

Two Dollars a Year.

THE STOCK MARKET

Sales for the Past Week Aggregated 193,000 Shares.

A STRIKE MAKES I. X. L. RISE

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MINES AND MINING

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FOUR MINING COMPANIES IN ONE

Interesting Interview With Mr. J. B. Dabney, Now of Spokane—The Bond on White Grouse Properties—Other Items of Interest to the Mining World.

One of the largest mining transactions that has been consummated for some time was successfully pulled off yesterday by Mr. J. B. Ferguson of Vancouver, for the North American Mining company on the one side, and Mr. Charles E. Benn of Rossland, acting for the various parties who were the vendors, on the other.

The purchase includes the assets, comprising mineral claims, stock, shares and plant of the following companies:

The Sarah Lee Gold Mining company, limited, capitalized for \$1,000,000, the Utica Group Mining & Development company, limited, capitalized for \$1,000,000, the Keystone Gold Mining company, limited, capitalized for \$1,500,000, and the Wild Horse Gold Mining company, limited, capitalized for \$2,000,000.

The four companies just named owned the following claims, besides other assets, all of which have passed into the possession of the North American Mining company, and each of the properties has shown good assay values, and in all there are 20 claims: Big Two, Nebraska Hill, Bonanza, Porcupine, Franklin, Ysleta, Ysleta Fraction, Blackstone, Yellowstone, Gladstone, Keystone, Guelph, Arizona Boy and Clerk.

On all the above named properties there has been sufficient work done to obtain crown grants, and on some of the groups a good deal of development work has been done.

The North American Mining company is certainly to be congratulated in having acquired so many very promising properties and, on the other hand, the stockholders in the various separate companies who will receive stock in the North American Mining company in exchange for their holdings, must also be congratulated on the principle that in union there is strength.

The North American company in which their interests are now merged, is a very strong one, and comprising some of the leading capitalists of Buffalo, N. Y., and Toronto, Ont. The company have none of their stock on any of the Canadian markets at present, but it is expected that in the near future, a small amount of the treasury shares may be offered to the public, although the company will not depend upon public sales for the cash to develop their properties.

The people of the district will welcome the entrance of the North American Mining company into British Columbia, and trust their success will be commensurate with the enterprise.

The estimated value of all the assets purchased runs into about a quarter of a million dollars.

The present board of directors of the North American Mining company is composed of the following gentlemen: Hon. Richard Harcourt, provincial minister for the province of Ontario, Toronto; Hon. Joseph McDougall, judge of the county court, York county, Toronto; Hon. D. H. McMillan, provincial treasurer, province of Manitoba, Winnipeg; Herbert P. Biswell, director and counsel, Niagara Falls & Lewiston Railway company and Buffalo Traction company, Buffalo, N. Y.; Thomas Egan, Toronto; Rev. J. H. Starr, director of White Bear Gold Mining company, also director of the Dominion Savings & Investment Society, Toronto, Jas. J. Warren, solicitor, director of the White Bear Gold Mining company; J. B. Ferguson, Esq., Vancouver, N. Y.; Henry C. Brown, president of the Canadian Packers' Association, and Delhi Canning company, Delhi, Ontario; H. St. Clair Denny, receiver First National Bank, Niagara Falls; H. J. Pierce, president Manhattan Spirit company, also director Buffalo & Niagara Falls Railway company; N. Stanley Williams, wholesale merchant of E. Peavey & Co., London, Ontario.

A company with such properties and so well offered certainly has the prospect of a very bright future.

SPOKANE FLOURISHING.

What Mr. J. B. Dabney Has to Say of Mining Development.

Joseph B. Dabney, the well known mining man, formerly of Rossland but now of Spokane, arrived yesterday and is stopping at the Allan, and being interviewed, said:

"Spokane is not booming, nor do we want it to, but business in all lines is good, money is plentiful and the city is going ahead splendidly. I doubt if at any other time in the history of the city so many business blocks and good residences were in course of construction, and a noteworthy fact in regard to the residences is that a very large proportion of them are being built by the people who will occupy them, and are paying for them without the aid of the loan companies. I may also tell you that the mining men of Spokane have during the last year, bought from the eastern loan companies a great many of the large business blocks that during the depression, had been taken under foreclosure, and in nearly every case the purchase represented a spot cash transaction, and thus tens of thousands of dollars that have heretofore been going to the east in the way of rentals and interest, now find lodgment in Spokane, and the effect is very noticeable.

How do the people in Spokane feel about the South African war? Well, I can tell you that the people of Spokane and every other part of the States, have not forgotten, and will not fail to remember the moral support given by Great Britain at a time during the war with Spain, when it was very much needed, and the number is not small who would, if it were necessary, repay with more than moral support. I may also add that the sense of justice of the American people is by far too keen and practical not to condemn the action of the Boer government in its methods of inviting the investment of capital in its mines, and then taxing capital beyond all reasonable bounds. Oom Paul and Oom Paul's an-

tiquated methods, whether in South Africa or the Philippine Islands, must give way to the more modern civilization and the progress of the Anglo-Saxon. I think the ratings of W. T. Stead are about on a par with the talk of some of our wireless supporters of Aguinaldo. There is a great deal of activity in Spokane mining circles, not so much in the buying and selling of all kinds of shares as at this time last year, but more in the buying and developing of properties of real merit. There is a great deal more money coming in from the Eastern States for investment in mines and more inquiries for properties than at any previous time, and the indications are that the coming year will be very prosperous.

THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL

The Property Being Quietly Developed—Directors in Town.

Mr. Joshua Pierce and Mr. Isaac W. Anderson, both of Tacoma, were at the Allan hotel Thursday from the south. Both Mr. Anderson and Mr. Pierce are on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Gold Mining company, owning and operating the Mountain Trail group on the Red Mountain railway half way between here and Northport.

Neither gentlemen had much to say about the progress being made. The contractor has been finished for some time now, but the state of the roads up to date has made it difficult to make any headway.

Mr. Anderson said there was no stock of the company on this market and at present the directors had no particular information to give the general public. They were employing about 20 men in development work and before long would probably have something to say.

The mine buildings as well as the concentrator have all been completed and the company is in good shape to continue working all winter. Rossland men are somewhat curious as to the results attained by this mining venture. Beyond the details that were published in these columns some weeks ago, not much has been given out as to the prospects in view. Although most of the supplies for this property have come from the other side of the line still they are customers of this camp to some extent and the men employed up to recently some usually come to Rossland after pay day, so that the property has been classed along with the other working mines tributary to the camp and its pay roll included in the general total published. As the work progresses more will be heard of the results attained by the company.

THE ESTELLA BONDED.

C. H. Pollen Takes the Property on Behalf of an English Syndicate.

C. H. Pollen has taken a bond on the Estella mine on Tracy creek on behalf of an English corporation. A small force will be employed upon the property to its development. The work for the present will be confined to continuing the tunnel, upon which work has been recently done, and to sinking in the open cut near the creek, where good ore has been uncovered. While a large amount of work has been done on the Estella, much more will be required to be done before determining the value of the property. While the mine has been much talked of, it must still be considered as a prospect. There is a fine showing of ore on the surface, but it must be more thoroughly developed to place it on the list of shipping mines.

The Estella is one of the best known properties in the vicinity of Fort Steele. The group consists of the following claims: The Estella, Star, Siskiyew, Cashier, Alice, Bell Rover and Mountain Daisy. The property is admirably situated for shipping facilities, being about six and a half miles from the Kootenay river and only 16 miles from Fort Steele. There is an abundance of excellent timber on the property, and plenty of water available. A concentrator could be built at Tracy, and a tramway two miles in length would convey the ore from the mine to the mill.

IMPORTANT STRIKE.

A Ten-Foot Vein of Telluride Ore Found in the Okanogan.

While pushing ahead in the working tunnel of the Okanogan Free Gold Mines, limited, property Superintendent A. S. Edgcombe struck, at a depth of 211 feet, an ore body of telluride ore similar to that in the main ledge. This new strike has a width of 10 feet six inches and samples of this body give an average of \$10 per ton. Mr. Edgcombe expresses in a letter to the company, his belief that the ore will increase in value the deeper the workings go. The present working tunnel, which was put in direct from the sorting tables of the mill to strike the main vein of the property, is now over 225 feet and it is expected that by driving about 20 feet further the main ore body will be struck. The value of the new strike should, in the opinion of the management, greatly increase the value of the property and tend to raise the price of the shares. The mill has not been run continuously during the past month as the expense of getting the ore out was altogether too heavy. With this new strike, however, in the working tunnel and the expected completion of the same in a few days the ore can be handled at considerably less expense and the mill will run continuously from this time on, or in the words of Secretary Peiser, it will grind merrily along for 24 hours out of every 24. A large clean-up is expected to be made about the middle of January.

Good News From the Avon.

A letter has been received from the superintendent of the Avon property in Burnt Basin, in which he states that he has uncovered nine leads on the property, seven of which are free milling quartz and two galena. He is now starting a tunnel to cut the lead at depth in order to test the values of the different veins.

Surveying the Referendum.

Steps are being taken to obtain a crown grant for the Referendum group, near Nelson, and a corps of surveyors are now at work making the final surveys necessary to satisfy the authorities at Victoria. Work on the shaft is being pushed along and all work ordered by the mining engineer will be completed during the winter, so as to put the mine in shape to supply the mill which is to be erected in the early spring.

STRIKE IN SUNSET NO. 2.

Mr. J. C. Dreury and Mr. Jeffrey Officially Announce a Great Find.

The announcement made at the luncheon Monday by Mr. J. C. Dreury that a strike of great importance had been made in the Sunset No. 2 has awakened an intense amount of interest throughout the whole camp. Every one fully realizes what a permanent strike in the south belt means to this city and the further development of the ledge will be keenly followed by all mining and business men.

Mr. Dreury was seen Monday and he fully confirmed the importance of the strike. He said: "The most important strike ever made in the Sunset No. 2 or in the south belt generally was discovered Sunday evening in the southwest crosscut from the new shaft near the mine office building. The men broke into No. 3 ledge and at the present time there is a solid face full of copper ore. The shift working today have been drilling all in ore.

Mr. W. H. Jeffrey, the consulting engineer for the mine, has been at the property all day and he states that beyond all doubt we have at last encountered a very large shoot and a good one. The ore is in place and although the exact values have not yet been ascertained it is known to be of shipping grade."

A miner representative has been invited to inspect the strike today and a full report will follow. Mr. Dreury said that assays and other details will be ready in a day or two.

NORTHERN BELLE.

Arrangements Being Made to Commence Work Again.

Notices are out calling a special meeting of the Northern Belle Mining company in Toronto on December 19th. Advances from Toronto state that the object of the meeting is to arrange for the working of the property. The control of the Northern Belle is now held by a few parties in Toronto, and it has been a matter of surprise that the step now indicated has not been taken sooner. It is stated that the holders of the control desired to buy in a still larger share of the outstanding stock before proceeding. If the outcome of the meeting is favorable, the company will be reorganized and operations will immediately resumed and another Red Mountain property which has been lying idle now for the past three years will be added to the long list of Rossland's active mines.

Kettle River Mines, Ltd.

The property of the Kettle River Mines, Limited, is located on the North Fork of the Kettle river, on Pathfinder mountain. The Diamond Hitch adjoins it on the north, and the Pathfinder adjoins the Diamond Hitch. The company is capitalized at \$1,200,000. There will be 465,000 shares credited with 90 cents paid up and made assessable to the extent of 10 cents a share under the Companies' Act of 1897. This will give ample capital for development purposes. There have been 166,000 shares subscribed for on this basis, and money will be forthcoming as soon as the company is registered. Mr. Frank D. Howe, the well known mining engineer, is expected in Rossland very soon on his way to take charge of the work of development on the Christina mineral claim and will report on the property.

Working on the Mystery.

Mr. Charles Willerson, the president of the Mystery Mining company, has written to Secretary E. N. Ouimet, stating that their third tunnel is now 100 feet in length and that he expected to encounter the lead about Christmas, or possibly a few days before. The working are now within a short distance of the lead that is, judging from the indications of the rock that is being taken out.

THE BOUNDARY EXCURSION

THE VISITORS ARE RECEIVED HEARTILY AT GREENWOOD.

Party Number 200—Greeted With Brass Bands and Overflowing Banquets en Route.

Greenwood, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Canadian Pacific railway excursion arrived here at 5:15 this p. m. The Rossland section of the party left home at 7 o'clock this morning, and at Robson the Rosslanders met the Coast section, and delegations from Nelson, Kaslo, Sandon and Moyie. The section from the Coast number 70, and from Kootenay points a little over 100, which, together with the railway officials, made up a party of about 200.

Four sleepers awaited the party at Robson. Messrs. Allan Cameron, F. W. Peterson, W. F. Anderson, H. E. McDonnell, J. W. Group, A. B. Mackenzie, and the other railway officials did all they could to make it pleasant for the guests of the company.

The trip was greatly enjoyed by all, and they particularly appreciated the scenery from the Columbia river to the Kettle river valley. Stops were made at Gladstone, Cascade City and at Grand Forks, the train arriving here at 5:15 p. m. The party were met by a brass band and hundreds of enthusiastic citizens. Tonight a banquet was given to the visitors in Barrett's hall, which was not of sufficient capacity to accommodate all the guests, and the remainder of the party were entertained at the Clarendon. Tomorrow the mines in this vicinity will be visited. In the afternoon the party will proceed to Grand Forks.

Visiting the City.

Rev. J. F. Betts of New Westminster, arrived in Rossland via the C. P. R. yesterday morning. Mr. Betts is making a tour of the province in the interest of Columbian Methodist College—the only chartered institution in the province devoted to higher education—and will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening.

The name of Major C. C. Bennett has been prominently mentioned as one of the candidates in Ward 1.

REPRESENTATIVE MINING MEN

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CAPITAL INVESTED IN B. C.

Matters Pertaining to the Industry Discussed—Result of the Meeting Withheld—Those Present.

A most representative gathering of the mine owners and representatives of the mining districts in the Kootenays and East Yale, was held in Rossland last evening. The following gentlemen were present: Rossland—J. H. Hastings, War Eagle. Nelson—H. E. Crossdale, Hall Mines. Nelson and Slocan—J. Roderick Robertson, L. & B. C. Gold Fields. Phoenix—Frank Robbins, Dominion Copper company. Slocan—C. H. Hand, Payne Slocan—G. W. Hughes Idaho. Slocan—A. W. Wright, Ajax. Slocan—B. J. Perry, Noble Five. Rossland—S. L. Long, Canadian Pacific Express company. Nelson—R. W. Brigstocks, Fern. Slocan—W. W. Fallows, Slocan Sovereign Mines company. New Denver—G. H. Aylard, Finch & Campbell. Rossland—A. Dick, Canadian & B. C. syndicate. Nelson and Slocan—T. J. Duncan, Duncan Mines, Ltd. Silverton—E. Rummelshyer, Emily Edith Mine. Nelson—J. J. Campbell, Hall Mines smelter. Ymir—J. S. Fowler, Ymir. Greenwood—F. M. Daly, Brandon & Golden Crown.

Rossland—W. Y. Williams, Big Three. Rossland—A. L. Becher, Deer Park. Greenwood—W. Y. Williams, Ironsides Mining company. Greenwood—W. Y. Williams, Knob Hill Mining company. Grand Forks—W. Y. Williams, Granby Smelting company.

Matters of great importance pertaining to the mining industry in British Columbia were discussed, and action thereon authorized. The meeting was by all means the largest representation of capital ever held in the province, and is an indication that the mining industry will hereafter have its interests well cared for.

RATES RAISED.

Insurance Combine at Vancouver Put Up the Rossland Rates Again.

Before Rossland was incorporated, and at a time when the risk of loss by fire was very great, the insurance rate was about 7 percent, an almost prohibitive tariff for merchants and business men generally. It was stated by the representatives of the provincial board of underwriters at the coast that when the city authorities took the proper precautions, the rates would be lowered. As everyone in Rossland knows very well, the city has gone to very great expense in providing for a proper system of fire protection, and the fact that more than one incipient conflagration has been successfully coped with, shows that the efforts of the city authorities had not been made in vain.

After repeated requests, the board of underwriters—which, by the way, arbitrarily fixes all the fire insurance rates current in this city—agreed to make some reduction, and the rate came down to five percent, or thereabouts. Since that time the city council has made several requests to have the rate still further lowered, pointing out the additional improvements and expenditures made from time to time regarding fire protection.

About two months ago the Vancouver combine sent a representative here from San Francisco to rate the city, the gentleman being Mr. Davenport. He was met here by Mr. Ross of Vancouver, the direct representative of the combine, and these two are said to have made a full inspection of the city from a fire insurance standpoint. As a result of the report made, the rates have been raised in place of lowered, and the old rate of seven and even eight per cent has been restored.

This has all been done without consultation with the local insurance men, whose first intimation in the matter was a letter of advice, stating what the new rate would be.

The insurance combine at the coast must fancy that they have an easy mark in Rossland, when they treat the business men of this community in the way they have done. Apparently the only way to obtain relief is to induce companies who are not in the combine to come into Rossland and offer for business. The local insurance men are in no way to blame in the matter. They have not been consulted.

The business men who will have to foot the bill will probably wait with some impatience for an explanation from the board of underwriters at Vancouver as to why the rate has been increased in place of lowered.

Titles Are Clear.

The citizens of Rossland, and especially those who have purchased lots in what is commonly known as the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Addition, will be glad to learn that at length the cloud on the titles to the lots on the mining claims comprised within this addition, has been removed, and within a few days clear titles will be issued. The court has ratified the settlement between the railway company and Mr. Dundas, and the government has already issued a grant covering the surface rights of the Alice mineral claim, and grants covering the surface of the Golden Chariot, the Great Western and Derby will be issued within a few days. Yesterday afternoon Mr. W. S. Hugh received word from the company's lawyer that the crown grant had been registered.

Rev. J. F. Betts, of New Westminster, who has been for some days past in the city in the interest of Columbia Methodist college, and who most ably and acceptably occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening, left last evening via the C. P. R. for the Slocan, whence he will proceed to the coast via Revelstoke.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The trial of Lemieux, the cashier of the defunct Valley Marie Bank, which was set for today, has been postponed to December 16th.

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Received Sad News. On Sunday morning Mr. John McArthur received the sad intelligence of the death of his mother at Winnipeg. He had received on Saturday the intelligence of his mother's serious illness and had made arrangements to leave for Winnipeg. At Sunday noon he would have departed had not the news reached him of his mother's demise. At the best he could not have reached Winnipeg before Thursday next and the unfavorable condition of the weather might have delayed him a day or two longer, and therefore he concluded that it was impracticable to go. Montreal, Dec. 11.—The trial of Lemieux, the cashier of the defunct Valley Marie Bank, which was set for today, has been postponed to December 16th.

THURSDAY, December 14, 1909. COAST ME They Visit Much Impr --A Dinner Leave

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COAST MERCHANTS IN ROSSLAND

They Visit the Mines and Were Very Much Impressed With What They Saw --A Dinner in the Afternoon--They Leave on the Evening Train for Home.

The members of the business men's C. P. R. excursion party had a busy time of it while in the city, and had but few dull moments. They arrived here on Sunday night at 11 o'clock from Nelson, and were conducted to the Allan House by a large delegation of citizens, headed by Mayor Goodeve, who assembled at the depot to meet them. Though they were tired from the festivities at Nelson, and the ride from there to this city, many remained up until a late hour, conversing with their Rossland friends concerning what they had seen since they left the coast. By 2 o'clock, however, all had retired for the night. Many of the visitors were anxious to see all that they could of Rossland, and they were up early in the morning and were conducted about the city in search of friends who reside here whom they had known at the coast and elsewhere.

At 10 o'clock teams were in waiting, and the visitors were taken to the mines for the purpose of inspecting them. The visitors were in charge of Mayor Goodeve, Alderman Edgren, J. B. Johnson and A. B. Clabon. They first visited the compressor plant of the Iron Mask. Then they went to the War Eagle and saw the largest electric hoisting plant in the world. While in the big building of the War Eagle they went to the balcony, and from this vantage, they had a splendid view of the city. The city lay like an unrolled mat before them, and so did many of the mining properties of the camp, including the Nickel Plate, Great Western, Centre Star, Iron Mask, Le Roi and White Bear and others. Next they visited the big hoisting plant of the Le Roi, and made a thorough inspection of it. Then they visited the workings of the Centre Star, and walked through the tunnels, and were greatly astonished at the immense reserves of ore which they saw blocked out there. It may be said, too, that a few went down in the Le Roi and War Eagle, and inspected those mines at depth. When they returned to the city, they were very much impressed with the fact that companies like the British America corporation had invested about \$3,000,000 in this camp, and that the Goodrich-Blackstock syndicate had invested somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. They realized the fact that companies like these must have had the best of expert advice before they put in their money, and that they expected to get full value on their investment. One visitor remarked when he saw the hoist of the War Eagle: "There must be something here in the ground to take out when they put such expensive machinery as this in the ground." This remark seemed to strike the crowd as something new, and another member of the party said: "This is a camp which has passed the experimental stage, and from what we have seen it gives assurance that the mines here will continue to produce for many years to come. We have seen more actual mining today than we have in all the other places we have visited since we left the coast."

The party arrived back at the Allan shortly after 2 o'clock, and spent the time until 3 p. m. in looking about the city, and in conversing with citizens, who had gathered for the purpose of entertaining them. A dinner at the Allan.

At 3 o'clock a dinner was given in honor of the visitors at the Allan House, at which there were 100 guests. It was one of the best and most successful dinners ever given in this city, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, as the trip up to the mines in the cool, bracing air had given each and every one an appetite. Among the local people at the dinner were Mayor Goodeve, Hon. T. Mayne, Mr. A. B. Clabon, Alderman Edgren, J. B. Johnson, Mr. A. B. Clabon, A. B. Mackenzie, J. S. C. Fraser.

After the viands had been discussed and enjoyed Mayor Goodeve rose and thanked the visitors on behalf of the City Council and the Board of Trade for coming to Rossland to see what there is here and said if they were pleased with what they had seen at the mines the people of Rossland would be more than ready for their attempts at entertaining them. Those who have examined the mines here and observed the large deposits of ore could readily see why the people here were not jealous of the other camps which have lately come into prominence in the Boundary Creek country and elsewhere. He told the visitors, too, that nearly all the machinery which they had seen at the four properties which they had visited had been manufactured by Canadian firms employing Canadian workmen. (Cheers and applause.)

Then he declared that there was a community of interests all over the Dominion which was being served by the development of the mining properties here, for the reason that as the mines prospered so would the balance of the country. The visitors, therefore, would get their share of the prosperity that would result from the development of the mines. The speaker trusted that the visitors had made many friends during their trip and that this feeling of amity would be continuous. What the people here desired was to purchase those goods which are made in Canada and he thought the visit would aid in this direction. Then he went on to say that as the visitors had been traveling for a week and as the time at their disposal was short it had been decided to have but little speaking. In conclusion, he gave the toast, "The Queen," and it was drunk standing and then all joined in enthusiastically singing "God Save the Queen."

Some Presentations. Hon. T. Mayne said he had the honor to act as spokesman for the parties who were making some presentations. The C. P. R., he said, was noted from St. John to Victoria for the fact that its employees were first-class men, and of those who by reason of their good

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Interviews With Visitors. Mr. J. Thompson, manager of the Hudson's Bay company at Victoria, was seen by a Miner reporter before his departure and asked his impressions regarding the trip and the prospect for the future. We would, therefore, ask you to accept the accompanying gift (which consisted of a scarf pin with a setting of four diamonds and a ruby) as a souvenir of the very enjoyable trip which we had over the Columbia & Western under your guidance and as an expression of our esteem and regard. With best wishes on behalf of the excursionists we are, Yours faithfully, F. Buscombe, vice-president of the Vancouver Board of Trade; L. F. McQuade, vice-president of the Victoria Board of Trade; J. Roderick Robertson, president of Nelson Board of Trade; J. S. C. Fraser, president of the Rossland Board of Trade; R. F. Anderson, vice-president of the New Westminster Board of Trade; J. F. McCrae.

Mr. Sullivan on receiving the scarf pin said that the present had taken his breath away, but that he appreciated the present he hoped his actions in the future would show. After the cheers, laughter and applause had subsided Hon. T. Mayne read the next address, which was used in making the presentation of a splendid fruit dish and soup tureen to Mr. F. P. Gutelius, superintendent of the Columbia & Western railway. It reads as follows: Dear Mr. Gutelius: It makes us feel that we are but renewing the kind feelings toward you expressed on previous occasions when we ask you to accept the accompanying gift. This is our recent trip into the Boundary country over the Columbia & Western was both a delight and a surprise go without saying. We appreciate how much you have contributed to our enjoyment during the time and feel that we should give tangible expression to our feelings. We hope that you will continue to occupy your present position and we can assure you of our esteem and regard for you. Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, on behalf of the party, we remain, your faithfully, This address was signed by A. S. Goodeve, mayor; J. S. C. Fraser, president of Rossland Board of Trade; Hon. T. Mayne, Mr. A. B. Johnson, J. F. McCrae and Alderman Edgren.

Mr. Gutelius thanked the donors in a humorous vein, and in conclusion stated that he had met a great many people during the trip whom he hoped to have for his friends and he desired to meet them again, and he invited them, when they visited Trail, to call upon him, and he would be pleased to see them. Mr. Gutelius sat down amid a storm of applause. For the third time Hon. T. Mayne arose and then he read an address which was used to make Mr. A. B. Mackenzie a present of a set of silver mounted brushes and combs. It reads as follows: Mr. A. B. Mackenzie, Esq., city passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, Rossland, B. C., Dear Sir: To do business with the Canadian Pacific railway is to do business with the ever genial Archie Mackenzie. You have so long represented that great corporation in the city of Rossland that you seem part and parcel of that great institution. We can assure you that the affability and kindness you have always extended to the patrons of your road have not suffered by the prominent part you took in contributing to our amusement and comfort during our recent trip into the Boundary country. May your shadow never grow less nor your smile grow weary. Accept the accompanying small gift as a sincere expression of our cordial feelings towards you and as a slight evidence of our appreciation of your kindness to us during the past few days. With every good wish we are, on behalf of "the gang," yours faithfully, This address was signed by A. S. Mayne, Mr. J. B. Johnson, J. Ferguson, McCrae and Alderman Edgren.

Mr. Mackenzie in thanking those who had made him the gift modestly said he did not deserve it, but nevertheless he would value it. He had considered himself simply as one of the guests on the excursion. In conclusion he said he could not see why the C. P. R. could not make the excursion annual events. "If they will build 100 miles of road each year, he said, "we will do the opening." Cheers, applause and laughter were heard on all sides as Mr. Mackenzie resumed his seat. Mr. Goodeve stated that there was one piece of cheering news which he desired to impart and that was to the effect that an important find had been made in one of the mines of the camp which thousands of dollars had been spent. This discovery would, he thought, prove of the greatest importance to the future of Rossland. Then he said he would not say more than that the find was the property of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, to give the particulars of the discovery he had alluded to.

Mr. Drewry then announced that a discovery had just been made of a large and important body of ore in the Sunset No. 2, and it was one he felt certain would prove the property to be a mine. (The announcement was received with a burst of enthusiasm that was surprising.) When Mr. Drewry was again able to proceed he told how his company was interested in both East and West Kootenay, and said if those present would come to East Kootenay he would show them one of the finest mining properties that lay out of doors. Mr. Drewry then told the coast merchants that they had been fighting the war of the mining section of the province, and in conclusion he advised them to cultivate more intimate relations with the miners, and said if this was done and if they worked together energetically and harmoniously it would make British Columbia the richest province in the Dominion. (Applause and cheers.)

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THEY WILL SEE THE COUNTRY.

The excursion over the C. & W. railway into the Boundary country, ought to be productive of much good to the province at large, by convincing the representative business men from the Coast cities, who are among the guests of the company, and those from the sections outside our boundaries, of the richness of this district, of the great future in store for it and of the desirability there is that they should make an effort to obtain its trade which has already assumed a very large volume and which will continue rapidly to increase with the development of the mines and the consequent settlement of the country. The vast majority of the people on the coast are utterly unacquainted with the conditions of a mining country; they are disposed to regard a district which possesses ledges of refractory and comparatively low grade ores, even though those ledges be of immense size, as one which will sustain only a limited population and which, therefore, from a commercial standpoint, is not of great importance, and they prefer to cultivate a temporary business with placer districts, which, although they usually attract great "rushes" of gold-seekers, become exhausted in a very brief period. In this they display an unwise spirit and pursue a short-sighted policy. A country such as the Kootenays, the richness of which has been placed beyond any possible peradventure but the vast possibilities of which can as yet only be faintly guessed at, will be but beginning its career as a great gold, silver and copper producing country when the Klondike, Atlin and Cape Nome have been abandoned as barren of minerals and useless to mankind. Largely because the ore in this district is comparatively low grade will settlement increase and commerce flourish until among these mountains will exist large and populous cities. Not only will the demand for human labor continue to increase with the opening up of the mines, but every class of commerce throughout the entire Dominion will receive its stimulus from the prosperity which will ensue from the steady and continuous development of the properties. The miner and the merchant, the professional man, the mechanic and the ordinary laborer will all share with the mine owner in the product of the country. The visitors from the coast, by their trip to the properties now being opened up at Greenwood and Phoenix, will be enabled to obtain a partial view of the opportunity which is offered them for doing business in this country, and when they come to Rossland they will be shown mines which are yielding great returns to their owners and supporting a large community. Yet these are simply among the first of hundreds which this district will possess in 10 years' time. The trip should be a great object lesson to the merchants from the coast.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

The tidings of the defeat of the Greenway Government, which the dispatches of last evening would indicate to be the outcome of the elections held yesterday, will be received with very general regret by reflecting people throughout Ontario and the whole of Western Canada. It may be said that the people of Manitoba are the best judges of how they should carry on their own affairs and of those whom they should select to legislate for them. That they have the right to choose their administrators is undoubted, but it is equally a fact that the popular voice is very often wrong, and we believe it to have been so on this occasion. There was no reason whatever as far as the conduct of the affairs of the province was concerned for the great change in public sentiment shown by the vote. The Greenway Government has been an exceptionally loyal one to the interests of the province since it came into power twelve years ago and by its fostering care the great prairie country under its jurisdiction has prospered to a wonderful degree. It has been essentially a people's administration and has stood out for popular rights against the encroachments of monopoly, and has legislated for the future of the country against the political machinations of the federal authorities. Its whole policy from first to last was directed towards making Manitoba a Canadian province—Canadian in language and in aspirations—and in its efforts to so it possessed the sympathy of every citizen of Canada free from racial and religious prejudice. That the finances of the province have been carefully husbanded and applied to

the best use possible has been but feebly denied even by the strongest opponents of the Government and the individual members of the cabinet have commanded the sincerest respect of all acquainted with their public or private careers. This defeat then can scarcely be understood except on the very unsatisfactory ground "that it was time for a change," the argument which had so much effect in the last Provincial elections in Ontario. Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, who will now take possession of the helm, is one of the most amiable and honest men who has ever taken part in public life in Canada, but nevertheless most amiable and honest men who have ever taken part in Canada, but neither his legislative or administrative ability have been tested and the capability of the colleagues with whom he will surround himself is still more a matter of doubt. It is to be hoped, however, for the continued prosperity of the province that they may prove no less able than their predecessors.

THE REAL CAUSE.

In an interview with a representative of the Miner yesterday Major W. J. Collins, the executive head of the British America Corporation, condemned very strongly the persistent efforts of the bear clique in England to depress the stock of the Le Roi and other properties of the corporation, and he expressed the opinion that false information was sometimes sent out from Rossland for this express purpose. We agree very cordially with Mr. Collins in his censure of the arts very often pursued by unscrupulous stock jobbers to the injury of praiseworthy properties and the spoliation of honest investors. Especially is such conduct to be condemned when it is intended, and certainly does, affect the price of stocks of a property like the Le Roi, the merit of which has been placed beyond question with all who have any knowledge of it, and the shares in which are so widely held by timid shareholders. The people of Rossland who know the value of the Le Roi, will applaud Mr. Collins in such utterances. They will decidedly disagree with him, however, in his conclusions that to false reports from Rossland can be attributed this bear movement or that anything which has emanated from the people of this camp has in any way encouraged it. The covert insinuation by Mr. Collins that reports in the Miner may have had an influence in this direction is especially unfair and contrary to facts. The Miner has again and again on the strength of undoubted knowledge it possessed proclaimed the richness and increasing value of the Le Roi and from no statement which ever appeared in its columns could Mr. Collins' utterances receive the slightest possible justification. The interest of the camp and that of the Miner are inseparably bound up and what will benefit the one must benefit the other. It would, therefore, be a suicidal policy for this paper to attempt to injure the reputation of a property of the standing of the Le Roi. By doing so it would be striking at the town's prosperity and consequently its own, and it would be jeopardizing a reputation for honesty as a news carrier which would not be easily regained. The Miner will not injure any more than it will boom properties. To do the one or the other would be injuring the camp and itself and deluding the public. What it seeks to do, and what it almost invariably does do, is to give the facts and make fair comments upon these. The Miner is so entirely independent of all stock jobbing or other extraneous interests that it could not be approached even, to say anything favorable of a property which was not commendable nor set down aught in malice regarding one which possessed merit. It has nothing but the interests of the camp at heart and having the most undoubted assurance of the excellence of the mines around here it has no reason to do more than to tell the truth.

Nor would any citizen of Rossland be likely to attempt the injury of the camp by decrying the mines which keep it prosperous. The same reasons which the Miner advances for wishing the B. A. C. every success can be advanced with equal force by every resident of this city. If we might express to Mr. Collins our opinion of what lends color to the representations of the bears we would say that it is the secretiveness of the B.A.C. management. If they would frankly state to the English public why it is that the present smelter returns are lower on the average than they were they would not only defeat the efforts of the stock jobbers but they would allay all uneasiness on the part of the public and would only do justice to the property. It is unfair, however, for Mr. Collins or the B. A. C. to place on other shoulders a fault which is entirely their own and which lies in a reticence which is unjust to the people who have invested in their mine.

NOTABLE VISITORS.

Rossland today will be visited by a delegation of mercantile men from the coast. It is the most influential body of this class that has visited the Kootenays. There has never been a close relationship between the mining sections of East and West Kootenay and Yale and the coast cities. For some reason or other they have not interested themselves in our mines and we have not bought their goods. Indifference on the one side has bred the same feeling on the other

the people of the far eastern cities and Spokane have come here and plucked the golden fruit, while the residents of the coast cities have held aloof from us to such a degree as seems unnatural. For the reason that they are in the same province and nearer to the mines of this section than are the people of Eastern Canada, the business relations between the two sections of the province should be of the closest and most intimate nature. They have a community interest in each other and a community of interest in each as the present situation is something in the nature of a house divided against itself.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

It was undoubtedly the most important representation of mining capital ever gathered together in this province, which met in session in Rossland yesterday, to discuss the situation in the Kootenays. Those present were, in the main, men of knowledge and experience, and of wide acquaintance with the conditions in this district, and many of them are universally regarded as men of fair views and as possessing a sincere desire for the best interests of the industry and of the camps, in which exist varied and important commercial as well as mining interests. No doubt, at the conference due regard and consideration was had for all these interests, and it might, therefore, be expected that as a result of the meeting a yet more assured feeling of confidence among all classes may possess this camp, and spread to every part of the district.

AN IMPORTANT EVENT.

The visitors from the coast have come and gone, as others have, but their sojourn in this and other mining camps in West Kootenay and Yale divisions should be more far-reaching and beneficial than any event that has taken place for some time. It is true that there have been events of more importance to the camp than was their sojourn here—like the commencement of work on the Le Roi, the building of the smelters at Trail and Northport, the construction of the Columbia & Western between Rossland and Trail and the extension of the Corbin system into the camp, and the advent here of the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate and the British America corporation. From the expressions of the visitors it is plain that they are impressed with the importance of the mining industry in the places which they took in, and that they fully understand the importance of securing the lion's share of the trade that is to be found here. They realize that there is nothing chimerical about the situation and that the elements of chance and fraud have been eliminated to a large extent from the mining operations of this section and that it is more of a legitimate industry than it was in its initial stages. They see that some of the foremost and shrewdest financiers in the Dominion have made investments here and hence they argue that there must be good profits in the mining industry, and that when men of this calibre invest millions in mines there must be both stability and assurance of profit. They observed that thousands of men are constantly employed here at good wages in an industry that can be carried on when there is six feet of snow on the ground the same as it can when the summer sun is shining and the mountainsides are hot and clear of snowbanks. They saw in all this an opportunity for a trade that will increase and grow with the development of the mines. Naturally they will endeavor, themselves, to increase their business relations with us and they will inform their colleagues of the opportunities that exist here for doing business, and the outcome will be that we will in the future buy more goods of all kinds than ever before from the coast merchants, and this will be beneficial.

This world is one of reciprocity, and if we trade with the merchants of the coast cities naturally they will, in turn, invest in our mining properties, and Vancouver and Victoria have a great deal of capital. The capital of the coast will, therefore, be invested, we believe, largely here, and the resulting profits of these investments will remain in the province and will be better than if they were sent to places outside of its confines. Hence, we believe that the visit of the coast delegation will be beneficial to a large extent and that it may be set down among the important incidents in the history of the camp.

SOWED FOR OTHERS TO REAP.

During the ride of the coast merchants from Trail to this city one of the party was heard to say that there must have been some powerful inducement to cause the construction of a railway over such steep steps as are surmounted in making up journey between the two cities. The same sort of expression was heard as the locomotive slowly lifted the train up the steps of the switchback on Bulldog mountain on the way into the Kettle river valley. To watch a locomotive going up this switchback reminds one of a man climbing a ladder, and so a switchback may be called a train ladder. There was business for a railway in coming to this city; in fact, at times, there is so much traffic that it taxes the capacity of the road and its equipment to such an extent that business is sometimes delayed. This traffic will grow and increase and that portion of the Columbia & Western between Rossland and Trail is sure to be a source of large profit for years to come.

Then there is the section of the Columbia & Western from the junction at Robson to Greenwood. The traffic on this portion of the road is so great at present that last week there were 108 cars tied up at Robson and so fast are the cars arriving at that point that it will be perhaps weeks before the congestion can be reduced so that there will be no surplus cars stopping at Robson or at any other point along the line. The business of the line is one that will continue to grow for many years to come.

The large traffic that is enjoyed by the Columbia & Western is easily explainable. As a visitor who saw the immense hoist of the War Eagle for the first time exclaimed: "There must be something down below, when they put in so large a plant to hoist it out with." The traffic on the Columbia & Western is due to the many mines that lie along the route through which it is built. The mines are but in the infancy of their production, and when they reach youth and manhood how much greater will be their output and how much larger will be the number of people which they will give employment to? The possibilities in this direction seem to be large and the outlook the rosiest kind. If the existing monopoly in the Boundary country can be retained that portion of the Columbia & Western which extends through it, with its several spurs and branches should be one of the most profitable pieces of railway in the world. The questions, however, are can the existing monopoly be retained for any great length of time and will the power that kept the Kettle River Valley railroad from constructing a line from the American side into the Boundary country remain strong enough in the future to keep out all competitors from so rich and fertile a section? We think not, for there are times when the people take the bit in their teeth, as it were, and override the wishes of even the mightiest of monopolists. There will come a time when this will be done and the residents of one of the richest and most fruitful spots in the province of British Columbia will be given the benefit of competition in the transportation business. The plan of building the line of railway from Trail to Rossland and from Trail to Greenwood was a magnificent one and the results achieved so far show that the individual who conceived and partially carried them out, was one who possessed a vision that was, indeed, prophetic. It was not the project of any of the Canadian Pacific engineers. It was, however, the conception of Mr. F. Aug. Heinze. He built the road between Rossland and Trail and between Trail and Robson. He had the route surveyed into the Boundary and was maturing his plans to build. This aroused the jealousy of the magnates who preside over the destinies of the Canadian Pacific railway, who claimed that the country hereabouts was "their territory." They declared that he must abandon the splendid plan that he had conceived and was carrying out or be crushed by this juggernaut of the railway world. It was one man of modest fortune against the largest, the wealthiest and probably the most unscrupulous corporation in the Dominion. It was a single man against an army. Mr. Heinze after putting up a wonderfully good fight against his big adversaries was compelled to sell out to them and give up a plant which had been allowed to carry out would have made him the Cecil Rhodes of British Columbia, and this was one of his plans for the betterment of the country. The result now is that the Canadian Pacific railway is gaining the credit and respect the benefit of Mr. Heinze's splendid plans and will probably continue to do so for some time to come. Be this as it may the people of the Boundary country are entitled to a competing railway and they should be given one at the earliest opportunity.

ONTARIO FEELING ITS GRIP.

For some years now the residents of British Columbia who have watched the course of events in this province with an impartial attention and desire for the progress and prosperity of the country, have consistently urged that restrictions should be placed upon the C. P. R. which, while in no way crippling its legitimate operations as a public carrier, would prevent it from usurping a power to which no corporation is entitled, and which has given it here a dominating influence, which is, and could not but be, evilly exercised, in the commercial interests of the people and in the industrial development of the country. Little heed was paid to these warnings except in this province and in Manitoba, which had suffered severely from the same causes which were seen to be obtaining in British Columbia. The people of Ontario who had contributed the largest portion of the immense fund required for the construction of the transcontinental road, were blind to the machinations and methods pursued by the corporation into whose hands the management of the road had fallen, and they turned a deaf ear to all complaints of iniquitous traffic rates and extortionate dealing with the communities who had been placed at the mercy of the company. The government and parliament of Canada were equally unconcerned, and they not only refused in the face of all appeals, to pass any legislation which would redress existing grievances, but they even denied

the people the right to have a competitive railroad, and thereby created a monopoly for the C. P. R. over the greater portion of the province. The result has been exactly what was foreseen by the C. P. R. itself, and by all those who had struggled against its achievement of the deliberate aim which it conceived at the outset of its career, and which it has never allowed itself to deviate from for a moment. We are suffering from its effects in numberless ways, the chief of which are the exorbitant freight rates which we were informed only a day ago by the merchants from the coast cities, prevented them from placing their goods in the Kootenay country at a profit; in the bottling up of the mines of the Slooan, and in the effort made to freeze out all smelting and refining enterprises in the Kootenays, especially for the treatment of silver-lead ores.

Ontario, which was so indifferently to the appeal of this province, is now beginning to feel the grip of this same corporation on her own industrial life, and her newspapers are calling on the government to take such steps as will guard the interests of the province against the marauding policy of the railway corporation. In Ontario the C. P. R. is adopting a course identical with that which it has pursued in British Columbia, and by its influence with the government, is preventing the establishment of Canadian industries in order that it may obtain the benefit of carrying the raw product to the United States.

In a recent issue of the Toronto News, a conservative journal, and one friendly to the C. P. R., has a very pertinent and pointed article on the desirability of enforcing the refining of the product of the Sudbury nickel deposits in Ontario. In the course of its comments on this subject it says:

Those who are posted on the manufacturing of nickel declare that the influence which prevents the Federal Government compelling the Canadian Copper company to live up to the terms of its charter in this matter is the C. P. R. It is stated that this railway makes large earnings annually by conveying the nickel matte from Sudbury to the works of the Orford Copper company in New Jersey, and that in order to retain this business the influence of the Canadian transcontinental railway has been exerted to secure for the Canadian Copper company immunity from this clause in its charter. If that is the case, the Federal Government will have to decide between standing by the people's interests and standing by the C. P. R. interests.

If, however, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government refuses to impose the export duty or to enforce the manufacturing clause in the company's charter, it will be necessary for the provincial government to foster the nickel industry in this province in the same way that the iron industry is fostered by means of a bounty. The Ontario government having started out to achieve a definite purpose (which the people from one end of the province to the other heartily approve of) they must take whatever steps may be found necessary to the accomplishment of the end aimed at by the adoption of this policy whether it is by means of bounty, the establishment of government refineries, or by securing co-operation with the Imperial government.

And yet the railway corporation which is thus using its influence to the detriment of the Dominion is the same which calls itself the national transcontinental company and invites support and business on patriotic grounds. What it has done in British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba it is now preparing to do in Ontario. The corporation is working back to the old provinces after having got the west in its grip and it confidently hopes to finally secure, with the aid of the government, the monopoly of the transportation business of the whole country.

A TWELFTH HOUR CONVERSION.

The extension of the Columbia & Western railway into the Boundary Creek country is a marvelous piece of work inasmuch as the tracks go from one mountain to the other and the road is of the most costly character; indeed, the section from Robson to Christina lake is probably as expensive a piece of railway work as can be found anywhere in the Dominion. The improvements, too, which the C. P. R. made in the line between Rossland and Trail by changing the gauge from narrow to broad and in enlarging the curves are also a task of considerable magnitude, and there is no desire on the part of this paper to detract from the credit due the company which completed this great work.

There is one phase of the railway history of this section that we desire to call attention to and that is the twelfth hour conversion of the C. P. R. that this country was worth any consideration from a railway standpoint.

In the early history of the camp the greatest impediment in the way of the development of the mineral resources was the lack of transportation facilities. The Canadian Pacific railway was naturally appealed to and requested to extend its system into Rossland. The petitions fell on deaf ears and though these requests were repeated, time and again, they failed to produce any result. It is understood that the then president of the railway,

Sir William Van Horne, doubted the richness and extent of the mines and refused to have anything to do with this portion of the Kootenay country.

Then the first link of the Columbia & Western, which is between here and Trail, was constructed and the ores of the camp were enabled to reach the smelter at Trail, and if the desire was to send them elsewhere they were taken down the Columbia river to Northport and shipped over the American roads to the American smelters. This section of the Columbia & Western was finished along in June, 1896. Then, in December of the same year, Mr. D. C. Corbin extended his system from Northport to Rossland and the city then had two outlets and the people rejoiced because they had been provided with transportation facilities. In 1897-8 the C. & W. was extended from Trail to Robson and the projector of that line was completing his plans so as to extend the line along the west shore of Arrow lake for a few miles and then over the mountains into the Boundary Creek country.

In the meanwhile the Canadian Pacific railway management had awakened to the possibilities of the trade of this section and was reaching Rossland by means of a branch line from the main line at Revelstoke and running south to the head of Upper Arrow lake and thence by steamboat and a connection with the Columbia & Western railway. It was a route that involved changes in bulk and much inconvenience and discomfort to passengers, and notwithstanding the appeals of the traveling public and merchants this route was used much longer than it should have been and it still forms a part and parcel of the C. P. R. system.

Finally it dawned on the management of the big railway that this was one of the richest mining sections in the Dominion, and they determined, by hook or crook, to monopolize its traffic to as large an extent as they could and this was three years after they had first virtually turned it down as unworthy of the consideration of such great men as they. Then they began to serve ejectment notices on those who engaged in transportation schemes here and who had provided the country with means of ingress and egress. They declared this was their territory and that those who stood in their way and encroached upon their domain would get hurt. Mark you, this was done in a region that they turned down as valueless and which at the time they did this was any man's country. Then they commenced the crushing process, which Mr. Shaughnessy publicly threatened in this city, and by coercion, threats and other buccaner-like tactics, forced the owners of the Columbia & Western to sell to them for less than the road was worth, and then prevented, by their control of the Dominion parliament, the extension of the Corbin system into the Boundary Creek country. They first allowed these railways to come in and take the chances in a new and untried country and when they had demonstrated that there was a profit in the transportation business the C. P. R. came in and crowded them out by the most questionable of methods. That is, they did as much crowding as they possibly could.

It is a positive menace to the liberty and well being of any country when any corporation can carry on such high handed proceedings with impunity, for the reason that one overt act leads to another and there is no telling to what extent this corporation will in the future attempt to do. There should be a check somewhere and one of the best that can be provided is competing lines, and whenever a charter is applied for which promises to become such, it should be granted forthwith.

Letter From a Parent.

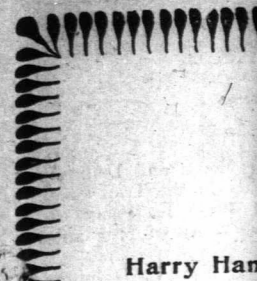
Editor Miner: Some weeks ago I noticed in your paper a letter from "Rate-payers," in which he deplored the state of things in our public schools. Permit me through the columns of your paper to quote a case that compels me to take stringent measures. My little boy who attends South Rossland school tells me that "when another boy threw a piece of paper that seemed to come from where my boy sat in his class, my youngster was ordered to stand up, and on denying that he threw the piece of paper was instantly called "a liar" by his teacher. Now, sir, if a teacher (save the mark) is constantly maligning the children and applying slang epithets to them, the sooner such a person be removed the sooner the people of Rossland will know that they can send their children to school with a certainty that they are well treated—which, I regret to say, is anything but a fact today. I complain of no new thing I assure you, but of an evil long existent. A Parent.

Married at the Parsonage.

On the evening of Monday, December 11th, the ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage making Rabey Young and Eliza A. Trembath husband and wife. The groom is a native of Green's Creek, Ontario, and has resided at Nelson for three years past. The bride is a native of Mathias, Cornwall, Eng., having resided in Iron Mountain, Mich., and at Nelson, previous to coming to Rossland. The happy couple will make their home in this city, where Mr. Young follows his trade as a carpenter. Rev. Geo. H. Morden officiated.

Strike Reported in the I. X. L.

A well-defined rumor was in circulation Tuesday to the effect that an important find had been made in the I. X. L. in the crosscut from tunnel No. 3. The vein, it was claimed, had been crossed and a body of high grade ore six feet in width exposed. The management was reticent as to the reported strike.



Harry Ham



Professor F. R. Rossland, B. C.

Re "Evening" Dear Sir:—Acting on the 28th of this property on 12th November, my report, viz: Property—The fractional claim on this is owing to nearly 200 feet of 1,500 feet.

Title—The George D. Root and recorded at July, 1897. It is Evening Gold Mine who has had the made application.

Location—This Nigger mountain, west of the valley and Victory-Trium mountain, and promising proper Rossa mountain. Melville townsite passes close by while the west runs nearly parallel, and only a few miles from the property. It is a division, British Columbia, 12 miles from Northport, 12 miles from Rossland, and half miles from line.

Means of Access—Land is too well situated, and the first

Orders for Address

THE CITY

Just a Quorum Was Present at Night's Meeting

CEMETERY AND F

Many Reports of Committee City Fire Limits—By Late Time—Indignation Meeting for Tonight Over New in

Aldermen Thompson, E. Crae were the absentees weekly meeting of the Tuesday his worship the chair at 8:30 p.m.

In place of advertising trucks in the local press sent out a number of particulars of the deluge to last evening only a few had been received, and this was Russell & Russell, barrister, who wrote that they wish clients, and if they desired to tender, they would on Sanitary Inspector King that a new sleigh department at a total of \$82.50.

The health and relief report, recommending the purchase of accounts, totaling \$714 chase of a sleigh and department at a cost of \$82.50 and adopted.

Alderman Hooson presided of the board of works, re payment of \$1,804.50 for the chief items being street No. 225-30; No. 49, \$103; his Lumber company, \$2 Earl street bridge, \$270.50 for October and November Creelman and Beam, \$170 was received and adopted.

The fire, water and light current accounts, the charge roll No. 14, \$946.20; Edward White for outdoor Hunter Bros, \$340.73; Street, 100. The report was out amendment. The re-nance committee contain importance, the total sum for payment being \$101.12. The council then took up the bylaw regulating and cemetery in the east of which has been surveyed H. H. Smith. A good deal took place over the detail plots. It was suggested burying ground "Colum and the first reading of passed with the understanding changes will be made comes up for its second. The first reading of a law was then taken up.

Evening Gold Mining Co., Limited.

Harry Hansen, President; George D. Root, Vice-President; F. R. Blochberger, Secretary-Treasurer; Judge F. Schofield and Judge W. B. Townsend Directors; Bankers, Bank of Montreal

Capital \$100,000, 2,000,000 Shares, Par Value, 5c Each

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, 1897, AND AMENDING ACTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Evening Gold Mining Company Offers, for Development Purposes ONLY, 50,000 Shares at 5 Cents Each.

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

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

Re "Evening" Mineral Claim.

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

Property—The property consists of a fractional claim containing 45.49 acres, and this is owing to the location line being nearly 200 feet short of the full allowance of 1,500 feet.

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

Location—This property is situated on Nigger mountain, about two miles northwest of the valuable Velvet, Portland and Victory-Triumph mines on Sophie mountain, and one mile north of the promising property, Big Four, on Santa Rosa mountain. It is situated close to Melville townsite, and Big Sheep creek passes close by the eastern side line, while the west fork of Big Sheep creek runs nearly parallel with the south end line, and only a few hundred feet from the property. It is in Trail Creek mining division, British Columbia, seven miles from Northport, Washington, U. S. A., 12 miles from Rossland and one and a half miles from International Boundary line.

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

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

Ore Body—It is impossible to give an accurate description of this ore body, owing to the early stage of development, surface conditions and lack of stripping and prospect work. The ore body is proved by means of an open cut and a shaft, which are upwards of 100 feet apart, but what are termed foot and hanging walls in the shaft cannot be classed as such. This ore body, I think, will be found much wider when depth is attained and crosscuts driven to the walls. Judging from present indications this will be found to be a replacement vein trending at 72 west and 72 east, intersecting the formation and standing nearly vertical, having only a slight dip to the southwest. The matrix consists of granitic gangue matter, thin, disseminated with chalcopyrites, blende, iron sulphides and galena.

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

Shaft—A shaft seven feet by five feet was sunk on the vein matter to a depth of 13 feet, and shows 30 inches of shipping ore at that level. When I first visited the property the shaft was down seven feet and

the shipping ore was two feet in width, but carried considerably more blende, even reaching 25.12 per cent zinc. Some other work has been done on the property, on an iron capping, at different points, but I found no values and will give it no consideration at present.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Labor—The usual rate for West Kootenay.

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

Assays—I had a large number of samples assayed by Trail smelter, also two samples assayed by Mr. Marsh, Rossland, and they show slight values at surface of shaft, also in open cut north of shaft, and between these two points. I note the assays by Mr. Marsh are higher in gold and copper, but these, like several of the other assays, can be attributed to the small returns of galena and great amount of blende. The gold values range from \$0.40 to \$12.80, and copper returns are .5 to 4.8 per cent. This may eventually be a copper proposition when depth is obtained, but the shipping ore to be considered at present returns as follows, viz:

	Gold.	Silver.	Copper.	Lead.	Zinc.
oz. per ton					
Nil	11.15	nil	46.5	p. c.	11.15
Nil	12.2	Trace	53.5	p. c.	7.4
Nil	12.2	Trace	53.1	p. c.	9.0
Nil	11.1	nil	44.5	p. c.	14.3
Nil	12.1	nil	60.3	p. c.	9.0
Nil	11.0	nil	55.2	p. c.	11.2
Nil	70.4	nil	318.1	p. c.	62.4
Aver.	11.73	nil	53.0	p. c.	10.4

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

11.73 oz. silver at 60c. per oz., 95 per cent paid for, \$6.58.
 53 per cent lead at \$4.30 per 100 lbs., 90 per cent paid for, \$41.50.
 10.4 per cent zinc at 60 per cent ore

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

Net smelter value per ton, \$54.25.

Total value per fathom in sinking shaft \$1,139.25.

Deductions—Sinking shaft 6 feet at average of \$18 per foot, \$108.

Freight to railway 21 tons at \$2 per ton, \$42.

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

Duty on 21 tons of ore at 1 1/2 cents per lb., (100 per cent lead) \$33.90—\$872.40.

Net profit per fathom in sinking shaft \$266.85.

Net profit per foot in sinking, \$44.47.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE CITY COUNCIL

Just a Quorum Was Present at Last Night's Meeting.

CEMETERY AND FIRE LIMITS

Many Reports of Committees—Cemetery and City Fire Limits—By Laws Read a First Time—Indignation Meeting to be Called for Tonight Over New Insurance Rates.

Aldermen Thompson, Edgren and McCrae were the absentees at the regular weekly meeting of the city council last Tuesday his worship the mayor took the chair at 8:30 p. m.

In place of advertising the city debenture sale in the local press, the council recently sent out a number of circulars giving particulars of the debentures offered. Up to last evening only a single reply had been received, and this was from Messrs. Russell & Russell, barristers of Vancouver, who wrote that they were conferring with clients, and if they found any who desired to tender, they would advise later on. Sanitary Inspector Long wrote, asking that a new sleigh be furnished his department at a total cost, including brake, of \$25.00.

The health and relief committee's report, recommending the payment of sundry accounts, totaling \$71.85, and the purchase of a sleigh and brakes for the department at a cost of \$32.50, was received and adopted.

Alderman Hooson presented the report of the board of works, recommending the payment of \$1,864.59 for current accounts, the chief items being streets pay roll No. 30, \$225.30; No. 49, \$103; the Yale Columbia Lumber company, \$278.10; ditto for Earl street bridge, \$270.54; H. B. Smith for October and November, \$747.55, and Creelman and Beam, \$170.27. The report was received and adopted.

The fire, water and light committee recommended the payment of \$2,533.93 for current accounts, the chief items being pay roll No. 10, \$946.20; No. 15, \$979.60; Edward White for customs duty, \$133.50; Hunter Bros, \$340.73; Smith and Scott, rent, 100. The report was adopted with amendment. The report of the finance committee contained no items of importance, the total sum recommended for payment being \$101.12.

law to define the fire limits of the city and the regulations therefor. The matter came up in August of last year, but was allowed to stand. The mayor said he cordially agreed with the principle of the bylaw, but said the regulations were far too stringent for a town of the size of Rossland.

Alderman Lalonde agreed with his worship, but pressed the first reading, the by-laws to be introduced and the other restrictions to be considered and amended before the second reading, and this was finally agreed to.

Alderman Lalonde referred to the recent move of the board of insurance underwriters at Vancouver to increase the rates, in some instances as high as 8 1/2 per cent. A local insurance man has received a letter from the head office at Victoria, in which it is stated that the increase was the result of the unsatisfactory report of Mr. Davenport, who was employed by the board to inspect the city and the whole water supply system was in such a state that an increase in rates was inevitable. He also said that at the time of the recent fire on the hill there was not force enough to send the water over a one-story house. He further added that the chief had said that the water supply was entirely inadequate. Alderman Lalonde said he had made inquiry into the alleged statements. The chief utterly repudiates making any such statements. The other statements made by Mr. Davenport could be shown to be equally unfounded. Another speaker thought some action should be taken.

The mayor agreed, and said he was willing to call an indignation meeting to consider the whole question. This was agreed upon, and a meeting will be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the city hall. The council then adjourned at 10:05 p. m.

THE FIREMAN'S BALL

A Very Successful Dance at the Miners' Union Hall Last Night.

The annual ball of the Rossland Fire Brigade was held Tuesday evening at Miners' Union hall, and it proved in every way, financial and otherwise, a most pleasant and successful affair.

At 9:30 Chief Guthrie and Mrs. Guthrie and Assistant Chief Collins and Miss Laura Boyd, opened the proceedings with the grand march, followed by about 150 couples. There were deputations from Trail and Northport, and the fire ladders in full uniform, added to the variety and character of a very pretty scene. A lengthy program of dances was most heartily entered into and thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd present. Professor Wiley and his orchestra rendered the music in capital time, and Mr. Dan Riley made a most efficient prompter, upper was served at the Clarendon shortly after midnight. The cake walk was the event of the evening. Five couples entered, but the honors were carried off by the Chief and Mrs. Guthrie amid great applause. The dance concluded at an early hour this morning.

Mr. Tolmie of Nelson, returned home last evening.

CO-OPERATION.

Large Meeting Last Evening in the Miners' Union Hall.

The Rossland Trades and Labor council called a special meeting Monday evening in the Miners' Union hall to protest against the employment of Chinese in the city, and to organize a co-operative society.

Mr. John McLaren occupied the chair, and on the platform were Mr. Chris Foley, Mr. D. D. Birks, Mr. Devine and Mr. Kirby. The hall was well filled, and the audience was an orderly and enthusiastic one.

Mr. McLaren, on taking the chair at 8 o'clock, called the meeting to order, and explained the reason why organized labor felt called upon to protest against the employment of Chinese labor. The chairman invited anyone who desired to speak on the subject, either for or against, to come up on the platform. He then requested Mr. Devine to address the audience.

Mr. Devine, who was received with applause, said that all present were well aware what the Chinese question meant in Rossland. Personally he had no hard feeling against the Chinese, but thought that they were not a desirable class to make good citizens of, and upon that ground he opposed them. Organized labor had appealed to the business men of the city in vain, and in self defence they were obliged to take some definite step against the movement.

The broad question of the relationship of capital and labor in the past and at the present time, and continuing, said that the press could not be looked to for aid. He instanced a letter, which he said appeared recently in the morning paper, with what he knew to be a fictitious signature attached, in which the writer openly advocated the killing of labor agitators, and he had found no adverse editorial comment. On the other hand, a labor representative was obliged to sign any communication he might send in before it could be published, and from that time on the writer was a marked man. Mr. Devine urged upon laboring men to work, and above all things, to vote together. Particularly should they be careful in municipal matters to stick together. Class representation in parliament should be just in proportion to numbers, and if this was accomplished, labor would have the great majority in all their assemblies.

In conclusion the speaker urged upon the audience the desirability of supporting a co-operative laundry as a first step in the right direction. (Applause.)

Mr. Chris Foley, after making a few humorous remarks, took up the Chinese question in the United States as Dennis Kearney found it when he commenced the agitation against it in the seventies. In graphic language Mr. Foley depicted the history of the agitation, and he warned his hearers that history was repeating itself in this country, and if they wanted their rights they must work and vote together, and concluded by appealing to those present to heartily support the co-operative movement.

suggested, by a steam laundry, and gradually extending the movement into other branches of business. He dwelt on the great profits to be made out of mining, and declared that the laborers should share in them.

Mr. Kirby, who was the last speaker, told a number of good stories to illustrate the co-operative idea. He said that if the miners saved their wages in place of spending them in the saloons, they would have money to support a co-operative business. "You will then be able," said the speaker, "to go to your own store and with your own money, buy your own goods." (Applause.)

At the conclusion of the speeches, Mr. McLaren and others asked those who were in favor of supporting a cooperative laundry to come forward and take shares. A committee was subsequently formed, which will report progress on next Saturday evening. About 60 names were enrolled as shareholders.

LEFT FOR AUSTRALIA.

Major and Mrs. Collins Left Last Evening on a Long Trip.

There was quite a crowd at the Columbia & Western station Tuesday evening to witness the departure of Major W. J. Collins of the British America corporation, and his wife. Among those present were Mr. Bernard McDonald, the new general superintendent, Mr. Edwin Durant, Mr. and Mrs. R. Dalby Morkill, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bohn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles St. L. Mackintosh, Mr. John McKane, Mr. Alexander Dick, Mr. J. S. C. Fraser, Mr. Frank Oliver, Mr. H. E. D. Merry.

Major Collins had but little to say before starting. "I am called to Australia on urgent business," said he, "and will sail from Vancouver by the Warrimoo on the 15th inst. I hope to be back in Rossland before very long."

As the train moved off three hearty cheers were given the Major and his wife. Will Deepen the Shaft.

Superintendent Hanson left yesterday for Nigger mountain for the purpose of resuming work on the Evening property. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 15 feet, and this is to be deepened to 60 or 75 feet.

WEALTHY COULDN'T SAVE HIM.

Deadly Kidney Disease Had Him in Its Clutch—South American Kidney Cure Snapped the Cord and Made Him Whole Again.

A young man, a son of one of Canada's wealthiest citizens, two years ago contracted kidney disease by taking a cold plunge in the lake when the body was overheated. Specialists could do nothing but could not cure the malady, and when half the globe had been traversed in hope of help and a cure, he returned to his home apparently with but a short time to live, but the printed testimony of the cure of a school boy day acquaintance attracted him to South American Kidney Cure. He procured it and persisted in its use, and although it was a stubborn case, today he is well and healthy. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

THE SLOCAN.

The Rambler-Cariboo company has declared another dividend of one cent, payable on January 1st. The dividend declared in November was paid on December 1st, and this makes the amount of the dividend \$11,250. It is claimed by the management that the mine is in splendid condition. From the 350-foot level upraise have been made, and there is now said to be ore enough in sight for three years operations. The lower tunnel is being run in beyond the vein on which operations hitherto have been found. There is another shoot of ore on the property, and it is anticipated that this tunnel will tap it at considerable depth.

Out of the amalgamation of the Bosman and Fidelity properties another new company has been formed in England, as the Bosman Mines, Limited, with a capital of £250,000 to work these properties. E. L. Heatley is chairman; H. Butler, Louis Seelig and J. J. Lendrum, directors; W. H. Sandiford, manager, and G. W. Pipe, secretary. Every share represents £1 in actual cash. In a short time all the details will be closed and the company in shape for extensively operating its property.

At the Ajax a contract was let to sink 50 feet on the ore body on No. 5 level. The shaft is now down 20 feet, and the ore has increased in this distance from 40 to 50 inches in depth. As no ore of the same nature has previously been found in this district, it creates considerable interest among mining men. The following is a copy of an analysis by a prominent assayer and analytical chemist: Gold, 5 3/10 ounces silver, 432 7/10 per cent; copper, 23 per cent; lead, 23 1/2 per cent, with values in zinc and cobalt, base, arsenical, iron and silica.

The ore shipments over the Kaslo & Slocan railway during the month of November are the smallest of any month since the railway was inaugurated: Jackson, 160,000 pounds; Whitewater, \$7,670 pounds; Native Silver Bell, 96,000 pounds; Nobele Five, 80,000 pounds; Rambler, 40,000 pounds; Fletcher, 530; total, 544,220 pounds.

Arrangements have been completed to take over the Calumet and Hecla group. The price is in the neighborhood of \$35,000 on a bond, with a cash payment down. The property is situated on the summit between Lemon and Dayton creeks, about one mile from the Evening Star. The ledge is quartz, carrying high values in gold and silver. It is a strong vein, being from 30 to 40 feet wide, but the ore is principally concentrating. No shipments will likely be made until a plant is erected for treating the ore on the ground. The enclosing country is granite, with quartzite and a belt of lime spar. The work already done consists of a crosscut tunnel of 220 feet, cutting the ledge at a depth of 170 feet, and a 45-foot drift on the lead. There are also several open cuts on the surface.

YMR.

The Rio Grande Co. to Reorganize—Work on the Ymir Summit.

Ymir-Summit mine under the management of J. Lindblad, and will be continued all winter.

The contract for the tunnel which the Erie Mountain Consolidated company is running on the Guilford has been completed, but the work is still going ahead, as a new contract has already been let. Since the prospectus of the Broken Hill Mining & Development Company, Limited, was issued considerable development work has been done on the Wilcox group, which has greatly enhanced the value of the property.

The Rio Grande Gold Mining company has called a meeting of the shareholders for the 30th of December to consider a scheme for the reorganization of the company's affairs. The following particulars regarding the property are made public: Tunnel No. 1 has been driven 120 feet, the face being in concentrating ore running from \$20 to \$25 per ton. No. 2 tunnel is in 105 feet, with 45 feet of crosscut, showing four feet of concentrating ore of about the same value as in No. 1. No. 3 tunnel is in 75 feet, showing 30 to 36 inches of low grade concentrating ore. A shaft has also been sunk 15 feet, showing 26 inches of ore, some of which went \$60 per ton.

THE LAVINA GROUP.

A Tunnel Run For 200 Feet—Ore Is of a High Grade.

Mr. Martin Salmon, superintendent of the Lavina group, which is located above Argenta, in the Lardau-Duncan section, is in the city. He reports that a tunnel has been run on the property for a distance of 200 feet, and that the ledge has been crosscut in three places. The ledge is from six to seven feet in width, and carries from six to 15 inches of clean, high grade ore. Mr. Salmon says the intention is to do some more work on the property at this depth, and will probably return to the group in a few days for the purpose of letting a contract.

Off for California.

Mrs. E. W. Ruff and her son, Mr. A. L. Ruff, cashier at the Red Mountain railway station, left yesterday for an extended trip to Southern California. Mr. Ruff has sufficiently recovered from his recent attack of typhoid fever to travel south and his parents expect that the trip will completely restore him to health.

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Persistent use of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will eradicate almost every kind of skin disease. No matter how long standing or distressing, it always irritates with one application. It's the quickest cure known for eczema and salt rheum, and will cure blind, bleeding or itching piles in from three to five nights. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

Mr. Edmund Kirby of the War Eagle, arrived home on Sunday afternoon, after a six weeks' trip south and east. Mr. Bernard McDonald, who arrived by the late train on Sunday evening, is quartered up at the B. A. C.

THE MINING REVIEW

The Mines of Rossland are Nearly all Working.

OUTPUT FOR WEEK 5,840 TONS

Mr. Bernard McDonald Succeeds Mr. Carlyle Today—Monte Christo Shipping Again—The Big Mines all Working Smoothly—Shipments for the Week.

The fact that the output of ore for the past week from Rossland mines exceeded 5,800 tons, should demonstrate clearly that the camp is prospering favorably. This is the second largest shipment for any one week ever made by the mines, the heaviest being that ending Saturday, November 29th, when 6,106 tons were sent out.

The management of the B. A. C. properties is at present in a state of transition. Bernard McDonald, the new general superintendent and mining engineer of the corporation, the successor to W. A. Carlyle, arrived in the camp late last evening, and will take charge at once. Major W. T. Collins, who came out here from England expressly for the purpose of appointing Mr. Carlyle's successor, will leave for England again on Tuesday next.

Mr. W. B. Wilson, the superintendent of the Le Roi, who fractured his left knee cap so severely ten days ago, is still confined to his room, and is not likely to be about for some weeks, although progressing favorably as the week closes. While Mr. McDonald has a general knowledge of the Le Roi and the other mines of the B. A. C., it will take him some time at least to acquaint himself thoroughly with all the working properties. Major Collins, on being applied to yesterday, said that the Le Roi and all the other properties of the B. A. C. were progressing favorably and the development work was being pushed as usual. He had nothing particular to say. The Major did, indeed, speak rather warmly of the persistent efforts of the bear clique in England to lower the stock of the Le Roi and British America corporation generally, and he seemed to think it likely that false information was sometimes sent out from Rossland for the express purpose of bearing the stock. The Major was informed that The Miner expressly desired to publish only accurate and definite information of the Le Roi and all the other mines of the camp from time to time, and preferred to obtain this information solely from headquarters in every instance.

That The Miner was not connected directly or indirectly with any stock movement in or out of the camp and only desired to give information that was constantly being asked for. Mr. Hastings was seen yesterday, but stated that there was nothing of importance to give out this week concerning the War Eagle and Centre Star. The shipments from the latter exceed 1,000 tons, and are the largest for any week this year. Mr. Edward Kirby will return to day after an absence of over six weeks in Montana. The electrical compressor continues to run both sides satisfactorily, and one side of the big hoist continues to be used. The temporary compressor plant at the head of the Centre Star mine shaft is about completed and housed, and the small hoisting apparatus at the shaft in the 250-foot level, is now in working order so that both properties are in fair shape to do good work from this time on.

The list of working properties in the camp now includes the Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask, I. X. L., Monte Christo, Columbia-Kootenay, Number 1, Jumbo, Josie, Gertrude, Coxy, Virginia, Deer Park, White Bear, Sunset No. 2, Iron Colt, Evening Star, California, Mountain Trail, Velvet, Miscoot, New Star, Elmo, Evening Nickel Plate, Great Western, Paris Belle, Wallingford, Ethel, Green Mountain, Leiter and several others. There are more working properties in and adjacent to Rossland than at any time in the history of the camp, and the weekly output is now greater than ever before and steadily increasing.

The Output. The ore shipments for the past week show that the mines have been turning out well and the total amount is the second largest in the history of the camp. In all 5,840 tons were sent to the two smelters, of which 2,560 tons went from the Le Roi mine to the Northport smelter and 3,280 tons in all to the Trail smelter from the War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask and Monte Christo mines. The feature of the week was the entrance of the Monte Christo property into the shipping list and as will be seen in the list of mines the preliminary shipments made during the past week will be increased as soon as the roads get into proper condition. The total of 5,840 tons gives a daily average of a little over 834 tons, which is getting rather close to the daily average of 1,000 tons a day, which is promised shortly, and really seems to be in sight. The daily average for the Northport smelter is a little short of 367 tons and for the Trail smelter nearly 467 tons. The Gooderham-Blackstock properties had a total of 3,060 tons of ore shipped during the week from the War Eagle and Centre Star, which was a total of 470 tons more than was shipped by the Le Roi, which still holds its own as the largest individual shipper.

The total for the week and for the year to date are as follows:

Week-Tons	Year-Tons
Le Roi	88,577
War Eagle	60,728
Iron Mask	5,258
Evening Star	1,088
Deer Park	18
Centre Star	14,155
Columbia-Kootenay	111
Virginia	100
Mountain Trail	20
I. X. L.	75
Coxy	20
Monte Christo	100
Total	170,248

Monte Christo—Messrs E. D. Sanders and Col. W. H. M. Ridpath were in the city during the week for the purpose of looking after the operations on the Giant. They said that they intended to at once commence the work of shipping the ore which is on the dump. About 400 tons of ore is immediately available. The roads are be-

ginning to get in such a condition that it can now be hauled from the Giant to the railway. "It is in the way of the buildings which we purpose erecting, and must be removed," said Col. Ridpath. "We are also making the necessary arrangements for installing the four-drill compressor, which we recently purchased from the Canadian Rand Drill company. This compressor is only a make-shift, and will be succeeded later on by a ten-drill plant. The plant has been at the depot for several days past awaiting the time when the roads would get in better condition. We have not fully decided on a plan for the development of the Giant, but think it very probable that we will use the old shafts and commence our underground exploratory work from these. One of these shafts, which is located on the copper ledge, is down for a depth of 100 feet. It is very probable that we will crosscut from this towards the vein. The old shaft, which has reached a depth of 45 feet, is on a quartz vein which carries gold and silver in paying quantities. This shaft will be deepened to 100 feet and a crosscut be made toward the ledge. The first attention will be given to the copper vein, but shortly after the plant is in operation we will give the quartz vein some of our time. We expect to work six men until the plant is up, and then the force will be increased as the exigencies demand. Six months soon run around, and we wish to know what the Giant is worth before our bond runs out. Let me tell you also that we are greatly pleased with the way the Giant is turning out.

Arthur.—A syndicate of local business men has been formed to take over the Arthur mine on Soph's mountain, about two miles from the vein. The terms have been arranged and the deal concluded. A company is being formed to be known as the Arthur Mines Limited. The promoters just as soon as the control was acquired sent out men to erect buildings suitable for a winter camp and these will be completed in a few days. Early this week it is intended that development work shall be commenced by running a tunnel on the main vein, which is four feet wide. The slope of the mountain is such that when the tunnel has been driven 100 feet it will have a depth from the surface where the original find was made, of from 100 to 125 feet.

Monte Christo.—The Monte Christo started shipping during the past week, and sent down seven boxcar loads of ore to the Trail smelter. The returns from these shipments have not yet been received, but the character of the rock is such that there can be no doubt of favorable results. Just as soon as the roads get into good shape the manager expects to ship two carloads of ore to the smelter. There are now nine men working in the mine developing and stripping out ore.

Big Four.—Work is still being pushed on the Big Four crosscutting the vein and the group is looking well. The ore is getting better with every shot and only 10 feet more has to be opened before the pay chute is reached. Work will be commenced on the boarding house on Monday. It is notable that there has not yet been a single share of treasury stock in this property sold and that it remains intact. All the funds for the development of the property have been provided by the vendor out of the sale of the pooled shares.

Deer Park.—In the Deer Park mine 22 men are at work regularly, and the south drift is being driven from the 350-foot level of the No. 1 shaft to tap the new find at depth. The men are working in three eight-hour shifts, and 31 feet was made during the past week, and the breast is now within 40 feet of coming directly under the new shaft, where an upraise will be started to connect with the new shaft. The property is looking well.

California.—The new buildings at the California are now nearly completed and work on them is being vigorously pushed. As soon as they have been finished and the hoist has been put in position it is intended to go ahead with the shaft. The arrangements that have been made will give this property one of the best and most complete plants in the camp. The tunnel had been driven yesterday 245 feet in. Fifteen men are at work underground and there are in all 32 men working above and below. In the mine itself Heather Belle.—Mr. Sam Forteaith, manager of the Heather Belle, says that he has a store of seven men at work, and a stock of supplies in, for the purpose of continuing work on the property all winter. The idea is to get out ore, of which there is a large body of shipping grade, and to commence raving and shipping to the smelter. The property is looking well, and Mr. Forteaith expects it will be one of the best of shafts in the course of a few weeks.

Paris Belle.—The first shaft on the Paris Belle has been abandoned temporarily on account of surface water, and another started at the intersection of the northwest and main east and west ledges. No trouble is expected at this point on account of water, and assays already obtained at the surface indicate that the Paris Belle will form a valuable property as development proceeds.

Big Three.—Mr. W. Y. Williams has resigned his position of superintendent of this property on account of the pressure of other business, particularly in the Boundary Creek country. He decided after much deliberation that he could not do full justice to the property, in which he has every confidence. Mr. J. W. Hamilton has been appointed superintendent and is now at work.

Iron Colt.—It is now cleaning time at the Iron Colt property and everything is being put in shape to resume operations after the long shut down. An office is being built for the new superintendent, Mr. Alex. Sharp, and a blacksmith shop and other necessary buildings are being erected. Active development work will be resumed in a few days.

Norway Mountain.—The shaft on the Norway Mountain property is being continued down and the values have

doubled in the last 12 feet and are continuing to increase. The managers of the property are feeling confident that the mine will prove to be a most valuable one.

Evening.—Mr. Harry Hanlen, the superintendent of the Evening mine on Big Sheep creek, brought in a sack of ore from the vein, which, during the last week's work, has widened out to nearly nine feet with no hanging wall yet, the ore being of high grade as shown in the company's office window.

Virginia.—During the excessively wet autumn that has prevailed in the Kootenay, the water has been seeping into the workings of the Virginia, especially in the new shaft, and general development work has been practically stopped until the cold weather sets in.

Jumbo.—The tunnel on the Jumbo property is now in 450 feet, and work is being actively pushed with a force of five men. Mr. M. R. Galusha, the manager, who has been in the city for some days looking over the property, is satisfied with the general outlook.

Coxy.—A contract has been let for driving a tunnel on the Coxy as far as needed and six men are now at work under this arrangement. There is nothing new to report further excepting the character of the rock is looking better as the work progresses.

Gertrude.—Nineteen men are now working on the Gertrude property drifting north and south. There is a slight improvement in the appearance of the rock through which the work is being done.

Sunset No. 2.—In the Sunset No. 2 property, drifting on the No. 1 and No. 3 veins west is being actively prosecuted, and 27 men are at work. Two machines are running on the out look is daily becoming more promising.

I. X. L.—Work is being actively pushed in the crosscut from No. 3 tunnel in the I. X. L. The crosscut has been driven about 60 feet, and it is expected that the ledge will be reached shortly.

Dreaded Diphtheria

ITS AFTER EFFECTS FREQUENTLY SHATTER STRONG NERVES.

Mr. S. McDougall Suffered for Years and His Doctor Told Him Recovery Was Impossible—Again Strong and Healthy.

Farmer and "jack of all trades" is what Mr. Salter McDougall styled himself when interviewed by the News recently. Mr. McDougall resides at Alton, about 10 miles from Truro, N. S., and according to his own statement has been made a new man by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When interviewed by the News man, Mr. McDougall said: "I am only too glad to give you any information you may want. Anything I can say will not be too good a recommendation or Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Up to the year 1888," continued Mr. McDougall, "I had always enjoyed good health. At that time I had a severe attack of diphtheria, the after effects of which left me in a deplorable condition. I was troubled with a constant pain in my left side, just below the heart, and at times dizziness would cause me to throw up my hands and fall on my back, or side. My face hands and feet would swell and turn cold. In this condition I could not move hands or feet and had to be moved like a child. My appetite all but left me and I got very little sleep. I was under the care of a doctor, but got nothing more than occasional temporary relief. Finally I got so low that my friends wrote for my father to come and see me for the last time. This was in January, 1895. That night the doctor told my friends that he could do nothing for me, and he doubted if I would live through the night. That night I coughed up three pieces of matter, tough and leathery in appearance, and each about three inches long. The vomiting almost choked me, and it required two people to hold me in bed, but I felt easier after it. I was in this deplorable condition when I was urged by a neighbor to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It was a hopeless case but I decided to try them. When I told the doctor I was taking the pills he said they would do me no good; that I would never be able to work again. But he was mistaken, for the effect was marvellous. By March I was able to go out of doors, and could walk quite a distance. I can now use 17 boxes, and they have made a new man of me. My health is better than it has been for 20 years, and notwithstanding the doctor's prediction, I am able to stand any amount of hard work. I attribute my new manhood and regained health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and gratefully recommend them to others in poor health."

VICTORIA. The Charity Hospital ball held recently realized \$700. According to statistics of the customs house over 20,000 tons of goods of various kinds were sent in to the Klondike, Atlin and other northern gold fields from Victoria during the season just closed.

At St. James' church, James Bay, Friday evening the rector, Rev. Mr. Sweet, performed the ceremony that made Miss Lucy Murrant, eldest daughter of Mrs. J. S. Murrant, the bride of Mr. Joseph D. Wingham of Seattle. A number of mining men from Spokane and other points are at present in the city. They are understood to be engaged in an effort to bond or secure working options on as many West Coast properties as possible. A number of big deals are pending, which may mean much for the West Coast, but it is impossible as yet to secure details concerning them.

A meeting was held at Hotel Driard Thursday night for the purpose of forming a medical association such as has long been advocated among the practicing physicians of the city. The profession was represented by Drs. Holder, Oyster, Robertson, Milne, Fraser, Helmecken, Holden, Manning and Earnest Hall. A permanent organization was effected, the officers being J. D. Helmecken, president; R. L. Fraser, vice-president, and H. Robertson, secretary-treasurer.

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MINES AND MINING

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Mr. R. C. Pollett, managing director of the American Eagle Mining company, has returned from a visit to Ymir, where he has been overseeing operations on the Nevada, the property which his company is operating.

December 14, 1909 IMPROVEMENTS. 3 and Denmark in the Trail Creek west Kootenay one About four miles Wm. E. Devereux, Jr., free miner's intend, sixty days to apply to the certificate of impo- above claims. notice that action, be commenced be- such certificate of Oct., A. D. 1899. DEVEREUX. P. L. S. IMPROVEMENTS. fraction mineral the Trail Creek West Kootenay. loced: About north of Rossland, Wm. E. Devereux, mining, F. M. C. tis, F. M. C. No. F. M. C. No. days from the to the mining re- improvements, ning a crown grant notice that action be commenced be- such certificate of of November, A. DEVEREUX, P. L. S. IMPROVEMENTS. situate in the Trail of West Kootenay one About one mile adjoining the Myr- Wm. E. Devereux, mining, free miner's and I. E. Suckling, No. 35,430A, in- the date hereof, to recorder for a cer- for the purpose grant of the above notice that action, be commenced be- such certificate of Oct., A. D. 1899. DEVEREUX. P. L. S. IMPROVEMENTS claim, situate in Division of West Here located: On eight miles easterly A. A. Wilkin, acting inelair, free miner's S. T. Langley, No. 13092 A., M. certificate No. B. ays from the date the mining recorder improvements, for the crown grant of the notice that action, be commenced be- such certificate of of September, 1899. F. A. WILKIN. IMPROVEMENTS. claim, situate in Division of West Here located: Six- ssland, B. C., north Copper King mineral Wm. E. Devereux, R. Blockberger, F. George D. Root, F. Harry Hansen, F. intend, sixty days to apply to the certificate of im- purpose of obtaining above claim. notice that action, be commenced be- such certificate of of August, 1899. DEVEREUX. P. L. S. IMPROVEMENTS. notice that action, be commenced be- such certificate of in- Sept., A. D. 1899. H. L. BURNET.

GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

DEVELOPMENT WORK IN PROGRESS IN BOUNDARY MINES. The Ore in the Sunset, on Copper Mountain, Down 75 Feet—Prospects of a Great Mine in Sight.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 9.—(Special.) D. G. Evans, superintendent of the Earthquake, north fork of the Kettle river, reports that recent development work on the property has produced very satisfactory results. When he took charge a crosscut tunnel was run 86 feet into the side of the mountain before sinking a winze 20 feet. Near the face of the tunnel the ledge was also crossed for a distance of 62 feet before sinking a winze 25 feet deep. At the foot of this winze there is a drift 12 feet long, neither wall having been encountered. Recent assays gave returns of \$10.15, \$17.20 and \$20 in all values.

J. R. Mackintosh of the B. C. mine, Summit camp, states that within a few weeks 40 men will be needed at the mine to work the ore on the dump. Regular shipments will then be made to the Trail smelter. The main working shaft has now attained a depth of 220 feet. First-class ore has been taken from the winze on the 150-foot level. The railway track has been laid to the mine.

Fred Knight, superintendent of the Bonanza mine of Knight's camp, north fork of the Kettle river, brings down the intelligence that the wagon road has been extended five miles from Bannock City to the camp. A boiler and pumping plant will be installed within a few weeks when the work of sinking the main working shaft will be resumed.

A contract for extending the working tunnel on the Fox Ore will be let shortly. Harry Stevenson, a prominent rancher and mining man of Princeton, is here. He says the main working shaft in the Sunset on Copper Mountain, owned by R. A. Volcanio, Brown, Dr. A. V. Hill and Smith Curtis, as shareholders in the Sunset Copper company, is down nearly 75 feet, and the ore is improving in character very day. He expresses the opinion that the Sunset will make a great mine.

The Humming Bird will shortly ship the ore in its dump to the Trail or Nelson smelter. The C. P. R. will be asked to put in a siding above Niagara. The first snow fall of the season in the Kettle river valley took place yesterday. The surrounding country, including the mountains, presented a decidedly wintry appearance.

On. Cogriff has just finished assessment work on the Amy claim on the north fork of the Kettle river. There is a 35-foot tunnel and a 20-foot shaft on the property. He recently discovered an adjacent parallel ledge, which he claims to be eight feet wide on the surface.

A rich strike of ore was made last week in the lower workings of the Golden Eagle on the north fork of the Kettle river. Several assays of 23 per cent copper and 87 in gold values were obtained.

GREENWOOD INTELLIGENCE

Mineral Development in Progress in the Boundary Country. Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—There is good looking ore on the drift of the crosscut on the Seiler at Camp McKinney very similar to that of the Waterloo and parts of the Cariboo. The new vein on the strike is five feet wide, and was made at 40 feet on the drift at the 75-foot level. They are going to sink to the 150-foot level and drift again. The company will probably put in a compressor plant in the spring. A complete assay plant has been installed.

The Kamloops is putting in a steam hoist similar to that of the Sailor, and will drift for the Minnie vein. There is nice looking ore on the 200-foot level. The mill is all ready, but delay is being experienced on account of some of the machinery being delayed on the way from Peterborough.

The Lemon, about two miles east of Camp McKinney, and owned by Omaha parties, has ordered a five-stamp mill from Hamilton. The Rover, owned by the same company, is sinking, and is now down 40 feet, to catch the Sailor lead.

The big strike of ore on the Seiler between the forks of Rock creek has created a great deal of excitement and parties are constantly going out to see the property and bringing back specimens. The ore is exceedingly rich, and there is said to be about eight feet of the vein. The owners are holding it at \$60,000.

It is rumored that there is a deal on in the east for the Granite and Banner properties at Camp McKinney. The Deadwood gold Copper company has made an important strike on the St. Lawrence mineral claim, which joins the Mother Lode on the north. They started a week or ten days ago to do surface work, and disclosed a very fine showing of surface ore similar in character to that of the Mother Lode. The width has not yet been determined. The men are now engaged in stripping the vein, and 12 or 15 feet of fine looking ore has been disclosed. It is supposed that the St. Lawrence has a continuation of the Mother Lode vein.

MR. R. C. CLUTE.

Dominion Government Commissioner on the Labor Question Coming Here. Mr. R. C. Clute, Q. C., of Toronto, who was recently appointed by the Dominion government to enquire into the employment of alien labor in this province in response to a request from the Sandon Miners' Union, when he has concluded his business in the latter place he proposes to come to Rossland. The commissioner will probably not arrive here until next week. At the session held by Mr. Clute at Sandon both the mine owners and the men were represented and evidence was taken on the labor situation in the province generally.

Mr. Frank Smith of the Toronto World, left for Vancouver last evening.

INSURANCE RATES.

Public Meeting Last Night at the City Hall—A Test to Be Made. Pursuant to the notice given in yesterday's Miner a public meeting was held last evening at the City hall to protest against the recent action of the Vancouver Board of Underwriters in raising the insurance rates in the business portion of the city.

On taking the chair the Mayor stated that he had been informed that owing to the report of Mr. Davenport, a gentleman from the other side of the line, the Vancouver Board of Insurance Underwriters, who at present entirely control the rates of insurance in force in Rossland, had raised the rate on the business portion of the city from an average of five per cent to in some instances as high as 18.2 per cent. It had been stated the Mayor said, that Mr. Davenport had said openly before the board at a recent meeting that the Rossland water supply were entirely inadequate, that the chief of the fire brigade had admitted this and that at the recent fire on the hill the force of water was not sufficient to throw a stream over a one-story building.

All these statements, the Mayor said, were absolutely false and it was necessary to take some immediate steps to inform the Vancouver Board of the facts and to ask that an inspector should be sent here at once to look into the whole question. The speaker then went into the details of the water supply and showed that during the fire on the hill in September last the two city reservoirs were never lowered, but were kept overflowing notwithstanding the fact that three lines of fire hose were in use and any number of private hose lines all over the southern portion of the city were also using water to quench the showers of sparks and burning wood that fell all over that night. He detailed the precautions taken by the waterworks superintendent and explained the steps already taken by the city to improve and extend the city waterworks system.

In answer to a question by Mr. W. A. Robinson, Alderman Lalonde stated that the water reserve amounted to about 500,000 gallons. Continuing Mr. Lalonde reviewed the action of the city in providing adequate fire protection and dwelt upon the untruthfulness of Mr. Davenport's alleged report.

Both the Mayor and Alderman Lalonde admitted that in portions of the outlying sections of the city hydrants and mains were wanted, but drew particular attention to the fact that in these sections the rates had been lowered, whereas in the business portion of the town where the fire protection was ample the rates had been increased.

Mr. Grogan thought that the fire referred to by Mr. Davenport was a small one in the rear of the school house, where there were no hydrants. Alderman Lalonde pointed out that the rates had been lowered in this section, but raised in the business portion of the town, an altogether unfair discrimination.

Mr. R. Dalby Morkill, J. R., said that it was possible there had been some mistake and after hearing the statements of the Mayor and Alderman Lalonde he thought it would be wise to practically demonstrate the falsity of the statements made to the Board and have a test made at once showing the force and capacity of the city water system. If this were done in the presence of the city inspectors, agents they would report the matter direct and join the Council and citizens generally in applying for a new and proper rating. A motion to this effect was moved by Mr. Morkill, seconded by Mr. Daniels and carried, and the meeting adjourned.

Alderman Lalonde will take charge of the matter and arrange to have the test made and reported at once.

GAS AND STREET CARS.

Tramway Now Running in Nelson—Gas Company Building There Also. Some time ago it was announced that a Nelson company had applied for a franchise to run a line of electric street cars in this city—the plan including a line out to Sophie mountain, with other spurs in view. No application has been formally made to the city council in the matter, and it has apparently fallen through. In the meantime the Nelson tramway commenced operations yesterday, and the system there will be further extended when the winter is over. The West Kootenay Power & Light company has plenty of power for sale to operate a street railway in this city, and radial lines of electric railways have for some time been looked to as a means of keeping the city merchants in touch with many of the adjacent mines to Rossland and camp, in addition to affording a comparatively cheap means of getting out the ore.

It is stated that the power company is willing to give the necessary power on reasonable terms to a responsible company, and what is wanted to start the affair is a local organization who could secure the franchise from the city authorities on favorable terms. Provided that care is taken at the outset to run the project on strictly business lines, there would appear to be an opportunity for our own people to start a well paying enterprise. One thing is sure, and that is that if the matter is not taken up promptly in Rossland, outside capital will be brought here for the purpose.

Dr. Doolittle and his famous eastern syndicate who promised so much last summer in the way of gas works, has evidently retired from the scene for good, if indeed they ever seriously contemplated action, and while it is quite unnecessary that any promoters of gas works should hold up Rossland as Nelson has been held up merely for the sake of obtaining a franchise, it is highly desirable that we should have a gas plant in operation in this city at an early date, even if the city authorities have to take the matter up and make it a civic concern.

Here are two good opportunities for the employment of local capital, and it should not be postponed until next summer to start the ball rolling. Who will take the matters up?

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. E. Sancier left yesterday for Cranbrook, where he will inspect the Pay Roll, the properties of the Theo Gold Copper Mines and the St. Mary Gold Mining company's claims. He will be absent for about a week. Mr. Sancier is interested in all of these properties.

Mr. W. H. Adams, manager of the Rambler-Cariboo Mining company, is in the city from Kaslo on a visit.

THE BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN

Boers Were in a Splendid Position and the British Were Unable to Dislodge Them--The Enemy Greatly outnumbered the Forces of Lord Methuen.

London, Dec. 14.—(4:45 a. m.)—Each important battle seems to bring a reverse for the British, and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced. The Morning Post says: "We have had our day of humiliation appointed for us, and let us accept it humbly and nobly, and be better and stronger for the lesson it has taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh bid in Europe. There was never a more apt occasion to prove to Europe what we are worth."

The position Lord Methuen assumed is thus described by a correspondent: "The Magersfontein range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock some 150 feet high. The Boer entrenchments are all around this whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes, and afford a retreat. It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men, and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are believed to have been a least 450.

All the papers comment upon the extreme gravity of the situation, and upon the momentous decision which Lord Methuen now has to take whether to remain at Modder river or retire on Orange river. The Times says: "At least 30,000 additional men must be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called out, and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to increase the local colonial forces, and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

The Standard, which comments upon the "seemingly astonishing number of the Boers," is drawn to the conjecture that a substantial portion of the Boer commandos have been recruited from the Cape Dutch. All eyes are now turned hopefully to General Buller, who, taking into account the troops with General White in Ladysmith, has altogether 30,000 men.

The Standard says: "At this moment there must be few men in Her Majesty's dominions who have as great a weight of cares upon them as General Buller carries on his shoulders." A dispatch from Boer sources says that Kimberley remained quiet during the battle of Magersfontein.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

They Include the Marquis of Winchester and Other Officers. Modder River, Dec. 12.—The British casualties included the Marquis of Winchester, major of the second battalion of the Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Colonel Downham, of the first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded. When the Highlanders met the murderous point blank fire of the Boers, about 200 were moved down, and the Black Watch regiment, on reforming, was only able to muster about 140 men. The Boers also lost severely in the trenches and also in the wire entanglements when they came into an open attempt to make a flank on the British.

The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer rifles, until nearly 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopje. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to the attack, close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades of the Highlanders' brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrapnel fire as the British advanced, and it was found physically impossible to take the Boer trenches. The British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer. It was here that Colonel Downham fell. The Boers had free recourse to barb wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the British artillery fire.

This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupied the positions they held before the battle. The greater bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The wounded include Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. Fodding and Captain Sterling, both of the first battalion of the Coldstream Guards. A detachment of the Boers posted among some thick bushes to the east, maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent for taking cover which the Boers always display, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible, and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, this rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as unusually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault. At the first advance of the Highlander, the Boers' shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high, otherwise the British losses would have been still heavier.

JULIAN RALPH'S ACCOUNT.

The Greatest Loss of the Day Occurred in a Minute. London, Dec. 14.—Mr. Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein, in a special dispatch to the Daily Mail, says: "The Boers were entrenched at Magersfontein, four miles from Modder River. At dawn Monday the Highlanders advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in front. The greatest part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered in a single minute. 'Started and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied and re-

ATTACK OF THE BOERS.

The British Were Taken Unawares but Stuck to Their Position. North of Modder River, Dec. 11.—The Guards and the Highland brigade early last night moved from Modder river camp, marching in a northeasterly direction. The objective point of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the Guards following the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire light infantry moved along the river side.

Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within 200 yards of the Boers' entrenchments at the foot of a hill. Unsuspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity the British were still marching in quarter column in close order, when they met a terrible fire from the flanks and were forced to retreat with heavy loss. The troops reformed under shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held their position. Later the Gordons arrived and the troops gradually worked their way to within 300 yards of the Boer position.

In the meanwhile a naval gun at the Modder river, the Howitzer batteries and the artillery opened a terrific fire, enveloping the trenches and searching every portion of the Boer position. The Boer guns were entirely silent. In the mean while the Boers on the open ground directly in front moved with the object of making a flank attack, but this was frustrated by the Guards and artillery. The Boers recommenced shelling in the evening, but no damage was done.

The British slept on their positions. It is expected there will be a renewal of fighting tomorrow. The losses on both sides were very heavy.

A Side Skirmish.

London, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, says: "The battle of Magersfontein was proceeding, the Free State artillery and an armored train along the railway line toward Belmont. Forty-one prisoners belonging to the first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders have just traversed Jacobstad. In the last attack on Surprise Hill three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed, and several others were wounded, causing great sorrow here."

SHOULD BE LOOKED AFTER.

Lorenzo Marquez Is Rapidly Becoming a Transvaal Emporium. London, Dec. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Forester-Walker: "Cape Town, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Methuen writes that General Wauchope was killed in action yesterday. Major-General Andrew C. Wauchope, C. B., C. M. G., was a high distinguished officer of the British army. He was brigadier-general commanding the first brigade of the Egyptian expeditionary force in 1888. He entered the army in 1865, was promoted colonel in 1889, served in the Ashanti war in 1873, in the Egyptian war in 1882, in the Sudan expedition of 1884, and in the Nile expedition in 1884-85. General Wauchope has been wounded four times, three times severely. Orange River, Cape Colony, Dec. 13.—Three hundred and twenty wounded men have arrived here from Modder river. General Wauchope, of the Black Watch, commanded the Highland brigade with General Methuen's column. He served in Ashantee, Egypt and the Sudan. He was frequently mentioned in dispatches, and twice contested Midlothian, once against Mr. Gladstone. He was a great favorite in the army."

ENTRENCHING HIMSELF.

General Methuen's Position May Become Precarious. London, Dec. 13.—Some alarm is expressed at the situation of Methuen. The Westminster Gazette says: "If England ever needed a victory it is now and it is to Buller that the country looks for this victory." The other papers abuse the government for its "complacent optimism" and inability to grasp the strength of the enemy. Considerable significance attaches to General Methuen's statement that he is entrenching himself, indicating fear that the Boers may follow up the advantage, adopt the offensive and attack him. Indeed the gravity of the situation from the British point of view can hardly be overestimated. General Methuen's long lines of communication to Deonar are most vulnerable. Should they be cut General Methuen would find himself in a very tight place if only from lack of supplies.

NO FURTHER DETAILS.

London, Dec. 13.—The war office yesterday received the following message from General Forester-Walker: "Cape Town, Tuesday.—No further details from Methuen. From Orange river it is reported that 230 wounded, including 27 officers, have arrived there from the Modder river. Gatacre is moving from Bushman's Hoek to Steikstrom today. The magistrate at Steikstrom wires that the situation there has slightly improved. Many of the missing have turned up."

ADVANCE ON COLENSO.

General Buller Has Actually Begun His March. London, Dec. 13.—South of Molteno, it is said Bushman's Hoek is impregnable. The Boers decline to furnish the names of the killed or wounded. They say they buried the dead and are sending the prisoners to Bloemfontein. The Boer loss on Sunday is reported to have been four killed and 20 wounded. Probably this is correct and no genuine attack was delivered by General Gatacre's troops, who were completely surprised while in column. The British apparently rushed up the nearest hill without orders or knowing where the enemy was and being so exhausted from long marches they were unable to accomplish anything. General Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems to have actually commenced.

A TRAITOROUS CABINET.

The Cape Government Enabled College Pupils to Join the Boer Army. London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Central News says that the Schreiner ministry at the Cape gave passes to the Orange Free State pupils attending colonial colleges, who wanted to go home and fight the British. As a result, Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, is considering the dismissal of Schreiner and his colleagues.

MORE TROOPS URGED.

London, Dec. 13.—The Morning Post's military expert in today's issue, refers thus to General Gatacre's defeat. "We urged a month ago that a second British army corps should be sent slowly. The fifth and sixth divisions have been put in motion, but the former will arrive too late to render effective help at this time."

AGINALDO SAID TO BE HIDING

THE INSURGENTS ARE SAID TO BE AT END OF THEIR RESOURCES. American Troops Still Pursuing the Remnant of Tinto's Command—Spanish Prisoners Released. Washington, Dec. 13.—General Otis reports from Manila the insurgents are at the end of their resources from a military point of view, and are writing away before the rapid advance of the American troops at all points. General Young reports his extreme northern forces captured mines and property, with all the insurgent transportation, and released all the Spanish prisoners in that section, to the number of about 2,000. Our casualties were two wounded. Our troops are still pursuing the remnant of Tinto's command, March reports from Cayon on the 7th instant, that he has destroyed Aginaldo's body guard, killed General Gregorio Pinar, received the surrender of General Concepcion and staff, killed and wounded 52 insurgents, released 575 Spanish prisoners, including 150 friars, and captured considerable property. His loss was two killed and nine wounded.

"My informant is that Aginaldo has disguised his individuality, abandoned his troops and is in hiding in the province of Benguet."

GENERAL DEPILAR KILLED.

Progress of the Campaign in the Philippine Islands. Manila, Dec. 13.—A dispatch just received from Cervantes says Major Marsh completely routed General Depilar's force on December 2nd, in a fight in a mountain pass 3,000 feet above the sea. Depilar was killed, two Americans were killed and nine wounded. On December 3rd, Major Marsh was about 24 hours behind Aginaldo, who had believed he had found an inaccessible refuge. Aginaldo, who was greatly affected on hearing of the death of his chief of staff, instantly prepared for flight.

METHUEN'S PROGRESS.

He Shelled a Strong Boer Position—The Attack Failed. London, Dec. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Methuen, dated December 12: "Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long high kopje, from 4 until dusk, Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland brigade attacked at daybreak on Monday, the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed but failed. The Guards were ordered to protect the Highland right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer artillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the Guards on the right, supported by field artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 11:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles, towards the Modder river. Today I am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great."

A BASELESS FABRICATION.

Sensational Report That Boer Agents Tried to Blow Up the Leader. Victoria, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A sensational report gained circulation last night, being set traveling by two of the cruiser's crew, that an effort had been made to destroy H. M. S. Leander during her recent occupancy of Esquimaux dock, presumably by Boer agents visiting the naval yard in the guise of tourists. Briefly it was said that the infernal machine had been found beneath the vessel on Tuesday morning, having providentially failed to perform its mission. This report has been traced to George Carter of Dodwell & Co., limited, who was told it by two men holding up the Leander. It is emphatically positively and unqualifiedly denied by Captain Fegan and the officers of the Leander, who left the dock this afternoon, and by Captain Devereaux, the dockyard superintendent.

GATACRE IS SAFE.

London, Dec. 13.—The news from General Gatacre shows that no anxiety is felt for the safety of his remaining troops, who have been withdrawn to good positions along the railroad south of Molteno. It is said that Bushman's Hoek is impregnable.

MR. J. R. MACKINTOSH OF THE B. C. MINE, GRAND FORKS, IS IN TOWN.

A carload of machinery for the Boundary Creek Mine. The company owns the L. Skylark camp, for which consisting of boilers and pumps and for delivery.

The 40-horse power boiler the Gold Drop mine in G. has gone up to the mine being installed. With it came three machine drills, development after the machine will be more rapid than a promising strike on the Smith's camp. While a crosscut tunnel, an unlooked-for quartz carrying iron encountered, in a distance of 100 feet through it five feet in ore.

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BOUNDARY STRIKES

No Change in the Labor Situation. Minion Commissioner Takes Notes From Ymir, the Stock Enay, Trout Lake and the

There is but little news from outside camps for the in the Slokan and at Nel Mr. R. C. Clute, Q. C., government commissioner pointed to inquire into the importation of alien labor to the request of the Union, and whose commission whole labor question so far evidence on the labor situation and it is probable that the efforts may result in some amendments. Mr. Clute is now inquiring into the mining mine workers.

Appended will be found the Sloan, East Kootenay, Lake and the Boundary C

BOUNDARY COUL

Strikes in the City of Paris. Bonetta—Properties Bond

The Dominion Copper contract last week to extend tunnel 100 feet. Work on the Josie in S making good progress and showing is reported.

A tunnel is now being run Denoro, Summit camp, to now in progress at the 200-ft. Shafts are being sunk on folk and New York claims, No. 7.

H. H. Oliver of Spokane the Greyhound in Deadwo has gone there to take it ment was to be made in G week.

The drift at the 200-foot Rathmullen is expected to soon, as mineralized rock is in the face. A double shift is working six group, Huckleberry miles from Cascade, and believed to be the making. It is expected to get the west drift of the Snows 25 feet, the drift now being feet and coming into ledge. Word was brought to G week of a new strike just Boneta property, on Obse tain, immediately adjacent.

In over 2,000 feet of way of tunnel, crosscuts, on the Knob Hill claim, in shipping ore, one of the able showings in the count. All the machinery, with of the pump, which has just been installed on the Kam One of the biggest strike try is reported to have been above White's bar and net of Rock creek, on a pebbly where a 10-foot lead, assay \$800 gold, five ounces silver and copper is said to have up.

Three ore chutes have been the Washington claim, up the ore is pyrrhotite and copper showing coming into of the shaft.

Steel is being laid on the Greenwood to the Mother shipments will be commenced being installed, as soon as ready to receive ore.

The payroll of the Don company now has 60 men. ment work is progressing on the Brooklyn, Stewin hide claims, owned by the On the No. 7 the shaft and boarding houses and have been constructed. To start in the development. The Central camp wagon completed, so that machine be hauled to the property.

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