

ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER.

Two Dollars a Year.

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SOLD FOR \$25,000

J. A. Harrington Has Purchased the B. J. C. and Novak.

NEWS FROM THE WEST

Satisfactory Returns Obtained From Dundee Ore—A Good Profit Left After Paying All Charges—Work on Cliff No. 1 to Be Resumed.

J. A. Harrington has purchased the R. J. C. and Novak claims from George Novak and James Cameron for the sum of \$25,000. These claims are located on the east fork of the north fork of the Kettle river. Twenty-five per cent of the purchase price has been paid down and the remainder is to be paid at intervals. The purchasers retain an interest in the property and a portion of the money due is to be used for the erection of a quartz mill on the property at least five stamps. This mill must be completed and in operation by July 1 next. It is claimed by those who have seen these two claims that they are a portion of a small mountain of quartz that carries gold. The ore assays from \$40 to \$240 to the ton. There has been no work done on the properties as yet, but the surface showing is exceptional. Mr. Harrington intends to put men to work at once. The first work that will be done will be the driving of a 75-foot tunnel. Some of the ore from this property was seen Monday. It is a pure white quartz with streaks and small stringers of gold in it that are visible to the naked eye. From the appearance of the quartz the property seems to be one of considerable promise.

DREPPING THE SHAFT.

The Le Roi Shipway Extended to the 700-Foot Level.

Operations commenced Sunday evening extending the main shaft of the Le Roi to the 700-foot level. It is expected that progress will be made at the rate of about nine feet a week, so that the shaft will be completed to the 700-foot level inside of two months. Captain Hall, the superintendent of the mine, is greatly encouraged by the showing revealed at the 600-foot level. The shaft, when completed, will be the deepest vertical opening in the camp. The mine was never in such fine shape as at present.

W. J. Shelton Back From the West.

W. J. Shelton, expert for the Canadian-American Gold Mining and Development company, is back from a visit to the property of the company at Glen-Robinson camp west of Okanagan lake and the Josie group which is located some 12 miles east of Northport. Mr. Shelton reports that he has let a contract for the erection of a blacksmith shop and bunk house at the Josie group, and as soon as these are finished a force of miners is to begin work under Foreman Steel. It is Mr. Shelton's impression that shipments of ore may be made from these mines within the next four months. Of course, it will require energetic work to bring about such a result, but the intention is to push things with all possible vim.

Mr. Shelton says that a petition is now being circulated asking the government to build a wagon road from the west shore of Lake Okanagan to the Glen-Robinson camp, a distance of 15 miles. This will give the people of that section an opportunity to get their supplies in at a moderately fair rate. The supplies can be transported from Vernon, which is on the Shuswap and Okanagan branch of the Canadian Pacific, by steamer down the Okanagan lake to Lamley's landing. From there, if the road is built, as petitioned for, it can be carried by wagon to Glen-Robinson and other camps in that vicinity. At present the supplies have to be carried by pack train from the lake to the camp.

Mr. Shelton reports that there are at present at Vernon half a dozen Manitoba farmers with their families, stock and farming utensils. Their intention is to settle in the Rosahnd and Deep creek valleys. These valleys are in many ways suited for the farmer and stock raiser. There are other Manitoba farmers who will come in the spring and settle in these valleys. They have been attracted to the place by the letters sent to Manitoba by J. M. Robinson, president of the Canadian-American Gold Mining company, who made a thorough inspection of the country last summer and was struck with its agricultural and pastoral possibilities, and informed his Manitoba friends of the opportunities that are in existence there.

The Glen-Robinson Camp. T. J. Smith, Dr. R. C. Lipsett and W. J. Robinson have returned from a visit to the Glen-Robinson camp, located in the new mining district that was discovered last summer west of Lake Okanagan. While they were away they located 960 acres for a townsite and built houses on the property. These land claims were taken up in the interest of the Canadian-American Gold Mining and Development company. This company last summer took up some 32 claims in the vicinity of Glen-Robinson, and is now proceeding with the development work.

W. J. Watkins, a Welsh miner of some 24 years' experience, has taken a contract to sink six shafts and to run a tunnel 249 feet on the properties of the Canadian-American company.

Satisfactory Returns. Ernest Kennedy and other interested in the Dundee mining property at Ymir, were much pleased Monday with the smelter returns that they had received. The Dundee company recently sent 20 tons of ore to the smelter, and the returns show a clear profit of \$12 per ton, after deducting the cost of mining, freight and treatment. This was before

the recent find of five feet six inches of galena. This later discovery is much richer than the ore that was sent to the smelter, as the assays show. Six assays of ore from the different parts of the property resulted in the obtaining of an average of over \$60 per ton.

Work Resumed on Cliff No. 1. The owners of the Cliff No. 1 have resumed operations on that property. The work of erecting a blacksmith shop and bunk-houses has already been commenced, and as soon as these are completed the intention is to put a force of men on development work and to keep them busy all winter. The owners have the necessary funds for considerable work, and they feel that with the expenditure of what they have on hand that a mine can be made of the Cliff No. 1.

LIFTED THE BOND. First Payment of \$6,000 Paid on the B. C. Bond.

GRAND FORKS, Nov. 19.—[Special.]—John Keough & Son, original owners of the famous B. C. property in Summit Camp, have received the first payment of \$6,000 on the \$60,000 bond lately made on the B. C. mine.

Big Mining Suit. Next week the supreme court of the province sitting at Victoria will decide who is to hold the well known Seattle mine near Grand Forks. The contesting parties in the suit are McCallum & Hay, of this place, vs. Charles Cummings and others. Both parties claim that the owner, Robert Clark, signed documents whereby he agreed to stock the Seattle. The case is creating most intense interest in this section as the Seattle is one of the most promising properties in the Grand Forks district.

Grand Forks Notes. A dispatch from Portland, Oregon, announces that a carload of machinery for the water and light plants at Grand Forks was shipped from that city a couple of days ago, and will be here in a few days now. Preparations are now being made to work the Pathfinder mine all winter.

COXEY'S NEW DIRECTORS

New Deal on For the Sale of the Great Western.

A Rumor Concerning the Josie Denied. Iron Mask—Centre Star Ligation Ended.

At a recent meeting of the Montreal Red Mountain Gold Fields company, limited, owners of the Coxeys on Red mountain, the following shareholders were elected to the board of directors: Messrs. George A. Greene, of Greene & Sons company, Montreal; Hon. William McDonald, senator, of Nova Scotia; T. F. Moore, merchant, Montreal; E. Archambault, merchant, Montreal; E. D. Marceau, of Messrs. L. Chaput, Ellis & Cie, Montreal. The board now consists of 12 members, the remainder being: Messrs. J. R. Cook, R. J. Bealey and Eiling Johnson of Rossland; Robert Jaffray, Toronto; C. Ernest Gaul, W. J. Morrice and Clarence J. McCraig of Montreal.

The company is also operating in the Klondike, and its representative has succeeded in reaching the gold fields this year.

How the Rumor Started. Geo. T. Crane, the president of the Josie company, returned yesterday to Spokane. Mr. Crane says that there is absolutely no truth in the reported deal whereby the Mackintosh syndicate was to purchase the property. Hon. Chas. H. Mackintosh, says Mr. Crane has not made any overtures whatever towards securing the mine, and the evident foundation for the rumor was that he had been negotiating for the West Le Roi Josie. Some one, says Mr. Crane, has evidently confounded this property with the Josie, and hence the rumor for the Mackintosh syndicate's option on the Josie.

The Olga Deal. A controlling interest in the Olga Gold Mining and Milling company, owning the Olga and the X-Ray on Soppie mountain near the Velvet, has been secured by a Dutch syndicate headed by F. W. Rolt of Rossland and F. R. Ininger and Smith Ely of Spokane, at a figure understood to be based on a valuation of \$22,000 for the property. A small force will be put to work at once.

That Great Western Deal. A special meeting of the Great Western Mining company will be held at 8 p. m., on December 27, to consider the proposition of selling the assets of the company. The meeting will be held in the office of Daly & Hamilton, in this city.

A REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Hunter Bros. and E. S. Wallace Purchase the Stuss Block.

One of the biggest real estate deals consummated this fall has just been completed, whereby the Stuss block passed into the hands of H. S. Wallace and Hunter Bros. The seller was Mrs. A. Stuss and the price paid was \$5,500. The building is the large three-story business house located on the south side of Columbia avenue, near Spokane street, occupied on the ground floor by Mr. Wallace's book and stationery business and the Crescon dry-goods company. Mr. Wallace will remain in his present location, but as soon as the Crescent can vacate its store-room Hunter Bros. will occupy it with their dry-goods department.

The sale, besides indicating the confidence which the purchasers have in the city, demonstrates their satisfaction with the west end of Columbia avenue, where the building is located.

A LARGE PROPOSAL

Ore Reduction Works Within the City Limits.

WILL SPEND A MILLION

City Council Will Be Asked to Make Concessions in Taxes and Water Rights to an English Syndicate Willing to Handle Camp's Product.

It is proposed that ore reduction works, capable of treating 47 ore at a profit and sufficient in size to handle the entire product of the mines of Trail Creek district, shall be erected and in operation in Rossland by next summer.

At a secret session of the city council, held last evening, Thomas G. Elgie, claiming he represented an English syndicate, submitted a proposal by which he agrees to construct ore reduction works, to cost not more than \$1,000,000 and large enough to meet the requirements of the city now and in the future, and promises, in that event, that the water rates shall be materially reduced from the present prices.

Mr. Elgie says he is willing to deposit \$25,000 in the Bank of Montreal as a guarantee that he will commence the construction of his reduction works within 30 days after he has obtained the concessions asked for.

A representative of THE MINER saw Mr. Elgie late last at his residence on First avenue. He was very reticent. Considerable questioning revealed the fact that he intended to formally submit the above described proposal to the city council at its regular session next Tuesday. He met that body last night and outlined his plans in order that the aldermen might better understand the matter when it eventually came up for public discussion. Mr. Elgie says that

he has made all necessary preparations for carrying out his proposals, except to securing a site for the reduction works. The ground selected for the works consists of 45 acres in the vicinity of the E. E. Lee mine. The syndicate is prepared to expend \$1,000,000 if necessary. The works will be ready for operation within six months from the present time, provided the concessions are given.

Mr. Elgie refused to say what process he intends using for the treatment of ores. It is supposed, however, that electricity will be used, or both will be used, and not smelting.

Mr. Elgie has lived in Rossland for some time past and has been engaged at the mining brokerage business. He is generally known to have good financial connections in England, and he has refused to discuss the matter, but appear to favor the proposal.

THE OLDEST MINE.

Non Such Has the Age in the Boundary Country.

GREENWOOD, Nov. 23.—[Special.]—

There appears to be some uncertainty as to whether Smith's camp or Copper camp is the oldest of the Boundary Creek mining camps, in respect of priority of locations. Further inquiry and a reference to the official records together suggest that the statement relied upon as authority for the previous assertion that the first location of a quartz claim on Boundary creek was made in the year 1884, is incorrect. W. T. Smith, after whom Smith's camp was named, himself giving 1886 as the year. Whilst, then, some contend that Smith's camp was the pioneer, others maintain that prospectors who, as stated earlier, came in from the direction of what is now known as Camp McKinney, made the first mineral locations, their discoveries in Copper camp dating from 1886, if not earlier. But whether or not there were locations made in Copper camp prior to that of the old Blue Bird claim, it is certain that none were kept alive, for the transcript of the Osoyoos official records—Osoyoos having been the recording office in those early days—made for Midway when a mining recorder's office was opened in that town, does not show any Copper camp mineral claims to have been in continuous existence from 1886 to the present time, so that if any were located in or before that year they unquestionably were allowed to run out. On the other hand the records do show that the Non Such, in what was latter designated Smith's camp, was recorded in the names of Smith, Mitchell and McElvey on May 7, 1886, and that it has ever since been kept alive.

Non Such the Pioneer Claim. From the foregoing it would appear that the distinction of being the pioneer location, frequently claimed for the Tunnel, also in Smith's camp, is not shown by the official records to belong to that claim, whilst it does appear to attach to the Non Such. Mr. Smith is very positive in his contention that L. M. McCarron and Thos. Jones, who located the Tunnel, first worked on the Non Such and lived with himself and partner in a cabin which they built on Boundary

creek, before McCarron and Jones even came that far up the creek. His account of the circumstances under which the Non Such was located is as follows:

Early in 1886 McElvey and himself, when on their way in from Colville, Wash., to Granite Creek, B. C. (then attracting much notice), stopped over at L. Eholt's camp on the flat now known as the town of Midway. They prospected up Boundary creek beyond the old placer workings, and on for a short distance above the falls. Getting into the neighboring hills they eventually located the Non Such about a mile north of what are now known as Boundary falls. A tunnel was commenced, and later much other prospecting work was done, this having been spread over several years. Other locations followed, and last year the Non Such and three other claims, these forming the present Republic group, passed into the possession of an incorporated mining company.

Perhaps, after all, this question of priority of location is of no particular importance, but it is of interest as being a part of the early history of what will, it is confidently believed, ere long be one of the most important mining districts in the province, the result of the writer's inquiries is here given for the information of others interested and to assist in ascertaining these particulars for themselves.

The Republic Group. The Republic group comprises the Non Such, Republic, Last Chance, and Hidden Treasure claims, all adjoining and owned by the Republic Gold Mining company, capitalized at \$750,000 in \$1 shares, and organized in Spokane about 18 months ago. Among the chief stockholders are W. F. Smith, of Greenwood, and E. J. Roberts and O. D. Mott of the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway company, Spokane, the last named being secretary to the Republic company. No stock has yet been offered to the public, the money expended to date in development, etc., having been supplied by the few men interested in the company.

The main vein in the Non Such is in a slate formation. It is from three to five feet in width, the matrix being quartz and the mineral in it iron pyrites and galena, carrying gold and silver. It is a well-defined lead, traceable for 3,000 feet through both the Non Such and the Republic claims. A small body of 5,200 pounds of this ore gave a return of 16 in gold to the ton and concentrates averaging over \$500, the latter value being in gold and silver. This test was made at a two-stamp mill erected below Boundary falls by the Spokane & Great Northern Mining company, since that time the work has been done on six feet wide. Between that date and October 1, 1,342 tons were shipped and 1,050 tons broken ready for shipment. The value is fairly represented by the average value of the ore shipped—\$28 per ton.

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The 375 level west is also improving. The faces of the two drifts are already 385 feet apart, all in ore bearing ground. I expect that the 375 west will continue for 85 feet and the 375 east for 50 feet; if so, the ore chute on the 375-foot level will be 510 feet long. Ninety tons of ore have already been shipped from these drifts; the rest is on the second-class dump.

The 500-Foot Level. On the 500-foot level at the winze the vein has only been crooked. It is 10 feet wide, and the portion that looks like the paystreak is five feet. The average values were too low to be called ore, going about \$4. Hand samples went up to \$35. I have no doubt that in drifting bodies of shipping ore will be found. The winze is down 270 feet, 23 feet below the 500-foot level. Both it and the 500-foot levels east and west will be pushed.

The 500-foot level east from our extension of the Iron Mask tunnel is 140 feet long, and has encountered a body of quartz ore six feet wide, 50 feet long, and averaging \$15 per ton in gold. The 500-foot level westward from the extension of the Iron Mask is 518 feet long, and has just entered a vein carrying a paystreak 12 inches wide, assaying \$75 in gold. This working is now getting into favorable ground for ore; also where it should strike the Josie vein it is 450 feet further to the winze. A branch, called the south 500 west, has been run south-westerly for 257 feet from this tunnel, to prospect a parallel vein, without finding any ore.

In the Josie Drift. The Josie drift has been run north 63 feet from tunnel No. 2, and has passed into an ore body 50 feet long and 30 inches wide, assaying \$20 in gold per ton. This amount of ore is still in the face. The drift has also been run south 341 feet, and has just struck an ore body 18 inches wide, assaying \$25 in gold. This working is now getting into favorable ground for ore. From the estimate of ore in sight it will be seen that I am able to claim \$722,000 net, an advance of \$237,000 over May 22. Were it desired to ship ore I would put machines stopping in the west raise, the west stope, the No. 1 raise, the 375 east and 375 west. Without any exertion they would each produce 20 tons daily, while I have no doubt that various other openings in the mine would lend their quota.

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A WONDERFUL MINE

Superintendent Hastings' Report on the Great War Eagle.

\$1,105,000 WORTH OF ORE

The Property in a Position to Ship 100 Tons Per Day—Values Are Better Than Ever—The Company's First Annual Meeting Held in Toronto.

The War Eagle Consolidated Mining & Development company held its first annual meeting Tuesday in Toronto, but no business of special importance was transacted. The most interesting feature of the meeting was the report of J. B. Hastings, general manager of the company's properties. The report pointed out that the company is now in shape to ship 100 tons or more of ore daily, and that there is now in sight ore to the value of \$1,105,000, which, less smelting charges, would net \$722,000. The report, which is full of interest, is perhaps the most comprehensive review of its character yet compiled in this camp.

The following is a synopsis of the report:

War Eagle mine: Since May 22, the date of my last report, till October 1, 1,469 1/2 feet of work has been done to prospect the vein, with favorable results; 125 feet of raising and 115 feet of sinking has likewise been accomplished. The finest body of ore discovered was opened up in No. 1 raise, in the ground lying between the old No. 2 and No. 3 stopes above No. 1 tunnel. The virgin area is 120 feet long by 100 feet high. In making the raise about 350 tons of ore was taken out. A large portion of the ore was sold with the west stope ore, but 170 tons sold alone netted \$14.84 per ton. The average mine samples from this working gives a width of five feet and a value of \$24.50 per ton. The No. 2 and the No. 3 chutes were always considered as being connected above tunnel No. 1, but are now shown to be the ends of a continuous ore chute, comprising old No. 2 chute, No. 3 chute and the ground between.

The west stope and the west raise stope are fulfilling all the conditions I pointed out on May 22. The 375 level is now worked, a continuous body of ore six feet wide. Between that date and October 1, 1,342 tons were shipped and 1,050 tons broken ready for shipment. The value is fairly represented by the average value of the ore shipped—\$28 per ton.

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veins are opened 520 feet at their greatest depth, and 1,400 feet on their greatest length. From January 20 to September 20 the following work has been accomplished:

Two thousand three hundred and fifty-four feet of tunneling and drifting at an average cost per foot of \$20.12; 371 feet of raising at an average cost per foot of \$30.33; 175 feet of sinking at an average cost per foot of \$92.29; 4,810,075 tons of ore stoped at an average cost per ton of \$3.25; 1,050 tons of broken ore in stopes ready for shipment; 600 tons of ore produced from headings and shipped, not included in costs; 50 tons produced from headings yet in chutes.

Ore Values. The average gross values contained in War Eagle ore sold since January 20, per ton, was:

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| Gold at \$20.66 per oz. | \$19,733 |
| Silver at \$2.15 per lb. | 1,281 |
| Copper at 10 1/2¢ per lb. | 5,539 |

Average actual market value..... \$27.25
The average direct and indirect smelting charges for the same time were \$14.425 per ton.

The tonnage of the mine, it was shown, had increased from 46.93 tons in 1894 to 5,410.75 tons in 1897.

Ore Reserves. By a careful comparison of the areas now opened by No. 1 raise, No. 1 tunnel, west raise, No. 2 tunnel, winze and 375-foot levels, with those from which the past product of the mine has been obtained, and the output of the small stope in Josie north, the shaft at mouth of No. 2 tunnel and small ore chute in No. 2 east, I consider that a safe estimate of the ore in sight would be 38,000 tons, smelting gross value \$29.10, total \$1,105,000. Probably in extraction a greater tonnage of lower value than this will be produced, but the net results will be the same. The valuation and tonnage is based on the past product of the mine. I do not mean to preclude the possibility of the ground now being opened yielding in excess of estimate. The mine is in an advantageous position for stopping, and while carrying on the present line of development this ore could be placed on cars at the foot of ore bins for \$3.25 per ton, and the total amount extracted in a year.

Yielding Higher Values.

Thirty-eight thousand tons of ore in sight at \$29.10 per ton may be considered as a proportionately high value in comparison with 5,411 tons shipped this year at \$23.01 per ton. I believe that the past shipments were of lower grade because it came from the boundaries of the ore chutes where they pass into barren zones, and from fairly poor levels. The ore estimated in sight is along the No. 1 raise, the west stope, and under the high grade body found on No. 2 tunnel, and in the heart of the west raise or No. 3 chute.

With the high grade ore would be mined at least 10,000 tons of low grade ore, that with low smelting charges would be worth \$10 or more.

An average of 585 assays secured from all localities considered worth stopping showed a gold value of \$15.41. By reflecting the second class ore, and by sorting, this brings the contents to shipping values.

Future Plans.

For the immediate future the present lines of development will be carried on. An enlargement of the compressor plant and hoisting engine will be necessary. This will not be practicable until next spring, when the proposition of a vertical shaft can also be met.

The Richmond Group.

Only the necessary assessment work has been done on these claims. They have been surveyed and application made for a crown grant.

The Crown Point.

I have nothing to add since my report of October 7. In conclusion, Mr. Hastings called the attention of the board of directors to the cheerful and efficient services of John Fitzwilliams, the foreman, and Chas. V. Jenkins, accountant.

Mr. Richards' Proposition Rejected.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Josie Gold Mining company, limited, was held in its office in this city last evening. The meeting lasted from 8 p. m. till 10 o'clock, and the matter principally under consideration was the offer made by Thomas Richards, the English mining expert, to purchase the property. The matter was debated at length, and the decision was arrived at that the Richard proposition be rejected. The officers of the company stated that the work on the property would proceed as usual and that there would be no change of any character in the management. The proposition, in brief, by Mr. Richard was to pay the stockholders \$50,000 in cash and 40 per cent of the stock in the new company, which was to be formed to operate the mine. It was proposed that \$200,000 in cash be placed in the treasury of the new company, to be used in the development of the mine. The new company was to have a capitalization of 200,000 £1 shares. The present shareholders in the Josie were to receive 500,000 shares of a par value of \$500,000.

Royal Gold in Luck.

Among some of the fine samples sent in by the foreman from the Empire group on Grouse mountain, owned by the Royal Gold Mining company, is a beautiful specimen of fine gold about the size of a 10-cent piece. A few other samples have smaller pieces of the precious metal scattered among them that are visible to the naked eye. The samples were taken from the property at a depth of 25 feet. There are three ledges on the same group on one of which free gold was discovered on the surface. The Royal Gold Mining company has kept working continuously on the property for over a year, and still has sufficient money in the treasury to carry on the work during the winter. It is the intention to sink the shaft on the Royal Gold claim, now down 50 feet to a depth of 100 feet, when drifting and stopping will begin on the galena ledge, which has been already pretty thoroughly explored by the prospecting shaft.

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THE SCHOOL HOUSE

The Government Appropriates \$8,000 For Its Construction.

EIGHT ROOM STRUCTURE

Interesting Correspondence - Certain Features of Original Plan Eliminated - Work Will Be in Full Swing on Building in a Few Days.

Roseland is now to have school facilities in keeping with her needs. The promises made by Premier Turner during his recent visit to this city are being kept in a manner that ought to satisfy even the most captious. The sum of \$8,000 has been set aside for the erection of the proposed eight-roomed school-house, and work on it can be commenced without any further delay than the preliminaries of advertising for tenders. This makes a total of \$11,700 that has been appropriated by the government for the school of Roseland within the past few months. The pleasing news that the \$8,000 had been appropriated for the building of the big school house was conveyed in a telegram received by the chairman of the school board Thursday. It was as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 17. C. O. Lalonde, Chairman of the Roseland School Board: You may invite tenders for school on the amended plan. The government will contribute \$8,000, but no more.

There is a little history behind this dispatch that is worth telling, and reveals that this sum was not secured without some effort. Last summer Hon. James Baker, minister of education, visited Roseland and it was explained to him that the school facilities of Roseland were inadequate for the requirements; that there were over 500 scholars here, and that there was but one public school, and that rooms in different parts of the city had to be hired in order to accommodate the children. The minister of education promised to see that the situation was remedied, and said he would give the matter his personal attention when he returned to Victoria. Shortly after his arrival in Victoria he wrote to the Roseland school directors here, explaining that plans for an eight-room school-house, and that the sum of \$8,000 had been appropriated by the government for that purpose. The board at once advertised for plans and specifications for a school of the size mentioned, and when they were made it was evident that a school of the class mentioned could not be constructed for the sum specified. The plans were forwarded with a request that the sum be raised from \$8,000 to \$11,700. To this application the following reply was received:

Hon. James Baker's Response. VICTORIA, Oct. 29. C. O. Lalonde, Esq., School Trustee, Roseland, B. C.

DEAR SIR: With deference containing application to the government for an increase of the appropriation of \$8,000 for the building of the school at Roseland, was laid before the executive committee for their consideration, and I am instructed to reply that the government regrets that it cannot comply with your request, and that the appropriation already granted must not be exceeded. I would point out that the original appropriation was \$4,000; the government increased that to \$8,000. They have also agreed to the expenditure of \$1,500 for the purpose of a site for the school, and also for the purchase of an enlarged site for the second school in Roseland.

Under these circumstances, the government would not be justified in incurring the very large expenditure in addition, which you have demanded. When the appropriations come forward next session, the schools at Roseland will receive consideration, but the government could not promise any amount until that time comes, and you are therefore not authorized to build the schools upon the supposition that there is any promise of the government that the extra money demanded will be forthcoming.

Considering the liberal way in which the government has dealt with the Roseland schools, I think you will agree with me that the course adopted has only been right and just in the interests of the province. I am, dear sir, yours very faithfully, JAMES BAKER, Minister of Education.

The Roseland school board was determined to have that school even if it had to make certain concessions. The government had advised the board that it was willing to appropriate \$1,500 for the building of an addition to the school on Kootenay avenue, and they were willing to do without this addition and to have a wood instead of a stone foundation for the eight-room school, and in all to throw off \$2,202 of the price for white the big building could be constructed for \$9,000, making the lowest possible cost \$7,396.89. This with the addition of \$369.80 for architects fees would bring up the total cost to \$7,766.69. The following letter was prepared at the direction of the board and forwarded to the provincial educational office:

The School Board's Reply. ROSSLAND, Nov. 1. Honorable James Baker, Minister of Education, Victoria: DEAR SIR: Yours of the 29th of October is to hand, and I must say that it was an surprise to note its contents; that we are not to have our school after waiting so long and being so much in need of it, and after being authorized to have plans prepared according to instructions, namely, to best suit the wishes of the trustees, is certainly very disappointing. We have studied all things very carefully and have come to this conclusion: That we are willing to alter our plans in order to make the cost come nearer the amount voted; namely, \$8,000 for the new school and \$1,500 for the addition to the present one; making in all \$7,500. If your department will allow these two sums to be put into the eight-room building and by cutting off from the plans and estimates sent in, namely the heating, the stone foundation, the painting, the excavating and shipyard outside and in attic floor, it would reduce the net cost to the sum of \$7,766.69, we can get along yet awhile without the addition to the present school house; and without the most of what we are cutting off; but we cannot possibly get along without the eight-room school house

The painting can be done next spring. The heating can be put in at any time. We believe that you will receive our amended plans and specifications, particularly when you say we are not to exceed the amount set aside for this purpose. We have ordered our architect to amend plans and specifications, and would like for you to wire us to call for tenders accordingly. By all means let us have a building and at once. The many different buildings we are now using are only summer quarters, and it will soon be impossible to heat them, and will have to discontinue some classes on that account. The question is now a serious one, I can assure you, and we beg of you to look into the matter without further delay. Please wire at once your decision. I am certain this should meet your approval, for it is almost the net amount set aside for this purpose. C. O. LALONDE.

Work Will Soon Begin. The response to the above letter was received Thursday directing the school board to go ahead with the erection of an \$8,000 school house. The board will at once advertise for tenders for the construction of the school, and the work of building it will be in progress within a few weeks at the furthest. The \$12,000 school house would have been better than one of \$8,000, still, under the circumstances, it looks as though the school board has made a fairly good bargain with the Provincial Board of Education.

\$11,700 For Roseland Schools. In addition to the above a letter was received from S. A. Pope, superintendent of education, stating that block 35, first railway addition to Roseland, has been secured as a school site, and a deed for the land had been filed in the lands and works department; that payment in full for the same in the sum of \$1,500 had been made. There are 20 lots in this block, and it will be amply large for the eight-room school, and also for a playground for the scholars.

In the last few months the following appropriations have been secured from the government for the school department of this city to be used in the way of the betterment of grounds and buildings: Price of block 35, \$1,500; eight lots in block 24, for the school on Kootenay avenue, \$2,200; for the construction of the eight-room school building, \$8,000. This makes a total of \$11,700 that has been appropriated by the government for the schools of Roseland in the last few months, and shows how well the promises of Premier Turner have been kept.

Mr. Lalonde Satisfied. C. O. Lalonde, in speaking of the matter Thursday, said he was fully satisfied with the action of the government in the matter of providing for the Roseland schools. While some people might not be pleased, still when the entire matter was taken into consideration and the fact was brought out that the original appropriation was only \$4,000, and that this had been increased to \$11,700, it was about as good as could be expected. While he would have liked very well to have the school building erected according to the original plans and specifications and at the price in the first estimate, he hoped the next session of the legislature would be able to make good these deficiencies in the way of heating, the foundation, the painting, etc., of the eight-room school. With the eight-room school house the accommodations would be ample for the requirements of the 500 scholars of the camp. In case of an increase it could be taken care of by an additional but smaller building of one or two rooms. Anyhow, he was satisfied that the government had done justice to the schools of Roseland.

PLEASANT DANCES

One Given at the Grand Union. The other at the Pacific. There were two pleasant dances Friday evening, the one given at the Grand Union hotel by the proprietor, G. H. Green, while the other was given by Wm. Austin to a small party of friends at the Pacific hotel. Each was as pleasurable an occasion as could be wished for.

The ballroom of the Pacific hotel, where Mr. Austin's dance was given, was prettily decorated for the occasion and the floor was in excellent shape for the dancers. Excellent music was furnished by an orchestra, consisting of Miss Styles, pianist, Mr. Stein, Mr. and Mrs. Maguire, Mr. and Mrs. Squire, Mr. and Mrs. Squires, Messrs. Curry, Dempsey, Squires, Wats, Watson, Wright, Bittancourt, Austin, Moon, Graham, McLean, Rolf, Ward, Creelman, and Geo. Green.

The dance given in the dining room of the Grand Union hotel was the first of a series which the proprietor, G. H. Green, expects to conduct weekly during the winter. It was an invitation affair, under the management of Messrs. Hatzke and Miller. A fine supper was served during the evening. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Sumph, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Hillis, Mr. and Mrs. Alice, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Struve, Misses Schultz, Mackley, McCarty, Messrs. Box, McLoud, McGinnis, Williamson, Wier, Smith, Miller, Hatzke, Lake, Finn, Forrest, Brown, Daniels, Bolice, Murray, Good, Curry, Manfield, Petersen, Burr, Fraser, Morrison, Johnson, Cameron, Singer.

Good music was furnished by Miss Van Schoick and Mr. Sumph. A Card of Thanks. The family of Alex Eastman, who was killed recently by a fall down the shaft of the Le Roi, wishes to express its thanks to the miners employed in the Le Roi, for the kindly sympathy and assistance rendered during the illness and death of Mr. Eastman.

New Freight Schedule. The C. P. R., Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways are arranging a new tariff for eastern freight shipped to Kootenay. F. W. Peters, district freight agent of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Nelson, is now in St. Paul, arranging the rates with J. J. Hill of the Great Northern and President Mellon of the Northern Pacific. They are entering into a solemn compact to cut rates again.

BIG FIRE IN LONDON

Fifteen Million Dollars' Worth of Property Was Destroyed.

40 WAREHOUSES BURNED

All of the Fire Engines in the City Were Called Out-Spectators Numbered Hundreds of Thousands-Thrilling Rescues of Firemen.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—One of the most disastrous fires in London's history since the great conflagration of 1666 broke out in a large block of buildings lining the east side of Aldgate street, and between that thoroughfare and Red Cross street, just after 1 o'clock this afternoon. The flames were fanned by the strong wind and were fed by the highly inflammable stocks of sermums, fancy goods and flimsy dress materials. Descriptions that filled every floor of the six-story building in the old street, consequently the conflagration gained headway with surprising rapidity and was soon far beyond the possibility of being checked by the fire engines which were early on the spot. For four hours and a half the flames had their own way, and it was only after more than 100 engines had worked an hour that the chief of the fire department sent out a signal that the fire was under control. At 11 o'clock tonight the fire is still the scene of great excitement. Fifty engines are playing on the ruins, wagons are hurrying up, and tons of water pouring upon the fiery debris. Thousands of people are trying to penetrate the cordon maintained by thousands of policemen. The engines were reinforced at 5 o'clock, when the outbreak led Commander Wells to make a requisition for more engines to maintain the fire brigade for several days, especially in view of the grave danger of the collapse of buildings, which fall now and again with loud reports.

The Loss Is \$15,000,000. The latest accounts indicate nearly a hundred warehouses destroyed, while the loss probably will exceed \$5,000,000, or \$15,000,000. The historic church of St. Dunstons, which was much damaged by the principal damage being the roof, the old windows, the baptismal font and the Milton statue. Hansel street was the scene of the outbreak of the fire, which was caused by an explosion in connection with a gas engine on the premises of Walter Brown & Co., mantle manufacturers, No. 30 of that thoroughfare. The building was crowded with girls when the fire broke out, and instantly a scene of panic ensued, the girls rushing to the roof of the building and thence crossing to the other buildings and so effecting their escape. In less than a quarter of an hour the flames enveloped the adjoining warehouses and thence leaped across the street to a tin can factory, which was ten minutes. By this time it was evident to the firemen that there was to be a disaster and a general alarm was sent out.

Engines Massed at the Fire. Then from all the stations, even those quite a few miles from the scene, the engines hurried to the spot and the police gathered in great force. The display of strength on the part of the police was required, as the crowd was swelling, and the firemen were unable to get close to the fire. Owing to the narrowness of the old, crooked streets, which are a feature of that part of London, the combined efforts of the police were necessary to give the firemen a chance to confine the outbreak.

The excitement among the onlookers was great, as may be judged from the fact that firemen had to be repeatedly rescued from the crowds which had caught sight of the flames on adjoining structures. In spite of the exertions of the firemen the fire crept steadily on until New Square at the far end of Hansel street was reached.

Water Had Little Effect. A little after 2 o'clock a dozen hoses and pipes, each with a 12-foot spread, poured water into the blaze without effect. The water rushed out of the windows and to the ground like a waterfall, while the flames leaped higher and higher, the floor of the building was completely gutted and the walls fell. The confusion in the streets increased as the fire spread. Suddenly there was an explosion of gas, sounding like the firing of a gun, followed by a momentary hush. After that the wild rushing here and there was resumed with increased energy. Men risked their lives to save the day ledges, few, few, valuable masses of humanity were actually snatched from life to fetch his hat and cane. Several firemen were almost buried in the falling ruins, as front after front of flaming warehouses fell in, hurrying tons of brick and mortar and cutting fire-streets and bursting and cutting fire-streets in all directions, while tons of fiery matter was falling in every direction, making it impossible to foresee where the conflagration would stop, and after roof caught in the succession, and the window frames all about the scene began to smoke.

Hundreds of Thousands Present. As the day wore on the dense crowds still further enlarged until it is estimated that many hundreds thousands of people surrounded the big fire. These constantly pressed back by the police as the area of the fire-swept spot increased. By dusk the picture presented was extremely brilliant. Four streets were blazing on both sides. There was an unusual delay of 20 minutes before the first engine appeared and then the fearful dimension of the fire was made apparent and it was decided to circulate the fire call throughout the whole metropolitan district. At 8 o'clock this evening the fire is reported to be under control.

A FINE COLLECTION

An Unrivalled Cabinet of Minerals Gathered by E. W. Liljegan. E. W. Liljegan, mining engineer, has just completed what is one of the most interesting and complete geological collections in the province. It comprises between 600 and 700 specimens, either

Wild Horse Gold Mining Company

(LIMITED LIABILITY.)

ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CAPITAL STOCK - - - - - 2,000,000 SHARES.

TREASURY STOCK - - - - - 700,000 SHARES.

OFFICERS: R. A. DICKSON, ESQ. J. S. CLUTE, ESQ. JOSEPH B. DABNEY, ESQ. J. L. PARKER, Esq., Mining Engineer.

The properties comprise seven gold and silver bearing claims, viz: the Molly F. Big 2, Nebraska Girl, M. E. F., Red Lion, Whale and Commonwealth, situated on Wild Horse, Porcupine, Bear and Quartz creeks, which empty into the Salmon river, distant on an air line about 30 miles from Rossland, in the West Kootenay District, British Columbia, and within a radius of four miles of Ymir station on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Rail Road.

These properties are not isolated, but in the immediate vicinity and surrounded by such properties of known value as the Dundee, Black Cock, Tamarac and Tennessee. A considerable amount of work has been done on each of the properties belonging to this company and without exception every one shows up remarkably well. On the Nebraska Girl a splendid ore body has been found and a tunnel is now being driven in on the lead where a depth of 350 feet will be attained. The latest assay gotten from ore taken from this tunnel runs \$74.68.

These properties were passed upon by Mr. J. L. Parker, the mining engineer who passed upon the Dundee property and under whose superintendence it has shown up so well that the stock has advanced from 10 to 50 cents per share, and we may add that he also passed upon the Keystone, the shares of which have doubled in value within a short time.

Mr. J. L. Parker has accepted the position of General Manager of the Wild Horse Gold Mining company, and all its work will be carried on under his direction.

This is essentially and strictly a working company, and we have every reason to believe that, by careful and judicious management and expenditure of money in opening up the property, gratifying results will be achieved, and the property made a dividend payer within a reasonable length of time.

All the promoters' shares have, by agreement, been pooled indefinitely and consequently cannot come into competition with the treasury shares until the mine is on a paying basis, and none will be sold except treasury stock for development purposes and the putting in of machinery.

The Wild Horse Gold Mining company has 700,000 shares of Treasury Stock. It is our aim, and we believe we can make the work of the company a grand success. The work of opening up and developing the property is going steadily ahead and will be pushed vigorously.

For the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on the work, the company has decided to offer for sale a limited number of shares. Statements will be sent from time to time to every shareholder giving full information in regard to the condition and progress of the business.

WILD HORSE GOLD MINING COMPANY, ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Box 753.

A BIG CONVENIENCE

Double Mail Service Daily Between Here and Nelson. The Postal Inspector For This District Discusses the Mail Service - Time Reduced From the Coast - Changes Went Into Effect Monday.

E. H. Fletcher, postal inspector for this district, is in Rossland looking after the interests of the postoffice department. Mr. Fletcher announces that on Monday next a double daily mail service will go into effect between here and Nelson.

One mail will leave Rossland at noon over the Red Mountain and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railways, via Northport. The other will go via the Columbia & Western, leaving here at 6 p. m., and arriving at Nelson at 10:30 p. m. Returning, a local train leaves Rossland at 3:45 p. m., and reaches Trail at 5 p. m. At Trail a local train leaves for Rossland at 2 p. m. and arrives here at 3:15 p. m.

IT WAS A DRAW. Winsor and Smith Do Some Clever Boxing at the International. There was a clever 10-round set-to Friday night at the International between Fred Winsor and Billy Smith. Both were lively youngsters, and put up a spirited contest, but honors were about even, and the referee called it a draw.

Winsor was known from a six-round match which he fought recently with Cecil Baccroft, but Smith was a stranger to the local ring. Winsor had the best of it in size, but he was surpassed by his opponent in point of coolness and hand hitting. The International was filled with a crowd that took up even all the standing room, and both the boys had plenty of adherents who lost no opportunity of boosting about their favorite whenever a chance occurred.

The contest was refereed by Tom Whalen, and Ed Muelner was time-keeper. The first five rounds, while lively enough at times, were not equal in point of interest to the latter half of the contest, when the boys had warmed up and their work. Winsor showed considerable less nervousness than in his former contest, and was as clever as ever in his ducking. That same trick of ducking stood him in good stead, as it saved him some hard blows aimed straight at his way by Smith. The latter was quite cool throughout the whole contest, and came out of it in nearly as good shape as when he went in.

In the eighth and ninth rounds there was some good work done, but it was in the closing round, however, that the two settled down to hard, swift fighting. Winsor, who had been on the defensive most of the evening, suddenly changed his tactics and rushed his opponent repeatedly, with such good result that he had him repeatedly against the ropes. The two were fighting with a vim, and clinched almost as rapidly as they could be pulled apart by the referee. Smith got in several hard face blows, and nearly had his man faded several times, but Winsor always recovered and jumped into the fight again with a vim. They were still playing give-and-take in rapid fashion when time was called, and the referee decided the contest a draw.

St. Andrew's Dinner. St. Andrew's society will give its annual dinner on the 30th of the month at Escalot's cafe. Plates will be laid only for 80, and those wishing to attend are requested to secure tickets as early as possible from John Ferguson McCrae, the secretary.

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FRIDAY'S FIRE.

With the exception of the great fire of 1866, the conflagration in London Friday was the most disastrous ever known in the history of the great metropolis.

The fire of 231 years ago was the termination of a series of calamities in London, the like of which has seldom, if ever, been the ill fortune of a city to experience.

The war alluded to was a struggle between the English and the Dutch, which resulted in England wresting New Amsterdam, now known as New York, from her enemy.

Middle ages. Within six months 100,000 of the population perished. The panic-stricken people fled from the place, and grass grew in the principal thoroughfares.

The plague was followed the next year by a great fire, which destroyed 13,000 houses, and a vast number of churches and public buildings.

The scene of Friday's fire is one of the most congested districts of London. The streets there are winding and narrow.

A NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

A decidedly novel experiment is at present being carried on with the authority and at the expense of the State of New York. A monkey is being used as a subject for solving the great question whether alcohol is a poison or not.

So far as the experiment has proceeded, it has shown that the monkey has become a willing victim, and has duplicated, even to delirium tremens, all the worst features of excessive indulgence by human beings in intoxicating liquors.

THE BATTLE OF THE PRESS.

There's not much brotherly love lost between the Toronto press. The Telegram and the Globe are at each other's throats.

The World despises the News and the News hates the World.

The Mail daily misrepresents the Globe, and the Globe has frequently to rebuke the Mail.

The News, because it is a branch of the Mail, sneers at the Globe, abuses the Telegram because of its financial success, and roasts the World because the World used to throw brickbats at the "Pulpotower."

No harmony doesn't prevail among the Toronto daily newspapers.

A SERIOUS MATTER.

The recent great conflagration in London should be a warning to the people of Rossland that the costly experience of the metropolis may be repeated here at any moment on a smaller scale. If a fire should get such a headway in a place provided with all the modern appliances for fighting fire how much greater are chances of a destructive blaze here where only the most primitive of fire apparatus is available.

It seems that a portion of the fire-fighting apparatus is to be allowed to sink into innocuous desuetude during the cold weather. The chemical engine tanks have been emptied in order to prevent the chemical charge that they contain from freezing during the cold spells that are now due.

ALL Canadians will agree with Sir Charles Tupper when he says that the question of great importance in connection with the Yukon is the prompt establishment of an all-Canadian route independent of the difficulties and obstructions placed in the way at Dyea and Skagway.

tion stands it is not a pleasant one to contemplate, and neither the citizens nor the city council can afford to neglect any reasonable precaution that can be taken to prevent fires.

REAL PROSPERITY.

The fashion last summer among the rivals of this camp was to say "That the bottom had fallen out of Rossland." This saying was taken up by some wiseacres and pessimists and was so often repeated that not a few began to believe that there might be a grain of truth in the statement.

It Starts Up After a Shut-Down of Two Weeks. NELSON, Nov. 17.—[Special]—The big copper furnace of the Hall Mines smelter will blow in tomorrow morning after having been shut down two weeks for repairs.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WHERE is the smelter that the O. P. R. promised to build at Robson?

THE Rossland stock market is improving steadily. Eastern and English investors are daily ordering large blocks of mining stocks from local brokers.

THERE is absolutely no truth in the rumor that Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, is to take over the editorial control of this paper on the expiration of his term of office.

IN view of the fact that the C. P. R. has not sufficient enterprise to commence the erection of a smelter at Robson without further delay, that company might agree to deliver Slocan ores at the Columbia river for less than \$10 per ton. If the C. P. R. would only do this, a silver-lead smelter might be erected at Trail and a market created for the low grade pyrrhotites of Rossland.

PROBABLY not one person in a thousand knows just why leaves change their color in the fall. The green matter in the tissues of a leaf is composed of two colors—red and blue.

FIRE AT NELSON.

THE West Kootenay Laundry Burned—Loss, \$5,500. NELSON, Nov. 20.—[Special]—The West Kootenay laundry, owned by Messrs. Cleland & Gibson, burned this morning.

COMMENTING upon the recent New York elections William Jennings Bryan says: "Perhaps our opponents will now admit that silver is not dead."

The marriage of Miss Gertrude C. R. Donnelly and Mark Brooks was solemnized on Thursday evening, Rev. Father Rivers officiating. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride on Spokane street, near Columbia avenue.

DR CHASE'S SOOTHES THE THROAT. QUIETS THE COUGH. ALLAYS INFLAMMATION OF THE LUNGS AND BRONCHIAL TUBES.

MR. CHAS. BAILEY, of Close Ave., Toronto, and Manager celebrated Jessop Works, Manchester, Eng., says: "As a quick cough cure for family use, I consider Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed Turpentine the most wonderful medicine I have ever used."

his opinion, does not exist in a criticism which was honestly intended and yet contained some inaccuracies. The journalist has a duty to perform, and Lord Russell believes in having him perform it.

ONE of the famous yarns so dear to Yankee jingoes, and incorporated in many of their histories, that Commodore Perry, after his Lake Erie victory in the war of 1812-14, sent to the secretary of the United States navy notice of the result in the words: "We have met the enemy and they are ours," has turned out to be a fiction.

HALL MINES SMELTER.

NELSON, Nov. 17.—[Special]—The big copper furnace of the Hall Mines smelter will blow in tomorrow morning after having been shut down two weeks for repairs. During the interval everything has been thoroughly overhauled and a new foundation has been put in for the engine.

It is unofficially announced that the Hall Mines, limited, will declare its long talked of first dividend to the ordinary shareholders within a very short time.

THE lead furnace is almost completed and will be ready to use in a few days. It will not be blown in, however, until after the Slocan River bridge is completed.

THE Tupper Fraction mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, where located: East of Sheep Creek. Take notice that I. J. F. Ritchie, acting as agent for Sir Charles Tupper, free miner's certificate No. 5,234 and Caldwell Ashworth, free miner's certificate No. 5,235, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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NOTICE. E. V. Debs mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, where located: South of the Boice mineral claim, lot 1,340, group 1. Take notice that I. J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Wm. Murphy, free miner's certificate No. 8,835, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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Shipments of Ore. From January 1 to November 25, inclusive, the shipments of ore from mines at Rossland to smelters were as follows:

Table with columns: Mine, Tons. Le Roi, 51,477; War Eagle, 6,578; Columbia & Kootenay, 2,824; Iron Mask, 3,390; Jumbo, 81; Cliff, 87; Centre Star, 1,214; Red Mountain, 1,214; O. K., 172; Evening Star, 21; Giant, 10; I. X. L., 10; Velvet, 10; Little Joe, 10; Poorman, 10.

THE ELGIE PROPOSITION. The proposition of Thomas Gossage Elgie to the city is a remarkable one in more ways than one.

What does he offer in return for these privileges and immunities? Mr. Elgie says as a compensation for the city's kindness to him he will erect a plant for the reduction of ores that will cost, if necessary, \$1,000,000.

There is an indefiniteness about the whole proposition that strikes everyone who hears it. In the first place, he does not even tell the council anything about the process by which he intends to reduce the ores of the camp so cheaply.

Mr. Elgie should also tell the public to what extent he intends to extend the water system. This city is one that is destined to grow much larger than its present proportions.

As in fact the whole scheme, as presented by Mr. Elgie, is so vague that it looks to us as though it should not for a moment be entertained until a clearer and more coherent statement has been presented.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. The Trail Creek News is the authority for the statement that the British Columbia Smelting & Refining company is

preparing to erect a lead stack at Trail. It is to be hoped that the News speaks authoritatively, although it is impossible to understand what inducement exists for even that enterprising company to treat Slocan ores so long as the C. P. R. demands such a preposterously high freight rate from Sandton to the Columbia river.

INDIGNANT DISAPPROVAL. The recently expressed antagonism of the Toronto to Globe the granting of a subsidy of \$8,000 a mile for the construction of a railway from the Columbia river to Peniticon, has been received by the Provincial press—Liberal and Conservative alike—with a shout of indignant disapproval.

BOUNDARY'S JONAH. Donald Graham, M. P. P. for South Yale, received a well merited "roast" in the last issue of the Grand Forks Miner.

THE ELGIE DEAL. The proposition of T. G. Elgie will soon come before the joint meeting of the city council and the board of trade for consideration.

Hard Work Brought on a Severe Illness. Nervous Prostration, Dizziness and Extreme Weakness—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Came to Her Rescue.

MARKET FEATURES. The Monte Cristo stock on this market has been about all picked up.

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THE STOCK MARKET. Buyers From London Here After Big Properties.

POORMAN IS GOING UP. The Fact That the Great Western Is About to Consider Another Proposition to Sell Has Created a Demand for Its Stock—The Other Favorites.

The stockmarket keeps widening out and growing, and is today in better condition than it has been during the present year.

Among the stocks that were dealt in largely during the past few days was the Poorman. The shipment of 90 tons of ore that was made from this property gave a return of \$15 per ton after paying the cost of mining, transportation and treatment.

It is evident that the Great Western will ultimately be sold, notwithstanding the flake made of the attempt to dispose of it to the syndicate represented by Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh.

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THE STOCK MARKET. Buyers From London Here After Big Properties.

POORMAN IS GOING UP. The Fact That the Great Western Is About to Consider Another Proposition to Sell Has Created a Demand for Its Stock—The Other Favorites.

The stockmarket keeps widening out and growing, and is today in better condition than it has been during the present year.

Among the stocks that were dealt in largely during the past few days was the Poorman. The shipment of 90 tons of ore that was made from this property gave a return of \$15 per ton after paying the cost of mining, transportation and treatment.

It is evident that the Great Western will ultimately be sold, notwithstanding the flake made of the attempt to dispose of it to the syndicate represented by Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh.

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Forty Feet in Width. All of this is not shipping ore, but that portion which will not ship at a profit will concentrate at a profit. From one three-foot section of this great ledge we have had an

Assay of \$180 in Gold and 520 ozs Silver and the general average of the same section, obtained from many samples, is \$109.50 in gold and silver.

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MINING NOTES. The Iron Mask, which has been saving ore for several days past, made a shipment of 90 tons Thursday. It is likely that regular shipments of from 60 to 75 tons weekly will be made hereafter.

During the past few days D. Birks has placed in the London market several blocks of the standard grade of this camp, among which were: 10,000 shares Canadian Goldfields, 10,000 shares Winipic & Eureka, and 8,000 shares Josie.

C. E. Barr, one of the principal owners of the Great Western, is back from a business trip to Spokane. The Great Western has been temporarily closed down pending the completion of negotiations for the sale now under way, but a small force in charge of the property, keeping the shaft free from water, and placing things in shape so that operations can be resumed at any time.

William E. Hall, Jr., late of Butte, has accepted a position as assayer and chemist with the Iron Mask. Mr. Hall is the son of Captain Hall of the Le Roi and brother of Samuel Hall, superintendent of the Iron Mask.

The appeal taken by the Iron Mask from Justice Walker's decision in the Centre Star-Iron Mask case, has been adjourned indefinitely.

James Jones is back from the Christina lake country. A surface assay from the London Prize, which he is working, returned \$24.

Work was begun yesterday hauling ore from the Lily May to the Columbia & Western siding near the Homestake, where it will be shipped to the Trail smelter for treatment.

R. R. Burrows, who is operating the Roanoke on Wild Horse, is in the city. The Roanoke has a quartz ledge about 38 inches wide, and the pay streak carrying galena, is about 20 inches wide. A recent assay gave values of \$48.09, including 56 per cent lead. The claim is owned by Messrs. R. R. and H. T. Burrows.

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SUNSET'S DEEP SHAFT

It Will Be Sunk at Once on the Ledere-The Deer Park Again Working-The Ore Shipments Show a Material Increase.

From Sunday's Daily. The South belt is showing up especially well of late, and the announcement is made that the Lilly May will make its first shipment this week.

The controversy between the Centre Star and the Iron Mask over the possession of a ledge will be heard tomorrow at Victoria before the full bench of the supreme court.

The Umattilla Group. Thron Umattilla, the superintendent of the Umattilla group, comprising the Bannock, the Umattilla and the Blackfoot, was in town yesterday.

The Sunset No. 2. The main tunnel is nearing the shaft; it is thought that the connection will be made about Tuesday next.

The Lily May. The Lily May, which has been going forward lately with excellent results, expects to make its first shipments this week.

The Deer Park. Work underground on the Deer Park was resumed on Friday last under the supervision of C. F. Smith.

The Evening Star. The crosscut from the upper level is being continued to catch the shaft, which it is believed will be met this week.

The Ethel Group. John and William Cumming have just returned from the Ethel group, on Murphy creek, where they were engaged prospecting the Iron King.

000 tons, the output for last week having brought the total up to 51,477 tons. This is an average of over 1,100 tons per week.

The Iron Colt. Operations are in progress in both drifts at the 375-foot level. The shaft, which is being sunk from the 500-foot level, is being continued, and a large station is being cut out at the 500-foot level to facilitate progress.

The Cliff. Owing to the snow operations have been suspended on the surface workings of the Cliff. They continued to show up well. Work is now being undertaken in the upper tunnel, beneath the surface workings which were formerly opened up.

The Velvet. The compressor plant machinery is on the ground and will soon be put in position by the engineer for the Ingersoll-Sergeant company.

The Mountain View. The Mountain View, which is being developed under the supervision of Captain Wm. Hall, is showing up admirably. The new tunnel is now in about 67 feet, and is in a good body of mineralized rock.

The Centre Star. Work is progressing along the usual lines. Preparations are being made for winter, and a covered trackway has been constructed to connect the tunnel with the ore bins.

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J. L. Parker Has Some of the Ore From the Recent Strike on the Jubilee-Late News From the Glen-Robinson Camp and Other Notes.

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The Virginia. Operations have been commenced on the double-compartment shaft which is being sunk on the property.

The Monte Cristo. A full force of men is at work on the Monte Cristo, and some good ore bodies are being opened up.

The Colonna. The Colonna, which is being opened up in connection with the Monte Cristo, is showing up very satisfactorily.

The Abe Lincoln. The shaft on the Abe Lincoln is being deepened. Some good mineralized rock is met with.

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OUR LONDON

Few Changes in Prices Columbia Stock

THE HALL MINES

British Columbia Lost a in the Late Barney Others Are Rallying to The Duncan Company

London Office, Rossland, 105 Bishopgate. LONDON, Nov. 25.—[Special in prices have been by port. Hall Mines are on the uncertainty as to shortly expected on the Klondike-Columbia Gold better today on the introduction of the second offering, the Dominion Trading Corporation capital \$200,000. On the British Columbia, Hon. C. O. Pooley and Joseph figure. Vancouver Syndicate and dull and people were pleased at the want of luck at the meeting. There is dealing in these. Klondike (N. W.) maintain their they have been by some of the papers character of their property. Devels' are firm, but Du quiet at about is. 6d. lately has been the number by big firms about a hear a rumor this afternoon Peyton and United States Turner have arrived, but firm it.

Lost a Support in B In the London Stock growth of interest in Brit is steady and continuous, larly ostentatious. Brit lost a prominent supporter nato, but Whitaker W. Govan, W. H. Jewell, and it, even the great Horatio gathered round the stand expected to do yeoman rying it to the front. Among other "House" in British Columbia doing tion C. Schreder, W. G. W. Carden & Co., J. De' ley & Co., Mr. Gill, T. Y. Schwab & Co. and Lumsd The long expected Dun is out at last, and has asst of materality with aln hagio, it having simultane own prospects launched the of its first child, the Queen etary. As there is a Quee West Australian market it other title was not chosen. The Stock Marke Following are today's q the stock market: B. C. Devels. London & B. C. Goldfields. B. C. Development. Founders. New Goldfields of B. C. Tupper's. Vancouver Syndicate. Fairview. Dundie. Galena. Klondike-Columbia Goldfields. Klondike Min'g, Trdg' & Tran. Klondike-Columbia Gold Mines Recordia Syndicate. Klondike Yukon & Stewart. New Fraser River. Deferred.

ROAD FOR PORT S The C. P. R. Concludes t It Out in the O M. J. Haney, chief of co the Crown's Nest branch of Pacific Railway is authority ment that Fort Steele w connection with the Crow's It will be in the shape of from the Crown's Nest bra been supposed that Fort St given the cold shoulder of the C. P. R., but it was d important a point to be t and hence it was determin little consideration. This is announcement that would be built was mad Haney a few days ago a municated to the people of by P. G. Nash, assistant su of construction, shortly af business that it would begi the work of locat within a week. He could actly where the line would that would be a matte for the engineers to att construction would low rapidly as possible. It is to continue the construc branch up the valley to an North Star and Sullivan m would furnish fully a day for shipment. Room connected with them. For the C. P. R. desires con them at the earliest possi The Fort Steele Propector of the Railway situation hang to say: "There is a large traffic in for a road from Fort Stee Mary's river. As is well kn is now being applied for, f from this place to the Su and this movement it is sh pected is being made under Great Northern railway event, if the C. P. R. ough at Fort Steele the w business that of an indepe way up the St. Mary's w the Kootenay river, and w the hands of the Great Jennings, Mont. The Gre now building a boat at Jenn this traffic at Fort Steele, a possible way it can be head the C. P. R. itself building, the St. Mary's and catch what trade it can from the "The Canadian Pacific has a very unpleasant experie Northern competition in W and under circumstances a cal with those which would Great Northern should "st and get in ahead of the C. Mary's river. The Kaslo & way, 30 miles long, was Great Northern people wh

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THE LEGAL DRAWBACKS

A Race for the Comstock Mine That Is as Interesting as the Thrilling Chariot Race in Ben Hur—McCool Won Race, But Lost in the Courts.

P. A. O'Farrell writes the following letter from Nelson, Wash., to his newspaper syndicate:

Nelson is located at the junction of Fourth of July creek and Kettle river. Built on the reservation a few hundred yards from the boundary line of British Columbia, one sees here in miniature all the evils of the conditions now existing in the Colville reservation. Nelson is an ideal townsite. It is on the banks of a lovely river and at the confluence of three valleys, but every one of the six or seven hundred people who live at Nelson are violating the law by endeavoring to build a new city and make themselves a home therein. In fact, the townsite itself is obtained by fraud. Only on a mining claim is a white man permitted to build himself a shack or a cabin or a home, and the whole of Nelson is staked out in placer mining claims. I need not say that if the ground on which Nelson stands was to be mined a thousand years there would not be gold enough saved to pay for 10 per cent of the farm-same ground were a cultivated farm.

Gold is found everywhere in this country. There is not a cubic foot of alluvial deposit in the Kettle river valley in which gold dust cannot be found. But it is not there in paying quantities, and not a man takes up a placer claim on the Colville reservation except for the purpose of defrauding the government. Be it, however, remembered that the fraud seems necessary, and "necessitas non legem habet." All over the reserve thousands of men are drilling away at the rocks, striving to win the gold concealed in the quartz lodes. These men are big consumers and so are their families, and towns must grow up to supply their wants. Nelson is such a town. Yet only by locating a placer claim could one of these people secure a right to shelter himself beneath a roof. This is anomalous and even hateful.

Plenty of fine timber. There is a great quantity of fine timber on the reservation. But no white man can cut or haul it except for mining purposes on his own mining claim. Hence vast numbers of mining claims are located for the purpose of procuring the right to cut logs for a cabin, or, in other words, to steal the timber. In fact, illegality and fraud and stupidity reign supreme on the Colville reservation. In stating these facts I make no complaint against the people living on the reserve; I merely point out the gross stupidity of not opening the reserve in a proper manner.

Only a white man who weds a squaw has any rights. The squaw man farm the land in the northwest; he can graze his cattle on a thousand hills; he can cut and hew the forest; he can sow and reap, and plant and prune, and fish and shoot. But no white man can do this unless he makes the daughter of the red man his wife.

But there are only a few hundred squaws on the reserve altogether, and the young ones are being too carefully educated and trained by the Sisters at the Mission to marry the adventurers who would wed them for gain. There is another serious evil that needs the immediate attention of the government. Bad whisky is being smuggled into the various mining camps and the smuggled whisky is brought there principally by the half-breed Indian. I met one at Eureka camp who had brought a ten-gallon keg across the Indian trails, and the same fellow has been plying his trade ever since the opening of the reservation. Nelson, of course, has no liquor stores, but a few hundred yards away on the Canadian side a canny Scotchman runs a hotel and liquor store, and thither the illicitly imported whisky is brought, and the typical prospector enticing his friends across the line just to have "a wee drop" with the Scotch hotel keeper.

Are Only a Few Indians. I am afraid that both Congress and the executive have the crudest ideas about the Colville reserve. There are but 70 or 80 scores of Indians all told, and yet the reserve is equal to an imperial province in size. It is larger than several of the New England states. It is exceedingly mountainous, the hills are mountains in fact, hundreds of fertile valleys, where nature is prolific in her fruitfulness. The Indians are rich in stock and cattle, and their grain fields and gardens and orchards are a thorough surprise to the traveler. Moreover, since the coming of the miner the Colville Indian is reaping a harvest of gold. The peaches and the plums and the prunes and the pears that formerly rotted in his orchards or were fed to hogs now find a ready market. During the winter he sells his wool to the miner at \$50 a ton, and the miner cannot protect himself, because if he does not buy from the Indian he has to procure it in Canada and pay duty and excessive freight. The miner is really a heaven-sent benefactor to the Indian. With the miner's advent has come enterprise, competition and emulation among the Indian farmers. Greed has infused a new life among these red men, and I would not be at all surprised to see the few Colvilles now left eventually transformed into good American citizens. But above all things the reserve ought to be opened for settlement as rapidly as possible. The south half must be opened for mineral rights, and at the same time the whole should be opened to settlement. The fraud and chicanery that is now being practised by good men in order to procure a piece of land on which to build a home is in itself disgraceful. The stealing of government timber, the cheating of the revenue laws, the numerous disadvantages that the working miner is placed under by the provisions of the law are all sledgehammer arguments bidding Congress and the president to

put an end to the disgusting conditions existing on the Colville reservation.

La Fleur Mountain. On the right bank of the Kettle river, overlooking the town of Nelson, is La Fleur mountain. I strongly suspect that the French missionaries bestowed this appellation on the mountain in admiration caused by the countless wild flowers that carpet these mountains in the early bloom of summer. The La Fleur mountain is not well wooded, but the finest bunch grass and the loveliest wild flowers are everywhere.

On the side of the mountain is the Comstock. The Comstock has the richest copper ore to be found in the entire Kettle river country. All of the ore taken out of the shaft so far will average over 80 per cent in copper and the mine bids fair to be phenomenal. But this property has already given rise to more heart-burnings and more uncharitable-ness than all the mining claims in the state of Washington. For ten years prior to the opening of the reserve Hugh McCool and William Hughes had been aware of the value of the Comstock. Hugh McCool, an Irishman by birth, had lived for a quarter of a century on friendly terms with the Colville and Okanogan Indians. With them he had traded horses and employed them as carriers, and, being himself a man of most upright and honorable character, he had long since won the respect and even love of the Indian. And from the Indian Hugh McCool learned of the Comstock, tested it for values, and resolved that when the reservation was opened he would make a race for life to own it.

Took a Position as Collector. Meanwhile the hard times came and Hugh had to take a position as deputy collector of customs at Marcus. He owed his appointment to Collector Sanders, Martin Maloney and other leading Democrats. In the lightness of his heart Hugh McCool told one of these democratic leaders of the existence of this rich prospect and his hopes in regard thereto. From him the chiefs of the Democratic wigwam heard of the Comstock and they prepared to declare themselves in. Finally 17 of the leading Democratic office holders secured an equal interest with McCool. This band raised some money and sent one of the principals to Washington to aid in opening the reserve.

McCool had been promised a ninth interest in the property and the first news of the signing of the proclamation opening the reserve. Needless to say he received a great deal more than he expected. He was named as one of the principals for Washington state was one of the fellows that, by ways that were dark and tricks that were not vain, had counted themselves in on the Comstock. But the same gentleman also thought of his interest with Hugh was too small, so he created a syndicate in Spokane to equip an expedition which would filch the Comstock from Hugh McCool. In fact, Mr. Cleveland's office holders in those days were more than ready to grab the property on official duty, and Judge Brinker was the worst of all. For he did not try to gain in the way opened to every citizen, but by means of the chicanery of the law. When the Brinker expedition found the Comstock it had already been located three weeks before under the supervision of Hugh McCool. This was prior to Mr. Cleveland's proclamation, and under a decision of Judge Hanford, declaring the reservation open.

Priority of location, however, did not deter the Brinker crowd, and they claimed the property as the La Fleur. They laid, of course, as much right to it as pirates to the plunder of a treasure ship, but they were all learned in the law, and they were all in all its tricks, and in Judge Hanford's court they demanded an injunction forbidding Hugh McCool and his associate, William Hughes, from touching a pound of the ore taken from this claim, which had been watching and waiting for 10 years.

Hanford Granted the Injunction. To the surprise and horror of every one who knew the facts, Judge Hanford granted this injunction. He permitted the pirates to go upon the ground to loot the mine at their pleasure, and the real discoverers, the real locators, were quietly to stand by while this was done. It is true that the injunction was asked for by the district attorney who served in Judge Hanford's court for four years, and that the decision was sweeter than honey and the honeycomb to him. But could not Judge Hanford tell the difference between fraud and honesty, between truth and falsehood? In this instance he scouted truth and honesty out of court and gave his countenance to chicanery and fraud. Meanwhile President Cleveland had declared the reservation open, and Hugh McCool was waiting at Marcus for the news. The Comstock was 52 miles away, and Hugh had relays of horses to carry him over the road with the speed of lightning.

An Interesting Race. Mark Gilliam received the news of Mr. Cleveland's opening order first, and he was off and ferried across the river before McCool got word. But McCool was soon in hot pursuit. Gilliam is a splendid horseman, and heaped over the hills and mountains along the Kettle river valley with the speed of a gazelle, for he knew that if he reached the Comstock first he would gain more than a king's ransom, and he raced that 52 miles with the endurance of one of Dumas' demigods. But he knew only too well that behind him was a man of iron nerve, a man who would win the prize or die. To be sure he had the start, but McCool knew every inch of the road, and when the shades of night would fall McCool's chances would be doubled. Meanwhile McCool had crossed the ferry, mounted his horse and with set teeth and iron resolve, set out in pursuit of Gilliam. It was for more than a king's ransom to him. His manhood was at stake, and all the blood of the heroic clan which descended through McCool's veins was on fire. Up hill and down dale, across river and ravine, through the open glade and the thick forest, chased McCool, with Gilliam way ahead. But the latest seemed against him, for before he reached his first relay his horse gave out and almost drove McCool to despair. Just then, however, an Indian and his wife rode up. The squaw was mounted on a noble-looking steed, and McCool caught her light. With the rapidity of lightning the squaw dismounted and gave her horse to Hugh. I wonder did knight errant ever receive a more welcome gift from woman than this gift from the red.

McCool won the Comstock, for as he again flew forward he knew the prize was his. At the last relay, in the dusk of a win-

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Weekly Market. The market has been steady for the past week. Large sales of Dundee, Poorman, Josie and Monte Cristo are reported. The shipment of Poorman ore made last week gives most satisfactory results, showing \$16 a ton profit after all expenses. Shares in this company at anything like the present price are a pick-up.

There are rumors that the Josie is to change hands on a basis of 30 cents a share, but this needs further confirmation. There is a proposition before the city council, supposed to be from an English syndicate, offering to erect a plant for the treatment of ores at a rate not to exceed \$7 per ton, conditional upon the city turning over to said syndicate all water rights to Rock and Murphy creeks and releasing the company's ground and plant from taxation for a term of 20 years. The plant is to cost about \$1,000,000. The council has very wisely invited the board of trade to confer with it in regard to the matter. The treatment of \$7 ore, would indeed be a boon to the camp, but the question arises, might it not be too dearly bought. The result of the first shipment of ore from the Dundee sent to Nelson shows a net profit of \$12 per ton. This is most satisfactory, but since this shipment was made the values in the mine have more than doubled, so we may expect at least \$30 profit on the next shipment.

Table with columns: NAME, Par value, Price last week, Price this week. Lists various commodities like Butte, Deer Park, Dundee, etc.

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THE SILVER BELL

The Report of the Annual Meeting Recently Held. NOT A QUORUM OF STOCK

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This was followed by the secretary's report, submitted by Graham Kennedy, acting secretary. He stated that he had sent out 870 notices to subscribers, but had not yet received proxies sufficient to enable the meeting to transact business conclusively. One difficulty experienced resulted from the habit of certificate holders failing to have stock entered upon the books in their own names.

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Thomas Anderson, accountant, had worked for seven days on the stock books and reported as follows: Promoters' shares issued..... 750,000 Treasury shares issued..... 247,951 Golden cross % Golden Age % Mackie % John McHale to Robert Mackie. Golden Age Golden Cross and Mackie, Harry Smith to F. M. McLeod. Almaden, Edward N. Bouché to F. J. Walker and Mary E. Ramsmeijer.

Golden Cross % Golden Age % Mackie % Nevada % Stephen Walsh to Thos. Stack. Same transfer, Thos. Stack to F. McLeod. Richmond Lass % Gorilla % Chas. E. Wynn Johnson to H. A. Keller. Gorilla % C. E. Wynn Johnson to F. A. Rogers. Certificates of Work. November 17—Adeelaide, El Paso, Nannie

THE SILVER BELL The Report of the Annual Meeting Recently Held. NOT A QUORUM OF STOCK Hence it will be necessary to hold another meeting—Reports of Officers—The Lessee to Mr. Harrington Confirmed for a Portion of the Property. As intimated previously, the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Silver Bell Mining company, limited, was held in the company's office, Rossland, on the 17th inst.

Two Dollars JUMBO IS AL

A Good Body of Ore Main Tunnel SHOWING UP VE

Intention is to Shortly Ledge, which is Wide-Velvet Machine—Work to Be Done

The Jumbo is looking now. In the face of the good body of mineral the showing has steadily the past ten feet. It and spar in considerable amount coming in and fair returned.

The tunnel is now in and it is believed that which it is being driven hand. The present work nature of a drift, and probably be started in shortly to open up the over 100 feet wide. The now being driven for by the upper tunnel immense body of iron ore \$10 to \$14, together with quartz averaging in the \$20, and several streaks of saying into the thousand present tunnel a depth of this level even better yielded than in the upper.

The Jumbo is being eight-hour shifts, and made at from 40 to 50 ft. St. Gasha, the company, came up yesterday the property.

Machinery in Motion Robert Rogers, constructor for the James Cooper Company, is back from the V. has been superintending position of machinery, with a 35-horse power boiler power hoist. It is the development work in speed. A force is to be the Portland, which is a city of the New Gold Columbia. Captain Mor for the company, who was to attend its annual meeting since, has been received and is expected back in a company intends to have the Vancouver property with a view to its purchase grade silver proposition Elocan City and there are in the group. If the group expectations it will be the property of the company.

SUNSET TO BE The Litigation Concerns Comes to an End GRAND FORKS, Nov. 2 R. A. BROWN, the owner Sunset copper property mean country, is about to whereby a Roseland come the owners of this Brown says that he is property in order to protect he proposes to use in claim the volcanic property, which object of much litigation is the richest copper property west, assaying as high as copper.

Last Thursday just a and McCallum were about Victoria to attend the Seattle mining case which informed case was settled and all of exact terms of the settlement learned for a few days yesterday now on the way will have arrived here.

MUST PUT UP GRAND FORKS, Nov. 3 It is understood that the toms department has Ellis & Cawston put up bond before their 75 bond returned to them. The by Customs Officer McDo in the Similkameen country since because they were the reservation without a cattle are now in custody Wash.

A Plant For Green The company that is m C. property near Greeny H. Harrison is man bought a complete plant from the Canadian Rand of which Frank R. Men drill compressor, a boiler, a sinking pump, a hoist and a full line of cost of the entire plant intention is to ship the Tuesday morning.

Price of Silver New York, Dec. 1.—Ba per ounce; Mexican silver certificates, 59 1/2.