

OCTOBER

SOLD THE PORTLAND

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IT ADJOINS THE VELVET

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Another important sale was made yesterday, when the Portland on Sophie mountain was purchased by the New Goldfields of British Columbia for the sum of \$19,000.

The fortunate sellers yesterday were Olaus Jeldness, Jefferson Lewis and John Cromie. The two first named were also the sellers of the Velvet.

Operations will probably commence Tuesday on the development of the Portland, under the direction of Captain Morrish, the company's engineer.

About 20 men are now at work on the Velvet and the shaft is down nearly 30 feet.

Pack trains were busy Monday and Sunday in bringing in ore from the Velvet mine to the Columbia & Western railway depot.

Mr. Mackenzie is seen last night at the Allan House by a MINER reporter in regard to the company's plans for the construction of the extension of the C. P. R. system from Penitico to the Boundary district.

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It Weighs 3,000 Pounds and Came from the Dandy Mine.

CHARLES MOY, the instructor of the Seattle Athletic club, has just sent a challenge to Harry Dunn, who recently bested Schumacher in a wrestling match in this city.

Back from Fort Steele.

High Sutherland, of Winnipeg, president of the Winnipeg & Hudson Bay railway company, and formerly M. P. for Selkirk, is just in from the Fort Steele country.

They Killed Their Horses.

Prospectors are beginning to come out of the Big Bend country for the reason that it is getting too cold for them to remain there any longer.

SLOCAN CITY NEWS.

The Nelson Tribune Not Up To Date With Its News.

SLOCAN CITY, Oct. 12.—[Special.]—The contractors have commenced work on the station buildings here.

Ore is being sacked up for shipment on the Paystreak.

C. N. Banks, who has leased the Ello on Lemon creek, has also leased the Saddle Rock and intends to work both properties.

It is reported that Wm. Brasch, one of the owners of the Pioneer group, has given the British Columbia Gold Fields company a short option on the property.

The Nelson Tribune is a little out of date with some of its Slocan news.

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A GOOD DEAL CLOSED

Three-quarters of the Referendum Group Have Been Sold.

A NEW COMPANY FORMED

Operations on the Commander Will Soon Be Resumed—John Y. Cole Reports That the White Bear Mine Is in a Very Prosperous Condition.

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claimed to be sufficient to net the company about \$50 per ton above charges for freight and treatment.

A New Company Organized.

The Glasgow Gold Mining company was organized Tuesday afternoon, and elected H. Marymont, J. F. Ritchie, John Ripplinger, P. G. Nash and Joseph Marymont as directors.

The company owns three claims—the Bismarck and Bismarck Fraction in the Slocan country, and the Copper King in Deadwood camp, Boundary county.

The company is organized with 1,000 shares, of which 400,000 have been set aside for development purposes, and it is the intention of the management to commence work on both properties as soon as a few minor details are attended to.

John Ripplinger, the locator of the Slocan property, in speaking of the prospects of the company's property, said that he had been on the Copper King and examined it carefully, and was satisfied that with a small outlay for development work, ore in paying quantities, can be mined as soon as transportation will reach the Boundary county, and in speaking of the Slocan property, he said that shipping ore can be mined from the surface, almost enough to pay current expenses until the property is developed, when it will certainly be one of the dividend paying mines of Slocan.

May Sell to a Syndicate.

A meeting of the Royal Canadian Gold Mining & Development company will be held at the office of the company in this city on Friday afternoon for the purpose of considering the question of the sale of the property of the company to a London syndicate.

The syndicate will put up one-third of the capitalized value of the property in the treasury of the company as a working capital.

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THE EUREKA CAMP

The Republic and Other Mines on the Reservation.

A FRUITFUL COUNTRY

A District So Rich in Mining and Pastoral Resources As To Be An Incentive to American Railways To Build It Through To Boundary.

EUREKA, Wash., Oct. 12.—On the 20th day of February, 1896, Mr. Cleveland signed the act opening to mineral entry the northern part of the Colville reservation.

Immediately multitudes of prospectors were seen by the Indians riding rapidly through the various valleys of the reserve to some much desired point to locate a mineral claim from which each hoped to obtain wealth and perhaps fame.

The story of many a wild and daring ride that then took place with the fortune or disappointment that followed, might well be the framework for more than one exciting romance.

One of these daring riders was Hugh McCool, and on his road from Marcus to La Fleur mountain he passed Tommy Ryan, who was riding mainly along in the wake of a cayuse laden with a pack.

Ryan had been prospecting and mining for well nigh a score of years. He had in that time camped on a thousand hillsides and eagerly searched along ten thousand creeks for indications that would lead him to a fortune through a gold mine.

In those long weary years there has been little but disappointment, and here he was again in this latest stampede, once more in search of fortune with the food on his pack and the cayuse, which he had, all given to him by folks who hoped that this time Tommy would strike it rich.

Some Rossland mining men had staked him and Phil Creaser, and both were directing their course along the Kettle river and thence up Curlew creek to the San Poil.

At the junction of Granite creek and Eureka creek with the San Poil were several quartz ledges long known to contain gold.

To this point, therefore, Ryan and Creaser were bent.

Tommy Ryan was as happy and cheerful and as hopeful as ever when he finally staked his new claim in Eureka camp.

He gave it the high-sounding name of the Republic. At last Tommy Ryan had struck it rich, for the Republic is destined to rank among the richest and most famous mines of the American continent.

Unfortunately for himself, Phil Creaser and the mining men who had staked him were his partners in the Republic, and having no money to develop it Ryan sold his quarter interest for \$50,000; that was the end of the matter, and the Republic is now owned almost exclusively by Spokane mining men.

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off than now. Recollect, the Indians made a treaty with the government for the opening of the reservation to settlement, but with unutterable meanness congress refused to ratify the treaty on account of a paltry sum allowed the Indians.

Meanwhile, a very anomalous and very disagreeable condition of things prevail and will prevail till the whole reservation is opened to settlement.

Supplies Come From B. C.

Before many summers wax or wane, Eureka will have a population of 5,000. But as the law stands not one of these 5,000 people have the right to build a house, to cut a stick of wood, to plant a flower, to grow a cabbage plant, or to graze a cow or horse.

The mine owner can utilize the lumber on his claim, and do practically what he pleases with it, provided he does not sell to his neighbor lumber enough to build him a shelter, or wood enough to keep him from freezing for a single night.

I have been perfectly astonished to find so much excellent agricultural land and a still greater extent of grazing land in the reserve.

The Curlew valley is a perfect paradise for the farmer and the rancher. Finer cattle could not be seen than in the Indian lands grazing on the hillsides or in the luxurious pasturage along the creek or by the lake.

Within sight of Curlew lake is the Republic mine, the San Poil and the Curlew, and the beautiful park-like hills on which thousands of flocks and herds are pasturing but for the stupidity or ignorance of the congress of the United States, and I am assured the climate of the Curlew and San Poil valleys is the loveliest in Eastern Washington.

From where the San Poil joins the Columbia to the junction of the Curlew with the Kettle river is fully 80 miles, and these valleys may really be considered one, for the divide between them on Gaspard's ranch is imperceptible.

No doubt there are a multitude of other valleys in the reservation equal in richness and fertility, but the discovery of the Republic mine will lead to the speediest settlement and development of these. Until the reservation is opened Eureka and the Curlew valley depend for supplies on British Columbia transportation.

Supplies brought from the States reach Marcus over the Spokane Falls & Northern and thence by team up along the Kettle river.

From Marcus to Eureka is 80 miles of teaming. The state is building a road that will reduce this probably to 60 miles, but this state road from Marcus across the reserve to Eureka, I am assured, is a "job." It is not a natural easy grade like that along the Kettle river and the Curlew and it will not benefit either the state or Eureka.

What this country wants and what it must have is railway transportation.

A Chance for B. C. Railways.

The Spokane Falls & Northern railway has a natural grade up the Kettle river from Marcus and thence up Curlew creek to Eureka, whence it can easily reach the Okanogan country in British Columbia.

If Mr. Corbin extends his railway here he will not only have the reservation but the most promising mining camps of Greenwood, Rock Creek, Grand Forks, Le Fleur and others tributary to it.

What is known as the Heinze line would of course be a dangerous competitor for did it once build to Penitico that line would be compelled to push on to the Coast, and the camps on the reservation and in the Boundary country would get their supplies from Coast towns over what is known as the Heinze road.

In fact, the Heinze road would thus become an independent British Columbia railroad system, a most dangerous rival not only to Mr. Corbin's system, but to the Canadian Pacific. Such an independent system would be an excellent thing for the miners, farmers and merchants of this interior empire, whose destiny is a great and happy one, for it would cheapen the cost of living to all and lead a tremendous impetus to the development of the country.

But for that reason the Canadian Pacific will probably put such obstacles in the way of Mr. Heinze that he will not be able to extend his system beyond the Columbia river. It is true, the Provincial government has given Heinze a land grant. I think it is also true that the vast majority of the people of British Columbia want the Heinze road as an offset to the possible and most probable exactions of a railroad which would be a virtual monopoly.

But regions of snow-capped mountains and barren rocks, after all, are not money, and I do not think that the Heinze land grant is worth the paper it is written on for aid in building railroads. In fact, Heinze showed his ignorance of British Columbia when he undertook to build a road with such a grant.

The Good Land Corralled.

All this good farm and timber land was already corralled, and all that was left was good only for the prospector, or for cariboo or mountain goats. In fact I have met numbers of people in the Boundary country who look to Mr. Corbin for relief from the present tariffs under which this country groans. They think it only natural that the Canadian Pacific will render all Heinze's plans abortive and that if the Canadian Pacific gets to the Boundary itself, its tariffs will be anything but lenient unless they have an American rival, and Mr. Corbin is that rival. Taking it as a whole, the railroad situation is full of problems and perplexities; delay is wearing on the souls of mine owners, prospectors and farmers; all realize that a railroad alone can put the reservation and the Boundary countries in the vanguard of progress, and they believe that their wonderful resources justify the grandest and brightest hopes. P. A. O'FARRELL.

ROSSLAND'S MINES

Continued Active Development In All the Properties.

ORE SHIPMENTS OF WEEK

They Amounted to 1,295 Tons—Work In the War Eagle—Development of the Sunset—News From All Over the Camp.

From Sunday's Daily.—The development of the camp during the past week was steady and continuous. No extraordinary strikes are to be reported, but the improvement in all the working mines has been uninterrupted.

It seems likely that operations will soon be resumed on the Homestake Consolidated group, for D. M. Linnard, the promoter of the company, is now on his way to London to complete arrangements for commencing work and he is confident of success.

The Deer Park, in the South belt, is also to be started up immediately, and Lew Mulholland, who represents the company, is expected in Rossland about Friday.

The ore shipments for the past six days amounted to 1,295 tons, of which the Le Roi furnished 1,200 tons, the Cliff 20 tons and the Iron Mask 75 tons.

The Poorman. Four men are at work on the Poor man, cleaning out the old stopes in preparation for continued development. It is thought that shipments will be made soon. In connection with this the miners have just received the following from Chas. Litchfield, the secretary of the company: Now that work has been started again at the Poorman mine and that consequently extraction and shipment of ore will be immediately in order, it is again creating interest among the stockholders of the camp.

The office is being deluged with letters as to the standing of the company and as to how many assessments have been levied and if any may be expected in the future. As your paper is probably taken by many stockholders of the company in the east, and you welcome statements from those managements that have no secrets to withhold from the public, I, as secretary, desire to state through the columns of your paper, that but one assessment was ever levied, viz: on October 1st, 1896, for one cent per share.

The new directors of the company believe that sufficient ore can now be extracted and realized upon to thoroughly pay for its further development, and therefore do not expect to have to again assess the Poorman stock.

We are out of debt, with considerable cash in the treasury. I will be pleased to mail a printed statement of the company to any one who is interested in the property.

The War Eagle. A crosscut has been completed across the vein from the winze at the 500-foot level in the main tunnel, and the vein was found to be 15 feet wide. On Friday work was commenced continuing the winze to the 625-foot level. The winze is being carried down in the hanging wall, about 30 feet from the vein.

In the War Eagle extension of the Iron Mask tunnel drifting is being conducted along the vein, and an upraise is being made to connect it with the main tunnel. Manager J. B. Hastings is knocking down about 30 tons of ore daily, which is being stored in the stopes.

The Sunset No. 2. The new compressor plant which was started up on Monday last, has been moving along most successfully and progress in the main adit, where one machine is at work, is being made at the rate of five feet per day. The adit is now in 205 feet, it is expected that either Monday or Tuesday it will break into an ore chute which outcrops at this point. The adit will be continued to the 245-foot station, when an upraise will be made to connect with the shaft, which has been sunk at this point. After that it is expected that a shaft will be sunk, but the point on which it will be started has not yet been selected.

The Le Roi. Work on the Le Roi was interfered with somewhat this week by an accident to a skip, but everything is again proceeding favorably. About 200 tons of ore per day is being raised. The new three compartment shaft under way on the vein to the rear of Colonel Peyton's cottage is progressing rapidly, as is the tunnel started on the west end of the claim. Two new Ingersoll-Sergeant drills have been purchased through Jas. D. Sward, the local agent, for use in the development of the mine.

The Iron Colt. The drift in which the recent strike was made has been extended to a distance of about 45 feet, and the ore chute is now about seven feet wide. Of this about two feet is of fine grained quartz assaying about \$20, and the remainder is of white iron, carrying values of about \$6. The main crosscut tunnel is being steadily extended towards the second lead.

The Cliff. The surface workings on the Cliff which have been operated of late are showing up some very good ore, and a shipment of 20 tons is being made. Colonel S. M. Wharton, the manager of the property, is expected in Rossland at any time now.

The Evening Star. The adit which is being used in opening up the vein is now in 200 feet, and the ore chute continues to show up well. The surface work on the vein below the shaft is disclosing some good pyritic ore.

The Josie. Work is being continued in the workings from the 300-foot level in the shaft. The west drift is being continued as is also the crosscut from the end of the east drift, but there are no developments.

The Velvet. Eighteen men are at work on the Velvet and the prospect shaft is now down 14 feet. The showing is very favorable. A shipment of 10 tons to the Trail smelter is being made and the first consignment was packed in yesterday.

The Elba. The Elba, in the South belt, is being opened up in two places now. A double force of men is at work in the main shaft, and Saturday another force was put to work on a fine surface showing lately discovered on the property.

The Crown Point. The sinking of the shaft from the tunnel level has not yet been commenced, but it is likely that it will be undertaken at once, and an increased force may be put to work.

The Iron Mask. The Iron Mask came forward this week with shipments of 75 tons to its credit. Operations are being continued in the workings adjoining the Centre Star's side line.

The Deer Park. Lew Mulholland, of the newly organized Deer Park company, is expected in Rossland next Friday, when work on the property will be at once undertaken.

The Como. A 10-foot assessment hole on the Como, near the Sunset No. 2, on Deer Park mountain, has exposed a promising body of ore 2 1/2 feet wide.

The Abe Lincoln. The new wagon road to the Abe Lincoln will probably be completed by Tuesday. A crosscut is being driven from the 60-foot level in the shaft.

The Lily May. The new compressor plant on the Lily May is being rapidly installed, and it will probably be in running order in a week.

The Monte Cristo. Considerable development work has been done on the Monte Cristo during the past week, as a full force of men is at work.

The Centre Star. Development is proceeding favorably on the Centre Star. Oliver Durant, the manager, left yesterday for Butte.

The Red Mountain. The compressor on the Red Mountain has been shut down, pending the completion of the survey of the property.

The Oozey. The long crosscut tunnel is being continued, but it is not expected that the ledge will be met for some time.

The Jumbo. Ten men are working the Jumbo. It is expected that the ore chute will be tapped in 80 feet.

The Nickel Plate. A full force of men is operating the Nickel Plate.

PROSPECTORS RETURN. They Have Made Four Good Locations on Carnes Creek. Lee George and James Kelly are back from Carnes creek, where they have been since April last. This creek is located 25 miles above Revelstoke and some 10 miles from the Columbia river, and pretty high up in the Selkirk mountains. They report that they have made four locations there, on which there are three veins. One vein is a foot wide, another is three feet and the third is 18 inches in width. The widest of the ledges has been uncovered for a distance of 2,000 feet. The ore from the wide ledge carries gold, iron and a trace of silver and copper. An assay reveals that it carries \$28 in gold. The weather was beginning to get a little cold, and Messrs. George and Kelly were afraid that they might be snowed in, and concluded to return to Rossland before such an event occurred. In the spring they will return and resume the work of developing the property. J. W. O'Connell, F. L. Mosher and A. J. Bertrand each have an interest in the property, and they think that they have a big thing, as the facilities for shipping the ore out are good.

The Electrical Power Company. Robert Jamieson, the chief engineer of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, which is putting in a big electrical plant on the Kootenay river, is in Rossland looking after his company's interests. He says work is being pushed in all departments of the enterprise, and the company expects to be supplying power in Rossland by December 15. The sub-station, where the current received from the trunk line, will be transformed into use for distribution to the mines, will probably be located on the Lookout claim on Monte Cristo mountain. Mr. Jamieson says that not more than 11 1/2 per cent of power will be lost in transmitting the current from the Kootenay river to Rossland.

A Big Proposition. W. H. Fletcher, accompanied by his brothers, Alfred and Hamilton, returned Saturday from the Fort Steele country, where they were prospecting the past season. Mr. Fletcher is the locator of the famous Coronado group, about 18 miles east of Fort Steele, which has one of the most remarkable leads on record. The vein is nearly 125 feet wide, between porphyry and granite, and has been traced for three miles. There is a good cropping, the ore on the surface assaying as high as \$102 in gold, silver and copper. About \$10,000 worth of work will be done on two of the claims this winter.

A New Mining Incorporation. The Canadian Mining syndicate, limited, has been registered as an extra provincial company, and is published in the last issue of the British Columbia Gazette. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares of the par value of \$1 each. The head office of the company is at No. 23 John William street, Huddersfield, county of Yorkshire, England. The head office of the company in this province is located in Vancouver. The object is to carry on a general mining business in British Columbia and in other parts of Canada.

BOTH WERE REMOVED

Council Believes From Office Chief Squires and Assistant Winsor.

VOLUNTEERS MAY RETURN

It Looks as if Harmony May Be Restored—The Aldermen Want to Borrow \$10,000 More—Hose and Reels Returned.

It looks now as if the difficulties between the city council and the volunteer fire department will be speedily reconciled. At a special meeting of the aldermen held Saturday afternoon, both of the present officers of the paid department were relieved from their positions. Saturday, too, the volunteers met and reorganized, and announced that they were willing to return to the service of the city if sundry details could be arranged. Incidentally, Elling Johnson, David Stussi and William Austin returned to the bell tower one of the reels and half of the hose, which were removed from there by the volunteers on Thursday morning.

The special meeting of the council was held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Though the call was not announced until a few minutes before the hour, it drew a large attendance, present were the council members. The members in attendance were Mayor Scott, Aldermen Johnson, Wallace, Raymer and McPherson. The spectators, who included most of the volunteers, were disappointed if they expected to see a lively session of the council, for the board had hardly convened before it suddenly adjourned, to go into secret session in the mayor's private office. Only the members of the council were admitted. Alderman Fessier was notified of the executive session and at once joined the other councilmen.

It was 6 o'clock before the private session adjourned. Then it was given out that by a unanimous vote the board had decided to discontinue the services of Fire Chief Squires and Assistant Fire Chief Winsor, and the two were formally notified to that effect by the city clerk a little later. The reason assigned by the council for this action was that during the services of the officers, and further, that as no horses were available for the fire apparatus paid officers were unnecessary.

Then the councilmen took up the question of presenting a money bill to the ratifiers. As the meeting was a special one called for another purpose, the council could not formally decide upon such an action, but it was informally decided among the aldermen that at the earliest moment they should call a special election to secure, if possible, the authority of the voters to issue additional city debentures to the amount of \$10,000. If this sum were secured the present administration could end its term of office without difficulty, but otherwise considerable trouble is anticipated in making both ends of the municipal finances meet until the next election.

The special money bill cannot be submitted until after the meeting of the council of revision on November 1, and after that it must be advertised, so that it will probably be eight weeks before the question is put to vote.

In case the money bill is secured, the council intends to secure horses for use in connection with the newly purchased fire apparatus, and in that event it would be necessary to have paid firemen who would be in constant attendance at the fire headquarters.

Shortly before noon yesterday, Elling Johnson, David Stussi and Wm. Austin dragged back to the central fire tower one of the carts and 600 feet of the hose which had been removed from there by the fireboys.

Forty-Nine Mile Creek. Mr. Bennett Thinks Lots of Gold Will Be Found There. NELSON, Oct. 8.—[Special.]—The company that has taken the lease of the hydraulic claims on Forty-Nine Mile creek, just above the Nelson Hydraulic company's property, evidently means business. Ten feet of the shaft has been sunk in an effort to reach bedrock. Mr. Bennett came in town today for the purpose of taking more men out with him. He believes that bedrock will be reached in 50 feet and a big clean up may be made. It will take at least six weeks to get the shaft down to bedrock. At present some water is being pumped to the shaft for the purpose of testing the hoisting system. The fall of the creek is about 10 per cent, and it is the intention of the new company to start in 500 feet below it, necessarily and drift up to the main shaft for the purpose of draining it. Mr. Bennett is of the opinion that bedrock has never been reached at Forty-Nine Mile creek and that the Nelson Hydraulic company and other companies have been working on rim rock. This theory is borne out in part by the work of the Nelson Hydraulic company during the past year. Mr. Bennett believes that at a depth of 50 feet they will find gold in such abundance that the marvelous find at the Klondike will pale into insignificance.

Transfer of the Queen Bees. There have been a great many reports in regard to the transfer of the Queen Bees group in the Slocan. It is asserted that none of these reports have been correct. The fact of the matter is that C. K. Milbourn bonded the group for \$110,000, of which \$35,000 was cash for the past ten days or two weeks, they have been enjoying the sport of shooting ducks. Although the season is early, they report sport fairly good. The expectation is that the season is at its height.

The Weekly Miner contains all the mining news of Kootenay.

NEWS OF TRAIL

The Electric Plant Has a Governor—Personal and General.

TRAIL BREVITIES

Among the Trail visitors to Spokane are Colonel Topping, Mrs. Callahan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Archambault, Dr. Raymore and Mr. and Mrs. George White.

Ed Rigney is home from an extended stay in Nelson. He has been employed on the Fern mine.

Mr. F. M. Brown is home from Spokane, where she has been attending the fruit fair.

Premier Turner was expected on today's boat, but failed to arrive. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt are now residents of Sandon. Mr. Hoyt was formerly interested in the Globe hotel.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Steele.

Professor and Mrs. Dewar are visiting at Waneta.

Captain W. K. Brown has sold his hotel at Waneta and will leave in a few days for England.

Plasterers have been busy renovating the Methodist church, and that edifice is now ready for service again.

A survey of Colonel Topping's Gray Gliff mining claim on Lookout mountain, has just been completed by J. D. Anderson, who is also engaged in surveying the St. Croix.

W. de V. le Maistre has gone east for a short holiday.

A ladies' art league has been formed in Trail, and met this week at the home of Mrs. Moran.

Miss Maggie Lewis of Revelstoke, who has been visiting friends in Trail, was honored the past week by two very pleasant gatherings, one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stansell, and one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walley.

IS BEARING FRUIT. Sir Charles Tupper's Visit to Slocan Is Already Beneficial. SLOCAN CITY, Oct. 9.—[Special.]—Sir Charles Tupper's recent visit to Slocan City is already bearing fruit, as more men will be put on at the Exchange group, owned by Sir Charles' company, at once, and there is a report going the rounds to the effect that the company will put up a locomotive for the early days. The Exchange is being thoroughly prospected and developed in a systematic manner, and when they commence taking out ore heavy and continuous shipments may be expected.

C. M. Bancroft, who built the Lemon Creek trail, is now turning his attention to mining. He has recently acquired a one-sixth interest in the Kilo and Wedge fraction on Lemon creek, and has also taken a lease of the same. He will start work on these claims at once and push operations with his accustomed vigor.

The steamer Slocan brought down another scow laden with rails and timbers for the railway on Thursday, and tracking from this end of the line will soon be begun.

E. W. Gibson, of Birtle, Man., owner of the Boston and Concord mineral claims on Lemon creek, is in town.

The Evening Star No. 3, on Dayton creek, is rapidly coming to the fore. Ore is being taken out right along, and packers are making daily trips down laden with some excellent ore. More men will be set to work, with one delay and operation vigorously pushed.

Mr. Brasch, one of the owners of the Pioneer group, came down from the hills on Thursday bringing with him some very fine samples of rock full of free gold. He says he has struck a ledge of very fine ore about 18 inches wide, very much richer than anything heretofore discovered on their claims.

The owners of the Get There Eli, on Twelve Mile, started work on that claim last week and are already sacking up ore for shipment.

The boiler and machinery for the Arlington mine, which has been lying here for some weeks past, is being put up to the mine. The first consignment left on Wednesday morning.

BACK FROM BOUNDARY. James D. Sward Tells of the Rich Mines There. James D. Sward, the energetic and active agent of the Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill company and other prominent companies, is back from a visit to the Boundary country. Mr. Sward keeps in the closest touch with the mining interests of the country, and no man in the Kootenay travels more than he does. In speaking about the Boundary country yesterday he said, among other things, that it is reported that work has been resumed on the Steam property near Greenwood. The plant which was recently placed on the Ironside is in operation, and the plant which was recently ordered for the Brandon will be installed. In the vicinity of Fairview there is a great deal of activity and the promising properties around there are held at good stiff figures. The placer operations in the neighborhood of Grand Forks, from which so much work is expected, have been suspended because of the inability of the miners to save the gold, which is rather fine. At the B. C., which has one of the largest copper showings in the Province, a force of 20 men are employed and the outlook for this property is a most promising one. The amount of copper in this claim when it is fully developed, is, if the present owner will hold out, estimated at showing now made holds out. The depth will be where the operations are being conducted is over 20 feet wide and gives from 10 to 15 per cent in copper. At Long Lake camp the Jewel property has been shut down temporarily, although it has been bonded to Victoria parties. This property is considered to be a valuable one. At Deadwood camp work is being pushed on by the Mother Lode under the direction of P. J. Keefe, superintendent of the Boundary Falls Mining company. "In fact," concluded Mr. Sward, "work is progressing all along the line in the Boundary country, and as soon as the necessary transportation is afforded it you may be sure that it will be heard from in the mining world."

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LADIES' RELIEF SOCIETY. It Has Disbanded After Giving an Account of Its Good Work. Mrs. O. A. Baldwin, president, and Mrs. D. R. Adams, secretary, on behalf of the Ladies' Relief society, wish to inform the public that the organization is disbanded, and take this opportunity to thank those who have aided them in the work. Up to June 1 the society had paid out to the deserving poor \$908.20. Since that time it has expended \$35.60, making a total of \$943.80, and leaving \$13.50 in the bank to its credit, which sum has been handed over to the Rev. H. Irwin for charitable purposes.

A LIFE SAVER TO MANKIND is what Mr. George Benner, Warton, Ont., styles Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Not that I am at all fond of having my name put in public places, but as a life saver to mankind, I hereby state what Dr. A. W. Chase's K-L Pills did for me. For nearly four years I was greatly troubled with Constipation and general weakness in the kidneys, and in my perilous position was strongly advised to use Chase's Pills, and to-day I am safely and truthfully state that they have saved my life. GEO. BENNER.

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Fire Department Trouble Culminated in an Altercation.

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Elling Johnson, the fire warden, to whom the apparatus had been entrusted by the volunteers, refused to allow the chief of police to remove the machinery in question. Warm words followed and force was used. The matter was temporarily ended by the chief's removing about 500 feet of hose, which it was conceded was the property of the municipality, but leaving undisturbed the apparatus in dispute. Shortly after noon, Mr. Stussi and Wm. Austin, who were active in preventing the chief from removing the disputed machinery, were summoned to appear in police court this morning, charged with obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty.

Origins of the Trouble. The trouble is the result of the dissatisfaction existing among the volunteers over the city council's action in appointing the members of the paid firemen. The volunteers wanted all the paid men to be drawn from their ranks, and assert that there was an agreement to that effect between them and the council. In accordance with the wishes of the volunteers, Joseph Squires was made chief of the paid department, but in selecting an assistant chief the council went outside the ranks of the volunteers, and chose for the place Fred Winsor, an old fireman of considerable experience. The volunteers branded this action as a breach of faith, and forthwith handed in their resignations to the city council. Since then the council has had no meetings, through lack of quorum, and the resignations have not come up for consideration. The volunteers became impatient and on Wednesday evening held a final meeting when an ultimatum was formally declared to be dissolved. The only thing that then remained was to dispose of the apparatus, which had been in use by the volunteers. This consisted of two hose reels, 1,200 feet of hose, and the accompanying apparatus, all of which had been secured through private subscriptions from the business men of Columbia avenue. The only apparatus in possession of the volunteer fire department, which had not been secured through private subscriptions, was 500 feet of rubber hose which had been purchased by the city.

Turned Over to the Fire Warden. After disbanding, the question came up as to disposing of this apparatus other than the city's hose, and the ex-fire boys decided to turn it over to the local fire warden, Elling Johnson. Part of the apparatus was stored in the old fire hall on West Columbia avenue, near the customs house, and the rest was kept in the tower at the corner of Washington street and Columbia avenue. Thursday morning about 10 o'clock a dozen of the ex-volunteers, accompanied by Mr. Johnson, gathered at the latter firehall and commenced to remove the apparatus subscribed for by the citizens, the old firemen near the customs house, where the rest of the machinery was stored. In the tower building was some of the hose which had been bought by the city. This was left undisturbed, and the firemen removed only the "citizens'" apparatus, as they called it.

While Mr. Johnson and the ex-firemen were engaged in this task, Mayor Scott passed by. "What are you going to do with that stuff," inquired the mayor of Mr. Johnson. "I am going to put it back in the old place," answered Mr. Johnson, meaning the old fire hall on West Columbia avenue, where the all fire apparatus had formerly been stored. "That's right, that's right," said the mayor. "We don't want any trouble over the matter," and he passed on down the street.

Removing the Apparatus. Assisted by the ex-fire boys and an express wagon, Mr. Johnson removed the apparatus to the old fire hall on the west end of the avenue and was returning up town when he met Mayor Scott on the corner of Spokane street, by the Pacific Hotel. Close behind the mayor were Chief of Police Ingram, Sergeant McGowan and Assistant Fire Chief Winsor. "I thought you were going to put that apparatus back in the old place," said the mayor to Mr. Johnson. "I did," asserted Mr. Johnson. "You did not," hotly replied the mayor, "and I am going right over and take the fire apparatus back to the tower."

So saying, the mayor and his assistants proceeded down to the old fire station with the evident intention of removing the apparatus which had just been placed there by the ex-volunteers. They were followed by Mr. Johnson and a large number of people who had gathered as the dispute arose, among whom were D. Stussi, formerly a fire warden, and Wm. Austin. The mayor and the police reached the fire hall first, and Chief Ingram and Sergeant McGowan had picked up the handle of the big hose cart when Mr. Johnson arrived.

Have you any order from the citizens for the removal of these reels?" demanded Mr. Johnson of the chief. The latter replied that he had not, but intended to take the reels and the hose away. "You can take the city's hose, but nothing that was paid for by subscriptions," responded Mr. Johnson, and as

he spoke he pushed on into the building. Climax of the Altercation. "What right have you here?" demanded the chief of Mr. Johnson, and at the same time he seized him by the vest. As he did so Mr. Stussi, who was standing close by, attempted to release the fire warden from the grasp of the chief. "I am the owner of this building," replied Mr. Johnson, and the chief at once let go of him and seized Mr. Stussi. "What have you to do here?" inquired the chief. "I am the owner of the building, too," Mr. Stussi is credited with having answered. At the same time Will Austin, who was standing near by, attempted to loosen the chief's grasp on Mr. Stussi. Without further ado Chief Ingram turned to remove the hose belonging to the city, and he carted it away without opposition. The mayor, Fire Chief Squires and Assistant Fire Chief Winsor meanwhile had remained passively by, and took little part. A large crowd had gathered, made up mainly of the ex-volunteers and their friends. The police took the hose to the tower on the corner opposite the Allan hotel. The reels and all the hose that had been purchased through subscriptions of the citizens were left undisturbed in the old fire hall, in the possession of Fire Warden Johnson.

Shortly after noon, summonses were served against Mr. Stussi and Mr. Austin, charging them with interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty. The Matter Considered in Meeting. A citizens meeting was held last evening in the firemen's headquarters, the old Shaw hotel, to discuss the matter. The full force of fire boys was present, and among the citizens in attendance were C. O. Lalonde, John Jackson, F. B. McLeod, F. W. Rolt, Dr. H. L. A. Keller, Geo. Richardson, D. Stussi, Elling Johnson, A. H. MacNeill, W. H. Jones, Dr. Campbell, John Boutbee, Charles Van Ness, Wm. Austin and Aldermen Johnson and Wallace. C. O. Lalonde was made chairman, and John Watson, jr. acted as secretary. Several speeches were made regretting the present situation existing between the old department and the city council. Alderman Wallace explained that he had voted for the election of Fred Winsor as assistant chief under the assurance of the other aldermen that the election of Mr. Winsor was satisfactory to the volunteer department. Having now a true understanding of the situation he would favor peace at any cost, and would support Mr. Johnson as any other member favored by the volunteers for the position of assistant chief. Alderman Johnson said that he was assured that the council would ratify the election to the paid department of the officers chosen by the volunteers. After considerable further discussion, it was decided on the motion of A. H. MacNeill that a committee of six be appointed from the volunteers and the citizens to confer with the city council relative to a settlement of the situation. The committee named is as follows: Messrs. C. O. Lalonde, F. W. Rolt, John Boutbee, E. A. Rolf, O. Collins and Wm. Wilcox. An effort will be made to secure a special meeting of the city council at 10 o'clock this morning to hear the committee.

Elling Johnson, the fire warden who is now in possession of the disputed hose cart and reels, wishes it understood that the apparatus is still at the disposal of the citizens whenever occasion may arise. He is, he says, merely holding it in trust until the citizens who subscribed for the purchase of it state what disposition they want made of it.

THE HOMESTEAK CONSOLIDATED. Likelihood That Work May Soon Commence on the Group. D. M. Linnard, who promoted the flotation of the Homestake Consolidated Gold Mines, limited, is on his way to London to see to the commencement of work on the properties here owned by the company. In July last, it will be remembered, the Homestake Consolidated took over the Homestake, the R. E. Lee, the Maid of Erin and the Gopher, all in the South belt, to develop them thoroughly. The new company had a capital of £160,000, and £25,000 was to be placed in the treasury for the purpose of opening up the properties which had just been acquired. It was understood then that work was to be commenced at once on the group, and at one time miners were engaged, but work has not yet been undertaken. It is understood that the syndicate has had some trouble in disposing of its shares, and only £17,000 has been raised out of the £25,000 which was guaranteed for the treasury. Mr. Linnard, it is understood, has gone to London to complete the deal, and is sanguine of success.

School Plan Accepted. The school board has accepted the plans for an 8-room school building as prepared by Architect Taylor. Architects Robertson, Honeyman, Weston of this city and Architect Perry of Nelson also submitted plans. They were all excellent, but it was thought that Mr. Taylor's plan was the best and he will therefore have the supervising of the construction of the school on behalf of the government. The plan that has been accepted has been forwarded to the department of lands and works at Victoria for approval. As soon as the department approves of it bids will be advertised for and the work of construction begun.

Will Devote His Time to Mining. John A. Manly left this city Thursday for a visit to the Centennial mine, which is located near Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. This mine is about to become a shipper. Mr. Manly has large interests in mines both in the Boundary country and in Idaho and his intention is to dispose of any other of his interests so that he may be able to devote all of his time to mining.

The Grand Prize. Negotiations are under way in Spokane tending to the redemption of work on the Grand Prize, adjoining the Deer Park, but nothing definite has yet been settled upon. There is a fine surface showing on the claim, and though only about \$2,000 worth of work has been done, the development has been very satisfactory.

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AT IT AGAIN.

A recent issue of a Victoria newspaper contains an editorial announcing that the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway company will probably make application to the provincial government at an early day for a \$4,000 a mile subsidy with a view to beginning the construction of a line of railway from Penticton to Boundary Creek without waiting for rail connection to the Columbia river or the Coast. We are not surprised at the information. We would not be surprised at anything the promoters of the V. V. & E. might say in their anxiety to profit at the expense of the taxpayers. The only way that those worthies could possibly surprise any one would be to do something demonstrating that they are public-spirited and that their railway projects could be made to materially benefit the districts in which they might operate.

The V. V. & E. company, in applying for public aid to construct the Penticton-Boundary Creek road, would forfeit the last vestige of its claim to the good will and respect of the public. The company, in its innate selfishness, evidently intends to continue to pursue its miserable policy of attempting to thwart the development of the Boundary country unless it gets something for nothing. A railway simply from Penticton to Boundary would afford little or no relief to the Boundary district. It would be of no benefit to the miners of that region. The Boundary ores must be treated with the silver-lead ores of the Slokan in order to reduce them economically, and the V. V. & E. would be absolutely useless in that respect. Those of the Coast districts, who hitherto favored the construction of the V. V. & E. have done so only in the hope that an independent line would free the residents of the Fraser River valley and the Okanagan from the monopolistic clutches of the merciless C. P. R., and thus develop the trade of these regions. They can scarcely be blamed now if they unhesitatingly denounce the promoters of the V. V. & E. as a pack of chartermongers.

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION. The special telegram TO THE MINER announces that the Liberal convention which met at New Westminster Friday refused to declare for the drawing of lines in Provincial elections will, we venture to say, be joyfully received by every true Liberal in British Columbia. This news was obtained under great difficulties, and it is unfortunate that the dispatch does not give more details. The statement that the convention adjourned last night to meet again Saturday for the purpose of drafting a Provincial platform is extraordinary, to say the least. After declaring for non-interference in local politics, it appears to us nothing short of ridiculous for a body of men to arrange immediately afterwards for a platform and an avowal of principles concerning that very question! Such proceedings are enough to make the convention the laughing stock of the country. Where, in the name of common sense, were the parliamentarians and leaders of the party, that they should allow such stupid mismanagement? The convention should have declared for party lines and stuck to its guns, or left the question severely alone. It will be extremely interesting to learn the name of the wisacre who tangled up the convention in such a remarkable manner.

THE MINER promises its readers full particulars of the convention in tomorrow's issue. A NOTE OF WARNING. THE MINER desires to direct the attention of its readers to an exhaustive article on the railway and smelting situation in southeastern British Columbia by P. A. O'Farrell. It is copied from a recent issue of The Vancouver World and appears on the fourth page of this issue. The article is a striking exposition of the present and possible future conditions of the smelting industry in Kootenay, and covers the question very fully. Mr. O'Farrell appears to have given the matter much thought and has gone to the trouble of obtaining facts and figures in support of his statements that show beyond all doubt how vitally important to the prosperity of Kootenay and Boundary districts is a transportation system that will admit of local smelters treating the entire ore product of the mines hereabout. Mr. O'Farrell never wrote truer words than the statement that the mine owners in Kootenay and Boundary are beginning to realize that "there is something rotten in the state of Denmark," when the Canadian Pacific railway prefers to haul the entire output of galena ore of the Slokan to Omaha and Kansas City rather than to the Columbia river smelters, when the same company insists on the payment of \$4 per ton on freight from Northport to Trail, and the outrageous tariff of \$1.50 per ton for hauling limestone in a barge from up river points to the Trail smelter. If, as Mr. O'Farrell says, the C. P. R. is trying to close down the reduction works at Trail, as it has already effected the closing down of the Pilot Bay smelter, in order to retain the benefits derived from the long haul of Slokan ores to United States smelters, it is high time for the people and their representatives at Ottawa and Victoria to arouse them-

selves to the calamitous condition of affairs. By adopting such a policy the C. P. R. is ruining the local smelting industry and blighting the mining industry to such an extent that the low grade ores of Trail Creek and Boundary will remain valueless, instead of productive of millions of dollars annually, as is the case with the Anaconda mine, near Butte, Montana.

HON. J. H. TURNER.

Hon. J. H. Turner, premier of British Columbia, is expected to arrive in Rossland Saturday. He is touring the interior districts for the purpose of closely examining into the administration of public affairs and familiarizing himself with the requirements of this portion of the Province. His visit has no political significance whatever. Mr. Turner is not a politician, and it is extremely fortunate for the welfare of the Province that he is not. In nine cases out of ten, a politician has "an axe to grind" for himself or his hangers-on, and is prompted to enter public life for selfish and ignoble motives rather than for the advancement of the prosperity of the country. Mr. Turner's identification with public life in British Columbia is a long record of earnest, noble endeavor to perform the duties required of him to the best interests of the Province. The bitter Oppositionists, in their tirades against the Government, have never been able to besmirch his good name in any way in the slightest degree. His sterling worth and enviable standing as a business man is reflected in every detail in his public career. As minister of finance he has succeeded in bringing British Columbia securities to a position in the London financial market that they are eagerly sought at a premium in spite of the fact that the interest paid by the Province is at an exceptionally low rate. When Mr. Turner first entered the legislative assembly he did so because his constituency knew him as highly intelligent, successful in business and the soul of honesty in all his dealings. When, shortly afterwards, he was begged by the Ministry at that time to accept the portfolio of finance and agriculture, he did so, not because of any motive emanating from self-aggrandizement, but because he considered it his simple duty to do so. When ex-Premier Davis became the chief justice of British Columbia and the leadership of the Government party was tendered to Mr. Turner, he accepted the honor with becoming modesty and ever since he has unflinchingly and conscientiously labored for the cause of the people. He considers the government of the Province such a sacred responsibility that he has even gone so far as to a very great extent place his extensive and varied business interests, which he has built up by honest, patient industry, in the hands of his junior partners. The MINER hopes Mr. Turner will long be spared to continue to honor and benefit the Province with his valuable services and wise council.

THE "YELLOW JOURNALS." Among the news sent by the Associated Press and published in this paper Friday was a fearfully and wonderfully made story concerning a man named Tallman, who is one of the inhabitants of the village of Malone in the state of New York. The dispatch recited at length how the Tallman residence was subjected to curious "rappings," the reason for which no one could account. That in time the owner of the house, the aforesaid Mr. Tallman, while in a highly excited and even a hysterical state called in his neighbors and formally renounced the Protestant faith and declared his intention of hereafter following the teachings of the Roman Catholic faith, but even this renunciation did not exercise the spirit that was rapping and tapping about that house in so weird and mysterious a manner. It is possible that Mr. Tallman made a wrong guess as to the religious denomination of the spirit that was making night and day a hideous dream to him and his family, for the dispatch narrates that even after Mr. Tallman had accepted the Catholic faith he was doing the work was a regimental drummer in the act of calling the morning roll. It is within the range of probabilities that this particular spirit was a Methodist, or even an Episcopalian or a Baptist, and maybe he might have been a Hebrew or possibly a Theosophist. It is palpably evident that he was not a Catholic, for he continued to annoy and disturb the household even after its head had embraced that religion. Perhaps if Mr. Tallman had kept on renouncing and accepting different religions until he struck the particular one which the rapping ghost favored, he might in the course of a few days have profligated him and the rapping that produced hysteria and a change of religion in a big, strong man might have terminated.

The whole story, however, is probably a fake, as were the rappings produced by the first rappers, the Fox sisters, who were the first high priestesses of the cult of spiritualism. As we said before the whole story is probably a fake, and the product of one of the emissaries of one of the "yellow journals" which in this day and generation are doing so much to deprave the public by feeding it in all that is morbid and unhealthy in the field of literature, and all that is salsicious, deformed,

abnormal and immoral in the news field. The mission of the "yellow journal" seems to be to hunt for the freaks, the cripples, the cases of arrested development, moral and physical, and to show them up in all their deformity before the eyes of its readers. The "yellow journals" are the dime museums of journalism, and in them the writers of their morbid productions play the parts of literary prostitutes and vile panders.

The effect of the "yellow journal" is bad, as it glorifies the females of the half world quite as much, if not more, than it does the honest wives and mothers of the land, and the effect cannot help but be bad on the rising generation, for the reason that in order to attract the admiration of those journals, one has only to do a queer, criminal or abnormal thing, while patient and honest merit, goodness and even greatness may toil for years without attracting the least bit of their attention.

The MINER is of the opinion that the press has a higher mission than the glorification of freaks and monstrosities, and the exaggeration of accidents and incidents. Its mission should be, and is in a majority of instances, to educate the public as well as to keep it truthfully informed as to the current events of the day. The public is quick, however, to detect the true from the false, and we think it will not be long before the "yellow journals" will realize the fact that they will have to give the public something besides accounts of mental and physical malformations to feed upon, or they will pass out of existence.

PEOPLE OF NOTE. Miss Ellen Terry is an exquisite needlewoman, but she has never cared to use the sewing machine. A biography of Robert C. Winthrop has appeared, contributed to the Massachusetts Historical society by his son. Frederick W. Lincoln, jr., who is the oldest surviving mayor of Boston, began to serve in 1858, and with the exception of three years, served until 1868.

President Kruger is willing to retire from public life to oblige Mrs. Kruger, it is reported, but makes an annuity of \$25,000 a year for the rest of his life a condition of his giving up office. Mme. Roecker of Rheims, widow of the head of the champagne firm besides bequeathing \$110,000 to the sisters of Vincent de Paul in Paris, and \$40,000 to other charities, left a trust fund of \$500,000 for the support of the charitable works in which was interested during her life.

It is said that more than half the reigning monarchs of Europe are troubled with defects of eyesight. Among those who wear glasses in private are Queen Victoria, the King of Denmark, the Czar, the Queen Regent of Spain and Holland, nearly every member of the house of Hapsburg, and the Prince of Wales. Leo XIII will, according to his personal doctor, in the ordinary course of nature, see the twentieth century, and that he himself is convinced of this is proven in his plans to inaugurate on a large and solemn scale throughout Christendom a series of religious services as thank offerings at the close of the century and as a welcome to the opening of the next.

Application for Liquor License. Notice is hereby given that 30 days after the date hereof I intend to apply to the board of license commissioners for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the C. Charles hotel, lot 5, block 14, in Burton City, B. C. F. BURBEE. Dated this 23rd day of Sept. 1897. 9-29-97.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the R. E. Lee Gold Mining Co., limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, on Friday the 15th day of November, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors, altering the by-laws, considering any proposal to sell and dispose of the whole of the assets, rights, powers, privileges, and franchises of the company, and to amend the constitution of the company, and to carry out any such proposed sale into effect, and the execution of all necessary conveyances, to confirm the action of the directors since the expiration of their term of office, and to do all such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. This meeting is called under section 37 of the Companies Act, (1890 Amendment Act, 1892 and section 160 of the Companies Act 1897.) CORBIN, Secretary. Dated Oct. 10, 1897. 10-7-97.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Paul Boy mineral claim situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout Mountain, north of and adjoining the City of Spokane mineral claim, lot 1224, group 14. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Paul Boy mineral claim, certificate No. 76,350, 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 31st day of August, 1897. 8-31-97. H. B. SMITH.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Lander mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Adjoining the Highland mineral claim about four miles north of Rossland. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Lander mineral claim, certificate No. 76,366, N. S. Thompson, free miner's certificate No. 76,527, Joseph Ward, free miner's certificate No. 76,582, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder 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 14th day of Sept. 1897. 9-23-97. F. W. WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Oriental mineral claim, situate in Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout Mountain. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Oriental mineral claim, certificate No. 82,093, P. A. Barnhart, free miner's certificate No. 82,899, Elizabeth Gray, free miner's certificate No. 82,623, J. P. Roberts, free miner's certificate No. 94,668, 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 14th day of Sept. 1897. 9-23-97. JOHN BOUTBEE.

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Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. The Black Pearl mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of and adjoining the Cambridge mineral claim, lot 1224, group 14. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Geale Dickson, free miner's certificate No. 2995, 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 15th day of August, 1897. 8-15-97. F. A. WILKIN.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Rossland, at the first sitting on 20 days from the date of this notice, for a license to sell and dispose of liquor by retail in the Vendemia Hotel, situate on lot 4, block 14, on the north side of Columbia avenue, in the City of Rossland. Dated this 24th day of September, 1897. 24-9-97. VENDOMIA HOTEL CO.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. The Romeo mineral claim situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one mile northeast of the townsite of Bayward. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. R. Morrow, free miner's certificate No. 82,093, P. A. Barnhart, free miner's certificate No. 82,899, Elizabeth Gray, free miner's certificate No. 82,623, J. P. Roberts, free miner's certificate No. 94,668, 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 14th day of Sept. 1897. 9-14-97. F. A. WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. The Northern mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Red Mountain, north of and adjoining the Eddie J. mineral claim. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Red Mountain Eddie J. May Gold Mining company, limited, free miner's certificate No. 5,569 A, 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 17th day of August, 1897. 8-17-97. J. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Sunset No. 3 mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of and adjoining the Big Chief mineral claim, lot 1224, group 14. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Almonte Gold Mining Company, limited liability, free miner's certificate No. 8,569 A, 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 22nd day of September, 1897. 9-22-97. J. A. KIRK.

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NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Josie Gold Mining company will be held at the chief place of business of the company in British Columbia at the company's office, Rossland, B. C., in the John R. Cook building on Columbia avenue, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M. The purpose of said meeting is to consider and act upon a proposition to dispose of the whole of the assets, rights, power, privileges and franchises of the company. E. SNODRASS, Secretary of the Josie Gold Mining Co. Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 1st day of Oct. A. D. 1897. 10-1-97.

Certificate of the Registration of a Foreign Company. "Companies Act," Part IV, and Amending Acts. "WALLA WALLA MINING, MILLING AND SMELTING COMPANY" (Foreign). Registered the 28th day of April, 1897. I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Walla Walla Mining, Milling and Smelting Company" (Foreign) under the "Companies Act," Part IV, and Amending Acts. The head office of the said company is situated at the city of Walla Walla, state of Washington, U. S. A. The objects for which the company is established are: First, To engage in a general mining, milling and smelting business in Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Second, To buy, sell, mortgage, hypothecate all kinds of mines, mining property, mining stocks, mills, real estate and interest in Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Third, To operate, develop and work mines and mills in Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. The capital stock of the said company is Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into three hundred thousand shares of the par value of one dollar each. Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. S. V. WOOTTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Daylight mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About three miles south east of Rossland and adjoining the Wide West No. 2 mineral claim. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Edward Baillie, free miner's certificate No. 79,445, 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 24th day of Sept. 1897. 9-24-97. J. A. WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Alwent mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of and joining the Big Chief mineral claim, lot 1224, group 14. Take notice that J. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Almonte Gold Mining Company, limited liability, free miner's certificate No. 8,569 A, 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 22nd day of September, 1897. 9-22-97. J. A. KIRK.

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Shipments of Ore.

Table with columns for Mine, Tons, and Value. Includes entries for Le Roi, War Eagle, Columbia & Kootenay, Iron Mask, Jumbo, Jose, Cliff, Centre Star, Red Mountain, O. K., Evening Star, Giant, I. X. L., and Total.

SMELTING IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

Canada, in her determination to assist the mining industry in every possible way, must not lose sight of the important and indisputable fact that out of the total cost of mining and making ores a marketable product, 59 per cent goes to dressing and treatment, and the other 41 per cent represents the cost of mining.

If the vast deposits of low grade gold and gold-copper ores of Kootenay and Boundary districts are ever mined at a profit, they must be treated by local smelters and mixed in the process of reduction with the ores of the Slokan, Kootenay Lake and East Kootenay districts. It is equally true that so long as the owners of silver-lead mines in southeastern British Columbia are compelled by the policy of the Canadian Pacific railway to sell their ores to United States smelters more than 2,000 miles away they will lose from \$10 to \$15 on every ton of ore shipped, which sums, if the ores were treated by local smelters, would represent that much profit.

As an illustration of how a mining country enjoying natural advantages for economical smelting will cease to export its ores and establish a local smelting industry when debarred from an opportunity to enter the market in a foreign country, hitherto open to its crude ores, we know of no better instance to cite than that of Mexico.

Before what is known as the Windom bill was made a law by the United States congress, all Mexican ores were shipped from Mexico to American smelters. This measure was introduced at the instigation of the Lead Trust, and incidentally to help American miners, who claimed that they could not compete with Mexican silver-lead ores when foreign ores were brought into the United States from Mexico. This bill placed a duty on lead and silver ore shipped from foreign countries into the United States. Since the passage of the bill in question there have been erected in Mexico at least eight, if not more, smelters, which are equal in point of construction and capacity to the best plants on this continent. These works are now treating the ores which were formerly shipped to the United States, and instead of that country deriving the enormous benefit, Mexico is the gainer.

On page 288 of the Mining Industry for the year 1895, appears the following: "Unwise imposition of duty on silver-lead ores some years ago has not only deprived our smelters of a large amount of work which they formerly had, and of a class of ores which were particularly desirable for treatment in connection with our own, but has also built up in Mexico a large and flourishing smelting industry, which is now well established and able to hold its own. This is shown by the extraordinary increase in the quantity of bullion obtained by smelting given in the Mexican returns.

We would draw attention to the fact that The Mining Industry is compiled annually by R. P. Bothwell, the editor of The Engineering and Mining Journal of New York. He is universally acknowledged as the ablest and most reliable writer on mining and smelting matters of the day.

As a direct result of the passage of the Windom bill the gold production in Mexico for the years 1890 to 1895, inclusive was as follows: 1890, \$767,000; 1891, \$1,000,000; 1892, \$1,129,200; 1893, \$1,305,300; 1894, \$4,500,000; 1895, \$5,600,000.

The silver production increased in

about the same proportion as gold. The figures for the latter metal are given in kilos, on account of the varying price of silver since 1890. 1890, 1,211,646; 1891, 1,084,100; 1892, 1,228,994; 1893, 1,380,000; 1894, 1,463,361; 1895, 1,582,901.

The production of lead for the same period was as follows: 1890, 22,339 tons; 1891, 30,186 tons; 1892, 47,532 tons; 1893, 80,525 tons; 1894, 57,000 tons.

Quoting again from The Mineral Industry, page 298, of the same year: "The remarkable increase in base bullion from the smelters shows the great growth of the smelting interest in Mexico, to which reference has already been made."

The Windom bill not only beneficially affected the gold, silver and lead industry in Mexico, but indirectly benefited the mining and smelting of copper ores in that country. The erection of lead plants led up to the erection of modern copper smelters. The Guggenheim company's plant at St. Louis, Potosi and the Mazipil Copper company, of Concepcion del Oro, are fair examples of such plants in Mexico. Before these smelters were erected the copper mining industry did not amount to much, as the miner could not easily have his ore treated, and even after accomplishing this he could realize but a small amount on the product.

The moral of the above is obvious and so very plain that he who runs may read. What has resulted advantageously to Mexico in relation to the smelting industry may result in a still greater benefit to Canada, if advantage is taken of the situation and opportunities that lie before us.

THE PROSPECTING SEASON OF '97.

The prospecting season of 1897 has been the most active in the history of southeastern British Columbia. It is estimated that there are over 20,000 free miners in this region. Of this number fully one-half are engaged in mining and development work. Not a few get out licenses simply in order to hold claims, while the balance, amounting to about 4,000 or 4,500, have been actively engaged in prospecting in the Kootenay and Boundary districts. The number of claims staked during the present season is very large and will average more than one to the prospector.

In their hunt for precious metal deposits, the prospectors have covered an immense scope of country. In the Trail Creek mining division nearly everything worth recording in the vicinity of Rossland was staked a year ago and there has not been as much prospecting in this district as in others although in the vicinity of Sheep and Murphy creeks quite a few locations have been made.

In the Boundary country many mineral claims have been discovered since the opening of the season. The exploration of the Kettle river basin has resulted in the location of big bodies of copper, gold copper, silver and silver-lead ores, besides beds of semi-bituminous and lignite coal.

In the outlying districts that surround the Slokan, the headwaters of the south fork of Kaslo creek, the hills that are located on each side of the Slokan river, and the region lying between the west shore of Slokan lake and the Arrow lakes, including the important Cariboo Creek district, there has been a small army of prospectors engaged in exploring for veins of precious metals. Speaking generally, they have met with very fair success, and many gold and silver bearing ledges have been found.

In the Trout lake country, lying north of the Slokan, some remarkably fine silver and silver-lead deposits have been discovered by the adventurous men who have been exploring there in the face of many disadvantages. In that big scope of country, which may be said to be north of Kaslo and southeast of Revelstoke, and west of the divide between East and West Kootenay, the prospecting of the season which is now drawing to a close has been phenomenal.

In the Fort Steele country, returning prospectors say that there were over 1,500 men in the hills and mountains of that region year, and the locations of argentiferous and auriferous veins that have been made are already attracting the attention of investors owing to their great value.

In the Kootenay lake basin, from Goat river near the international boundary line at the Upper Kootenay river and extending northward through White Grouse, Crawford Creek districts and the territory at the headwaters of Cooper, Fry, Hamill and Grizzly creeks, there has been active prospecting which has demonstrated that that area contains many good ledges of both wet and dry silver ores.

In the Nelson district, and especially in that portion tributary to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, and in the country around Ymir, Salmo and Erie, the operations this season by prospectors resulted in the finding of exceptionally promising deposits of gold, silver and copper ores, which bid fair to make that district one of the important mining centers of Kootenay.

All of these districts have been prospected under the greatest difficulties. The heavy growth of timber, the thick underbrush and the presence of deep alluvial deposits on the mountain sides are the chief drawbacks to the discovery of quartz veins. It is, however,

highly satisfactory to know that each succeeding year demonstrates more and more emphatically that the mineral wealth of southeastern and southern British Columbia is of phenomenal immensity. It is now proved beyond all doubt that this is the most extensive precious mineral region in the world, and it is safe to say that Kootenay will be as good a field for the prospector 50 years from now as it is today.

The prospector is the pioneer in the mining industry, and he paves the way for the mining army that follows. His work is essential and the hardships and privations that he endures are almost beyond the comprehension of those who are not familiar with them. No mountain is too high for him to climb, no tangled forest too dense and dark for him to enter, no valley too deep for him to cross, no precipice too steep to scale, no raging river too rough for him to cross in search of a promising mineral location. The work that the prospector has done for the Kootenay country is incalculable value, and yet when Dame Fortune gives out the mining prizes he generally receives either a blank or a very small compensation.

BUILD UP HOME INDUSTRIES.

All the argument in the world will not alter the fact that it is best that the ores of this section be smelted at home. This is made more patent than ever when confronted by the fact that the cost of treatment of ores is 59 per cent while the cost of mining only represents 41 per cent. While British Columbia only mines its ores and does not reduce them, she is in the position of an agricultural community that simply raises the raw products and has to depend upon foreign countries for all the manufactured products that it consumes. Such a community can never expect to rise to any great importance so long as such a policy is pursued. When, however, a country combines the production and the manufacturing of the products, then, and only then, does it rise to the full heights of its possibilities. The United States did not reach even an ordinary degree of prosperity until her manufacturing began to turn out goods for use at home and exportation abroad.

According to the United States census of 1890, which was the last one made in that country, manufactures in respect to the value of products constituted the leading industry of the United States and their importance is even now increasing more rapidly than that of agriculture. In 1890 the census returns showed that the number of manufacturing establishments having an annual production of more than \$500 each numbered 355,415. The capital employed in these establishments reached the enormous sum of \$613,900,000; the number of employees had reached the good number of 4,712,622. In the matter of wages there was paid in 1890 to this grand army of workers \$2,283,000,000. The cost of the material used was \$5,162,000,000 and the gross value of the product \$9,372,000,000, showing a net profit, after deducting the material used of \$4,210,000,000. There was an increase of 40 per cent between 1880 and 1890 which represented the most prosperous years in the history of the United States.

Now let us look at the condition of Canada at the same time, may we later take the census of 1891, one year later, in order to make the comparison. In that year, according to the best data obtainable, Canada had 75,718 manufacturing establishments. These had a combined capital of \$853,836,517, employed 367,496 persons and the building of these factories in that year was worth \$475,445,705.

Thus it will be seen that while the products of the manufacturing of Canada for 1891 were worth \$475,445,704 those of the United States for 1890 were worth \$9,372,000,000 or about nineteen and a half times as much. This is all out of keeping with the difference in the population at that time, as the population of the United States was about 10 times as great as ours at that time.

These figures, which are taken from the most reliable sources available, are a great object lesson to those who have the best interests of Canada at heart and who wish her to expand and grow to the greatest possible proportions. Great Britain is the greatest manufacturing nation in the world today, and consequently, the most prosperous; and it is obvious, therefore, if Canada wishes to build up her infant industries so that they may grow into vigorous manhood she must foster them in every possible way. Here in the Kootenay country we have the smelting industry, which is but in its infancy and is struggling for an existence against enormous odds, long established smelters in the United States and also against a great railway corporation that is hostile to its interests. Will the people allow this important industry to be crushed? THE MINER is of the opinion that they will not. It believes that as soon as the public fully understand the situation that they will do all they can to build up their home industries and thus keep every cent possible at home to be expended in the up-building of Canada.

OUTLET FOR BOUNDARY DISTRICT.

Vancouver and Victoria newspapers are responsible for the report that the charter of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway company has been purchased by a syndicate composed of

William Mackenzie, D. D. Mann and James Ross, the C. P. R. contractors. Still, Dr. Milne and the other promoters of the V. V. & E. were quite indignant when the independent press of the Province characterized them as chartermongers.

This project received some support from the people of Victoria and Vancouver because it was at one time thought by them that the line would be entirely independent of the C. P. R., and would be the means of developing southern British Columbia from the Coast to the Columbia river.

The "inspired" newspapers of Victoria and Vancouver declare that there is "unlimited capital" at the disposal of the new owners of the V. V. & E. charter, but state that the only portion of the line likely to be built in the near future extends from Penticton to Boundary creek.

The construction of that small part of the proposed system would be practically extending the Shushwap & Okanagan branch of the C. P. R. about 100 miles further southward. With only railway facilities such as this, the miners of Boundary would still be without a desirable market for their ores, and the merchants at the Coast would be no nearer the attainment of their desire for an independent railway to South Yale district.

The development of the entire Boundary district can best be accomplished by the immediate extension of the Columbia & Western railway as far as Penticton and thence as quickly as possible to Vancouver. The miners and ranchers of the Kettle river basin have but one natural market for their products, and that is Kootenay. Kootenay smelters need Boundary ores in order to operate economically; and the residents of Kootenay want the produce of the Kettle valley farms instead of the farm products now used from the state of Washington.

SMELTERS AND RAILWAYS.

The recent utterances of THE MINER on the subject of Canadian smelters for Canadian ores, and its plea against the establishment of a railway monopoly in Kootenay, have aroused the free and independent press of the district to a thorough comprehension of the gravity of the situation. When dealing with these subjects, these outspoken journals breathe a genuine spirit of patriotism, and there can be no doubt as to their lofty and disinterested motives.

The following, from a recent issue of The International, published at Wardner, East Kootenay, is a fair sample of the prevailing sentiment regarding Kootenay smelters:

"The need of smelters in the Kootenays for the treatment of ore that is being produced in this country, is becoming more apparent as the mineral development of the country progresses. It is conceded by those informed on the subject, that there are many good reasons for establishing smelters north of the boundary line. It is no more than right and just that Canadian ore should be treated on Canadian soil, and furthermore, it is an accepted fact that the building of smelters on this side of the line would do much toward promoting the mineral development of British Columbia and the advancement of the country."

"Take, for instance, East Kootenay as an illustration. The establishment of a smelter in East Kootenay, at a point that possesses the most advantageous transportation facilities—and that is where the smelter will be located—would mean that ore of a lower grade than is now considered available, could be handled at a profit. This would mean the rapid development of many prospecting and mining throughout southern East Kootenay, and the building of many good towns."

"There is reason for advocating legislation that will make the establishment of smelters on this side of the line a necessity, such a move would prove a potent factor in materially advancing the best interests of the country. Canadian smelters for Canadian ore is what is needed, and the sooner this is made a positive fact the better it will be for the mines and miner, and many others whose property depends upon the prosperity of the mines."

THE ROSSLAND MINER believes in Canadian smelters, and yet is fair and conservative in the advocacy of the same. In a recent issue it has the following article on the subject, that embodies good sense and good argument:

Then follows an editorial recently published in THE MINER. The fearless Kootenayan, of Kaslo, has this to say about the railway situation:

"The Rossland Miner and The Kootenayan seem to be of one mind with regard to the C. P. R. policy toward the little railroads of Kootenay—both are 'ferocious' it. We cannot understand how it is possible for a loyal and watchful sentinel over the public rights to take any other view than one of apprehension at such an attitude as that which Mr. Shaughnessy has assumed, if he be quoted correctly. Experience has taught us that man, so long as he is surrounded by the competition and influence of his neighbors, takes his portion of the bread of humility and forbears to eat it in peace. Given full rein, power absolute to command and exact, and that same man becomes a tyrant, an invulnerable tyrant, is human nature. Every man knows the value of a 'cinch' and few men there are who can resist the temptation to put on the screws once he has his fingers on them and there is no one to stay his ruthlessness. This attribute is even more noticeable in great corporations than in the individual; it is today the prime cause of all this 'ant-hill commotion and strife.' The encroachment of combined wealth and time than any other question of this age; his night oil burns and his hair whitens in the hopeless task of finding a solution. To the ordinary mind the only solution lies in the crowning down of centralization, and the encouragement of competition. The Canadian Pacific

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER left Rossland Wednesday to return to the East. THE MINER hopes the day is not far distant when this distinguished gentleman will again visit Canada's greatest gold camp, and that he may be spared many years to enjoy the great benefits that he and his associates in the New Goldfields will surely experience from their investments here.

The premier's visit to Kootenay resulted in satisfaction all around. The public needs of the district are to be attended to without delay, and Mr. Turner returns to Victoria with the best wishes of the community attending him.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK. During the past week there has been a noticeable improvement in business in Rossland. This is evidenced by the fact that the stores at nearly all times in the day are thronged with customers, who are laying in stocks of clothing and goods for the winter. These customers are made up of those who live in Rossland, as well as those who reside in adjoining towns and camps. Many who have been out in the hills doing assessment and development on mining properties, and who have been prospecting in various parts of the Kootenay country, have returned and will make Rossland their headquarters during the coming period of cold weather. These, added to the regular toilers in the various mines, make a small army of men who, with their families, constitute the customers of the merchants. As the development of the mines is proceeded with the number is constantly being augmented, and this keeps adding to the customers of the merchants and traders of the city. Within the past month word has been received that work is to be resumed on at least a dozen mines in this camp, and, of course, this will add to the business of the merchants. The fact that work has been started on the Velvet and other properties on Sophie mountain means that a promising suburb is to be added to Rossland, and one from which her merchants will derive considerable trade. In that same vicinity there are a number of promising properties, and the development of the Velvet will stimulate the owners to make mines of their prospects. All of this means business for the merchants of Rossland. There is one thing certain, too, and that is that the business of this city is now on the rise, and that it will never be less than it was during the past summer, when it reached low tide. The tide of better times is now rising, and he who stays in the swim will flow with it to richness

and prosperity. There is no mining camp in the world that has the future before it that Rossland has. The board of trade memorial to Premier Turner asked for everything that can be considered as a public need in the Trail Creek division. The reply of the premier in each instance was extremely favorable. He conceded everything that was asked for. The man who calls himself an Opponent in Rossland after this is doing so without just cause or provocation.

JAMES D. SWORD is of the opinion that the drill is mightier than the sword. If this were not so, why did he sing, "Drill, Ye Terriers, Drill," at the Tupper-Bowell banquet, instead of the old favorite, "This is the Sabre of My Sire"?

THE MINER entertains nothing but the kindest sentiments toward the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is anxious to do its share in the welcome to be extended to the big road when it runs its first train into Rossland. THE MINER is an enemy to Monopoly, not of the C. P. R.

THE Grand Forks Miner, in its issue of October 2, contains an interesting article on the mineral resources of the Boundary district, and publishes a list of 27 properties which can be made in the aggregate to produce 3,120 tons of ore daily as soon as the district is provided with adequate transportation facilities. The estimated daily output from each mine would vary from 5 to 200 tons.

An Exceptional Offer. Commencing Oct. 1, 1897, THE WEEKLY MINER will be sent to any address in Canada or the United States until Jan. 1, 1898, for one year's subscription.

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People will fight to the utmost, and it promises to be most bitterly contested in the history of British Columbia. D. C. Corbin, one of the Iron Mask company's attorneys, arrived in Rossland Monday afternoon, second vice president and James F. Herri, manager, are expected to be held and the plan of settlement upon.

The cause of the present dispute is the possession of a vein near the side line between the Centre Star and the Iron Mask. The Centre Star commenced sinking on the line, but a short while from the Iron Mask dropped into a crosscut property by the Centre Star, and that both companies were same ground. A temporary work followed, but the Iron Mask resumed development territory, and coming out ore in the crosscut the Centre Star. The Centre Star is the result.

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GRAND FORKS

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Grand Forks Now. Great activity is now evident claims on Hard some four miles west of Messrs. McGuire and Ho gang of men working on the known as the American Monte Carlo, and there is on other claims.

Proctor and Land Surveyor Rossland, who has been eyeing the smelter addition lots in the last two weeks, completed his task and reported the townsite plan, all streets and town lots and what is known as the smelter Grand Forks.

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The Beginning of the Legal Battle Over the Ownership of a Vein—It Hinges on Where the Ledge Outcrops—Case Comes Up Next Tuesday

The fight between the Centre Star and the Iron Mask over the possession of the disputed ledge was formally commenced Monday, when the Iron Mask was enjoined from interfering in any way with the workings of the Centre Star inside of the side lines of the Iron Mask ground. The injunction was made on the application of the Centre Star company, through the Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Q. C., and was granted by Judge Forin at Nelson. The case will come up for hearing a week from Tuesday. The Iron Mask people will fight the suit to the utmost, and it promises to be one of the most bitterly contested mining cases in the history of British Columbia.

D. O. Corbin, one of the directors of the Iron Mask company, arrived in Roseland Monday afternoon; Austin Corbin, second vice president and treasurer and James F. Herrick, the general manager, are expected to arrive this afternoon, when a company meeting will be held and the plan of action will be settled upon.

The cause of the present suit, as already told in this column, is over the possession of a vein near the west end of the side line between the Centre Star and the Iron Mask. Each company commenced sinking on its own side of the line, but a short time ago the mine from the Iron Mask's workings dropped into a cleft between the side lines of the Centre Star, and it was found that both companies were operating the same ground. A temporary suspension of work followed, but subsequently the Iron Mask resumed development in the disputed territory, and commenced taking out ore in the cleft opened up by the Centre Star. The present injunction is the result.

The lead in dispute outcrops in the vicinity of the side line between the two properties, and dips into the Iron Mask ground. The cleft is within the borders of the Iron Mask or of the Centre Star. A decision on this point would carry with it all the mineral contained within the ledge at any dip or angle, as both claims were located under the same laws. The point where the Iron Mask's mine came into the Centre Star's cleft is about 150 feet inside of the Iron Mask's side line.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

There is a Hitch on the Waterworks Contract.—A meeting was held at Grand Forks, Oct. 10.—[Special.]—A couple of days ago some of the city council were reading over the contract between Contractor Davey and the city, relative to the putting in of the waterworks it was discovered that wherever in the contract the expression "city's agent" occurred it was struck out, thus leaving the inspection of the waterworks construction entirely with the "board of public works," and thus compelling the city to be in such a position as not to be able to hire an agent or competent engineer to supervise the work on behalf of this city. This did not suit the city councilmen, and they accordingly held a special session yesterday afternoon when the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the city clerk be instructed to amend the contract between the corporation and the contractor Davey and the contract between Contractor Davey and the city of Grand Forks until he receives further instructions."

By the passing of the above resolution the city council has called a halt in the waterworks scheme which will never be changed unless the desired alterations are made in the contract between Contractor Davey and the city.

Nelson Placers Will Pay.—P. A. Jones, who has had an A. B. B. amalgamator (or gold saving machine) on the placer group near Nelson, Wash., which belongs to W. M. Clark of Nelson, has demonstrated that this ground will pay to work. Mr. Jones has just completed a run of some 12 years of dirt on the above group, and after a careful cleanup, found that he had got to the value of \$7.81, which shows that the pay dirt will run a little over 50 cents to the yard. More machines will be put on.

A Family Reunion.—Last Sunday evening the Manly family held a reunion in the form of a banquet. Mrs. Eliza M. Manly, the aged mother, who gathered her five sons about her on this occasion, said: "It was the first time in 28 years that the family had been all together, and of course there was a general rejoicing on the occasion."

The old lady's five sons are Dr. S. H. Manly, Mayor John A. Manly, Ald. W. O. K. and L. A. Manly and Joseph Manly, who has recently come here to reside from Michigan.

Grand Forks Notes.—Great activity is now existing on the different claims on Hardy mountain, some four miles west of Grand Forks. Messrs. McGuire and Holmes have a gang of men working on their properties known as the American Eagle and Monte Carlo, and there is great activity on other claims.

Provincial Land Surveyor Devereux of Roseland, who has been engaged in surveying the smelter addition into town lots in the last two weeks, has just completed his task and reports that a complete townsite plan, all surveyed into streets and town lots, can now be found on what is known as the smelter addition to Grand Forks.

Contract Let.—The contract for the excavation for the foundation of the British Columbia Bulletin Extracting company works on Little Sheep creek has been let to Louis Koepcke. This work commences today. About 600 cubic yards of rock will be removed according to the terms of the contracts.

THE WINNIPEG'S PLANT.

It is Now at Marcus and Will Soon Be Installed.

GRAND FORKS, Oct. 12.—[Special.]—A hoisting and pumping plant belonging to the Winnipeg property is now at Marcus and will be freighted to the mine immediately when more active development work will be done. The Winnipeg is situated in Wellington camp about 12 miles from Grand Forks, there being a good wagon road to the mine.

Shot a Panther.—Mr. Castleman, a resident of Boundary creek, shot a huge panther a couple of days ago at his ranch.

The panther was first seen by Miss Castleman who at once pointed it out to her father who killed it the first shot.

The shooting of this panther was quite a novelty, it had been years since one had been seen in that vicinity before.

Fernberton's Opinion of Grand Forks.—Sheriff Fernberton of Kamloops has been in the city for the last few days on official business. Yesterday he made a trip up the North Fork and visited the Seattle, Volcanic and several other claims. He says that all we need here is transportation facilities. As he said, "You do not need to mine such propositions as I saw yesterday—you can quarry the ore right out," such being the case, especially with the Seattle, the high grade ore lying right on the surface.

To Receive Premier Turner.—Arrangements are being made by the citizens here to have a committee wait on Premier Turner when he arrives from Roseland tomorrow evening, and it is most likely that a meeting will be held for the purpose of letting the premier address the people of Grand Forks.

Grand Forks Notes.—The city council are now enforcing the sidewalk bylaw, which provides for the building of a 12-foot sidewalk on Bridge street and Riverside avenue.

Dr. G. W. Abernill has just moved into his new residence, which is situated on the east side of the North Fork. It is without exception the handsomest residence in this entire lower country, all the rooms being artistically painted and frescoed. The entire building with its grounds cost over \$10,000.

Provincial Constable Deans of Osoyoos, was a visitor in the city this week, having come here on official business in connection with the taking up of some land pre-emption that has been recently located on the North Fork.

W. H. Covert's 40-room hotel, situated some three miles west of Grand Forks, is just completed and presents a good appearance. It is situated on the well known Covert ranch, on the government stage road, and will be a most pleasant summer resort for the residents of this district.

It is reported on good authority that the La Fleur mine, situated about seven miles west of Grand Forks, will start work for the winter, a force of miners being now on their way to this property to work it.

R. Higginbotham, Dominion veterinary surgeon at Roseland, has been making a tour of inspection through this section for the last few days, and has, during his stay, examined nearly all the horses that he has come in contact with. He expresses himself highly pleased with the healthy state he found the stock in this section in.

SEALING CONFERENCE.

British Foreign Office is Surprised at Sherman's Attitude.—LONDON, Oct. 13.—The officials of the British foreign office reiterate that the Marquis of Salisbury agreed to join in a conference of sealing experts, representing the United States, Canada and Great Britain, but they add, he did not agree to take part in a conference on the subject with Russia and Japan. The foreign office officials will be unable to say what the British government is prepared to do until Secretary Sherman's latest dispatch on the conference question is received. But the foreign office officials appeared to be astonished at what they termed the "tone of surprise" assumed by Secretary Sherman in his reply to the note of the Marquis of Salisbury.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—The Daily Graphic says editorially this morning: "With characteristic ill grace Secretary Sherman has at length climbed down and agreed to Lord Salisbury's view of the Behring sea conference. If the proposed collateral conference with Japan and Russia even meets, it will leave the question just where it is today."

The Times says: "Allowing for the peculiarities of American diplomacy there is no reason to quarrel with Secretary Sherman's reply on the subject of the Behring sea conference. We entirely disbelieve that Lord Salisbury, in his oral communications with Ambassador Hay, ever departed from the position adopted in his final note of July 28, but it is unnecessary to deal seriously with expressions of astonishment obviously intended to cover the failure of an attempt to bluff the British government in a manner disapproved by the leading organs of American opinion."

The editorial continues: "When we have settled our relations with the United States on the basis of the Paris award, it may be practicable to establish a wider agreement for the protection of seal life by land as well as by sea. But in the meanwhile a much more urgent matter than Saturday's cabinet council will have to deal with is the reply to the Wolcott commission."

The Daily News says: "A few thousand seals would, of course, be killed annually to supply the Indians with food, but the immense slaughter for the sake of skins would cease until 1903. We would not be surprised if Lord Salisbury instructed Sir Julian Pauncefote, on his return to Washington, to negotiate on such a basis."

A Petition Against Silver.—LONDON, Oct. 13.—The Times, in its financial article this morning, announces that a letter is being signed by a majority of the leading men of the city, expressing their grave objections to any movement by the government in the direction of bi-metallicism, and adds: "As the government's answers to the American commissioner is expected to be given within a few days there is no time to be lost."

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THE MOST FAVORITE BUYS

Roseland Recognized as a Center Where Stocks Can Be Advantageously Purchased—A Better Market Expected During the Winter.

The market for stocks during the past week has been fair, and the orders have come in from both local parties and buyers in Eastern Canada. Most of the orders, however, came in from outside places. One of the features of the market was that none of the orders sent in are for new stocks. Both the foreign and the local buyers seem to be of one mind in this respect, which reveals that purchasers keep well informed as to the condition and prospects of the mines of the camp. The stocks dealt in are the shares of the camp such as Great Western, Iron Mask, Monte Cristo, Evening Star, Jose and Deer Park, and the demand for them is about in the order named. The demand for Great Western is caused by the development work that has been done on that property, as well as to the fact that operations are soon to be resumed by the company. The demand for Deer Park is for the same reason.

Another feature of the market is that never in the history of the camp were stocks held firmer than they are at present. Holders absolutely refuse to part with shares at less than the asked price, and will not take off even the fraction of a cent when it comes to selling. This is because they feel that their holdings will in the immediate future increase instead of decrease in value.

The orders come from widely divergent points. Ottawa, Toronto, Spokane and many of the eastern cities in the eastern states are buyers of stocks. Among the new towns that became purchasers during the week were Ontario and San Francisco, from both of which orders for blocks of stock were received.

Brokers feel very confident, if wildcats are kept out of the stock dealings, that a first-class market will soon be built up on lines that are legitimate, and that the market will be one that will grow to large proportions during the coming winter and spring. Let the eastern speculators fully realize that the stocks of this camp are a safe and profitable investment, and there will be no end to the speculation in them. Money is now plentiful in the east and the owners of it are on the lookout for good places to put it into. Speculation will increase more and more as the money market becomes easier than it is at present.

Another thing is patent, and that is that more of the shares of the mines of Trail Creek are held in this city than anywhere else, and eastern buyers fully realize that this is the only place where they can be purchased advantageously by them, and when they desire to purchase they send here after them.

A few more dividend paying mines would have a most stimulating effect on the stock market, as then the purchasing would be for the purpose of permanent investment and not for mere speculative purposes. The outlook is that ere long there will be several dividend payers on the north belt. The development work on several properties is being pushed with plenty of capital behind the work, and the result cannot fail, with the showing already in sight, to add several dividend payers to the list within the next six or seven months.

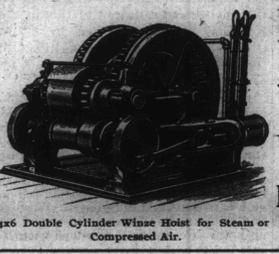
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Chinese Continue to Crowd Out Whites.—EDITOR MINER:—Sir: A short time since there appeared in your valuable and widely read paper a letter signed by a working girl, on a subject which demands the attention of working women and the public. She speaks of the employment of Chinese to the exclusion of the working girl. While the courage and energy of the writer is to be admired it is to be regretted that a working girl had to resort to such extreme measures as to don male attire in order to obtain employment in this our great and prosperous British Columbia. There are many hard-working, honest women who would be glad of a position in our best hotels and restaurants and in private houses, where Chinese help is employed to the exclusion of the working girl. A few days since in one of Roseland's principal hotels, I am quite well acquainted with a young lady had to quit in order to make room for a Chinaman, who was employed to do chamber work. Quite a number of working women have left Roseland, who were crowded out, while the heathen Chinese still holds the fort. We as British subjects pride ourselves on our great fairness and justice. Where is it?

ANOTHER WORKING GIRL.

The Alki Mining Company.—EDITOR MINER:—Sir: Would you be kind enough to inform me as to the present status of the Alki mine. By so doing you will greatly oblige a subscriber.

The Alki mine was shut down in July last, and at that time the shaft had been sunk to a depth of 70 feet and a vein of ore 5 feet wide had been encountered. This vein is strongly mineralized throughout. Assays from ore from the pay streak in the vein showed that it carried \$50.40 in gold. There is a 20-foot tunnel and other development work on the property and altogether, including



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the purchase price the sum of \$13,000 has been expended on the property by the Alki company. Col. J. W. Renfro of Atlanta, Georgia, is the principal owner and manager of the property. In July last he received advice from his home that his wife was on her death bed, and he at once closed down the mine and hurried to her bedside. Mrs. Renfro is still in a precarious condition, and work will not be resumed in the property of the Alki Mining company until the outcome of her illness is reached. Colonel Renfro and his associates in the Alki company have ample capital with which to carry on the work of making the Alki a producing property, and the indications are favorable to such a consummation as soon as a little more development work has been done.

EDITOR MINER:—Sir: Please inform me, through THE MINER, of the present standing of the Silver Bell, the Grand Prize, the Norway, the Silverline, the Mugwump, and the Mayflower Mining companies, and oblige one of your foreign subscribers.

F. S. VAN DE WATER, Oil Springs, Ont.

The Silver Bell company has given a working lease on its claims, the Nancy Lee and the Lone Jack, to F. W. Connolly and J. A. Harrington, who represent Boston capitalists. The company was without funds, and as all its treasury stock had been sold, further development of the claims would have been impossible as matters stood. Accordingly, a lease of the property was given to Messrs. Connolly and Harrington, with privilege of renewal for a second year. The contract calls for the lessees to expend \$250 per month for the first three months in developing the mine, and \$500 monthly during the continuance of the contract. Messrs. Harrington and Connolly are to have the use of all the present machinery on the ground, but agree to keep it in good repair. The Silver Bell company is to receive half of the net profits accruing from the working of the mine by the lessees.

Mr. Harrington, who is operating the mine, says he hopes to pump out the water in the shaft this week and then drive a crosscut from the bottom of the shaft. He expects to make a trial shipment inside of two months.

The Mugwump is treated in another column of today's papers. The company's name will be mentioned in subsequent issues.—Ed.]

A RAID ON STRIKERS.

FITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 13.—The deputy sheriffs at the De Armit coal mines made a raid on the strikers at Sandy Creek this morning and arrested 25 men, including the members of the brass band. The strikers were marching on the public road and were halted by the deputies about a quarter of a mile from the tipple. The band refused to stop playing and the entire party was placed under arrest without resistance. The prisoners were brought to this city where a hearing will be given them.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

It is Thought That the Senate Will Adopt a Modified One.—LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Daily News says: "There is a good prospect of the speedy conclusion of a general arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States. We have reason to believe that President McKinley will propose a clause in the treaty providing that before any subject is final, that is referred to the board of arbitration, such subject shall be approved by the Queen on one hand and by the American Senate on the other hand. It is expected that such a promise will induce the senate to ratify the treaty, and it is improbable that any objection will be raised on either side."

A Well Water Bulletin.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 13.—A bulletin will shortly be issued by the Dominion analyst dealing with tests made of well water in different parts of Canada. The results may prove sensational in some respects and are certain to bring to light unsuspected facts concerning the water which we drink.

Yonge-street Fire Hall.

Toronto, March 16, 1897. Gentlemen: I have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills for Biliousness and Constipation, and have proved them the best that I have ever used—will use no thing else as long as they are obtainable. Remaining yours, respectfully, E. C. SWEETMAN.

The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Copper—Easy; brokers' price, \$11.20; exchange price, \$11.15 to \$11.26. Lead—Weak; brokers' price, \$4; exchange price, \$4.07 1/2 to \$4.12 1/2.

Price of Silver.

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treasury fund of \$300,000 is still intact. The work done on the claim has been paid for by the promoters. It includes a tunnel across the vein which shows it to be 20 feet wide.

The ore is quartz carrying pyrites, and what is not in free silver, while the rest is suitable for concentrating. Operations were suspended on the property about a week ago, as we are now considering propositions for the further development of the mine and the treatment of the ore.

Negotiations are under way for the sale of a large block of the treasury stock at 25 cents per share, which will place the company in a position to continue development and outfit the property with a complete plant for the treatment of the ore on the ground. The only matter of delay is that the company is considering the best mode of treatment for the ore. Treasury stock is to be put on the market at 25 cents.

As before mentioned, no treasury stock has been sold, but some blocks of promoters' shares have been disposed of at 10 cents to 15 cents.

A VIOLATION OF RIGHTS.

Austria Objects to Having Her Subjects Slaughtered in America.—HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 13.—Governor Hastings has received a letter from Secretary Sherman, stating that the Austrian minister at Washington has filed a communication with the department of state, claiming that there was a violation of the rights of Austrian subjects in the firing on the mob at Lattimer when a score of miners were killed. Secretary Sherman requests the facts and status of affairs in relation to the killing of the Austrian subjects.

Snaps for Today.

We offer today subject to sale the following snaps: 2,000 Monte Cristo, \$1 1/2; 1,000 Caledonia, 4 1/2; 2,000 Tole, 25; 1,000 Silverline, 4 1/2; 400 Nest Egg, 5; 1,000 Montana, 15; 1,000 California, 5 1/2; 10,000 Silver Bell, 2 1/2; 1,000 St. Rimo, 4 1/2; 10,000 Silverline, 4 1/2; 1,500 Grt. Western, 7 1/2; 15,000 Evening Star, 9.

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ENGINEERS' STALKS.

The Boiler Makers and Moulders Join Their Brethren. LONDON, Oct. 13.—The boiler makers of this city and the moulders of Sheffield have resolved to strike in support of the striking engineers.

MELBOURNE, Oct. 13.—The engineers of the colony of Victoria have voted \$5,000 to help the striking engineers in Great Britain.



TRAIL-ROBSON ROAD

Contractors Turn It Over to the C. & W. Railway.

BEER IS NOW FIVE CENTS

K. of P. Give a Pleasant Entertainment—Only Two Beats a Week Arriving to Northport, Which Subjects Passengers to Inconvenience.

TRAIL, Oct. 8.—[Special.]—The new Trail-Robson road has been turned over the Columbia & Western company, and the contractors, Messrs. Winters, Parsons & Boomer, have returned to Butte, Mont., where they have some extensive contracts.

The Five-Cent Beer Fight.

The hotel men of Trail have, with one or two exceptions, met the competition of five-cent beer, and now the majority of them have large signs out announcing the reduction. They are selling more of it, by far, but not making so much profit. The matter culminated when the railroad laborers of the Trail-Robson branch were paid off. This meant a harvest anyhow to the saloon men, but as the only five-cent bar was the wrong end of town they remedied the matter by taking a hand themselves.

Knights of Pythias Entertainment.

TRAIL, Oct. 8.—[Special.]—The Knights of Pythias last evening entertained their friends with a smoker. The affair was given in the lodge room in Brown's hall, and consisted of a general program of instrumental music, songs, recitations and addresses. An excellent lunch was served, and this was followed by a stage dance, in which nearly all present participated. The knights represent the youngest of the Trail lodges, but they are active, and most deserving and interesting in their growth. Some time this month a dance will be given in the opera house.

Passengers Inconvenienced.

With only two boats a week to Northport, passengers are suffering much inconvenience. Twelve people came down from the north today, expecting to go through to Spokane tomorrow morning, but arrived here to learn that there would be no boat until Tuesday. The company will perhaps see that their expenses are paid over the Red Mountain road.

Minor Trail News Notes.

The firm of James Reith & Co. has been dissolved, Alexander Hesson and John Irving retiring, leaving the business to be conducted by James Reith. The new firm is under control and nearly ready for occupancy. There are four cells for the safe keeping of prisoners.

A double shift of men is now engaged in sacking the Little Joe ore, preparatory to shipping.

E. T. Daniel has gone to Spokane on business and will perhaps be away for a week.

Two trustees for the Trail schools will be elected next Tuesday, to succeed William McLean and George Clark, who have gone to Nelson.

Mrs. Peck has gone to Nelson, where her husband is engaged in business.

PREMIER TURNER TALKS.

Says Political Situation is Favorable to the Present Government.

Nelson, Oct. 7.—[Special.]—Premier Turner, in an interview with our correspondent today, said that he thought the political situation looked favorable for the present government. "The feeling is very good," said Mr. Turner. "The faults and complaints, from time to time, when they were false have been so proven. Confidence is growing now that the business is being carried on in a systematic and methodical way, not in a political way, but with a view of advancing the general interests of the Province. We shall move into the new government building at Victoria this month, and when we get there business will be facilitated very much. There will be no extra session, and reports to that effect are without foundation. I am paying particular attention to public works which will be voted on at the next session. Owing to the greatly increased revenue and better trade in the Province we have really arrived at a point where we can go on largely for public works, such as roads, trails, etc. A report to the contrary in a Kaslo paper, was wholly incorrect and misleading. My visit here has no political significance, and I am just going around as much as I can to both the agricultural and mining sections with a view of personally ascertaining before the next session, the real wants and necessities of the community. I leave here for Rossland tomorrow or Saturday, and from there will go home via Vernon and Okanagan."

Government Lots Sold.

The auction sale of government lots took place today, and although the exact amount of money going into the hands of the government has not been definitely learned, it is about \$20,000. There were a great many people in attendance, and although for choice property the bidding was spirited, other property found no buyers whatever. The upset price was high generally, and this deterred many from purchasing. Nearly all the purchasers were residents of Nelson, and the appraised valuation of improvements on some of the lots was as high as \$3,000.

Kootenay Population Doubled.

Government Agent W. J. Goepel returned today from a three-weeks' trip through the East and West Kootenay districts. He says that the revenue and population of East Kootenay has more than doubled since he was there last summer. Everybody is waiting for the Crow's Nest Pass road, and when it is through Mr. Goepel believes that Cranbrook will be one of the main points on the line. The wagon road from Wardner Crossing to Fort McLeod is expected to be completed shortly. The road from Goat river to Cranbrook is expected to be completed within 40 days.

There is an epidemic of peace prevailing in Nelson. There have been no arrests made for the past month with the exception of several misguided drunks, who had stomachs and money to burn.

A SHOOTING SCRAPE.

A Victoria Man Fiddled for Interfering in Family Affairs.

VICTORIA, Oct. 9.—Thomas Cummings, a sealer who returned home on the Umbria on Wednesday last, made an attempt in the Poodle Dog restaurant this afternoon to kill Hallett Bailey, a clerk in Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co.'s grocery store. Cummings fired two shots at Bailey out of a 38-calibre revolver, only one of the three shots coming near the mark and that one simply grazing Bailey's leg. The two men went to the restaurant together, shortly after 1 o'clock.

The trouble arose over Cummings' wife. It seems she had been engaged very close at hand, when Cummings appeared and induced her to marry him. That was last winter. When he went sailing a few months ago he left her comfortably provided for, but upon his return the other day he found their home broken up and his wife supposed to be in San Francisco. He attributes to Bailey the change in his wife's sentiments towards him, hence the shooting.

THE SEALING CONFERENCE.

As Far as Canada Knows Great Britain Has Not Withdrawn.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 9.—So far as Canada knows in high quarters it is believed by all that Great Britain has withdrawn from the sealing conference with the United States. On the contrary, as late as October 5th a cable came from the old country dealing with the matter of evidence and other arrangements for the meeting at Washington. There is not a word of truth in the stories that American journals are pouring forth of Canada's participation in the scheme against the Americans. The arrangements are all being made for the most favorable presentation of our case.

Judgment Day in Toronto.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 9.—At the court of general sessions this morning Judge Macdougall imposed the following sentences: Herbert Cutting, theft, two years in Central prison; Amos P. Roberts, theft, one year in Central prison; Chen Sin, Chinaman, burglary, six months; John Baldwin and Thomas S. Panton, assaulting a police officer, four months each in the Central prison; Arthur Armstrong, assault, four months in the Central prison; Albert Pickering, assaulting a child, two months in jail.

Manitoba School Question.

MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 9.—Archbishop Bruchesi left via Labrador last night for Rome on the usual visit made by bishops to the Pope after consecration, but it is thought he will have something important to say regarding the school question. Bishop Anicet, who has strong ideas on the question, has spent the last two days here in conference with Bruchesi. La Minerva says the holy see is awaiting some important documents of an official nature before pronouncing on Merry Del Val's mission.

Wagon Road to Summit Camp.

GRAND FORKS, Oct. 5.—[Special.]—W. H. Fisher, of this place, is at present in charge of a gang of five men building a wagon road from Greenwood to Summit Camp, and expects to have that road completed in a week's time. At present the people of Grand Forks have raised nearly enough money to build a road from this town to Summit Camp also, and expect to have it finished in a couple of weeks time. When these two roads are completed Summit Camp will be provided with two outlets, one into the Boundary Creek section and the other into the Kettle River district.

Velvet Smelter Test.

The Le Roi stable's pack team has been busy removing a lot of sacks to the Velvet on Sophie mountain, to be used in drugging down ore for a smelter test. Ten tons of ore will be sent to Trail for treatment.

Mr. Adams Has Resigned.

Joseph H. Adams has severed his connection with the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, limited, and the Walters company, limited. At board meetings of both companies, held last evening, Mr. Adams resignation as a director in each company and mine superintendent for the syndicate, was accepted.

Gold-Copper Bullion.

Nelson, Oct. 9.—[Special.]—Ore shipments last week: Trail smelter (mattie), 100 tons; Hall Mines (mattie), 99 tons. Trail smelter, gold-copper bullion, 753, 344 ounces. Total value, \$123,605.51.

FOR LITERARY PEOPLE.

Hall Caine is already at work on a new novel which deals with the drink question. A novel entitled "Taken by Siege," by Jeanette Gilder, is soon to be republished. It first came out anonymously several years ago and was not a success. It is a story of journalists and musicians.

Mrs. Anna Eichberg King, who is remembered as the writer of the charming Kitwyk stories published in the leading magazines, is soon to be married to John Lane, the British publisher who gets out the Yellow Book.

Amelia Rives' new novel will be illustrated by her husband, Prince Trouzetky. It is said in connection that some time ago while standing before a marble bust of herself in old her Virginia home she said to a friend she intended to send it to her former husband, Mr. Chanler, whom she called "the most amiable of men."

It is said that the highest price per word ever paid to an author was paid by Messrs. Scribner to Mr. Euyard Kipling for his railroad story, "No. 007" published in the August number of Scribner's Magazine. The story numbers over 7,000 words and the price paid was about \$1,500. This, as one might suppose, covers all serial rights. Twenty cents a word is the high water mark in authors' pay. Kipling gets no such prices in his own country. As a rule he is bought outright by an American publisher or editor and resold in England.

A Running Sore Pronounced Incurable by Eight Doctors—Cured by Dr. Chase.

Mr. R. D. Robbins, 148 Cowan avenue, Toronto, says: "I had a bad leg, which was simply unsightly. From below the knee to the ankle was one great sore. Eight doctors treated me without benefit. I was induced to try Dr. Chase's Ointment, which cured me, and all that remains to be seen are the scars."

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LIBERALS IN COUNCIL

The Business Which They Transacted Friday and Yesterday.

MADE A GENERAL MIXUP

The Convention Gives More Consideration to the Populist Farmers in the Fraser River Valley Than to the Noble Doctrines of the Liberal Party

New Westminster, Oct. 9.—The first Liberal organization of British Columbia was formed by 115 Liberal delegates from the Dominion electoral districts in convention, with A. Morrison, M. P., in the chair, on Friday. Wm. Templeman, with 55 votes, was elected president, over E. P. Davis, who got 45 votes. J. H. Kerr was chosen secretary, and Dr. McKechnie of Nanaimo, treasurer. The other officers were elected as follows: For Victoria—Vice-president, George Riley; executive, E. V. Bodwell, Colonel Gregory, R. L. Drury. For Burrard—Vice-president, E. P. Davis; committee, Jas. McQueen, J. H. Senkler, W. McCraney. For Westminister—Vice-president, Alex. Anderson; committee, J. Oliver, A. S. Vedder, J. B. Kennedy, J. Vancouver district (Vancouver Island)—Vice-president, J. Sluget; committee, Jas. Evans, Ralph Smith and David Stevens. Yale-Cariboo—Vice-president, Wm. Baillie; committee, Martin, D. O'Hara, J. G. Macpherson.

A motion to exclude the press was defeated by a vote on the amendment to admit them of 49 to 47.

The battle royal commenced at the night session on the question as to whether the party lines should be drawn in provincial elections.

Archer Martin moved that in the opinion of this convention the Liberals of this province should support no candidate in the forthcoming provincial campaign unless he is a Liberal and subscribes to Liberal principles.

E. P. Davis moved an amendment that no candidate be supported unless he subscribe to the Liberal platform as laid down by the convention.

Mr. Davis' amendment was lost. Martin's amendment met the same fate, all the Liberal members in opposition in Victoria speaking against it, James McQueen and other prominent Liberals speaking for it.

At Saturday morning's convention, the platform, kept from the press as yet, was formulated and the main item is directly opposed to the line of policy that has been adopted by the Turner government in the matter of railways, land mortgage tax, members of cabinet as promoters of companies, civil service, roads and bridges, timber regulations, and sectionalism in politics and schools. The Torrens system of land registration is recommended.

A BOW IN A CLOUB.

It started in an Attempt to Create a Tartie Boom.

MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 9.—There was a lively time at the Club L'Eteller the other evening. The occasion was the annual meeting for the election of officers. From the start, proceeding to the selection of officers, a motion was submitted to the effect that the club take part in the demonstration in honor of Tartie. Some of those present objected to this on the ground that the club had not been invited, while others were opposed altogether to being connected with Tartie in his evidence in the Grenier case had refused to declare that he was a Liberal. There was a good deal of wrangling and finally a vote was taken and the motion was rejected by a vote of 40 to 17. Oscar Besuchamp was then elected as president. A motion to elect L. J. Tartie, a son of the minister, vice-president, raised another row. Dechene, a leading member of the club, stated that there was evidently an attempt to create a Tartie boom, and he protested by handing in his resignation. He subsequently withdrew the resignation and was elected first vice-president, with Tartie second vice-president.

A QUERR INCIDENT.

A Threshing Engine Starts Up and Causes a Runaway.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 9.—At Guthrie village, Simcoe county, a threshing engine was being moved from one farm to another. The fire in the engine had been banked. The firing of the machine shook the fire down and unnoticed by the driver, Morrison, the engine began getting up steam. The throttle had been left open and the engine began to revolve and the fly wheel with a piece of rubber tubing, to pump water. The next revolution this rubber pipe thumped the horses on the back and caused the team to run away. Morrison saw what was the matter, but dare not leave the horses to shut off the steam. Finally the rubber tubing struck Morrison, knocking him off the engine. He fell under the wheel where a ditch was being made across the road, and as he lay in the ditch the wheels passed over him. He only received a few bruises. The fly wheel continued backing the horse team, thus urged them for some distance till they were captured and the engine stopped.

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A Surplus of Miners Here.

J. T. Roberts, president of the Miners Union, and J. F. Hennessy, report that the city is overrun with miners at present, and that there is no immediate prospect for the employment of these idle miners. Therefore, they wish to warn the miners of other sections to remain away from Rossland.

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JOHN IRVING, Manager.

G. A. CARLETON, General Agent, Victoria, July 1st.

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Time Card in effect July 12, 1897. Subject to change without notice.

Leave Kaslo for Nelson and way points, daily except Sunday, 5:45 a. m.

Arrive Northport 12:15 p. m. Rossland, 3:40 p. m. Spokane, 6 p. m.

Leave Nelson for Kaslo and way points, daily except Sunday, 4:45 p. m. Leaving Spokane 8 a. m. Rossland, 11 a. m. Northport, 1:30 p. m.

New Service on Kootenay Lake. Leave Nelson for Kaslo, etc., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., 8:30 a. m.

Arrive Kaslo, 12:30 p. m. Leave Kaslo for Nelson, etc., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 p. m.

Arrive Nelson, 12:30 p. m. Bonner's Ferry and Kootenay River Service.

\*Leave Kaslo, Saturday, 8:30 p. m. Arrive Boundary, Sunday, 6:00 a. m.

Arrive Bonner's Ferry, Sunday, 10:30 a. m. Leave Bonner's Ferry, Sunday, 1:00 p. m.

Arrive Boundary, Sunday, 5:00 p. m. Arrive Kaslo, Sunday, 10:00 p. m.

Close connection at Bonner's Ferry with trains east bound, leaving Spokane 7:40 a. m. and west bound, arriving Spokane 7:00 p. m.

\*The Alberta awaits the arrival of the International for Bonner's Ferry. GEORGE ALEXANDER, Gen'l Mgr. Kaslo, July 12, 1897.

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No. 4 Leaves Rossland at 8:00 p. m. No. 1 Leaves Trail at 8:15 p. m. Connects with C.P.R., main line steamers from the north at Trail.

No. 2 Leaves Rossland at 1:00 p. m. Connects with C.P.R., main line steamers from the north at Trail.

No. 5 Leaves Trail at 5:30 p. m. Connects with steamer Lytton at Trail.

Trail, B. C. F. P. GUTELIS, General Supt. July 4, 1897.

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THE COURT REGISTRAR

The Appointment Is to Be Gazetted Thursday—Aid Assured for the Hospital—The Redivision of the District.

The board of trade rooms in the Imperial block were completely filled Monday evening on the occasion of the meeting to hear the Hon. J. H. Turner, premier of the province, who arrived in the city yesterday morning.

J. S. C. Fraser, the vice president of the board, presided, and Smith Curtis read the following memorial:

To the Honorable J. H. Turner, Premier of British Columbia.

Sir,—The board of trade of the city of Rossland extends to you a hearty welcome to our young city and trusts that your visit will be pleasant and instructive.

It is gratifying to our citizens and especially to our business men to have the board believe it is justified in so doing so laudable an object and therefore requests your consideration of the pressing needs of the Rossland district.

In asking the government to give considerable financial aid to this locality, the board believes it is justified in so doing by the very large revenue the province is receiving from Rossland and vicinity and the certainty of the revenue rapidly increasing in the future.

Its output will be several times multiplied at once as cheap transportation and lower treatment charges are given, and there is every prospect of these being given at no distant date, and the provincial revenue therefrom will profit largely thereby.

The board asks the attention of your self and your government to the following matters:

- (1) A court house; (2) a supreme court registry office; (3) a land registry office; (4) an increased school appropriation; (5) reasonable grants for trails and roads; (6) and 7) additional grants for fire purposes and for hospitals; (8) the abolition of the miner's license, and especially of the company license; (9) the prevailing uncertainty of land titles in the city; (10) readjustment of the taxation of the mines in the city limits; (11) redistribution of the provincial electoral districts to give the Trail creek division a representative.

Each of the clauses was treated at some length in the memorial. The document was signed by the officers of the board of trade.

After expressing his pleasure at being able to meet the people of Rossland the premier turned at once to the consideration of the memorial.

In regard to the first clause, referring to the revenue derived from the city of Rossland, Mr. Turner pointed out that the provincial receipts from this neighborhood cannot be so much from the municipality as from the surrounding mines. Nevertheless, the government fully appreciated the highly important position held by Rossland, and recognized in her a city of the most brilliant future.

He hoped to carry out a number of much needed public improvements, chief among which was the extension of the railway system throughout the mining districts. He referred to the very great and immediate need of a railway from the Columbia river to the Boundary mines, and declared that the bringing of Boundary ores to Columbia river smelters would have much to do with the thorough and successful establishment of Kootenay smelting.

He had gone on a mission which he considered of the greatest importance, the construction of a railroad from Robson to Penicton. [Great applause.] After 10 days hard work he was assured that the road would be under way in six months.

On his return to the coast he had been amazed to find that the whole plan had been thwarted, and not only that, but he was actually charged with having defrauded the measure, and similar charges he would only point to his record of over 30 years in the province. If he had been the tool of corporations and the ally of corruption it should certainly seem that he would be at least more than a reality man by this time, while as a matter of fact he would gladly exchange financial places with a good many of the auditors before him. [Applause.]

The meeting then closed.

He Has Carried Off Seven of Joe Challets' Pigs.

A big black bear has been making it disagreeable for Joseph Challets, who is the owner of a hog ranch in the lower part of the city. This bear is fond of pork and has carried off no less than seven of Mr. Challets' fat porkers in the last few weeks.

It is no trick for this fierce animal to jump over the fence at the pig ranch, grab a 150-pound pig, and walk away with him from the front, pig-tied closely about the pig's neck. When a fence was encountered the bear would just jump lightly over it without getting down on his front feet. On last Friday evening the bear was expected around, and E. Marret and James Longley, who have quite a reputation as hunters of big game, and one of the employees of the ranch were laying for the predatory animal. It was almost midnight when a brilliant light appeared, and the first intimation that the watchers had of his presence was the agonized squeal that a pig that the bear had seized began to emit. The light was not good, but Miller and Longley began firing their Winchester in the direction of the sounds. This so alarmed the bear that he dropped the pig. John, the hired man, who had a shotgun, ran after the animal and emptied both barrels at him at short range. As the bear emitted a fearful growl it was evident that some of the shot took effect. Then the bear escaped in the darkness. Each night since then B. S. Lyon and Charles Marshall have been watching for the animal, but it is thought that he will not return until the wounds that he received from the shotgun have healed. Then he will get good and hungry again, and will return for another feed of pork. On that occasion Messrs. Lyon and Marshall expect to bag him, as they have two Winchester of the largest calibre that are warranted to instantly kill a bear, provided it is struck in the right spot.

NEW DISTRICT FOUND

A Party of Prospectors Make Some Wonderful Finds.

MANY CLAIMS STAKED

The Prospects Include Both Free Milling and Smelting Propositions, and Are Located in the Country to the West of Lake Okanagan.

Those who strike out into new fields and blaze new paths for themselves generally find something to reward them for their courage and enterprise. Those who follow have to take what they leave as the original explorers generally secure their pick of the good things that they find.

At least that has been the experience of a party that went out in the interests of the Canadian American Gold Mining and Development company.

This party left here on the 28th of July last and have just returned, after having made some 24 locations and staked a townsite. The party was headed by J. M. Robinson, the president and general manager of the company and with him were Dr. Lippsett, Carberry, Rev. A. T. Rolleston, B. W. J. Shelton, a mining expert, Mrs. A. Anderson, the mineral psychometrist and W. Wren, cook.

The party left Northport on July 28 equipped with supplies, pack horses and all the paraphernalia necessary for a successful prospecting trip. From thence they made their way to Christina lake, where they inspected the property of the Algonquin Consolidated Mining and Development company. This company has a large block of the stock of this company, and it was to learn if the investment was likely to be a good one that the examination was made. The party was successful in their search, and they made their way to Christina-Cascade Mining and Development company, and these make an excellent showing. The party then pressed on and saw many of the mines of the Greenwood district. In Burr Camp McKinney was visited and the producing mine of the Camp McKinney Development company was examined and greatly admired. An inspection was next made of the rich mines of the Similkameen valley in a northwesterly direction to a point within five miles of Princeton.

Then struck out into what was a hitherto unexplored wilderness by following up Trout creek, and it was here that they staked their first claim. From there they went to the Headwater lakes, and it was near these lakes that they found seven smelting propositions, which were four miles apart. They prospectively crossed over the divide to the source of the South Fork of Deep creek, and in that valley they staked out a townsite. Of the 24 claims which were staked, 19 were in Trout creek and on Bald mountain and at the head of Deep creek. The veins of free milling ore are from 25 to 50 feet wide, and can be traced for a distance of one or two miles. There are practically ten continuous veins in one group. Then there were seven claims taken up on Headwater lakes on what is known as Mineral mountain. These latter claims are smelting propositions, and have large capped similar to that which prevails in this camp. Mineral mountain, Mr. Robinson says, is very strongly mineralized, being practically a mineral vein, as its name indicates. The veins are true contact, and lie between lime and granite. The balance of the claims are scattered along the line that was traversed by them. The country in which all these claims have been located is one that has never been prospected before, and it is thought that it will prove a very rich one. So far no assays have been made, but will be in a short time.

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A SURPRISED COUNCIL

An Unexpected Bill for \$1300 for Extras Causes Astonishment.

HE SAID HE WAS ROBBED

After He Was Arrested and Released on Bail He Repented and Made an Open Confession—His Employees Think He is Deranged Mentally.

Ymir, Oct. 11.—[Special.]—An extraordinary incident has occurred here in connection with the work on the road to the Porto Rico mine, which has resulted in William Ryan, the contractor for the road, being landed in the jail at Nelson.

On the 7th day of the present month the wages due to the men should have been paid. The money for this purpose, amounting to \$1,802.70, came to hand on the preceding day and Ryan, the contractor, in company with Mr. McMullen, the foreman on the Porto Rico mine, left Ymir that day with the packet containing the sum on his person.

Ryan refused the responsibility. Subsequently he returned to the camp and gave the money to Bryan, his foreman on the road work. The latter, however, refused the responsibility and returned the packet containing the money to Ryan in the presence of witnesses.

Ryan then placed the money in the breast of his shirt and retired for the night. At 5:45 on the following morning he raised an alarm and was found in a great state of agitation, flashing a light in his face, had covered him with a revolver and ordered him to give up the money, and on his refusing, had torn open his shirt and taken it from him.

Ryan being responsible for the men's wages, he was released on \$400 bail, which was furnished by Mr. Corbould of the Canadian Pacific Exploration company, owner of the Porto Rico mine. Bryan, the foreman, who was arrested as implicated with Ryan, was similarly released.

Corbould advanced the coin. The money necessary for the continuance of the work on the road being necessary Mr. Corbould stood in the breach and settled the accounts owing to the merchants in town. He also accepted a draft for \$1,800 drawn by Ryan on him, the money to be paid into court to be used by the justice to pay the wages due the men. The matter being settled Ryan returned to the road and development took place. Early in the morning Ryan gathered up his men together, telling them he had a confession to make.

Ryan makes a confession. On their assembling he informed them that the story of the robbery was altogether fictitious, and that he himself had stolen the money. At that moment McMullen, the Porto Rico foreman, came riding down and was stopped by Ryan, who repeated his confession, and said that he had hidden the money in a manure heap close by. A spade was quickly obtained and the manure heap turned over at the spot indicated by Ryan, when the package containing the \$1,802.70 intact was discovered. Mr. McMullen took charge of Ryan and of the money, and brought them down to Ymir, where the prisoner and the package were handed over to the care of Constable Forrester.

The only reason Ryan gives for his very inexplicable course of action is that he did it for the sake of his wife and children. He was very anxious to confess to a Catholic priest, and was very grateful for permission to wire for one at his own expense. A large body of the men employed on the road came down to the depot today to see their late chief depart for his trial, when he was to be taken under the vigilant eyes of Constable Forrester. It is rumored among the men that Contractor Ryan is slightly insane, and that on several occasions his actions have been such as to confirm the impression.

DEATH OF GEO. TIGHE. He Succumbed at Trail Yesterday to an Attack of Pneumonia.

TRAIL, Oct. 12.—[Special.]—George Tighe, one of the most prominent citizens of Trail and well known to the mining community of Rossland, died this morning at the Waterloo hotel, of pneumonia. Mr. Tighe was 36 years of age, and leaves a wife and five children. Deceased came to British Columbia about a year ago, since which time he has looked after the interests of the War Eagle, Iron Mask and Centre Star at the Trail smelter. He was well known throughout Montana, and was a merchant in Great Falls. For 13 years Mr. Tighe was on the road for Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago. While here he made a host of friends. He was a member of the late brokerage firm of Cowan, Tighe & Witt. No announcements have yet been made for the funeral, but the remains will undoubtedly be sent to Montana for interment.

J. B. COOK ON WEATHER. He Says He Is Surprised to See Snow So Early.

John R. Cook returned yesterday from a visit to his Stephens county ranch. Mr. Cook was not a little surprised to see the ground covered with snow, but he expressed the opinion that it was a temporary season of cool weather. As Mr. Cook has been in this district since 1884, he is pretty well acquainted with climatic conditions here. "I have never seen cold weather settle down in earnest before the middle of November," said Mr. Cook, "and I am satisfied that we shall see very little more snow until that time. However, there may be some rain in the meantime, though I have seen the dust flying in Rossland on the 10th of December."

Krugner Favors Railways. LONDON, Oct. 13.—A dispatch to the Times from Pretoria says that President Krugner, in the Volksraad today, suggested that the time is now ripe to raise a loan of several millions for the construction of railways in the Transvaal.

CRIME OF A CRANK

Contractor William Ryan Steals the Sum of \$1,802.70.

BETTER THAN GOLD.

Is the Rare Pleasure of Perfect Health.

A Nova Scotia Lady Says "I Consider Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a Priceless Boon to Suffering Humanity."

From the Amherst, N. S., Sentinel.

The rugged and the strong do not appreciate to its full extent the blessing of perfect health. It is only those who have passed through a trying and weary life that realize that health is a treasure to be prized more than silver or gold.

Among those who have experienced the truth of this is Miss Sabra Rector, of West River Hebert, N. S. This lady has passed through a trying and weary life that realize that health is a treasure to be prized more than silver or gold.

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Kennedy & Co.

Weekly Market Letter.

There has been a fairly good inquiry for stocks during the past week. Deer Park, Monte Criso, Evening Star and Poorman being the most sought after.

The last named has been very firm, and finds a ready market at anything under 9 cents. The outside investor is beginning to realize that whilst a good many wild cats were floated here and stock sold at exorbitant prices to the unsuspecting public, at the same time there are numerous sound and legitimate enterprises in which shares can be bought at a reasonable figure, with every likelihood of proving profitable.

We would suggest to our clients the following stocks as good speculative investments at present prices: Josie, Monte Criso, Dundee, Iron Mask and Evening Star.

Considerable property has changed hands in the last few days notably the Velvet on Sophie mountain, which was sold to the New Goldfields (Sir Charles Tupper's company) for \$12,000. The Portland adjoining the Velvet to the same company, for \$19,000, and the Mackay group near the Heather Bell to Vancouver parties for \$10,000. A smelter test of 10 tons of the Velvet ore is being made at the Trail smelter.

Alberta..... 5  
Big Three..... 6  
Caledonia..... 4 1/2  
Dundee..... 50  
Evening Star..... 10  
Erie..... 5  
Great Western..... 8  
High Ore..... 4  
Iron Mask..... 30  
Iron Colt..... 14  
Monte Criso..... 14  
Josie..... 32  
Keystone..... 20  
Le Roi..... 8.00  
Lily May..... 18  
Monte Criso..... 19  
Novelty..... 3  
Poorman..... 9  
Red Mountain-View..... 8  
Red Point..... 5  
St. Elmo..... 4  
Silver Bell..... 10  
Twin..... 15

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WANT \$15,000

City Council Desires Another Loan

CALL A SPECIAL

Council Will Organise a Department—F. M. McLeod Solicitor to Succeed A Resigned—In Secret Session

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