action of the Right Rev. John Dart, D.D. and bishop of New Westminister, against John Keen, was served with an injunction order issued by the chief justice.

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MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$50

Seats on the Exchange Limited to 100 - Bealey, Rolt, Campbell, Reddin, Kennedy, Good, Smith, Finlaison and Walters Elected Trustees.

The adjourned meeting of the brokers interested in establishing a stock exchange in Rossland took place Tuesday in Dominion hall, and lasted from half-past two until half-past seven, all of which time was given up to a discussion of the rules and constitution and the methods of procedure for forming an exchange.

The meeting opened with the reading of the report of the committee by the chairman, R. J. Bealey, which was a lengthy document, including the bylaws and constitution for the new organization. It recommended that the name be the Rossland Stock Exchange, the capital stock to be \$5,000, in 100 shares at \$50 each, each share to carry one vote.

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When the proposed name of the institution was reached it was pointed out by Mr. O'ark that a charter was obtained on June 6, 1896, under the same name, the Rossland Stock Exchange, but Mr. Reddin moved that this point be laid on the table.

On the question of capital, or rather the price of seats, came the most animated discussion. Mr. O'ark moved an amendment in the report that the shares should be \$25 each, and Mr. Clark offered a compromise that it should be \$50, half in cash and half on call at 60 days.

Mr. Becher asked if all present were entitled to vote on it, and was answered in the negative. "Then how can we discuss it?" he asked. The chairman said the committee had foreseen this difficulty in recommending the committee of seven to ascertain who were qualified. Mr. Reddin thought the chairman should suggest that those not brokers should be requested to withdraw.

Eventually this rule was passed, leaving the membership fee to be decided by those qualified to vote and then to decide this point the committee's recommendation was adopted and a committee of seven balloted as follows, the first seven names being those elected: F. W. Rolt, 41; W. A. Campbell, 40; E. Kennedy, 38; John Dean, 38; J. H. Good, 35; J. J. Monynahan, 34; H. E. Cover, 32; J. B. Johnson, 31; S. T. Langley, 28; A. E. Smith, 28; W. H. Finlaison, 27; John Y. Cole, 24; R. C. Pollett, 24; C. A. Cregan, 23; D. D. Birks, 21.

There were 73 ballots cast, of which three were imperfect and not counted, which all of those desirous of becoming members of the exchange made their applications. The committee passed upon these and reported 56 names and firms as duly qualified for membership.

Among the names accepted was that of Sydney Norman, of Spokane, who made application by telegraph. Mrs. Jennie L. Stone was also among those accepted.

The discussion of the committee's report was then resumed, Mr. Campbell moving that the price of a seat be \$50 cash, Mr. O'ark that it be \$25 and Mr. Harris putting in the compromise that it be \$25 cash and \$25 on call. It was quite a long and earnest discussion and it seemed as if the compromise would carry the day when Mr. Reddin explained that in other exchanges members were called upon to put up bonds or cash on deposit, to be forfeited if they failed to carry out their engagements.

In this exchange no bond or cash deposit was called for, and the only forfeit was a man's seat, and therefore the \$50 paid for it was all the guarantee given of a member's good faith. This was why the committee did not desire to make it lower.

Mr. Kennedy also, in answer to the suggestion that there was no good reason why the exchange should have so large a fund as \$5,000 lying idle, said the exchange might want to build at some early date.

At the last of the amendments were voted on, and on the second a division was called for, when 20 voted for the \$25 membership, but it was lost and

a hearty cheer was given. When the original motion was put only two voted in the negative.

Nine Directors Selected.

The points as to firm ownership of seats was again introduced by Mr. Pollett and thoroughly threshed over, as were several other points, when Mr. Reddin put an end to it by moving that they at once proceed to ballot for nine directors or trustees, who would decide all these questions and be empowered to take all necessary steps for the incorporation of the exchange. This was the most exciting point of the day. There were no less than nineteen names placed in nomination, and as the vote was counted nearly all those present kept tally with the tellers. The result of the ballot was as follows, the first nine being those elected:

R. J. Bealey 38, F. W. Rolt 26, W. A. Campbell 23, C. O' B. Reddin 21, E. Kennedy 21, J. H. Good 19, A. E. Smith 18, W. H. Finlaison 16, H. O. Walters 15, E. L. Clark 14, C. A. Cregan 13, H. E. Cover 12, J. Dean 12, J. B. Johnson 12, Mrs. J. L. Stone 9, Dr. Randall 7, R. C. Pollett 7, S. T. Langley 6, N. A. Mackenzie 6.

The newly-elected trustees meet this evening at eight o'clock in Reddin & Jackson's office.

THE BERMUDA AGAIN.

The Filibustering Steamer Likely to Get England Into Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—A complication, it is said, is likely to arise in the near future between the British embassy and the Spanish legation here, over the filibustering steamer Bermuda. The recent prolonged trip of the Bermuda from Philadelphia to the Bermudas and Ferdinandina is a mystery still to be solved, but it is said to be certain that the did not take on arms or men from the United States. If she has been engaged in filibustering, she must have taken on her cargo and men on the high seas. As the Bermuda is a British vessel she is believed to be liable under the British foreign enlistment act, rather than under the American neutrality laws, therefore the British and Spanish diplomats here, it is expected, will exchange notes on the subject.

Last summer the British embassy took away the Bermuda's British register upon the representation of the Spanish government, but it was restored a few months ago at Halifax.

HE WILL COME BACK.

An American Embassier Neatly Captured at Cape Town.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The state department has managed with great expedition to catch a fugitive from justice half way around the globe. No notice was received at the department from the governor of New York that the state sought the arrest of J. Aubrey Bennett, wanted at Utica on a charge of embezzlement. It was supposed that he was bound for Cape Town.

A cablegram was sent at once to the United States consul at that place, and as the man landed from the steamer next day he walked directly into the hands of the officers who were awaiting him. The consul sent word that the prisoner would be held until an officer arrived at Cape Town to escort him back to the United States.

MINING NOTES.

The Le Roi shipped 240 tons of ore on the Red Mountain road last Monday.

Some very pretty copper ore is being opened up in the Commander just now. The mine has improved very much of late.

Work has been suspended in the Robert E. Lee pending the sale now being negotiated by D. W. Linnard in London of the Lee, Maid of Erin, Gopher and Homestake.

W. M. Dunn has become interested in the East St. Louis, a promising claim near the Lily May. Some very good ore is being taken from the shaft being put down on the property.

James F. Gardner, who sold the Colonna in Montreal, went up to see the mine Tuesday and returned much pleased. He thinks the Colonna is going to be one of the good mines of the camp.

There is a well founded impression that the Jumbo sale for \$500,000 will go through. The option expires April 1. The mine has been examined by three experts, the last one being Mr. Fowler, who examined the War Eagle last summer, when negotiations for the sale of that property were proceeding in London.

Empire Gold Mining Company. The first meeting of the shareholders of the Empire Gold Mining and Milling company was held yesterday and resulted in the election of W. A. Campbell as president; Colin Campbell, of Grand Forks, vice-president, and T. P. Long, secretary and treasurer. The other directors are J. F. McCrae, Montreal; Thomas Anderson and R. Omon, Grand Forks. A report was read from G. R. Propper, that one great advantage of the property was that it was within the township of Grand Forks, and that the railway must pass within 60 feet of the tunnel. This tunnel was in 12 feet on the ledge and was exceedingly promising. Upon this report the directors appropriated \$500 to continue the work of development.

OVERCOME WITH HORROR.

A Father's Death Caused by His Son's Hydrophobia Agonies.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 10.—John Carmer, a 14-year-old boy living at Dur-yea, died last evening from hydrophobia as the result of being bitten by a rabid dog. The boy's sufferings before death were so terrible to witness that his father, Jacob Carmer, overcame by the horror of the scene, dropped dead at his son's bedside.

Maximo Gomez Wounded.

HAVANA, March 16.—It is rumored here that General Maximo Gomez, the great insurgent leader, was seriously wounded in the fight which occurred recently at Arroyo Blanco, province of Santa Clara, between the Spaniards under General Bernal and an insurgent force under Gomez.

To get all the news of the Boundary country you must read THE ROSSLAND MINER.

THE HIGHLAND

An Austrian Syndicate Has Taken Up the Option.

FINAL PAYMENT MAY 15

Sierra Madre Is Included In the Deal - Price Is \$32,000 - Development Work Has Fought Up a Big Body of Concentrating Ore.

It will be remembered that D. D. Book & Company, of New York, secured an option on the Highland and Sierra Madre claims last November at the price of \$32,000. The man who took the option was Oscar P. Beck, of London, and although taken in the name of Book & Company, it was proposed to place the property in London. Mr. Beck had charge of the negotiations there and at one time supposed he had the deal closed, but through some technical objection raised by the solicitors of the purchasers, negotiations fell through.

Mr. Beck then placed the property before Austrian capitalists, and a cable from him last week announced he was ready to make the first payment on condition that an extension of time to May 15 for the final payment could be secured. This was agreed to by the owners or their representatives, and the money for the first payment was cabled to the bank of Montreal here last Monday. All the papers were signed Tuesday and payments made to the several owners. The sale, therefore, may be regarded as a certainty.

The Highland and Sierra Madre are situated on Rock creek a few miles north of Rossland. They are a mile west of the Falls belonging to the Eastern Star Gold Mining company and now being developed with excellent prospects. M. S. Thompson, a prominent young miner from California, is one of the principal owners of the Highland and Sierra Madre and he and his associates did a good deal of work on the property in the winter of '95-'96. A very large vein runs through the claim and a great mass of low grade ore has been exposed by the work so far done. It is a siliceous ore and well adapted to concentration and will probably be treated in this manner. There is an abundance of water near by and the ore of the mine can therefore be concentrated at the minimum of expense.

Mr. Beck writes that he will be here by May 15, when it is presumed active work will be commenced by the new owners. This is the first sale of a Rossland claim since the Highland and Sierra Madre syndicate. Mr. Beck has good connections there and there is a possibility that the Austrians may become interested to a considerable extent in properties of the camp.

PERSONALS.

T. C. Blackstock and George Gooderham, of the War Eagle company, are now in Europe, presumably for the purpose of floating the War Eagle and associated properties abroad. James D. Swart, well and favorably known in this camp as the agent of the Ingersoll Drill company, has been very ill at the Montreal general hospital, but is now much better and will return here soon. In the meantime Mr. Kennedy has come out from Montreal to look after the interests of the Ingersoll company.

Alexander Dick, who, with A. B. Mackenzie, headed the Alpine group in the Siccan country, is over the property, and will return here late this month. Mr. Dick has also organized a general development company with large capital, some of the principal stockholders being New York men.

If you are interested in the Trail creek mines, a map will be useful. The most complete map published 38 x 45 inches, showing all camps and transportation lines in British Columbia, sent on receipt of \$1.50 to W. K. Esling, Trail, B. C.

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Description of Property.

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THE INSURANCE ACT

Kennedy's Bill Passed to a Second Reading by a Scratch.

SPEAKER'S VOTE DECIDED

It Will Not Have Much Chance to Become a Law—Budget Speech on March 25—Private Bills Advanced a Stage.

VICTORIA, March 17.—[Special.]—It is understood that the government expects to get its business through in time for the house to close this session before Easter. Another formal step was taken towards the estimates today and the committee of supply set for Tuesday, but from what one of the government stated before adjournment it is expected that the budget speech will be made on the 25th.

A good many private bills were advanced a stage this afternoon. Among those read a second time were the Lardoean railway, East Kootenay railway, Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern, Sikeen & Teelin and Kaslo & Lardoean railway. The West Kootenay Power company's bill made some progress in committee, a clause being placed in it with the consent of promoters providing that the construction of the lines must start in six months after the passage of the act and be so far completed as to allow power to be supplied in the vicinity of Rossland within two years.

There was a lively fight over Kennedy's bill to provide that fire insurance companies must pay in the event of a fire the full amount of the policy for which they have received premiums. Rithet of Victoria strongly opposed it on the ground that while at present companies took the word of the insured for the value of his place when the application was made and then in case of fire valued the loss and paid accordingly, expert valuers would have to be kept in case Kennedy's bill passed to value property when insurance was applied for and that would result in a heavy increase of rates to pay for the extra expense. It would be practically a premium on incendiarism, too, he argued, and in this line the premier also spoke.

On the other side Semlin said that the companies accepted premiums on an amount that implied an agreement that they must pay that amount in case of fire. Macpherson, on the same side, said the insurance companies on the coast were a close corporation, so that the public could not get the benefit of open competition. After a short discussion the vote for the second reading was carried by 13 to 13, the speaker, according to the usage of the English house of commons, siding with the affirmative.

Sword's Municipal Elections Amendment act, to correct a mistake made last year in depriving the non-resident taxpayers of votes, was carried, the attorney general intimating that a special committee would be moved for to consider the Municipal act's changes.

YOUNG MOODY DEAD.

From the Effect of the Shooting by Gail Lattin.

SPokane, Wash., March 17.—[Special.]—O. D. Moody, who was shot on Monday afternoon at Valley, Stevens county, by Gail Lattin, died about 9 o'clock this morning at the residence of H. L. Moody, on Third avenue near Pine street. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

Mr. Moody was brought down from the scene of the tragedy last evening on the Spokane & Northern train, being attended by his young wife, his mother-in-law, J. W. Osborne, Dr. Charles E. Grove and H. L. Moody, the elder brother of the deceased. It was thought from the first that the shooting was prove fatal, as the ball after passing through the right arm bored a hole clear through the lung and lodged just under the left shoulder.

STOLE HIS REVOLVER.

Robbers Dislocate a Miner's Shoulder in Holding Him Up.

SPokane, Wash., March 17.—[Special.]—J. C. Hughes, a mining man, arrived in the city on the Northern Pacific passenger No. 1 last night, from

Anasconda. He left his hotel shortly after registering and when next seen he was picked up on Howard street by the police, apparently drunk, at about 4 o'clock this morning.

St. Patrick's Day in Spokane. Spokane, Wash., March 17.—[Special.]—St. Patrick's day was duly celebrated in Spokane. Appropriate services were held at the Catholic churches, and this afternoon Father Held gave an excellent entertainment. The students at Gonzaga also this afternoon rendered an excellent program. This evening there was a general celebration at the Auditorium. At the Hotel Spokane there was a banquet by the Irish-Americans.

ROSSLAND MINING MARKET.

Business was only fair in the local stock market yesterday. The interest in the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight made trading in mining stocks a secondary consideration. There are only two changes in quotations to note. Evening Star is a cent and a half lower at 12 1/2 and Josie a cent lower at 47. The local sales reported to The Miner yesterday were: 500 Royal Gold, 6; 30,000 Cromwell, 8 1/4; 8,000 Old Gold, 5.

[Note.—Stocks are listed in the following table unless the property on which they are founded has been fully paid for, and the title perfected. Quotations corrected daily by the Reddin-Jackson Co. Ld., mining brokers Rossland, B. C.]

Table with columns: Companies, No. of shares, Par Value, Price. Lists various mining companies like Alberta, Beaver, Big Chief, etc.

\*No stock on the local market. †Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, \$25,000; War Eagle, \$27,000; Carbon, \$140,000; Ocean Star, \$200,000; Reco, \$200,000; Rambler, \$20,000; Cumberland, Alamo, Idaho and Noble Five have also paid dividends.

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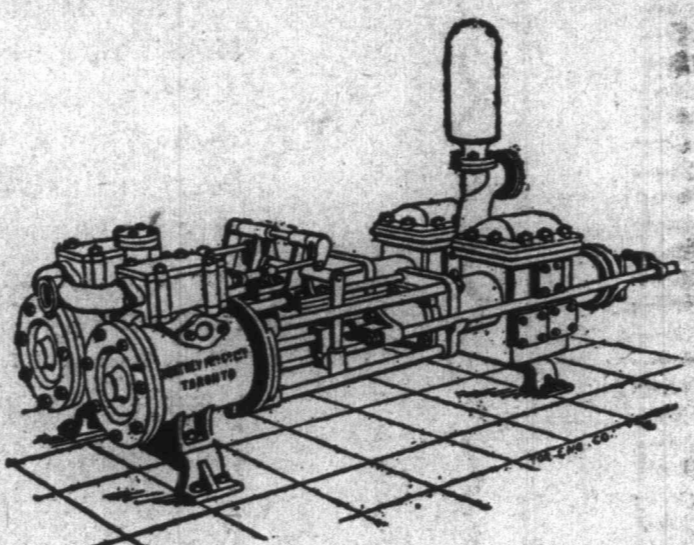
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Local Sales.

The local sales of stocks reported to The Miner this week were: 3,000 Old Gold, 5; 1,750 Royal Gold, 5; 7,000 Royal Five, 10; 4,000 Bruce, 10; 4,000 Bruce, 10; 4,500 Butte, 4 1/2; 3,000 Deer Park, 20; 500 Noble Five, 50; 12,000 Deer Park, 19 1/2; and 1,500 Great Western, 15 1/2.

Reddin-Jackson Company's Sales.

The Reddin-Jackson Company report the following sales of stocks this week: 4,500 Butte, 4 1/2; 3,000 Deer Park, 20; 500 Noble Five, 50; 12,000 Deer Park, 19 1/2; and 1,500 Great Western, 15 1/2.

Two New Incorporations.

SPokane, Wash., March 13.—[Special.]—The Gold Cliff Mining and Milling company has been incorporated with a capital stock \$5,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares at \$5 per share. The trustees are Robert Abernethy, L. A. Abernethy, J. M. Comstock, E. D. Olmsted and R. J. Davison.

Articles of incorporation of the Gladstone Mining company were filed with the county auditor this morning.

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#### KASLO NEWS NOTES

Montezuma Has Begun Shipping and Will Build a Concentrator.

FEBRUARY ORE EXPORTS

Shipments From Kaslo Aggregated 2,443 Tons, Worth \$325,852—Wells Wins a Half Interest in the Monitor—Kaslo Does Some Advertising.

Kaslo, March 11.—(Special.)—The owners of the Montezuma have decided to build a concentrator and have about arranged with T. L. Mitchell, the well-known builder, for its construction. Work upon it will be commenced as soon as a road can be made for hauling the machinery and materials to the ground. Mr. Patrick hopes to have everything in readiness by the first of June. The Montezuma is now fairly in the list of shipping properties, as the first carload is now in the Kaslo City sampling works of the Kootenay Ore Company.

The quantity of ore entered outwards at the customs office in this city for shipment to outside smelters during the month of February amounted to 4,885,900 pounds, or very nearly 2,443 tons, valued at \$25,852. This valuation may differ somewhat from smelter returns, but will not be materially altered.

Mayor Robert F. Green, Lachlan McLean and Timothy E. Cronin, who jointly own the mineral claims B. N. A., Humming Bird and Anoka, situated on the South Fork of Kaslo creek, have organized a joint stock company for the purpose of more effectively developing these properties. The capital stock of the company will be \$1,000,000, divided into a like number of shares of the par value of \$1 each. It has not yet been determined upon what basis the stock will be placed upon the market. The claims are situated in close proximity to the well-known Swedes' claims and are said to have the same lead.

W. D. Scott, a Spokane attorney, of the firm of Scott & Bessner, has been in the city during the earlier days of the present week. He is president of the Spokane-Kaslo Mining company and secretary of the Eldon Mining company. Both companies are operating mining properties not very far from the Whitewater station of the Kaslo & Slocan railway. Mr. Scott left on Tuesday morning to visit the mines, which are under the local management of W. A. Davies and Wm. Goodwin respectively. Great things are predicted for both of them.

Got the Bidings Mixed.

The report of the chief commissioner of lands and works, recently laid before the legislative assembly, and given to the public, contains a singular illustration of the ignorance or carelessness which prevails amongst the officials of the department who prepared it. Either horn of the dilemma is alike discreditable to them. The report affects to give a detailed account of the work done by the department in the various electoral districts and ridings of the province during the past year. It mentions the paltry sum expended upon the streets of Rossland, the repairs to the Trail Creek wagon road, and the trail built up Sullivan and Murphy creeks. These works were doubtless necessary, and very much more might fairly have been expended in improving the roads of Rossland. But it is a mystery why they all should have been charged to the south riding. Are the officials of the department ignorant of the geographical boundaries

of the north and south ridings? Or are they careless, unobservant and indifferent? The chief commissioner should admonish his deputy to greater care.

Municipal Matters.

It is reported that the city council has arranged with Mr. T. A. Bell, editor of the Winnipeg Nor-Wester, for a write-up of the city, agreeing to take a large edition of the paper, at a good round price. If true, the wisdom of the proceeding may be questioned. Nor is the Nor-Wester the best medium for the purpose, even if desirable. It is a bright, enterprising sheet, well adapted for these amongst whom it circulates. But the farming population of Manitoba is not the class of immigrants for whom Kaslo and the Slocan country has greatest need. The city might be more profitably advertised at like cost, in other directions, and by other means.

The Monitor Case.

Judgment has been given by the supreme court of British Columbia in the case of Wells against Petty in favor of the plaintiff. In this case Wells claimed a half interest in the well-known and rich Monitor mineral claim, near Three Forks, upon the strength of a prospecting agreement between him and Petty. The case was tried before Judge Walker at Nelson, who decided that the plaintiff had clearly shown that he was to be "in on it" if anything was found, but he left it to be decided on appeal how much was meant by the expression. The court has now decided that the verbal agreement was binding, and that Wells is entitled to a half interest in the Monitor, although not actually present when the location was made.

Sandon Townsite Dispute.

Should the application for permission to purchase the ground embraced in the mineral claims Loudoun and Blue Jay, and covering the townsite of Sandon, be refused by the chief commissioner of lands and works, it is said to be the intention of the applicant to ask the legislative assembly for a committee to inquire into the circumstances under which the claim is possibly, too, that permission may be sought to bring an action to test the validity of the grants. The legal right of the properties will then be long and bitter—not to mention the expense.

To Organize the Opposition.

It is becoming evident that an effort will be made to organize her majesty's loyal opposition in British Columbia along more permanent and better lines. A circular has been received in this city, emanating from the "inland capital," suggesting a convention for the purpose of formulating a platform, or, if that method be deemed inconvenient, asking for suggestions as to the best means of attaining the result. It is left uncertain, perhaps purposely, whether it is intended to divide on Dominion party lines or otherwise.

The question of the jurisdiction of County Court Judge Forin, sitting as a stipendiary magistrate for the province, in the case of the city clerk and police magistrate of Kaslo charged by Alderman Buchanan with an offense against the city's bylaws, will be argued before the supreme court at Victoria today. The decision in the matter is awaited with some interest.

Loyalty and Charity Combined.

The meeting of ladies and their friends to take into consideration the appeal of the Countess of Aberdeen on behalf of the Victorian order of home helpers, on Monday evening last, was not nearly as well attended as was expected. Nor was there much enthusiasm displayed on behalf of this scheme for commemorating the diamond jubilee of her majesty. It seemed to be the opinion of the small number present that a local hospital would better meet the wants of this section. However, a committee of six ladies was named to solicit contributions from the citizens on behalf of the scheme.

At the same time it was decided to solicit the aid of the churches on behalf of the Indian famine fund, and each will be asked to contribute the offerings of one Sunday towards the fund. The ladies were also requested to add requests in this behalf to their other solicitations.

Personals and Brevities.

The Union club of this city finds its present quarters too limited, and the owners of the building in which it is located have agreed to enlarge the premises for its accommodation. The ground floor of the addition will be utilized for stores. New buildings are projected, or actually under way in nearly all the principal streets of the city.

So much depends upon a start in the right direction, that much interest is felt in Kaslo concerning the mayors and boards of aldermen which its sister cities of Nelson and Rossland may choose at their first elections.

There is considerable activity in laying in the water in the different houses and places of business of the distributing pipes of the new system, although there is considerable complaint because of the alleged high rates which have been imposed by the city council for the various services.

George Alexander proposes to build a large and rather ornamental building on the corner of Front and Fifth streets, near his present office. It will be occupied in part, it is said, by the bank of British North America and its officers.

Frederic Nicholls, Frank Darling and H. Pim, representatives at different points in the east, at Nelson and the coast of the Canadian General Electric company, were in the city Wednesday afternoon, coming down from Winnipeg on Wednesday.

A telegram from Sandon on Wednesday announces the death of Lake Dauphin of the father of J. A. McDonell, the well-known contractor and mine owner of the Slocan. Mr. McDonell was returning from a visit to his relatives, and had reached Winnipeg when the sad intelligence reached him.

IN GREENWOOD CAMP.

Last Chance Resumes Work—Shooting at Midway to Be Investigated.

Greenwood, March 10.—(Special.)—The Republic Mining company has commenced work on the Last Chance mineral claim in Smith's camp. The company intends to push the property, and as the Republic and Last Chance are excellent claims I shall keep you advised of the progress and result of all work. W. T. Smith, the manager of the company, is directing work.

One of the greatest needs of this district is a road leading from this place to Prior creek, and thence up Prior creek and through Summit camp to the upper waters of Fisherman's creek, and thence down Fisherman's creek to the North Fork road. The total length of the road needed to be built in this distance is less than 15 miles and the proposed road would run through a section in which a road can be cheaply and easily built. This would open up Summit and Pass creek camps and be of infinite service. The owners of two mines in Summit camp are desirous of working their claims by machinery, but cannot get machinery in for that purpose. The government has not taken notice of the various petitions sent it, but it is hoped they will yet do so and construct the road.

C. A. R. Lambly, gold commissioner, intends to hold some inquiry today into the unfortunate affair at Midway on February 26, in which the mining recorder shot a prospector, R. J. Hood, through the right arm.

Yesterday some excitement was caused here when it was learned that this townsite had been staked as a pre-emption. A person had read of Judge Forin's decision in the Sandon matter and becoming excited staked the town. He did not wait to learn that the circumstances are different and that the land here is not open for pre-emption.

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The Lucky Boy Mining and Development company has been incorporated for the purpose of mining, prospecting and developing properties in British Columbia, and more particularly the prospecting and development of the following eight mineral claims: The Monday Morning, Samuel L. Myers and Waffer, situated in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district and on the North Fork of Salmon river about twelve miles from North Fork station on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard R. R., which were located by Mr. S. L. Myers. The Waffer is on the east side of the North Fork, opposite the two first, at the head of Copper creek, and was located for Mr. Myers by another party. They are undeveloped claims. The Waffer joins the Good Hope on the north, which is being worked quite extensively and is showing up some very rich ore of copper and gold. It is the prior location, insuring a full claim and clear title. The two first mentioned claims are on the west side of the North Fork on Donson mountain at the head of Granite creek. The capping on these claims is well mineralized and may be expected to show up well when developed. The five other claims are on the Columbia river and the railroad now building from Trail to Robson, miles north of Rossland, two or three miles from the Trail smelter. These claims are the Winfield, which has been purchased and to which we have a clear title, the other four, the Snow Bird, Lucky Boy, Branson and Kingston, are under bond for \$2,000-\$300 have been paid in cash, \$700 to be paid on June 20, 1897 and \$1,000 to be paid in promoters' stock when the bond is taken up, and not from treasury stock. The \$700 the management expects to pay out of the proceeds of sales of its treasury stock, and not from treasury stock. They are to be thoroughly prospected before the bond falls due.

Three of these claims, the Snow Bird, Lucky Boy and Winfield, adjoin the Mayflower group and lie only about three-fourths of a mile below the Heather Bell group and supposed to be on the same vein or ledge. All five of these claims have strong, well defined ledges of rich ore. We have great faith in these Sullivan creek properties, and taking into account the number of claims of this promising character and location, we feel that we have been fairly conservative in placing the capital stock at \$1,500,000 in 1,500,000 shares of all its stock—\$1, to be issued fully paid up, and non-assessable. Of this amount the Company has set aside one-third of all its stock—500,000 shares—as treasury stock to be used only for development purposes and lifting the bond as above mentioned. No officer is to receive any pay except for actual expenses or services rendered for the company. The purchasers of our treasury stock have been further protected by the pooling of every share of promoters' stock for nine months and it is to be locked up in the Bank of Montreal for that period.

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Applications for stock may be made to the Bank of Montreal, at Rossland, or other officers of the company will receive prompt attention. Communications by cash, bank exchange, postoffice or express money orders. No order accepted for orders for stock must be accompanied by cash, or express money orders. No order accepted for less than 500 shares, and price of stock subject to change without notice, as new developments may warrant. Money invested in our treasury stock at this time may be as seed sown on good ground.

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**TO A SKEPTICAL EDITOR.**  
 Rossland has always had its detractors, but none has been more persistent than the Toronto Telegram. Scarcely a copy comes to hand that we do not note some sneering references to the city and its residents. In the issue of March 2 we find a column article in which it is sought to prove that money put into our mining companies is as good as lost because of overcapitalization, lack of sufficient reserves, and a general disposition on the part of promoters to make their money by the sale of stocks instead of by the development of their mines.  
 We have unfortunately more than one instance of overcapitalization in Rossland, but where in all Canada is there so gigantic an instance of overcapitalization as the case of the C. P. R. Some of our companies have already failed by reason of the inadequacy of their treasury, and THE MINER has time and again warned promoters and investors on this very point. But even where the treasury stock has been proved to be inadequate the company is not necessarily at the end of its resources. Some of the most popular stocks in this camp, stocks too which are generally felt to be worth every cent that is asked for them, are of those companies which found it necessary to reorganize and increase their capital to provide a sufficient treasury fund. Such a reorganization works no hardship on the holders of treasury shares that it does not inflict on the promoters, so it is apparent that as the latter get experience such incidents will become much rarer.  
 As to a disposition to work the public in place of their mines it is a manifestly unfair charge to bring in view of the fact that the vast majority of the companies operating in this district have pooled every share of promoters' stock and those which have done otherwise have almost invariably come to grief, mainly owing to the fact that the Rossland public does not approve such methods, and has not hesitated to expose and condemn them.  
 There are, however, one or two points in the Telegram's article to which we desire to draw its editor's attention, because, no matter how others may feel in this matter, we believe him to be honest in his convictions and striving to protect from fraud the readers of his journal. The first paragraph to which we refer is as follows:  
 "If the Rossland ores could be treated for \$6 per ton, then ample capital, judiciously employed, would achieve success, but with existing metallurgical methods the bulk of its ore is too poor to work."  
 Since the above was printed by the Telegram the test has been made on the waste in the Le Roi dump. THE MINER gave the full results of this test a few days ago. This showed that ore assaying \$16 per ton had been put through an ordinary 10-stamp mill (with inadequate vanner capacity, that is to say concentrating appliances) with the result that 65 per cent of the value was saved. Now if the editor of the Telegram knows any mining authority whose opinion he can rely on we would ask him to lay this matter before him, and ascertain whether or not this test did not demonstrate that our low grade silicious ore can be treated at a cost of \$6 per ton or less.  
 But even before concentration of our ores by water was attempted we had it on the authority of experienced smelter men, among them being two who have sustained in Kootenay reputations of the first class made elsewhere, that our ore could be reduced by smelting for \$6 per ton or less. They based this opinion on the result of their experience of our ores in two different smelters in Kootenay, and also on the experience gained in treating 30,000 tons of low grade silicious ore from the Hall Mines at Nelson, which only averaged 3.8 per cent copper and 21 ounces of silver, values equal to but no better than the so-called \$12 ore in Rossland.  
 The second paragraph to which we wish to refer reads as follows:  
 "As Marais, the agent of the French government, said, the future of the camp lies in its low grade ores. If they could be treated at a fair profit Rossland would become a great camp, but the best authorities say there is no immediate prospect of improvement in the cost of treatment."  
 In view of what we have said above we

think it is clearly proven from the Telegram's own admissions that Rossland is to be a great camp. The problem of treating our low grade ores has been solved, and inside of one year from this date we predict that mills will be treating Rossland ores running as low as \$6 per ton, and that a good profit will be made on each ton of ore so treated, over the cost of mining and reduction. If the Telegram will honestly investigate this question we feel confident that it will be forced to the same conclusion.

**THE GREAT SLOCAN.**  
 The ore receipts at Kaslo for the week just ended are the largest in the history of the Slocan district, reaching the magnificent total of 800 tons. This ore came from twelve mines and represents a value of \$75,000. This is a splendid sum to be poured out to the owners of the mines represented. It means nearly \$4,000,000 a year.  
 But this by no means represents the immediate possibilities, or indeed output of the entire Slocan country. Many mines are shipping by way of Nakup whose output is, of course, not included in the list given by our Kaslo correspondent, and many more will soon be in the list of shippers.  
 It was declared by well-informed mining men no longer ago than 1893 that the Slocan country was worthless as a mining region; that the veins were small and that they would not go down. The croakers and detractors had it all their own way then. What a triumphant refutation to all that was said in 1893 are the facts of 1897!  
 And yet the Slocan is a new district and is in its early infancy. It is just beginning to attract the attention of the world, but before the close of 1897 its position as the richest silver producer of this or any other continent will be universally conceded.

**A DESERVED COMPLIMENT.**  
 On the front page of the Canadian Gazette of February 18, 1897, appears this flattering reference to a little poem which has had very wide and appreciative recognition: "Canada has given us the best poem on this great Anglo-American opportunity. It comes from the prolific pen of Mr. Clive Phillippe-Wolley, and is published in the WEEKLY MINER of Rossland." The poem referred to appeared in January and was entitled "Shake."  
**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
 Mr. Hewitt has evidently no use for the old timers. It would be interesting if one could ascertain how much love the old timers have for Mr. Hewitt.  
 THE Dominion cabinet will yet regret its failure to loyally support Mr. Blair in his railroad policy, at least in so far as it related to the Crow's Nest Pass road. Time, which brings its own revenge, will justify his position on this question.  
 It is about time for the would-be experts and editors, who are continually harping about the refractory character of the ores in this camp to change their tune. So far from this ore being refractory it is now proved to be largely free milling, and what is not free milling, on account of its excess of iron, is so desirable for smelting that much of it has been treated for next to nothing.

AFTER all a big corporation like the C. P. R. has its advantages. We are always ready to kick about its iniquities, though once in a while it does great service to the country. But for the C. P. R. it is quite likely that the Crow's Nest Pass railway would not be built this year. It is a big undertaking even for a national government, and there are very few railroad companies in the world which could jump in and build a branch line costing over \$10,000,000, the moment the board of directors decided it should be done.  
 THE decision of the C. P. R. to build the Crow's Nest Pass railroad and take its chances on getting a subsidy afterwards is a master stroke on the part of the directors of that great corporation. While the politicians and newspapers of eastern Canada are questioning whether the Crow's Nest railway should be built at all, and, if so, whether it should be a government undertaking, the railway company calmly goes ahead and builds it, thus getting a better cinch than ever on the Dominion, and especially on the Pacific province.  
 THERE is one thing that can be said with truth against the old timers, and it is probably sufficient to justify the desire to suppress them politically which is so evidently a part of Colonel Scott's plans, or at least the plans of Colonel Scott's friends. The old timers are evidently idiots. If they were not fools they would never have stuck to Rossland. They would have gone to some other camp which had not been condemned by every mining man and expert who ever visited it. Of course this might somewhat have delayed the necessity for incorporating Rossland, but then if Colonel Scott and his friends had not come here we have their word for it that Rossland would not have been incorporated.  
 THE London Field is in very small business. The conditions in Winnipeg and London are not exactly similar, and a lumberman on the Red river may be just as honestly an amateur as a bank clerk in Threadneedle street. To attend the Henley regatta is an

affair of a day or two at the outside to the London clerk, while to the Winnipeg regatta it means a loss of five or six weeks' time. If the rules of the Henley regatta disqualify the Winnipeg crew the sooner they are revised in the interest of amateur sport the better.

THE Kaslo Kootenian scarcely misses an issue without editorially or otherwise making some disparaging references to Rossland. These attacks, which are frequently joined in by other Slocan papers, do not hurt Rossland in the least, but it is a mystery to people here why the Slocan press should adopt such a tone. There is no jealousy of the Slocan district in Rossland, and we do not believe there is any jealousy of this camp felt by the majority of the people in the Slocan. Rossland is entitled to the congratulations of the people of the Slocan when she experiences any good fortune and to their sympathy when she meets with disappointments or reverses. That is the way she feels to her sister camps in Kootenay, but with one or two exceptions, notable among which is the Nelson Tribune, it is not the spirit which animates the press of the Kootenay with regard to her.

**AFTER KOOTENAY'S TRADE.**  
 Western Canada Farmers Wish to Wreat It From the Americans.  
 Toronto, Ont., March 12.—The World says that in view of the increasing market for agricultural products in the mining districts of British Columbia, the question of protection is receiving more attention. Up to within a year or two ago the farmers of western Canada looked upon free trade as the policy most favorable to them. The development then of mineral resources had the effect of considerably modifying these views. The farmers of the United States are the ones profiting most by the activity in Canadian mining, and the C. P. R. is trying to change the course of trade by reducing freight rates from Manitoba and the Territories to the mining centres.  
 The government can do much more than the railway to give the farmers of western Canada the trade of the Kootenay country. Let Laurier adopt a policy for Canada similar to that which McKinley is going to apply to the states, and Kootenay trade will soon pass from the control of the Americans to those to whom it rightly belongs.

**Royal Gold Developments.**  
 The foreman of the Royal Gold company wrote Friday reporting the progress of work on the two claims of that company. He states that the ledge in the 50-foot shaft of the Royal Gold is widening and also straightening. The work on the Crown Gold has exposed a splendid ledge in the neighborhood of 10 feet wide. Further prospecting will be done on the ledge to ascertain its direction and width, after which a tunnel will be run in to tap it at from 70 to 100 feet in depth. Seven men are employed and are pushing the work vigorously.

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