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Pursuing the Rem- Command-Spanish

General Otis re- insurgents are at forces from a military... witting away before... American troops... Young reports his... all the insurgent... cleaned all the Span-... Our casualties were... troops are still pur-... of Tinto's command... Cayon, on the 7th in-... destroyed Aguinado's... meral Gregorio Piar... of General Conle... and wounded 52... 75 Spanish prisoners... and captured consid-... loss was two killed...

that Aguinado has... abandoned his... in the province of... ILAR KILLED... in the Philip-... A dispatch just re-... says Major Marsh... General Depilar's... and, in a fight in a... feet above the sea... two Americans were... On December... about 24 hours be-... had believed he had... refuge, Aguinado... ected on hearing of... of staff, instantly...

PROGRESS... Boer Position-The... Failed... The war office has... g dispatch from Gen... ember 12... a very strong pro-... nemy in a long high... dusk, Sunday. It... t. The Highland... daybreak on Mon-... of the kopje. The... m to protect the High-... The cavalry and... with a howitzer artil-... the enemy on the... on the right, support... They shelled the... rank, and at 11:15... to support the High-... troops held their own... em's, entrenchments... sition extending in-... for a distance of six... Modder river. Today... and entrenching... at least 12,000 men...

FABRICATION... That Boer Agents... Up the Leader... (Special.)—A sensa-... circulation last night... two of the cruiser's... had been made to de-... der during her recent... halt dock, presumably... fitting the naval yard... rists. Briefly it was... al machine had been... vessel on Tuesday... providentially failed... This report has... ge Carter of Dordwe... was told by it by... Leader. It is em-... and unqualifiedly... Fegan and the officers... to left the dock this... Captain Devereaux... is Safe...

The news from Gen-... to no anxiety to... his remaining troops... withdrawn to de-... broad south of Molt... Bushman's Hoek is... ntosh of the B. C... is in town.

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P. O., and the best... the price, viz: pooled... sary purposes only... cents, which is well... scutting No. 2 vein... will soon be reached... when large capital... pment will come in... get big returns. As... 100 in all values... See, Columbia ave-... sion hall. Please call... see samples.

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FROM OTHER CAMPS

A Quiet Week in the Kootenay Mining District.

BOUNDARY STRIKES AND SALES

No Change in the Labor Situation—The Dominion Commissioner Taking Evidence—Notes From Ymir, the Sloan, East Kootenay, Trout Lake and the Boundary.

There is but little news of importance from outside camps for the past week. In the Sloan and at Nelson and Ymir Mr. B. C. Clute, Q. C., the Dominion government commissioner who was appointed to inquire into the question of the importation of alien labor in response to the request of the Sloan Miners' Union, and whose commission covers the whole labor question so far as it concerns the Sloan and Boundary camps, has been taking evidence on the labor situation generally, and it is probable that the commissioner's efforts may result in some sort of settlement. Mr. Clute is now in this city making inquiries from the mine owners and mine workers.

BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Strikes in the City of Paris—Golconda and Boneta—Properties Bonded and Sold. The Dominion Copper company let a contract last week to extend the Rawhide tunnel 100 feet. Work on the Josie in Summit camp is making good progress and a very promising showing is reported. A tunnel is now being run on the Oro Denro, Summit camp, to tap the drift now in progress at the 200-foot level. Shafts are being sunk on both the Norfolk and New York claims, adjoining the No. 7.

F. H. Oliver of Spokane has a bond on the Greyhound in Deadwood camp, and has gone there to take it up. The payment was to be made in Greenwood last week. The drift at the 200-foot level on the Bathmillen is expected to get the ledge soon, as mineralized rock is now showing in the face. A double shift is working on the Pontifex group, Huckleberry mountain, five miles from Cascade, and the property is believed to be the making of a big mine. It is expected to get the ore body in the west drift of the Snowshoe in another 25 feet, the drift now being in about 25 feet and coming into ledge matter. Word was brought to Greenwood last week of a new strike just made on the Boneta property, on Observation mountain, immediately adjacent to the city. In over 2,000 feet of work done in the way of tunnel, crosscuts, winze and drifts on the Knob Hill claim, every foot is in shipping ore, one of the most remarkable showings in the country.

All the machinery, with the exception of the pump, which has just arrived, has been installed on the Kamloops. One of the biggest strikes of the country is reported to have been made just above White's bar and between the forks of Rock creek, on the Dayton claim, where a 10-foot lead, assaying as high as 800 gold, five ounces silver and one per cent copper is said to have been opened up. Three ore chutes have been shown up on the Washington claim, on the west fork. The ore is pyrrhotite with lead, with some copper showing coming into the bottom of the shaft. Steel is being laid on the spur from Greenwood to the Mother Lode mine and shipments will be commenced from the property just as soon as the smelter is ready to receive ore. The payroll of the Dominion Copper company now has 60 men on it. Development work is progressing satisfactorily on the Brooklyn, Stenwinder and Rawhide claims, owned by the company. On the No. 7 the shaft house, bunk and boarding houses and office building have been constructed. Work will shortly start in the development of the mine. The Central camp wagon road is nearly completed, so that machinery may soon be hauled to the property.

A carload of machinery has arrived for the Boundary Creek Mining company. The company owns the Lane Chance in Skylark camp, for which the machinery, consisting of boilers and parts, is now on hand for delivery. The 40-horse power boiler and parts for the Gold Drop mine in Greenwood camp have gone up to the mine and are now being installed. With this machinery came three machine drills, so the work of development after the machinery is set up will be more rapid than heretofore.

Superintendent Harry Shields reports a promising strike on the Golconda mine in Smith's camp. While driving the long crosscut tunnel, an unlooked for ledge of siliceous quartz carrying iron pyrites was encountered, in a distance of 60 feet. Last accounts say that the tunnel was driven through it five feet and was still in ore. Last week saw the consummation of another deal for a property on the West Fork of Kettle river. Representing R. E. Brown, John Empey of Greenwood purchased outright from Alec Wallace, et al., the Prince claim. This claim overlapped the Washington south, one of a group of properties owned by the Boundary Mining company—the company promoted by Mr. Brown, and for fear that a dispute might possibly arise in the future Mr. Empey purchased the claim from the owners for \$3,500. The completion of the 10-stamp mill on the Minnehaha has been unavoidably delayed on account of the delay in receiv-

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Details of the Reorganization of the Evening Star.

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The Three Claims in the Referendum Group Have Been Surveyed as a Preliminary to Having Their Crown Granted—Work on the Arthur.

Messrs. W. J. C. Wakefield & Co., of Spokane, have issued a circular in relation to the reorganization of the Evening Star company. The circular in part, says that in view of the fact that there is an indebtedness outstanding, and no way of raising money to work and develop the property, it has been decided to reorganize under the laws of British Columbia; the new company to be known as the Evening Star Mine, limited, non-personal liability, with a capitalization of \$200,000 divided into 2,000,000 shares of the par value of 10 cents each, with 500,000 shares in the treasury, and have the stock assessable to the extent of 2 cents per share. It is also further provided under the terms of this agreement: to be organized as follows: Section 4. As a further part of the consideration for the said sale, the new company shall allow to W. J. Wakefield of Spokane, aforesaid, as trustee for the shareholders of the company, 1,500,000 shares of the stock of the new company, to be held in the name of W. J. C. Wakefield, as trustee, for the period of six months from the date of the transfer of the assets of the company to the new company, and after the expiration of said period of six months, the said W. J. C. Wakefield shall, upon being requested 60 days in advance, surrender to him of the stock certificates, representing such shares in the company, transfer to such shareholders in the company one share in the new company for each such share of the new company as aforesaid. The trustees of the old company are de- sirous of having turned in at least 1,400,000 shares before proceeding further in the matter. Already \$1,070,633 of the total capitalization is in the hands of the trustees. In order to facilitate matters it has been deemed advisable to have all the stockholders of the old company, or as many as possible, turn in their new stock to the trustee, who will issue receipts for same in accordance with the above agree- ment. If the reorganization is not com- pleted within 30 days, the trustee will return all the shares.

IRON MASK STRIKE.

Satisfactory Find in the Lower Level of the Mine.

Mr. James F. Herrick, manager of the Iron Mask company, came up from Spokane yesterday, just in time to hear some good news from the mine. At noon yesterday the shift working in the winze in the foot level, broke into the ledge. The ledge had penetrated into a solid ledge some three feet at noon, but it will take further time and more work to ascertain the width at the level mentioned. In the 300-foot level above the point mentioned, Mr. Herrick said the ledge had been proved for 21 feet. A hurried assay of some of the borings mixed up with waste, showed about \$18 or \$20 in gold values. As is well known, the Iron Mask mine has a very large ledge of ore, and the average from the ledge referred to will go away up. Mr. Herrick said they were pleased to have struck the ledge as they did, but its position generally had been known for some considerable time, so the strike was no surprise to the company. The find means a further addition to the already large ore reserves of the Iron Mask.

Referendum Group Surveyed.

The three claims in the Referendum group, the Referendum, Katie and Gold- en Cross, owned by the Referendum Free- gold Mining & Milling company, in Nelson on Forty-Nine-Mile creek, in the Sloan division, have just been surveyed by Mr. O. B. N. Wilkie, assistant, as a preliminary to their being crown granted. They were all found to be full claims. The surveyors returned yesterday and brought back with them some specimens of free gold from the property, which attracted considerable admiring attention yesterday.

Work on the Arthur.

Two shifts are at work on the Arthur property, and the work is to be pushed under the direction of Foreman Lucas. The intention is to develop the property by means of a long tunnel.

C. P. R. TERMINALS.

They Will Entirely Cover a Block of Ground.

Plans for the new freight terminals of the C. P. R. have been completed. They will cover the block bounded by St. Paul and Washington streets and Second and Third avenues. The freight shed will be 18x32 feet in length. There will be a platform 300 feet in length on the south side, which will be level with the floor of the cars for convenience in unloading and loading. The eaves of the freight shed will project over the entire platform so as to shelter the freight while it is being loaded and unloaded. A spur from the main line will run in front of the platform on the south side. On this spur there will be room for 10 cars. One end of the building will be occupied by the offices of the company and the bonded warehouse will be at the other end. South of the spur and between the freight shed and the passenger depot will be four team tracks, each having a length of 380 feet. Then, between the main spur and between the two pairs of wagon tracks there will be lanes 28 feet in width in which teams can stand and have plenty of room to turn in going in and out. On the south side of the freight yard will be erected several warehouses, which will be leased for a nominal rental to the firms receiving the largest quantities of freight.

How the Gold Got There.

George Sanders, an old-time Juneauite, arrived about a week ago from Nome. Mr. Sanders is a man inclined to look on the humorous side of life, and in answer to an inquiry from Charles Long and Tom Price, gave a rather novel theory of the origin of the gold on Nome beach. He says that some fellow drove along the beach with a wagon load of gold, and when he came to a depression in the trail or any rough place, the jolt would shake the stuff through the cracks in the wagon box. Some of the prospectors on the beach have struck it rich in the rough places, but Mr. Sanders thinks he struck a smooth piece of road. Long and Price are not inclined to accept Sanders' theory, but when last seen they were unable to offer a better one. —Juneau Truth.

Crosscutting for a Big Ore Body.

LATE MINING NEWS

Zala M. is Arranging to Ship to the Smelter.

REACHED A DEPTH OF 290 FEET

A Strike of Free Gold Has Been Made on the Buckingham Claim in Burnt Basin—Twenty Tons a Day Being Hoisted From the Golden Crown.

The management of the Zala M. in Sheridan camp, have completed their arrangements to commence shipments to the smelter at Trail.

By a crosscut in the tunnel 540 feet in, the ledge has been struck at a vertical depth of 290 feet. The ledge was found within a foot or two of the point calculated upon, a fact very satisfactory to the management.

It is now proposed to drift north and south on the ledge, which lies in these directions or nearly so, and at the same time to commence upraising to the 150-foot level, to which point the mine has been already opened from the surface.

This will give an excellent system of ventilation and enable the ore to be stopped from the upper levels and passed down to the lower levels for shipments. A staff of from 20 to 30 men will be employed when shipping commences.

The ore will either be teamed to Greenwood, a distance of 30 miles, or to Grand Forks, 45 miles away, and then sent to Trail by rail. In April last a shipment was sent to the smelter of 2 1/2 tons and this gave a value of \$250 per ton. The chief values in the ore are in dry silver and a little gold.

As the transportation question in this district promises to undergo a considerable change, by which the railway will be brought within 10 miles of the mine next year no great effort will be made to push shipments at the present time.

FREE GOLD. A Strike of Considerable Importance Made on the Buckingham.

A strike of considerable importance has been made on the Buckingham claim in Burnt Basin, about one and a half miles from Gladstone, which is owned by Forest and Dixon. The owners came across the quartz croppings over a month ago, but did not commence to work on it until within the last week, when a fine quartz vein about six feet wide was uncovered, showing free-gold which was plainly visible in some of the quartz, which very much resembles the Mother Lode ore.

As the croppings can be traced quite a distance, it is the intention of the owners to first open it up along the lead as long as it is traceable, before commencing to drift on it, where they will have a splendid tunnel site, giving them a foot in depth for every foot driven.

Twenty Tons Per Day. A letter was received Thursday from Mr. George A. Collins, superintendent and managing director of the Brandon & Golden Crown, dated Wellington camp, in which he states that about 20 tons of ore is being taken out each day. The ore is being extracted from the upper level of the 150-foot level. There are about 150 tons of ore on the dump and the intention is to commence extensive shipments as soon as the spur is completed to the Wellington camp.

Development of the Oro Denoro. A letter has been received from Mr. Neil Cochrane, superintendent of the Oro Denoro, in the Summit camp, which is being operated by the King Mining company. Mr. Cochrane reports that he has ore in both No. 1 and No. 2 tunnels. No. 1 tunnel is in for a distance of 53 feet and is in ore. Before tunnel No. 2 was started the ledge was stripped across to a width of 35 feet, and along it a distance of 29 feet. This tunnel is now in for a distance of 37 feet, and its full face is in ore. The ore, he says, can be now taken out rapidly for shipment. The siding to the Oro Denoro is not yet completed.

Strength of the Miners' Unions. The following are the official figures of the membership of the Miners' Unions in the camps in Kootenay and Yale: Sandon 520, Whitewater 110, Silvertown, 130, New Denver 50, Sloan City 48, Nelson 240, Ymir 125, Rossland 1,400, Phoenix 160, Greenwood 70, Camp McKinney 30. Sixty-five per cent of the Sandon members are British subjects and 75 per cent of the Whitewater members. The proportion in other camps is not at hand. There are 285 members of the Sandon union employed in that camp at present.

HISTORY OF THE CARIBOO. It Was Thought by Original Owners to Be of Little Value. Less than a dozen years ago Al McKinney, a prospector who had wandered over the hills of the reservation and British Columbia for several years, found a promising prospect in the wilds of the Kootenai, says the Colville Statesman-Index. It was many miles from any habitation, and while he had little hopes of ever doing much with it, he located the claim and named it the Cariboo. He came working, interested a few of his friends who were willing to put up a little money for development, and with this fund he spent the summer of 1890 at the camp which was named "Camp McKinney," and this title hangs to the camp to the present day, although Al has long since relinquished all his holdings and is a prospector still. Well, to get back to the subject, he and his associates organized a mining company, but they seemed unable to inspire the world with the merit of their property. They struggled against adversity for three or four years when finally they concluded to dispose of a part of their interest.

George B. McAuley, a mining man who had some success as a promoter, heard of the property and went to see it. He had no money of his own, but had some friends who were willing to bank on his

judgment, and he arranged to buy the controlling interest in the stock. He associated two men, James Monaghan and C. B. King, with him in the enterprise, and these two gentlemen put up \$1,500 for the majority of the stock.

They went in debt for a small stamp mill, and the machinery, after being hauled over 200 miles by wagons, was finally planted at the mine, and five years ago began pounding the rock. The expense was heavy, but they finally won out and paid dividends. McAuley and Monaghan bought out the other interests and became the sole owners. The mine paid them \$16,000 a month which they divided between them. A year ago they sold half of their stock to a Montreal syndicate for a big sum.

The mine was reincorporated for \$2,000,000, divided into 2,000,000 shares. These shares are sold daily on the Canadian market for \$1, making McAuley and Monaghan the handsome sum of \$1,000,000. It was a case of perseverance and pluck, but the mine proved to be worth millions and the wealth of these men made it possible for them to invest in many other mining enterprises with more or less success.

FREE GOLD STRIKE. Rich Find on the Empire Group on Grouse Mountain—Pioneer Group.

Mr. D. D. Birks, the secretary of the Royal Gold Mines, limited, received word Friday evening from Foreman A. H. Stiles, in charge of the development work on the Empire group on Grouse Mountain, about seven miles due south of Rossland, and just over the international boundary, that a rich find of free gold had been uncovered at the foot of the working shaft, now down some 40 feet. Mr. Birks stated last evening that it would take some more work, and be a day or so yet before the exact value of the find could be stated.

The Royal Gold company is also developing the Pioneer group, situated about 3,000 feet east of the line of the Great Northern railway, abutting on the international line. Four surface cuts from six to eight feet deep have been made, uncovering the ledge in each instance. In the southernmost cut the ledge is five feet in width, and an average assay taken from the ledge at this point, returned \$6.40 in gold. About 200 feet to the north, one of the open cuts referred to shows that the ledge has widened, and at this point has a width of 15 feet. Average assays taken from the ledge here show a value of \$7.80 in copper. Mr. Birks stated that work on both the groups mentioned would be maintained all winter.

Will Examine the Christina. Mr. Frank D. Howe, M. E., arrived in the city Saturday, and Sunday, accompanied by Mr. S. Thornton Langley, he left for the Boundary Creek country for the purpose of examining the Christina claim, which is the property of the Kettle River Mining & Development company. Mr. Howe will report on the Christina and upon his recommendations the development work will be carried on.

Operating in Midge Creek. Messrs. Finch & Campbell, who are developing the Hennessey group of claims at the head of Midge creek, are meeting with every encouragement in the appearance of the property. They have run in one tunnel for 100 feet where the ledge was encountered. A shaft was then sunk upon the ledge from the tunnel level, which has been put down 60 feet. The shaft is all in ore and at the bottom it was crosscut for 30 feet. The ledge carries an iron ore which assays \$24 in gold.

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WORK ON THE LEITER

The Next Move Will be to Sink a Shaft.

FREE GOLD ON COPPER WONDER

The Result of the Cleanup on the Athabasca is Excellent—It is Thought That the Ledge on the Rathmullen Will Soon Be Encountered and Other Notes.

Mr. Allen G. White returned Friday from a visit to Sophie mountain, where he has been looking after operations on the Leiter. The tunnel is in for a distance of 300 feet and No. 3 ledge has been crosscut. The lead is eight feet wide and is of low grade, carrying gold and copper. This brings the tunnel to the line of the Whoopie, which is owned by the British America corporation. The next work done on the Leiter will be the sinking of a shaft on lead No. 1. This lead has the best gold values, and is 40 feet in width. A shaft will be sunk to the 100-foot level on this lead. An American syndicate is negotiating for the Leiter group.

Mr. White brought in some gold ore from the Copper Wonder. This property adjoins the Leiter line, and the lead lies 300 feet south of the Leiter and runs into the Leiter property. The vein is known to be five feet in width, and the ore, which carries free gold, assays as high as \$180 to the ton. Mr. White has just finished the crosscutting of the lead under contract, and is satisfied that he has a valuable property.

The Velvet is piling up a lot of high-grade ore on the dump, and as soon as the railway is finished, it will be shipped to the coast for shipment. Work is being vigorously prosecuted on the Portland. Seven men are at work on the Evening and it is a promising proposition.

Mr. Northey has a force of men at work on the Wallaroo group, and is making good progress. The Dewdney trail is in good condition from Rossland to Sheep creek, as the constant travel keeps it open.

Mr. White will leave for Idaho shortly, whether he goes to open up a mining property in which he is interested.

Returns From the Athabasca Mill. These are the official returns for the November run of the Athabasca mill: Number of lay run, 29 days, three hours. Number of tons crushed, 388. Value of bullion recovered, \$9,203.03. Gross value of concentrates recovered, 2,385.25. Total, \$11,588.28.

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COAST MINES.

The Progress Being Made—Lenora Mine in Mount Sicker Camp.

The coast papers are waking up more to the importance of mining, as the coast mines are commencing to ship and give some returns. The Victoria papers give prominence to the shipments from the Lenora mine in Mount Sicker camp, and claim that our own camp is to be outdone. The Colonist says: Every day that passes seems to bring Victoria nearer to her future position as a second Spokane on the coast—the centre of a mining district infinitely greater and richer than the famous Rossland camp.

Victorians have apparently not yet awakened to full realization of the situation and of the advantages now at their hand—yet the facts are beginning to speak for themselves, and so plainly that they cannot much longer be treated with indifference.

Taking the Mount Sicker camp for an illustration, it being the camp in which development has most advanced, and using the Lenora mine in particular as the example—it is safe to say that no other mine in the province makes so great a showing for the time and money spent upon it.

And it is only one of the shipping mines of the particular camp, that has long since passed the experimental stage. As an incontrovertible fact, the Lenora stands in the position of being today a heavier continuous shipper than any of the Rossland district mines, with the exception of four, and running this fourth very close indeed. At the same time it must not be forgotten in the calculation that the Rossland ore is worth only about \$12.50 per ton, while the Lenora output would be cheap at \$25.

The four big mines of the Rossland camp, the leaders having had millions upon millions spent in their development, made shipments last week of about 5,500 tons. The Lenora mine at Mount Sicker has been shipping from 120 to 150 tons per week for months past; and the management announce that so soon as the new tramway is completed, additional men will be put on and ore shipments be increased to from 50 to 100 tons per day. Three hundred and seventy tons in one shipment was forwarded to the Van Ande smelter last Sunday, while about 4,000 tons will be shipped during the next four months.

Men are now being employed at the mine in development work and in taking out such of the ore as is thus made available—18 tons a day or thereabouts. About 500 tons of first class ore is now on hand at the mine ready for shipment as soon as the tramway to the railway line is completed, which will be in a month or six weeks.

Contractor John Haggerty now has construction work well under way, and the work is being pushed with all consistent rapidity. An ore body 22 feet in width has been struck in the No. 1 upraise crosscut, 11 feet of ore. The mine company having been requested to put town lots on the market, have surveyed about 70 well situated lots, and are disposing of them at a decidedly low figure.

Sent From Kaslo. Kaslo is in a whirl of worry and amazement. Towns are vanishing like magic, two big wharves were engulfed while one could rub his eyes. Twenty fathoms of water is going over the spot where men stood on dry land an hour ago.

That is the startling story which D. E. Strobel, a mining man who is now at Kaslo, tells. A strip of water 80 to 100 feet wide and 250 feet long at the foot of Front street, sank out of sight on Monday morning. The water is now 1 1/2 feet deep where teams backed up to receive freight from the floating wharves. All the piling which the C. P. R. has been driving for the past season, on which to build its immense wharves, and which would have been completed in a few weeks, dropped out of sight without a moment's notice. The two wharves were being built side by side, and work done upon it, while the Kaslo & Sloan company's was about all completed. The last pile was being driven when the collapse occurred.

The Skating Rink. The Rossland skating rink was formally opened for the season last evening. There was a large attendance, and the ice was in first class condition. The City Council band played a choice selection of airs from 8 till 10 o'clock.

Mayor Manly in the City. Mr. Loyd A. Manly, mayor of Grand Forks, arrived in the city last evening and is a guest at the Allan. He will leave today for Spokane on a brief visit, and from there will go to Vancouver and Victoria.

Mr. Harkin in Town. Mr. W. A. Harkin of Grand Forks, is in the city on a visit. Mr. Harkin during the past year has done more than any person in the Kootenays in keeping Grand Forks and the Boundary Creek country before the attention of the world. He is taking a brief but much earned holiday.

TO TAX RAILWAYS. A Resolution to Place Them on the Same Basis as Other Property. Lansing, Mich., Dec. 18.—The Michigan legislature met in special session at noon today in response to a call of Governor Pingree. The governor's object is to secure the passage of a joint resolution providing for submission to the people at the general election next November, of an amendment to the state constitution, placing railways upon the same basis for taxation as all other property. At present the railways pay specific taxes upon gross earnings.

The Queen at Windsor. London, Dec. 18.—The Queen passed a quiet day at Windsor. She took an airing in the afternoon. It is said Her Majesty may leave Windsor for Osborne, Isle of Wight, December 29th. Mr. A. J. Balfour dined with the Queen this evening.

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NORTHERN ROUTE. Steamships of the company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. And for Skidegate on 1st of each month.

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Those present were Durant, the guest of C. H. Mackintosh, Mr. C. Fraser, R. Dalby Mackenzie, Frank H. C. Baker, John S. Cull, Kins, Samuel Hall, C. A. Smith, W. I. Oly, H. M. Ellis, Alexander Hector McEne, H. E. McMillan, Dr. McKen, McCrae, J. D. Deschan, Bert Hunter, M. R. Becher, W. de V. L. P. Police Ingram.

The tables were arranged of the room and decorated. At the end of the evening, and at his left hand, Mayor Goodeve, and Mr. Edwin Durant, the Queen was seated. The Queen was seated in the center of the room, and at her right hand, Mayor Goodeve, and Mr. Edwin Durant, the Queen was seated. The Queen was seated in the center of the room, and at her right hand, Mayor Goodeve, and Mr. Edwin Durant, the Queen was seated.

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GOING TO LONDON ON A VISIT

It was a Brilliant and Pleasant Affair and Was Thoroughly Enjoyed by all Present—The Speeches, the Songs and Other Features.

A farewell banquet was tendered Friday evening to Mr. Edwin Durant at the Allan house. Mr. Durant is going to London on a three months' vacation, after nearly two years of hard work as the business manager of the large interests of the British America Corporation.

Those present were as follows: Edwin Durant, the guest of the evening; Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, Mayor Goodeve, J. S. C. Fraser, R. Dalby Morkill, jr., A. B. Mackenzie, Frank H. Oliver, H. F. Mytton, James D. Sword, Claude Cregan, H. C. Baker, John S. Cate, jr., W. S. Haskins, Samuel Hall, C. R. Hamilton, John M. Smith, W. T. Oliver, H. Castellane, H. M. Ellis, Alexander Dick, Max Crow, Hector McKee, H. E. D. Merry, Alfred McMillan, Dr. McKenzie, John Ferguson, McCrae, J. D. Deschamps, R. E. Palmer, Bert Hunter, M. R. Jones, A. Lorne Becher, W. de V. le Maistre and Chief of Police Ingram.

The tables were arranged around three sides of the room and were handsomely decorated. At the head of the table, that is at the north side, sat His Worship Mayor Goodeve, and at his right was Mr. Edwin Durant, the guest of the evening, and at his left Hon. C. H. Mackintosh. Mayor Goodeve was chairman.

The Queen was toasted and "Britannia Rules the Waves" enthusiastically sung. Letters of regret were read from Teddy Bowles, Lionel H. Webber and J. L. G. Abbott.

"The Prince of Wales and the Royal Family" were heartily toasted, and Mr. Frank Oliver gave in spirited style, "first in the field," and all present joined in the chorus.

The chairman then proposed "Our Guest of the Evening" in a felicitous manner. He stated that many of those present had seen Mr. Durant's social side only, but he was known to have a business side which was highly valued. This was evidenced by the fact that the British America Corporation had sent him thousands of miles across the ocean to look after its large affairs. This revealed that he is a man of more than ordinary ability. (Cheers and applause.) In conclusion the Mayor said he was going home to enjoy a well-earned vacation and he sincerely hoped that he would soon return.

Mr. Edwin Durant in responding to this toast thanked the assemblage for the honor shown him. Two years ago, when he was leaving London for Rossland, he was told that he would have to fight his way through savage Indians in order to get there. Then he spoke of the chilly and climb up the grade between here and Trail and said that he was here and here and around him after his arrival. In speaking of his services given to the B. A. C., he said he had simply performed his duty and he had found them light, because of the very able assistance of his colleagues in the B. A. C. employ, of whom he could always go when he wanted advice. Among these was Governor Mackintosh, and he spoke of the sorrow that he felt when Governor Mackintosh forced his resignation upon the London board and severed his connection with the company. Mr. Durant eloquently pointed out the great good Mr. Mackintosh had done for Rossland. He said that the Lardau, Slocan and the Bountary sections would each claim as much attention as the Rossland camp, as there were some excellent mines in each of these sections. He spoke of Major W. J. Collins, the chief engineer of the B. A. C., and of the high opinion which he entertained of the camp. He alluded to Mr. Bernard McDonald, who has just taken the place made vacant by his resignation of Mr. W. A. Carlyle, and said he had come to the camp to stay and that he was a friend of the Rossland camp. Then he went on and spoke in the highest terms of the efficient services of Mr. R. Dalby Morkill, and said the affairs of the company in his department would not suffer while he was away, as they would be in the hands of Mr. Morkill. He concluded by wishing the company a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and by thanking the assemblage for the honor shown him. The banqueters honored Mr. Durant's efforts by singing "It is Beautiful, Absolutely Beautiful."

Mr. James D. Sword rendered "Cardigan and the Redoubt" so well that he was rapturously applauded.

Mr. A. Lorne Becher gave "Hear Them Bells," a coon song, in his usual artistic manner. All present joined in the chorus. "The British America Corporation" was the next toast proposed, and Mr. Frank Oliver was the first one called upon to respond to it. Mr. Oliver said that Mr. Durant was one of the best men he had known at any time and tell his troubles and certain of sympathy. In conclusion, he said he could not make a speech, but he would sing a song, and he gave "The Warrior" in superb style, and was loudly applauded.

Mr. R. Dalby Morkill, jr., in responding to the toast "The British America Corporation," said he could appreciate Mr. Durant, perhaps, better than anyone else in his business capacity, for the reason that during the past two years he had worked with him day and night. He spoke of the pleasure of working with one whom he esteemed. Then he said if the B. A. C. had been open and generous handed in its dealings with the public it had been more open and generous with its employes. (Cheers.) It was the speaker's belief that the B. A. C. had done more for Rossland than any other company, and much of the credit was due to Governor Mackintosh, who induced it to make large investments here.

Mr. C. R. Hamilton, in responding to the request of Hon. Mr. Daly, gave a neat and effective speech in response to the toast "The Ladies."

Mr. R. E. Palmer responded to the toast, "The British America Corporation," and said he was one of the practical men in the employ of the company and represented those who spent the money, whether judiciously or not, would be a question which the London board would decide. Whenever any money was required, however, Mr. Durant had it always ready. Mr. Palmer spoke of the great blank that had been made in the office of the B. A. C. by the resignation and withdrawal of Governor Mackintosh therefrom. He was sorry, he said, that Mr. Durant was going away and he hoped he would have a pleasant trip and a safe and speedy return. Mr. Palmer was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his speech.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly in a facetious vein spoke of warning Mr. Durant of the danger of associating with Hector McKee, Alexander Dick and Max Crow, but the guest of the evening had replied that he had no character to lose. Mr. Daly then proposed that Messrs. Haskins and Merry be heard from as to the practical workings of the B. A. C.

Mr. Haskins in responding to this suggestion of Mr. Daly told of some of the unfortunates whom Mr. Durant in his kindness of heart had asked him to find employment for. He mentioned two of these, who were evidently afflicted with that tired feeling. Mr. Haskins paid a high tribute to Mr. Durant.

Mr. Merry by request sang "Tom Bowling" in a very acceptable manner.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly proposed "The Governor" and in a pleasant way touched upon the pleasant relations which had always existed between Governor Mackintosh and the guest of the evening. Mr. Mackintosh was loud when Hon. C. H. Mackintosh arose to respond to the toast addressed to himself. He said he had gathered around him tonight the men who had made Rossland and who would stay with the camp. He paid a high tribute to Mr. Durant as a man and a gentleman. The speaker said he had faith in Rossland, which had never faltered. In alluding to General C. S. Warren, whom he regretted was not present, he said that gentleman had once pleased to allude to him (the speaker) as the Cecil Rhodes of British Columbia. Then he told a story which in effect showed that he did not consider himself as great as General Warren evidently endeavored to make him believe he was. What the camp wanted was men like Mr. Haskins, who were willing to work. In alluding to Mr. Bernard McDonald, he said that gentleman examined the Le Roi and the Centre Star on behalf of the B. A. C. two years ago. A short time after it was proposed that Mr. McDonald take a place as Mr. Carlyle's assistant, but some hitch arose and he did not accept the place. He thought the future of Rossland depended largely upon the B. A. C., and said that Rossland was certain to become the greatest gold-copper camp in the world. He said that the problem of treating the ores of the camp at from \$2 to 3 per ton would soon be solved and then the profit in mining would, of course, be much larger than it is at present. Mr. Mackintosh was vociferously applauded when he said he felt certain that Great Britain would be one of the greatest victories in history within the next five months. He was certain that British Columbia by reason of her mineral wealth would be one of the greatest provinces in the Dominion and that Canada would be the greatest in the galaxy of British colonies. In conclusion he wished Mr. Durant a pleasant journey and a safe return to the field of his labor for use past two years. (Cheers and applause.)

Mr. John McKane rendered "Bonnie Prince Charlie" with dramatic accompaniments and aroused the enthusiasm of the audience.

Mr. James D. Sword gave "Down by the Tan Yard Side," accompanying himself on the banjo and everybody applauded.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly called upon Hector McKee and Alexander Dick to respond to the toast, "The Mining Interests," and both made humorous responses, which fairly set the table in a roar.

Max Crow made a humorous speech, which greatly pleased the audience. He was responding to the "Commercial Interests," but said nothing about them.

Mr. Daly proposed the toast, "The Nation's Banks," and told how they stood six years since, during the panic and had won the admiration of financiers everywhere.

Mr. W. T. Oliver made a brilliant speech in response to the toast of "The Nation's Banks." He said among other things that the full sympathy of Canada went to Great Britain in her present trouble in South Africa. Canada had sent out a part of the thin red line that was now battling in South Africa and if the Mother Country wants double or treble, or twentyfold as many as she has, she would be cheerfully furnished. His speech was received with cheers and applause.

Mr. J. S. C. Fraser and Mr. John M. Smith and Mr. H. F. Mytton also made short responses to the toast, "The Nation's Banks."

Mr. le Maistre rendered a comic ditty in a pleasing manner, and was rewarded with a round of applause.

The toast of "The Mayor and City Government" was proposed by Mr. Daly, and he called upon Mr. Goodeve to respond. Mr. Daly said he hoped to see Mr. Goodeve mayor of Rossland in the year 1900.

paid Governor Mackintosh and Mr. Durant many compliments, and said the success of the B. A. C. was largely due to their business ability.

Mr. H. C. Baker made a short speech in response to the toast "The Mining Interests."

Mayor Goodeve proposed the toast "The C. P. R.," and Mr. Archie Mackenzie made a pleasing and suitable response.

Mr. Oliver proposed the "Learned Professors," and Hon. T. Mayne Daly responded.

Mr. le Maistre rendered a song, and as usual, brought down the house.

Edwin Durant proposed the health of the chief of police, and Chief Ingram responded in an eloquent manner.

The "Host and Hostess" was toasted amid much enthusiasm.

Mr. Hector McKee proposed "The Press," and Mr. L. K. Hodges responded. The banquet came to a close after all arose and rendered "Auld Lang Syne."

A Protest Against Any Change in the Boundary Mining Divisions.

An official intimation to the mining recorder for the Grand Forks Mining division, that the major portion of the division was to be detached shortly and annexed to the Kettle River Mining division (Midway), brought Mayor Lloyd A. Manly, of Grand Forks, to Rossland Monday in protest against any change in the boundaries of the local division.

"This is all very amusing to me," observed Mr. Martin, when the irate mayor had delivered himself of a wealth of humorous language. "Why, I never heard of the reported re-arrangement, and if such an order has been issued it will have my vigorous opposition," replied the local member.

This explanation satisfied the visitor. Subsequently Mr. Martin telegraphed a protest to the Hon. J. Fred Hume, minister of mines.

At present the dividing line between the two mining divisions embracing the Boundary country, follows the divide between Boundary creek and the north fork of the Kettle river. The informant received at Grand Forks was to absorb that the western division was to be Central camp, Wallington camp and Summit camp. The territory affected would include Hardy mountain, which is only two miles from Grand Forks.

LETTERS FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

Extracts From Private Correspondence Sent From South Africa.

The English newspapers to hand by this week's mail contain, many of them, extracts from private letters written to dear ones at home from the men who are fighting for Empire and the flag in South Africa. As is often the case in such cases, these private letters give better ideas of the conditions of affairs than the more formal letters of even the most brilliant war correspondents. Here are a few extracts from some of these letters:

In Gaol, Not a Prisoner.

A Manchester chemist, Mr. Walter Herald, writes from the Central Gaol, Pietermaritzburg, on November 2, as follows: My Dear Mother—Don't be alarmed at my address, for although in gaol I am not a prisoner. On September 29, at half an hour's notice, I got my outfit (commanded by) and left Johannesburg with the St. John's Ambulance as assistant to Dr. Waldron Shaw. We went by train to Standerton, two days' journey, and stayed there two days, when I was ordered to commandeer a chemist's shop and take what things would be necessary for the field. I forgot to state that I was engaged on the strict understanding that I could speak Dutch and ride well (I couldn't do either, but that didn't worry me). On leaving Standerton we rode for a month with the Boer advance guard over the field, sleeping on the ground, other times in a dilapidated wagon, or on a stretcher, never having our clothes off the whole time, except to have a swim when we came to a river. * * * I was among the first to ride into British territory. We made straight for Newcastle. Finding the place deserted, we trekked on to Elandslaagte, where we stayed a few days, and on the second day began the most exciting time I have ever had or shall have, I hope.

* * * The Boers had already gone into laager on the hills about two miles away, when suddenly there appeared on the hill opposite a lot of British troops with a battery of guns. This was about eight o'clock, and all our corps were having breakfast in the shed, with the exception of myself. I was dressing in the battery within five minutes of the battery appearing the first shot (shrapnel) was fired and went through the shed. The next shot struck one of our mules and took half its head away. The third shell burst close by, and part of it went bang through the wagon in which I was dressing, and was within a foot of finishing my little career.

In the afternoon the British turned up in great numbers and the battle began in earnest. For two hours the firing was incessant, artillery and rifles going the whole time, and in the middle of it we had our photograph taken, with the shells bursting all about us. After about two hours the Boers began to give way, and retreated right on the hospital, and while I was dressing my first wounded man the famous Lancer charge took place within six yards of us. Luckily we came through all right. * * * It was raining and pitch dark, and we were on the battlefield all night bringing in the wounded, soaking wet all of us. All next day we kept on, nothing to eat or drink, far into the next night, when we lay down in our wet clothes, thoroughly tired. * * * After two days all the wounded were sent to Ladysmith, where we followed, and had our hospital in the Dutch church. The Lancers, in retreating, came right into us. We were in the thick of it. We turned back 200 yards and picked up five wounded Lancers, dressed their wounds as they lay, then put them in the wagon and made straight for Ladysmith.

After a few days we left there for Pietermaritzburg, where we are now quartered in the gaol. Rather a peculiar change from church to gaol, isn't it?"

"Oh! That Schreiner!"

Mr. J. R. Dring, a tradesman of High Wycombe, Bucks, has received two letters from his daughter, Mrs. Morgan, who is in the Transvaal with her husband engaged in nursing the missionary work. In the letters, dated Heidelberg, October 7 and 13, Mrs. Morgan gives vivid pictures of the affairs in that country, and says that her husband had declined to leave his people and has obtained a permit from the government of the South African Republic to remain. The following extracts are of interest:

It seems to us that the Boers have lost their only chance. I believe it was Oom Paul who kept them from rushing in some days ago, when, doubtless, they would have done a great deal of damage in the north of the colony. Yesterday we heard that Cronje started attacking Mafeking at daybreak. We felt so alarmed and indignant; we knew that thousands of soldiers and heavy guns were due to arrive that night; but Schreiner has been refusing all along their appeals for heavy guns, saying that the Transvaal was on friendly terms with the colony, and there was nothing to fear. Oh! that Schreiner! Mrs. and Miss Frankish and I were longing for a chance to sjambok the traitor ourselves. I could think of nothing else yesterday but Colonel Baden-Powell and his brave men, and then we heard it was only a false report. I do hope it was. We have determined not to believe any reports coming from this side, but it seemed so likely that Cronje would take his only chance after war was declared and before reinforcements arrived, when they had only light guns in the town. The coolies are having rather a hard time; some of their stores have been looted. The other day they brought a lot of horses into town that they had commandeered—took them from coolies—made them buy them at £15 each, and then commandeered them again. They have been getting worse this week—16 were refused—and they are given eight days to clear out. We think it is very considerate of this government to give so long. Today we heard from Mr. Laity, begging us to be very careful of ourselves, and saying that Crewdson and Bottrill said the mining commissioner told them to escape for their lives, but that was from Johannesburg. We think that the fact that they have not come to commandeer different footing to other British subjects. The other day Hugh said to the Landdrost, "I have not received my per-

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mit from Pretoria. Will you give me one?" The Landdrost laughed, and said: "You don't need a permit to remain. But the permit has come from the state secretary, and Hugh will take the necessary oath on Monday."

The Lancers' Battle-Cry. Henry Burgess of Mexborough, near Sheffield, a fireman on one of the armoured trains used by the British forces in Natal, writes home from Ladysmith under date October 27, as follows: General White is well liked by the men. You need not have the slightest fear about us, Ladysmith is so well protected and guarded against all emergencies, and Africa. Our troops are unanimous in their declaration of coloring the whole map of South Africa red. * * * The 19th was the last day we ran to Glencoe with the mail, as on the 20th we were only allowed to take it to Elandslaagte—sixteen miles from Ladysmith. We were on the point of rushing forward to Elandslaagte when, by good luck, I happened to look back. I then saw the station master motioning to us to stop. We did so. He ran up, and said he had received half a message from Elandslaagte, but the message had evidently been cut. The message received was: "Second train fired on and captured by Boers, who are" * * * Our intelligence department gave the news of the Boers massing at Elandslaagte. In a few minutes the "Light Horse, 1,000 strong, 10th Dragon Guards, 600, and the Mountain Batteries of Artillery were leaving the town to intercept them, followed by the armoured train (Driver Spencer) and trains with infantry. All were placed in order at Moeder Spruit, five or six miles from Elandslaagte. No less than seven shells were fired at the train, but, thanks to the remarkable shooting qualities of the Boers—all missed it. These shells must be of inferior quality, as up to the present none have burst, only striking the ground like large balls. The Devons and the Gordons lost very heavily. The greatest number were killed while descending a slope under a murderous rifle fire, but once at the foot of the hill they charged the Boers with fixed bayonets. The Dutchmen could not stand against this, and fled precipitately. Meanwhile, the Lancers had been creeping up behind, and as the Boers reached the bottom the Lancers charged on them at full gallop. One of the Devons told me that he had never seen such a sight, although he had passed through several severe engagements elsewhere. Panic-stricken at their terrible reverse, the Boers threw down their rifles and attempted to escape, but it was utterly useless, for, with shouts of "Majuba!" the Lancers were upon them, and the awful work commenced. Very few Boers escaped, and the greater number gave themselves up as prisoners. All the head men belonging to the Boers were either killed or captured, and among them was a large number of Germans and Hollanders. Mr. F. J. Bobbett of Spokane is at the Allan.

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IT IS DUE TO THE MINES.

Canada is rapidly growing wealthy and has now become one of the money loaning nations, and in doing this has made the first step to a greater prosperity than ever. One of the principal sources of the wealth of Great Britain is the vast sums which she has loaned or invested in foreign countries. The United States, for instance, owes the citizens of Great Britain large sums, and it is alleged by some of her public men who have made a study of the subject that the aggregate sums into the billions of dollars. It is said that Canada recently loaned \$15,000,000 in the United States and Great Britain, but the money was put out principally in the former country. A nation that is able to lend her surplus capital to other countries must, indeed, be prosperous. Canada, however, was not able to send much money abroad for investment so long as her people confined their operations principally to agricultural and pastoral pursuits, and it was not until a portion of her people turned their attention to mining that she had a surplus, besides plenty for carrying on her own enterprises. We believe that the present favorable condition of affairs was brought about principally by the mining industry. A glance at the figures of the mineral output is sufficient to prove this.

The mineral product of the Dominion for the year 1898, according to the official reports of the several provincial governments, was \$26,518,534. This was divided by provinces as follows: British Columbia, \$10,455,268; Nova Scotia, \$6,000,000; Ontario, \$5,000,000; Quebec, \$2,063,266; Northwest Territories and the Yukon, \$3,000,000.

The great increase in mineral products has been within the past year or two. How large the mineral product of this province alone has been it may be mentioned that up to the end of 1896 it reached the enormous sum of \$100,931,908, and of this sum \$59,882,751 was in gold, produced in the placer and lode mines.

With these facts and figures before us it is not difficult to see what wonderful strides that are being made in the mining industry, and it is certain that this output is to be increased to a very large degree. With the prospect of a large addition to the present output it is plain to be seen that the output will soon be something very large. The effect of the output of the money metals will be a stimulation of all the existing industries of the Dominion and the creation of a number of new ones; and in short, there will be a great augmentation in the wealth producing powers of the Dominion. The result will be that we will have much more wealth than at present, and as there will be more than is needed for use at home it will be lent abroad and add its due proportion to the prosperity at home. Under the circumstances, it is obvious that the day is not far distant when Canada will be much more of a money loaning country than she is at present.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S VISIT.

The Colonist of Tuesday has an amusing editorial on the visit of Sir Charles Tupper to this province, in which it gives its reasons for supposing that in the event of a general election the six seats in British Columbia would go Conservative. Its reasons are about as sound as the arguments Sir Charles may be expected to employ in his addresses while in the province; that is, there is simply nothing in them. That the circumstances here will go Conservative the Colonist says is due to several causes: "One of them is the gross manner in which the vital interests of this province have been neglected by the Laurier government. Another is that our people thoroughly understand the manner in which the affairs of the Yukon were mismanaged. Another is the general disappointment which the people of Canada feel at the result of three years of Liberal rule. Another is the belief of the great majority that it is to the Conservative party that Canada must look for a policy that will advance the material interests of the country. The personal issues, which seem to carry such weight in the East, are scarcely considered here at all. To the majority of the people of British Columbia a Conservative government at Ottawa means a progressive and national policy."

It would be interesting to learn from the Colonist in what manner the interests of the province have been neglected by the Laurier government. On the other hand it would be easy to point to more than a criminal negligence of our interests while the Conservatives were in power.

The charges of mismanagement in the Yukon were proved to have originated almost entirely in the imagination of that great master of rhetoric, Sir Hibbert Tupper, who injured himself as well as his party by making allegations which had no foundation in fact. It is felt very generally throughout Canada, and in no part of it more than in British Columbia, that the result of three years of Liberal rule has been more gratifying to the people than that of any other three years in our history. Canada had enough of Conservative rule for some years to come when she dispensed with the Tupper administration. It was an administration which had become a reproach not only in the Dominion, but wherever Canadian affairs were understood, and the country could not for the sake of her good name have anything more to do with them. Nor will she have anything to do with them till all that were in any way responsible for the scandals which existed under that government have retired from public life. British Columbia will not any more than any other part of Canada show a spirit of complacency towards men guilty of the public conduct which disgraced the late Conservative ministry.

THE DISLOYAL PARTY.

A melancholy feature of the present trouble in the Empire is the spectacle of Irish members of parliament inveighing against the war and passing resolutions, not only sympathizing with the enemy, but expressing the most ardent hopes that the British army may meet with disaster. It is impossible that any sympathy could be offered or any respect entertained for a cause which is upheld and almost solely upheld by such champions. It gives the most complete justification to the position taken by the Unionist members of Parliament that the whole end and aim of the nationalist movement was the disintegration of the Empire. The virulent and disloyal outbursts of Messrs. Davitt and Redmond can have no other effect than ending forever any further sympathy on the part of the English speaking world with the cause which they advocated. The Irish parliamentary party has itself to thank for the failure it has met with in the past and for the hopeless outlook it has for the future.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

The appointment of General Lord Roberts to the chief command of the forces in South Africa with General Kitchener as his chief of staff, will undoubtedly lay, to a considerable degree, the feeling of anxiety which is now felt by the British public. The sentiment, too, will be fully entertained without any feeling of distrust in the ability of General Buller, whose past career is a sufficient guarantee with the Empire that nothing that skill and courage could accomplish would be left undone by him to bring the war to an immediate and successful conclusion. There is no soldier in Great Britain who enjoys the confidence of the people and the enthusiastic reverence of the army to the extent that does Lord Roberts, and his mere name, as leader of the forces will inspire every British soldier in South Africa with an added confidence in his own fighting powers and the justice of his cause. If anything were required to put at rest all question regarding the outcome of the struggle it is the appointment as his chief adviser of the Hero of Khartoum, the man who accomplished such magnificent and such thorough work against the hitherto unconquerable fanatics of the desert.

If the report that was received at a late hour last evening that General Buller had crossed the Tugela river be true it is not unlikely that before the arrival of General Roberts such advance will have been made as will render his aid unnecessary. That General Buller will make every possible effort to redeem himself may be expected. That he has the ability to accomplish what he undertakes the rescue he met with at Tugela river by no means calls into question.

SALTING CLAIMS.

Salting claims to sell them has been practiced by parties for over 40 years, says the Western Mining World. The trick is so old and threadbare that miners quitted the game a good many years ago, and none but the greenest, simplest tender-foot now attempt to salt ground for deception. But it is done often enough to put would-be purchasers upon their guard and to do their own prospecting or to trust the work to a reliable man. Salting is stealing, nothing less, and the man who will resort to it to make a raise would not hesitate to put his hand in one's pocket and steal his money. That's about the way old miners measure the salting process.

Many placer claims were sold in the early days by the seller secreting a good prospect in his mouth and expectorating it in the pan of gravel he was prospecting. Tobacco chewers did the thing very nicely and were seldom detected in their swindle. The non-tobacco users were forced to exercise greater care to avoid detection. But no one suspected wrong being done in a simple prospect. It all came hand it would be easy to point to more than a criminal negligence of our interests while the Conservatives were in power.

or two of dust in poor dirt and sell a worthless piece of ground for a good figure. Salting placers was soon played out among miners, but many pilgrims bit at the "salt" and were swindled out of their last dollar.

Salting quartz claims had to be reduced to a science to make it win. Liquefied gold or silver has been introduced into and through seams of rock with more or less success, and so thoroughly deceived was the purchaser that he gave up thousands of dollars in proof or the completeness of the deception. Quartz lodes have been built, highly impregnated with gold, in order to down a man for a good pile, and they have been downed. But it is not much practiced now. The world is becoming wiser and one's eyes and ears are not closed nowadays where dollars are involved in business transactions.

But even at this late day many old miners will not have a single man around them when they prospect ground offered for sale. They insist upon being alone and will trust no one to sample the ground for them. They are pretty good miners themselves, and know when they disturb rock in place, and he is a good one who can deceive a thoroughly practical miner in palming off "doctored" ground upon him. He requires two or three days to get a sample and then he must be alone all the time. Salting ground in placer or in rock in place has been played in all its changes. Alaska offers a fruitful field for the game. Salters may possibly flourish to some extent there. Rich ground may be made richer by the salter. Claim buyers can lose nothing by closely examining ground before buying it.

A CAUSE FOR SURPRISE.

It is surprising to glance at the stock reports and to note how much even the shares of the dividend paying properties of this section have depreciated since the war in South Africa commenced. No logical reason for this can be found. The mines in this section are above and beyond the effect of the war that is being waged. It cannot in any possible manner affect their output and they have reached a stage when they do not require aid from the public; on the contrary, the public depend upon them for revenue. If it could be shown that the war would in any manner, shape or form interfere with our mines there would be some reason in the fall in prices. The effect of the war should be the very opposite. The shares of our mines should go a little higher because the mines around Johannesburg have been shut down and will cease to be productive for the time being. This will temporarily deprive their owners of their output and curtail the production of gold for whatever their output would be. Under the circumstances, therefore, logically at least, the war should have the effect of increasing the value of the dividend paying mines of this section, and should not even affect unfavorably those that are likely to become dividend payers in the near future. Of course, the real reason for the fall in prices is the stringency in the money market caused by the war. The British government is spending on the war in South Africa about \$10,000,000 a week. The raising of this large sum weekly and the putting of it in circulation in new channels has produced a temporary stringency in the money market. This, coupled with the reverses that have been met with and a consequent lowering of the price of stocks and has affected even our dividend payers.

This condition of affairs will be short lived. The expenditure of so large a sum weekly by the British government will go on for some little time and will result, we believe, in a short time in making money plentiful. One good decisive victory, too, would release the tension of the situation and make money comparatively easy. A couple of good victories would make the money market positively easy and then the price of stocks would rapidly rise.

So far as the temporary cutting of the product of the gold mines of South Africa is concerned it ought not to cut any great figure when we look at the way the world's store of gold has been augmented lately. Of nearly \$10,000,000,000 worth of gold produced in the world since the discovery of America, more than one-half has been produced since 1860 and more than one-fourth since 1885. Or, in other words, one-half of the gold output of the last 400 years has been produced within 40 years and one-fourth within 15 years. These facts regarding the gold production of the world are presented by some compilations of the United States treasury bureau of statistics and the temporary suspension of gold mining in South Africa and its possible effect upon the gold supply of the world. The compilation presents the facts collated by Dr. Adolph Sootber and the director of the United States mint, which show the gold product of the world by decades and year since the discovery of America, and, when summarized, show that the grand total of gold production from 1492 to and including the estimate for 1899 amounts to \$9,830,059,000.

With a clear understanding of these facts before us it will be seen that while the closing down temporarily of the output of the gold mines of South Africa is to be deplored it is not a momentous incident and should not have a very far reaching effect in the way of producing a stringency in the money markets or in reducing

the price of the shares of the mines of British Columbia. There is light ahead, and it is in the shape of British victories, which cannot long be delayed. British valor, British courage, British strategy and British generalship have availed much in the past, and may be relied upon to accomplish in a short time the task that has been put before the imperial forces in South Africa.

MR. TARTE AGAIN.

When Hon. J. I. Tarte, minister of public works, took the attitude which he did against the sending by the Dominion government of the first contingent of Canadian troops to South Africa the Liberal newspapers of Eastern Canada defended his conduct on the ground that he was acting on principle and they asserted most vehemently that the charges of disloyalty made against him were unjust and untrue. The Liberal press and the government put the best face they could on the matter, and it was understood that Mr. Tarte had been given a strong hint that he was embarrassing his friends and injuring himself and that he had better be more politic in his utterances. Mr. Tarte accordingly declared that he was intensely loyal and his statement was made the most of by his party, and even the Conservative journals allowed him credit for this claim. It seems, however, that he is unable to conceal his hostility to everything British and has again "broken out" in his paper, La Patrie, and inveighs against the sending of the second contingent. That at a time like the present when the whole Empire is stirred by the situation in South Africa and when the occasion has arisen in a way it may not again present itself, when the colonies can display their attachment to the Mother Country and lend her substantial aid, a member of a British government should throw obstacles in the way of aid being furnished, should interpose long-fetched objections and counsel cold-blooded delays, is scarcely imaginable. That in doing so he should still retain his position in the cabinet and be regarded as a valuable member of a political party, is not creditable to those in authority. Mr. Tarte has never failed to evince his antipathy to the Empire to which he has sworn allegiance, and to the institutions by which he has been enabled to climb to a position which he disgraces, and he should be got rid of by the Liberal party without delay and at all cost.

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TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION.

Mr. R. C. Clute arrived in the city on Tuesday for the purpose of holding the government investigation into the conditions of the labor situation here, and there is no doubt he will receive in his labors the cordial assistance of both the mine owners and miners of this camp. Mr. Clute is admirably fitted to discharge the duties which the government has imposed upon him and his report, which he will submit to the authorities, may be expected to contain a clear and comprehensive statement of the situation as it exists in the Kootenays. He has no connection or sympathy with one class more than another. He will take evidence from every bona fide source and will form his conclusions entirely thereon. Mr. Clute was the government commissioner who instituted the enquiry into the scandals which occurred during the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway and his report on that matter was thoroughly excellent. In that Mr. Clute did not hesitate to lay the blame where it was due and the contractors of the C. P. R. came in for a proper amount of censure. Mr. Clute will probably be in Rossland over next week.

THE MANSION FUND.

The Miner has been requested to receive contributions to the Mansion House Fund and has consented to be the temporary custodian of the contributions of those who desire to help so worthy a cause. Money could scarcely be used for a better purpose than in aiding and assisting the wives and children of those who are fighting the battles of their country in South Africa. The list of contributions to this fund will be published daily together with the amounts given. When the amount reaches a suitable size it will be cabled to London.

PERSONAL.

Mr. M. R. McQuarrie, of the firm of Taylor & McQuarrie, left yesterday for Toronto, Montreal, Chicago and New York, whither he goes for the purpose of selecting a spring stock for the firm and to secure the latest novelties for its patrons. He will be absent for about three weeks. Mr. Frank Robbins, manager of the Brooklyn and Stenwinder mines in Phoenix camp, will leave today for home. Mr. Thomas Anderson, secretary for the McDonald Mines, limited, and assistant secretary for the King Mining company, and also secretary for several other companies, left yesterday for Winnipeg to pass the approaching holidays with his family. He will return immediately after New Year's day.

LABOR QUESTIONS

Commissioner Clute Begins His Investigation in Rossland.

Mr. Frank Robbins and Duncan McIntosh Give Their Opinion on the Eight Hour Law and on the Labor Situation Generally. Mr. Clute Will Visit the Mines Today.

Mr. R. C. Clute, Q. C., the Dominion government commissioner specially appointed to inquire into and report upon the labor question in this province with reference to the mining industry, held his first session in this city yesterday morning in the city hall. Only the commissioner, his secretary, Mr. Harris, and witnesses that were examined, and one or two others were present. Mr. Clute has been in communication with several of the mine owners and managers, as well as with the Miners' union, and he is anxious that those interested should come before him and testify voluntarily. He does not desire to issue and serve subpoenas, as he is empowered to do, but at the same time he will obtain all the necessary details for his report from this important mining centre. Mr. Clute stated last evening that he desired to hear from not only the large properties which were operated by numerous shifts of men, but also the smaller claims upon which only a few men were engaged.

Yesterday only two witnesses were examined, but these occupied all of the morning session, commencing at 10 o'clock and closing shortly after 1. The commissioner directs his own examination, no counsel or agent appearing on behalf of the witnesses. At the beginning of the inquiry more latitude in this respect was allowed, but it was not found to work entirely satisfactorily and Mr. Clute decided to do the questioning himself, at the same time allowing any interested party to put questions to a witness through the medium of the commissioner personally.

The two witnesses who testified yesterday were Mr. Frank Robbins, C. E., general manager of the Dominion Copper company's mines, the Brooklyn and Stenwinder in Phoenix camp, and consulting engineer for the North Star mine in East Kootenay and the other mining properties in the province controlled by Messrs. McKenzie and Mann, and Mr. Duncan McIntosh, the president and general manager of the Winnipeg mine at Wellington camp in the Boundary Creek country.

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"We are a growing and changing community," said the witness, "and material conditions are changing, but prior to the trouble caused by the eight-hour law and the outbreak in the Coeur d'Alene district the majority of the miners employed by me were British subjects. Now, however, in my opinion the majority of the miners in that camp (Phoenix) are not only aliens but came in from the disturbed district in the Coeur d'Alenes. Many of them, I know, were implicated in the troubles that recently existed there and were prisoners in the so-called bull-pen, and the aliens referred to were almost all American citizens."

Mr. Clute asked the witness about the ability to procure good miners who were British subjects, and Mr. Robbins stated that in his opinion there would be no difficulty in obtaining good miners from Sudbury, Scotland, Cornwall and Northumbria.

The men from the Coeur d'Alenes were good miners, continued the witness, and today they were working in the Republic mine just over the border at \$3.50 per 10 hour shift for mining. At the North Star mine in East Kootenay, which has been working for several years, the scale of wages paid was \$3 for a 10-hour shift. When the eight-hour law came into force the company continued to pay \$3 for an eight-hour shift, but the men objected and seemed to think that they had a grievance in the matter.

A great deal of the work on our mines has been prospecting and we have not had means of ventilation sufficient to permit our working eight-hour shifts except in certain places. The eight-hour law had cut down the actual working time and delayed development. Wherever it is possible to work three eight-hour shifts it is done; the men being specially selected for their skill and each shift showing the greatest rivalry to exceed the work of the others. Shafting is regarded as possibly more hazardous work, requiring also greater skill, and it is usual to pay more for this class of mining than for drifting.

Mr. Clute asked if there had been any violence or injury to person or property occasioned by the present trouble and the witness replied in the negative, saying that so far matters had been conducted very quietly and peacefully, but added that the close proximity of the international line made it an easy matter for anyone inclined to do so to commit damage and escape out of Canada. The 10-hour shift results in nine hours work. Under the eight-hour system I think about 1 1/2 hours work is accomplished.

There were no labor organizations in the Boundary country until after this eight-hour question came up. Now there are all kinds of unions, and those of miners advertise themselves as being affiliated to the Western Federation of Miners. Personally I have no objection to law-abiding labor organizations; in fact they are often beneficial, but I certainly object to organizations such as this Western Federation of Miners who, through its president, Mr. Boyce, gave voice to such utterances in Salt Lake after the great strike in Colorado, and which is of public record, that "it is the first duty of every miner's union to see that its members are supplied with the best modern rifles," and who hoped "before the year's end to hear the inspiring sound of the martial tread of 25,000 armed men in the ranks of labor." It was published at their annual meeting in Salt Lake and I saw it in the Spokesman-Review a few months ago.

Mr. Robbins stated that about \$100,000 had been expended in work upon the mines mentioned. About \$250,000 had been spent in purchasing the property. The North Star had been a profitable property, considerable ore having been shipped from it. The present rate of wages was too high, Mr. Robbins said, and retarded development. The mine managers were not hard taskmasters and the foremen were reasonable men. Miners are supposed to be eight hours at the face, but are really not more than 7 1/2 hours. The top expenses, for engineers, the administration and other fixed expenses, go on just the same for eight hours as for 10. I would like to see men work six days a week, but where that has been tried, the men object, saying they want to work the full seven days. I understand we are violating a Dominion statute in this. Except in very wet mines, where pumping is going on all the time, I don't see any necessity for working seven days. I don't think there are sufficient men here now to meet the present demand. There is a great scarcity of all sorts of labor.

In conclusion Mr. Robbins said that the demands made by the miners had materially interfered with development work, and had prevented capital from coming into the province to open up the mines.

Mr. Duncan McIntosh, the president and manager of the Winnipeg mine, was then sworn. He submitted several statements showing the amount of capital invested in his own and other mines. The statements were prepared and put in at Mr. Clute's request and were not for publication. In reply to use many questions asked by Mr. Clute the witness gave his views on the practical working of the eight-hour law, agreeing for the most part with the statements made by Mr. Robbins. At the conclusion of Mr. McIntosh's evidence Mr. Clute adjourned for the day, there being no other witnesses ready.

This morning after holding a short session the commissioner will visit some of the leading mines of the camp and in the afternoon it is expected that the further hearing of evidence will be continued at the city hall.

Funeral of James Sword.

The funeral of the late James Sword took place yesterday afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Lockhart & Jordan. The interment was in the new city cemetery. The deceased was killed a day or two since at a point on the Great Northern railway in North Dakota, and the remains were sent to this city for burial. He was engaged in coupling cars when his foot got caught in the track and he was run over and killed. Young Sword secured his first experience in railway work on the Columbia & Western and left here about a year since and secured a place as brakeman on the Great Northern railway. His father William Sword, Sr., and brother reside in Columbia and came from there for the purpose of attending the funeral. The deceased was aged about 23 years.

The Skating Rink.

At the skating rink it has been determined to have music on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. This will involve a large expense than last year, but if the attendance is increased this feature will be kept up. The intention of the management is to give a masquerade carnival at an early date. One of the curling rinks was diagramed last evening and all that is now needed to place it in condition for play is a hard frost. The other curling rink will next be put in proper condition.

The Weather.

(9 p. m. December 20, 1899.) Max., 29; min., 23. Wind, west, snowy. Weather, moderate. Snowfall, 1 1/2. Snowfalls to date, 46.9. Today is the shortest of the year, being in these latitudes, just over nine hours in length. The time is, however, much shortened by the topographical position of Rossland in relation to the surrounding mountains, which considerably confine its horizon, especially to the westward. The evenings have already begun to stretch out, having commenced to do so on the 10th instant. The mornings, on the contrary, are still shortening, and will continue to do so until about the 22nd of January, and will not indeed really begin to lengthen beyond the present time of sunrise until the middle of next month.

New Music Hall.

Messrs. Astley and Beyran have taken possession of the Dominion hall and the old gymnasium is being transformed into a music hall to be called "The Palace Grand." The whole building has been renovated and the floor has been lowered so that it will be possible for the audience to get a good view of the stage. The hall which will have a seating capacity of over 650, will be handsomely decorated, and the stage scenery and fittings will be first-class. The proprietors expect to open the Palace Grand about the 1st of January.

Mr. J. P. Byers of the Mac Machine company of Trail, was in the city yesterday.

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Professor F. R. Rossland, B. C. Re "Event"

Dear Sir:—Act... of the 23rd... this property on 12th November, my report, viz: Property—The fractional claim... this is owing to nearly 200 feet of 1500 feet. Title—The George D. Root and recorded at July, 1897. It is Evening Gold Mine who has had the made application. Location—This Nigger mountain, west of the valley and Victory-Trium mountain, and a great promising property. Rosa mountain. Melville township, passes close by it while the west front runs nearly parallel line, and only a few rods from the property. It is division, British from Northport, 12 miles from Rossland, half miles from mine.

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THE STOCK

Business Was Only Fair Past Week

THERE IS A RIFT IN IT

War Eagle and Republic A This is Taken to Indicate the Stump Has Spent Prices Will Rise.

Business on the stock exchange ending yesterday has been good. The markets of Montreal have been about as good as the market, however, and the Republic has commenced and this is taken as an indication of the slump has passed and that the prices should be more valuable than they were. It is a consummation which is wished for. It is conceded that the slow progress in South Africa with the considerable effect in prices and restricting the output and that a victory would be the situation. The sales by days during were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Day and Price. Thursday... Friday... Saturday... Monday... Tuesday... Wednesday... Total... This is something of a over the sales of the when they reached a to shares.

Waterloo is worth 13 1/2 cents. The five-stamp company recently instituted and is doing well, sufficient capacity to attain and so it has been determined to issue additional stamps, and will not be long before it is at least be doubled and in a short time be in a dividends. Rathmullen is holding a price is from 6 1/2 to 7, considerable mineral coal shaft and it is thought to will not be long before it is intersected by the shaft. Brandon & Golden Cross some of the price range cents. Thirty tons of ore from the mine every day the spur is completed to be commenced. Winnipeg is not moving and the price still is around mark. The development level continues and it is the main ore body on the tapped about Christmas

Evening Gold Mining Co., Limited.

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The Following is the report on the property by I. B. ATKINSON, Consulting Mining Engineer:

Professor F. R. Blochberger, L.L.B., Rossland, B. C.

Re "Evening" Mineral Claim.

Dear Sir:—Acting under your instructions of the 28th October last, I visited this property on the 30th October, and 12th November, and now beg to submit my report, viz:

Property—The property consists of a fractional claim containing 45.40 acres, and this is owing to the location line being nearly 200 feet short of the full allowance of 1,500 feet.

Title—The ground was located by George D. Root on the 22nd July, 1897, and recorded at Rossland on the 23rd July, 1897. It is now owned by the Evening Gold Mining Company, Limited, who has had the property surveyed and made application for crown grant.

Location—This property is situated on Nigger mountain, about two miles northwest of the valuable Velvet, Portland and Victory-Triumph mines on Sophie mountain, and one mile north of the promising property, Big Four, on Santa Rosa mountain. It is situated close to Melville townsite, and Big Sheep creek passes close by the eastern side.

Means of Access—The position of Rossland is too well known to need description, and the first five miles of the journey is over the main wagon road from Rossland to Northport and the last seven miles over Dewdney Trail, which leads to Cascade City and passes through Melville. (See map attached.)

Geology—This part of the district is largely made up of granitic rocks of various texture and composition, and intersected at different angles by porphyritic dykes. These rocks probably belong to the lower division of the Paleozoic age.

Ore Body—It is impossible to give an accurate description of this ore body, owing to the early stage of development, surface conditions and lack of stripping and prospect work. The ore body is proved by means of an open cut and a shaft, which are upwards of 100 feet apart, but what are termed foot and hanging walls in the shaft cannot be classed as such. This ore body, I think, will be found much wider when depth is attained and crosscuts driven to the walls.

Development—An open cut has been made about eight feet wide and three feet deep, from which small values can be obtained similar to the surface assays where the shaft is sunk. This opening shows similar vein matter.

A shaft seven feet by five feet is sunk on the vein matter to a depth of 10 feet, and shows 30 inches of shipping ore at that level. When I first visited the property the shaft was down seven feet and

the shipping ore was two feet in width, but carried considerably more blende, even reaching 26 1/2 per cent zinc. Some other work has been done on the property, on an iron capping, at different points, but I found no values and will give it no consideration at present.

Further Development—The shaft sinking should be carried on as quickly as possible, and when a reasonable depth has been attained then the ore body can be crosscut and walls proved, also drifts driven on the vein in northwest and southeast direction.

Water—Water for mining purposes can be obtained on the property.

Timber—Timber of suitable size and quality is growing on the claim.

Plant—If the preliminary development by windlass is satisfactory, then a steam hoist must be erected, and probably a concentrating plant will be required, and in that case the ore dressing mill will be situated on Sheep creek and run by water power.

Road—A wagon road is already in construction to the Velvet mine, and C. P. R. officials are surveying a railroad into that district, but these are of little use to the Evening mine. A good road can be cheaply built from the town of Melville, and on a slight down grade to a point on the Red Mountain railway about five miles from Northport. A sleigh road should be made over this proposed route as soon as possible so that the ore can be shipped and profits made in development.

Supplies—The usual rate of the district but present means of transportation from Rossland adds greatly to the cost. They should all be brought in over the new road, which will effect a tremendous saving.

Labor—The usual rate for West Kootenay.

Mining Facilities—The property is fairly well situated for mining cost, facilities, etc.

Assays—I had a large number of samples assayed by Mr. Marsh, Rossland, and they show slight values at surface of shaft, also in open cut north of shaft, and between these two points. I note the assays by Mr. Marsh are higher in gold and copper, but these, like several of the other assays, can be attributed to the small returns of galena and great amount of blende. The gold values range from \$0.40 to \$12.80, and copper returns are 5 to 4.6 per cent. This may eventually be a copper proposition when depth is obtained, but the shipping ore to be considered at present returns as follows, viz:

	Gold.	Silver.	Copper.	Lead.	Zinc.
Nil	11.5	nil	46.5 p. c.	11.15 p. c.	
Nil	12.2	Trace	53.5 p. c.	7.4 p. c.	
Nil	12.2	Trace	58.1 p. c.	9.0 p. c.	
Nil	11.4	nil	44.5 p. c.	14.3 p. c.	
Nil	12.1	nil	60.3 p. c.	9.0 p. c.	
Nil	11.0	nil	55.2 p. c.	11.2 p. c.	
Nil	70.4	nil	318.1 p. c.	62.4 p. c.	
Aver.	11.73	nil	53.0 p. c.	10.4 p. c.	

Profit—A shaft seven feet in length with two and one-half feet of shipping ore, and allowing five cubic feet per ton, would return 21 tons of ore for each fathom in sinking. An ore of this class would be worth as follows, viz:

11.73 oz. silver at 69c. per oz., 95 per cent paid for, \$8.88.
53 per cent lead at \$4.30 per 100 lbs., 90 per cent paid for, \$41.50.
10.4 per cent zinc with 60 per cent ore

paid for at the rate of \$7.50 per cent spelter, which is now 4 3/4 cents per lb., \$6.17.

Net smelter value per ton, \$54.25.
Total value per fathom in sinking shaft \$1,139.25.

Deductions—Sinking shaft 6 feet at average of \$18 per foot, \$108.
Freight to railway 21 tons at \$2 per ton, \$42.

Freight and smelting 21 tons at \$18.50 per ton, \$388.50.

Duty on 21 tons of ore at 1 1/2 cents per lb., (100 per cent lead) 333.90—\$872.40.

Net profit per fathom in sinking shaft \$266.85.

Net profit per foot in sinking, \$44.47.

Net profit per ton of ore raised, \$12.70.

Improvements—A nice comfortable cabin suitable for six men has been put up close to the creek, a large shaft house has been erected over the well-timbered shaft about 300 feet distant from the blacksmith shop.

Opinion—The property is located in a good mineral country, and the various mines referred to in this report are in a position to ship ore as soon as better transportation is provided. On my second inspection the mine showed immense improvement, and every indication of the shipping ore increasing in width, so that with careful and capable management this should be a good paying proposition. In this early stage of development it can only be classed as an exceedingly promising prospect which will pay from the start and well worth consideration and inspection by speculators.

Yours faithfully,
I. B. ATKINSON,
Consulting Mining Engineer.

Orders Stock for Should Be Addressed to the Company's Secretary,

F. R. BLOCHBERGER, Bank of Montreal Building, Rossland, B. C.

THE STOCK MARKET

Business Was Only Fair During the Past Week.

THERE IS A RIFT IN THE CLOUDS

War Eagle and Republic Again Rising and This is Taken to Indicate That Force of the Slump Has Spent Itself and Prices will Rise.

Business on the stock exchange for the week ending yesterday was only fairly good. The markets of Toronto and Montreal have been about as quiet as it has been here. There is one feature about the market, however, and that is the price of the leading shares like War Eagle and Republic have commenced to go up again, and this is taken as an indication that the bottom of the slump has been reached, now that the prices should rebound, now that the more valuable stocks have commenced to again increase in price. This is a consummation which is most devoutly wished for. It is conceded on all sides that the slow progress that is being made in South Africa with the war is having considerable effect in bearing down prices and restricting the volume of sales, and that a victory would greatly brighten the situation.

The sales for days during the past week were as follows:

Thursday	14,500
Friday	35,000
Saturday	66,500
Monday	42,000
Tuesday	26,500
Wednesday	31,000

Total.....215,500
This is something of an improvement over the sales of the week before last, when they reached a total of 193,900 shares.

Waterloo is worth from 12 1/2 to 13 1/2 cents. The five-stamp mill which this company recently installed is in operation and is doing well, but it is not of sufficient capacity to attain large results, and so it has been determined to add five additional stamps, and with these it will be able to output of bullion will be at least be doubled and the company should in a short time be in a position to pay dividends.

Rathmullen is holding its own and its price is from 6 1/2 to 7 cents. There is considerable mineral coming into the shaft and it is thought to indicate that it will not be long before the ledge will be intersected by the shaft.

Brandon & Golden Crown is moving some and the price ranges from 29 to 30 cents. Thirty tons of ore is being taken from the mine every day and as soon as the spur is completed to this mine shipments will be commenced.

Winnipeg is not moving much of late, and the price still is around the 30 cent mark. The development on the 300-foot level continues and it is anticipated that the main ore body on the property will be tapped about Christmas.

The property of the Morrison has been shut down for the reason that the company is out of funds. The capital stock is to be reorganized. The capital stock is to be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000, and 250,000 shares are to be put into use.

For a day or two during the week there was considerable demand for Royal Five on the rumor of a reported strike, but the demand has again fallen off. The stock is worth about 14 cents.

Rambler-Cariboo is worth about 56 1/2 cents, a sale having been made on the exchange yesterday at that figure.

On the Toronto exchange yesterday in the afternoon 12 1/2 cents was asked for and 10 cents bid for Okanagan, and there was a sale in the afternoon at 10 cents. This stock is firmly held.

Tamarac is weakening a little and is worth from 10 to 10 1/2 cents. The news from the Tamarac continues to be of an encouraging character.

Deer Park is moving rather slowly and the price ranges from 2 to 2 1/4 cents.

Evening Star is a trifle stronger than it has been. Spokane brokers pick up any shares that are offered a shade under the regular quotations. The fact that the company has got into strong hands has increased the public confidence in its shares. The stock is selling for 8 1/2 cents.

I. X. L. is the favorite of the hour among local speculators who know the mine. It has been dealt in largely and the price now ranges from 22 1/4 to 23 1/4 cents. The latter is high water mark for these shares since the new management commenced operations on the property in June last.

There has been some dealing in Homestake lately at from 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 cents.

Giant is a trifle quieter and sales have been made during the week at from 6 3/4 to 7 cents. The compressor is up and is awaiting the electric power. It is expected that operations with power will be well under way on New Year's day, when the unwatering of the shaft will be commenced.

After the shaft is emptied good progress should be made with the development work.

There is a little demand for Monte Christo at from 6 1/2 to 7 cents. The shipments continue from this mine and the outlook is that they will be kept up.

The shutting down of the Virginia temporarily has had a bad effect on the shares and they are selling for from 5 to 5 1/2 cents.

War Eagle is stronger. It slumped to \$2.40, and in the past few days it advanced to \$2.50 per share.

Republic sold as low as 90 cents, and has again advanced to \$1.05.

There was almost a panic in Deer Trail shares in Toronto a day or two since, and they fell down to 10 1/2 cents. The Spokane brokers, who know the value of the mine of the Deer Trail, at once commenced to purchase all that were offered at the low price. This caused a rapid recovery, and the shares are now worth from 12 to 12 1/2 cents. The Deer Trail com-

pany has paid 19 dividends of a quarter of a cent each, and is said to have plenty of ore in sight with which to pay more.

Canadian Gold Fields are moving some, and the price is about from 6 1/2 to 7 cents.

The first 100,000 shares of the Lardeau Mines have been sold, and another 100,000 will be placed on the market on January 1st.

There is considerable inquiry for the shares of the Evening company, which is operating a property in Sheep creek valley, near the foot of Nigger mountain, in this district.

Appended are the official quotations for yesterday of the Rossland Mining and Stock Exchange.

Cariboo (Camp McKinstry)	ASKED	BID
Cariboo	14	13 1/2
Minnehaha	14	13 1/2
Waterloo	13 1/2	13
Snuggler	13	12 1/2
Old Tom	12 1/2	12
Knob Hill	12	11 1/2
St. Elmo	11 1/2	11
Brandon & Golden Crown	11	10 1/2
Morrison	10 1/2	10
Winnipeg	10	9 1/2
Athabasca	9 1/2	9
Dardanelles	9	8 1/2
Deer Park	8 1/2	8
North Star	8	7 1/2
Noble Five	7 1/2	7
Rambler-Cariboo	7	6 1/2
Winnipeg	6 1/2	6
Crows Nest Pass Coal	6	5 1/2
Republic	5 1/2	5
Van Ande	5	4 1/2
Big Three	4 1/2	4
Deer Park	4	3 1/2
Evening Star	3 1/2	3
Giant	3	2 1/2
Homestake	2 1/2	2
Iron Hill	2	1 1/2
Iron Horse	1 1/2	1
Monte Christo	1	3/4
Montreal Gold Fields	3/4	1/2
St. Elmo Consolidated	1/2	1/4
North Star	1/4	1/8
Noble Five	1/8	1/16
Northern	1/16	1/32
Novelty	1/32	1/64
Victoria-Triumph	1/64	1/128
War Eagle	1/128	1/256
White Bear	1/256	1/512
Canadian Gold Fields	1/512	1/1024
Deer Trail No. 2	1/1024	1/2048
Farmont	1/2048	1/4096
I. X. L.	1/4096	1/8192
Jim Blaine	1/8192	1/16384
Lone Pine	1/16384	1/32768
Mountain Lion	1/32768	1/65536
Okanagan	1/65536	1/131072
Palmer Mountain	1/131072	1/262144
Princess Maud	1/262144	1/524288
Tamarac (Kenneth)	1/524288	1/1048576
Trail Creek Hidden Treasure	1/1048576	1/2097152

Thursday's Sales.
I. X. L., 2000 at 21 1/2c.; Rambler-Cariboo, 3500 at 57 1/2c.; Giant, 2000 at 6 3/4c.; Canadian Gold Fields, 3000 at 8c.; Okanagan, 4000 at 10 1/2c.

Friday's Sales.
Rambler-Cariboo, 5000 at 56 1/2c.; Okanagan, 5000 at 10c.; 2000 at 10 1/2c.; 2000 at 10 1/4c.; Morrison, 10,000 at 8c.; I. X. L., 2500 at 21 1/2c.; Winnipeg, 1000 at 31c.; 500 at 30 1/2c.; Giant, 5000 at 7 1/4c.; Peoria, 2000 at 1 3/4c.

Saturday's Sales.
Giant, 1500 at 7c.; 1000 at 7c.; 1000 at 7c.; Canadian Gold Fields, 2500 at 7 3/4c.; 2500 at 7 5/8c.; Peoria, 2000 at 1 1/2c.; 25,500 at 1 1/8c.; Rathmullen, 2000 at 6 3/4c.; 3000 at 7c.; Homestake, 5000 at 3 1/2c.; Okanagan, 4000 at 9 3/4c.; I. X. L., 2000 at 21 1/2c.; Morrison, 7000 at 8 1/2c.; White Bear, 500 at 4c.

Monday's Sales.
Peoria, 1000 at 1 1/2c.; Morrison, 1000 at 7 1/2c.; 5000 at 8c.; Giant, 4000 at 7c.

6 3/4c., 2000 at 7c., 1000 at 7 1/2c.; Canadian Gold Fields, 500 at 7c., 500 at 7 1/2c.; Tamarac, 500 at 10 1/2c.; Okanagan, 500 at 9 1/4c.; I. X. L., 2000 at 21 3/4c., 500 at 22c.; Royal Gold, 10,000 at 1c.

Tuesday's Sales.
I. X. L., 500 at 22 1/2c., 2000 at 22c., 1000 at 21 1/2c., 2500 at 22c., 1000 at 22 1/4c.; Tamarac, 2000 at 10 3/4c.; Okanagan, 1000 at 10c.; Giant, 3000 at 7c., 2000 at 7c., 2000 at 6 3/4c.; Peoria, 2000 at 1 5/8c.; Katie D. Green, 2000 at 7 1/2c.; Rambler-Cariboo, 5000 at 50c.; Winnipeg, 500 at 30 1/2c.

Wednesday's Sales.
I. X. L., 6500 at 22 3/4c., 5000 at 23 1/4c., 2000, 1500 at 22c., 1000 at 22 1/4c.; Tamarac, 4000 at 56 1/2c.; Rathmullen, 5000 at 7c.; Brandon & Golden Crown, 2000 at 29c.; Canadian Gold Fields, 500 at 7 1/2c.; Peoria, 2000 at 1 1/2c.; Giant, 1500 at 7c.

Toronto Mining Exchange.
Toronto, Dec. 20.—Following were the sales today on the Toronto mining exchange: Morning—Van Ande, 1000, 1, 000 at 5 1/4c.; I. X. L., 500, 500 at 23c.; Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, 500 at 9 3/4c.; Van Ande, 2000 at 5 1/4c.; British Columbia Gold Fields, 500, 1000 at 3 1/4c.; Afternoon—Okanagan, 500, 500 at 10c.; Deer Park, 500 at 2c.; Monte Christo, 500 at 6 1/4c.; White Bear, 500 at 4 1/4c.; Canadian Gold Fields, 500 at 6 1/2c.; Golden Star, 500, 500, 500 at 31c.; Van Ande, 1, 000, 500 at 5 1/4c.; Republic, 100 at \$106. 1/2; Golden Star, 2000 at 31 1/4c.; Olive, 100 at 65c.

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PERSONAL.
Mr. Alexander Dick left yesterday for California, whither he goes for the purpose of examining the Macdonald Mines, limited, in which he is interested.

Sir Charles Tupper will be in Grand Forks on Tuesday and in Greenwood on Wednesday, after which he will come to Rossland. He comes for the purpose of looking over the Velvet, the Portland and other properties, in which his company, the New Gold Fields of British Columbia, is interested.

Married Yesterday.
A quiet wedding took place last night at the residence of Mr. L. R. Chase, First avenue, at which Mr. Joseph Edgar Reed was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Wortman. Mr. Reed is a native of P. E. Island, and Miss Wortman, of Moncton, N. B. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, was attended by several of the intimate friends of the bride and groom. The happy couple start tomorrow for their home in Eric, B. U.

THE WEEKLY COUNCIL MEETING

PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF A FIRE HALL SITE.

Voters' Lists to Be Printed—The City Lighting System—Reports Passed at the Meeting.

Alderman Edgren was the only absentee at the regular weekly meeting of the City Council last evening.

Letters were read from Mr. L. A. Campbell of the West Kootenay cover the eight company, asking that a proper scheme be submitted for properly lighting the city streets and offering to go with a civic committee and report upon the number of lights required and the best positions for them. If the offer is accepted Mr. Campbell says his company will agree upon a reasonable rate to be charged the city for a good number of lights.

From Mr. W. J. Nelson, asking the Council to take active steps in regard to Colonel Moberley's claim. From the chief of police, reporting that during the months of April, November and up to the 18th December, 27 city area lights were not burning as required by contract. The chief in addition to giving the location of each light not working and the date added: "I may further say that some evenings the lights in different parts of the city were not burning for short periods, of which no mention is made in this report. Three letters from brokers were read, asking for particulars of city debentures offered for sale.

The report of the finance committee was received and adopted. Only some small items of current expenditure were included in the report. The city officials will receive their salaries this week.

The report of the fire, water and light committee, recommending the payment of \$1,477.80 was adopted. The chief items referred to being pay roll No. 15, \$814.35; Muller Manufacturing Company, \$445.00, and Red Mountain railway, \$108.74.

The police commissioners recommended that in view of the fact that the chief of police has been put to a great deal of extra expense in connection with the recent investigation, which resulted in his complete exoneration, his salary be increased \$50 per month, commencing on December 1st. On a motion of Alderman Thompson, the motion was adopted.

Alderman Clute obtained leave to introduce a bylaw respecting junk stores and shops and second hand stores and shops; also a bylaw respecting pawn brokers.

The board of works reports recommending the payment of sundry small current accounts was adopted.

Colonel Moberley will be paid \$50 upon condition that all legal claims by him are abandoned.

Alderman Clute and Lalonde got a motion passed by the Council agreeing to buy lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 17, in the Railway addition, for fire hall purposes. A nominal sum is to be paid down and the balance on the 25th day of January next. The whole price paid is \$5,500, for the inside lots and \$1,500 for the corner lot.

A bylaw to prohibit the burying of human bodies except in the Roman Catholic cemetery or the new city cemetery, was read a first time.

The city clerk will ascertain the best price a set of Fairbanks scales for city purposes can be obtained from the makers.

The tender for printing 300 copies of the city list of voters containing some 950 names was awarded to W. H. Jones at 4 3/4 cents per name. The Council adjourned at 9:20 o'clock.

REAL ESTATE.
The Price of City Property Steadily Increasing—Deals Pending.
The city agreed last night to purchase five lots on the northwest corner of Lincoln street and First avenue for fire hall purposes, paying 1,000 each for the four inside lots, and \$1,500 for the corner lot, or \$5,500 for the whole property.

Mr. Roberts recently refused \$7,000 for the four lots lying west of the C. P. R. station, and an arbitration is pending to fix the proper price to be paid.

The Columbia & Western railway is endeavoring to purchase all the land lying north of their station grounds up to the line of the Red Mountain railway. It is understood that the price offered is \$20,000. The Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway assigns, the Great Northern railway, which owns the lots in question, will not consider the amount mentioned, but regard \$25,000 or \$26,000 as a fair price. Should the Canadian Pacific railway company attempt to expropriate the lands under the railway act, an interesting struggle would at once commence, as the Great Northern would resist any such attempt. If the matter is settled and the deal goes through, it is probable that one of the results would be a connecting switch between the two lines of railway. It would only be necessary to lay a line across the street to accomplish the connection. The Great Northern is willing that the railways should be connected, and on the occasion of his recent visit here, the president of the C. P. R. stated that his company would not stand in the way.

Mr. Henderson, who is here looking out for a postoffice site for the Dominion government, has probably found that the sites he looked into on the occasion of his first visit, nearly a year ago, have considerably increased in price. It is stated that Mr. John R. Cook, who owns the northeast corner of Washington street and First avenue, now asks a pretty stiff price for the property.

It will be noted that there is apparently no depreciation in Rossland real estate, but on the contrary that there is a steady upward tendency.

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A BIG SUIT STARTED

The War Eagle Company the Plaintiffs in the Action.

OVER \$310,000 DAMAGES ASKED

The Big Electric Hoist and Compressor the Foundation of the Law Suit—Canadian General Electric, Jas. Cooper Manufacturing and West Kootenay Power Cos. Defendants.

The difficulties which the War Eagle Consolidated Gold Mining company have encountered in the construction and maintenance of the electrical hoist and compressor, have at last culminated in a law suit involving all told, over \$310,000. The company has experienced a great deal of trouble with the plant, and appliances, and the whole matter will now be fought out in the law courts. A great deal of correspondence has taken place between the War Eagle company and the several contractors, particularly of late, and it was hoped that a satisfactory settlement would be arrived at without an appeal to the courts. Yesterday, however, Mr. A. C. Galt, the solicitor for the War Eagle company, issued writs against the Canadian General Electric company for \$119,701.33, the James Cooper Manufacturing company for \$116,198, and the West Kootenay Power & Light company for \$75,000, making in all the sum of \$310,000.33.

The details of the War Eagle company's claim against each one of the defendants is as follows:

As against the Canadian General Electric company—
(1) A return of moneys paid by the plaintiffs to the defendants as part payment for a hoist and motor, under a contract, dated on or about the 5th day of April, 1898, which the defendant failed to perform, \$6,500.

(2) Damages incurred by the plaintiffs in consequence of the defendants' breach of the said contract, \$2,541.

(3) A return of moneys paid by the plaintiffs to the defendants as part payment for a compressor, under a contract, dated on or about the 5th day of April, 1898, which the defendant failed to perform, \$6,500.

(4) Damages incurred by the plaintiffs in consequence of the defendants' breach of said last mentioned contract, \$54,127, making a total of \$119,701.33.

As against the James Cooper Manufacturing company—

(1) A return of moneys paid by the plaintiffs to the defendants as part payment for a double drum hoist, under a contract dated on or about the 16th day of April, 1898, which the defendant failed to perform, \$2,320.

(2) Damages incurred by the plaintiffs in consequence of the defendants' breach of said contract, \$55,342.

(3) A return of moneys paid by the plaintiffs to the defendants as part payment for a compressor, under a contract dated on or about the 24th day of March, 1898, which the defendant failed to perform, \$3,550.

(4) Damages incurred by the plaintiffs in consequence of the defendants' breach of said last mentioned contract, \$32,856, making a total of \$116,198.

As against the West Kootenay Power & Light company—

Damages for the breach of a certain contract made between the defendants and the plaintiffs, dated on or about the 5th day of March, 1898, \$75,000.

The total amount claimed is \$310,000.33, to which, of course, must be added interest and costs. Beyond stating the fact that writs had been issued, Mr. A. C. Galt, the War Eagle company's solicitor, would say nothing about the matter.

The War Eagle company has put in a temporary plant of five compressors at the head of the Centre Star shaft, and have also put in a temporary hoist in the shaft at the 250-foot level, and it is not expected that the existing litigation will interfere with the output from either the War Eagle or the Centre Star.

RECOVERED HIS REASON.

Kenneth Farrington Bellairs Will Make a New Start in Life.

Many will remember Kenneth Farrington Bellairs and the brilliant engagement which he played in this city. Here he was a mining promoter, newspaper man and incidentally he endeavored to consume more alcoholic beverages than he should, which interfered materially with his prospects. After he left this city he went to Spokane and entered upon a similar career only he went the pace that kills a little more rapidly than here. Finally he fell from a second-story window and injured his head. The result was that he was pronounced insane and was committed to the asylum at Medical Lake. This was several months since. A few days since Mr. Bellairs wrote to a friend in this city in which he stated that he had entirely recovered his mental and physical health. The authorities had permitted him to state that he would be soon discharged with a clean bill of mental health. As soon as he was released he intended to go to San Francisco, where he has friends and where he hopes to secure a new foothold on the ladder of fortune. This time, if he fails, he is certain that it will not be through the agency of the drink habit.

THE ROSSLAND CLUB.

Annual Meeting of a Prosperous Concern—A Good Attendance.

The annual meeting of the Rossland club was held last evening at the club's new home on South Lincoln street. There was a large attendance of members, between 90 and 100 being present. The alterations and additions to the new constitution were gone over clause by clause and adopted. The entrance fee for membership will be raised to \$35 on and after the first of January next. The fees received from new members after the first of the year, will be used to form a sinking fund in connection with the debtments issued by the club. The following members were elected of-

Officers for the ensuing year: Mr. J. S. C. Fraser, president; Mr. C. R. Hamilton, vice-president; executive committee, Messrs. N. F. Townsend, J. M. Smith, John S. Clute, Jr., W. T. Oliver, Alexander Dick, H. Mytton, J. B. Johnson and Claude Oregon.

COAST VISITORS AT HOME.

They Send Their Thanks to the People of Rossland.

The coast visitors were greatly pleased with the treatment accorded them during the time they were in Rossland and took pains to inform the citizens here of the fact. This impression is lasting and was gratefully remembered upon arriving at the coast as will be seen by the following dispatch received by His Worship Mayor Goodeve yesterday:

Victoria, Dec. 14.—To A. S. Goodeve, Mayor of Rossland: Victoria contingent of C. P. R. Kootenay and Yale excursion party have arrived at home. Convey our thanks to the citizens of Rossland for the many courtesies shown. L. G. McQuade, vice-president of Victoria Board of Trade.

Late Boundary Notes.

Mr. Hector McRae, who has just returned from a visit to Greenwood, reports that the electric lighting plant at Greenwood, which was recently contracted for by M. Duncan McIntosh, is to be installed and in working order on March 1st. Corner lots in Phoenix are selling at \$1,250 to \$1,500 each.

Mr. Marpole is selling at \$1,250 to \$1,500 each. Mr. Marpole is selling at \$1,250 to \$1,500 each. Mr. Marpole is selling at \$1,250 to \$1,500 each.

PAY DAY.

A Round Sum Paid Out Yesterday—More Properties Being Worked.

Yesterday was pay day at the mines of this camp, and all estimates made showed that there was probably a slight increase in the total paid out over the previous month. The whole amount is still under \$150,000, but it will take a day or so before the exact figures can be given.

A list of the working mines will show that there are today more properties being actively worked in Rossland and the immediate vicinity than at any previous time in the history of the camp.

A by no means complete list of the properties referred to include the Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask, Columbia-Kootenay, Josie, Number One, Nickel Plate, Great Western, I. X. L., Deer Park, Sunset No. 2, White Bear, Monte Christo, Jumbo, Virginia, Coxye, Gertrude, Giant, New St. Elmo, Mascot, Iron Colt, Mountain Trail, Evening Star, Velvet, Green Mountain, Heather Bell, Ethel, Evening Arthur, Paris Belle, Big Four, Letter and Norway Mountain.

Peters et al Remembered.

There was a very pleasant gathering at the Hotel Phair, Nelson, on Thursday evening, when a number of those who took in the Canadian Pacific railway excursion to Boundary waited upon by Mr. F. W. Peters, assistant general freight agent, J. W. Troup, superintendent of the C. P. R. steamer service, and H. E. Beasley, superintendent of Kootenay branches, and presented each with three handsome pieces of sterling silverware. The addresses were read by Mr. W. A. Macdonald, who commenced upon Mr. Peters first, each of the recipients responding very graciously. The addresses comprising the names of the following excursionists: P. Chapman, D. A. McFarland, J. K. Strachan, George Kydd, R. W. Brigstock, Grange V. Hoff, W. A. Gallihier, H. Byers, A. G. Gamble, Rev. Robert Frew, George Johnstone, W. A. Macdonald and G. C. Hodge.

A Quiet Wedding.

A quiet wedding took place Friday morning at the residence of the groom on North Washington street, when Mr. John Woolcock and Miss Annie Richards were pronounced husband and wife. The contracting parties are respectively natives of Perranwell and of Gwennap parish, Cornwall, Eng. The bride left her home three weeks since upon the long journey across island, ocean and continent, arriving in Rossland Thursday morning last. The groom is a working miner employed in the Le Roi mine. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only a few intimate friends. Rev. George H. Morden officiated.

A Panic in London.

A private cable was received from London yesterday which stated that there was a panic on the stock exchange yesterday. South African securities fell and there was a serious slump in British Columbia shares. For instance, Le Roi shares dropped to 24 1/2, while B. A. C.'s dropped to 16. 6d. There were no buyers even at these figures.

LA GRIPPE VICTIMS

Will in Thousands of Cases Have to Fight Catarrh Unless Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is Used to Prevent the Sowing of the Seed.

The wife of a prominent physician of Toronto was a victim of Catarrh in its worst form. She tried almost every treatment known in the world of medicine without receiving any lasting benefit. Hearing of the almost miraculous cures made by Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, she procured it, and was fully restored, and all symptoms of the dreaded disease eradicated from her system. She says: "After years of suffering I rejoice to be freed." Name given on application. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

Scene in a Texas Court.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 18.—The trial of Dr. S. M. Jenkins, charged with murder, came to a sudden and tragic end today, when Hugh Wheat, 28 years old, brother of Mary Wheat, the doctor's alleged victim, shot and mortally wounded the defendant in a crowded court room. When Wheat fired he dropped the pistol and ran towards the door. John Hilligan, brother-in-law of Jenkins, grabbed it up and fired at Wheat, missing him. Wheat and Hilligan were arrested.

A BIG PURCHASE.

The Railway People Want More Lands For Freight Accommodation.

Mr. Richard Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., accompanied by his secretary, Mr. A. F. Armstrong, Mr. F. W. Peters, Nelson, and Mr. R. G. Tatlow of Vancouver, arrived in town by the late train on Sunday evening.

Mr. Marpole stated Monday evening he had come to Rossland partly on account of the pending arbitration referred to in another column, and partly because his company was anxious to acquire more land in the immediate neighborhood of their up-station, in order to meet the rapidly increasing freight business of Rossland. The company, he said, would require all of blocks 18 and 19, lying to the north of the present passenger station grounds, and now that the owners were in a position to make a good title, the company was willing to purchase. They would have done so long ago, said Mr. Marpole, but had been advised by their solicitors that it would not be safe to do so while there was a cloud upon the title. The deal is a large one, and the price to be paid will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Mr. Marpole had nothing to say about the wood famine in Rossland beyond the fact that the company had been hampered somewhat by the block of freight at Robson occasioned by an accident to some of their locomotives. With regard to the want of coal, he said the fault lay entirely with the coal company at Fernie. There had been a change in the management of the coal company, and energetic measures were being taken to supply the Kootenays with coal. The demand for coal had been very heavy, and the coal company had not been equal to the task of supplying both coke and coal. The C. P. R. had threatened to go to work and open up some of their own coal lands if the Fernie company did not make some other and better arrangements. Mr. Marpole and Mr. Peters left on the evening train. Mr. Tatlow will remain here pending the arbitration mentioned. Before leaving, Mr. Marpole stated that it was proposed to make the morning train, now starting out at 7 a. m., leave an hour later on and after the first of next month.

AN ARBITRATION.

Mr. E. J. Roberts of Spokane and the Columbia & Western Fixing the Price.

The Columbia & Western railway some time ago obtained an order from Mr. Justice Walkem condemning the lots immediately to the west of their station grounds, between the depot and Washington street, being lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in block 18, of the Railway addition. The owners offered \$7,000 by the railway company for the four lots, but refused to accept the sum. The railway company were then directed to pay \$14,000 into court and have the amount proper to be paid Mr. Roberts ascertained and fixed by three arbitrators, one selected by each of the parties and one to be mutually agreed upon. Mr. Roberts named Mr. John Dean, broker of this city, the railway company appointed Mr. R. G. Tatlow of Vancouver, and Mr. W. S. Rugh of Rossland, was agreed upon as umpire. The arbitrators held their first meeting in the city hall Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mr. J. L. G. Abbott appearing for the railway company, and Mr. A. H. MacNeill, Q. C., for Mr. Roberts; Mr. Gutelius and Mr. Roberts also being present. Mr. Abbott explained that the whole question before the arbitrators was the fair and proper price to be paid for the lots mentioned. There was no question of severance, all the property of the owner being taken over, and not a part as often happens, so that there was no question of damages.

After some plans and other documents had been put in Mr. Abbott proceeded to call witnesses as to value. Mr. F. W. Rolt being the first called. At 5:30 the arbitration was adjourned until the day and the sittings were continued Tuesday at the city hall, commencing at 10:30 a. m. A large number of witnesses will be called upon to testify as to the value of the lots. The commissioners are reported to make their finding within three months. Incidentally the report of the arbitrators will be of interest generally, as fixing the price of Rossland real estate in this portion of the city.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

The Leader of the Conservative Party Ex-pected Here Next Week.

Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., the Conservative leader, is expected in Rossland some day next week. Mr. Abbott, secretary of the Liberal-Conservative association, having received word that Sir Charles will leave Vancouver next Sunday to visit Kamloops, Revelstoke, Nelson and Rossland. A meeting of the local committee was held at Mr. Abbott's office yesterday afternoon to arrange for a reception and for a public meeting to be addressed by Sir Charles.

At the Police Court.

John McGinnis got drunk and resisted the police on Sunday, and got fined \$15 by the police magistrate yesterday. Thos. Mooney, for being drunk and incapable, was fined \$5 or one week in jail. Thomas Ronan appeared to Alexander, the cook in the Allan cafe, on Sunday, for employment, and after Alexander took him up to his room and let him rest there, rewarded his benefactor by making off with a suit of clothes and some underwear and pawning the goods. Ronan was sent to Nelson jail for six months with hard labor. Some of the recent arrivals in the demi monde were summoned to appear before the magistrate yesterday, and two of them appeared and paid up \$30 each.

United in Marriage.

At the Methodist parsonage last evening the rite of holy matrimony was celebrated between Mr. George Miller and Miss Mary Lehner. The bride and the groom are both residents of Spokane. Mr. Miller arrived in Rossland yesterday afternoon, and under the guidance of his friend Mr. E. E. Plass, the preliminaries were promptly arranged, and were followed by the ceremony by virtue of which Miss Lehner became Mrs. Miller. They will make their permanent home in Spokane. Rev. Geo. H. Morden officiated.

An Appeal for Aid

Editor Miner: The uppermost thought at this time in the minds of all true British citizens must be our troubles in South Africa, and the brave men fallen in battle there. I know what our worthy Mayor and others said at the banquet on Friday night about Canada being ever ready to send contingent after contingent to help to uphold the cause of our empire is doubtless true. But what are we as citizens of Rossland doing? I notice that at most throughout the entire Empire, not only to speak of our sister cities of Victoria and Vancouver, public meetings are being held at which motions are passed, which help to uphold the hands of the government at this time, and means are taken to collect money towards the fund which is being raised to support the widows and orphans of our soldiers killed or disabled in battle. Can we of this city not do the same? Alexander Sharp. Rossland, December 18th.

Thriving Boundary.

Mayor Manly of Grand Forks, stated last evening that the value of goods entered at the Grand Forks customs house during November was \$65,805, upon which the duty amounted to \$15,900. This indicates the marvelous development of that section of the Boundary.

Dr. R. B. Brett, director of the Sanatorium at Banff, N. W. T., is at the Allan.

The genial physician received a warm welcome from his many friends here.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Legal Tender Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: In the city of Rossland and adjoining the Le Roi mine.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (acting as agent for Edmond Haney, Esq., F. M. C. No. B13033) free miner's certificate No. 34063 B, 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 fifteenth day of September, A. D., 1899.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Hungary Man mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the West Fork of Rover creek about three miles from the Kootenay river.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (acting as agent for William B. Townsend, Esq., free miner's certificate No. B 12,749, and Jack Moore, free miner's certificate No. B 13,922) free miner's certificate No. 34,063A, 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 28th day of Sept., A. D. 1899.

KENNETH L. BURNET, Young & Burnet, Rossland, B. C. 10-26-10t

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

White Iron and Hope No. 2 mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: To the southeast of the Lily May mineral claim, lot 1,022, group Kootenay district.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for the Iron Hope Mining & Milling Co., free miner's certificate No. B13,343, 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 7th day of Nov., A. D. 1899. 11-16-10t

J. A. KIRK.

No. 304.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

Certificate of the Incorporation of the Lavina-Butte Consolidated, Limited.

Capital, \$1,000,000.

I hereby certify that the Lavina-Butte Consolidated, Limited, has this day been re-incorporated and registered under section 5 of the Companies' Act, 1897, as a Limited Company, with a capital of one million dollars, divided into one million shares of one dollar (\$1.00) each.

The registered office of the company will be situate in Rossland, British Columbia.

The time of the existence of the company is 50 years.

The objects for which the company has been established are:

(a) To purchase the Lavina, Iron Cap, St. Joseph, Ruthie Bell, and Butte Fractional mineral claims, all situate on Hamilton creek, in the Ainsworth Mining Division of West Kootenay District, Province of British Columbia, and also to purchase, lease, bond, explore, locate, or otherwise acquire and prospect, work, operate, exercise, develop, deal in, hold and turn to account any mineral claims, mineral lands, mines, properties, and any real estate in the Province of British Columbia or elsewhere, and to pay for the same either in money or fully paid-up shares of the company, or partly in money and partly in such shares, or to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any of them;

(b) To purchase, take on lease, exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges which the company may think necessary for the purposes of its business;

(c) To raise, crush, win, get, quarry, smelt, calcine, refine, dress, amalgamate, manipulate and prepare for market, ore, metal, and mineral substances of all kinds, whether the property of the company or not, in British Columbia, and to carry on any metallurgical operations which may seem conducive to the company's objects, or any of them, or which may seem capable of being usefully or profitably carried on in connection with the other business of the company, and to sell, dispose of, and deal in any ore, metal, and mineral substances resulting from, or to be obtained in the process of smelting, refining, or manufacturing the same, and either free or in combination with other substances;

(d) To construct, carry out, maintain, improve, manage, work, control and superintend any trails, roadways, tramways, railways, reservoirs, watercourses, bridges, aqueducts, wharves, furnaces, saw-mills, crushing works, smelting works, concentrating works, hydraulic works, electrical works, factories, warehouses, ships, boats, and other works and conveniences which may seem directly or indirectly conducive to any objects of the company, and to contribute to and subsidize or otherwise aid and take part in such operations;

(e) To pay out of the funds of the company all expenses of or incidental to the formation, registration, and advertising of the company, and the issue of its capital, including brokerage and commissions for obtaining applications for or placing shares, and to apply, at the cost of the company, to parliament for any extension of the company's powers;

(f) To sell the property and undertaking of the company, or any part thereof, at such times, in such manner and on such terms, and for such consideration, as the company may think fit;

(g) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any property of the company;

(h) To amalgamate with or acquire the business and liabilities of any company or companies having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this company;

(i) To sell and dispose of company stock from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, for such price, or in exchange for such property, as the company may think fit;

(j) To procure the company to be registered in any place or country;

(k) To do all such things as the company may think incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOLFTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Hugle mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About one mile up Sullivan creek, and adjoining the Myrtle No. 1 on the west.

Take notice that I, Wm. E. Devereux, Esq., free miner's certificate No. B 12,749, and Jack Moore, free miner's certificate No. B 13,922) free miner's certificate No. 34,063A, 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 30th day of Oct., A. D. 1899.

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THE MINING REVIEW

The Strike in Sunset No. 2—Many Active Properties.

THE WEEK'S OUTPUT 5,470 TONS

Notes of the Past Week—Suggestion of Better Cooperation Among the Mining Engineers of the Camp—Pay Day—Development in Some of the Working Properties.

The output of ore from the camp for the week just ended, exceeding as it does by nearly 500 tons the average looked for...

Oct. A. D. 1899. DEVEREUX, P. L. S.

PROVEMENTS. Cashier-Teller of the Trail Creek Kootenay Disposal Co. One-half mile mineral claim, west forks of...

Kirk, acting as free miner's certificate of E. M. Kinnear, No. 33,774A, in the date hereof, for the purpose of a certificate of action, commenced each certificate of...

Oct. A. D. 1899. U. A. KIRK.

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of August, 1899. DEVEREUX, P. L. S.

PROVEMENTS. situate in the West Kootenay on the west of Salmon river, Nelson & Fort...

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PROVEMENTS. situate in the Trail of West Kootenay About one mile adjoining the Myr...

Oct. A. D. 1899. DEVEREUX, P. L. S.

PROVEMENTS. situate in the on of West Kootenay three miles east of and adjoining...

William E. Devereux, free miner's certificate, No. 35,439A, in the date hereof, for the purpose of a certificate of action, commenced each certificate of...

October, A. D., DEVEREUX, P. L. S.

Table with columns: Week, Tons, Year, Tons. Rows include Le Roi, War Eagle, Iron Mask, Evening Star, Deer Park, Centre Star, Columbia-Kootenay, Virginia, Mountain Trail, I. X. L., Coxe, Monte Christo, Total tons.

I. X. L.—Roy H. Clarke, the superintendent of the I. X. L., reports that the ledge, which is from three to four feet in width has been encountered in tunnel No. 3 and the work of drifting on it...

Monte Christo.—The stopping of ore from the No. 1 tunnel continues. There were eight cars, aggregating 160 tons, shipped to the smelters. Three cars were sent to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson and five cars to the Trail smelter.

Paris Belle.—The Paris Belle development continues at the intersection of the northwest and east west ledges. Timbering the shaft and other preliminary work has delayed sinking the past week to some extent.

White Bear.—The drift on the 350-foot level is being continued to the east and the crosscut to the north. There are two feet of almost clear ore in the drift.

War Eagle and Centre Star.—The management of the War Eagle commenced to operate a diamond drill on Friday last. It has taken time and some experiments before the new machine worked satisfactorily.

Sunset.—On the Sunset No. 2, which is one of the properties of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, a vein of mixed ore has been struck in the crosscut at a point 250 feet southwest from the shaft.

Giant.—A compressor and five drills was taken to the Giant yesterday. Upon the arrival of the compressor it was immediately set upon the foundation that had been prepared for it.

New St. Elmo.—The new electrical plant installed a short time since is doing excellent work and good progress is reported with the development of the property.

Iron Colt.—Superintendent Sharp reports that an upraise is being made in the south ledge, which is six feet six inches in width. This upraise is being made in the tunnel at a point 593 feet in and at a depth of 250 feet from the surface.

Northern Belle.—A meeting of the Northern Belle Gold Mining company, owning the property of that name on the north slope of Red Mountain, will be held in Toronto on Tuesday next for the purpose of reorganization and the resump-

tion of work. The property is crown granted, has been partially developed, but has remained closed down for the past three years.

Deer Park.—The drift on the 300-foot level is now in for 275 feet. The ore that is now being met is of the same character as that found in the new shaft, but does not carry as good values.

Coxe.—Work is going on as usual. The long lower tunnel is being extended and is now in for 700 feet. It is being extended to cut the ore body that shows in the upper tunnel. It is expected that it will have to be run for a distance of 200 feet further in order to tap the ledge it is being driven for.

Evening Star.—About 30 tons of ore per day is being stoped out of the gold white iron ledge and is being placed upon the dump ready for shipping. Drifting along the big copper-gold ledge is making good progress, the intention being to get under the open cut on the surface, from which such large quantities of ore have been shipped.

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The South African War

It is telling on the stock markets of the world. Even such standard stocks as the Le Roi, War Eagle, Iron Mask, Winnipeg, Brandon, Knob Hill, Old Ironsides and Tamarac have more or less weakened in consequence of the British reverses in South Africa.

RICHARD PLEWMAN. Weekly Stock Letter Issued Mondays. Mailed Regularly on Application.

Thursday night in the Congregational church. The attendance was not as large as was expected. Two young men were badly cut up in a scuffle on Wednesday night near the corner of Cambie and Water streets.

The wedding took place on Thursday at Victoria of J. G. Wilson of this city to Miss M. L. C. Griffin, daughter of William Griffin of Fergus, Ont. The ceremony was performed at the manse by Rev. D. MacRae.

The returns of the Vancouver clearing house for the week ending Thursday shows a very satisfactory increase over the clearings of the corresponding week of last year. The clearings for this week were \$387,068, with balances of \$215,572.

Mr. P. E. McMillan of Toronto, is in town. Mr. J. S. C. Fraser of the Bank of Montreal, leaves for the east this evening. Mr. Fraser, will be away for the next five or six weeks.

GOTHAM OF TODAY

A Racy Picture of the Great American Metropolis.

GREAT MARVEL OF THE CENTURY

The Stage and its Attractions—Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry—The Adaptation of Thackeray's Vanity Fair—Venice Never Equal to New York.

New York, December 14, 1890.

Greater New York is gayer New York now. I have never seen the American metropolis to greater advantage than in the closing months of the century. It is in good sooth a century of marvels, but New York is the greatest marvel of all.

When the ambassador of Pyrrhus returned from the Roman senate to his master's camp, he reported that he had seen an assemblage of kings; Ajax and Agamemnon and Hector and Ulysses are here, not with crowns upon their heads and swords and bucklers by their sides, but pursuing avocations as noble and achieving greater things than the mightiest heroes of antiquity ever accomplished.

The world has never seen anything comparable to this city of New York, and here are its builders. In other days I have strolled through the grandest palaces built by kings, but there never has been a palace built that equals the palaces built by New York to shelter and entertain her citizens and her visitors.

On the Music Hall stage there is nothing new and nothing worthy of commendation. Anna Held is playing to crowded houses every night a species of Moulin Rouge light opera, and all the other music hall theatres are full to overflowing, but there is nothing worthy of special notice.

I must say I do not like these numerous adaptations. I should prefer to see a little more originality and some more good stirring American drama, but players and playgoers are in a happy mood just now in New York, for the plays are good and the playgoers are multitudinous and happy.

But enough, and let me tell some gossip of Gotham and of Bohemia. Henry Irving and Ellen Terry had a reception in New York that conquerors might envy. I saw them in Robespierre for several years, and to look at them again, to watch their incomparable portrayal of a mighty past, and to listen to those voices that thrilled and charmed in more romantic days, was to me a source of ineffable pleasure.

Julia Marlowe is playing "Barbara Freiche"—a tragedy of the Civil War. I have never seen the lovely actress, so winsome, so charming, so full of graceful movement, and in finer artistic form than in this play. The play itself is almost worthy of the Augustan age of English literature.

I wish dear old Thackeray were alive, and that that dearest, kindest and best of all the great literateurs of our century could see his Becky Sharp live and throbb and speak and act as Mrs. Fiske makes her do upon the New York stage. This is the greatest adaptation of the age. It is Thackeray's "Becky" to the roots of her hair, and side by side, fully parallel to Mrs. Fiske's great creation is a Major Rawden Crawley that is as true to life and to the original as anything I have ever yet beheld.

GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PETITIONED FOR A BRIDGE.

Sketch of the Career of Cariboo Cameron, Whose Remains Will Be Conveyed to Glenora, Ont., for Interment.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 16.—[Special.]—Dave Evans has resigned the superintendency of the Karthquake to accept a similar position with the Hartford, in Wellington camp.

A petition asking the provincial government to contribute \$2,400 towards the construction of a bridge over the north fork of the Kettle river, near the mouth of Pass creek, 14 miles from Grand Forks, has been extensively signed in various Boundary towns.

The other day I read a critique on John Drew that described him as the star of a great family of actors. That is the greatest compliment that has ever been paid John Drew. John Drew's father and his sister George Drew Barrymore achieved histrionic triumphs that John Drew has never yet attained.

Ben Hur has found its way to the stage. The play like the book is weak, but the staging is the finest ever seen in America. As a spectacular show it has stormed New York, and the house is sold out months ahead.

On the Music Hall stage there is nothing new and nothing worthy of commendation. Anna Held is playing to crowded houses every night a species of Moulin Rouge light opera, and all the other music hall theatres are full to overflowing, but there is nothing worthy of special notice.

NEWS FROM GREENWOOD.

Progress of Development in the Boundary Creek Country.

Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 16.—The Goldconda, Smith's camp, is showing up splendidly under development. The company is running a tunnel at a depth of 200 feet to strike the old shaft at 350 or 400 feet distant. They are now in 70 feet, and are drifting on a vein of splendid looking ore, which was encountered at 40 feet from the mouth after passing through 12 feet of blue lime rock.

The name of Cameron is a household word in Eastern Canada. He made a great fortune in placer mining in Cariboo in the sixties, a devoted wife shared all the privations of life in that northern wilderness, and when she died Cameron nearly lost his reason. In company with Stevenson he started east with the body, traveling via Victoria, San Francisco, Panama and New York, to visitary. Several years later, after increasing his fortune, he left Cariboo as he thought for ever. On his native heath Cameron was regarded as a public benefactor. He entertained day and night, lending large sums to old friends without exacting security. This pace had lasted more than 12 years, when Cameron found himself a poor man again. He was a gambler, and had gambled away the entire countryside, and Tallyho coaching parties, were some of the diversions he got up for favored guests. Nothing daunted he determined to make a second clean-up, and started for the scene of his early triumphs. Conditions, during a lengthy absence had changed. Without friends the former king of Cariboo, though well advanced in years, resolutely started to work on a new claim from which he expected great results. Fate, however, decreed otherwise. He fell ill, and died among strangers. He is buried on a bluff above the golden gulch which enriched him in the early sixties.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

A Music Hall to Be Built—Sampling Works May Be Established. Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 13.—[Special.] C. M. Rosendale of Nelson, B. C., is considering the advisability of establishing a music hall in Grand Forks. During a recent visit here he inspected various sites, and before his departure announced his intention of returning within a few days.

Alexander Dick, the well-known Rossland mining expert, on behalf of prominent capitalists, made a complete examination last week of the Pathfinder mine on the north fork of the Kettle river. A deal for the purchase of the property, it is understood, is impending. Mr. Dick stated that it would be premature to give any details at this juncture. Grand Forks will have a music hall early in the New Year. The franchise has already been secured, and the work of constructing suitable buildings will be commenced without delay.

IN AND ABOUT GREENWOOD

ROAD TO WHITE'S CAMP HAS BEEN ALMOST COMPLETED.

Activity in West Fork Mining Properties Still Continues—Work being Prosecuted on Meyer's Creek—Other Notes.

Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 15.—[Special.]—The road to White's camp, which has been in course of construction for some weeks under the auspices of the government and the citizens of Greenwood, is now about completed. The original arrangement was that the government was to contribute \$1,500 and the citizens \$1,500, but in order to complete the road it was found that \$1,000 more would be necessary, and that amount the government agreed to contribute. Mr. Hall, as foreman, has had charge of the work.

The Alhambra theatre, owned by Brantham & Co., is about completed, and arrangements have been made for the opening on the 16th. The management has engaged Henderson and Ross and a company of specialty artists for the occasion. It has built and equipped one of the best opera houses in the interior, and promises that legitimate dramatic and vaudeville performances be presented. C. A. Baldwin is general manager, and Delphos Law has been appointed manager.

Madden & Dallas, Pacific Hotel, have leased the Windsor premises adjoining for a term of years. A new building will be erected uniform with the Pacific, and will give the Pacific a frontage of about 100 feet, all to be devoted to hotel purposes. It is the intention to have the new building modern and up-to-date in every respect. P. S. Barnard, Victoria, who owns the Windsor, is rebuilding. It was one of the buildings burned down last summer.

Clarence King, the young forger who escaped from jail Monday night, was recaptured last night at Phoenix, where he was found hiding in the cabin of a friend. It seems that King in some way or other got access to the key and unlocked the padlock on the shutter, leaving them open until he got the opportunity to escape when he threw them away. He lay for two hours under the C. P. R. freight shed and then reached Phoenix by way of Boundary Falls at night—a most arduous and painful trip.

The activity in West Fork mining property still continues. Another important sale is reported today. Alex. Wallace and his partner, McIntyre, have sold their claim, the Prince, on Belle mountain, adjoining the Washington group, to Jack Empey, representing R. E. Brown, who now owns several claims in a block. The purchase price is \$3,500.

George B. Naden, of the Bealy Investment company, and H. T. Ceperly, Vancouver, have just returned from a trip to Kruger mountain, Kereinos, where they were inspecting the Division, work on which has been proceeding for some time. A shaft was sunk 30 feet and a crosscut was made to the lead. They are now sinking on the ledge. A force of 12 men has been at work, and it is expected that work will continue all winter. This is one of the remarkable properties of the Similkameen. The ledge matter is 20 feet wide, and has averaged from the top down \$21 in gold. Messrs. Ceperly and Naden brought back with them a number of specimens which were assayed, and gave values as follows: From ore dump, \$42.54; waste dump, \$13.20; west side of shaft, 30 feet deep, \$10.87; east side of shaft, 30 feet deep, \$42.50; bottom of shaft, \$32.40, or an average of \$29.10.

R. M. McIntyre, manager of the Review, Myers Creek, arrived in town on Monday. He says that they are drifting on the 200-foot level with a well-defined lead six or seven feet wide. Six men are at work. The bunk house has been completed, and so also has the survey of the claim.

R. Mechem, mining broker, Montreal, and Mr. Ernest Peck, attorney, Chesaw, arrived in the city on Sunday from Myers Creek, and are at the Armstrong. Mr. Mechem during his visit to that camp purchased the Poland China group and a number of other smaller claims for a Montreal company. The Poland China next to the Review, is being developed, and Mr. Mechem will remain here all winter, and acquaint himself with the district generally. Mr. Peck returned to Chesaw on Wednesday.

Fred Oliver, Spokane, returned here on Monday, and is engaged in superintending the development of the Greyhound, and the property has a surface showing of between 150 and 200 feet and a shaft about 30 feet deep. A steam hoist has been purchased and shipped from Rossland on Monday. It is the intention of Mr. Oliver to sink to the 100-foot level and crosscut and drift.

The Morrison, which is now perhaps one of the best known mines on the stock market, has been closed down pending reorganization of the company. It is understood that the property is being taken hold of by a strong company and will be incorporated for, it is thought, about one million and a half in Montreal. The reorganization Mr. Oliver says will place this mine on a much better basis.

GREENWOOD INTELLIGENCE.

Mineral Development in Progress in the Boundary Country.

Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 14.—[Special.]—A bylaw to grant a bonus of \$3,800 to the B. C. Copper company smelter, Greenwood, will be voted on the 28th December. The bylaw will not, however, go into effect until a year from that date and the money is not to be paid until 30,000 tons of ore have been smelted.

Mr. Harry Mackintosh and associates, yesterday purchased the Club stables. They already own the Montana stables, and the intention is to consolidate the two. The First Depositor. Mr. Harry Mackintosh was the first depositor in the new Bank of Montreal. He deposited \$1,306.65 when the bank opened for business in its new quarters. A FIERY SKIN. Dr. Agnew's Ointment Will Soothe, Cool and Heal It. With the skin fairly ablaze from itching, burning skin diseases, such as eczema, tetter, itch, salt rheum, scald head, and other distressing eruptions, the application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will quench the fire, give instant relief and comfort; will cure and leave the skin clear and soft. In three to five nights it will cure any kind of piles. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

Two Dollars ORE OF GOOD

Development of the Boundary Creek Country

Clarence King, the youth committed for forging a number of cheques in this city who had been committed for trial and was about to be sent to Kamloops, last night effected an escape from jail and has not yet been found. King was in shackles and it is supposed that in the afternoon while cutting wood he broke the steel links with the axe and tied them with string and then waited his opportunity to make a dash for liberty. He is a youth of about 18 and his parents live at Ferme, B. C.

James Dale, one of the owners of the Carmel, West fork, came to Greenwood on Monday, and on Monday morning received the first payment on the bond of \$25,000 from the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Milling and Mining company, Coeur d'Alene. The company has had a force of six men at work all summer prospecting the claim and sinking a shaft. It is understood that the force has been increased and that development will be prosecuted vigorously all winter. He has bonded the Butcher Boy, adjoining the Carmel for \$50,000 to the same company. The Butcher Boy is on the same lead.

James McGregor, mining inspector, is in the city hospital dangerously ill with pneumonia. He had been in the city for some days feeling not at all well and suffering from a gripe. On Monday evening of last week he was removed to the hospital. The physicians hope that his vigorous constitution will pull him through.

Editor Oliver, manager of the Morrison mine, has returned from Spokane. He is going to actively develop the Greyhound, a property in Deadwood camp, which has great surface showings. Machinery has been shipped from Rossland, and the work of sinking the shaft to the 100-foot level will be proceeded with at once. The Greyhound is likely to prove another Mother Lode from present appearances.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

Editor Miner:—The critical labor situation in the Slokan district, and the uneasy feeling, more apparent lately in Rossland, are said to have been largely caused—and certainly aggravated—by the Miners' unions preventing contract labor. The contract system furnishes an easy bridge over the rather sudden transition from the 10-hour to the 8-hour day. The extra profits that the proficient and ambitious miner can make under it, go far to counterbalance any bad results. It can in our principal mines, be used, but to a limited extent, in England. A universal opposition to it, miners run the risk of public opinion backing the legislature in making some enactment in its favor. Better go slow and keep public opinion unreservedly on your side. Verbum sap.

It is also asserted that mine owners in secret sessions have conjured to overthrow the 8-hour law or cut the standard wage proportionately. As all political parties are in favor of the law, its repeal is out of the question. To cut the present wages means a strike; and a strike means closing the mines controlled by these mine owners unless they succeed in their intention to import and employ dago and other cheap labor. The alien labor law will not likely prevent them, as the Ottawa government makes no effort to enforce it. The higher the wages the better for the local community. Therefore, the community's interest will be with the strikers and against the handful of mine owners, and determinedly against the employment of cheap labor, whether dago, Jap, or other. The community and the strikers have the votes. What is to prevent the local legislature, backed by an overwhelmingly popular vote, enacting that no underground laborer shall be paid less than the standard wage? With such an enactment, and the mine owner remaining obdurate and closing the mine, what is to prevent the legislature saying: "We granted the legislation that you on the implied condition and trust that if profit paying ore were found you would exploit it, and so enrich and build up the community. You have such ore but you willfully refuse to carry out your trust; therefore, we will carry it out for you," and thereupon leasing or working the mine, and holding the rent or profits for the benefit of the owners.

It is better not such legislation, and better that you permit these mine owners to conspire together and so act as to cause great injury and even ruin to thousands of men who have settled in the vicinity of these mines and are properly dependent upon the mines being worked for their well-being? I think so very decidedly and would not hesitate to advocate and support such legislation. This is a progressive age, and the great mass of people in our mining localities justly requires such legislation. I do not see why they should not have it as against the selfish interest of half a hundred mine owners who may have floated paying property in England, a very excessive valuation, and now wish to blame the 8-hour law for their inability to pay the excessive sums promised as dividends, or wish to sweat labor to pay what never should have been promised. The 5-cent "wildcat" has never done much harm compared with certain flotations of dividend payers, whereby the public have been "wildcatted" out of from \$1 to \$2 per share through willful over-valuation by the promoters.

The present standard miner's wage is none too much for the support of a family, while the employment is both arduous and hazardous. The maintenance of this standard should, and I believe will, have the support of the entire community. Let us hope that these mine owners will take note of the warning weather signals before finally embarking upon their proposed expedition. Yours, etc., SMITH CURTIS.

Roseland B. C., Dec. 20, 1890.

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Mr. E. B. Gillespie with his family from Peace has been for the past eight there he was foreman of Hewitt Mining & Development which owns the claims of a mile west of the quarters of a mile west of the development consists of 200 feet and the ledge is on both ways for 80 feet and a half feet wide and copper, and the ore is estimated to be worth \$20 to the ton. A shaft to a depth of 150 feet to depth. The company has claims and is energetically developing work.

A Smelter for East

Mr. J. E. Saucier has for the past ten days in which he went for the mining properties in which on the Pay Roll three shafts. The tunnel is now in for ledge is seven feet in width is a high grade galena, estimated to be worth \$20 to the ton. A shaft to a depth of 150 feet to depth. The company has claims and is energetically developing work.

Katie D. Green a James Peterson, John Joseph Bernard, miners Katie D. Green mine, can There is four feet of ore in the face of the drift in the Montana claim.