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THE MINING FIELD

Statement of the Work Done and the Present Condition.

TO PUSH WORK VIGOROUSLY

Meeting of the Board of Directors—Management to Put on Additional Men—Fine Smelter Returns From the Ore From the I. X. L.

A meeting of the directors of the Anaconda Consolidated Gold Mining Company was held last Monday evening at the company's office, new Bank of Montreal building, Washington street, the president, J. H. Cranston, in the chair. There were also present Messrs. R. W. Northy, vice-president, G. M. King and E. N. Oumette, secretary-treasurer.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Mr. Cranston, the manager, made a statement of the work done since the company had been in operation. He said they all knew the reason why the mine was shut down last spring and lay idle until December last. It was entirely in the interest of the stockholders that this was done. But that matter was now satisfactorily settled, the result being that nearly 500,000 shares would be turned into the treasury, making the total amount of treasury stock held by the company foot up to 850,000. This was a big treasury, and it only depended on the sale of this stock whether they would be able to put in a compressor plant or not. The government wagon road, which was cut out last fall, passed through the property, as well as the C. P. R. survey for the railroad to the Velvet mine. With such facilities for transportation, all their supplies of ore could be cheaply carried to and from the mine.

It was the general belief of those who had visited the property that the Anaconda was one of the great mines of the Sophie mountain camp. As they knew, there was a vast extent of ground covered by the group, being no less than 400 acres, so that there was little fear of their being compelled to stop the following of their leads by the boundary lines of adjoining claims.

The assays had been very promising, not only at the surface, but also at the various depths that had been attained in the five shafts on the property. They had three parallel copper leads, running nearly north and south, and from these had been obtained values of from 5 to 9 per cent copper, 85 in gold and 32 in silver. There was a quartz lead crossing these copper leads and running northwest and southeast. From this quartz, assays had given values of \$21 and \$27 in gold. These three copper leads were about 100 feet apart at the surface, and shafts had been sunk on all three, as well as on the quartz ledge. It was to crosscut these ledges that the tunnel was now being driven. It was 90 feet, and the first of the copper leads would be intersected about 130 feet from where the men were working at the surface, at which the first lead would be cut would be 250 feet below the surface, the second lead 300 feet and the third 350 feet.

It was much cheaper to reach these depths on the various leads by one tunnel than it would have been to sink a shaft on each, and it was his firm belief that they could commence the shipment of ore when these leads were opened at that depth. Half a mile west of the main shaft, which was sunk at the intersection of the quartz lead with the middle copper lead, and on the other side of the tunnel, and on the company's ground, there was an immense ledge running north and south, on which a 14-foot shaft was sunk in 1897. At this depth the ore was chiefly yellow iron pyrites, carrying some gold, silver and copper, and which no doubt would prove richer with depth. But all the work since the company bought the property had been confined to the eastern side of the ledge.

The Anaconda was not like many other mining properties in the same stage of development. They did not have to go hunting underground to find their lodes. They had already found them and proved them at depths varying from 8 feet to 30 feet, and they knew exactly when and where they would strike them. What they did not know was whether the ore they would find there would be of greater value than it was in the shaft. He believed it would be. It was the general rule that the quality of the ore improved with the depth, and he firmly believed that the Anaconda would be no exception to the rule. But even if the ore did not prove to be any richer than the values they had already obtained, \$22.25 was not a bad average, considering the cheapness of transportation and smelting.

They had erected good buildings at the mine, and everything requisite to the men had been looked after. Supplies sufficient to last two months had been taken out. They had 200 feet of five-inch piping and a Sibley tube to ventilate the tunnel, but so far it had not been required. The rock had been exceedingly hard for the first 85 feet, and no timbering had been needed. As the rock was becoming somewhat softer the men were making better progress. With two shafts they expected to reach the first lead in 60 or 70 days.

The chairman then read the following statement of work done and money expended:

45 feet of shaft work	\$ 900.00
35 feet of shaft work and timbering	825.00
Surface work and open cuts	798.00
90 feet of tunnel	1800.00
Buildings	440.00
Boarding house equipment	72.00
Tools and mining appliances	210.00
Secretary-treasurer's salary and office expenses	490.00
Total	\$6613.00

The assets, consisting of buildings,

MINES AND MINING FROM OTHER CAMPS

Satisfactory Meeting of the Evening Mining Company.

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Good Returns From Two Batches of Ore From the I. X. L.

Returns have been received from 2.63 tons of rich ore that was sent to the Northport smelter a few days since. It went 57 ounces gold and 9.8 ounces silver to the ton. It netted \$1,064.00 ton, or \$1,145.88 gross per ton. The company received for the rich ore, after paying all the freight and treatment charges, the sum of \$2,856.57. In addition to this, 4.4 tons of lower grade ore was sent at about the same time the rich shipment was made, and its gross value was \$54.58 per ton gross, or \$47.64 net after transportation treatment and all other deductions had been made. This ore netted \$2,127.17. For the two batches of ore, a check for \$4,983.74 was received. This is sufficient to pay the running expenses of the I. X. L. for several months.

Spokane Promoters on the Right Track.

A very meritorious property near Sumpster, Ore., according to the reports of H. J. Jory, E. J. Gilbert and Arthur Philbrick, mining experts, has been taken up by Spokane parties, who have organized a company to develop and pay for the property on lines that appear to be as nearly mutual as anything heard of lately. The company is organized on the assessment plan, no charge being made for the stock, assessments of one mill per share per month are collected from the stockholders, the same being applied to exploration of the mine, and towards payments on the property from time to time as they become due, extending over a period of about three years. The first payment on the same of \$1,000 falling due on June 1st, 1900. This gives the company time to ascertain probable values of the mine before making payments. And an intervening time between each payment for further exploration. Treasury stock is also provided for a reserve which can be used for the procurement of machinery or to assist in creating a fund to swell the amount received from assessments. The property, Baker City, being situated about eight miles from Sumpster, Oregon, and according to the reports of Messrs. Jory and Gilbert, the experts, showing a strong ledge and handsome values. The workings on the south end of the claim having developed a pay shoot for several hundred feet, 12 inches of quartz is estimated to average \$108, in free milling gold to the ton, on the north end of the claim a shaft of 30 feet depth has exposed 18 feet of clean quartz, the values of which are put an average of \$10 per ton. The reports indicate considerable merit, and on the plan of the company we should infer that it would appeal to the conservative investor as the thing he has been looking after. The company is known as the Baker City Gold Mining company, office at Spokane, Wash., and J. H. Mann, secretary, and H. J. Gibbon, treasurer.

News of the Sunset.

Latest news from the Sunset in Copper mountain, in the Similkameen country, is to the effect that the shaft has now reached a depth of 125 feet. Two crosscuts were made on the 100-foot level and the vein found at that depth to be over 20 feet wide, and both are yet in shipping condition.

ANGLICAN SYNOD.

Bill Preliminary to the Incorporation of Kootenay Diocese.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The bill incorporating the Anglican Synod of New Westminster, which is now under consideration by the legislature, is preliminary to incorporation (next session) of the new diocese of Kootenay, extending from the 120th parallel eastward to the Northwest Territories. Hitherto all the district, in addition to the coast regions has been included in the See of Bishop Dart, and is too large a territory to be workable. After the passage of this act, and until Kootenay diocese is formally organized, the churches there will be without an episcopal head.

A COMPROMISE SUGGESTED.

Kaslo Board of Trade Puts Forward a Substitute Measure.

IN GREENWOOD CAMP.

A Montreal Company Will Develop a Group of Claims.

MINES AND MINING FROM OTHER CAMPS

Alien Items of Interest From South Eastern B. C.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Strike in the B. C.—The Dayton Bonded to Jay Graves and Associates.

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TO RESUME WORK

Morrison Company Reorganized and Ready for Business.

HAS 700 TONS OF ORE ON DUMP

The Railway Will Pass Through Its Property and the Intention is to Begin Shipping This Summer—The Okanogan Mill Running Night and Day.

Mr. F. H. Oliver, vice president of the Morrison Gold Mining company, is in the city en route for the Deadwood camp for the purpose of restarting operations on the Morrison property in that camp. The company about three months since, ceased operations. When the company was reorganized on May 30, 1898, the capital stock consisted of 1,000,000 shares of a par value of \$1 each. Of this, \$400,000 was placed in the treasury, and three months since this was all exhausted, and the operations had to be shut down in order that more funds might be obtained. It was decided to reorganize. The number of shares was increased 500,000, making the capital stock 1,500,000. The par value of the shares was cut down from \$1 to 10 cents, and the shares were made assessable. This gives the company 500,000 shares in the treasury for development purposes and the power to assess the shareholders when these have been sold. The Morrison has been developed down to the 275-foot level, and at that depth the vein has been drifted on for a distance of 200 feet. The spur of the C. P. R., which is being constructed to the Deadwood camp, will run directly through the Morrison. There are some 700 tons of ore on the dump, and the intention is to ship this early in the summer. Some assays give returns of \$22 in gold, and others \$8 in gold, 6 ounces in silver and 6 per cent in copper.

A Valuable Property.

Good news was received yesterday from the Spokane and Buffalo Hump property, in the Buffalo Hump country, Idaho, by Mr. W. I. Reddin. An average sample of the ledge across a distance of 23 1/2 feet was sent to Spokane, where it was assayed. It gave returns of \$14.50 to the ton, principally in gold. This ledge has been crosscut at a depth of 115 feet, and as the ore is free milling, it shows that the property is a valuable one. After it has been proven a little more, and the ledge further explored, the intention is to put in a mill. The extent of the ore body and the uniform values found from the grassroots warrants the belief of the management that it has one of the biggest properties in the district.

Will Soon Run Through the Tunnel.

Mr. J. S. Lawrence, trainmaster of the Columbia & Western railway, is authority for the statement that trains will be running through the Buffalo tunnel in about a week. This will greatly expedite the traffic on this road, as the switchback made it difficult to handle trains with promptness.

The Okanogan Looking Well.

Mr. K. K. Peiser, secretary of the Okanogan Free Old Mines, yesterday received a letter from Superintendent Edgewood to the effect that the mill was being run night and day, and that everything was looking well at the mine.

THE LONE PINE.

Rich Ore Now Being Found in the East Drift of the North Vein.

Some very rich ore is just now being found in the east drift of the north vein of the Lone Pine, in the Republic camp. The east drift has been run something more than 50 feet from the point where the vein was tapped by the long adit some time ago. At first the ore body was six or seven feet wide, but there came a slip in the ledge and after that the ore body lessened in size, but grew richer, and the last 15 feet of the east drift has been two and a half to three feet wide and has averaged between \$80 and \$75 in value. The highest general sample taken across the face ran \$190. Last Friday it went \$143. Some of the ore taken out yesterday had the appearance of being very rich and it was thought it would run \$200 or more. As a matter of fact it ran \$237. The rich Lone Pine ore is much like the rich Republic ore in appearance, but carrying a metallic substance which upon analysis has proved to be composed of iron, copper, gold and silver. It has been called sylvanite, petzite and gray copper, but it is none of these. So far as the miner is able to learn it is an unusual combination—at least the appearance is unusual. A notable feature in the case of the richest Lone Pine ore is the presence of spar. This is quite noticeable and attracts the favorable attention of Messrs. Smith and Lyng, the expert metallurgists of the Republic Reduction company, who went up with the manager, James F. Harvey, a few days ago, and is being agent in the process they will employ in their new plant now being erected. It may be added that both Messrs. Smith and Lyng were much pleased with the Lone Pine generally. The west drift on the north vein has been run about 60 feet and has been as solid ore all the time. The average value is not less than \$75 per ton. The average values have run close to \$20 per ton, adding together the distance made in the east and west drifts a total of 110 feet. If the vein opened nearly all of which is in good ore. The high-grade of the ore in the east drift makes that the most interesting spot in the mine at the present moment. It may be that another rich chute is that in the Republic has been found. Manager Harvey is getting ready to sack the picked ore and may make a shipment out to a smelter.

NOVEL BILL.

M. P. P., Proposes to Evade Dominion Disallowance.

Jan. 26.—(Special.)—A novel method of evading the Chinese exclusion act on its discrimination against a bill proposed in the legislature today by Mr. Westlake. It is entitled: An act to lengthen hair that is employed in the manufacture of British Columbia.

OFFER ACCEPTED.

Troop of 100 Men From Here Will Go to Africa.

Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The offer of British Columbia's offer of a troop of 100 men for South Africa on Monday by Dr. J. H. Galloway, followed by the telegram today to Premier acceptance would have been earlier but for difficulty in transportation. Recruiting will commence next week, and be complete by the 1st of February.

TAKE THIS ROUTE.

Jan. 27.—(Special.)—In pursuance of instructions issued by the British Columbia government to the various countries and Southern Railway hereafter go by way of the C. P. R., instead of the Victoria route, as the latter is being taken by the Dominion government, which is known to the British Columbia.

A COLUMN ON MINES

Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate Elects Officers.

HAS VERY STRONG DIRECTORATE

Messrs. Burns and Wilson Strike it Rich in a Property on the Reservation—Progress of the Work on the Iron Colt and Other Notes of Interest.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, limited, was held Thursday at Montreal, when the following board of directors were elected: Messrs. George Sumner, E. P. Heaton and J. W. Graham of Montreal; T. G. Blackstock and W. H. Brouse of Toronto; Thomas Wilson of Clarence, Ont.; Alexander Pridham of Grenville, Quebec; R. K. Hope of Hamilton, and J. C. Drewry of Rossland.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. George Sumner was elected president, and Mr. J. C. Drewry re-elected managing director for the ensuing year.

Mr. Sumner, the new president, is a member of the firm of Hodgson, Sumner & Co, one of the leading wholesale houses of Canada, and has the reputation of being one of the ablest business men in Montreal. Mr. T. G. Blackstock of Toronto, is the well-known mining magnate, who is associated with his father-in-law, Mr. George Gooderham, controlling the War Eagle and Centre Star mines at Rossland. Mr. Brouse is also a son-in-law of Mr. George Gooderham, and doubtless represents that gentleman's interests, as Mr. Gooderham is the largest individual stockholder in the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, limited. Mr. R. K. Hope, registrar of the city of Hamilton, Mr. E. P. Heaton, general manager of the Guardian Assurance company, and Messrs. Thomas Wilson, Pridham, Graham and Drewry are all heavy stockholders in the company and have been members of the boards of directors for some time.

ORE HAULAGE.

What the Two Railroads Make a Month From Hauling Ore to the Smelters.

During the month of January the Spokane Falls & Northern branch of the Great Northern railway carried about 5,320 tons of ore to the Northport smelter, some 17 miles away. The rate charged is 75 cents per ton, so the railroad received for this service in round figures, \$7,000 for the month.

The Canadian smelter at Trail received about 15,100 tons during the month, and for hauling this load some 13 miles, the Columbia & Western branch of the Canadian Pacific railway received 50 cents per ton, or \$7,570 for the month of January. Neither of the railroads can complain of the returns for hauling ore only last month. Fourteen thousand five hundred dollars per month is a good showing under all the circumstances.

Some Corrected Returns.

During the month of January the I. X. L. sent down two carloads to the smelter at Northport, and was credited with 50 tons. The smelter weighs the shipment to amount to 55,200 pounds, or 43 tons. The Giant also sent out two carloads during the month and was also credited with 50 tons, but the smelter weights given show 33,800 pounds or 42 tons. The Evening Star was credited with 25 tons. Returns show 59,360, or 30 tons. The necessary changes in the tabulated form will be made on Sunday next.

IS AN ABLE ENGINEER.

W. H. Jeffery Enters the Services of the C. G. F. Syndicate.

Mr. W. H. Jeffery, M. E., arrived last Thursday from the Spokane and has entered the permanent employ of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, limited, as their mining engineer. Mr. Jeffery stands high in his profession and the company are to be congratulated on securing his services. Mr. Jeffery has taken up his quarters at the Sunset No. 2 mine, and when seen last evening by a Miner representative, stated that he expected to put that property on a regular shipping basis in the very near future.

Smelting Rates Reduced.

When the Le Roi smelter at Northport was completed about two years since a contract was entered into between the smelter company and the Le Roi Mining company under which all the ore produced by the mine was to be reduced at a cost of \$3 per ton. The contract was to run for five years. Since then the cost of smelting has been largely reduced and at the Northport smelter several months since a freight and treatment rate of \$4.50 per ton on Rossland ore was put into effect. The Le Roi Mining company management thought that the rate of \$8 per ton was too high and as the Le Roi mine and the Northport smelter are, to a large extent, owned by the same people, it was decided that the rate was too high. Recently it was cut down to \$6.50 per ton, and now it will be quite a saving to the stockholders of the Le Roi and should make considerable of an increase in the dividends.

A Find of Rich Ore.

About a year since Messrs. P. Burns and Blake Wilson took hold of a claim, on the Colville Indian reservation, which is located 16 miles west of Bossburg and between that place and Cascade City. There was a large surface showing on the property, and since that time considerable work has been done. Among this was a shaft, which has been sunk to a depth of 100 feet. At this depth a large ore shoot has been met and assays show that the ore runs from \$80 to \$400 to the ton. The ore is identical with that found in the Republic camp and particularly in the Republic mine. It can be reduced by the cyaniding process. The lucky owners of

this property are to be congratulated, as it seems certain that they have in this property one that should make a valuable mine.

The Le Roi Superintendent.

Mr. W. B. Wilson, superintendent of the Le Roi mine, who met with such a painful accident at the mine in the end of November last, fracturing his left knee cap, has considerably improved during the past fortnight. For the past 24 hours he has been entirely free from pain for the first time since the accident and last evening he was resting much more easily in consequence.

The superintendent feels greatly the enforced inaction imposed upon him by the accident and he is very anxious to get about again. It will be some time yet, however, before he will be able to resume work. Dr. Senior hopes to have the injured leg in splints shortly as the first step to getting the patient up. Mr. Wilson has been in the nurses' private hospital for over two months now and has been fortunate in having Mr. Wilson, to nurse him back to health once more.

Will Sink a Shaft.

On the Iron Colt good progress with the development work is being made with a force of 15 men under the superintendence of Mr. Alex. Sharp. The upraise has been made for a distance of 70 feet in one of a good quality. Work on this upraise has been suspended and a station is being cut in the tunnel at a point 600 feet from its portal. As soon as the station is completed the sinking of the shaft will be commenced. The intention is to thoroughly explore the Iron Colt at depth and this shaft will be pushed down to a depth of at least 200 feet.

A Strike in the Strawberry.

Mr. A. B. Clabon had advice from Superintendent Trainor to the effect that a ledge of pay ore nine feet wide had been crossed on the strawberry, which is located on the north fork of the Kettle river. He left yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the find and will be back early next week.

Supplies for Mining Properties.

A pack train of 10 animals left this city Thursday with supplies for the Evening and Arthur claims on Sheep creek, at a point about 13 1/4 miles west of this city.

Changes in the Mines.

Foreman W. D. Mason has resigned from the Le Roi mine, and Ike Kenty of the Nickel Plate, has taken his place. Kenty's position being filled by Pooley, formerly of the Josie, and later of the Le Roi mine.

The Properties of Some New Alloys.

This was the caption of an address recently delivered by A. E. Tucker, in which he pointed out instances of change in alloys due to external action and internal causes, and described a nickel aluminum alloy containing 4 per cent nickel, which, in a few hours after being cast, fell to powder at ordinary temperatures, an extraordinary result when the toughness and malleability of the separate metals was regarded. The effect of bismuth on copper and brass was also referred to, and he said that the matter might be summed up in a general statement that, given the properties of a definite alloy, the effects of introducing even a trace of a foreign substance into it could not be foretold by any reasoning from analogy. The past masters of metallurgical art, the Japanese, had only reached their skill by generations of intelligent plodding, and often baffled us, with all our science, in the discovery of their methods. He alluded to the application of metallic aluminum as a means of producing the rarer metals in a pure form, which process seemed likely to replace the more complex apparatus of the electric furnace. Steel has recently been produced by melting hematite pig with steel scrap, and adding to the natural hardness of the mixture so obtained by a judicious addition of manganese; tungsten alloy, the solidity of the metal being insured by adding aluminum nickel. He said that it would be apparent, bearing in mind the number of metals at present at practical disposal, that an infinite field of research is open and one in which the reward to the worker is great. The amazing variation of properties caused by a slight change in alloy composition has long been known, and as the number of metals available for alloying steel are large the possible combinations are practically infinite.

TEN FEET OF ORE.

An Important Find Made on the Strawberry Property.

Mr. A. B. Clabon returned Saturday from a visit to the Strawberry property, which is located a few miles from Grand Forks. On the 70-foot level, at a point 20 feet from the shaft, the ledge was encountered. When Mr. Clabon was there, on Thursday and Friday, this had been crossed for a distance of 10 feet, and there was no sign of the other wall. The ore is pyrophytic, and seems to be rich. Mr. Fred M. Wells, M. E., was with Mr. Clabon, carefully sampled the ore body, and the samples have been brought to this city, and will be assayed tomorrow, when the value of the ore body will be announced. Superintendent Joseph Trainor, who is in charge of the operations on the Strawberry, is greatly pleased with the find. Mr. Neal Cochrane, the consulting engineer for the company operating the property, pronounces the find an important one.

The Bortnite Bank.

The rich ore in the shaft continues. It is being stored in bins for shipment. The force of men now employed in sinking is making good headway, and a considerable amount of solid ore is being hoisted. The last assay, taken from the shaft about two weeks ago, went \$88 in gold and \$1.96 in silver. The manager expects to visit the mine either tomorrow or Tuesday, when another sample will be taken for assay. It is the intention of the management to make a test shipment to the smelter as soon as the transportation is available.

Falliers Re-elected.

Paris, Feb. 5.—M. Falliers, republican senator for Garonne, was today re-elected president of the senate by a vote of 175 to 221.

A BIG MINING DEAL

Commonwealth Group Purchased by J. C. Drewry.

THE PRICE PAID WAS \$50,000

The Work is to be Pushed on a Comprehensive Scale on These Properties—Good Strike Made on the Evening and Other Notes.

Another mining deal of considerable importance to West Kootenay has just been completed by Mr. J. C. Drewry, the managing director of the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, Limited. He has purchased what is known as the Commonwealth group of mines, consisting of the Commonwealth, Republic and Sultan, and also two fractions. These properties are silver-lead, the ore carrying a considerable amount of grey copper. They are situated on Hooker creek on the east side of Kootenay lake, about 12 miles east of Crawford bay. A good wagon road and government trail lead from Crawford bay directly to the properties.

The main ledge is from eight to 15 feet wide and extends through all three of the properties. It has already been proved for a distance of over 2,000 feet by a series of open cuts, test pits and one shaft, which has been sunk to a depth of 30 feet. In each and all of these workings good concentrating ore has been discovered, with pay streaks of high grade grey copper ore which can be sorted and shipped. Two tons of this ore have already been packed out to Crawford bay and shipped to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, netting over \$200 per ton. The best showing of clear ore is in the bottom of the 30-foot shaft. A tunnel has also been driven on a parallel ledge for a distance of nearly 300 feet, opening up a fine body of concentrating ore.

The Commonwealth group has been quickly developed for the past three years by the recent owners, Messrs. T. G. Proctor of Nelson, W. S. Drewry of New Denver and J. J. Shalcross of Victoria. Over \$7,000 have already been spent in development work. The properties have all been surveyed, and crown grants are now being taken out.

Mr. Drewry says that it is his intention to immediately sink the shaft on the main ledge another 100 feet to prove the vein. He will then put a compressor plant on the property and drive a main working tunnel to cut the ledge at a depth of 800 feet. As soon as sufficient development work has been done to justify it a 150-ton concentrator will be erected on the property. Hooker creek, which crosses the Commonwealth group, will furnish ample water power to drive all of the machinery, including the compressor plant. The amount paid for the group was \$50,000, and it is considered a bargain at that price. This deal means that another big West Kootenay property will be actively worked and that a large sum of money will be expended for wages, supplies and mining machinery.

REPORT ON THE EXCHEQUER.

The Smelting and Transporting Charges Too High.

H. W. Mussen, superintendent and mining engineer for the Exchequer Gold Mining company, has submitted a report to the officers dealing with the Exchequer mine, its development and possibilities. The report deals with the condition of the property up to December 31st, 1899. Since this date development has been carried on in the east and west drifts from the 110-foot level, and superintendent Mussen supplements his report with the statement that the past month's work has shown that in the east drift much richer ore has been encountered than in any of the other workings of the property, while in the west drift the ore maintains about the same value as that averaged from the shipments to the Hall Mines smelter.

After describing the work done upon the property, Superintendent Mussen deals with the value of the Exchequer ore. The first three shipments made from the mine were sent to the Hall Mines smelter in October and November, 1899, and consisted of first and second class ore, sorted from the matter taken out in development, with some additions from side stopes from the shaft. In calculating the value of this ore, the three shipments must be considered as one lot. The returns are as follows:

October 10th, 29,138 pounds; actual gross value, \$1,163.45; smelter gross value, \$1,071.11.

November 6th, 34,129 pounds, actual gross value, \$302.24; smelter gross value, \$333.91.

November 28th, 29,200 pounds; actual gross value, \$298.49; smelter gross value, \$265.79.

Total, 91,467 dry pounds; actual gross value, \$1,814.18; gross smelter value, \$1,670.51. This gives an average gross value of the ore of \$39.66 per ton. On January 9th a shipment of 41,862 pounds of ore from the stopes above the 60-foot drift, was sent to the same smelter, and it yielded 2.75 ounces of gold, 1.25 ounces per ton, and silver 2.75 ounces per ton, or a gross value of \$27.32 per ton. The ore in the stopes from which this shipment was mined, was below the average, both in thickness and quality, so that it cannot be taken to represent the average vein contents.

Considering the mine from a productive point of view, Superintendent Mussen says: "We are at present working under most disadvantageous circumstances. Not only does the lack of development force us to use expensive methods of mining, but the amount of handling necessary to sort, sack and transport the ore to the smelter, and the high smelting charges, both direct and indirect, make the marketing of the ore under present conditions both costly and wasteful. The importance of the reference to smelting charges will be more fully appreciated if reference is made to the smelter returns given. The Hall Mines make a direct charge for transportation of their tramway and for smelting, of \$9 per ton. They pay, however,

as is usual in custom smelters, only \$19 an ounce for gold, and only 65 per cent of the silver, so that they thus make an indirect charge, which, in the case of the first three shipments, amounted to \$3.13 per ton, and in the case of the fourth shipment to \$2.28.

In order to get over these difficulties we will have to treat the whole bulk of the vein matter, as mined, by some suitable process on the ground. With a view to deciding upon a suitable process, we have just sent a lot of 1,000 pounds of our average ore to Mr. Pellet-Harvey of Vancouver. He will report to us in the course of a month or six weeks as to the adaptability of the ore to the cyanide process, with or without preliminary amalgamation. If this process proves satisfactory as to the extraction and cost of application, and we do not yet see any reason why it should not, the value of the company's property will be greatly enhanced.

THE EVENING PROPERTY.

A Vein of Ore Nine Feet in Width Has Been Exposed.

Superintendent H. Hansen and Prof. Blochberger, secretary of the Evening Gold Mining company, went out Friday to inspect the property of the company. The latter was accompanied by Mr. A. E. de St. Dalmas, who is leaving for England in a few days and was anxious to see the property. A Miner reporter who recently visited the Evening mine property, interviewed Mr. de St. Dalmas, and learned that the development is being carried out by two shafts consisting of six men. Mr. St. Dalmas thought that the Evening mineral claim is destined to become a promising mine. The shaft is down 50 feet and a crosscut run to the north side of the vein, which is in over nine feet in ore of a shipping grade. Mr. de St. Dalmas went to the bottom of the shaft and examined the ore in the crosscut, and was highly pleased with it. A few feet from the snaf a quartz vein of two feet in width is met, a specimen of which is displayed in the Miner window. The quartz appears to be of high grade but has not yet been assayed. After passing through the quartz an ore body is met, containing copper pyrites, galena and zinc. This body is over nine feet wide so far, and no wall is yet in sight. A number of samples were taken by Mr. de St. Dalmas and some pieces of ore brought to town, and are on view in the window of the Miner office. There is considerable ore of the same kind on the dump, which, no doubt, will pay to ship. Mr. de St. Dalmas also examined the second and third vein on the Evening, which consists of copper and iron pyrites, and is about six feet wide on the surface. From these veins he took samples for assay, and expresses the belief that this ore will be of sufficient value to stand shipping from the surface.

While the shaft is sunk on the top of a little hill, where the high grade galena lead crops out, being about 15 to 18 inches wide, as shown in the open cut, the second and third vein crops out right on the hill side near the bottom, and offer most splendid opportunities for tunneling. A tunnel 100 feet long would give over 200 feet of depth, and being in ore from the very start, would surely show up some very good ore bodies. All in all, it is an safe in saying that the Evening mineral claim is a promising property, and should become a large producer with proper development.

HISTORICAL FAITH.

A Reason of the Hope That Is in You—Peter, III, 15.

The Rev. J. B. Haslam, late rector of St. Barnabas, Victoria, preached on Sunday night at St. George church from the above caption a sermon that was from the first, listened to intently, though critically. Mr. Haslam, who has been in charge for several years of the most crowded church in Victoria, is one of those preachers who are rather born to the manner of oratory than fashioned after its likeness. Pitching his voice in that key well known to most men, who are accustomed to address large assemblages, its modulations full and musical, are distinctly audible in every part of the Anglican church building. Nor was the matter of the sermon unworthy of the richness of the voice giving it form. The argument well chosen and dignified. Never hesitating for a word, never stumbling over a thought, Mr. Haslam preached a sermon which thoroughly explained the reason of the popularity of St. Barnabas among the churches of the coast.

The full text being taken from the first epistle of St. Peter to the church in general, is: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." Thus, the preacher said, the noisome weed of scepticism is not of modern growth; it was with the early christians within the first 30 years after the death of Christ, and shows that Christianity was born in an atmosphere of criticism. This is a reason that we should indeed be ever ready to give an answer as to the reasonableness of our faith. Faith inadequately grounded is faith easily sapped. If we cannot meet the shock of atheistic inquiry by answer founded on reason, faith is undermined among the intelligent. But the foundation is the historical Christ, whose existence and whose life cannot be explained away.

Plant for the McCrae Mine.

The Jenckes Machine company has sold to the McCrae Mines of Deadwood camp, Boundary Creek country, a plant, which consists of a 35-horse power boiler, a 20-horse power hoist and two 3 1/4-inch Rand drills. The cost of the plant is about \$3,000. The machinery is in stock here, and will be shipped today. The property of the McCrae Mines was for a long time considered almost worthless, and was abandoned by two or three different locators. Recently, however, some systematic work was commenced upon it, and the result was the finding of a good sized body of pay ore, which is similar in quality to that of the Mother Lode, a nearby property.

The Mystery Tunnel.

Superintendent Thompson has written to Mr. E. N. Ouimet to the effect that the tunnel on the Mystery, in the Burnt Basin section, is in for a distance of 126 1/2 feet. The character of the formation being passed through is improving, and it is thought the ledge is not far away.

Work on the Avon.

Superintendent St. Clair, who is in charge of the work on the Avon, in Burnt Basin, writes to Mr. E. N. Ouimet to the effect that the development on the property is making good headway, as the tunnel was driven a distance of 24 feet last month, and is now in 75 feet. It is expected that the first ledge will be encountered this month. As there are nine ledges on the property, they will all be crossed within the next few months. Then the full value of the property will be known.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

The Salmo Consolidated Gold Mining and Development Company.

Editor Miner:—As a shareholder in the Salmo Consolidated Gold Mining and Development Company, Limited, in common with many other people who have put their money in this concern, I am utterly in the dark as to the position of the company. Any particulars you can publish will be of great interest and value to shareholders residing all over Canada. A shareholder has lately circulated a statement purporting that the company has raised \$25,000 from the sale of stock, yet

has done only 150 feet of work and is in debt to the Bank of Montreal to the extent of \$2,700. It would be better for all parties to know if this is true or false, and perhaps you can give an authoritative statement. Yours, etc., A SHAREHOLDER. Cascade City, January 29.

It was stated yesterday by Mr. Dempster that the statements referred to in the circular alluded to were absolutely false, and that a statement is being sent to all the stockholders which fully explains the condition of the company and outlines a plan of future operations.

The Lerwick Mining Company.

Editor Miner:—Will you kindly advise me through your columns the present standing of the Lerwick Mining company, who, I understand, is successor to the Elsie Mining company, and own the Elsie mine in the Wild Horse district near Ymir, B. C. If the information is obtainable, I would like to know the probable financial standing of the company, also if any of the stock is pooled. H. M. A. Spokane, January 29, 1900.

The capital stock of the Lerwick Mining Co. consists of \$1,500,000 shares of a par value of \$1 per share. Of the total 1,355,338 shares have been pooled and are in the Bank of Montreal. There are 364,617 shares placed in the treasury and about 100,000 of these have been sold. The last sale made was at 12 cents per share. As to the development work, there is a shaft of 125 feet, and 625 feet of drifts and tunnels. In the drifts two ore shoots have been found carrying pay values. The company has only a small amount of money in the treasury and is depending upon the sale of treasury stock to resume operations. No work has been done on the property for the past five months, but it is expected that operations will be resumed shortly. The management consider the property to be valuable. There is some talk of reorganizing or selling a large block of the shares to a British syndicate, which has ample capital behind it with which to develop the property on a comprehensive scale. The Lerwick company owns the Elsie and the Lerwick claims, which comprise 90 acres. Both of the claims are crown granted.

PERSONAL.

M. J. J. Warren of Toronto, arrived in camp yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Townsend have returned to the camp from their wedding trip. Mr. Townsend will in future be known as Mr. J. A. Miller, for some time past has been looking after the interests of the British America corporation at Northport, is in the city and will remain. Mr. F. W. Peters, district agent of the C. P. R., is in the city from Nelson.

Mrs. W. G. Merryweather has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, and is now showing some signs of improvement.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

With the Camp. Francis, who is traveling...

Back From the East. Mr. ... who has been on a...

PERSONAL. ... of Toronto, arrived...

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CANADA TO THE FORE

A Proposition to Raise 10,000 Pounds for the Men for Service.

RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM

The Proposition Comes From Vancouver and Has Already Been Warmly Endorsed by Rossland—A Mass Meeting to be Held Immediately.

It is eminently fit and proper that the Pacific province, containing as it does so many willing and suitable soldiers for South Africa, should take a leading position in inducing the Dominion government to make a substantial offer of assistance at the present time.

"Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 3. 'Mayor City of Rossland, Rossland, B. C.: 'Large and enthusiastic public meeting of citizens of Vancouver held tonight passed strong resolutions urging the Dominion government to offer imperial assistance for a further contingent for service in South Africa, and asking hearty co-operation and simultaneous action of every city, municipality and board of trade in Canada.

"Major of the City of Vancouver." The Mayor was seen last evening and said: "I received the message about noon today and at once consulted the citizens who have been prominently engaged in the various schemes for raising money for the different funds. I find that in Rossland we are unanimous in backing up to the full the Vancouver suggestion and I have so wired Mayor Gordon."

... In addition to approving of the stand taken by the city of Vancouver there are several matters which I think should be brought up before the meeting and some immediate action taken.

... The military hall, which is to be the place of the 19th, could and should be taken up and supported by the citizens at large, and I am sure it will be, but we should have some united plan of action in which all could join and I think some such plan as I have mentioned should be adopted at the meeting on Wednesday evening, as doubtless there will be other and still further schemes formulated for raising funds. I am sure the citizens will appreciate the chance of voicing their views on the matter."

... A representative of the Miner called upon Hon. C. H. Mackintosh last evening, asking him if he had heard of the request from Vancouver that Rossland should unite in urging upon the Dominion government to offer the Imperial authorities ten thousand mounted infantry as a further Canadian contingent in South Africa. Mr. Mackintosh said:

"Certainly. Mayor Goodeve showed me the telegram sent by Mayor Gordon of Vancouver. It was very impressive to me to say that I fully approve of it, just as every loyal man in Canada would speak in the affirmative. I am very glad indeed, to know that the mayor has called a public meeting and that his action will result in a practical organization, not only so far as subscriptions are concerned, but also a public proclamation that the people of Rossland are one in sustaining the supremacy of the empire, and I do not for one moment desire that any of the broad minded people of Rossland should be misled into thinking that I am directly or indirectly dictating, yet I am bound to say, apart from all our affiliation and loyalty to the Empire, all the interests of British Columbia are bound up in the one idea of making an effort to stand by Her Majesty in the terrible ordeal through which her possessions are now passing. Of course, you will excuse my being to some extent reticent with regard to the matter, as I do not in any way occupy any official position. I speak simply as a Canadian and a British subject and would not for one moment desire to put myself forward as the exponent of Canadian sentiment, but that I know Canadians and know the state they are made of."

Consequent upon the apparent difficulty of getting anything from Victoria with reference to the provincial policy regarding those who have volunteered to join the British Columbia contingent as offered by the provincial government a great deal of uneasiness has resulted in Greenwood, where numbers of citizens have volunteered and a number of telegrams sent to Victoria have been unanswered. Last evening a prominent citizen of Greenwood telegraphed Hon. C. H. Mackintosh asking him if he could assist in getting places for volunteers or afford information who to apply to. He replied: "If you refer to Strathcona's Horse communicate with Colonel Steele, Calgary, who arrives Monday night. If regarding the provincial contingent citizens had better telegraph to the minister of militia at Ottawa and James M. Martin, member at Victoria, for explanations. I am willing to do anything I possibly can."

... WILL SETTLE IN GREENWOOD. Mr. G. A. S. Potts Will Practice His Profession There.

... Mr. George A. Stewart Potts, barrister, is in the city en route to Greenwood, where he purposes establishing himself in his profession. Mr. Potts is well and favorably known to both the newspaper and legal fraternity. For several years he was connected with the leading papers of Toronto, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Lethbridge. He was also employed for a period on the New York papers. Subsequently he did some good newspaper work in Victoria on the Colonist, and in Vancouver on the World. He was a distinct success as a newspaper man, and enjoyed the good will of his fellow journalists. A few years since he adopted the legal profession, and has won laurels as a member of the legal firm of Tupper, Peters & Potts of Victoria. He has, for a considerable period, recognized that the mining section of British Columbia offered an alluring field for members of the legal profession, and finally he decided to come here. He will make Greenwood his headquarters. Mr. Potts has in him all the elements that are in the makeup of those who are successful, and that he will work his way to the front in the Boundary Creek country seems a certain

A GRANT OF 700,000 ACRES

NELSON & FORT SHEPPARD ROAD APPOINT A COMMISSIONER.

He Has Taken Full Charge of Its Realty and Will Endeavor to Bring It Into Use.

Mr. Arthur Green has been appointed land commissioner for the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway and has already taken up his residence in this city. The railway which he represents received a grant of nearly 7,000,000 acres from the provincial government in addition to \$3,200 per mile from the Dominion parliament. The grant is irregular in shape, but extends from near Melville on the west to Kootenay lake on the east, and from the boundary line on the south to near Nelson on the north. In its confines are included the towns of Rossland, Ymir and Erie. It owns the surface rights, and only the precious minerals are exempt. It is entitled to any coal that may be found on its land. There are some excellent valleys which are admirably suited for farming and stock raising within the confines of the grant. Considerable of the land between the boundary line and Nelson is valuable for agricultural purposes. Most of the grant, however, is chiefly valuable for its timber.

Mr. Green said Friday that the reason why disputes as to the title and other matters concerning the grant were not more quickly attended to, was because there had hitherto been no head to the land department. He had been given full authority to look after matters of this kind and to make bargains, and he thinks he will be able within a reasonable time to straighten out title to the railway land in the townsite of Rossland. His particular mission, however, is to sell or to bring into use the land of the company as quickly as possible. With this end in view he will endeavor to induce emigration from Eastern Canada, Europe and the United States for the purpose of settling up the arable land in the grant. The good prices for all farm and dairy products, which prevail in this section, he thinks, offer the best of inducements to the settler. The demand for these products will grow with the increase in the mining industry, and he thinks the head is an alluring one for the farmer, stock-raiser, dairyman and fruit grower. The most liberal terms are to be offered to this class of settlers. As for the timber reserves, they will be offered in large or small blocks to suit the purchaser.

... BALFOUR-NELSON BRANCH. Contract Has Been Let to Messrs. Stewart and Welsh.

The uncertainty existing in regard to the Balfour extension of the C. P. R. was ended last night, says the Nelson Tribune of Friday, when word was received in the city that the contract had been awarded to the firm of Stewart & Welsh, who have their headquarters at Trail just now. The announcement will bring disappointment to several local contractors who tendered for the work, but it is some satisfaction to know that the line is to be built, and at once. The successful tenderers are well-known railroad contractors. Jack Stewart was formerly construction engineer for the Mann, Foley Brothers & Larsen syndicate, who built a large portion of the Crow's Nest road. More recently Stewart & Welsh built many spur lines on the C. P. R. system, among these being the spurs to the Summit, the 4000, Wellington and Greenwood camps.

... Mr. Proctor, construction engineer on the C. P. R. was seen by the Tribune shortly after the word was received, and in reply to a series of questions obligingly furnished considerable information on the subject. He said: "I have just had an intimation regarding Stewart & Welsh having secured the Balfour contract. As the contract, I believe, calls for the completion of the work in July next it is safe to predict that the firm will lose no time in commencing active operations. In fact you may expect to see the advance guard of the contractors' forces in Nelson this week. It will take some time to ship the full complement of plant, which includes scores of plows, scrapers and other machinery, not to mention 30 to 40 teams of horses from Trail, but I presume they are concluding their shipping arrangements at this moment. They will probably engage a force of 1,000 or 1,500 men, and the first effect of the operations will be to clear the streets of every man who desires to work."

... The cost of the line when completed will be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. The C. P. R. will, of course, have an engineer to superintend the work, and while no official notice of the fact has been given, it is understood that Mr. Proctor, who has been in charge of the location party going over the proposed line for several weeks, will receive the appointment.

... HEAVEN'S GRANDEST AND MOST GLORIOUS creation is the man who is physically perfect—blessed with iron nerves, brawny muscle and fullness of strength. Half-sick, weakly and broken down men make their homes unhappy and miserable, and as citizens they are, frankly speaking, of small value.

... To be useful to society and our country, and to become fit temples worthy of our great Creator, the weakly, sick and diseased should use every endeavor to acquire health and strength. Heaven, always kind to those who are willing to help themselves, has given to failing and ailing men Paine's Celery Compound, the greatest and grandest of health-giving medicines.

... Millions are now using Paine's Celery Compound with mighty and happy results. High encomiums and thankful letters come from physicians, lawyers, clergymen, bankers, legislators, business men, mechanics and farmers who have been made well and strong after months and years of sickness.

... Try it ye men who are honestly seeking after health! Disappointed in the past by worthless pills, nervines, sarsaparillas and concoctions, you will have cause to thank Heaven for Paine's Celery Compound. The good results that follow the use of one bottle are wonderful and convincing.

VICTORY TRIUMPH SHARES.

Editor Miner: Referring to my remarks in your issue of 30th December last, in reference to the status of holders of above shares, I have today received the following letter from the Trail Creek Mining company of London, England, which explains the position assumed by that company.

Yours faithfully, PERCIVAL WITHERBY.

Dear Sir: I am favored with yours of 30.12.99. In no case have any colonial certificates sent here for exchange been returned without an explanation of the reason. The contract between the company and the Victory-Triumph Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, provides for payment of the price by allotment and issue of the shares of this company to shareholders of the Colonial company, as such shareholders shall be nominated by that company. If a shareholder, holding a certificate issued to A, sends it here he will be recognized as a shareholder, and it will be exchanged (and this has been done in many cases), but if he has sold to B or C, the latter are not shareholders in the Colonial company until their shares have been transferred in the Colonial books.

The board is most anxious to assist and facilitate these exchanges, and with this view they submitted a case to their legal advisers on 23rd October last, a copy of whose reply I enclose you. In every case of a certificate being returned, a copy of this legal advice has been sent, of which by the tenor of your letter you cannot have been aware. If your publication of this matter assists in enabling the company to fulfill its obligations to the Colonial company, I shall only be too glad that you have taken the matter up.

Yours faithfully, Signed: JOHN SMITH, Financial Secretary Trail Creek Mining Company, Limited, To Percival Witherby, Esq., Rossland, B. C.

Reply of legal advisers of the company, dated 23rd October, 1899, "your contract with the company provides for payment of the price by allotment and issue of shares in your company to the shareholders of the Colonial company as such shareholders shall be nominated by that company to you. The transfer of the shares mentioned in the certificate is not a shareholder of the Colonial company and you could not safely deal with him as such until he has been registered in the Colonial company's books as holder of the shares."

Building Notes. Mr. J. J. Honeyman architect, will appear before the fire, water and light committee of the city council on Tuesday evening next for the purpose of ascertaining their views as to the fire hall structure, for which he has been delegated to prepare the plans. As soon as the ideas of the committeemen are ascertained Mr. Honeyman will prepare the plans. Mr. Honeyman is now drawing plans for a four-room school house for Victoria. It is to be a two-story structure with a stone basement. These plans are being got ready for submission to the department of lands and works at Victoria.

Mr. Campbell Mackenzie's Death. Mr. A. B. Mackenzie of this city yesterday received word of the death at Toronto of his father, Mr. Campbell Mackenzie, superintendent and general manager of the Sheddin Cartage company. The deceased gentleman was 61 years old at the time of his death, and had not been in good health for some time.

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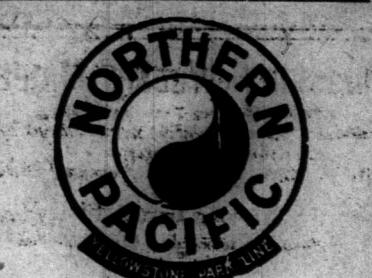
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The recent order of Mayor Goodeve, acting as chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, for the removal of the slot machines, while it was undoubtedly in the right direction and, now that it has been carried into effect, should be sustained, has, however, created some astonishment, and caused some, it is claimed unnecessary, loss by its sudden and peremptory enforcement. All the cities in the west in which this species of gambling has been tolerated in the past, are setting their faces against it, and Rossland, which very rightly enjoys a reputation for orderliness and morality superior to any of them, cannot afford to have this reproach any longer continue here.

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A direct railway line from the coast to East and West Kootenay and Yale, is an absolute necessity. It is one which is demanded by the residents both of the coast and the inland. This is because the present roundabout route by which the districts mentioned are reached are not conducive to traffic between the two sections.

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The predictions of the newspapers opposed to the Semlin government that the first few weeks of the present session would see the termination of the administration's existence, do not seem to have much prospect of fulfillment. Despite the narrow majority of the government, they seem to be holding their own with commendable tenacity, and to be putting through a fair amount of very acceptable legislation, and to be doing so in the face of continued assaults and baleful prophecies on the part of their opponents.

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Twenty-five hundred men is not nearly enough for Canada and the movement just started in this province to have the Dominion make up and send a contingent of 10,000 in addition to the number already sent is somewhere nearer the mark. It is a note pitched more in accord with the high imperial key in which our after-dinner and public speeches were pitched in the ante-bellum days.

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The impression seems to prevail among the politicians in Victoria that the government is doomed, and that a fortnight more will bring from the Lieutenant-Governor a demand for the resignation of the Semlin cabinet. There is no doubt that with the slim majority which the ministry at present possesses, it could not very well hope to conduct the business of the province with any real vigor or enterprise.

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Mr. C. S. Drummond States His Company's Views—A Line Around and Not Over Sophie Mountain—What Has Been Accomplished in Nelson.

Mr. C. S. Drummond, one of the three members of the executive of the British Electric Traction company of London, England, who arrived in the camp on Monday night to look over the street railway prospects of Rossland, already reported on by the company's engineer, Mr. Hall, had several conferences with the mayor and other members of the city council Tuesday with reference to the scheme. Before the city council formally met last evening, Mr. Drummond was in attendance at the city hall, and for an hour or so the different plans and details of the proposition were gone into somewhat at length.

The mayor and the aldermen pointed out to Mr. Drummond their desire to amend to the granting of any franchise for street railway purposes, the assured construction of the tramway line to Sophie mountain, explaining at length the importance to the city at large of such a line of communication with this growing and important mining point.

Coming back to the street railway proper, various routes about the city were discussed, and the importance of having a line up to the mine levels was mentioned. Mr. Drummond was quite frank in his statement to the council of what his company was prepared conditionally to undertake. He pointed out what the company had accomplished in Nelson within a very reasonable short time, and added that if satisfactory arrangements could be made here, they would put up a first class standard line. Mr. Drummond said the whole proposition must be regarded from a business standpoint. What guarantee would the working mines on Sophie mountain give as to the handling of ore? What offer could Rossland make to assist the early operation of the city plant?

In Nelson, said Mr. Drummond, the company was quite aware that the street railway would not pay during the first years of its existence, and they had provided for this by investing some \$70,000 in remunerative real estate in that city, the revenue from which was turned over to the tramway company, and in addition, the company received other advantages from real estate holders.

The mayor and Aldermen McRae and Dean assured Mr. Drummond that his company could purchase remunerative real estate in Rossland at the present time, and that the probable passenger traffic to and from the mines alone, in addition to the ordinary business, was many times greater than anything Nelson had to offer along the same lines. The mayor added that he would arrange with Mr. Morrish of the Velver mine, to meet Mr. Drummond and explain what guarantee could be given.

Mr. Drummond stated further that if his company could be allowed to construct their line around Sophie mountain instead of being forced to go over it, a great saving would be effected in construction and maintenance. To take this route, however, it would be necessary to cross and recross the international boundary line, and he was in doubt if this could be done. The mayor thought it might be arranged, as the proposed line was purely a local one. In any case the council would assist Mr. Drummond in every way they could. In conclusion Mr. Drummond said that an important matter like this could not be concluded at a single sitting. He was anxious to understand just what the council proposed to do, and when the whole question had been arranged his company would submit plans and specifications to the General Electric company of Schenectady, N. Y., and if satisfactory, place the whole matter of construction and equipment with them.

Another discussion will be had in a day or so, when the particulars asked for will be forthcoming.

After the meeting Mr. Drummond stated to a Miner reporter the parent company was the British Electric Traction company, whose £10 shares were standing at over £16 when he left London some weeks ago. They owned plants all over the world. In Rossland, as in Nelson, they would operate as a local company incorporated under a provincial charter, but the British company would own all the shares. Mr. Emile Garelle of London, was the managing director, and with Mr. John C. Raworth and himself, constituted the executive board, the other directors being Sir Charles Wilson (chairman), Lord Rathmore, and Sir Charles Freemantle. Mr. Fred W. Peters of Nelson, was the company's representative in British Columbia. Mr. Drummond added that he was due in London in a few weeks, and would like to close the Rossland matter up as far as possible before his departure.

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In Camp, Belmont, Cape Africa, December 18th, My Dear Captain: You reached me here the other day not kicking at all at what people did for us, as we did that the reason was we were taken up because the occasion requires. The Nelson off all right, and so did Winnipeg men. We are heartiness of the send-off, that last cheer of the company may imagine, it is pretty writing in a tent where the besides oneself, and nothing or to sit on except your ground. I hope you got my from Cape Town. They did long there, but sent us on day after we landed. We ovation marching through. They took the first section march on each side of the each side, between the band of the column, to prevent getting too close. I was on had a hard job to get along. One enthusiastic onlooker, to pat me on the back and me under a thump that I down under it. We got a Town about 4 o'clock on reached De Aar 3 a. m. immediately went into camp there several days, and got drill. We also completed way of transport, etc., 130 transport wagons being strength. De Aar is a place, and the first day we we experienced the pleasure dust storm. Give me a re-bizzard any day in preferred country seems to be nothing is most uninviting looking small sage brush growing, and this makes the plain less than a desert. It may we get farther north. I don't could find anywhere a ground. There are about all and nothing to hide, except the low ranges of kopjes, (pronounced koppies) of all the European power, and against each other, and be no crowding. I am sure thought so much of Canada after seeing this much of it. When we got orders to head hoped it meant being moved the front, but they only took Orange River. The method now that the fighting has keep the line of communication railway open, by moving a stage as soon as another one lie it. The 1st Essex re-lie Aar and we relieved the landers at Orange River. Here we found three companies, but they immediately and so did part of the August. There are rumors of are to go on to Modder River, but I rather doubt it, to go into action. This is the men from all over the De very moderate idea of being and no chance before they drilling together, is not what up to be.

The question might be about the Boers? What they? One reply seems to be. The Boers simply have oning, and that is from the rock-bound kopjes, generally fence and from strongly tions, wherever possible. men can fight when they almost impregnable position straight is the only thing in attacking these positions. I have been over the battle one, one thing that surprised the British beat the Boers for the latter had a splendid the British had to advance perfectly open piece of country. Camp life is much the same. We "arouse" at 3:30, when ment turns out and man remaining there until about after daylight. If Boers attack always do so very early in When we get through the here, we generally turn in another sleep until break. The one thing that I dislike we have to sleep with our side-arms and bandoliers along the line are most. Boers to be held at all occasions have not attacked a this south of the Modder they have been driven to a small party got in the damaged the line consider (Grapes) on. We are only about from the Orange Free State the mounted scouts report collecting about 30 miles of the line was damaged by River, and the colonel got a company in readiness to Our company was chosen, just before we got our tent as we were pitching there came on, followed in a few drenching rain. We were the wind in getting our

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mond, one of the three executive of the British company of London, arrived in the camp on Monday over the street railway and, already reported on engineer, Mr. Hall, had with the mayor and the city council Tuesday to the scheme. Before formally met last evening, was in attendance at the hour or so the details of the proposition somewhat at length.

The aldermen pointed out their desire to bring in any franchise for purposes, the assured tramway line to Sophie mountain at length the import large of such a line of this growing and im-

the street railway prop about the city were dis importance of having a levels was mentioned.

was quite frank in his council of what his com- conditionally to under- what the company in Nelson within a very time; and added that if elements could be made out up a first class stand- ummond said the whole regarded from a busi- What guarantee would on Sophie mountain dling of ore? What of- make to assist the early city plant?

Mr. Drummond, the com- pare that the street rail- y during the first years and they had provided some \$70,000 in re- state in that city, the ch was turned over to pany, and in addition, eived other advantages.

Aldermen McRae and Drummond that his re- lease remunerative real at the present time, and passenger traffic to and some in addition to the was many times greater- lson had to offer along The mayor added that with Mr. Morrish of to meet Mr. Drummond guarantee could be

stated further that if he allowed to construct Sophie mountain instead go over it, a great sav- ed in construction and take this route, howev- necessary to cross and re- gional boundary line, and if this could be done, the council would as- and in every way they matter like this could at a single sitting. Has Kinnie Clarke of Lon- gaging director, and with orth and himself, consti- tive board, the other di- Charles Wilson (chair- more and Sir Charles Fred W. Peters of Nel- pany's representative in Mr. Drummond added in London in a few weeks, to close the Rossland mat- possible before his depart-

ing at Nelson.

Feb. 7.—Recruiting for

has been proceeding for days, and there has of applicants from all otensays. A number was and sworn in, and the bal- decided, upon tomorrow, ests in horsemanship will The Nelson contingent Calgary on Friday night, in a big send-off. Nelson its first touch of winter, a foot of snow on the weather.

or the commencement of on of the Crow's Nest now well under way, and ion will start in a few are now outfitting here, ict the Chinese.

7.—(Special).—McInnes

of a bill to impose restric- immigration. He will nment for information

FROM THE FRONT

A Communication From the Seat of War by a Rossland Man.

THE RECEPTION AT CAPE TOWN

What the Canadian Contingent is Doing—A Brief Outline of the Conditions Under Which the Canadians are Existing in South Africa—Camp Life.

The following letter was received by Captain Korin from W. Hart-McHarg, formerly second lieutenant in the local militia company, and now a corporal in "A" company of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment serving in South Africa:

In Camp, Belmont, Cape Colony, South Africa, December 18th, 1899.

My Dear Captain: Your letter of the 15th October, addressed to Quebec, only reached me here the other day. We are not kicking at all at what the Rossland people did for us, as we quite well know that the reason there was no subscription taken up was because the idea was never thought of. We all know what can be done in Rossland in that line, when occasion requires. The Nelson fellows came off all right, and so did the Coast and Winnipeg men. We appreciated the heartiness of the send-off, and especially that last cheer of the company. As you may imagine, it is pretty hard to do any writing in a tent where there are 13 men besides oneself, and nothing to write on or to sit on except your knee and the ground. I hope you got my letter written from Cape Town. They did not leave us long there, but sent us on to De Aar the day after we landed. We had a great ovation marching through Cape Town. They took the first section of fours to march on each side of the colonel, two on each side, between the band and the heart of the column, to prevent the crowd from getting too close. I was one of these, and had a hard job to get along sometimes. The enthusiastic onlooker, who wanted me to pat me on the back approvingly, gave me such a thump that I nearly went down under it. We got away from Cape Town about 4 o'clock on Friday and reached De Aar 3 a. m. on Sunday and immediately went into camp. We remained there several days, and got in some good drill. We also completed outfitting in the way of transport, etc., 130 mules for the transport wagons being added to our strength. De Aar is a horribly dusty place, and the first day we were there we experienced the pleasures of a genuine dust storm. Give me a genuine Manitoba blizzard any day in preference. This whole country seems to be nothing but sand and is most uninviting looking. There is a small sage brush growing in most parts, and this makes the plain look a little better than a desert. It may get better as we get farther north. I don't suppose one could find anywhere a better battle ground. There are absolutely no trees at all and nothing to hide moving objects except the low ranges of mountains, called kopjes, (pronounced kopies). The armies of all the European powers could operate against each other, and there would be no crowding. I can assure you I never thought so much of Canada as I do now, after seeing this much of South Africa. When we got orders to leave De Aar we hoped it meant being moved right up to the front, but they only took us as far as Orange River. The method seems to be, now that the fighting has commenced, to keep the line of communication along the railway open, by moving a regiment up a stage as soon as another one comes to relieve it. The Le Essex relieved us at De Aar and we relieved the Gordon Highlanders at Orange River. When we came here we found three companies of the Gordons, but they immediately went on, and so did part of the Australian contingent. There are rumors about that we are to go to Modder River in a day or two, but I rather doubt it. As a matter of fact we are hardly efficient enough to go into action. This idea of bringing men from all over the Dominion with a very moderate idea of field movements and no chance before they left Canada of drilling together, is not what it is cracked up to be.

The question might be asked, what about the Boers? What training have they? One reply seems to me, to be: The Boers simply have one way of fighting, and that is from the top of these rock-bound kopjes, generally on the defensive and from strongly fortified positions, wherever possible. Any body of men can fight when they are placed in an almost impregnable position; to shoot straight is the only thing required. But in attacking these positions it is different. I have been over the battlefield here, and the one thing that surprises me is that the British beat the Boers as they did, for the latter had a splendid position and the British had to advance over a perfectly open piece of country.

Camp life is much the same day by day. We "arouse" at 3:30, when the whole regiment turns out, and mans the trenches, remaining there until about an half-hour after daylight. If Boers attack, they nearly always do so very early in the morning. When we get through this little manoeuvre, we generally turn in again and have another sleep until breakfast, at seven. The one thing that I dislike most is that we have to sleep with our boots, belts, side-arms and bandoliers on and our rifles on our sides. Of course these positions along the line are most important and have to be held at all cost. So far the Boers have not attacked any of the positions south of the Modder River, and they have been driven north of it; yet a small party got in the other day and damaged the line considerably north of Oranjesen. We are only about three miles from the Orange Free State border, and the mounted scouts report that a force is collecting about 30 miles east of us. When the line was damaged we were at Orange River, and the colonel got orders to hold a company in readiness to proceed at once. Our company was chosen, about 5 p. m., just before we got our tents pitched, and we were pitching them a dust storm came on, followed in a few minutes by a blanching rain. We were so delayed by the wind in getting our tents up that

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Going Up Stairs.

If you are suffering from anæmia (poverty of the blood) or from a weak heart the fact will be made painfully apparent every time you have occasion to walk up stairs.

On such occasions does your heart beat violently? Do you feel out of breath? Do your limbs ache, and are you easily exhausted?

These are signs of anæmia and heart weakness. Pale, sunken eyes, thin cheeks, loss of appetite, and general languor are other signs. Organic disease of the Heart or Consumption may easily follow if your condition is neglected.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills FOR PALE PEOPLE,

cure anæmia and heart weakness, and banish all these symptoms. They make men and women strong and energetic, and are equally valuable for young and old. These pills make new, rich blood with every dose, and strengthen weak or exhausted nerves.

HEALTH BROKEN DOWN. HAD NOT STRENGTH TO WALK.

Mr. John Barley, Lachute Mills, says: "Up to about seven years ago I had always been a healthy man. At that time my health began to give way, and at last I was left almost a physical wreck, the least exertion would leave me breathless and exhausted, and for the last five years have not been able to do steady work for the best part of the time; and as the many medicines I tried failed to help me, I had begun to look upon my case as almost hopeless. Finally a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and now after the use of only five boxes I am feeling well and strong. It is simply marvellous what they have done for me, and I shall always recommend them to my friends."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have also cured paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatism, and sciatica; also all diseases arising from impoverishment of the blood, scrofula, chronic erysipelas, consumption of the bowels and lungs, general muscular weakness, loss of appetite, palpitations, pains in the back, nervous headache, and neuralgia, early decay, all ladies' weaknesses and hysteria. These pills are a tonic, not a purgative. Sold by all druggists or by mail post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

As many worthless substitutes are offered be sure you ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

OFFERS COMING IN.

Various Parts of the Province Giving Evidence of Their Patriotism.

The patriotic offer made by the citizens' committee of the city of Victoria to raise and equip a body of fifty mounted men has already borne fruit in other parts of the province. This morning the municipality of Cowichan sent an offer to Premier Selwyn indicating that it was prepared to supply and equip several men for the supplementary corps contemplated in the act of the city of Victoria. This creditable offer from the little municipality is made by J. Maitland-Douglass in the name of the district in which he resides.

There is every indication that this prompt action of the part of the inland municipality will be taken up by the principal cities and districts of the province. Already from the old constituency of Cariboo comes an offer of a baker's dozen of enthusiastic patriots who are prepared to bring their own horses and saddlery and to swell the ranks of the contingent. The fact that the volunteers are not seeking cheap notoriety is amply demonstrated by their request that their names be withheld until it is decided whether or not the contingent is to go. Their offer is in the hands of that stout old veteran, Major-General Kinchant, who represents Cariboo, and who may be depended upon to see that the soldierly solicitude of her sons for service is properly pressed upon the authorities when the time comes to do so.

Meanwhile, the cabinet, like the people of the province generally, are chafing under the delay, and there can be no doubt that every means is being employed by the officials of the department of militia and defence at Ottawa to forward the dispatch of the troops from this point. Applications are piling up in the office of the provincial secretary, there being between three and four hundred there already in addition to those which are in other hands. Some of these are from ex-army officers of all ranks, some of whom have served with Roberts, others with Wolesey and Sir Charles Warren, and in all quarters of the globe. It is doubtful if in any province in Canada such a large number of men, in proportion to the population, could be found who have seen active service.

Offers are, however, not confined to those who are anxious to serve as troopers or officers, although there are nearly a score of the latter. Four or five applications have been received from medical men who wish to place their professional services at the disposal of the province.

ADJOURNMENT WAS GRANTED

POWER WHICH PRENTICE OF LILLOOET EXERCISES IN THE HOUSE.

The Government Has Hesitation in Denying Him Anything He Asks For—His Defection Might Mean Defeat.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The government party of British Columbia was made to realize this evening more clearly than ever the aloneness of the majority by which they continue control. It came like a bombshell just before the rising of the House at 6 o'clock, and once again Prentice of Lillooet, had the honor of being the central figure. The coal mines regulation bill had been under discussion for three hours, strong speeches in connection with the proposed legislation being made by McPhillips and Joseph Martin, the former of whom introduced an amendment covering five full pages of typewritten manuscript.

Booth and Higgins asked that the debate might be adjourned in order that this might be printed and discussed with intelligence. Colonel Baker urged that the matter might not be rushed with undue haste, material information being on its way to him from the Crow's Nest Pass mines. Mr. Helmcken applied for an adjournment in order to secure certain authorities.

To each of these requests the government turned a deaf ear, swinging in their chairs with self-satisfied smiles, merely replying to the remainder that the president of the council had promised there should be no evening session with the objection that they "had changed their minds." They had tested their strength, and found that they had a majority of one, a division of 18 to 17 having rejected one protest against dangerously hasty legislation.

Then, as Mr. Helmcken was further protesting against the discourtesy and lack

OF CONSIDERATION EXTENDED, PRENTICE ENTERED.

He had been paired with James Dunsmuir and consequently had taken no part in the vote. Catching the speaker's eye, he proceeded to illustrate the ability of the member to "hold the pistol to the head of the government." The House had learned by the evening papers, he said, that Alexander Dunsmuir had just died in New York, and in view of the close relation borne by this bill to the Dunsmuir interests, he thought it would be little more than ordinary courtesy to postpone its further consideration until the morrow. He added significantly that he had just been released by wire from his pair with Dunsmuir, and there was enough in his manner of saying it to indicate that he would, if the matter came to a vote, raise his hand with the opposition.

"I think it would be well for the senior member for Victoria to apply for an adjournment of the debate now," he said, "and for the government to grant it."

If they had stopped to consider it, the government might have realized that they would, with Prentice voting against them, still have tie, and be able to save themselves by the usual speaker's vote. As it was, they appeared to be seized with panic. The ground seemed less secure than it had been. The position they had been arrogantly asserting all through the afternoon was abandoned in a moment.

"Oh, very well," said the president of the council, and the adjournment was granted, the silence of the government phalanx being that of utter and complete consternation. The incident was of value as showing the exceedingly delicate position of a government thus at the mercy of one or two at most. It was also interpreted by the old parliamentarians of the House as showing that the government, as at present constituted, can be "rattled" very effectively.

A KINGSTONIAN'S DISTRESS.

But It Was Short-Lived When He Began South American Kidney Cure Treatment.

"I am too disheartened to try another remedy," was the almost forlorn remark of a well known Kingston citizen when being persuaded by a friend to try South American Kidney Cure for his case, which doctors had said was incurable. "There are too many promises of help without results,"—but he did take South American Kidney Cure, and in a letter a few days ago says: "I owe my life to this wonderful remedy—it truly is a blessing." Sold by Goodvee Bros.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW MATTER

A COMPROMISE SUGGESTED BY A WELL KNOWN MINING MAN.

Thinks the Law Should Be Ten Hours in Small Mines and Eight in the Larger Ones.

This question is the all important one to the people of British Columbia at the present time. The action to be taken on same by the legislative body, is looked forward to by all concerned, with great interest. It is imperative on the part of the law makers that they fully consider this question at this time in all its bearings in the interest of the people as a whole.

This was not fair to the mine owners or miners as a whole, because the owners were not accorded a hearing at all, and the miners were not thoroughly represented with the conditions as they exist. If they had been I do not think they would have asked for any such law at that time. As a matter of fact, over 75 per cent of the miners did not know any more about it than the mine owners.

As a single individual voicing his own idea, and not pretending to speak for any one else, I would suggest that a compromise amendment be passed something like this: That in all mines where a total of 25 men or less are employed under ground on all shifts, it be optional with the owners to work either eight or ten hour shifts.

Hoping those few remarks may be the means of calling forth the ideas of much abler men than myself, and that some action which will avoid the impending trouble, will be the result of same, I am yours truly, S. W. HALL.

An Agreeable Social. The young men of the Mutual Improvement society gave a social last Thursday in the Presbyterian church, which was a most enjoyable affair.

An Interesting Ceremony. The McKenzie Block, corner of Washington street and First avenue, was the scene last evening of the ever interesting ceremony by virtue of which two lives are made one.

The Bells of Hymen. Miss Mand Virginia McGaughy of Rossland, was married on the 26th ult. at Marcus to Tazwell F. Kirk of that city.

THE CURLERS.

Rinks Selected to Play Club Matches for the Season.

At a general meeting of the Curling club, held on Thursday evening with R. Dalby Morkill in the chair, the following rinks were chosen to play in club matches for the season:

N. F. Kendall, lead; W. H. Paterson, second; P. McL. Forin, third; L. B. de Vebe, skip; vs. Ross Thompson, lead; D. Michie, second; Fred Starkey, third; James Lawn, skip.

R. D. Morkill, lead; Rev. D. McG. Gandler, second; W. M. Wood, third; D. B. Eagle, skip; vs. Charles Dundas, lead; D. Home, second; D. Kerr, third; H. H. Smith, skip.

G. C. McKay, lead; W. H. Jones, second; Dr. Coulthard, third; R. Dalby Morkill, jr., skip; vs. W. J. Venner, lead; J. W. Spring, second; A. H. MacNeill, third; A. B. Cranston, skip.

Dan Riley, lead; R. Inkster, second; Dr. Campbell, third; J. Lawood, skip; vs. C. V. Jenkins, lead; W. W. Johnson, second; T. S. Gilmour, third; A. B. Barker, skip.

J. S. McLean, lead; A. B. Mackenzie, second; W. McQueen, third; W. T. Oliver, skip; vs. A. B. Morkill, lead; J. K. Allison, second; P. W. Prety, third; C. G. Ross, skip.

The committee wishes the players to see their skips so that the matches can be played at once. The desire is to finish up these games within the next two or three days.

R. Dalby Morkill, jr., the first vice-president, has given four prizes, to be played for in the double-handed competition.

The 20 men nominated as skips are requested to hand in the names of their partners to the secretary at once.

Military Ball. The following committees from the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of No. 1 company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, were appointed yesterday afternoon to complete and carry out arrangements for the military ball, to be held in the Miner's Union hall on Tuesday evening the 13th inst, the opening day of the carnival.

Decorations - Corporal Rea, Corporal Hooson and Privates Dyer, Allen, Wilkie, Job, Michie and Tomlinson. Music - Privates Allan P. M., Dockert and Blackburn.

Refreshments - Sergeant Major Ward, Sergeant Townsend, and Privates Clothier, Laws, Frazer, Renwick, Harp, Paterson and McNeil.

Printing and Programs - Sergeant Webb, Corporal Wilkin, and Privates McNeil, Coats, Dickinson and Paterson.

Stewards - Sergeant Major Ward, Corporal Wilkin and Privates Allan P. M., Clothier, Renwick, Laws and Harp.

The officers are ex officio members of all committees. The price of tickets was fixed at \$5 for gentlemen, it being understood that lady friends shall be admitted on the same ticket free. It was decided to issue invitations to the officers of the Nelson, Kalso and Revelstoke companies, to officers in Kootenay, on the reserve list and also to the officers of Fort Spokane, Washington, the latter of whom the local company specially desire to have present with them.

LAND TITLES.

Memorial to the Owners by the City Council Committee.

At the last meeting of the city council Alderman Dean waxed very indignant over the delay in settling the title to lands within the city limits occasioned by the want of prompt action on the part of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway company and other owners.

The municipal council of the city of Rossland request your attention to the following:

1. The title to the lands which you claim has been in dispute and uncertain for over three years and still remains unsettled.

2. A considerable portion of such lands lie within the boundaries of the city of Rossland, and are largely occupied by persons to whom you or some of you have sold and agreed to give title, and who are most anxious to have their title completed.

3. That your delay in quieting such title and placing the same in a satisfactory condition is greatly hindering and injuring the growth, welfare and prosperity of this city and is a menace to the preservation of good order and an obstacle to the collection of the city revenues, in all of which you yourselves are largely interested.

4. That as a particular instance, the erection of a fire hall and other public improvements and conveniences in the most suitable location is being prevented by your delay and procrastination in settling your differences and quieting title. The reduction of the very high insurance rates at present existing is thereby deferred.

5. That this condition of affairs and your delay even now in arriving at a settlement of this most vexatious and injurious dispute and uncertainty, directly concerning the citizens and property owners of Rossland, (of whom you yourselves form a part) justify this council in respectfully and most urgently requesting you in the public interest to place the titles to these lands in perfect registerable order at the earliest possible moment and thereby remove this very real grievance.

6. And further, as an absolute proof of the aggravating embarrassment and hindrance to business, caused by this unfortunate delay and dilatoriness in perfecting title by the grantees from the Crown, we beg to submit the following telegram, which speak for themselves:

Copy of telegram sent: Rossland, B. C., February 1st, 1900.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar General, Victoria, B. C.

Please wire us number of deeds pertaining to Railway Addition which you are holding over, waiting correction of title. City Council want information to press Railway Company to complete.

A. S. GOODEVE, Mayor.

Copy of telegram received: Victoria, B. C., February 1st, 1900.

A. S. GOODEVE, Mayor Rossland, B. C. About sixty five deeds.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar General.

CARNIVAL PRIZES.

The Selection Made by the Committee Will Be on View in Spring's Window.

The prize committee of the midwinter carnival yesterday purchased the prizes for the forthcoming contests. Handsome gold and silver medals have been ordered for the six championship contests in ski running and jumping, snowshoeing and fancy and speed skating.

The prizes for the large coasters will be selected until after the contest, as it is impossible to tell how many members there will be in the winning crew.

For the hockey contests in addition to medals seven sterling silver match boxes are provided for the seniors, seven boxes pins for the juniors and seven brochures for the ladies.

For the prospectors snowshoe race, 1st a gold watch, 2nd a case of pipes. For the men's ski race the prizes will be, 1st a pair of gold sleeve links, 2nd cigar case; for the men's jump, two cases of pipes; for the boys' ski race, 1st a silver watch, 2nd a gun metal watch; for the boys' jump, 1st a case of military brushes, 2nd a gold fountain pen.

For the skating races the following are the prizes: Boys under 12, two sets of brushes; boys under 16, two sets of sleeve links; girls under 12, two gold bracelets; girls under 16, 1st a gold watch chain, 2nd a silver hair pin box.

The prizes for the decorations, horse and dog races and parade are all paid in cash. All of the prizes given by the committee as well as those given by the Kootenay Curling association for the bonspiel will be displayed in Mr. W. J. Spring's window.

WAGON ROAD FROM THE COAST

IT IS STRONGLY ENDORSED BY THE VICTORIA BOARD OF TRADE.

It is intended to Open Up the Similkameen country, Which is Very Rich in Minerals.

At a recent meeting of the Victoria board of trade the project of building a wagon road from Hope to Princeton was brought up and strongly endorsed by the board, which will recommend to the legislature that such a road be constructed, for the reason that it would add to the business of the coast cities.

Mr. Smith Curtis, at the request of the board, gave his views. He spoke of the needs of opening up the province. At the meeting of the associated boards of trade at Rossland, the delegates had been unanimous that the conditions in regard to mining had changed in this province in the past ten years.

Mr. Curtis said, if a road had been constructed, Mr. Curtis said, he had no doubt but in two years that man and his friends would have put at least two millions, if not more, into the district. The Similkameen country had an unrivaled showing as a mining district.

There is no spot in Southern British Columbia so rich in minerals as the Similkameen. The Sun and Copper mountain mines are now down 100 feet, and on adjacent properties they are down 65 feet, and the showings are away ahead of Red Mountain at Rossland.

It would have been a small camo now if it had not been for the energy of the people of the coast who will be able to build the road, he had been guaranteed a freight rate of \$15 per ton to carry ore from Princeton to Hope landing.

At present it took three days to get into the mining country by stage from Spence's Bridge. Roads were wanted all through that country, and the coast is not alive to its interests if it does not say to the government that these roads must be built.

The isolated hospital has been completed and is now ready in case of emergency. Nearly all the vaccine points sent here have been used up. Some 300 were expected to arrive last night, and 1,000 more have been ordered, and are expected here by the end of the week.

Superintendent of Streets Lockhart is putting down cinders at the crossings at various points throughout the city. This is a good idea, as it prevents slipping on the glare ice, which is so much in evidence about the city at present.

Mr. George C. Hinton it at the Allan. He reports that he has just installed a 300-light dynamo in Greenwood and Phoenix. The current will be carried by a wire over a distance of seven miles from Greenwood to Phoenix.

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On Sunday next a meeting of those interested in baseball will be held over the old Bank of Montreal quarters. The idea is to form two teams and practice early in the spring, so that the local team may be sufficiently strong to play successfully with competing teams.

NO SMALLPOX HERE

Medical Health Officer's Report—Over 1,200 Persons Vaccinated. Since the smallpox scare first came to notice, over 1,200 persons in Rossland have been vaccinated. Dr. Reddick, the medical health officer, has treated some 75, and the city physicians have divided the obligation upon the underground workings of the ers between them. Dr. Reddick has been mine.

THE MINING

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THE MINING REVIEW

The One Shipments Continue to Maintain a High Average.

STRIKE ON THE EVENING MINE

One Shipments for the Week Total 5,745 Tons - A Daily Average of Over 500 Tons - Improvements at the Mines - Notes of Working Properties.

Beyond a strike of some importance in the Evening mining property on Sheep creek, and the fact that the ore output continues to be satisfactory, the past week has been rather a quiet and uneventful one in the mining circles of the camp. A visit yesterday to the Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star and the headquarters of the British American corporation, as well as to some of the other working properties of the camp, failed to disclose any news of marked importance, although the shipments for the week demonstrate the steady progress being made in some of the mines, while a visit to the other working properties found them all busy and making good progress.

The western section of the camp shows a very marked change since this time last year, when all this part of the camp was practically dead, no work being in progress. Today the O. K., I. X. L., California, Giant and Big Four are all being worked, and the booming of shots, which now goes on daily in this section, recalls the earlier days of the camp.

The mild weather experienced here this winter permits building operations to proceed practically without interruption, and at the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star this is being taken advantage of to push the various improvements and alterations in progress. When the changes referred to are completed there should be a marked increase in the weekly shipments, and there is every indication that in the meantime the present good average will be maintained. During the week, mining men of the camp who have been figuring out the probabilities for 1900, have been prepared to wager that the output for the year, barring accidents, should come close to if not exceed, the 400,000 ton mark.

Some of the extensions and improvements in the larger mines are being held in abeyance, but for the most part rapid progress is being made along new lines, the result of which should be apparent early in the year.

The Camp's Output. Under the existing circumstances the output of ore from Rossland camp for the month of January was very satisfactory. As stated in Thursday's issue, the total shipments amounted to 24,432.5 tons, having an estimated value of \$439,776. The daily average output for the month was 788 tons from all sources.

For the week just closed, the average looked for has been considerably exceeded, nearly 5,750 tons being sent out to the smelters during the seven days. The daily average output for the week from all the mines, was 820.7 tons. From the Le Roi per day, 378 tons; the War Eagle, 261 tons; the Centre Star, 130.4 tons; the Iron Mask, 31.1 tons and the combined War Eagle and Centre Star, 400 tons per day. It will be noted that the Le Roi shipments are unusually heavy, over 2,600 tons being shipped out, and that as foreshadowed by Mr. Kirby last week, the shipments from the Centre Star, which last week exceeded 1,700 tons, have come back again to the average looked for of about 1,000 tons per week. The War Eagle maintains the usual output of a little under 2,000 tons. The Iron Mask duplicated the previous week's return by sending out 2,205 tons. The I. X. L. sent two carloads, or about 50 tons of rich ore, and the Evening Star a single car, or from 25 to 30 tons. The Le Roi has already passed the 10,000-ton mark this year, and the total up to last evening for the year is nearly 27,000 tons.

The corrected figures for the past month for the Evening Star, I. X. L. and the Giant have been obtained and inserted in the tabulation. The figures for the Le Roi and the other mines for the month are not yet to hand.

Of the week's output, the Northport smelter obtained 2,721 tons, and the Canadian smelter at Trail, 3,024 tons.

Table with 4 columns: Mine Name, Week, Tons, Year, Tons. Rows include Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask, Evening Star, I. X. L., Monte Christo, and Grand Total.

War Eagle.—The weekly ore shipments from the War Eagle continue to run slightly below the 2,000-ton mark, nor is there any expectation that the output will be increased until the changes now in progress are completed. If it were not for the temporary plant on the 250-foot level, it would be questionable if the mine could maintain the average output it now does. Only one side of the big hoist is being used, and even then but light loads are run up. However, by using both shipping points, the management is able to maintain the average mentioned. Doubtless, at a annual meeting in Toronto on the 21st inst., a full statement will be made public. The machinery for the new hoist, which was ordered some time ago, is expected daily, and the work of running the steam pipe from the plant at the head of the Centre Star shaft up to the shaft house, has now reached the office level, the most difficult part having been accomplished. From the office level, there are no obstructions to be encountered, so that when the new machinery arrives and is put in place, the power for running it will be all ready. The two diamond drills at work in the mine continue to give satisfaction, and they will probably become a feature of the workings though it will take time and further experimenting before this is accomplished.

Centre Star.—A large proportion of the timbers for the new shaft house of the Centre Star is now in place, and the balance is on the ground already framed and ready for hoisting in place. The roadway above the shaft house has been found rather dangerous, and it has been decided to excavate and bridge at this spot. The plans have been got out and men are now at work on the job. As was stated last week, the mine output for the past seven days has gone back to the ordinary average of about 1,000 tons. Mr. Kirby stated that there were special reasons for the phenomenal shipment of over 1,700 tons the week previous. Just above the line of railway and below the offices, a rather pretty circular building has been erected, and a cement foundation is now being put in. This is for a water tank. A special red wood tank, capable of holding 30,000 gallons, is on its way here from the coast, and will be shortly installed. A pump is attached to the tank, and in addition to supplying the plant at the head of the shaft, the water stored here will be available in case of fire for all the buildings of both the War Eagle and Centre Star. Connecting pipes have already been laid over the ground, and regular fire hose has been placed at different points. In addition, the War Eagle has a tank holding about 10,000 gallons, at the level of the electric hoist, and this supply will also be always available in case of trouble. There was no special news of the mine proper for the past week other than that mentioned.

Le Roi.—The estimated output of ore from the Le Roi for the past month of 9,198 tons speaks plainly of the progress being made. Up to last evening the big mine had sent out over 10,000 tons this year so far. No step has been taken as yet to ship out the 120,000 tons of second class ore which has been lying on the dump for the past three years. The tramway to the railway for this ore has been partially completed, but for the present the matter has been allowed to remain in abeyance. A large staff of workmen is busy with the new arrangements over on the Black Bear ground, and before long a statement of what is being accomplished will be in order. In the meantime the mine is being steadily developed, and there is no let up in the progress of the work. The corrected figures for last month's shipments are not yet obtainable, but the official returns for the month of December show that the output for that month was valued at nearly \$100,000, the figures being 8,700 tons shipped, giving 3,400 ozs. of gold, 8,408 ozs. of silver and 102 tons of copper. The estimate of the gross value of the month's output, was placed at \$99,800.

Velvet.—Mr. J. L. Morrish, superintendent of the Velvet, is in the city. He reports that the work on that mine is confined to the shaft, which is down to a depth of 270 feet. Mr. Morrish a few days since donned his snowshoes and walked down from the Velvet to the Red Mountain railway with a view to ascertaining the facilities for railway building up Sheep creek to the Velvet. The distance from the mine to the tank on the railway below Sheep Creek station, is nine miles and seemed to him to be a route over which a road could be constructed at a small cost. It is understood that the Great Northern railway intends to shortly look into the matter of a line from the Red Mountain railway up Sheep creek valley in order to give an outlet to the mines on Sophie mountain, Nigger mountain and Sheep creek valley.

Wallingford.—The underground workings never looked better than at the present time. During the past few days gouges of carbonates of copper have been encountered and more intense mineralization than at any time before. Samples brought to the city yesterday, which were seen by a Miner reporter, certainly gave evidence that the ledge is close at hand. The fact that copper ore of a good grade, though in small narrow seams or gouges, is now being met with at a depth of 130 feet, is taken to indicate the continuity of the ledge, and it seems certain that it will be encountered before the work is pushed much farther.

Evening Star.—Superintendent Chamberlain sent a carload of ore to the smelter this week. Stopping and drifting is in progress. The drift on the lower level is in for a distance of 20 feet, and is in ore of a good grade. The intention is, as soon as the reorganization of the company is completed, to put in a plant and sink a shaft 200 or 300 feet from the lower level, so as to locate the ore bodies at depth. The plant, it is thought, will be purchased shortly, and it is the intention to develop the Evening Star on a comprehensive scale.

Anaconda Consolidated.—A pack train of seven horses went out to the mine last week; the trail being found passable. The tunnel is proceeding at the rate of something over a foot a day, and is now in 85 feet, the rock becoming considerably softer as progress is made. It is hoped the wagon road will be opened up as soon as possible, as the management has come to the conclusion that it will be to the benefit of the company to install a compressor.

Big Four.—There are six men at work on this property. Three men are at work in No. 2 tunnel and three in No. 1 tunnel. In No. 2 tunnel drifting is in progress along the vein, and the ledge matter is quartz. The pay shoot, has not yet come in. No. 1 tunnel is being run to tap the big pay shoot which outcrops on the railway track. The ground is strongly mineralized, and the indications are that the pay shoot will be encountered when the tunnel has been driven 25 feet further.

Gertrude.—The northwest drift in the Gertrude has struck a dike, but the ore is found quite close to it. Work has been stopped on the west drift, which was started for prospecting purposes. A ledge was found in this drift which, it is believed joined the other ore. A crosscut to the east has been started from the north drift.

Evening.—Six men are pushing work upon this property. The shaft has reached a depth of 50 feet, and a crosscut has been made to the north. In this crosscut a ledge nine feet in width has been encountered. The ore is of a good grade, and the management is greatly pleased with the find.

Green Mountain.—The shaft has reached a depth of 300 feet, but no crosscutting will be done on this level, as the intention is to sink another 100 feet to the 400 foot level before exploration for ore will be commenced. Superintendent W. L. Lawry reports that good progress is being made.

Iron Colt.—A station is being cut in the

A Rheumatic Cripple's Release

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lower tunnel, in which, as soon as it is finished, a shaft will be sunk so as to explore the property at depth. Mr. Thomas Wilson, who is one of the large stockholders in the Iron Colt, visited it on Friday and made a thorough examination of the workings.

No. 1 and Josie.—Work has been proceeding as usual during the last week on the No. 1 and Josie, but no statement has been handed out concerning the likelihood of any shipments being commenced, of which the construction of the 1,900-foot tramway from the mines to the railway, some time ago, gave promise.

Nickel Plate.—The change in the main shaft of the Nickel Plate, making it a three-compartment one, is completed from the 400-foot level up to the surface, and this week sinking from the 400 to the 600-foot level will be in progress.

Arthur.—The tunnel is in now for a distance of 37 feet, and heavily mineralized rock is being encountered, which lends to the belief that it will not be long before an ore chute will be met.

O. K.—Six men are at work on this property under the direction of Thomas Hughes. They are engaged in extending what is known as No. 12 tunnel.

Sunset No. 2.—Drifting to the west on the 100-foot level on the No. 2 vein continues. The ore is improving and the outlook is of an encouraging character.

Columbia-Kootenay.—Preparations for sinking from No. 6 tunnel of the Columbia-Kootenay are about completed, and the work will commence this week.

Paris Belle.—Work in the shaft continues. When the necessary depth is attained, drifting to the ledge will begin.

California.—Work continues in the shaft and in the tunnel. There were no developments during the past week.

Portland.—Work is confined to the shaft, which is now in for a distance of 340 feet.

Giant.—Crosscutting on the 50- and the 100-foot levels continues.

MORE WAR INTERVIEWS

Leading Citizens Express Their Fervent Loyalty.

E. W. Ruff—Because Brown's in town and has said so much about the transportation business in South Africa, all hands want to join the B. C. contingent.

General Sir Charles Warren, Sumpter, Oregon.—I'm with the white men in this fight. If a block of lots, centrally situated in townsite can be utilized for Patriotic Fund, draw on me for same through Bank of Sumpter. Sumpter is now the Johannesburg of America—minus Dutch.

Judge Nelson, manager Rossland Coons.—Working hard to help along the good cause. Expect to attack Greenwood and Grand Forks next week. If I can get free transportation for my "Entire Company" to Pretoria, am satisfied we can knock out the Boers with my Lyddite gags and Dum Dum E's.

Col. H. S. Topping.—I will gladly raise a Trail contingent. All Adlai and the Peri Sisters, now en route to Paris (Ont.), would join us. Have called Buller suggesting that he drive a crosscut tunnel through Spion Kop mountain to undermine the Boers on the 300-foot level, Tugula river can supply ample water for all mining and domestic purposes. In other words, I would "blast the boers."

Alli Adlai, the horrible Turk, didn't care to be interviewed, but stated privately to the interviewer, that he would be glad to wrestle with any Boer sympathizer in Rossland should the local committee desire it. "Alli" is all right.

Charles P. Chamberlin of the Evening Star also declined to be interviewed, as he has a grievance. You see it was this way. Charley contributed a block of Evening Star shares to the Patriotic Fund through Alderman John Dean. John bid shares in several points above Spokane quotation and valued on Charley for the amount. John has the stock, the Patriotic Fund the cash, and Chamberlin the experience.

Later—Alderman Dean being asked about above says: "Chamberlin's statements are substantially correct, but scrip is quarantined at Northport.

Bernard MacDonald, Manager B. A. C.—Yes, it's quite true that a lot of my staff are going to the front. Am working overtime myself in order that a few more of the boys may get "off." Not to be out-

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How often have we known of a man purchasing a farm for say three, four or five thousand dollars. Then he has got a job for himself, wife and family the remainder of his life and in order to make a bare living, often putting all his money into the purchase of the farm, he must needs be up in the morning at 4 or 5 o'clock, and if he has good luck himself and family will get through their day's work at 9 or 10 p. m. At the end of the year if the crops have been fair with hard work and judicious management they will have a fair living and if they do this year after year for 10 years they may be able to get eight or ten thousand for it. That is, if well fenced, cleared, good orchard, good house and barn and outhouses.

We say hang the mine that would not bite this for an investment. Now we will cite with interest our every day business man, the salt of the earth. He stands in his shop from 7 a. m. to 9 or 9 p. m.,

then an hour over his books. After that he can hardly afford a day to fishing. Still we find that about 95 per cent of those people have made a failure in business in the last 10 years. An onlooker would say it was high time those people would take a hint to themselves and invest their money in some more profitable way, finding that there was too much odds against them in the gamble they were playing. If mining did not offer 10 to one greater inducements than any of the above it would be hard to get men and women to go into the wilderness as so many of us have down in search of wealth; risk our health and even our lives; if it did not, as we say, offer 10 to one greater inducements than any other great industry, as it may be called. Sorry to say we have not at hand the full and complete mining statistics of British Columbia. Though young as the industry is the bullion taken from the mines and the assets at a very reasonable estimate is something enormous compared with the amount of money invested and expended thereon.

There is no disputing the fact that everything has its drawbacks. The farmer's crops may fail. The manufacturer's goods may spoil, or our shop keepers, whose stock of goods may go up in flames in one hour, or the bank could break. There are reverses in everything, even the British army. We say to the working class, the producers of our country, save your money and buy British Columbia mining stocks. We do not say for you to buy at random, for all stocks are not good, but find out the most desirable from reliable sources. A good way to keep posted is to take the Rossland Weekly Miner, which gives the mining news from all the British Columbia mining camps in detail and in valuable volume of news to any one interested in mining or contemplating the same. Now we will venture to say to the world that if any person is desirous of investing any money they can get more returns, two to one, from the purchase of some of the British Columbia mining stocks at the present time and price than any other buy, we care not what it is.

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D. B. Bogle.—I was wrongly reported in your interview the other day. What I said was this: "What Wolsley wants is less Wolsley and more Scotch. This was meant as a Highland blende joke."

THE MILITARY BATTLE

Invitations Being Sent to Outside Points Only—Progress Made.

At a meeting at Captain Forin's office, the Rossland Rangers appointed chairman of the various committees, who are all actively at work. The printing committee, chairman, Lieut. Burnett, reported that the invitations will be ready today. It is the intention to send these only to military officers and friends of the Rangers at outside points. All military officers on the retired list now living in Rossland are requested to attend the ball in their uniform. Those living at outside points desirous of getting an invitation to the dance, will be able to obtain one by writing to their friends in Rossland, or to the members of the Rossland Rangers or to this office. This applies to members of any branch of the military service, British or American.

The refreshment committee, chairman, Sergeant-Major Ward, reported that the ladies of Rossland are helping cheerfully, and that donations of turkey, claret, etc. are promised by leading merchants of the town. Outcry for the use of the expected guests is being obtained from Vancouver.

The musical committee, chairman, Captain Morin, reported that the arrangements are not as yet completed, but that the best music obtainable in Rossland will be had. If a band is found to be possible it will be in attendance.

The decoration committee, chairman, Private Dyer, will have the hall decorated with the flags of all nations, and with maxim gun arrived yesterday and with stands of rifles, so as to be in keeping

with the first military dance of Rossland. Flowers for the supper table will not be neglected.

Tickets will be on sale today at all the banks and prominent firms in the city. They can also be obtained from any of the rangers and will also be obtainable at tomorrow's mass meeting.

The decoration committee, Corp. Hoonson and Privates Rea, P. K. Allen, Wilkie, Job, Mitchie and Tomlinson are requested to meet this afternoon at the armoury at 4:30 to arrange details.

STRATHCONA HORSE.

Twenty Men From Rossland—Recruits Can Apply and Be Passed Here.

Major R. G. Edwards Leckie, superintendent of the Republic mine, has been appointed recruiting officer for the Strathcona Horse at Nelson and Rossland. Yesterday he wired Captain McL. Forin of the local rifle company that he would be in Nelson last evening and later would come on to this city. The Major stated to Captain Forin that he would accept 20 men from Rossland and a like number from Nelson and that the Rossland quota would be inspected and passed in this city. Captain Forin promptly notified Lieutenant Burnett and a notice was posted in the Miner window early in the day notifying intending recruits that their applications might be made to either of the officers mentioned. During the day many applications were filed, many of the applicants asking that their names be withheld for the present. Some 20 names in all were sent in.

Messrs. Brown, Stringer and Macdonald left for Nelson yesterday morning before it was known that applications could be made here. Mr. Edward Cronyn left for Nelson Sunday evening and will probably be an applicant. Mr. J. Lascelles, now in Vancouver, and Mr. Chalmers, formerly of the Cape Mounted Police, are two more of the Rossland applicants, and a Mr. John Leckie, brother of Major R. G. Edwards Leckie, has applied.

From a private letter received in this city yesterday it was learned that the

Strathcona contingent will not be able to sail from Halifax before the 1st of March. The report that Colonel Steele will visit Rossland is unfounded. The three squadrons or 160 men each will be recruited respectively from Manitoba and the eastern part of Assiniboia, the eastern slope of the Rockies and the central Territories and British Columbia. Half of the British Columbia squadrons will come from the southern portion of the province and half from the country served by the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway. There will be room at Ottawa, the point of centralization of the mounted rifles, for about 30 good armors, drivers and mechanics, who would be useful in the field. It is also intended to pick up in Ottawa a number of surveyors who have practised in the Northwest and who are capable horsemen and good shots. Some few officers may be chosen from Manitoba. Inspector Strickland will be brought from the Yukon, and Inspector Jarvie, who is now in charge of the customs post on the Dalton Trail, will also be ordered east.

From the various recruiting points in British Columbia the following number will be taken: Fort Steele, 40; Vernon, 15; Revelstoke, 10; Kamloops, 15; Victoria, 15; Vancouver, 15; Rossland and Nelson, 20 each; making a total of 160 men.

SHAMEFACED?

And Why?—Because Blood Impurities Have Made It "Pimply"—Dr. Agnew's Ointment Is a Sure Cure.

How distressingly common is the "pimply" face, particularly in young people, and yet it is a simple thing that a little local treatment will dispel in short order if the right remedy is used. Dr. Agnew's Ointment removes pimples—leaves no mark and makes the skin soft. It will cure piles in from three to five nights. Sold by Goodbye Bros.

Mr. R. W. Armstrong of Grand Forks, arrived in the city and is registered at the Allan.

THE STOCK MARKET

A British Victory Wanted to Lift up Prices.

THE WEEK'S SALES WERE 91,500

The War Eagle Shares Stamped \$1.10 in the Past Two Days—Tamarac is Strong and Firm—Winnipeg is Firmer—Inquiry for Boundary Stocks.

The stock market continues in the doldrums, waiting for a financial breeze or gale to move it. The sales continue to be limited. Stock brokers, when asked whether the market will be lively again, invariably say that there will be no great change for the better until the British gain some decided advantage in South Africa, and it is settled beyond a doubt that their forces can corner the Boers. Then prices will advance with rapidity, and the market will be better than ever. The sales for the week ending last evening were 91,500, against 83,750 for the previous week. The sales by days were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Day, Sales. Thursday: 12,000; Friday: No sales; Saturday: 29,000; Monday: 4,500; Tuesday: 21,000; Wednesday: 25,000.

Total: 91,000

The principal event of the week, and the one which most seriously affected the market, was the partial closing down of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines. The War Eagle shares, which were selling for \$2.70, as soon as the announcement was made, began to decline, and yesterday there were sales for \$1.80, which is a drop of \$1.10 per share. This one of the most rapid slumps that has yet occurred in the history of the stock market. Centre Star is not quoted here now, but it was worth about \$1.51 1/2 before the announcement of its partial shut down was made. It is not known how seriously it has been affected as yet.

Canadian Gold Fields is holding its own well, and yesterday 7 was asked and 5 1/2 bid for it.

Deer Trail Consolidated is worth 10 1/2. The company operating this property is a dividend payer.

There has been some inquiry for Brandon & Golden Crown of late, and yesterday 27 1/2 was bid and 28 asked.

Winnipeg is somewhat firmer. This is probably due to the fact that now that the supply of ore for the Trail smelter has been temporarily shut off in this camp it is thought an effort will be made to secure ore to keep it in operation, in the Boundary country. Under the circumstances it is thought every facility will be given the Winnipeg and other mines there which are anxious to ship their ore. An opportunity to do so. This is reviving the interest in the Boundary shares, and there is more than usual inquiry for them. There was a sale of 1,000 Winnipeg on the board yesterday for 26 cents.

There has been some inquiry recently for the shares of the Boundary Creek Mining & Milling company. It is worth about 7 1/2 cents.

A disposition has recently been manifested to purchase Big Three, but the figures at which the would be purchasers wanted it for are so low that holders refused to trade. On the board 7 is asked and 5 1/2 bid for it.

Evening Star continues quiet and is a weaker than it has been notwithstanding the fact that the development work is exposing some good sized bodies of ore of a pay grade.

Cariboo (Camp McKinney) is stronger than it has been and is quoted at 80 asked.

There is not as much trading during the week as there was a short time since in Giant. There was a revival of interest yesterday when 5,000 Giants were disposed of at 7 1/2 to 8 cents.

Rathmullen is sluggish and is selling for 5 1/2 cents per share.

There has been a little revival of interest in Morrison since the announcement was made that work is to be immediately resumed and that the company has 500,000 shares in the treasury for development purposes. On the board 5 1/2 was asked and 4 3/4 bid.

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

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Thursday's Sales.

Rathmullen, 2000 at 5 1/2c.; Okanogan, 1000 at 5 1/2c.; King, 1000 at 20c.; Giant, 2000 at 8c., 3000 at 7 1/2c.; Okanogan, 1000 a 6 1/4c., 1000 at 6 1/2c.

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Development, It Is Thought, Will Prove the Oro Denoro to Be a Great Property—A New Townsite.

Monday's Sales. Okanogan, 500 at 5 1/2c., 1,000 at 6c.; Winnipeg, 3,000 at 25c.

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Wednesday's Sales. Winnipeg, 1,000 at 26c.; Rathmullen, 500 at 5 1/2c.; Rambler-Cariboo, 500 at 6c.; Tamarac, 1,000 at 8 1/4c.; Giant, 2,000 at 7 1/2c.; Morrison, 1,000 at 7 1/2c.; Okanogan, 2,000 at 5 1/2c., 1,000 at 5 1/2c.; Royal Gold, 5,000 at 1c.; Peoria, 3,000 at 1 3/4c.

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GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE.

Mining Development in the Boundary Creek District.

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An entertainment in aid of the Canadian patriotic fund will be held in the Grand opera house on Saturday evening. Great enthusiasm was displayed at a preliminary meeting called by Mayor Manly. The indications are that Grand Forks will make a substantial contribution in aid of this worthy cause.

The work of grading the spur from the main line of the C. & W., two miles north of the city, to the Grand Forks smelter, will be completed next week. James B. Welsh, the contractor, will then undertake a contract on the Lardeau-Duncan railway, (C. P. R.) Subsequently he will return in order to build a spur from Phoenix to the City of Paris and other mines in Central camp.

The Grand Forks brass band is in a flourishing condition. It now owns its own hall.

Harry Schaffer, a well known mining man, has been appointed night foreman at the City of Paris and Lincoln mines in Central camp.

The spring building boom has commenced already, and again the sound of the hammer and the saw resounds through the city. Construction is now being pushed on three new blocks, and several residences in the main portion of the town, while many residences are going up in the suburbs.

The change that has taken place during the last few months in the northern portion of the town near the power house is a revelation. Where but last spring a thick tangle of underbrush is now one of the most populous residential sections of the city. There have been over 100 neat little cottages erected here within the past year. And they are the best kind of homes for city-homes of people who have come here to stay, and are building up a cozy home in the country, where they have chosen to reside. The various lumber mills are getting ready for the building rush which comes every spring, and taxes their utmost capacity, and they hope this year to meet all demands. They have been busy all winter, and have good stacks of lumber already in the yards. There is every reason to believe that with the wide attention which has been attracted in the mining world by the Boundary district, there will be an unexpected rush of capital into the country during the coming season, and that Grand Forks will double its population before next fall.

Porter Bros., who have the contract for the dam across the Kettle River for the smelting company, about one and a half miles above town, have a large force of men at work, and are pushing the work with the utmost vigor in order to get it completed before the high water sets in in the spring. The huge dike of rock, which was believed would give them a firm foundation, slopes away abruptly at this point, and was found very much broken up below the river level, and it was necessary to go down 18 feet below the bottom of the stream before a solid foundation could be found, and even then piling was necessary. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in disposing of the water below the cofferdam. Two powerful pumps are already in operation here, and it has been found necessary to send out after another one, which it is expected will arrive within the next few days. Unless some new and unexpected difficulty comes up, they will be able to turn on the stream in the huge flume within the next 60 days, at about which time it is expected that everything will be ready to begin operations at the smelter power-house, and it is likely that the big plant itself will be able to start up by the time the dam is finished.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Work to be Resumed on Several Properties—Progress on the St. Eugene.

The Chickamoon Stone is now in shape to extract ore, in fact there is a large amount of shipping ore now on the dump. At the head of quartz creek, a tributary of Bull river, is the Star group, upon which work will shortly be resumed and the mine thoroughly exploited.

The Golden Five, located seven years ago, is a promising property of which great things are expected. When the work now being done is completed, it is believed that shipping ore will be encountered. Some rich ore was taken from the property several years ago.

On Tracy and Lewis creeks there are a number of claims which bid fair to become producers this year. On the dump of the Estella there is considerable ore of a shipping grade. The John L. Minnie M. and Tiger will probably join the production this year.

The machinery which will be installed on the Dupont and Big Chief, on Boulder creek is sufficient evidence, to the outsider, that the properties are regarded as of great value, in fact the mines are now being thoroughly developed.

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Greenwood, B. C., Feb. 3.—(Special).—The first game of hockey played between Rossland and the home team tonight resulted in a victory for Rossland by 3 to 2. After about seven minutes' play, Greenwood scored first goal, and three minutes later Rossland shot one. Near the end of the first half, Rossland scored again. Both teams showed to about equal advantage at the end of the first half. The second half opened much in Rossland's favor, Greenwood having to play altogether on the defensive. A third goal was shot by Rossland after 12 minutes' play. Then the Greenwood team seemed to pull together, and carried the puck to Rossland's goal with a rush, shooting again and again without success. A Rossland man was ruled off the ice for two minutes. After nearly 25 minutes' play, Greenwood shot a second goal, and till near the end of the game, made the boys in red work hard to protect their goal. The bell rang just as the Rosslands made a grand rush, and almost succeeded in adding another game to their score. The game was characterized by good, clean playing throughout. The ice was in fine condition, and the game was fast and interesting. The Rossland boys are being banqueted at the Pacific Cafe, and are having a royal good time.

Several Plats Near Grand Forks Recently Disposed Of.

Grand Forks, B. C., February 3, 1900.

Stanley Muir of Grand Forks and Matthew Burrell of Grimsby, Ont., have purchased 150 acres of John Manly's ranch, four miles from this city. They purpose establishing a nursery, where fruit, ornamental shrubs and flowers will be grown. In addition they will devote considerable acreage to fruit growing, gardening and general farming. The ranch is one of the best known in the Kettle River valley.

Several other ranches in the city are being cut up into 10-acre plots which will be devoted to fruit growing and market gardening. A number of sales of these tracts have taken place within the last few weeks, but hitherto the local farmers who have engaged in mixed farming have been unable to supply the demand, owing to the rapid increase in the population.

Work on the Hartford, in Wellington camp, is progressing satisfactorily. A shaft has been sunk on the ledge for a distance of 70 feet, and all the ore extracted thus far has been of shipping grade. As soon as the 150-foot level is reached, which will be sometime in the spring, a pressure plant will be installed. The work is being directed by D. Evans, formerly superintendent of the Earthquake.

The citizens of Grand Forks have again this year taken the initiative in agitating for railway competition in the Boundary country. The Kettle River Railway bill, providing for such relief, will come before the Dominion parliament this session. There is a strong sentiment, not only in Grand Forks and throughout the Boundary country as well as throughout the Kootenays, that the only relief from excessive and oppressive railway rates can be secured by the construction of a railway connecting with an American road. The Canadian applicants purpose co-operating in the event of their success, with an American railway, which extends from a point on the Columbia river in Washington up the water grade of the Kettle River valley to Cascade, B. C., on the international boundary line.

At a meeting of the Grand Forks board of trade held yesterday afternoon, the following strong resolution moved by W. B. Davey, seconded by Frank Sears, was unanimously adopted: "That, whereas, the Boundary country is entitled to railway competition the same as any other portion of Canada, and whereas, the people of the Boundary country are unanimous in favor of the Kettle River railway, and whereas, owing to the formation of the country, the relationship between the United States and Canada along the international line here for 150 miles is very close, and whereas, a large amount of American capital is invested here, and a great many Americans are residing here, and have become, and are becoming British subjects, and a railway to the south would largely help to bring in American capital and American people, and whereas, it has been declared by such eminent smelting men as Mr. Heineke, Mr. D. C. Corbin, Mr. Breen, Mr. Hodges, Mr. Austin and Mr. Knutting that the Kettle River valley is the most economical place to smelt the ores of British Columbia and Washington state, and will build up one of the greatest industries in the country, and will eventually employ thousands of men at high wages, and whereas, no bonus is asked for this charter, we believe it should be granted as a matter of course by parliament.

"Whereas, the duty is quite sufficient to keep American goods out, and over 90 per cent of the goods and merchandise consumed in this section are today bought in Canada.

"Be it resolved, that we heartily endorse the application for the Kettle River Railway, and request and instruct that a representative of this board appear before the railway committee at representing the people of this city and urge upon the railway committee and the government, to grant said charter, and we further instruct the secretary to send a copy of this resolution to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Hon. A. G. Blair and Hewitt Bostock, M. P., and request their hearty co-operation in support of this bill."

MADE A SAVING.

Arbitrators Make Their Award on Land Expropriated.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 6.—Judge Spinks and his fellow arbitrators today made their award in connection with the expropriation of certain lands up the north fork of Kettle river, resulting from the erection of a dam across the river for the Grand Forks smelter. The corporation, in accordance with an agreement with the smelter company, will assume all the costs and expenses.

Thos. Hardy was awarded \$30 per acre and \$800 for timber; Thos. Newby, \$31 per acre; Len Newby, \$25 per acre. The total amount to be paid by the city will approximate \$14,000, as compared with claims aggregating \$40,000. Thus a considerable saving will be effected.

The counsel were L. P. Eckstein, representing the city; J. A. Macdonald of Rossland, for the smelter company, and Chris Pringle and J. P. McLeod for the land owners.

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