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FIRST GOLD INGOT

It Was Produced at the Trail Smelter Last Night.

A SIGNIFICANT EVENT

First Production of Refined Gold in British Columbia—After Many Experiments the Refinery of the Trail Smelter Is a Great Success.

The Trail smelter turned out its first gold ingot last night. The interesting event did not take place until a late hour, but it occurred in time for THE MINER to get the news, because it had a representative on the spot. A gold brick weighing 250 ounces or a little over 20 pounds, was turned out. It bears the initials B. C. S. & R. Co., which stand for British Columbia Smelting and Refining company. Experiments have been in progress at the refinery for several weeks and much ground has been covered in arriving at the point reached last night. It was the first time refined gold has ever been produced in the Dominion, and it is therefore not only an event in the history of the smelter, but in that of British Columbia and Canada. Mr. Heinze has earned the distinction of building the first refinery north of the 49th parallel. There are only a few institutions of this kind in the United States. Some new methods in the process of extracting gold have been adopted in the refinery of the Trail smelter and this accounts for the delay in obtaining actual results. It is believed now that every difficulty has been overcome, and that the refinery will be a great success. The crude ore can now be put through the entire process of smelting and refining in six or seven days. In other words, refined gold, copper, and silver can be made available in that time. The gold in the brick produced last night was melted in a graphite crucible, and will probably be on an exhibition in the Bank of Montreal here. To look at it makes one feel that we have a pretty good Clondyke right here in Rossland. The refinery of the Trail smelter will soon be producing a dozen of these 20-pound gold bricks every week.

TO THE FIVE HUNDRED.

Extension of the Le Roi Skip Shaft Completed.

The Le Roi has again started up after being shut down two or three days in order that connections between the 500-foot level and the new skip shaft could be made. The work was completed Sunday and things were in full blast Monday. The effect of the shutdown is seen in the falling off of the ore shipments for last week, the amount being only 1,500 tons. Now that the skip shaft has reached the 500-foot level, the mine will be able to produce more than ever. Hence no ore has been raised from this level except through the old bucket shaft. The skip shaft will now be extended to the 600-foot level. Twelve men will be put on the work, and it will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

D. S. COHEN IN TOWN.

A Prominent Portland Man Looking After Mining Interests.

D. S. Cohen, of Portland, arrived Monday. He is prominently connected with the Rossland-Deer Park Mining company, which owns the Bald Head and the Mountain Kee, two claims on Deer Park mountain, near the Deer Park mine. The company began development work several weeks ago on the Bald Head and so far have had very encouraging results. Mr. Cohen will go out to look over the work this morning. He reports great prosperity throughout the farming districts of Washington and Oregon owing to the great quantity and good price of wheat and the good price of wool.

Find Ore Everywhere.

E. C. Finch, manager of the Silver Queen Mining company, which has four claims in the Cariboo district, said Monday: "There seem to be ore bodies all over the Black Fox claim. We have been making preparations to put in supplies for the winter, and with that end in view recently started a gang of men to making a root-house in which to store the supplies. They made an open cut into a sidehill and after covering this over started to tunnel into the sidehill in order to enlarge the storing space. They had only excavated a few feet when they struck a ledge. I had some of the ore from the ledge assayed and it went 65 ounces in silver and 92 in gold to the ton. This discovery is 300 feet from the main tunnel, where we have another rich body of ore. In fact, we have seven openings in the property and all of them are in ore which assays from 54 to 118½ ounces. From 75 to 80 feet away from tunnel No. 1 a lead has been struck that goes from 40 to 400 ounces in silver and we have one gold assay that gave 9 ounces. To return to the root-house lead, I will say that I have directed the men to sink on the lead so that we may know its extent."

Clearing a Site With Fire.

A forest fire that cleared off eight or ten acres was blazing on Sunday afternoon at a point about a mile below the K. mine. It was prevented from spreading by a force of men who had been stationed around for that purpose. The men were reticent as to the reason why the ground had been cleared in this way, but the presumption is that the cleared ground is to be used by Mr. Webster as a site for the reduction works which he purposes erecting in that vicinity.

THE BIG ELECTRIC PLANT.

The Right of Way Clearing Party at Waterloo Landing.

J. B. McArthur, secretary of the West Kootenay Light and Power company, returned Tuesday afternoon from Nelson and Kaslo. He says work is progressing most favorably on the big electric plant on the Kootenay river. The rock excavation will be completed in two more weeks, if no accident happens, and everything will then be ready for the machinery. About 75 men are engaged on the excavation work. The right of way party are down as far as Waterloo landing on the Columbia river, and by September 1 will be in the neighborhood of Rossland. The poles are being got out at the same time the clearing is done. Sir Charles Ross says he now expects to be able to deliver power in Rossland by November 1.

Cascade Assays Well.

Report of the finding of free-milling quartz on the Cascade, a claim on Iron creek, of the Upper Sheep Creek district, was given in THE MINER of Sunday. S. F. Griswold, owner of the claim, had an assay made Monday, and got \$34.40 in gold.

STRIKE ON O. K. MOUNTAIN

Vein of the Northern Prince Has Been Cut.

It Is 8 Feet Wide, and an Assay of \$36 in Gold Is Obtained—Two Perfect Walls.

THE MINER is glad to be able to announce that the crosscut tunnel started some time ago to cut the ledge of the Northern Prince, on O. K. mountain, has been successful and that a fine body of ore has been opened at a depth of 80 feet. The Northern Prince is situated about half-way up the east side of O. K. mountain, southwest of the O. K. mine, and is owned by a Spokane company, V. Monier, manager. Development work was started last spring. An open cut was first run across the ledge, and a considerable body of decomposed quartz was found. The assays from this were sufficiently encouraging to induce the company to go lower down the hill and run the long crosscut. An assay made yesterday of a sample taken from across 18 inches of clear ore, and this showed \$36 in gold and \$1.25 in silver. The ore shows a good deal of copper, but no assay was made for this mineral. The vein is eight feet wide, and both the hanging and foot walls are clean. The ore has an excellent appearance, and there is good reason to believe the strike is one of great value. Mr. Monier has started to drift on the vein and will open the mine in a systematic manner.

ORE RECEIPTS.

The Reached 1,000 Tons Last Week—Largest in Kaslo's History.

KASLO, B. C., Aug. 8.—[Special.]—Following are the ore receipts at the Kaslo station for the week ending August 8, 1897:

SMELTER.	POUNDS.
Russell	420,000
Everett	250,000
Ruth	150,000
Pueblo	75,000
Fayne	75,000
Omaha	33,000
Slocan	33,000
Washington	9,000
White	9,000
Noble Five	6,500
Ibex	3,000
Great Western	3,000
Total	1,005,500

This is equivalent to 1,000 tons, the largest amount yet received at Kaslo in a single week.

THE TELEPHONE LINE.

In Six Weeks Rossland Will Be Able to Talk to Nelson.

The construction of the telephone line between Rossland and Nelson is making fair progress, and the line is now constructed for a distance of five miles this side of Nelson. The line will cross the Kootenay river at the point where the Kootenay river empties into it, on an overhead cable, and will be built over Trail and up along the Columbia & Western railroad to Rossland. It is thought the work will be completed in about six weeks.

Since the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company Completed Its Line between Rossland and Spokane the Business has Only Been Fair.

When the line is completed between Rossland and Nelson there will be a chain of telephone lines reaching from Nelson to Vancouver, B. C., via Spokane, Portland and Tacoma. Under the most favorable conditions Rossland could talk to Portland, but beyond that the message would have to be repeated.

TO INSPECT THE JENNIE.

H. C. Walters and Party Start for the Slocan Country.

H. C. Walters, of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, A. McGarvey, of London, Eng., a stockholder in the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, and Duncan McMillan, treasurer of the Walters' Co., left Tuesday to inspect the Jennie, a silver mining property near Kaslo, which is owned by the syndicate. Owing to the fact that silver is so low, nothing much will be done with the Jennie claim except to do sufficient work to secure a crown grant. Later on, if silver goes up, it will be further developed. Mr. Walters will return to Rossland in a few days, but Mr. McGarvey, after inspecting the Jennie, will go on to his home in London, Eng.

Back From Cariboo Camp.

C. C. Woodhouse, the mining engineer, is back from a visit to the Cariboo camp, where he has been arranging to secure crown grants for the properties in the Millie Mack group, and also for other claims. Mr. Woodhouse has spent a great deal of his time during the past year and a half in Cariboo camp and year after year and thinks that the showing there justifies high hopes of the future of the mining properties there.

FARREN IS IN JAIL

He Mutilated Notices of a Mining Company.

GRANTED FREE CONVOY

American Goods Coming Through Grand Forks in Bond Will Be Cared For by the City Constable—Opposed to Export Duty.

GRAND FORKS, Aug. 8.—[Special.]—R. H. Farren now languishes in jail in this city as a result of defacing the stakes on the Elsie May claim, which he jumped last month on the ground that the Arctus Mining company, which owned the claim, had failed to take out their license. Farren, since he relocated the property, has been working in Wolf's camp on the Colville Indian reservation, so that the British Columbia officers could not lay their hands on him. A few days ago, however, he returned to Grand Forks and was apprehended by Provincial Constable Dinmore. Farren pleaded guilty of mutilating notices and was fined \$20 and costs, in default of which he remains behind prison bars.

A Free Convoy.

The city council, at their last meeting, decided to furnish a free convoy for American goods passing through this city to points south of here in the rest of the city constable, O. E. Lambert, was directed to take charge of this duty. It is authentically stated that a letter has been received in the city from D. C. Corbin, of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, to the effect that if a free convoy were furnished it would to a great extent, prevent the shipping of goods to Eureka and other reservation points over the projected road through the Lone Ranch pass. In the past, goods coming through the section in bond have been accompanied by a government convoy, for whose service the consignees of the goods were compelled to pay a charge of \$5 for each trip. This has caused considerable "kicking," and has accelerated the agitation of the proposition to build a road to the reservation camps, which would not enter British Columbia.

In response to a letter from the "Kootenay Mining Exchange" at Nelson, B. C., requesting that the council pass a resolution either in favor of or against an export duty on ore, this body instructed its clerk to inform the secretary of the exchange that it was not in favor of an export duty on ore.

ORES OF ROSSLAND.

Exhibit Which Attracted Attention at Winnipeg to Go to Toronto.

At a meeting of the city council held on Tuesday evening Acting Mayor Fraser and Alderman J. B. Johnson were appointed a committee to try and arrange for an exhibit of Rossland ores at the forthcoming exhibition at Toronto. Yesterday Alderman Johnson called on A. B. Mackenzie, the local agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, and was assured that the road would give free carriage to the ores and would extend such other courtesies to the municipality of Rossland as might be necessary to make a first-class exhibit.

S. R. Reed spent several weeks in gathering an exhibit of the ores of British Columbia. The exhibit was included some fine samples from the Le Roi, War Eagle, Columbia & Kootenay, Monte Cristo, and other mines of this camp and district. The exhibit was given space at the Winnipeg exposition, where it attracted the favorable attention of the public and the press. The papers of Winnipeg devoted columns of space to descriptions of it, and one of the leading dailies stated that such a collection as this had an actual cash value of \$200,000. Mr. Reed received a telegram asking if the exhibit could be forwarded to Toronto to be exhibited at the Toronto exposition and he immediately wired the necessary permission to the Toronto district that are not represented in the exhibit be furnished by Mr. Reed, and that ores from these be procured and forwarded to Toronto and added to the section which contains the local ores. In this way the Trail Creek exhibit could be made the dominant feature of the mineral exhibit.

All the arrangements for space, display and care of the mineral exhibit have already been entered into. After the Toronto exhibition is over the minerals are to be taken to Ottawa and placed on exhibition at the Ottawa exposition, and later on perhaps at other fairs and exhibitions.

THE IRON DUKE.

H. L. Lillenthal Assests Inquiries Concerning the Property.

A few days since an inquiry was received at this office concerning the status of the Iron Duke property. H. L. Lillenthal, one of the owners of the mine, arrived from Spokane yesterday and was seen by THE MINER representative, and gave the following account of the affairs of the Iron Duke: The Iron Duke is located about a mile southeast of the O. K. mine on the line of the Red Mountain railway. Three years' assessment work has been done on the property. This work consists of an open cut and a shaft. In addition to this there is a 65-foot tunnel running under the railroad to tap the ledge. This 65 feet is part of a 100-foot contract. Where the 100 feet are let. There is a fine vein on the property. The Iron Duke is incorporated under the laws of Washington, but the company is not registered here and the title to the property is vested in the trustees.

IN LONDON'S MARKET

New Clondyke Excitement the Talk of the City.

RIVAL CASSIAR SCHEMES

H. Hershell-Cohen Confident He Will Put His Railway Through—Vancouver Smelter—Opening of the B. C. Section of the Stock Exchange.

LONDON OFFICE OF THE MINER, 108 Bishopsgate Street, Within, E. C. LONDON, July 28.—[Special Correspondence.]—The great feature of the week has been the Clondyke boom, following the reports of the arrival of large quantities of bullion at Frisco. It has been the great draw on the bills as well as in the news columns of all the dailies, both here and in the provinces, and people are yet under the impression that the Clondyke is a British Columbian river. The keen interest which this news excited in the breasts of speculators has caused the formation of a British Columbian market in the house, of which further details are given elsewhere.

The Dominion government are showing great wisdom in the way they have at once commenced to take measures to provide for the great influx of miners. It is noticeable that the leading Canadian papers which find their way over here make little mention of the Clondyke, as it is not considered desirable that a gold rush should set in from eastern cities, in view of the great difficulties of obtaining supplies.

The ever vigilant company promoter has been much to the fore during the past week, and the Financial Press is full of advertisements asking for subscriptions to syndicates which intend to exploit the mines on Bonanza and El Dorado creeks. This morning the Yukon Gold Fields, a company with a capital of £100,000, is intended to call up only five shillings per share, at first. I anticipate a second call at an early date. This enterprise is brought out under the auspices of the London and British Columbia Gold Fields company. No British Columbia companies have been registered since I last wrote.

The Vancouver Smelter.

The group in the city which have been so long in negotiation with the city fathers of Vancouver, re the erection of a smelter, state that a smelter will be built and that they have already had all the requisite capital privately subscribed. I may add that they do not seem anxious on the subject of a bonus.

Cassiar Companies.

The Yukon boom is of much assistance to the promoters of the Cassiar Concessions and the B. C. Development association. It is difficult to understand exactly to what extent these two ventures will be antagonistic. One would have thought that there was ample room in the wild north for half a dozen development companies, but from what I have heard, the respective managers of these two enterprises think that there is already one too many in the field.

The C. P. R. offices in the city are crowded and I feel sure that the courtesy and patience of the heads of departments are tried to the uttermost.

B. C. Mining Shares.

There are many sinister rumors afloat concerning the Hall Mines company, possibly an attempt to lower prices before the value of the recent shipment of matte becomes known. Vancouver syndicates are quoted £4 to £5 premium, Galena mines £2½ to £3 and B. C. Financial Trust, 10 per cent of shares paid, have been lifted to a small premium. Hall Mines are quoted at £1½, but I hear rumors that a large parcel of shares are on offer in this market. Lillooet & Fraser River have shown a fall of over 2½ in a short time.

The prospectus of the Golden Province Mines of British Columbia, brief particulars of which I sent you a long time ago, was published on Saturday last, and I am promised early details regarding developments in the Cassiar country.

Mr. Hershell-Cohen arrived this week, and I caught him the other day at the office of his company, the Transvaal Gold Fields, limited. He is enthusiastic regarding his mission, and has promised me full particulars, re the Cassiar Central railway, at an early date.

Mr. Stimson, of Toronto, leaves today for Canada.

B. C. Section in the Stock Exchange.

We have at last a British Columbia section in the mining market of the London stock exchange. For some time past I have heard whispers that a coalition of jobbers was about to be formed with the object of making a market in the house of British Columbia properties, and on Monday I found from inquiries in well-informed quarters that day several jobbers were about to take up their position on a certain part of the floor of the mining market and thereby inaugurate the "B. C. Market."

Clement Pawle, of Messrs. C. & A. Pawle, deserves the credit for being the first jobber to make a book in British Columbia properties, and he is backed, I believe, by Messrs. Stoneham & Messenger, the well-known Westralian firm. Quite a crowd gathered round Mr. Pawle and those who took up their pitch which on Monday, and watched the initiatory proceedings with keen attention, and it is thought that the small knot of members who at present constitute the new market will ere long be augmented by recruits from other markets less attractive or less promising than British Columbia.

I long ago acquainted you with the details concerning previous attempts to deal in British Columbia shares, and the names of those primarily concerned. I will keep you well posted in the development of this new venture.

brokers to the Yukon Gold Fields company brought out today. I have carefully studied the prospectus, and certainly should not put any money into the venture myself. The prospectus is scanty and shows signs of hasty compilation. It is fathered by the London & British Columbia Gold Fields company, of 3 Laurence Pountney Hill.

The meeting of the Bank of British Columbia is to be held tomorrow, and I had hope to send you a brief account of the proceedings by Saturday's mail.

SLOCAN LAKE MINES.

Meteor Begins Shipping—Model Group's Good Showing.

SLOCAN CITY, Aug. 9.—[Special.]—The Meteor, the property of John A. Finch and C. L. Hoffmann, has a half carload of ore on the wharf and will make a shipment this week. The situation of this property, a quarter of a mile from the Howard Fraction, places it within easy access of the Springer creek road, which if it goes ahead, will furnish the facilities necessary to make the mine a regular shipper.

A 30-foot tunnel has been driven on the Model group, on the second south fork of Lemon creek, and evidences of the existence of a large body of ore on the property shown up. The four streaks of ore in the ledge, which is five feet in width, were found to run together at a depth of 14 feet, giving about 25 inches of fine gold bearing quartz. The walls of the ledge are most clearly defined and are traceable throughout the entire length of the three claims composing the group.

The Arlington is to be put in shape for large shipments after the road to the basin is completed. The management purposes doing a large amount of stoping work at once. The representative of the company owning the property, Frank Watson, made an inspection Friday last. Ruby silver, the first found in this locality, was discovered in one of the tunnels last week.

The 100-ton sampling works to be erected by the Denver, Col., Smelting company at Roseberry before December 1, will prove of great advantage to the mines all along the lake. This company will now get the handling of the product of all the smaller properties and many of the larger ones, tributary to Slocan lake.

The Clondyke fever did not hit us very hard, although two or three decided to try their luck in the far north. Others may go in the spring if reports continue favorable. Some of the old pioneers who have been in Alaska before say that they did not under any circumstances, attempt the trip during the winter.

A. M. Beattie, general agent for Burton City and Roseberry townships, is on a ten-day trip to the coast.

Frank Watson and John Finch were in town on Friday making inspections of their properties here.

BURTON CITY NEWS NOTES.

Gossip of Cariboo Creek District—An Important New Discovery.

BURTON CITY, Aug. 9.—[Special.]—Swan Bros. & Wright have made what promises to be the richest strike yet made in this camp on the divide between Cariboo creek and Swan lake. They have uncovered a solid body of galena a few feet wide for over 50 feet. The ore has a total value of \$80 per ton.

George Clark, one of the owners of the Duchesne and Chieftain, is down from the mine with some specimens of free gold taken from the ledge on the Chieftain. Work is being pushed on this property and as soon as the wagon road is completed to Blue Grouse this mine will be a shipper.

F. G. Fauguer, government agent, is inspecting the wagon road and paying off the men on two completed contracts.

A. P. Patrick, P.L.S., has received instructions from the Silver Queen company to survey its group of claims on Snow creek.

J. R. Blewins, foreman on the Silver Queen, was down from the mine last week and reports that the company will be in a position to make regular shipments of ore in about five weeks.

Alex McLean, vice-president of the Molly company, has returned to Burton after a three weeks' visit to the Lardeau. He goes to Trail in a few days to attend the annual meeting of the company.

D. D. Birks is in town on business connected with the Winnie and Eureka company's property.

I. S. Freeze and T. G. Wanless, of Calgary, N. W. T., are in town and will spend a few days at the Maple Leaf and other properties in which they are interested.

As soon as the wagon road is completed to Mineral City Cariboo will be placed on the list of shipping camps.

Mr. Townsend, P. L. S., of Rossland, arrived in town a few days ago and proceeded to Mineral City, where he is engaged in surveying an addition to the Mineral City township to C. J. Devlin, "The Gunner."

AFFAIRS OF THE ELISE.

Stockholders Will Probably Raise Money to Pay Debts.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Elise Mining company was held last evening at the office of the company to attend to the payment of the debts of the company, amounting to about \$2,900. Stock to the amount of 600,000 shares was represented, which is a majority. While the object sought to be attained, that of raising \$2,900, was not fully accomplished, those present felt pretty confident that it would be done within a few days.

Pay Day at the Monte Cristo.

Monday was pay day at the Monte Cristo and Colonna, and \$4000 were expended among the 35 men employed on these properties. Four machine drills were being used on these properties and the management reports that excellent progress is being made and hopes ere long to wake them productive.

REPORT ON POORMAN

New Management Gives a Good Account of Its Stewardship.

IS TO BE PROSPECTED

It Has an Enthusiastic Board of Directors Headed by Col. W. M. Ridpath—Other Interesting Mining News.

At a meeting of the directors of the Poorman Gold Mining company, of Rossland, the secretary was instructed to mail each stockholder a statement of the affairs of the company since its organization. Through the courtesy of Charles Litchfield, the secretary of the company, THE MINER presents to its readers the business statement exhibited at the meeting, covering the period from January 1, 1896, to July 15, 1897:

REVENUES.	
Return from ore shipments	\$5,439.50
Assessment No. 1	4,864.92
Assessment No. 2	1,834.47
Total	\$12,138.89

EXPENDITURES.	
General expenses, including salaries	\$5,895.67
Office expenses and 1897 license	652.23
Assaying accounts	311.22
Office expenses	199.50
Hauling accounts	602.48
Cash on hand	1,453.33
Total	\$10,354.42

This property was till the last election controlled by the War Eagle people. It has completely changed its management and your reporter found a very enthusiastic board of directors, headed by Colonel W. M. Ridpath. The colonel intends to devote considerable of his time to the exploitation of the claim. The directors are all in favor of the strictest economy. Several of them had lately examined the workings of the mine, and they recommended that before starting in sinking on the ore (of which there is a fine showing on the old workings) that the balance of the surface be prospected. This had never been done, the present workings being at the bottom end. As the Poorman is surrounded by the War Eagle, Centre Star, Le Roi, and Josie, there is every reason to believe that the Poorman has a number of veins that will pay to develop. The recommendation was adopted, and Colonel Ridpath was instructed to commence work at once.

The controlling interest in the Poorman stock was obtained for a title of its real value, through the public forcing the stock upon the market during the past few months of dull times. As the gentlemen holding control would not part with it for many times the price prevailing lately, those who bought at high figures and held on should certainly congratulate themselves.

The claim is stocked for 500,000 shares only. Colonel Wm. M. Ridpath is president, W. J. C. Wakefield, vice-president, C. F. Clough, treasurer and Chas. Litchfield secretary. Of the seven directors four are directors of the Le Roi company. It might be well to state that the Poorman is one of the few Rossland mines that have never been without shipping ore from the very surface. The ore extracted in process of development and shipped, it will be noted, has paid over 60 per cent of the total expense incurred to date.

WHITE GROUSE MOUNTAIN.

A Quebec Capitalist Invests in Some Promising Property There.

Henry Roy, of St. Johns, Quebec, who has been in the Kootenay country since the 22nd of May last, leaves for home today, but will return in about a month. Mr. Roy came here looking for mining investments and is greatly pleased with the country generally, and thinks its future will be a great one.

While here he purchased the Delaware claim on White Grouse mountain, on the east shore of Kootenay lake. He also purchased an interest in three other claims in the same vicinity. Seven assays made of ore from the Delaware gave the following results: No. 1, \$58.54 in gold, silver, and copper; No. 2, \$77.92; No. 3, \$62; No. 4, \$66.90; No. 5, \$115.82; No. 6, \$26.04; No. 7, \$102.64.

Some \$400 worth of work has been done on the Delaware. The intention when Mr. Roy returns, is to drive a 100-foot tunnel, which will tap the first of the two ledges on the claim at a depth of 400 feet. The ledge is 34 feet in width and contains a well-mineralized section of 4½ feet. The other properties which Mr. Roy has purchased show up well, but only assessment work has been done on them.

The Ebbling Tide of Travel.

Agent Ruff, of the Red Mountain road, yesterday is talking about the passenger business said: "As is usual at this time of the year the outbound passenger traffic is greater than the incoming. For the past six weeks the outgoing passengers have numbered about 70 per day, while the incoming aggregates 40. A majority of those going out were bound for the mines at Ymir, Kaslo and Slocan. About 15 per day went to Northport and 15 to Spokane. A few went to Toronto, Montreal and Chicago. Since the ex-Clondyke placers about 20 have left by our road with the avowed intention of going to Alaska. Most of the passengers returning residents of the north are people that they will return as soon as the snow begins to fall. I think the tide of travel will soon turn the other way, and then the incoming passengers will be again in excess of the outgoing."

IRON COLT COMPANY

Favorable Showing Before the Stockholders' Meeting on Wednesday.

OVER \$18,000 ON HAND

What the Company Has Done and What It Has on Hand—Fastest Piece of Tunnel Work Ever Done in the Camp.

The Iron Colt company held their annual stockholders' meeting Wednesday. There was submitted a full report of the financial condition of the company, accompanied by the following certificate from the expert accountant, Mr. Plewman:

ROSSLAND, Aug. 4, 1897.

To the President Iron Colt Mining Company, Limited, Rossland:

The undersigned begs to report that he has carefully audited the books and accounts of the Iron Colt company. The system of bookkeeping pursued has been systematic and conscientiously carried out. He has verified the stock ledger entries and the certificate books affecting the company's share capital, and found the promoters' stock and treasury stock correctly accounted for. The stock ledger and stock register are in accord and show a balance of 63,605 shares of treasury stock still unsold.

He has examined the banking account of the company and where due allowance for outstanding cheques is made there remains to the credit of the Iron Colt treasury fund the sum of \$18,650.37. This sum is the correct balance for, allowing for all receipts and expenditures of the Iron Colt company to date.

RICHARD PLEWMAN.

Treasurer's Statement.

John T. McCrea, secretary-treasurer submitted the following statement:

ROSSLAND, August 4, 1897.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT, IRON COLT GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To June 30, 1897.

Treasury stock sold..... 235,395

Unsubscribed stock..... 65,605

Total..... 301,000

RECEIPTS.

Proceeds sale 235,395 shares stock, \$99,000

Less 88 less \$125.15 exchange..... \$99,462.73

Surpluses..... 5,932.27

Total..... \$99,462.73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Labor..... \$ 2,428.00

Supplies..... 1,409.40

Air for power..... 270.00

Assays..... 59.00

Stationery and certificates..... 26.55

Telegrams..... 28.75

Advertising..... 122.53

Legal expenses, charter, etc..... 255.50

Alberta tunnel, right-of-way, etc..... 2,170.00

Building and plant..... 105.00

Licenses..... 23.35

Expense..... 10.00

Total..... \$10,817.46

Balance on hand..... \$18,650.37

In explanation of the above it should be said that when the company began operating last October it employed a superintendent, who served up to March 31. Since that time the company has not thought it necessary to have a superintendent, and this expense is therefore ended.

Financial Condition Excellent.

The balance on hand shows the company to be in excellent financial condition. By the purchase of the right to use the Alberta tunnel, they got in about 300 feet towards their ledge. Since purchasing that right of way they have now 288 feet of double track tunnel, at a cost of about \$125,000. From the 6th day of July to the 6th day of August the distance of 172 feet was made. This is without doubt the fastest tunnel work ever done in the Rossland camp. Most of the rock is the regular hard diorite characteristic of this district.

Directors and Officers.

After the shareholders had received all the reports and approved the previous management of the company, the following trustees for the ensuing year were elected: P. Burns, T. G. Holt, John E. Campbell, C. R. Portage, and Wm. McKenzie, of Toronto. The directors then elected P. Burns, president; John R. Reavis, vice president and John T. McCrea, secretary-treasurer.

The Iron Colt company is one company of the camp about which there are no secrets.

THE GREAT PORT RICO.

Contract Let for a Wagon Road to Cost \$5,500.

W. H. Corbould, manager of the Canadian Pacific Exploration, let a contract Wednesday for a wagon road from the Porto Rico mine to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad, a distance of a little over five miles. The contract price is \$5,500 and the work is to be completed as rapidly as possible. A large force will be employed and the work will probably be completed in five or six weeks. The road will reach the Nelson & Fort Sheppard about four miles above Ymir.

The fact that Mr. Corbould is spending over \$5,000 on a wagon road for the Porto Rico is pretty good evidence that he has a high opinion of the mine. As a matter of fact, the Porto Rico has an ore chute averaging from two and a half to three feet in width, which averages about \$100 in gold. It is probably the highest grade gold mine in West Kootenay.

Nest Egg Wants Damages.

Vancouver World: On Friday the trustees of the Nest Egg-Firefly Gold Mining company, took out a writ against the Canadian Rand Drill company, H. E. Lippman and others of Rossland for \$16,000 damages. The company purchased machinery from the Canadian Rand Drill company and gave notes and entered into an agreement securing the payment of the notes by stipulating that the amount of the notes as rental, so that in case of non-payment the drill company could take possession of the machinery. The plaintiffs claim that about the 16th inst., the last note, one of \$1,140 fell due and was paid for by the Bank of Montreal, and notwithstanding that fact the defendants seized and took away the machinery from the mine at Rossland. The amount claimed was \$6,000, the price of the machinery, and \$10,000 damages.

IRON CREEK CLAIMS.

Very Rich Ore Found on the Christiansiana and Windemere.

J. A. Wilkin has returned from the headwaters of Iron creek, a tributary of Big Sheep creek, where he has been surveying some claims belonging to Kirk and Chantrell. He gives a very flattering account of the Christiansiana and Windemere, two claims in that neighborhood. The Christiansiana is on Morning mountain.

A shaft has been put down 14 feet, and in the bottom there are 20 inches of quartz, carrying galena, iron and copper pyrites, and running \$100 in value. The ore body was 6 inches wide on the surface and assayed only \$30. An assay of \$100 was obtained at a depth of 6 feet, and the ore body began to widen.

Mr. Wilkin was even better pleased with the Windemere, which is on an adjacent mountain. On this property a short incline has been run down from the surface and there are 12 inches of carbonate of copper in the bottom. The assay value could not be learned, but it is certainly high in copper, if not in gold.

Mr. Wilkin has a good opinion of the Iron creek district.

HIGH GRADE ORE.

The Abe Lincoln Has a Foot of Fifty Dollar Quality.

The Abe Lincoln in the South Belt is developing most satisfactorily. The shaft is now down nearly 30 feet and there are three feet and a half of ore in the bottom. Twelve inches of the ore is a heavy yellow pyrite, running about \$50 in gold and copper. A sample taken from across the entire ore body went \$22 in gold and copper.

It is a remarkable fact that the Sunset No. 2 and the Abe Lincoln, two South Belt properties lying very near each other, are both showing good bodies of rich ore.

IMPROVEMENTS PROMISED.

Hon. G. B. Martin Will Look After Rossland's Interests at Victoria.

Promises of many improvements that are of the utmost importance to the people of Rossland were made by Hon. G. B. Martin, commissioner of lands and works, in the speech which he delivered Wednesday night. In fact, the value of the various improvement promised cannot be overestimated, and their completion will be awaited with the greatest interest. That portion of the commission's report which he told of the work he intended to undertake for the betterment of the camp received the most hearty applause.

"I am delighted to find such an active and prosperous city where there was nothing but the barren rock when I last visited this region," said Mr. Martin. "It was in 1884 that I came through here and with the help of the Indians built the Dewdney trail. I had no idea that Rossland was such a city or I would have been here long before this."

"I realize that a number of improvements are needed and I propose to use all my official and personal influence to see that the road to Trail is put and kept in good condition, and will recommend that the Northport road be fixed up. A road to Murphy creek is also wanted and I will do my best to see that it is built. A court house and jail should be constructed here at once, and that shall also receive my personal attention. So far as the question of better school accommodations is concerned, I will see that the government gives the requisite of Rossland every consideration."

Here some one in the audience yelled out: "How about the fire department?" The commissioner was quick to say that he would recommend that the government grant a sum of money to the fire boys here.

The influence of the commissioner will go far towards securing the construction of the roads and buildings which he mentioned, and it is indeed fortunate that he visited the city just at this time. As he put it, the government has taken a very large amount of revenue from this district, and it is no more than right that some substantial return should be made.

He will return to Victoria in the next few days.

MANNAMHEAD CONTRACT.

The Old Tunnel to be Ran 100 Feet Further.

The Mannamhead company have let a contract to George P. Kelley to run 100 feet of tunnel on the Berwick claim of their group in the Salmon river country. There is already a tunnel in 31 feet on this claim. The new work is to be a continuation of this. The price at which the work is to be done is \$15 per foot, and Mr. Kelley is to begin immediately.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

J. J. Miller Appointed First Assistant Children Must Attend School.

The school board held a meeting Friday night and appointed J. J. Miller, B. S. C., first assistant to Principal W. B. Black. Miss Moffat was made second assistant and the position of fifth assistant was left vacant for the present. The board decided to have the compulsory education clause enforced, which means that every child between the ages of six and 14 years inclusive, must attend school. Parents who fail to send their children to school will be heavily fined. School opens Monday, and a full attendance is desired.

A Brewer Fined.

John Graden, of the Columbia brewery was fined \$25 by Magistrate Jordan Friday for retailing beer on the premises of the brewery without having first taken out a license. Attorney McLeod promises to appeal the case to the supreme court, on the ground that the province has no right to license brewers. Magistrate Jordan said he could not promise to pass upon the validity of the Municipal Clauses act, and that his sole duty was to decide whether the city by-law conformed with the Municipal Clauses act. As it did, and as the defendant had been found guilty, he declared that he would have to impose the fine stated. Graden offered no testimony to disprove the charge that he had retailed beer. His sole defense was that the by-law was ultra vires.

Output of Hall Mines Smelter.

The results of 31 days' operation of the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, ending July 30, are reported by Messrs. Croasdale and Fellows: Amount of ore smelted, 3,985 tons; yielding 313 tons of matte, containing approximately 144 tons of copper, 81,360 ounces of silver, and 84 ounces of gold.

THE ENGINE TURNED OVER

Peculiar Accident on the Columbia & Western Railroad Yesterday.

Engineer Hackett and Fireman Harkness Had Very Narrow Escapes—Caused by a Derailed Truck.

A most peculiar accident occurred Friday afternoon on the curve of the Columbia & Western railroad just east of Davis street. Engine No. 3 and two heavily loaded cars tumbled from the track, down the east side of the embankment, stopping when they struck two massive stumps which protruded from the ground midway between the top and bottom of the steep slope. There they hung, bottom up, the steam from the locomotive escaping in clouds and the driving wheels going round like mad. For fully three minutes the wheels continued to revolve at a frightful rate of speed, for the engine was open when the stumps were averted, owing to the fact that the throttle was open and allowed the steam to escape through the cylinders.

Engineer Ed. Hackett, Fireman William Harkness and a young man who was riding in the cab at the time, had hair breadth escapes. Hackett's was the closest shave of the three. When the engine started to go over, Harkness and the young man who was standing near the engine and tender, jumped out to the west side of the embankment. Hackett stuck to his post until he saw that it would be all up with him if he stayed on the engine. Pulling himself through the window he fell face downward on the embankment, almost catching his feet in the wheels and driving rods that were moving so fast. Had he hesitated another second, he would have meant death to him. As it was, the engine was half way over when he scrambled out of the window.

When he struck the embankment he started to slide down with the locomotive, but he managed to stop himself, and getting on his feet, ran as fast as he could away from the wreck, fearing that the boiler would burst. The sound of escaping steam reassured him, however, and he returned to the scene to see what had happened. He described his experience, remarking that he didn't have time to do anything but jump.

The engine, lying on its back with the driving wheels high in the air and the boiler rising in clouds from the cab and broken track, and the water that foamed in a great stream from the capized tender, seemed to make a spectacle that would scare the bravest of the lovers of excitement. After the steam had all been exhausted from the boiler and the hissing had ceased, a crowd gathered from all sides to view the spectacle and help the engine. It was evident that nothing could be done to right the locomotive and cars without a heavy derrick and other apparatus that are used in such cases. Supt. Gutelius, who had telegraphed for a gang of men to come to work on the track to repair it so that the evening passenger train could get through without delay. The eight ore cars which, with the tender, were on the embankment, were made up the one track, and were run down house and adretacked.

The accident was a very freakish one. Nothing exactly like it has ever occurred in this section of the country. The ore train, consisting of ten cars and Engine No. 3, the most powerful machine on the C. & W., started for Trail about 5 o'clock. About the centre of the Davis street curve the front truck of the engine derailed and the train came to a stop. For thirty minutes the train crew, consisting of Conductor Abercrombie and three brakemen, worked to remedy the trouble. Frogs were placed and the repeated efforts were made to get the heavy ore car back on the track.

It was about ten minutes to six when conductor Abercrombie gave Engineer Hackett the signal to go ahead. The derrick car had been uncoupled from those behind it, and it was Abercrombie's intention to pull it onto the rails. Hackett opened the throttle, but the engine would not start. He tried to back it up. Then, backing up to get the slack in the couplers, he gave the engine a big head of steam. Slowly she moved the stubborn cars. Then a crash was heard, and the derrick car toppled deliberately over.

As it turned it pulled the other car over with it, and the combined weight of the two caused the tender to go. The engine was not fast to follow, but the strain was too great, and while the train crew sat at the controls, the big machine lost its balance and followed the cars and tender into the ditch. The delicate machinery in the cab was bent and twisted, and some of it was smashed into bits. But for their timely escapes the three men who were in the cab would have suffered the same fate.

Immediately after the accident happened, the primary cause was apparent. The truck which the crew had been trying to get back on the rails was found to be broken in the middle. Undoubtedly the noise which preceded the capsizing of the first car of this truck, which allowed the body of the car to tip to the east, thus becoming over-balanced. The truck remained on the roadbed and did not fall with the car.

It was stated by several persons that the derrick car was occasioned by the preponderance of weight was on the east side of the cars. As a consequence the natural inclination of the truck was to tip in the direction in which they fell. As the gauge of the track, it would apparently be easy to tip them, even if they were loaded so that the weight of ore was equally distributed over.

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Business Houses in Ashes. Fire Does \$25,000 Damage at Farmington, Wash.—Loss Almost Total. SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.) A special from Farmington says: Fire broke out in the rear of Price's harness shop early this morning and within three hours the principal buildings on Main street were in ashes, including the large Pioneer hotel, one of the largest and oldest hotels in eastern Washington. The guests all escaped. The loss is estimated at \$25,000 with only \$200 insurance.

Choking Her. One of the boldest robberies ever committed around Rossland was perpetrated early Thursday morning, when two men broke into the log cabin occupied by Mrs. Carr, west of the ball grounds, and after choking her till she was insensible, escaped with \$30 in money and a quantity of clothing that was in the house. Mrs. Carr is an attractive young widow of about 25, who has been living alone in the cabin where the robbery occurred ever since her brother left several days ago for Robson, where he is now employed. As usual she was alone in the house when the robbers entered. She was asleep at the time, and though they forcibly broke in the door she was not awakened till one of them grasped her by the throat with the intention of choking her into submission. She resisted, but could do nothing. Meanwhile the other robber had lighted a lamp and was going through everything in the house in search of any plunder that might be found. A loaded wagon was in the little room, and her assailants at once took out the cartridges so as to render the weapon useless in case the woman should manage to get hold of it. While they were at this Mrs. Carter managed to escape and ran up town in search of a policeman but she could find none. Being afraid to go back home she wandered around the streets till morning, when she returned to find that the robbers had gotten away with \$30 in money, the contents of her trunk, and a quantity of clothes belonging to her brother.

THE YUKON REGULATIONS. Will Be Considered by a Mass Meeting at Victoria. VICTORIA, Aug. 7.—The mayor has called a public meeting, to be held on Wednesday next, to consider the Yukon mining regulations recently proclaimed by order in council of the Dominion government.

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HIGH GRADE GALENA ORE

Prospecting Difficult Owing to Lack of Trails - Massive Ledges and Big Surface Showings - French Creek Placers Being Successfully Worked

J. C. Montgomery, who has been prospecting in the Big Bend for the past year, was in Rossland Thursday on business. Mr. Montgomery, who was in the Rossland camp in 1895 and 1896, is most enthusiastic regarding the country he has just left.

"Unless I am much deceived, the Big Bend is one of the coming mining districts of British Columbia, and I believe that in two years more it will support some of the best camps in the province," said he. "The bodies up there are tremendous. They range in width from three to 30 feet, and are often traceable for 10 or 15 miles. Often the ore outcrops directly on the surface, and enough pay ore could be taken out during the development of a property to pay the expenses."

"For the most part it is galena in quartz or arsenic, though in some parts the iron itself carries high values. In my experience so far, I have found that the trend of the ledges is from northwest to southeast, with a dip to the northeast, while the walls are either schist and silicious lime or else black shale."

Prospecting Difficult. "Prospecting is difficult through the lack of trails and the steepness of the hills, and there is considerable brush in most places. However, many of the more promising districts could be reached without great difficulty by either wagon roads or railroads. At present the only trail running into the country along the east side of the Columbia is the one that extends from Revelstoke along French creek, a distance of about 7 miles. Further than that one must plunge into the unexplored mountains or else take a boat up the river."

"Most of my prospecting has been along Downie creek, on the east side of the river, about 40 miles from Revelstoke, and a short distance below Death rapids, the head of navigation. With my partners E. N. Bonche and C. M. Carpenter, I have secured 13 locations in that country, and all of them are showing up in splendid shape. We are on Keystone and Lake View mountains, in the vicinity of the Grant group, which was bonded last fall for \$80,000."

Very Good Assays. "Four or five men are now working on the latter property, and I understand that a payment of \$50,000 has recently been made on the bond. I hear that assays from the workings show values as high as 400 to 1400 ounces in silver and \$140 in gold. The government will build a trail back from the river up to Keystone mountain, and the boys who have been working claims in this vicinity told me of the surface assays they obtained on arsenical iron that showed \$14 and \$20 respectively in gold and 100 cent copper."

The Roseberry. "Downie creek, farther down the river, is being worked by a force of six men, and the shaft is now down 50 feet. They intend to start a tunnel soon. There are already several carloads of pay ore on the dump, which, it is claimed, will average \$44. The ore here is arsenical iron. The company behind the claim seems to have plenty of money on hand and will develop the property in good shape."

High Silver and Lead Values. Mr. Montgomery brought down some remarkably rich ore from some of his Downie creek claims, which was sufficiently attractive to receive the most favorable comment from mining men wherever shown.

"I have three feet of that ore on the surface," said he, in explanation. "As you can see, it is massive cube galena, imbedded in quartz, and assays on it run from 65 to 115 ounces in silver and from 65 to 72 per cent lead. Some ore from the group has assayed from \$2.50 to \$14 in gold and 2 per cent copper, but in such cases the silver-lead values were proportionately lower. We have plenty of pay ore in sight, right on the surface, and I think that with the building of the new trail to Keystone mountain we can mine the rock and get it to the smelters for \$25 a ton, perhaps less. Pack horses at present are very scarce around Revelstoke, which is headquarters for the Big Bend. A pack animal hires at about \$15 a week, and I expect to take some horses back with me."

French Creek Placers. "The placers along French creek are being actively developed now under the management of Mr. Atkins, representing a Chicago company. About 40 men are at work along Fish creek, 70 miles up the river from Revelstoke, getting a ditch and sluices in shape to begin extensive operations."

"Between \$60,000 and \$70,000 have already been spent in developing the property, which includes nearly a mile and a half of land along the creek. A saw mill is in operation, and the monitors and other machinery for hydraulic mining are now at Revelstoke. The steamer 'Lytton' has been chartered to take them up the river as far as La Porte. "The ground is rather boggy, but under the primitive workings so far carried on, it has yielded about \$8 a day per man. On the other side of the river at Smith creek, I hear that some 15 or 20 men are at work on the placer property there."

MINING NEWS FROM NELSON.

Locations Near Head of Lemmon Creek - On the Tennessee. NELSON, Aug. 5.-(Special.)-W. G. Robinson of this city states that he and his partners have located a couple of fine claims on the Dewdney line near the head of Lemmon creek, and although near the top of the divide there is a sufficient quantity of water and timber in close proximity for all purposes. He states that the vein is 26 inches in width and carries a stringer of solid steel galena from two to five inches in width, which assays from 150 to 500 ounces in silver. The vein has been traced the

length of three claims with but little variation in quality and width. The owners will develop it with the intention of rawhiding the ore during the winter months.

The Morning and Evening claims on Morning mountain are down 30 feet in a five-foot ledge, which carries galena averaging \$22.30 in gold. The company expects to sink the shaft 75 feet and then continue the tunnel to intercept it. This tunnel is now in 178 feet and 130 feet more will have to be cut to complete it. There are 25 or 30 tons of fine ore on the dump which will probably be shipped as soon as a wagon road can be built down Sandy creek to tap the Columbia & Kootenay road.

The Hamilton and Rossland Gold Mining company will, within a week or 10 days let a contract for a 150-foot working tunnel on the Tennessee or Wild Horse creek. It will give a depth of 150 feet on the ledge, a shaft on which is now down 50 feet. The ledge is 7 1/2 feet in width and although satisfactory assays have been received, the ore is steadily increasing in value. The company expects to be shipping next winter.

The miner who has been doing the assessment work on the Annie May on Forty-nine creek, today brought in another small sack of quartz which is rich in free gold. He says that the claim is in free gold. He says that the claim is showing up well and will pay from the grass roots.

NEW ROAD TO YMIR MINE

Will Aid in Development of the Black Cock and Other Properties.

Various Deals Being Negotiated in the District - Wood County Clonidine for a London Company.

Ymir, Aug. 3.-(Special.)-Tenders are now being received for the construction of the wagon road from Ymir City to the Ymir mine, a distance of four and 6-10 miles. This road will serve an immense number of claims on Wild Horse creek, and will greatly conduce to increased development on many very valuable properties there. It will reach to within two miles and a half of the famous Black Cock mine, recently bonded to the Hall Mines company for \$70,000, and will therefore materially assist work on that property. At present eight men are employed on the Black Cock, and the work done so far is represented by two shafts of 40 feet and 15 feet depth, and a tunnel five feet by seven feet. The Black Cock lead is a truly wonderful one and continues to show up as well as ever. In the new shaft, now in 15 feet, which is being driven on the ledge, the walls have not been found and the whole of the work on pure ledge matter. Assays taken on the lead have ranged between \$44 and \$105 in gold and silver, and the last assay taken gave \$81 in gold alone.

The Black Cock ledge has been traced through four distinct claims. One is owned by the Landor, owned by W. Blair, Charles Derozier and Albert Burt, of Rossland, is a most promising prospect. It was located last summer by Derozier, and since then two shafts have been sunk, 15 feet each. A width of 15 feet of pay ore has been opened on, with indications of increasing width. The last assay taken from the surface gave \$36 in gold. The principal showing is in galena.

The same owners hold the Arizona, lying just below the Black Cock. Two distinct ledges are traceable through this claim, one of them, 5 feet wide, runs through the entire length of the claim, and a 20-foot tunnel has been driven into it. An assay taken from this property gave \$7.50, but high values are expected in silver and copper as well.

The Wilcox mine, situated about half a mile below the Black Cock, has been recently bonded to an English syndicate by Phil White, the owner. I understand that the amount of the bond is \$45,000. Some of the very high assays have been taken from this property ranging from \$100 away up to \$1,000 in free-milling gold. Here also there are two distinct ledges, one of which, 5 feet in thickness, runs high in galena, while from the other, 6 feet in thickness, the assays in free-milling gold mentioned above were obtained. A shaft, at present down 45 feet, is now being worked on this lead. The property was located by Phil White, on August 6, 1896, together with the Bywater, which adjoins and is, I believe, included in the bond above mentioned.

Messrs. Julien and Audet, the locators and bonders of the Black Cock still own the White Quartz claim situated near the Black Cock. A recent assay from this property gave \$21 in gold. An extension of the White Quartz is the Larico staked by William Blair on the 8th May of this year. The Larico adjoins the Black Cock on the northwest. Another group of claims on which a bond is in course of negotiation is the New Victor group adjoining the Arizona mentioned above. A shaft has been sunk 30 feet on a six-foot ledge and assays taken from it run from \$100 as high as \$300 in gold alone. The group is owned by Gillis and I hear that the group mentioned for this bond on the whole group is \$100,000.

Yesterday was a gala day in Ymir. The McLeod hotel, owned by the plomby merchant of Quartz Creek, was formally opened with a grand dance. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, who were perhaps the first to do business of any amount in this town are deservedly popular here and the whole town turned out to share in the festivities and wish them success in their new enterprise.

A SALE AT GREENWOOD.

Reported That Denver Parties Bought an Interest in the St. Lawrence. GREENWOOD, Aug. 2.-(Special.)-It was reported here today that William Tuttle, representing Denver, Colorado, parties, had bought an interest in the St. Lawrence claim. Deadwood Camp. This is in the immediate vicinity of the Mother Lode, owned by the Boundary Mines company of New York. The Mother Lode has the biggest underground showing of ore in the camp, whilst its surface showing is simply enormous. It is not claimed though that the St. Lawrence yet shares this distinction.

PILES CURED IN 3 TO 6 NIGHTS.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment will cure all cases of itching piles in from three to six nights. One application brings relief. It is perfect. Also cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Eczema, Barber's Itch and all eruptions of the skin. 35 cents. Sold by McLean & Morrow.

Nelson-Poorman Gold Mining Co.

LIMITED LIABILITY. INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, MAY 25, 1897. "COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

Capital Stock \$250,000.

In One Million Shares of the Par Value of Twenty-Five Cents Each.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS: A. L. DAVENPORT, Nelson, Miner, President; J. FRED HUME, Esq., M. P. P., Nelson, Vice-President; ROBERT EWART, Nelson, Miner, Secretary-Treasurer; J. FRED RITCHIE, Rossland, Surveyor; HECTOR McRAE, Rossland, Miner.

BANKERS: Bank of Montreal.

SOLICITOR: John Elliot, Nelson, B. C.

HEAD OFFICE, - - - NELSON, B. C.

PROSPECTUS

This company has been organized for the purpose of acquiring the Poorman group of gold-bearing properties, consisting of the Poorman, White, Hardscrabble, Hardup, Election and Myer, covering about 130 acres and situated in Nelson mining division of West Kootenay, B. C., and of vigorously prosecuting their development and enlarged workings of these valuable properties.

TERMS OF PURCHASE.

It is proposed to purchase the Poorman, with mill, water rights and other plant, tools, etc., for the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), the vendors accepting \$50,000 fully-paid shares of the company's stock or cash in payment.

WORKING CAPITAL.

The remaining 200,000 shares are to be set aside as working capital for development purposes.

TITLE.

The Poorman mineral claim was crown granted February 7, 1891. Preliminary steps have been taken for obtaining a crown grant for the Hardscrabble. Crown grants for the remaining claims will be obtained as early as possible.

EXPENSES AND COMMISSIONS.

The estimated amount required as preliminary expenses is placed at \$5,000, and a commission of 25 per cent is allowed to the promoters out of which the preliminary expenses and all other expenses in floating the company will be paid.

APPLICATIONS FOR SHARES.

Subscriptions are invited for an issue of one million shares of the company's stock of the par value of twenty-five cents each. Applications are to be made to the company's secretary and no application for less than 500 shares will be received. Shares are to be fully paid on allotment to applicants. The provisional directors have each subscribed for 500 shares, excepting J. Fred Hume, who has subscribed for 1,000.

REPORT ON THE POORMAN.

The following are extracts from the very full report of Messrs. Bewick, Moring & Co., mining engineers, of London, Eng.: "The property is situated on the northern flanks of Red Mountain about two miles west of Nelson, and with an average of 1,500 to 2,500 feet above sea level. It consists of five claims with an area of about 130 acres."

GEOLOGICAL FEATURES AND VEINS.

The rock occurring throughout the property is a hard mica-schist, traversed in several directions by eruptive dykes. The rocks are mostly concealed by heavy accumulations of detrital matter so that the outcrop of veins make very little display on the surface.

There are three known quartz veins intersecting the property, but only two of them have been traced to any extent. One of these occurs on the Poorman, and has been proved, partly by operation on to an extent of 1,000 feet, but the property on the line of the vein has a length of 4,500 feet. Where proved, the thickness of quartz varies from three inches to five and six feet, and averages about two feet three inches. The other vein alluded to is in the White. Where worked it has a thickness of about seven feet, including country rock. Along the hanging wall there is a rib of quartz varying from six feet to eighteen inches in thickness, and on the foot wall is a similar rib ranging from six to twenty-four inches. The intervening area is composed mainly of country rock traversed by stringers of quartz, which are sometimes thin and valuable that the vein is worked from wall to wall.

CHARACTER OF ORE.

The ore in all the veins has the same general character, and consists of milky quartz, mostly traversed by thin, irregular and auriferous pyrite with a little galena and chalcocite. In some places the quartz is generally white and free from pyrite. Occasionally, when jointed, this white quartz carries a considerable amount of sulphides existing in the ore, which, when taken alone, run very high in gold. The gold is mostly "free." Only about 15 per cent of concentrates are produced in milling. The assays show an average value of about \$24.00 per ton, or 25 cents per ton of ore milled. The present machinery there is a loss of nearly \$5.00 per ton in the tailings. Much of this loss could be saved economically with additional plant. Assays of average quality show the value of the ore in the Poorman mine at \$4.00 per ton of gold and 55 cents per ton of silver. In the White, 93 cents of gold and 5 cents of silver.

WORK DONE ON THE VEINS.

Most of the ground in the Poorman above the top level, affording about fifty feet of "backs," has been stopped away, but below that level very little stopping has been done, the late owners, for further information or shares apply to

ROBERT EWART, Secretary of Nelson-Poorman Gold Mining Co., Nelson, B. C.

ON WILD HORSE CREEK

Many Promising Properties That Will Soon Be Shipping Ore.

Lack of Transportation Facilities Impeding Development - Description of the Wren and Chahelias.

Ymir, Aug. 5.-(Special.)-In my last letter I sent you particulars of several of the more important mines and claims to be served by the new wagon road up the Wild Horse creek. Besides those, however, there are others lying farther up the creek to which the road will be of material assistance, although only reaching part of the way. Among others, I visited the Wren, situated on the south fork of Wild Horse creek, about eight miles from Ymir. The claim was located July 17, 1896, by R. W. Gilchrist, and has since been taken up by an English syndicate. Mr. Duncan, who is at the head of the syndicate, is now managing the property and directing the development work. At present the work done consists of a tunnel, 67 feet, now in 50 feet. The tunnel is driven on the ledge, the width of which is as yet unknown, no walls having been met with on either side. A considerable quantity of good-looking ore lies on the dump, the value averaging two or three feet in thickness runs through the entire length of the claim and also through the Rainbow, which adjoins and is owned by the same parties. Besides this ledge, however, there are said to be four other distinct leads on the same property. At present the work done on the surface for a good length of the Wild Horse creek, near the point where the wagon road bridge will pass over it, about one mile from Ymir. This property is owned by W. J. Southwork and D. E. Grobe. A ledge containing good pay ore and averaging two or three feet in thickness runs through the entire length of the claim and also through the Rainbow, which adjoins and is owned by the same parties. Besides this ledge, however, there are said to be four other distinct leads on the same property. 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AN IMPUDENT SLANDERER.

The following paragraph appears in a paper styling itself the British Columbia Mining Critic, under date of July 29: War Eagle.—The news arrives from Rossland that disappointment is felt at the action of Mr. Gooderham with Mr. Blackstock, who, after a visit to the mine, has decided that no more ore is sent to the smelter. The Mining Critic asks again, why? Answer: "No ore there!" Why fool about with procrastination. First the terms are too unworkable. Then a new strike is made, and 200 tons of ore sent to the smelter, in spite of previous protestations as to the expense being great and the necessity of deferring shipment of ore till better facilities be afforded. Then again, shipment to the smelter is vexatiously suspended. Why? No ore? Let the War Eagle company answer this query!

THE QUARTZ CREEK LAND CASE.

The position taken by THE MINER in the beginning of the Quartz Creek land case, and for which we were so severely criticised by certain interested parties, has been completely vindicated by the decision of the supreme court at Victoria, by which the railroad is permitted to apply for a crown grant to the land in dispute. We have always taken the ground that the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad had earned its land grant. The company has acted in good faith and has done what it agreed to do. The province of British Columbia wanted a railroad, and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard company agreed to build one provided a grant of so much land was made. A contract was entered into and the railroad company built its road and has operated it, much to the improvement and benefit of the country. Blake and his associates fought to upset the grant on technical grounds. They alleged that certain minor conditions had not been complied with by the railroad company, and boasted that the proceedings had been instituted with this mine, it must be admitted that the policy adopted by Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock is a sound one from a strictly business standpoint. They certainly have a right to adopt such a policy without being subjected to hostile and slanderous attacks from a paper published in the city of Vancouver, where we should look for friends and not enemies.

A SERIOUS QUESTION.

The letter signed "Mining Engineer," on the smelting question, which we published in this issue, was written by the representative of English capital which is now seeking investment in British Columbia. The gentleman being an Englishman cannot be accused of favoring things American, simply because they are American. We regard his statements as coming from a sense of strict business considerations and therefore deserving of respect. It is a valuable contribution just at a moment when this whole question of ore treatment is uppermost in the minds of all mine owners in the camp. The matter is to come up before another meeting under the auspices of the board of trade tomorrow evening. In the main the temper shown in the discussion of the subject of export

make that quite plain. Mr. Heinze, who owns the smelter at Trail, shows a desire to put in better rates, and the manager of the Tacoma smelter has submitted a proposition to treat the low grade ores of the Le Roi upon the ground. The problem of cheaper treatment for its ores was the pivotal point in Rossland's future. Enough ore has been blocked out there to bring operating capital in large streams just as soon as it shall be demonstrated that freight rates and smelter charges are moving downward. Rossland's future was never safer than it is today. The Le Roi, which has been generally recognized to be the big determining mine of the camp, has more than met every expectation. Development in a score of other mines has blocked out vast ore bodies. As freight rates pass into these ore reserves, a fight shy of an export duty under any circumstances, and especially if distinctions are to be made as to classes of ores. It has the look of a very presumptuous proceeding for the people of the silver district to set themselves to be the judges of what should be done over here. We know a thing or two ourselves.

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THE SLUMP IN SILVER.

Silver was a little stronger Saturday at 56 1/2, but there is little prospect of any substantial recovery unless something should be done for it by the proposed international conference at Washington. The truth of it is, silver is simply reaching its trade level as a commercial commodity. It is no longer held up by legislative enactment. It may go down to 50 cents. We are inclined to the belief that the owners of silver properties should base their expectations on this price. Fortunately for British Columbia her silver mines are as a rule high grade. Silver will be mined here when it cannot be mined in Idaho, Montana and Colorado. The day of the low, or medium grade silver mine is probably over. The effect will undoubtedly be to increase the demand for gold properties, though there will still be a big profit in the operating of high grade silver properties. The fall in the price of bar silver has been so heavy and so sudden that it must have borne heavily upon smelting companies who had large amounts of bullion on hand. The mine owner will be the next to suffer. It is agreeable to know, however, that while silver has declined, lead has advanced, so that there is some compensation for the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

EXPORT DUTY ON ORES.

The question of placing an export duty on ores will be discussed at a mass meeting of Rossland citizens tonight. It is a most momentous question and should be carefully considered from all points of view before a decision is reached. It is an admitted fact that the one great need of the camp is the reduction of its low grade ores so as to leave a fair margin of profit to the mine owner, and three of the largest mines are playing a waiting game, as they claim they cannot afford to have their ores smelted at the prevailing prices. What is also needed is cheaper transportation facilities. The C. P. R. could give the necessary low rates provided it had a line to Robson, but it has no such line at present and is, therefore, as Vice-President Shaughnessy has said, not a factor. It has, however, promised to do something in the future. In the meantime the Le Roi company is about to erect a smelter at Northport, and the promise is held out that it will be built with the special purpose of reducing the low grade ores of this camp so as to leave a fair margin of profit to the miner. Its projectors insist that under present conditions they can smelt Rossland ores at Northport for at least \$1 per ton less than at any point in Kootenay. If this is so, Rossland would be foolish to deprive the mine owners of this section of the benefits of the competition which the Northport smelter would give them, as it would prevent them from marketing their low grade ores. Hence an export duty at the present time is not desirable. Further on when the Crow's Nest Pass railway is completed and smelter supplies can be laid down cheaper at points on the Columbia river, and when the C. P. R. has made itself a factor in the question, we see no reason why Rossland ores should not all be smelted in Kootenay, and we do not think an export duty will be required to bring about this much desired result. It ought to be perfectly plain to every citizen of Rossland that this camp cannot reach its full development on an \$11 freight and treatment rate. This rate must be reduced to \$6 or \$7 a ton. At that price hundreds of thousands of tons of ore will be available which cannot now be mined and the camp's output

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STATEMENT

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specifications extant, that is all nonsense. There are three copies in the office of the city engineer, and the specifications were published in the two daily papers of this city for ten days. The evening that the bids should have been opened the council thought best to invite the bidders to make some reduction in the work by cutting off some of the streets, so that they might have sufficient money to construct the entire system this fall, and hence the specifications were on file for eight days longer.

"As to Mr. McMartin's bid, you know one of the first ordinances usually passed by a city is one requiring a certified check or bond to accompany a bid in order to secure a faithful carrying out of the terms of the contract. Rossland has such an ordinance or bylaw, and as Mr. McMartin's bid was not accompanied by a check or bond the council rejected it. There is no doubt but what if his bid had been accompanied by a bond, as required by law and by the city's advertisement, that it would have been accepted.

"No; I do not care to disclose the name of my bondsmen as they do not care to be known. I will state, however, that it is as good a bond as can be secured in Rossland and is for twice the sum it goes surety for.

"As I am simply digging trenches at present there is no necessity for the presence of the city engineer. The members of the board of public works are overlooking the work. In a few days, however, I will begin to lay brick and put in pipe, and then it will be necessary for the city engineer to see that it is properly done and he will be on hand to do his duty.

"I can refer back to a sewer system that I put in at Fairhaven in 1882. I have the written commendations of the city engineer and the mayor of Fairhaven for this work which they say has not cost them a cent for repairs since it was put in."

A REMARKABLE CASE.

Doctors Could Not Agree as to the Trouble.

A New Brunswick Lady the Victim—Suffered for Thirty Years—The Attack Caused Partial Blindness and a Feeling of Semi-Paralysis.

From the Woodstock, N. S., Sentinel.

Mrs. E. P. Ross, of Riley Brook, N. B., says: "I have been a sufferer for 30 years, and I am sure I would be in the same lamentable condition had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was married at the age of 20 and am now 51 years old. I had always enjoyed good health until after my first child was born. About a month later the illness attacked me which has since made my life miserable. I consulted different doctors, but they did not agree as to the nature of my trouble. One said it was a species of paralysis, others said symptoms of fits. I would be feeling very well, when I would suddenly have a sensation of partial blindness, and everything before me would sparkle. Then my hand and arm on one side would become numb, and after about ten minutes, this sensation would pass to my lower limbs, when my tongue would become affected, as would also my hearing. My voice, no matter how close to me, would seem dim and far away. These symptoms would last for about 40 minutes. I would have a violent pain over the eyes, which would continue for 12 hours or more. Notwithstanding all that was done for me, these spells were coming more frequently, and at last I would sometimes have two attacks a day. I was also troubled with bronchitis, which added to my misery. I could not sew or knit, or do any work that required close attention to it. All this trouble has never left me for years, and at the age of 48 I consulted another doctor. The medicine he gave me, however, made me worse instead of better. Then I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was using the third box before I found any benefit, and then there was a decided change. By the time I used twelve boxes I felt as well as I did in my young days. Every symptom of the trouble that had so long made my life miserable had disappeared. For eighteen months I did not use the pills, and was as well as ever I had been in my life. Then one morning I felt a slight attack of the old trouble and determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills again. I got a box and took an occasional pill and have never since had a symptom of the trouble. To say that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done wonders for me is putting it mildly, and I strongly urge their use on all who may be ill.



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RECORDED KIRKUP LEFT YESTERDAY FOR THE purpose of inspecting the trail which is being constructed from Trail to Sheep Lake.

Mine Wanted.

WANTED—Large developed mine, gold, silver or copper. Engineers' report must be furnished by owners, and sixty days' option given to allow for examination by expert.

PRICE MUST BE REASONABLE.

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Pink Pills were also of great benefit to a niece of mine, Miss Ella J. Everett. Her mother died when she was quite young, and naturally much of the care of the household devolved upon her, and as she grew up she became weak, easily tired, subject to headaches, and her complexion was pale and wax-like. A young lady teacher, who was boarding with the family, and who had used Pink Pills with great success, urged her to try them. The result was that she soon was enjoying the best of health and is a fine robust young lady who shows no traces of her former illness. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the disease. They renew and build up the blood and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. Avoid imitations by insisting that every box you purchase is enclosed in a wrapping bearing the full trade mark, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Smelter Question.

ROSSLAND, August 10.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In reading your description of the meeting held last evening under the auspices of the board of trade one cannot but regret that this most important subject should be criticized by those who apparently have never held any position connected with the art of smelting. It is not child's play nor like the comparatively simple process of free milling, but is the science of adding certain fluxes to obtain the best result. Surely this important feature is a question for experienced men and the fragile arguments (?) presented last evening will not tend to increase respect for some of Rossland's intellectuals, but rather point out the humorous situation of the blind and ignorant rushing in where angels fear to tread. The question regarding duty on export of ores cannot be too carefully considered, and that by calm, clear-headed business men. The whole matter condensed is clearly to get the ore reduced to bullion by the most complete and economical process, and if this can be better obtained at Northport or elsewhere, in the interests of mines let them proceed. Should the defenders of British Columbian rights be depressed, let them remember competition will quickly arrange matters and practically prove the most favorable position for smelters in the interests of the mine owners. I am, sir, yours,

Mining Engineer.

The International Mining Company.

ROSSLAND, Aug. 10.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: There appeared in your Sunday issue a letter of enquiry from one J. Q. Domeg of Toronto about the International Gold Mining Company, limited, of Rossland. I think some where about the 14th of May last you made an answer to some one asking in formation respecting the said company. Now I think it is due me as president and you as journalists that you correct your Sunday article. Since May work has been done on the Sullivan (a tunnel) to a considerable extent and the showing is very satisfactory. The work on the Snow Drop is discontinued for want of funds, but so far indications of making it a good mine are most favorable as well as the Sullivan. A. C. SINCLAIR, M. D., President.

O. K. Brick Is All Right.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In yesterday's issue of your paper I noticed a scribble from "Ratepayer" who seems awfully sore at somebody or something, difficult to tell which; he mentions the O. K. brick as being unfit for the sewer, although Mr. Davey, an authority on brick, not only preferred the O. K. clay product, but pays \$2 a 1,000 more on account of their superior quality. He must be a very tickle person, who, in one breath denounces the employment of American labor on the sewer and in the next for not using American brick, even though inferior. Competent judges claim that hand made brick, well burnt as these are, will stand more water than machine made brick, being more compact and better, so to say, knit together and consequently preferable for several purposes. He is the only man yet who has not claimed they are the best brick in Rossland. BRICKMAKER.

Souris, Man., Sept. 21, 1896.

MESSRS. EDMONDSON, BATES & CO. Dear Sirs,—I find your goods taking remarkably well with my customers and they appear to give every satisfaction, as indicated by the fact of our having sold half gross of your Kidney Liver Pills alone during the month of August. S. S. SMITH, Souris, Man.

Recorder Kirkup left yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the trail which is being constructed from Trail to Sheep Lake.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The property consists of La Regina Mineral Claim, aggregating an area of about 19 1/2 acres.

TITLE—The title of this claim is vested in La Regina Gold Mining Company by crown grant. There is no lien or incumbrance against the property.

LOCATION—The La Regina is situated in Trail Creek mining division, B. C., about two and a half miles distant from Rossland, about half a mile from Milk Ranch railroad station, and four miles from Trail smelter. The claim is traversed by a wagon road connecting Rossland and Trail, is fifty feet above and about two hundred feet distant from railroad track, consequently a claim with ideal shipping facilities.

FORMATION—The formation of this claim is granite, crossed by porphyry dikes in a southeast and northwesterly direction. Along the outcrop of these dikes the country rock is stained for some distance, caused by the character of the ore, an iron pyrrhotite. The surface of the property is more or less covered by erosion and shows glacial action, but where- ever the formation is bare a ledge can be traced through the entire length of the claim.

DEVELOPMENT—The development work consists of one shaft, 45 feet deep in porphyry, strongly mineralized; near the surface is oxidized matter, after this the rock carries fine grained arseno-pyrite, pyrrhotite and copper pyrites, assaying .09 gold and 1 oz. silver, with trace of copper.

Shaft 2, 32 feet deep, about 50 feet north of shaft 1, in same formation, showing exactly the same character of ore and similar returns as former.

Besides above mentioned works there is a crosscut 40 feet long, 8 feet deep, and on another place further north an open pit, partly caved, giving returns of trace of gold and 7 oz. in silver.

On each of these openings, and also on the surface, are distinct signs that the claim is cut by an ore vein, as already has been proved by finds on more developed properties surrounding the La Regina.

All the claims extensively worked around Rossland, and in the direct neighborhood of the La Regina, as the Com-mander, Palo Alto and San Joaquin, have furnished the proof that it is necessary to spend a certain amount of work before reaching paying ore bodies, and only a few exceptions carried higher value on or so near the surface.

I have no doubt that by sinking at shaft 1 to a distance of 100-150 feet, and cross-cutting, there will be struck an ore body with good values.

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Big Vein of High Grade Ore Opened on the Ora Plata.

WHITE GROUSE MOUNTAIN

The Ore Runs Nearly \$70 in Gold, Silver, Lead and Copper—The Vein Has Been Stripped For 60 Feet and Shows Three Feet in Face.

An important strike has been made upon the Ora Plata group on White Grouse mountain, 18 miles east of the Pilot Bay smelter.

H. Rov, who arrived from White Grouse Thursday brought over some of the ore and from the assay made yesterday these results were obtained: Thirteen dollars in gold and silver, 30 per cent copper and \$24.50 in lead.

The work at the mine is under the charge of E. F. Boyles, and he sent a letter by Mr. Roy, in which he said he had three feet of clean ore in the face of the drift he is running on the vein, and that he has stripped the vein for 60 feet.

The vein runs through all the four claims of the group, being strong and well marked on the surface. The vein runs up a steep mountain side, and in running the tunnel, a total lift of 2000 feet can be secured.

It is the purpose of the Ora Plata company to arrange to bring ore down to the Pilot Bay smelter this winter by raveling or packing.

The Ora Plata company was incorporated last year for \$1,500,000 with W. H. File, formerly of Tacoma, as president; John R. Reavis, vice-president; T. G. Elgie, secretary-treasurer, and John W. Cover, managing director.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Another Smelter Site. NELSON, B. C., August 5. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I cannot understand how it is that Col. Peyton's statement, published in a late issue of your paper to the effect that only Mr. Heinze made an offer of a smelter site to the Le Roi company remains uncontradicted.

Mr. JOHN DAVIES—Dear Sir: I have examined your line rock for smelting purposes and I can testify that it is as good as you can get it for this end.

California Not Sold. SPOKANE, Wash., August 6. EDITOR MINER—Sir: In your issue of the 6th you stated it is reported, and from trustworthy source, that the California mine had been sold for \$50,000.

In the first place the capital is but 2,500,000 shares. In the second place the company values their property at a great deal higher figure than the price named by you, and thirdly are not contemplating a sale of the mine.

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little news of them in your next paper would oblige. Yours truly, SUBSCRIBER.

[Work is being prosecuted on the Red Eagle. Reference to the Big Three will be found in our comments on the letter of Jay P. Graves, published in this issue. The Mayflower is shut down for lack of funds, but we believe steps are being taken to replenish the treasury, or at least to get the mine on a working basis once more.—Ed.]

Several Inquiries.

TORONTO, August 2. EDITOR MINER—Sir: If not too much trouble please state what are the prospects of the success of the Caledonian Consolidated Mining company, Yale Gold Copper Mining company and the International Gold-Copper Mining company. I am a stockholder in the above companies and a subscriber to your valuable paper.

[Nothing is being done on the Caledonia or Yale. An inquiry addressed to Reddin & Jackson of this city might bring out some information about the latter. Caledonia will probably be re-organized, a movement of that kind being on foot. We are not acquainted with the International company's property or its condition as a company.—Ed.]

A Public Nuisance.

ROSSLAND, Aug. 7. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I think the attention of the city officials should be drawn to the manner in which the men who are excavating for the brick building on Columbia avenue, opposite the War Eagle hotel, are throwing the dirt into the street and thus creating a nuisance to the public.

An Inquiry From P. E. Island.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Some six months ago I invested in the British-Canadian Golds Fields Exploration company. I was led to believe by the glowing reports of its agents, that it was the company par excellence of British Columbia.

[This company is developing two or three promising properties on Slokan lake and about Nelson. It owns the Athabasca from which some very rich ore has been shipped. We are under the impression that the company has a promising outlook. C. B. Murray, Toronto, is the general manager and if P. E. I. will write to him he will not doubt get a courteous reply.—Ed.]

TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Hettinger and Wilson Leave Jail Without Saying Good-Bye. Shortly after 7 o'clock Friday evening A. K. Hettinger and Frank Wilson, two prisoners confined in the city jail, succeeded in making their escape.

Hettinger was arrested last week for forgery, and his case was to have been heard Monday. It is alleged that he forged the name of W. D. Parker to a check for \$7.50.

Still at Liberty. The prisoners Hettinger and Wilson who escaped from the jail Friday night, have not been apprehended and it is thought that they are beyond recapture.

Tennis Grounds Opened.

The new tennis grounds at the east end of Columbia avenue were used for the first time Saturday afternoon. They proved very satisfactory. A number of games were played by two teams made up from various members of the tennis club.

RECESSIONAL.

God of our fathers, known of old— Lord of our far-flung battle-line— Beneath whose awful hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine— Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet— Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies— The captains and the king depart— Still in the great silent silence, An humble and a contrite heart— Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet— Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called our navies melt away— On dune and headland sinks the fire— Lo, all the pomp of yesterday— Is all a vexing and a folly here— Judge of the Nations, spare us yet— Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts his trust Inrecking tube and iron shard— All in a cold and stifling air— Our heroes' blood is being shed— Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet— Lest we forget—lest we forget!

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GOLD ON IRON CREEK

Strike on the Christiana Greater Than First Reported.

CASCADE HAS FREE GOLD

Christiana Ore Runs \$332 in Gold—Cascade Ore Shows Plenty of the Yellow Metal—S. F. Griswold Says Iron Creek Will Be a Big Camp.

S. F. Griswold, manager of the Chrysolite company, returned Saturday from the Iron Creek camp on Upper Big Sheep creek. He was at the Christiana on Norway mountain, last Thursday and he says that the ore body had widened to three feet and that the last ore assayed went \$332 in gold and five ounces in silver.

While Mr. Griswold was doing the assessments on the Cascade, one of the claims which adjoins the Christiana, he discovered a ledge of quartz carrying visible gold. He brought several pieces of the quartz with him to the city yesterday and exhibited them at the Miner office.

Mr. Griswold will have assays made Monday of some of his ore, and the results will be given in THE MINER. He says a double shift is at work on the Chrysolite, and expects to strike the ledge within 25 feet.

Mr. Griswold states that two parties are working on the new government trail from Rossland to Iron creek, and that they are making a good trail. One party is about 10 miles from Rossland and the other is working just this side of the Murphy creek pass.

IRON MASK ALL RIGHT.

No Doubt About the Value of the New Strike—Abundance of Ore. The showing in the west drift of the Iron Mask continues to improve.

The entire face of the drift is in ore, and the chute has been penetrated about 40 feet, so there seems to be no doubt about the value of the strike. The west drift is also looking well.

NEARER THAN CLONDYKE. Quartz Ledge Discovered in the Olympic Mountains, Washington. H. M. Hammond, of the Spokane telegraph office here, received a letter Saturday from his home at Port Townsend, Washington, on the coast, containing information to the effect that quite a ledge of quartz has been found in the Olympic mountains near Port Townsend.

ALPINE BIGGER THAN EVER. Ore Body Has Widened to Seven Feet. No Hanging Wall in Sight. The most recent news from the Alpine group on Slokan lake is of the most cheerful character. The tunnel is now in about 90 feet and the quartz vein is over seven feet wide with no hanging wall in sight.

ABE LINCOLN'S FINE ORE. A Body of Solid Chalcopyrite Opened in the Shaft. The showing in the Abe Lincoln shaft is better than ever.

HEALTH'S PARADISE. Regained After Twenty Year's Torture From That Dread Disease Catarrh—Hon. Geo. Taylor, of Stratton, Pa., Tells the World Why Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Has Done for Him.

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NEWS FROM EUREKA. The Ore Has Been Struck on the Bodie. Mayor Manly's Opinion. Mayor John Manly, who arrived from Grand Forks Saturday brings the news that the ledge has been cut on the Bodie claim at Eureka camp on the reservation.

ROSS THOMPSON'S KIND ACT. Generously Donates Commodious Quarters for the Volunteer Fire Boys. All day Saturday the members of the Rossland Volunteer Fire department were busy moving into their new and commodious quarters in the Shaw hotel, which, through the kindness of Ross Thompson, have been placed at their disposal.

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Yukon Gold Fields Thus Described By a Five-Year Resident.

HE PRAISES THE CLIMATE

Victor Lord's Advice to Fortune Seekers-It Is Perilous to Start Now for the Clondyke-Early Spring the Best Time.

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 2.-Two Clondyke miners arrived here today on their way home. They are Victor Lord, of Warwick, and Henri Pateau, of Batis-can. Lord, who is a rich Canadian, says he believes the Yukon mines are the richest in the world. He spent five years there, and his now in the best of health. He readily answered all questions, except as to how much gold he brought back. He says he cannot speak too highly of the climate. In five years he hardly saw a sick person. When asked if the reports regarding the amount of gold in the region had been exaggerated, he replied that they had not and that the mines are the very richest ever known. While the gold is plentiful, Lord thinks very few of those who go there will make fortunes. He states emphatically that to start now for the Clondyke is perilous, and says the best time to begin the journey is early in the spring.

Describing the scenes at Dawson City and around the diggings, Lord said that he had never witnessed such activity. People have been arriving in crowds for several months. When the ship loads that recently started get into the country, Lord thinks they will have a terrible time reaching the Clondyke, as the route from Dyea is very difficult to travel at this time. He predicts great suffering among those who go in without supplies enough to carry them through until spring.

NO HOPE FOR SILVER

London Standard Says the Metal Will Have to Find Its Level.

LONDON, Aug. 5.-The Standard, in its financial article referring to silver, says: "It is difficult to see where the decline will stop. Since Japan threw silver overboard there has been no outlet for the production of the mines. India might reopen her mint and relieve the monetary stringency in all her markets, but her position is so bare financially that she must borrow money with which to do that. Nothing therefore is likely to be done. The market must just find its level."

WHOLESALE SMUGGLING

Contraband Goods Being Sold in the Okanagan Country.

The individuals down in the Okanagan valley who have been making big money of late smuggling produce and groceries into the numerous Canadian camps in the Osoyoos country, are likely to find their highly lucrative business seriously interfered with in the near future. The customs department is investigating the matter, and for the past two weeks Special Officer J. Stunden has been over there looking into the business.

Through the peculiar formation of the country, the smugglers have had little difficulty in evading the duties. The trail up from the Okanagan country in the States passes into Canada at Krugers, on Osoyoos lake, where the customs house is located, and then makes a detour into the States and re-enters the Dominion at a point several miles east of the customs house. The town of Oroo, located in this detour, is the headquarters for the smugglers. Freighters from the States bringing in produce come up the trail to Krugers, pay duty on what they carry, have in their wagons, and then follow the road down across the line to Oroo. Here they pick up big quantities of all sorts of groceries, principally tobacco and canned goods, and follow the road into the Canadian side again, to which they gain access without difficulty as all the goods have presumably paid duty at Krugers, farther back the line. Rock Creek, Greenwood, Anacoda and Midway have been the principal camps at which the smugglers have been marketing their goods. At Rock Creek they have been particularly active and a Chinaman and his wife, an Indian squaw have been selling the goods for the smugglers. A large quantity of tobacco and canned goods in their possession has been seized, and other seizures are also reported.

More Frazes for Rossland

B. C. Mining Record: Now and then appears a paragraph that the bottom has fallen out of Rossland. Some wiseacre will step up and whisper, "I told you so-the boom is burst and Rossland is done for." Now let us assure our readers that the bottom of Rossland has become so firmly wedged in that no power on earth can ever make it drop out. It is true a part of the bottom gave way a short time ago and allowed a number of mere speculators, sharks and gamblers in stocks to drop through. When the last of these gentlemen had disappeared the hole was closed up, and now each day Rossland is becoming stronger and a better class of men is being attracted to it. The idea of a town with fifteen or twenty shipping mines around it is not a "going broke" is not a "boom" as Rossland's position is assured, and it will ever remain the metropolis and chief railway center of Southern Kootenay. People at a distance will do well not to take stock in all they hear. Of course times are not as lively in Rossland as they were, but they are settling down to a good substantial basis which is far better than a boom. Word comes that the Kootenay and Columbia mine, at Rossland, bids fair to rival the Le Roi as a large shipper. There are, undoubtedly other mines, as development goes on, that will be found equal, or perhaps better than the Le Roi. We have heard experienced men express the opinion that the day is not far distant when there will be a dozen mines as good as Le Roi around Rossland.

CANADA'S BIG GRAIN CROP.

Causing Great Activity Along the Line of the C. P. E.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 7.-The Canadian Pacific railway is making active preparations to handle the vast grain crop which they expect from the northwest. Rolling stock is being rushed out of shops as rapidly as possible, and grain elevators are being made ready. The new grain elevators at Owen Sound, at present being built, will be completed in October. The roof is now on. The capacity is 800,000 bushels. When it is finished the Canadian Pacific will have facilities at Owen Sound for the storage of 1,005,000 bushels. At present it is taxing their resources to handle the great traffic which is general all along the line. Train crews are the largest in five years. New cars are being turned out of the Perth shops daily.

SEIZED IT FOR CUSTOMS

Machinery of the Jaffe Sawmill Forfeited to the Crown.

Latest and Most Sensational Chapter in the History of the Property. Smuggling Alleged.

Another chapter was added Saturday to the involved history of the Jaffe sawmill, when the plant was seized by Special Customs Officer Stunden for smuggling the property of the Queen. The alleged smuggling dated back to last September, when the British Columbia Mill company was formed with L. Jaffe as one of the principal members. The plant was purchased in Auburn, Wash., for \$1,500. It was a second hand outfit and was hardly complete, so about \$500 worth of additional machinery was added. The entire plant was brought up here in the same month, and Jaffe, who was engineering the transportation of it, secured what is now said to be a fictitious invoice, showing that its value was \$1,000. On this invoice the machinery was entered and the duty paid.

The company made money from the start, but there were internal dissensions, and the property soon passed into the control of Jaffe, who some time ago turned it over to his son, Aaron Jaffe. It was the latter who was operating it up to the time it was closed down, several weeks ago. Since then it has transpired that Jaffe was anything but prompt in his settlements, and suits innumerable have been brought to attach the property to secure wages due the late employees. It also appears that Jaffe gave a chattel mortgage on the mill.

Now that the machinery has been seized for smuggling, the claim of the crown comes in before everything will be left out in the cold. The case has been mixed up in most extraordinary fashion from the first, but this latest development complicates matters even more than ever. This is the second seizure of the kind that Officer Stunden has made in the past month, for the machinery of the Robson sawmill was seized under almost exactly similar circumstances a short time since. It is reported that Aaron Jaffe has left the camp.

A WEEK OF DISASTER

Floods Cause Great Loss of Life in Southern Germany.

Berlin, Aug. 7.-The cloudbursts and inundations which have recently devastated the eastern parts of Germany were the worst since 1870. According to the local statistics, 105 persons were killed in Silesia alone, and in Saxony the number killed will not fall short of 180. The financial losses foot up to 150,000,000 marks. At Pillnitz, the country residence of the Queen of Saxony, the river Elbe rose so fast that it flooded the lower floor of the royal castle, forcing the king and queen to flee hurriedly from the place and seek refuge at Dresden.

Deaths on the Race Course

The past week has witnessed a number of fatal accidents on the race courses. Among the number Count Von Elsch, a wealthy gentleman rider and at one time the friend of the Barrington sisters, and Lieut. Bartlett, also a gentleman rider, were killed during a race at Kreuznach. At the Neuss races, the most successful gentleman rider in Germany, Lieut. Suernomdt was seriously injured. The two jockeys met simultaneously.

The German Minister for Foreign Affairs

The retiring minister for foreign affairs, Baron Marschall Von Bieberstein, will be appointed ambassador at any important post, most probably Rome, Washington or Constantinople in October. Baron Von Bolentram, the under secretary for the foreign office will also receive a diplomatic appointment.

No German Tariff War

The German newspapers continue to discuss the new United States tariff and call for reprisals, but the correspondent of the Associated Press learns from the foreign office that the government of Germany has no intention of beginning a tariff war. Ambassador White gives a positive denial of rumors that he is to succeed Mr. Sherman as secretary of state. Mr. White says no overtures have been made to him since his arrival in Berlin.

The Japanese Government has ordered

from the Vulcan works a battleship of 9,800 tons, which is to cost 13,000,000 marks.

RECEPTION TO LAURIE

Plans on Foot to Royally Celebrate His Return at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 7.-The reception to Premier Laurier, upon his return from his European visit, will, it is expected, be on a grand scale. A suggestion which finds favor in many quarters is that the reception partake of the nature of a "Laurier day" at the Montreal exposition, which will be in full swing when the premier is expected to arrive.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

Matters of Moment Presented by Her Majesty to Parliament.

BOTH HOUSES ADJOURNED

Status of the Turco-Grecian Peace Negotiations-Treaties Concluded and Terminated-Colonial Loyalty Evicted-Famine in India.

LONDON, Aug. 6.-The house of commons met at 10 o'clock this morning and passed the third reading of the appropriation bill, which was forwarded to the house of lords, where it passed all stages. Both houses then suspended business until 2:30 p. m., when the Queen's speech was read. It was as follows: "My lords and gentlemen: At the close of a session during which there has been disturbance and conflict in Europe, I am glad to be able to inform you that the cordiality of my relations with foreign powers remains unchanged. The united influence of the great powers, signified by the treaty of Paris, was earnestly exerted early in the year to dissuade the king of Greece from a war upon which he unhappily desired to enter. Though they failed in this endeavor, they were unable to prevent the belief in the suspension of hostilities between the belligerents and open negotiations for peace.

"These proceedings are protracted and a formal treaty has not yet been signed, but there is good ground for believing that all the most important matters in the controversy have been adjusted and that in return for an adequate indemnity, the territory conquered by Turkey with a slight modification of the frontier, will be restored to Greece.

Treaties and Covenants

"I have given notice to the king of the Belgians and the German emperor to terminate the treaties of 1832 and 1855 whereby I am prevented from making with my colonies such fiscal arrangements with my empire as seem to me expedient. In consequence of intraction by the Chinese government of certain stipulations of the conference of 1854, a fresh covenant has been concluded, establishing the frontier of Burma and China more advantageously to my empire and opening the west river of China to European commerce. I have concluded a treaty of commerce and friendship with King Menelik.

The Famine in India

"The famine, which to my profound grief, has prevailed in large portions of my Indian dominions since the autumn of last year, has taxed severely the resources of that country. I gladly acknowledge the energy and self-sacrifice of all ranks, both European and natives, and the many private persons who, with untiring zeal and anxious desire to avoid offense to native feeling, have labored to save life and relieve suffering. An appeal to the sympathy of my subjects in all parts of my empire, has responded to in the most generous manner, and I rejoice to learn that owing to satisfactory rainfall there, there is every prospect that the area of suffering will be very greatly diminished.

To the House of Commons

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has added to the discomfort by publishing yesterday a letter in which he practically cuts adrift from the unionists saying in so many words that he cannot lend his pet measure, the workmen's compensation bill, which he dubs socialist. The marquis adds that the conservatives would never have permitted it to become law if it had been introduced by Chamberlain before the nation bill. Sir William Harcourt, the members of the opposition are in no better mood. The rank and file are indifferent and quarrelsome, while the leaders seem to be lost in the shuffle.

The Liberal Leaders

Lord Rosberry occasionally leaves his temporary retirement in order to make a humorous speech. Mr. John Morley is seldom heard except at academical lectures. Sir Henry Fowler and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman are quiet, while Mr. Herbert Asquith has been earning tory cheers for his speeches in behalf of the workmen's compensation bill. Sir William Harcourt is alone visible, though Mr. Labouchere has tried to push to the front by issuing a manifesto early in the week, suggesting a new liberal program. His so-called presumption, however, has been snubbed by the heads of the Liberal federation, and his manifesto has fallen absolutely flat. As a matter of fact, the liberal party seems opinionless as well as leaderless. The conflict for the leadership of the party continues the nation is far from hopeful outlook, and should the liberals again be called to power, the fight between Roseberry and Harcourt will undoubtedly be reopened.

Alliance Against Britain

The leading question in continental political circles is, will the visit of Emperor William of Germany to St. Petersburg result in a German-Russian-French understanding directed against Great Britain? Such a consummation is undoubtedly wished for in Germany, where the denunciation of the treaty of commerce between Great Britain and Germany has rekindled Anglo-Phobism. The Deutsche Zeitung voices the general hope, saying the emperor will achieve imperishable renown if he succeeds in creating an alliance aiming at the annihilation of England's powers. Continuing, this paper suggests that the emperor should endeavor to obtain the closing of continental ports against English goods. Advice from Paris, however, show there is little enthusiasm there on the subject, the impression being that France is entering into such an arrangement is only playing Germany's game, and it is very doubtful if France will derive material advantages therefrom. On the other hand, Great Britain, judging from the tone of the press, is absolutely indifferent and content to continue in her position of "splendid isolation."

Labor Troubles

The trouble in the engineering trade is apparently not a whit nearer settlement. The employers declare they will not permit union men to return to their shops unless they undertake to work amicably with the non-unionists. The attitude of the postmaster general, the Duke of Norfolk, to their demands is not forthcoming, and it the telegraph operators carry out their threats, an almost complete stoppage of service is probable during the coming weeks. The delays in transmission of messages are already scandalous.

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A QUESTION OF DUTY

A Long Debate Under Board of Trade Auspices.

THE SMELTER UNDER FIRE

A Resolution Against the Imposition of an Export Duty on Ores, and a Substitute Offered, But No Action Was Taken—Another Meeting.

In response to a call issued by Ed. Hewitt, J. S. C. Fraser, Oliver Durant, C. O. Lalonde and Dr. Bows, a meeting was held Monday evening in the city council chamber for the purpose of considering the question of placing an export duty on Canadian ores. There was a question raised as to permitting those who were not members of the board of trade to take part in the proceedings. After almost a wrangle on this point the meeting resolved itself into a meeting of the citizens of Rossland held under the auspices of the board of trade. A resolution by Mr. Smith Curtis, that in the opinion of the meeting that the time had not arrived to put a duty on ores was read and a substitute offered for it by A. J. McMillan, but no action was taken on either, and after a long debate the meeting adjourned until next Wednesday evening.

Oliver Durant was called to the chair, on motion of A. B. Clabon, and Mayor Cooper was selected to act as secretary.

Chairman Durant explained that the object of the meeting was to get an expression of public opinion as to the policy of passing an export duty on ores. E. Azulay questioned the legality of the meeting, and asked if it was a meeting of the board of trade. The officers were absent from the city, and there was not a quorum of the council present, and he questioned whether it was a meeting of the board of trade.

The point raised by Mr. Azulay was debated at length, and the result was that it was decided to call a meeting of the citizens of Rossland, held under the auspices of the board of trade. It was also decided that those who were not members of the board of trade could take part in the discussion.

After this vexatious point had been settled the business of the evening came up in the following resolution, which was introduced by Smith Curtis and seconded by Mr. Clabon:

A Resolution by Mr. Curtis.
Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting of the Rossland board of trade and citizens the time has not arrived when the federal government should place an export duty on British Columbia ores.

Chairman Durant, before the debate began on the Curtis resolution, read the following dispatch: "Nelson, July 30. To the President of the Board of Trade, Rossland:

The Nelson Miner is circulating a petition to the Dominion government, asking for an export duty on pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite ores, believing that the establishment of a smelter at Northport by the Le Roi company is contrary to the popular sentiment of the people of Kootenay."

Editor of Nelson Miner.
It was the opinion of Chairman Durant that the time had not arrived when it was the proper action to place an export duty on ores.

Mr. Azulay moved as an amendment that the resolution introduced by Mr. Curtis be made to read that the time "has arrived" when a duty should be placed on ores.

J. S. C. Fraser thought the matter too important to be passed on hastily. He said if smelters could be built up in Canada he wanted them here, but at the same time he would like to see the cost of smelting reduced to a lower figure than that which now prevails to the end that more of the ores of Rossland might be reduced and so enhance the general prosperity.

Mr. McCrae said that he favored an export duty, but did not consider the time ripe for putting it on.

It was the opinion of Mr. Azulay that the government was certain to put a duty on ores.

"The Le Roi people say that Northport is to be the cheapest place at which ores can be reduced for the next 15 months," said Mr. Clabon. "In that case I am for Rossland first and Canada afterwards. If they can reduce the cost of smelting ores, I am opposed, for the present at least, to putting on an export duty."

A Reason for Building at Northport.
Chairman Durant explained that one of the chief reasons for going to Northport was so that a class of ores that could not be reduced here at present could be smelted there. When the Crow's Nest Pass railway is completed, the ores could be reduced here.

C. O. Lalonde suggested that as it was a mining question, that it could best be settled by mining men, as they were the best judges of the matter.

"I favor the erection of smelters on this side of the line," said Mr. Azulay, "because it will help the laborers and merchants here."

Mr. Lalonde—Where would you send your ore Mr. Azulay if you could get it reduced for \$7 at Northport and \$12 at Trail?

Mr. Azulay did not reply directly to this question but went off on another tangent.

It was the impression of Mr. Moffat that the key note of the situation was the traffic arrangement between Mr. Heinze and the C. P. R. and the status of the transportation matter should be looked into and be known at an early date as possible.

The chairman stated that no definite rate could be obtained from the C. P. R. In Montana ore was hauled from Butte to Anaconda, a distance of 26 miles, for 35 cents per ton. When the representatives of the C. P. R. were here they were informed that 1,500 tons of ore could be furnished per day from three mines, but they would give no satisfaction as to rates beyond to say that they would meet competition.

It was suggested by Mr. McCrae that the facts of the situation be presented to the minister of railways and to the managers of the Canadian Pacific railway.

"The evils will correct themselves in

time," said Chairman Durant. He held that the erection of the Northport smelter would be of benefit to a large number of small mines, as they would get the benefit of cheaper transportation and lower smelter charges.

A Little Tilt.
Mr. Azulay remarked that ores could be treated as cheaply at Trail as at Northport, and Mr. Durant very frankly told him that he did not know what he was talking about, as he did not understand the situation as to fluxes and other matters that affect the cost of smelting.

Mr. Curtis doubted if the government would place a duty on ores, as it simply meant a tax on the mines. Mr. Heinze, he said, had favored a tax of 75 cents per ton for two years past, simply because if such a duty was imposed he could add that much to his smelter charges. For a long time he has been collecting \$2 per ton for transporting ore from Rossland to Trail, and yet when there is talk of competition he offers to do the work for 75 cents per ton. The speaker held that the erection of the smelter would give a double benefit to the miner, for the reason that it would give him the benefit of transportation competition and smelter competition.

Mr. McMillan's Substitute.
A. J. McMillan moved that the following be adopted as a substitute for the resolution introduced by Mr. Curtis:

Resolved, that whilst not prepared to express an opinion at this time as to the wisdom or otherwise of placing an export duty on ore, yet in view of the increasing output of the mines of the Rossland district and of the urgent necessity of securing lower freight rates and treatment charges to deal with these ores, this meeting of citizens of Rossland and members of the board of trade urges upon the Dominion government to at once take into its serious consideration what can be done to attain this end, and at the same time secure the treatment of the ores in British Columbia. That copies of this resolution be sent to the minister of railways, the premier of Canada, the minister of the interior and Hewitt Bostock, M. P.

This resolution was seconded by Mr. Azulay and was debated at length.

Mr. Curtis fought the resolution and Mr. Hewitt favored it or some other resolution that would favor an export duty, and the discussion was warm at times.

Oil on the Troubled Waters.
Finally Mr. Lalonde poured oil on the troubled waters by suggesting that the meeting adjourn to meet in some larger place on Wednesday night so that a fuller expression of public opinion could be secured. A motion to that effect prevailed.

Before adjourning the chairman appointed a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Lalonde, Cooper and Curtis, to confer with the city council as to an exhibition of Rossland ores at Toronto, and also as to the entertainment of the British Scientific Association. Adjourned.

FOR SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.
A League Formed to Prevent Transgression of Sabbath Business.

A well attended meeting was held in the First Methodist church on Sunday and a Sabbath Observance league was formed. The organization was perfected by the election of officers and the adoption of a constitution and bylaws.

J. E. Mills called the assemblage to order and stated that the object was to form a Sabbath Observance league to the end that Sunday might be better observed than at present in Rossland. Mr. Mills quoted freely from scripture in support of his position that the Sabbath should be a day of rest.

Rev. C. Ladner, of the First Methodist church, showed the benefits to be derived from keeping holy the Lord's day and extolling the good effects that would follow the work of the league, if it was faithful and persistent in the work which it undertook.

Mr. Hayward, who represented the Episcopal church, was strongly in favor of the observance of the Sabbath and he quoted many chapters from holy writ in support of his position.

Mr. McL. For thought it would be unwise for the league to attempt too much or to have too many irons in the fire at one time. The first reform that should attempt would be to have the by-law rescinded, which permitted the saloons to remain open on Sunday.

When this was accomplished the league could take up other reforms seriatim and dispose of them one at a time.

R. C. Waterson dealt with the question from a commercial standpoint, and presented some very forcible reasons why the Sabbath should be observed by all the merchants in the city, as it is now observed by the leading traders. There was only so much business to be transacted, anyway, and it could be done in six days just as well as it could be done in seven. In this way the merchants would save themselves one day's clerk hire and the other expenses incident to keeping open on Sunday. In this way he showed that the merchant would really make money by closing on Sunday.

J. E. Mills was elected president, Rev. C. Ladner, vice president and Rev. McC. Gaudier secretary-treasurer.

Constitution and bylaws were adopted and the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

At the close of the meeting 100 of those present signed the roll.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.
Wreckers of the Orphan Boy Company Held to Answer.

On Wednesday last Haskins and Brown had a preliminary examination at Revelstoke and were held to answer before the supreme court for having by subtle and fraudulent means wrecked the Orphan Boy company.

The court, in summing up, pointed out that there was nothing to show that the company was solvent when the resolution granting a monthly salary of \$150 to the manager and \$100 to the secretary was passed. There was nothing to show that funds were available to pay the men. Despite the deplorable condition of the company, and the evident signs of its breaking up, and the fact that funds did not warrant the workmen being kept, there were still kept as before. The men had to be paid, and a certain assignment was made to Haskins, and when he took this assignment it was clearly his duty to call a meeting. He told the secretary to close the books.

We have come to the conclusion that Haskins was wrongly advised, if he was advised in taking this step, which was wrong, legally speaking, and we have decided that the case is one in which a higher court can inquire. He did not

think a prohibitory bail should be demanded, and the accused were committed to appear at the next court of competent jurisdiction.

Mr. Williams asked the decision concerning Brown.

Capt. Mellon said that he was also committed. He didn't think that Brown, as a man of business, had done what was right. He was well paid for his services. He admitted that he transferred to himself 30,000 shares, and there was nothing in the books to show it.

Bail was fixed for Brown at \$1,000 personal recognizance and \$500 for another surety.

Haskins' bail was fixed at \$2,000 personal and \$1,000 each from two sureties.

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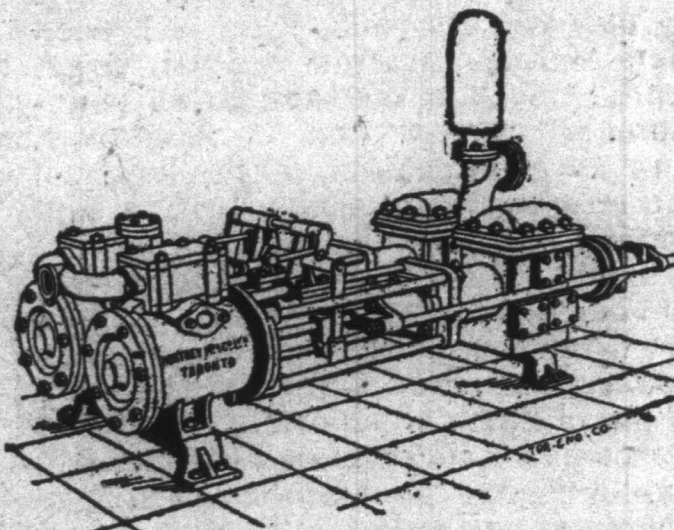
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The company is the owner of the "Boston," "Cumberland," "White Rose," "Hidden Treasure" and "Copper Cape" mineral claims.

The title is perfect, there being no charges or incumbrances of any sort recorded against the property.

The following is the Engineer's report on the property: ROSSLAND, B. C., December 2, 1896.

MR. FRANK H. YOUNG, Rossland.
As requested, I have visited the Cumberland group of claims: a tributary of Salmon river, in Nelson division of West Kootenay mining district, B. C., ten miles south of Nelson, and nine miles south-east of the Silver King mine, and one mile north of the Elise.

This group of claims is about six miles from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, from which it is reached by an easy trail.

A wagon road with an even grade could be built from this group to the Elise, at a cost of about \$1,000.00. The property consists of five full claims: each is 1,500 x 1,500 feet. Cumberland and White Rose, on the west side of Wild Horse Creek; Boston, Hidden Treasure and Copper Cape, on the east side of the creek. These three claims show good, strong veins, but no work has been done. The veins all have a northeast and southwest trend or strike.

The White Rose vein has been exposed for some distance, and shows a ledge about four feet wide. The country rock is a slaty schist, standing nearly vertical, the planes of stratification being north and south.

The vein matter is composed of quartz and iron sulphides, carrying gold and silver. The Cumberland vein has been exposed by an open cut of some eight feet, and a shaft five feet in depth, and shows the vein to be about three feet wide.

The vein matter in this ledge is quartz and iron sulphides, the sulphides at surface having been oxidized to some extent.

The strike of the Cumberland is northeast and southwest, and dips to the northwest. The country rock is a slaty schist, and stands almost vertical, the planes of stratification being north and south. This has every appearance of being a true vein, and no fear need be entertained of its giving out.

This group of claims is favorably located, being only six miles from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. By this and connecting railroads, all smelters can be easily reached. The Nelson smelter is nearest; but the Pilot Bay and Trail smelters, as well as those in the United States, are easily reached.

There is an abundance of timber standing on the claims, sufficient for mining and building purposes for some time to come.

A never-failing supply of water can be obtained from the creek which runs across the group of claims. I would advise that a shaft be sunk to a depth of one hundred feet on the ore chute now exposed, and the manner of prosecuting future development be decided upon when the strike and dip of ore chute be more definitely determined from such work.

I regard the surface indications as favorable for the development of profitable ore bodies with depth. HENRY KEHOE, Mining Engineer.

Since the foregoing report was made by Mr. Kehoe, considerable development work has been done upon these claims under his able supervision. A shaft 25 feet deep has been sunk upon the Cumberland, from which assays have been made running \$16.00, \$18.00, and the highest \$20.00 in gold and 67 ounces in silver.

On the Hidden Treasure another shaft has been sunk to a depth of nearly 25 feet, and from it \$11.00 and \$14.00 assays in gold were taken. Four men are now engaged upon the property, and the cost of all development work to present moment has been borne by the promoters.

The trustees, through the company's official broker, now place upon the market 100,000 of the Treasury Shares for sale at 5 cents per share.

The by-laws of the company provide that no debt shall be contracted by the directors unless the money is actually in hand at the time of contracting such debt to meet the same when due.

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One of the most striking features of the Trail smelter is the roasting of large quantities of ore which formerly were treated in the open air. There are now \$300,000 worth of these roast heaps. And the ore is treated in this manner, takes out the sulphur at the loss in weight and by 25 per cent.

How the Ore is Smelted

The ore for roasting is about 50 feet long, 20 feet wide and 12 feet high. The form of an oblong pyramid is made of dry wood. The coal oil is poured on the wood base and a match flame flicks around the ment and the wood is throughout. The sulphur in the ore takes fire and the heap soon becomes with vent holes here and there. The wood is stifling smoke. The wood fire, the ore supplying it requires about six out the entire mass. The six heaps now on fire are most ready to start and burnt out. Those burn huge under piles. The side as it is being burned takes on the most brilliant iron colorings and the comes from the vent holes richly colored.

As a matter of fact it is all smelted as it goes through process. It is from nearer copper matte. The ed with very little expenditure roasting process is an epoch when a smelter has plenty of capital with which to hold it. For months the Trail smelter ceiving ore much more could treat it hence hand.

The refinery is a natural resting place about the in a building erected for purpose, off by itself against visitors. Here the youthful looking has spent many days, in the most patient endeavor certain new methods of the gold from the copper. The process has been completely successful in the Mixer and duct of the furnaces can yield up its gold and desired.

About 225 tons of ore being smelted, which \$30 per ton, a low estimate, \$6,750 a day, or a little of gold a day. This is more than the amount of gold made Wednesday night, gold is in the ore treated every week to make five pound bricks, or a total pounds of the precious metal.

From Matte to Gold.
The matte used in the very high grade, running and dollars to the ton, a broken has a bright little blifter spots all the high grade matte is special furnace in the thus still further reduce extraction of gold and a purely chemical process acids plays a prominent gold emerges from it in the form pulp. This is wrapped into iron pots for drying. The process is completed when it is the consistency of meal or flakes of ground into a graphite crucible small furnace. When the molten metal moulds a little smaller brick, and that is the near the gold of the refining free from all blemish impurity. It is now mint and be converted.

A Credit to the Refinery.
One cannot see the Trail its extensive operation profoundly impressed upon the mind and the eye of the visitor. It is an instance of any camp, state, province or nation, that might well be proud. Profitable employment and much labor, paid month in wages alone, and the stability of the acter and stability of the of the province and ing community from a supply of ore.