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ROSSLAND'S RECORD OF PROGRESS

Year Shows Increased Output of 40,000 Tons—Values Half a Million Greater—Camp's Aggregate Is Over a Million Tons of Ore Valued at Twenty-One Million Dollars—A Million in Wages During 1902—Bright Outlook For The Ensuing Year.

DOLLAR ORE—Output of the Giant mine for November given in cable reports at 215 tons. Smelter returns of \$12 net.

RECOVERED—Erickson, the miner who was in the Le Roi several weeks, returned to the city from Spokane yesterday night after having spent two more in a Spokane hospital, and fully recovered.

SOUTH AFRICA—He has just reached this city of the South Africa of Frank Vercoe, Vercoe, who is well known in the country, went to South Africa where he was practically in the military engineering of the British army. The cause is unknown.

OUT LAKE—Louise Impey, the well known singer, is to be married today to a man from Trout Lake City. The wedding will be performed by the pastor of the Methodist church at Trout Lake. Impey has long been known as the leader of the Methodist choir, and many friends here.

SUPPER—It is a fair to be unique way of suppers in this city is given by the ladies of the Methodist church for New Year's night. The supper will be given in the reading room of the Methodist church between 5:30 and 7:30 p. m.

RIAGE—A wedding occurred yesterday afternoon between Henry Broderius and Lena Astor, both of Northport, were unmarried. The wedding was at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Sanford, Methodist church.

ED IN SPOKANE—The miner takes this occasion to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Collins, who are united in the holy bonds of matrimony in Spokane yesterday afternoon, both well known residents of this city.

NEWS—In Herbert R. Townsend received a telegraphic message today notifying of the death in South Africa of his brother-in-law, Captain Frank Jones. Deceased had been in excellent health and was meeting with success on the staff of Colonel Sir Girouard, who was a friend and mate. His friends will not learn of death for several weeks.

NOVEMBER PROFITS—The miner mine earned handsome profits in November, as will be seen from the following: Ymir—Cablegram from Spay's manager at Nelson, British Columbia: "During last month 50 tons of ore were shipped. Estimated profit, \$10,000 (£2062). This is deducting development, \$2362 and repairs \$800 (£163)." (October profit, £1650).

DISPATCHES FROM THE ORIENT—The steamer Oregon from Yokohama on December 18th, days overdue, after a very rough passage from San Francisco. All but two crew were lost, and the stormy seas swept her decks carried all the gear away and resulted in the death of one man. She was ordered to be broken up.

PHORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—The steamer Glenogle reached port this morning from Yokohama and the Orient. She reported that the disaster in the colliery near Fukuoka, which reported to have caused the loss of 100 lives in the Associated Press telegraphed by the Tartar a few days ago did not cause heavy loss of life, and that the majority of the imprisoned miners were rescued. She was received from Wei Hai Wei, a gold mining boom there, a number of quartz properties having been taken up by the British and Japanese.

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PHILIPPINES—An arrival at Yokohama, said to already sent a lengthy report regarding the Philippines, intended to journey back to the States, via the transiberian railway and Europe.

JAPANESE BUDGET FOR 1903—The Japanese budget for 1903 has been sent to the diet.

KEITH-FU DISPATCH TO HONGKONG—The condition of affairs there is very grave.

Today the City of Rossland—the premier mining camp of the province—stands on the threshold of the new year. Retrospection is pleasant, and the future looks so big with promises of development and expansion in the mining industry of the camp that will bring in their train greater prosperity for the community and district generally than have been wrought in any one year in the annals of the camp.

Last year the Rossland camp shipped 319,714 dry tons of ore to the various smelters, notably Trill and Northport. The estimated gross value of the output of the camp since the inception of the mining industry is now over the million ton mark, the figures being: Aggregate tons shipped from 1894 to 1902 inclusive, 1,900,759. Aggregate value of tonnage thus produced \$21,185,062. The mines of the camp distributed in wages during 1902 something over \$1,000,000.

As compared with the record of 1901, the tonnage and ore values for the year just concluded show a consistent and gratifying increase. The output was 40,581 tons greater than in 1901, and by reason of the higher grade ore produced by all the shipping mines, the value of the product shipped in 1902 was \$774,352 greater than in the preceding year. This steady and regular growth in the tonnage and values produced from the Rossland camp has been a feature from year to year, and it is one of the factors that affords a guarantee of the permanency and growth of the camp. This is the one day of the year when statistics are received with pleasure by all the miners readers who take a genuine interest in the expansion and development of the primary industry of the district. The Miner has prepared a series of statistical statements with the courteous assistance of various mine managements, and herewith presents the results of its labors in this direction.

OUTPUT AND VALUES. In connection with the statement of output, it will be noted that the figures herewith given vary substantially from those published from week to week. The reason for this is that the weekly statements are necessarily taken hurriedly, and the net weight, or dry tonnage, is only obtainable after the receipt by the mines of the smelter returns. In the following statement the figures are obtained with the assistance of the mine managements, and represent smelter returns, except as to December shipments, which are closely approximated.

Table with 4 columns: Mine, Tonnage (Net), Estimated Gross Value. Lists Rossland G. W., Giant, Cascade, Kootenay, Bonanza, Velvet, Spitzee, White Bear, etc.

THE CAMP'S RECORD Not less interesting is the statement of output and values for the Rossland camp since mining was first inaugurated here. The figures must attract gratification to every miner reader who desires the extension of the industry on which the community relies. Herewith are the figures to date:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Tonnage, Estimated Value. Shows growth from 1894 to 1902.

PAYROLL FOR 1902 The sums distributed to the mine workers of Rossland and immediate vicinity during the past year has been large, but various circumstances with which the miner readers are familiar have had the effect of reducing the aggregate substantially. Several of the most notable disturbing elements have been removed, and the prospect is that the incoming year will witness a handsome expansion in the pay rolls of the local mines. The appended statement is accurate with respect to the big mines and estimated in the cases of the smaller properties, from which actual figures were not obtainable:

Table with 4 columns: Mine, Tonnage, Estimated Value. Lists Le Roi, Centre Star, War Eagle, etc.

THE LE ROI. The only one of Rossland's big mines which has had a continuous twelve months of shipping operations is the Le Roi, the premier Rossland mine owned by English capital. The Le Roi invariably heads the lists in point of production, and 1902 was no exception to the rule, as the tonnage statement demonstrates. The monthly production from the mine, with figures as to values and profits so far as obtainable, is given in the following table:

Table with 5 columns: Month, Tons Shipped, Gross Value Per Ton, Net Value Per Ton, Profits. Shows monthly production from January to December.

THE METALS PRODUCED. Not until figures are set down in black and white does the average mind grasp the magnitude of the production of precious and other metals represented in the year's work of a property like the Le Roi. In the appended table the silver and copper contents of Le Roi ores for the first eleven months of the year are set forth, and its perusal will afford information that has seldom been published in any Canadian mining camp:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Gold Ounces, Silver Ounces, Copper Pounds. Shows monthly metal production.

ITS WAGE ROLL. The value of an industry like the Le Roi to the community and province in which it is located is best conveyed by a statement of the wage roll of the industry. A glance at the appended table will demonstrate, however, the exact measure in which the Le Roi mine—only one of Rossland's big properties—has contributed to the support of the city by the distribution of wages. The table does not contemplate the sums distributed for management expenses, and with this qualification is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Total. Shows payroll for Le Roi mine from January to June.

THE NORTHPORT SMELTER. Closely identified with the Le Roi mine, although not affecting the local interests so closely, is the Northport smelter, where the ores mined at the Le Roi and Le Roi No. 2 mines are treated. Statements showing the tonnage treated at the plant during 1902 and the wage roll for the year are appended:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Tons Treated, Wage Roll. Shows monthly tonnage and wages for Northport smelter.

A YEAR OF PROMISE. The outlook for the ensuing year is bright—more rosy, perhaps, than for any previous year in the annals of Rossland. It may be taken for granted that the Le Roi mine will at least maintain the record it has established in 1902; in fact, as the indications point to some extent at least in the immediate future. The figures given in respect to profits during certain months of last year are such that it is reasonable to suppose that the total profits for the year were not far from a round million dollars. With this in view, it can only be a short period until the Le Roi is freed from the millstone of debt that it has hampered it for years and that it will shortly enter the profit-dividing era of its history. This will mark an important stage in the progress of the camp, inasmuch as the payment of regular and substantial dividends to Le Roi shareholders will stimulate the investment of English capital in British Columbia enterprises.

WAR EAGLE & CENTRE STAR MINES. The War Eagle and Centre Star mines are the biggest metalliferous mines in Canada operated exclusively by Canadian capital. From the Rossland standpoint they are large employers of labor and from the standpoint they are the largest shippers to the smelter located at that point. For a portion of 1902 the mines did not ship ore, but toward the end of August shipments were commenced in earnest, and since that period the

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mines have jointly produced something over 50,000 tons of ore. The actual tonnage and values contained therein are specified in the schedule showing the camp's production, and the monthly statement of production at the Centre Star is given herewith:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Tons Shipped, Gross Value Per Ton, Net Value Per Ton. Shows monthly production for Centre Star mine.

THE MINES' CONTRIBUTION. The War Eagle and Centre Star mines have contributed largely to the prosperity of Rossland during the year in the way of distributing wages and other moneys. This is shown by the following table of expenditures for the various months in the year:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Total Expenditure. Shows monthly wage and other expenditures.

WAR EAGLE. The War Eagle mine, Phoenix Camp, has been producing since the beginning of the year. The following table shows the output of the mine during the year:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Tons Shipped, Gross Value Per Ton, Net Value Per Ton. Shows monthly production for War Eagle mine.

mines will assuredly increase the scope of their operations through the inauguration of concentrating operations, and the calendar of advances for the new year includes important developments in connection with the Kootenay, Great Western, Nickel Plate, Spitzee, Velvet, White Bear and Victory-Triumph mines. The present season is not especially propitious to the carrying out of the various plans that will contribute to the enhanced prosperity of the community; but it may be expected that the early spring will see the commencement of work on the various enterprises in view. Meantime the citizens of Rossland and district will look forward with confidence to a happy and prosperous new year.

THE BOUNDARY RECORD (Special to The Miner.) PHOENIX, B. C., Dec. 31.—Taken altogether and notwithstanding the numerous drawbacks that have prevailed, the Boundary district in 1902 was responsible for the calendar year of 1902 has shown a decided advancement in the Boundary district of British Columbia, not only as regards the actual tonnage of ore shipped to our three local smelters, but also in regard to the amount of development work accomplished. Taking up first the matter of shipments, we find that in the year 1902—

Table with 4 columns: Month, Net Tonnage. Shows monthly tonnage for Boundary district.

which was the year that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company had completed its Boundary branch—about 100,000 tons of ore were sent out from our mines. In 1901 the shipments increased three fold nearly, the total being 390,000 tons for the full twelve months. In 1902, the record for the last few days being estimated, the total of tons of ore sent out from our mines reached the magnificent total of over a half million, or an increase of 25 per cent over the figures of the previous year.

But for the untoward events of an explosion at the coal mines in East Kootenay, whence the smelter coke supply can only be obtained at a price that will admit of a profit on these ores when reduced, followed by a strike of the coal miners, there is every reason to believe that this record would have been much larger than it is, for the ore was and is ready to be taken out of the mines, and the metal miners were only too willing to work, and the smelters were ready to handle the output as fast as it could be delivered to them.

MINES THAT SHIPPED. During the past year a few mines have been regular shippers from the Boundary district. As there are six of these that have figured regularly for months in the ore reports, they have come locally to be known as the "Big Six." They are the Granby Mines and Snowshoe in Phoenix Camp; the Mother Lode and Sunset in Deadwood Camp; and the Emma and B. C. mines in Summit Camp. The only one of these that has shipped every week of the year is the Granby Mines, although the Mother Lode can show almost a similar record.

Table with 4 columns: Mine, Tonnage. Lists Granby Mines, Snowshoe, Mother Lode, Sunset, Emma, B. C. mine.

WORK OF PAST SEASON—OUTPUT FOR 1902 AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. (Miner Correspondence.) Though the Slovan is not yet by any means fully developed, there is work of considerable magnitude being carried on in that region, and a number of the properties and mines already opened up have become noted for their output of high grade ores.

The existing mining conditions of British Columbia are not altogether satisfactory and have retarded, but not daunted, the business energy of those who have commenced to probe the richness of the Slovan, and the outlook for the future prosperity of the silver-lead-zinc industry in that province is encouraging. The growing importance of the work has gained the ear of the Dominion house of parliament and legislation favoring protection for the producers of lead on the Dingley tariff lines is under serious consideration.

The Granby smelter is located at Grand Forks, and has four blast furnaces and two converters. Two additional furnaces have recently been ordered in Chicago, which will give a combined capacity of six furnaces, or over 2000 tons per day. This smelter takes but little ore, with the exception of the ores from Republic, largely used as converter linings, outside of that from its own mines in Phoenix Camp.

The Mother Lode smelter is located at Greenwood, and has a capacity of two blast furnaces, and it is understood that two more furnaces will be added next year. Mother Lode and some custom ores are treated at this smelter, including those of the Snowshoe and B. C. mines.

The Sunset smelter, situated at Boundary Falls, four miles below Greenwood, was originally owned by the Standard Pyritic Smelting Co., but was not blown in until purchased by the Montreal & Boston Copper Company last spring and remodelled. The company also owns the Sunset mine in Deadwood Camp, taking also ores from the B. C. and Snowshoe mines. The Sunset smelter has one furnace, and is now installing a second, to be ready for use in a week or two, and has ordered a third, to be blown in in the spring.

BOUNDARY'S THREE SMELTERS HAVE TREATED OVER 500,000 TONS OF ORE IN 1902, THE GRANBY HAVING HANDED OVER THREE-FIFTHS OF THIS TONNAGE, THE MOTHER LODGE ABOUT ONE-THIRD, AND THE SUNSET SMELTER THE BALANCE. With twelve or thirteen furnaces running in 1902, there is every reason to believe that the output for that year will come close to 1,000,000 tons.

BOUNDARY TWO MILLIONS IN VALUE. Boundary's three smelters never yet having paid dividends, although some of them promise to do so this year, nothing official has been given out as to the average values of the ore. The ore is nearly or quite of the copper-gold variety, and is well known to be "low grade" generally speaking. This has been variously estimated at from \$4 to \$6 per ton on the average, so that it is believed to be a conservative estimate to place the average at \$5 per ton. On this basis the mines of the Boundary have produced during the year 1902 ore that is valued at \$2,500,000.

A few mines have been developed during the year, having shown phenomenally high values, notably the Providence, near Greenwood, from which a few cars have been shipped, running from \$100 to \$150 per ton. But the general run of the ore is low in value, and it is only by using the most modern equipment in both mines and smelters that the properties can be made to reach a paying basis, as it is now acknowledged they are. One feature of the mining development this year is the quarrying system, now largely resorted to in all six of the leading mines on the shipping list.

APPLICATION FOR POWER. A syndicate, mainly composed of Minneapolis people, have recently made application for powers, and have already obtained water and other rights, to build and operate mono-electric lines running through the Slovan, Ainsworth and Duncan districts. There is every reason to believe that this project will go through and large areas of valuable mineral land will be opened up, thus giving freer working power to those properties hitherto hampered by inadequate transportation facilities.

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ZINC ORES. The zinc ores, too, which have so recently come into prominence, will figure largely in the future prosperity of the Slovan, and it is estimated that even at the present time the mines of that district are producing some 6000 tons per month, which tonnage will shortly be increased by the fact that many other properties which have hitherto been unable to operate or dispose of their ores at a profit will now recommence steady shipments of this class of ores.

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THE SLOVAN. The richness of the district and the immensity of the mining resources, together with the variety of minerals which are being found in large and ever increasing quantities is amply proved by the number of high grade properties already in existence. There are mines of gold, silver, lead, copper, nickel, and zinc, together with iron in large quantities, for fluxing purposes. Concentrators and other plants for the handling of ores are numerous in the district, and several are at present in process of construction.

Speaking broadly the ore run in value from \$15 to \$150 per ton, and a general average of \$55 per ton is a low estimate.

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Silver-Lead Men Deprecate Curtis' Views

The motive for the Nelson publication's effusion, in which the utterances of Smith Curtis, M. L. A., on the silver-lead question are belittled in the appended article from the Nelson News.

"It is an exceedingly unfortunate fact that after several conferences in Nelson and Sandon between those directly interested in the silver-lead industry, and after a unanimous decision has been arrived at by them as to the best course to pursue for the immediate betterment of the situation, that a note—a strong note—of discord should come ringing back from eastern Canada purporting to show a want of unity among the western men.

"That this should be the case just at the time the recently appointed delegates to Ottawa are about to start for the capital for the purpose of interviewing the government is particularly unfortunate.

"It will be recalled that at the outset of the recent conferences held at Nelson and Sandon there was a wide divergence of opinion as to the best course to pursue and that the honorary suggestion had several strong supporters. By degrees, however, the various members of the conferences dropped into line and practically a unanimous stand was taken. Over in Rossland, however, Smith Curtis, M. L. A., who had not attended the silver-lead meetings, made a lengthy address, urging a bounty for the mine owners, and deprecating the course pursued by the Nelson-Sandon men.

"The Rossland Liberal Association refused to take any stand on the matter in view of the unanimous decision arrived at by those chiefly interested, and

as Rossland is only very indirectly interested—and very slightly at that—in the question at issue, this is not to be wondered at. The remarks of Mr. Curtis have been greedily seized upon by the pains men in eastern Canada, reprinted, and at present are being pressed upon the government and the public by the avowed opponents of the silver-lead men for the double purpose of showing a divided public opinion on west, and of defeating in advance the very reasonable requests the delegates go east to present.

"Yesterday Mayor Fletcher received the following telegram from John L. Retallack, of Kaslo, agent the Curtis episode:

"Kaslo, January 2nd, 1903.

"Mayor Fletcher, Nelson:—

"On behalf of lead miners, request you to call a public mass meeting of your citizens to endorse our cause and discredit the utterances of Smith Curtis, M. L. A., whose speeches purporting to represent local public opinion are being printed and published in the east in an active propaganda against our lead miners. Confidently appeal to Nelson to act for mutual interests.

(Signed) JOHN L. RETALLACK, Chairman Joint Delegation.

"The mayor when seen about the matter by a reporter of the Daily News last evening, said that he would call a public meeting as requested, probably for Tuesday evening next, in the opera house. It would be necessary to have a formal requisition made, but that would be done at once, no doubt, and the meeting called early in the week, so that the resolution passed could be wired to Ottawa and the eastern papers before the western delegates arrived at the capital."

Outlook For Big Four in 1903

The Big Four Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, commences the new year under auspicious circumstances. Recently reorganized and ready to resume operations on their important holdings just west of the city, the claims of the corporation are being placed before investors, with every prospect of obtaining recognition. It is no exaggeration to state that if a fraction of the capital literally thrown away in past years in the Rossland district had been devoted to the exploitation of the Big Four groups the camp might easily have had another important ore producer on the shipping list.

The history of the Big Four mines up to the present time has been a brief commentary on the possibilities of mine development in the Rossland district when economical management is brought to bear upon the problems that face the company essaying to open up a mining proposition. The funds of the company have been made to go farther than had been deemed possible

previously, and the development in the property has been attained with an expenditure that is remarkably small as compared with the results secured. The management has pointed to this fact with justifiable pride.

When the replenished treasury that is expected to be one of the good results of the recent organization the company proposes to extend its horizontal workings for the purpose of opening up the zone covered by Big Four ground. In view of the mineral discoveries in the zone covered by Big Four ground it would seem as if the prospect of opening out an extensive ore body was bright, and the immediate outlook for the successful application of concentration to Rossland ore further improves the company's position, inasmuch as millite, water supply and other facilities are at hand, and the cost of delivering ore from the tunnel portals to the millsite can readily be reduced to a minimum. A compressor plant and milling plant is contemplated by the Big Four when the latest issue of stock has been placed.

Five Mines For New Year's Producers

The big Rossland mines have not shipped heavily since the first of the year, of which but three days have elapsed. Less than 1000 tons were sent to the various smelters, but with the present week the mines will swing into their usual stride and the production will undoubtedly be at its normal figure of something over 6000 tons.

The shipping properties on the first three days of the new year number five—the Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Giant and Velvet. The present week is likely to see another added to the list—the Kootenay. Stopping operations in the third level of the mine has been under way for several days and a considerable amount of ore is broken down and awaiting shipment. Up to yesterday the road between the mine and the Canadian Pacific was in good shape. The thaw may have affected it, but a few degrees of frost will remedy the trouble and make excellent sleighing on the stretch over which the ore has to be hauled.

It is stated that the Le Roi is opening up the Black Bear and other stops that have not been worked for months, and that as a result the company may increase its shipments to some extent.

THE OUTPUT.

The ore shipments from the Rossland camp for the first three days of 1903 were as follows:

Mine	Year to Date
Le Roi.....	480
Centre Star.....	250
War Eagle.....	125
Giant.....	40
Velvet.....	40
Total.....	335

Moving For Abatement Of Mineral Tax

The Rossland board of trade holds its first meeting in 1903 in the board rooms on Wednesday night next. The feature of the session will be the debate on the two per cent mineral tax question.

The feeling exists that the present juncture is particularly propitious for fresh representations to the provincial administration with respect to the abatement of the tax that weighs so heavily on the producing of so-called "low grade" ores. Hon. Colonel Prior is now in the saddle as premier and it may be taken that the administration's slate for the approaching session of the legislature is being prepared. Colonel Prior has tacitly agreed that the operation of the two per cent tax shall be amended, and to strengthen his hands in this laudable undertaking the business men

of Rossland and the Kootenays generally cannot act too promptly or declare themselves too definitely on the subject.

Citizens of "low grade" ore producing camps have an interest in common with the mines in the campaign for the removal of drawbacks to the utilization of "low grade" ores. The establishment of milling plants means the expenditure of large sums of money in construction, an assured, if comparatively small, increase in the payroll for mill employees and—best of all—an important addition to the working forces in the mines as the result of the production of a larger tonnage of ore than is mined under existing circumstances. This has been realized in Rossland, and the forthcoming session of the board of trade should be one of the largest of recent months.

BOUNDARY QUESTION.

Between Bolivia and Peru to Be Settled By Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The Bolivian minister has received a cablegram saying that the Bolivian government has signed a treaty for arbitration with the republic of Peru to settle the boundary question. The arbitrator selected is the Argentine government.

THE NEW CABLE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 2.—The new Pacific cable has been crowded with congratulatory messages ever since the first flutter came through the wire from Honolulu shortly after 3 o'clock New Year's day. On Monday next the line will be regularly opened for paid messages at the rate of 50 cents a word for private persons and 20 cents for press messages.

LANDED FORCES ON THE WHARF

PORTO CABELLO, Venezuela, Jan. 2.—The blockading warships of the government took all the Venezuelan vessels from the inner harbor here yesterday. They landed forces on the wharf, but there was no firing and the occupation of the place was temporary. The incident caused great excitement among the population.

LA GUIRA, Jan. 3.—The British gunboat Sumbador, formerly the Venezuelan vessel of that name, which left here yesterday for Trinidad with a number of prizes in tow, was obliged to return to this port last night owing to the hawsers carrying away repeatedly on account of the heavy gale blowing and strong current currents.

The Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausani left here at 3 p. m. for Curacao, where she will coal.

The Germans suddenly landed a force of marines at Port Cabello this morning and took possession of the custom house and wharves before resistance could be offered.

The excitement of the inhabitants was intense and they prepared to defend the rest of the town.

The streets had already been barricaded when it was announced that the landing of the Germans was only a movement taken in order to clear the port of small craft and render the blockade more effective. This had a calming effect on the people, who at first believed that the allies intended to occupy all the custom houses in the country.

The revolutionists are active in the outskirts of Porto Cabello.

GROWING TIME IN CANADA.

From a Business Point of View the Most Successful in Its History.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The following cablegram was received at the White House at 2:30 o'clock this morning, dated Honolulu, January 1, 1903, 3:30 p. m.:

To the president, Washington, D. C.: The people of the territory of Hawaii send their greetings to you and express gratification on the inauguration of telegraphic communication with the mainland. We all believe that the removal of the disadvantage of isolation will prove a strong factor in the building up of a patriotic and progressive American commonwealth in the islands. (Signed) HENRY E. COOPER, Secretary of Hawaii.

The president's response was as follows: White House, Washington, Jan. 2, 1903. To Henry Cooper, secretary of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii: The president sends, through Governor Doie, to the people of Hawaii his hearty congratulations upon the opening of the cable. He believes that it will tend to knit the people of Hawaii more closely than ever to their fellow citizens on the mainland and will be of great advantage to all our people. (Signed) GEORGE B. CORTELYOU, Secretary to President.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Clarence H. Mackay, president and general manager, and other officials of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company are naturally greatly pleased at the completion of the cable between San Francisco and Hawaii. They do not propose to stop at Hawaii, however, and now say that by July they expect to have the cable completed to Manila. Speaking on the project Mr. Ward said:

"The Commercial Pacific Cable Company's cable to Hawaii was connected through to San Francisco at 8:43 p. m. on January 1st (Honolulu time). The cable opens for public business on Monday morning, January 5th. The widespread interest and enthusiasm created by bringing the Hawaiian islands into electric touch with the Pacific coast is evidenced by the congratulatory telegrams received today. It is a particular satisfaction to us to have the cable completed on the first day of the new year, because it fulfills our promise to congress. Rapid progress is being made in the manufacture of the sections to be laid between Honolulu and Manila, and over 3500 miles of this cable is already manufactured. I fully expect messages will be sent to Manila by the first of July next. The laying of the remaining sections will commence from Manila the first week in May next."

HONOLULU, Jan. 2.—By Pacific Cable, Jan. 2.—A public celebration will be held in Honolulu in honor of the successful completion of the trans-Pacific cable. The day will be observed as a public holiday. A number of congratulatory addresses by public officials during the afternoon will be followed by a ball at night.

SUCCESS AND DEFEAT.

HALIFAX, Jan. 2.—The Scotch curlers this morning defeated Sydney curlers 25 to 17, while North Sydney were 16 to 8. In the afternoon the Scots beat Picout 22 to 2, while they were beaten by Amherst by 15 to 6 and by New Glasgow 5 to 4.

CANADIAN TEAM DEFEATED.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—The Telegram's London cable says: Yesterday the all-Canadian football team was defeated at Hawick by 11 to 0. Powers of the Canadian team was ruptured.

THE POPE AGAINST DUELING.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The pope is about to issue an encyclical against the practice of dueling. He will appeal to all Christian governments to suppress the practice, which is described as a survival of the Middle Ages.

RICH DIAMOND FIELDS.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—"It seems to be beyond question," cables the Johannesburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that large and enormously rich diamond fields exist north of Pretoria."

AFTERMATH OF BANK FAILURE

SILVERTON, Colo., Jan. 3.—The body of James H. Robin, president and principal owner of the Bank of Silverton, which closed its doors yesterday, was found today three miles below town with a bullet through the right temple. In his right hand was the revolver with which he had ended his life. His wife and three children are suspection of his death.

Cashier Mundel declined to make any statement regarding the bank's condition, except to say that he believed the bank would be able to pay dollar for dollar if the pressure does not become too great.

CABLE LINE TO HONOLULU. Congratulatory Messages Sent on the First Day of the New Year.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Bradstreet's tomorrow, under the heading of "Canada," will say:

Canada this week completed, from a business point of view, the most successful year in her history. For the past five years the Dominion has been experiencing what has been called the Growing Time. The truth of this has been proved in manufacturing, mercantile and financial circles, as well as in the agricultural sections of the country. There was a great increase in the wealth of the country during the past year. Various figures and statistics now in course of preparation for the calendar year just ending, but which are still incomplete unmistakably prove this fact.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The following is the list of weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending January 1st, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Montreal, \$12,507,187, decrease 18.0.
Toronto, \$12,528,518, increase 1.4.
Winnipeg, \$4,451,040, increase 19.8.
Halifax, \$1,464,822, decrease 10.0.
Vancouver, \$1,165,421.
Hamilton, \$784,544.
St. John, N. B., \$713,972, decrease 4.0.
Victoria, \$325,568.
Quebec, \$1,103,780, decrease 1.1.
Ottawa, \$1,384,013.
London, Ont., \$670,500.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Bradstreet's Trade Review: Wholesale trade at Montreal has been in a comparatively condition since the Christmas holidays. Traders are making ready for the new year's operations. The travelers have been home and country orders have been limited. The coming week the travelers will be on their routes again, and it is expected that spring orders will immediately begin to flow in again.

The outlook for business this month is promising. Payments are expected to show much improvement the next couple of weeks.

In Toronto this week trade has been quiet, as is usual during this period. There is very little change in any department to note this week.

Merchants have been engaged in winding up the year's business and preparing for the year's trade, the outlook for which is very promising.

The value of staple goods continue firm and are likely to remain so for some time. Wholesale trade at Quebec during the past week was somewhat broken by the holidays, which is usual at this season. Travelers have started on their routes with spring samples.

In the city the retailers report satisfactory holiday sales, the weather being all that is desired.

Shoe manufacturers continue busy; this outlook is promising. There has been no failures in this district.

Hamilton wholesale trade circles have been less active the past week, as is usual at this time of the year. Preparations are being made for the new year, and a large movement is looked for this month. Prices are steady.

In London this week there has been only a moderate movement, as there always is at this season.

The grain receipts are expected to increase shortly, when the country roads improve, and this, with the renewed activity in spring goods, which will shortly be experienced, will keep trade busy for some weeks.

At Pacific coast points there has been a somewhat cheerful feeling in trade circles. The holiday trade was good, and this will help the trade in spring goods, which must show increased activity.

Winnipeg trade, as reported by Bradstreet's, has been fair for this time of year. Holiday sales were large, and retailers are well supplied with cash to engage in the spring campaign.

In Ottawa wholesale trade circles this week attention has been largely taken up with preparations for the new year. Travelers will be on their routes again shortly, and the outlook generally is considered encouraging. Prices are firm.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Banquetted by the Town Council of Glace Bay.

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—Over one thousand people attended the public reception given Signor Marconi by the town council of Glace Bay last night. In a speech Marconi said wireless messages would be so cheap that they will supersede the postoffice.

FIRE AT THE SMO.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Jan. 2.—The barracks at Fort Brady was entirely consumed by fire last night. Loss \$65,000. The cause is unknown. The officers' quarters were not damaged.

ANOTHER VOLCANO ACTIVE.

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Jan. 3.—via San Francisco, Jan. 3.—The volcano of Santiago, about eight miles from Granada, is shooting out fire and at night illuminates the heavens for miles.

RUSH TO DEATH VALLEY.

Vast Beds of Nitre Found in California—Surpass Chile Deposits.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Stirred deeply and thrilled by the report, now officially confirmed, that great fields of nitre, believed to be many times as extensive as those of Chile, exist in the mysterious region of California known as Death Valley, hundreds of miners and prospectors have begun a rush to that desolate region.

The great importance of the discovery has been made known recently by Mr. Lewis E. Aubrey, state mineralogist of California, who sent out an expedition under the leadership of Prof. Gilbert E. Bailey. The corps of experts found deposits of nitre sufficient to supply the world with valuable mineral at its present rate of consumption for many years to come.

On the strength of the official report of their investigations dozens of prospecting expeditions have already been fitted out by capitalists of the far west. The deposits that have been discovered are located from 130 to 145 miles from Daggett, 110 to 130 miles from Randsburg and 45 to 70 miles from Ballarat. They extend over a territory more than 70 miles long and 15 miles wide.

No water can be found in the vicinity of the nitre. Furnace creek, 35 miles distant, being the nearest point to the nitre beds at which water can be obtained. Shafts have been sunk in the nitre beds from five to 45 feet without encountering any moisture. These shafts are in nitre from the surface down.

The stamped to Death Valley, already so large, will grow during the coming winter, and the excitement will be as great as that which followed oil and gold discoveries. Certainly the belief that the nitre fever will become national. But as great outlays of cash are required to send out exploring parties it is likely the poor man's chances will dwindle as the rush grows stronger.

HUNDREDS MAKING A RUSH.

Besides the parties, many individuals have started for Death Valley to stake out claims for themselves. Hundreds of miners are leaving their camps at Daggett, Berate, Randsburg and Mojave for the region of death and mystery, which seems to hold no terrors for them.

For some time more than 400 men were waiting, at last accounts, at Ballarat for advance prospectors, who were to return to them with information as to which portion of the terrible desert was the best on which to make their rush.

The nitre deposits are described by the discoverers in such a way as to lead the prospectors to believe that great individual fortunes can be made at once from the fields, which it seems certain far surpass those of Chile, which is now practically the only source for the supply of the whole western hemisphere.

And yet, of course, the real range of the California deposits is not definitely known, but many square miles have been examined.

Calculating from the data furnished by Professor Bailey, prospectors have figured out that millions and millions of dollars' worth of nitre are probably ready to be picked up. This means that in the Death Valley there are undoubtedly vast deposits worth billions of dollars.

"BORAX KING" SMITH IN IT.

Those who so far made claims to the nitre beds are poor men. "Borax King" Smith, Lord Humphreys and Mr. Shingleton, a millionaire, are the capitalists who are taking the greatest interest in the discovery, but they have not yet made claims. Nearly 100 men have been sent into Death Valley by "Borax King" Smith and Lord Humphreys. The expense attached to their operations now under way will be in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

Professor Bailey accounts for the fact that while the existence of nitre in the low rolling hills along the Arroyo river has been an open secret at least in California for perhaps 20 years, very little importance was attached to the first discoveries and they were allowed to lapse.

One reason that the beds have lain neglected is that very little intelligent prospecting was done. Immense hills were sampled in the most superficial way, as explorations in this world desert are necessarily very expensive, and the explorers were handicapped by the lack of capital.

Difficulty in obtaining accurate analysis was another drawback. If the clues obtained from the numerous analysis had been followed up these beds would have been worked long ago.

There is a commercial importance in the similarity which Professor Bailey has found that between the nitre deposits of California and those of Chile. He asserts that they are found in both countries under conditions strikingly similar.

The nitre beds of Chile vary in breadth, the average being 5000 feet, and they also vary in thickness.

A PRODUCT OF THE DESERT.

In California the beds run from 1500 feet in depth to more than two miles in width, and from three to six inches in length. The nitre of both countries was formed under the same geological conditions and on the same huge scale. In both countries the nitre is a peculiar and unique product of their great desert regions.

The chance for great profits in the California nitre is found in the export duty of Chile. Nitre enters this country free, but the export duties in Chile in the period of 1875 to 1892 amounted to \$158,695,664, and the total value of the exports between and inclusive of those dates is given at \$337,182,500.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Is Now Thought to Be Under Control in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 3.—The cattle bureau of the state board of agriculture today expressed its belief that the foot and mouth disease is now fully under control, from the fact that no new cases had been found or no additional premises had been quarantined for a week.

ROSSLAND'S RECORD OF PROGRESS

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Capella.....	60	50 00
Florence.....	1	55 00
Trade Dollar.....	20	125 00
Slocan Boy.....	158	80 00
Neepawa.....	123	40 00
Hartney.....	25	50 00
Marion.....	80	50 00
May.....	5	55 00
Paystrak.....	7	55 00
Surprise.....	22	55 00
Monitor.....	1306	80 00
Slocan Star.....	714	90 00
Duplex.....	7	55 00
Emily Edith.....	20	55 00
Wakefield.....	220	50 00
Precourt.....	4	55 00
Rambler.....	4187	75 00
Molly Gibson.....	2100	60 00
Washington.....	157	80 00
Follitt.....	2	55 00
C. Q. D.....	2	55 00
London Hill.....	115	100 00
Ruth.....	846	100 00
Antoine.....	207	100 00
R. E. Lee.....	144	80 00
Spectator.....	4	55 00
Red Fox.....	63	50 00
Hampton.....	15	250 00
Mercury.....	21	200 00
Dandelion.....	21	50 00
Porcupine.....	2	50 00
Charlestone.....	11	250 00
Pinto.....	13	85 00
Noble Five.....	21	65 00
Soho.....	64	55 00

In round numbers 28,000 tons for the year.

A ROUGH PASSAGE.

The Bark S. C. Allen's Trip From Seattle to Hawaii.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 2.—Private advice received from Hawaii states that the bark S. C. Allen, which reached there December 22nd, 23 days from Seattle, had a rough trip and one man, Delmar B. Knight, 18 years of age, shipped at Seattle, was washed overboard and drowned.

The Allen experienced heavy weather, with seas sweeping over her for 12 days.

PRIZE VESSELS.

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ROUMANIAN JEWS.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Jan. 2.—The statement sent out December 27th to the effect that the Roumanian senate had agreed to the naturalization of Jews in Roumania was erroneous. The discussion in the senate that day arose over the petition for naturalization of the Jews in general.

A WORK TRAIN WRECKED.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 31.—Thirty railroad employees were injured, four perhaps fatally, in a work train wrecked today at Fort Smith crossing in North Little Rock. There were 300 men on the train.

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These saws are elliptic ground thin back, requiring less set than any saws now made, perfect taper from tooth to back.

Now, we ask you, when you go to buy a saw, to ask for the Maple Leaf, Razor Steel, Secret Temper Saw, and if you are told that some other saw is just as good ask your merchant to let you take them both home, and try them and keep the one you like best.

Silver steel is no longer a guarantee of quality, as some of the poorest steel made is now branded silver steel. We have the sole right for the "Razor Steel Brand."

It does not pay to buy a saw for one dollar less, and lose 25 cents per day in labor. Your saw must hold a keen edge to do a large day's work.

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NEWS OF INTEREST FROM GREENWOOD

(Special to The Miner.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., Dec. 31.—The Greenwood city council passed a resolution requesting the provincial government to withhold from sale for non-payment of taxes under the mineral act crown-granted claims within the limits of Greenwood city pending an application to the provincial legislature at its next session to pass an act exempting from the operation of the mineral act such claims where situated within the corporate limits of the city and the surface rights which have been sold as town lots to various purchasers. The city clerk has been instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to Mr. John Kirkup of Rossland, who is assessor and tax collector for the district, as well as one to the provincial government.

The minstrel entertainment, to be followed by a dance, is to be given at the Mother Lode mine on January 29th for the benefit of one of the men, he having been injured about three months ago whilst at work at the mine and unable to work since. Some of the mine boys are hard at work preparing for the "show," and an excellent entertainment is promised. The object is one that will assure the big dining room at the mine being crowded on the night of the entertainment.

The annual ball of the Greenwood lodge of the Knights of Pythias is to be held tonight in the auditorium, where those attending will dance the old year out and the new year in.

J. C. Helm, agent at Greenwood for the Spokane Northern Telegraph Company, returned yesterday from Spokane, where he spent a well earned Christmas vacation.

KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION

GREENWOOD, B. C., Jan. 1.—The office statistics of the Kettle River mining division for the year 1902 are as under:

Free miners' certificates . . . 741
Locations, mineral . . . 324
Locations, placer . . . 11
Certificates of work . . . 307
Abandonments . . . 6
Certificates of improvements . . . 6
Conveyances . . . 6
Placer leases . . . 23

Nearly all these figures are lower than the corresponding returns for the year 1901, but in a district in which the prospector has been gradually making way for the miner this is only what is to be looked for in the ordinary course of events. As another indication of the changed conditions it is noticeable that in the matter of certificates of improvements applied for there was during 1902 a 50 per cent increase over the records of 1901. As an application for a certificate of improvements is preliminary to obtaining of a crown grant or patent for a mineral claim, this increase shows the passing from the prospecting stage to that of permanent possession of the property concerned. The amount of the mining revenue collected during 1902 is not yet made public, but it is evident from a comparison of the records with those of last year that a reduction of somewhere about 25 per cent in amount of revenue received must be looked for. Against this, however, must be placed some gain in the total amount derived from the mineral tax, there having been a considerable increase in the quantity of ore mined and smelted in the division. The increased revenue from this source will not, however, affect the statistics of the local mining division, since this tax does not pass through the hands of the mining recorder, but that of the tax collector at Rossland.

Other figures obtained from the local office of the provincial government are that during 1902 there were 32 supreme court cases in the Greenwood registry, and 135 county court plaints. There were also 27 marriage licenses issued.

(Special to The Miner.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., Jan. 2.—The customs collections at Greenwood during the year 1902 totalled \$1,150.82. The figures for the full calendar year for the other offices in the Boundary, including the customs port of Grand Forks with its several sub-ports, are not yet available, but the following are the approximate returns for 11 months ended November 30: Grand Forks, \$21,400; Cascade, \$15,000; Midway, \$2,000; Sidley, \$818; Fairview, \$600; Keremeos, \$250. Total, \$40,068. Estimating the collections for the month of December to have been equal to the monthly average of the previous months this would give a total for the year of \$43,708, which with the collections at Greenwood, as above, would show an aggregate of \$55,858 for the port of Grand Forks and its sub-ports. It should be noted that Cascade and Grand Forks benefited considerably from additional collections incident to the construction of the railway from Marcus, via Cascade and Grand Forks, to Republic, while Greenwood had no similar temporary assistance to swell its collections. The inland revenue collected in the Boundary was for Greenwood (to December 31) \$10,227.26; Grand Forks (to November 30) \$5894.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

New Year's day was observed as a holiday at Greenwood. The chief amusements were skating at the Citizens' Band rink, curling at the Curling Club's rink, and at night, the Knights of Pythias ball in the Auditorium. In the morning a series of matches between rinks of the president and vice-president, respectively, of the Curling Club was commenced, the former winning the first game. In the afternoon and evening Phoenix and Greenwood, each with four rinks, played, with a crowd of interested onlookers to add enthusiasm to the several games. The results were as follows: Ketchikan rink (Greenwood) won from Hardy's rink (Phoenix) by one point, and Merrill's rink (Greenwood) lost to Crawford's rink (Phoenix) by one point. In the evening both the Greenwood rinks

WAGNER'S HEIRS.

Have Received a Total of \$115,000 in Royalties in 1902.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Wagner's heirs received a total of \$115,000 in royalties during 1902 of his operas, exclusive of the Bayreuth profits. "Lohengrin," the most popular, yielded \$48,000. It was given 97 times in Germany, 420 times in Holland, France and Italy and 312 times in America and Great Britain. The American managers paid, it is estimated, \$23,000 for "Lohengrin" alone.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM.

Will Be Sent Abroad as an Education Experiment.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—Emperor William is sending the crown Prince Frederick William to Russia as an educational experiment. He will probably be present at the magnificent New Year's functions of the Russian court January 14th. The crown prince has visited England and Austria, and it is not altogether improbable that he may visit the United States in 1904.

Passengers ticketed over the Spokane Falls & Northern yesterday included F. W. Pretty to Vancouver and John Dunstan and Charles F. May to Victoria.

HOUSTON MUTTERS THROUGH HIS HAT

(The Associated Press is being used today, possibly through oversight, for the purpose of disseminating an effusion alleged to emanate from the truculent pen of the irrepressible John Houston of Nelson. It is optional with readers of The Miner to accept the paragraph as a delicate piece of humor or as a genuine effort to bolster up a weak case. In either case the paragraph lacks weight, the personal equation entirely outweighing the logical. Here is the dispatch as received last night by The Miner.)

NELSON, B. C., Jan. 2.—The Nelson Tribune, the oldest newspaper published in Kootenay, whose editor is a member of the legislative assembly, will say tomorrow: "Eastern public opinion on the question of increasing the duties on lead and lead manufactures is being influenced by the circulation sent broadcast of speeches purported to have been delivered before an influential public meeting in the Kootenay by Smith Curtis of Rossland, and that these speeches reflect public opinion in the Kootenay. The views of Smith Curtis on the lead question no more represents public opinion in the Kootenay than do his views on any other question. His views represent the views of one E. B. Kirby, who manages the War Eagle and Centre Star gold-copper mines at Rossland, mines owned by Gooderham and Blackstock of Toronto. The member for Kootenay in the Dominion house of commons, W. A. Gallier, Esq., who is now in Ottawa, represents the views of the people of Kootenay on the question at issue, and he will be backed up by delegates selected by the silver-lead mine owners and the boards of trade. Smith Curtis is a mere marplot."

To Rosslanders the idea of a Kirby-Curtis alliance is humorous, irresistibly funny in fact. Also, it is most interesting to find that in Nelson, many mines removed from the Golden City, it has been discovered that Edmund B. Kirby, credited at home with devoting his attention exclusively to problems arising in connection with the big gold-copper mines of which he is in charge, has interested himself in the silver-lead question. No one was aware of the fact, nor does it appear just how Mr. Kirby will advance his company's interests, but it must be so, for Houston has spoken!

The solution to the Nelson paper's upsets probably arises from the fact that its editor is exceedingly jealous of Smith Curtis' political accomplishments, and as the member for Rossland has produced a most extensive and logical treatise on the lead subject it is naturally up to his opponent to ridicule the effort. But the Kirby-Curtis combination—that's delicious!

THE FERNIE COAL MINES EXPLOSION

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 3.—The report of the commission on the Fernie coal mines explosion has just been issued by the department of mines. As to the cause of the explosion, Mineralogist Robertson says the most tenable theory is that the explosion of gas, or of gas and dust, in McDonald's level, initial to the explosion, was not likely very great, but carried against the air and being transmitted by the suspended coal dust at each loading place it received augmentation till it came to the narrow neck of the section, ending finally against the dead end in the face of the hoist entry, where the greatest concussion and consequent caving was produced. The bonneted Clanny lamp used in the mine, he says, becomes an open light if the ring of the glass round is broken.

The authorities also pronounce it unsafe in a strong current of explosive gas. False keys for these lamps can also be made. Robertson says that while the cause will always be a mystery, it is almost certain it was from the naked light.

F. H. Sheppard, another commissioner, says a combination of dangers was caused by dry dust in one of the rooms of McDonald's level, particularly the room and the uncovering of the blower of gas in the roof of McDonald's level, near the face, on the afternoon of May 22nd. He also says that the bonneted Clanny lamp is safe ordinarily, but of safe in gas of a high velocity. The use of double shifts in mines, he also holds, allowed no cooling or settling interval. He recommends more watering regulations even than required by the act, the installation of a watering appliance to be made imperative, and better means of determining the condition of coal mines. Alex Faulks, the other commissioner, puts the cause down to an explosion of Miner James Muir's safety lamp in some way, or more probably from another miner, who had matched his concession, by either striking a match or by drawing the flame of his safety lamp through the gauge for a smoke. Mr. Faulks advises the use of dust tight cars and thorough watering.

SLOCAN ORE TONNAGE.

A Slight Increase Maintained Over the Year 1901.

(Special to The Miner.) KASLO, B. C., Dec. 31.—The total tonnage shipped through this port for the year past was 16,230 tons, as against 14,200 tons in 1901. This shows a very slight increase, which has been maintained throughout the Slocan in the same degree. The total Slocan tonnage roughly estimated in 23,900 tons for the past year, against 26,000 tons in 1901.

GRANBY SMELTER.

Treated 10,115 Tons of Ore During the Past Week.

(Special to The Miner.) GRAND FORKS, B. C., Jan. 2.—During the week ended today the Granby smelter treated 10,115 tons of ore. Total treated to date, 597,121 tons.

CONFERENCE HELD.

VIENNA, Jan. 3.—On the invitation of the Austrian premier, Dr. von Koerber, a conference was held today of German and Czech delegates from Bohemia and Moravia with regard to a national compromise. The Moravian Germans have, however, protested against the common treatment of questions concerning Moravia and Bohemia and Dr. von Koerber agreed to treat the question separately at a conference which has been fixed for January 5th.

ANOTHER FATAL COLLISION.

FAIRVIEW, Pa., Jan. 3.—As a result of a head-on collision between freight trains on the Nickel Plate road near here early today Engineer Harris Belding of Connecticut was instantly killed, while brakeman Gredlein of Erie had both legs so badly crushed that amputation will be necessary. John Gardner, another train man, was severely injured in jumping. Belding's body was cut completely in two.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS SET FORTH

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 31.—Dr. A. T. Watt, superintendent of British Columbia quarantines, has issued new regulations which go into effect at once regarding vessels arriving from San Francisco. In a circular issued today the doctor says that information believed to be well founded has reached the public health department from San Francisco that an epidemic of bacillic plague, and in some cases pneumonic plague, has assumed a serious aspect in San Francisco, and that the bacillus of the plague has been found in rats which have died in that city. The doctor recommends the use at San Francisco of funnels on the hawsers and withdrawal of gang planks at night, and similar precautions will be enforced here.

A proclamation was issued today by the lieutenant-general of British Columbia announcing the incorporation of the city of Grand Forks, B. C.

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE STARTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Through a strike of the machines and iron riggers work on nearly all the big buildings now in course of construction in this city is at a standstill. The riggers, who now receive \$3 per day for foremen and \$2.25 for helpers and a nine-hour day, demand \$5 per day for foremen and \$3.50 for helpers with an eight-hour day. The master riggers' union made an offer of \$4 per day for foremen and \$3 per day for helpers. There are between 600 and 800 riggers idle as a result of the strike and their being idle has thrown between 5000 and 8000 men out of work.

LAURIER IN FLORIDA.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 3.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, and Lady Laurier arrived here today in a private car.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The C. P. R. Telegraph company announces that the cable to Honolulu will open for public business Monday morning, January 5th.

TIMBER LANDS SOLD.

HALIFAX, Jan. 2.—The Boston syndicate headed by Barker, Wood & Co. has purchased from the Nova Scotia owners their timber lands on the Exploits river, which cover 1100 square miles. The price was \$250,000.

HAS BENEFITED ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 2.—The embargo on cattle, via Maine and other New England seaports, has resulted in shipments via this port being more than doubled.

REPORTED TRAIN WRECK.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 3.—It is reported a Southern railroad passenger train has been wrecked near Coalburg. No particulars have been learned as yet, but a special train carrying doctors is leaving the city.

GREAT FALLS RAILROAD.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 3.—A Great Falls special says the Great Falls & Canada railroad went out of existence tonight, being formally transferred to the Great Northern. This line taps the coal deposits of the Crow's Nest fields, which will supply coal for the roads of the Northern Securities Company.

THE WIRELESS.

It is Apt to Get Rather Mixed in War Time. Speaking of the troubles experienced in sending confusing messages during the recent British naval manoeuvres in the Mediterranean, The Electrical World and Engineer says that these scarcely constitute a technical failure of the methods, since the chief source of woe was that the transmission worked so well as to hopelessly mix up the messages of friend and foe. It goes on to say: "Wholesale interference with messages is almost as serious and fully as annoying as inability to send any messages at all. The attacking squadrons are reported as totally unable to make effective use of their wireless outfits by reason of the persistence of the defence in sending confusing messages. We know not what was the substance of these, but the senders of them would have been more than human if they had been unremittingly polite. Fancy the wrath of an admiral commanding at sea, selecting personalities hurled at him out of limbed space! His case would be little better than that of Lieutenant-General Bangs, immortalized in Kipling's verse, with the added sorrow of being unable to locate the offender against official dignity. For the last year or two we have been hearing much of so-called synchroized systems, but in spite of the number of times the problem has been solved in the newspapers, the net result has evidently not made its debut in the British navy. We fear this branch of electricity is still in its infancy, so far as military operations are concerned."

W. B. Rhodes, better known as "Dusty" Rhodes, of baseball fame, leaves today for his old home in Seattle.

CITY NEWS

SAD NEWS.—Richard Arthur, of the firm of Daniel & Arthur, received the sad intelligence yesterday of the death of his sister, Mrs. A. Paul, in La Center, Wash. The cause of death is not known.

HOME AGAIN.—M. Sergius Logan, a well known local mining man, has returned to Rossland after spending a year in New York and other eastern points. He will make his home here for some months at least.

RETURN THANKS.—The members of the Rossland fire department wish to acknowledge the receipt of several boxes of excellent cigars from Al Levy, Wright Bros., and Alderman Harry Daniel. The "smokes" were greatly appreciated by the boys.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A neat little birthday party was given yesterday afternoon at the home of Richard Arthur in honor of the eighth birthday of his daughter, Genevieve Arthur. A number of little friends made the afternoon merry.

TO PASTURES NEW.

Phil Silverstone and family left last night, via the Canadian Pacific, for Seattle, where they will reside in future. Silverstone is one of the pioneers of the Rossland camp, having made a small fortune and lost much of it during his sojourn here.

MORE BAD RAILS.

The heavy snowfall yesterday seriously interfered with the operation of the railroads on the stiff grades in the vicinity of the city. The noon train on the Canadian Pacific was four hours late, and a derailed engine on the Red Mountain road prevented the morning train from leaving the city until after 8 o'clock in the afternoon. The night train was four hours late.

NIGHT OF SPORTS.

The management of the skating rink, encouraged by the great success of the opening carnival, are planning to bring off a carnival of sports some night within the next ten days. The carnival is planned to be one of the unique features of Rossland's winter season. What sports will be arranged is not known as yet, but the management of the rink promise several novelties when it is brought off.

SUBSTANTIAL PRESENTS.

Rev. Dr. Robinson, long connected with the Presbyterian church of this city, according to word just received here, has been presented with a very attractive Christmas present by the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church of Dubuque, Iowa, a church of which he is the pastor. The present was a beautiful purse containing \$300 in gold. The pastor's son also came in for a remembrance, which took the shape of a scholarship in one of the business colleges of that city.

WEDDELL HOUSE SOLD.

John D. Rockefeller Held a Large Mortgage on the Property.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 3.—The Weddell House, for many years the leading hotel in this city, was sold at auction today on a mortgage foreclosure. Proceedings were instituted by John D. Rockefeller. The mortgage was to cover loans for nearly \$400,000 made to the Weddell estate. The hotel sold for \$353,235, or about two-thirds of its appraised valuation. It was bid in by the Cleveland Trust company, who, it is understood, acted for Mr. Rockefeller.

CAPTAIN TERRILL ON TRIAL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A rigid inquiry was instituted today in the case of Captain George E. Terrill, of the Red D liner Zulia, under suspension on charges based on violation of the neutrality laws, and with the alleged responsibility of having given information to the blockading force which led to the capture of the Venezuelan gunboat Miranda on December 21st. Hamilton, Bliss & Dallett, the agents of the line are making the investigation, and if Captain Terrill is found guilty he will be properly punished. The captain says his charges are untrue.

COMING TO AMERICA.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Lord Charles Bessborough is to sail on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiserin Maria Theresia from Southampton tomorrow. The report that he is to take a position with the International Mercantile Marine Company is untrue.

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THE "MINER'S" TOAST.

Here's a cup to the year now dead and gone,
Here's luck to the year new cast.
May we laugh in the face of troubles to come,
As we smile o'er the memory of heart-aches past.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Miner wishes all its readers a Happy New Year. The year 1902 will be a memorable one in the annals of the country. No preceding year has carried with it more of prosperity and good cheer than the year just closed.

Nor has this era of prosperity been confined to the Dominion of Canada. The reflex wave has been felt all over the broad domain of the North American continent, including Mexico, the United States and the far north.

And in glancing back we can see that the world has made steady advances in the march of progress. The Pacific cable, connecting Banfield Creek on Vancouver Island with Fanning Island and on to Australia, the longest continuous cable line in the world, has been in successful operation for some weeks.

The great dam on the river Nile—the greatest engineering feat of modern times—has recently been completed, insuring the upbuilding of a country heretofore given over to desolation, and marking a new epoch in the march of progress and civilization in the Dark Continent.

In regard to the Panama Canal, negotiations have reached the stage when we can reasonably hope that active work will soon be commenced on this great undertaking, and that vessels will pass from ocean to ocean within a period of ten years.

The future is bright with promise. In addition to the big shipping lines work will be commenced on a large scale on several others that have been working a small force and doing little or no shipping of ore.

We may also look in the spring for the erection of works for the treatment of ores under the new process recently under experiment at Silica, which has been pronounced a success, and which seems likely to revolutionize the business of treating low grade ores.

We should be wise in our day and generation and take advantage of the many blessings that lie in store for us.

Again The Miner wishes all its readers a Happy New Year.

THE MINER'S POLICY.

From the time when the Argonauts made their first voyage to this land of promise in quest of the golden fleece; through the days of hardships, dangers and death which attended the prosperity of the early discoveries and rapid development of prospects; through the distressing spell of gloom which followed, in natural reaction, the unusual run of luck which for a time prevailed; through clouds and sunshine, through the smiles and frowns of fortune The Miner has always stood behind the man behind the drill.

By energy of labor, the experience of trained engineers and the enterprise of capital, all invested in the full confidence of government protection and of ultimate reward, the mining industry has been made to thrive and prosper. It now stands as the premier producing industry of the province. Through these halcyon days The Miner preached, and for the benefit of the province at large, consistently practiced the preaching of that old axiom—"toot thine own horn lest it be not tooted." And when during the last two or three years the world has been given to witness the remarkable spectacle of a government enacting laws intended to thwart and almost vitiate the combined efforts of capital and labor The Miner was among the first to protest.

At this present moment, flushed with the spirit of prosperity which the new year predicts, emboldened by the support in numbers, power and courage which its efforts have influenced and encouraged by the auspicious promises which have been whispered from the seat of government at Victoria, The Miner will continue in this aggressive policy. Throughout the year just closed in it will vigorously press the campaign against the iniquitous legislation and extortionate tax laws which have so crippled and retarded mining in British Columbia. Although the fitness which comes of untiring repetition may at times seem to pall upon the taste, still the public will appreciate that by insistent and persistent hammering only can we hope to secure recognition.

The New Year's number of The Rossland Miner, while perhaps it did not contain as much reading matter of a telegraphic and miscellaneous character as on many previous occasions, and was entirely devoid of pictures, good, bad or indifferent, was none the less a notable number, containing facts and figures that told the true story of the Rossland camp, including the Boundary and Slocan-Kaslo districts, which could not but impress all those who gave them careful perusal.

The output of ore has increased from 1556 tons in 1894 to 319,714 tons in 1902. There has been a steady increase in the production of ore each year since the date first given, the output for 1902 overlapping that of 1901 by 40,000 tons. The value of ore mined last year was \$4,274,352.93, of which \$1,150,960 was paid out in wages, exclusive of mine management in the case of the Le Roi, and also exclusive of the wages paid at the Northport and Trail smelters, which treat largely Rossland ores.

We submit that a wage payroll of over one million dollars a year is something to be proud of, not equalled by any other metalliferous mining community in the Dominion. This has been done under many adverse conditions, most of them now happily removed.

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Not only Rossland but the outlying mining camps have reason to look on the golden side of the shield, which stands directly in front of us and seems to lead down the road of prosperity. Rossland, like every other community, has its Doubting Thomases, and to all such we simply urge an examination of the facts and figures presented in our New Year's edition in the light of coming events, which should take the film from their eyes. The future of the entire Kootenays certainly looks bright.

BOYCOTT ILLEGAL.

The question of the legality of a boycott has recently been decided by the courts of two different countries. The Irish courts have decided against the variety as practiced by the United Irish League, and the court of appeals at St. Louis, Mo., has given a similar decision against the Master Plumbers' Association of that city. The case was instituted by a plumber named Walsh to restrain the association from refusing to sell him plumbers' supplies.

In any cases of a similar nature which may come before the courts of the United States, this decision will be sure to be quoted. Shorn of its legal phraseology the decision states that it is illegal for any association of men, whether laborers or capitalists, to take any concerted action with a view of preventing any body from carrying on his business or working at his trade.

Capitalists also have the right to combine their capital in productive enterprises, and by lawful competition drive the individual producer and the smaller ones out of business. And laborers and artisans have the right to form unions, and by their united effort fight competition by their united effort.

Since Hon. S. H. Blake renounced his allegiance to the Ontario liberal party in March last, when he voted for J. J. Foy, the conservative member for Centre Toronto, he has evidently not had any reason to change his opinion regarding the unsanitary condition of the politics of that province.

MR. BLAKE'S LETTER.

Mr. Blake's former prominence in the councils of the liberal party; his recognized ability as a lawyer, and his pre-eminence as a thinker, writer and speaker, will give his utterances great weight. They are the outspoken words of a man who is above the petty divisions of party, and who is in a position to give utterance to his thoughts freely, regardless as to the effect they may have on any political party.

It affords me pleasure to hear you speak of the great need there is for most strenuously endeavoring to drive out corruption in connection with our elections, our election trials and the government of our country generally.

Continuing, Mr. Blake says: "It is much to be deplored that there are those who have been educated to the low level of holding themselves out as hogs, ready to be bought in the market by the

highest bidder. It is much more to be regretted that there are those occupying apparently honorable positions as barristers and solicitors, merchants and constables, who prostitute their position for a consideration, sell it, and work amongst this purchasable community, making it possible for them to degrade themselves by their readiness to buy them. This regret is further deepened when those who sit in high places supply the money, without which this degrading could not be carried out, and with the knowledge that it is thus being used, greedily accept all benefits that flow from this unhallowed and degrading means. Possibly, however, the lowest depths of infamy has been recently reached when the rulers of our province, without compunction, seek to obtain the advantage of purchased and perjured evidence. The baseness thus percolates from the top through agents, to the purchasable commodity, and makes a seething mass of corruption, which should be hateful to every man in the community.

THE SEATTLE MINE.

Our special from Grand Forks informed us that the Trail smelter had secured a bond on the Seattle mine for \$97,000, and that work and the shipping of ore would begin at once. The Seattle is located about eight miles above Grand Forks on the west side of the North Fork of the Kettle River. It has hardly reached the stage yet when it can properly be called a mine, but it is locally a famous property of great promise. It was located in 1894 or 1895 by Robert Clark, who owned a ranch along the river bank near the mine location, where he raised spuds and children before the advent of the mining era. He could have sold the claim in 1898 for \$40,000 cash, which was more money than he really knew how to handle.

The Seattle is a high-grade gold-copper proposition, and the surface showing is one of the best in the Boundary country. Mining men have all held a high opinion of it. The action taken by the smelter people will be looked upon with favor by all, as it means active and immediate development work, and without doubt the adding of another shipping mine to the list.

THE ISTHMIAN RAILWAY.

The plan to build a ship railway across the narrow strip of land separating the Bay of Campeachy on the Atlantic side from the Gulf of Tehuantepec on the Pacific, is again being talked of. This was the scheme put forth by Captain Eads some 25 years ago. He was an engineer of undoubted ability. The plan to build jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi River, thus to impound the sediment coming down with the current and keep open a channel for the passage of deep-water vessels at all seasons of the year, was built under his supervision and at his suggestion. He was also the consulting engineer employed by the debris commission of California to devise a means of impounding the debris and wash coming from the great hydraulic placers in the mining sections, which threatened to destroy large areas of farming and horticultural lands in the Sacramento Valley. In both these great undertakings he was successful.

He then turned his attention to the ship railway scheme. Many articles were written at that time, both in the magazines and the secular press, to prove the feasibility of such a railway. Such a thing had been done, although on a much smaller scale, in one of the European states, and why should it not be successful in carrying vessels over a longer distance? But Captain Eads has been dead many years, and his plan to span the Isthmus of Tehuantepec with a series of rails sufficient to carry the largest vessel has not since been spoken of.

The United States has had its attention directed, until recently, to the Nicaraguan canal, but certain events, fresh in the minds of all readers, have caused that country to drop the Nicaragua route and seek to complete the canal already commenced on the Isthmus of Panama. There is little doubt that their aim will ultimately be accomplished, and that the Panama canal will be built and vessels passing through it in the course of a few years.

In regard to the ship railway, the route chosen is several hundred miles north of the proposed Panama canal, and it is pointed out that it will in no way interfere with the traffic of the canal. It is claimed that there will

be business for both; that the Eads railway will be cheaper of construction and more economical to keep in repair, and in the case of sailing vessels will be preferred to the other. We may not be surprised to hear that the railway has been built even before the canal is finished.

MINE TAXATION.

The question of mine taxation is receiving considerable attention in the neighboring State of Washington, and at a meeting of mine owners held at Spokane the other day resolutions were adopted setting forth their views on an equitable measure. Under the present system the assessment is made upon the ore in the mine before it is removed, and it is claimed it has resulted in exorbitant amounts being exacted from the owners.

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Another clause in the bill provides that all surface ground of a mining claim shall be taxed on the basis of the amount paid the United States therefor, unless it is used for some purpose other than mining, and that then it shall be taxed at its value for the other purpose.

SIX BRITISH HATTERS.

Under this heading the Victoria Colonist says: "Six British hatmakers have been refused admittance to Australia because they went there under engagements to work. This is an obviously wrong application of any contract labor law. Restrictions upon immigration have no show of reason except in providing against the displacement of labor by labor of a lower type. Where skilled mechanics are imported for the purpose of establishing or improving industries by means of their inherited and acquired skill, such importation should be encouraged by every means possible by every country not governed by the principles of topsy-turvydom.

The Victoria Sealing company held an important meeting last Tuesday, when plans for the approaching season's work were gone into quite fully. As a result of the deliberations a decision was reached to dispatch five schooners to the Japanese sealing grounds and to send as many more to the coast as they can obtain crews for.

A remarkable accident case has caused a considerable amount of discussion, says the Insurance Chronicle. One Captain McClanahan, in shaking hands with an old friend received a grip that broke one of the bones of his hand. Cancer set in, which rendered amputation of the hand necessary. The sufferer held an accident policy assuring indemnity for the loss of a hand by an accident. The problem is, was the necessary act of amputation such a form of accident as entitled the loser of his hand to the indemnity provided by his accident policy? One thing is certain, the man would have lost his hand had it not been amputated, and probably his life, by the cancer spreading. It seems a somewhat narrow view to deny that the hand was lost by an accident, for the owner would have retained it but for the accident by which it was injured.

It does seem that the time has fully come when the entire policy of granting aid to railways should be thoroughly reconsidered and revised, or abolished entirely, says The Commercial of Winnipeg. That an enormous loss to the people has been sustained by the policy of the past cannot be denied. There is every reason to fear that a large portion of the aid voted to corporations in the past, both by the various provincial and the federal government, has found its way into the pockets of promoters.

A special from Ottawa says Canada's customs revenue for the six months ending the last day of the old year was over \$18,000,000, an increase of over \$2,000,000 compared with the corresponding period of 1901. The revenue for the past six months is greater than it was for the whole year of 1895, notwithstanding the fact that taxation is now lower. This is an indication of great prosperity throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands are now placed in cable communication with the world. It is not so many years ago that one had to take a sailing vessel to reach these islands. Within a little over two decades regular steamship lines have been established, the islands have been annexed by the United States, and now cable connection is made. Verily the world "do move," as Uncle Jasper would say.

The Miner presents an array of figures today, collected from official sources, to which it directs the careful attention of its readers. These figures show the exact ore tonnage from this camp and from the Boundary and Slocan districts during the past year, which present a formidable appearance. The increase over former years is flattering.

The coal production of the Crow's Nest Pass during the past year shows an increase of 16,000 tons over that of 1901. The total output will amount to 44,000 tons, and 112,000 tons of coke. The mines at Michel, Coal Creek and Morrissey are now producing 2000 tons daily. Inside of six months this is expected to be increased to not less than 4000 tons.

The discovery of nickel of a superior quality on Wild Horse creek and the locating of a group of four claims has attracted considerable attention. The vein is said to be six feet in width, the nickel values amounting to nine per cent, with values in cobalt.

It is claimed that Vancouver's population has increased 4000 the past year, which would place her population at 36,000, the last census giving it at 26,000. Vancouver is one of the prosperous as well as one of the beautiful cities of the coast, and has before it a bright future.

Grand Forks and Columbia are now happily one. The auspicious event occurred on the first day of January, and the act was solemnized by proclamation of the attorney-general. We take off our hat to the new burg.

There are now four daily papers in Vancouver, the Ledger, which has hitherto been published as a weekly, having been converted into a daily. The people of that burg should not suffer for the lack of news or local literary pabulum.

For mayor of Grand Forks three names are mentioned—P. T. McCallum, Martin Burrill and W. K. Creitz. McCallum is the only one who has made a definite announcement. Creitz will probably be the socialist candidate.

Chris Foley has at last made a definite announcement and will be a candidate for parliamentary honors. An active campaign is promised.

The C. P. R. steamship Empress of Japan holds the record for the fastest time made across the Pacific from Vancouver to Yokohama.

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The mayors elected the vice included: Guelph—J. H. Hamilton—Alderman Hamilton—Alderman elected mayor over Lamb by 250 majority.

The Log

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The Miner is in receipt of an interesting letter from Day, a former Rossland miner, who is in the and is a regular reader. Mr. Day is operating Dominion creek, 40 miles from City. His letter was member 4th, on which was somewhat chilly above. A heavy snowfall the mines from bringing erate the steam thawing to that time, but Mr. within two or three weeks erations would be in winter season.

The Ross-Clarke election must have been a day testifies that it was campaign he ever won.

CITY DEPARTMENT EARNED

Annual reports were heaped on the desk at the City Council. The reports of departments and the reports of the treasury now in the hands of the City Council.

Apparently the printer owned by the city waterworks system. Mr. Kirk reported that the this source for the profit and the accruing profit was \$4,502.32. The station, supplied was 5000 daily consumption 486.0 average number of gallons per day was 75, the for each consumer 600 daily average per tap 75.

In the board of works it was shown that 2150 men walks had been constructed year.

The sanitary department a profit under the Thomas H. Long, inspector for sanitary work expenditure \$3,020.69 an deduction of \$4,436.28. The department collected \$30 was profiting, making the men's total profits in the northeast end of Third and Sixth avenues Washington street, to removal of the Chinese vicinity of the Cook's.

Donald Guthrie, chief department's work in that there were 45 alms loss of \$68,285 and insurance a net fire loss of \$41,510. Referring to the fire attained, have been obtained, is not likely to occur, expenditure for 1902 compared with \$12,042 deduction of \$3,436.28. Further reduction of at present twelve months, donations include the purchase of 200 feet of hose, 200 feet of ladder, the present unwieldy set of runners for the stumps, rubber boots and firemen and an alarm at the corner of Fifth and Washington street.

Thanks to the Water Department for services just fire and to the visted at that trying consideration.

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THE ONTARIO CITY ELECTIONS

Mayors Elected Throughout the Province of Ontario Monday--Big Surprise at Toronto--Urquhart Carries Off the Plum--Councilmen at Ottawa

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—The mayoralty election here yesterday resulted in a surprise. It was generally conceded that the fight lay between Mayor Howland, who had the conservative support, and Alderman Lamb, a conservative who had the support of the liberal papers.

London—Mayor Beck is re-elected. Forest—Charles McLean. Woodstock—John White. Galt—Hugh Caul. Brockville—Mayor Harrison. Medford—J. D. Mamill. St. Mary's—F. Butcher.

The Logic of Whiskey and Fists

With the mercury registering 60 degrees below zero and winter work in full blast, the gold-bearing creeks of the Yukon are dotted with busy camps. The Miner is in receipt of an exceedingly interesting letter from A. G. Day, a former Rossland man who maintains his interest in the Golden City and is a regular reader of The Miner.

country. On Dominion creek the principal arguments employed to sway the electorate were whiskey and fists. Mr. Day says there was a genuine "hot time" around the camp for some days, and that at the time of writing a number of the miners were still rejoicing.

CITY DEPARTMENTS EARNED PROFITS

Annual reports were piled in great heaps on the desk at the regular meeting of the city council last night. All the reports of departments, with the exception of the treasurer's statement now in the hands of the auditor, were presented for the aldermen's consideration.

NEW DEPOT NOT QUITE ABANDONED

F. S. Forest, general superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern system, was in the city yesterday on business in connection with the road. He returned this morning to Spokane. Touching on the question of snow blockades, Mr. Forest states that the Spokane Falls & Northern has been especially fortunate as compared with the transcontinental roads out of Spokane.

TEN DAYS TO CLEAR MAIN LINE

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 6.—Superintendent Law of the Northern Pacific says it will take about ten days to clear the main line of the Northern Pacific between Palmer Junction and Ellensburg. Three west bound passenger trains are between Palmer Junction and Stampede Tunnel—one at Canton, one at Maywood and one at Lester.

ALL-SCOTLAND TEAM DEFEATED

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 6.—The All-Scotland team of curlers was defeated this morning by the Campbellton players by a score of 19 to 7, and by the St. Andrew's club of St. John 15 to 11, and by the St. Stephen team 30 to 2. The Scotchmen, however, managed to defeat the Charleston Club of St. John by 15 to 13.

SUSPECT THE BRITISH

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg says: Prince Bined Danieh, governor of Teheran, capital of Persia, has been transferred to the governorship of Arabistan, as the Shah feared a revolution under the prince's leadership. The latter is said to be under British influence. The officials at Teheran suspected of pro-British leanings have been transferred to the provinces.

NEWS OF INTEREST GRANBY MINES BREAK RECORD

FROM YMIR CAMP

(Special to The Miner.) YMIR, B. C., Jan. 5.—The Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railroad company have had their line blocked for the past two days between Hall and the summit. Owing to the excessive snowfall the flanger that goes with the train was unable to throw out the snow from the rails, consequently the train stalled.

GRANBY MINES BREAK RECORD

(Special to The Miner.) PHOENIX, B. C., Jan. 5.—Yesterday the Granby mines again broke their own record for one day's shipment of ore. Christmas day these mines sent out 60 cars of ore, which, with eight cars from the Snowshoe, made over 2000 tons for the 24 hours, which breaks the record for one day from this camp up to that date.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT NORTHPORT

(Special to The Miner.) NORTHPORT, Wash., Jan. 6.—Eliot McCann, the eight-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCann, was run over by a loaded sleigh today at noon and died from her injuries this evening at about 6 o'clock. She was catching a ride to school, and as she tried to get off she slipped and fell under the runners, one of which passed over her.

NELSON TRADES & LABOR COUNCIL

NELSON, B. C., Jan. 6.—The Nelson Trades and Labor Council, one of the largest bodies of the kind in the province, and whose membership includes the Miners' Union of Nelson district, met tonight and passed the following resolution: "That we, the delegates to the Trades & Labor Council of Nelson, declare it to be our belief that it is the duty of the government at Ottawa to place all sections of Canada on an equal footing."

RASH ACT OF DAVID FLEMING

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 6.—David Fleming of Philadelphia, against whom a verdict of over \$6000 was rendered in the supreme court about a month ago at Elizabethtown in the Adirondacks, has refused to pay the judgment and has surrendered himself to Sheriff Adkins at Elizabethtown, where he must stay for the full term for a period of six months unless he decides to pay. This will release his bondsmen. After July 5, 1903, Fleming cannot again be arrested in this proceeding until after another six months have expired, and even then only in the state of New York.

OLD CONTROVERSY REVIVED

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Great Britain's protest in the matter of the passage through the Dardanelles of the torpedo boat destroyers, creates considerable interest, and it is expected as not unlikely to lead to the virtual abrogation of the clause of the treaty of Paris which closes the Dardanelles. The London daily papers are greatly concerned at Germany's refusal to associate itself with Great Britain, although she is a signatory of the treaty.

LACK OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT

LONDON, Jan. 6.—At the annual meeting of Technical Institution the new president, Sir John Wolfe Barry, the well known engineer, drew attention to the striking lack of scientific and mental equipment in Great Britain, as compared with her "two great trading competitors, the United States and Germany."

DIED BY HEART TROUBLE

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—Ex-Alderman N. L. Steiner died suddenly last night of heart trouble. He was 67 years of age, and had been down town all the evening watching the returns, and had written a congratulatory message to Alderman Shepard upon that gentleman's re-election about an hour before.

MORE WRECKAGE WASHED ASHORE

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 6.—Advices reached here today from Carmanah that further wreckage has been found there. Some time ago the lighthouse keeper reported that the stern of a ship's boat with the name Ericson, Cardiff, in black letters, together with the top of a mast and some new ash oars, with sennit in place of leather on them, was washed ashore. Now he states that much wreckage has been washed ashore, including the remains of a small steamer and schooner. A life buoy appears in the heterogeneous mass, and there appears a name which Mr. Daykin thought might resemble "Vancouver." Another piece of wreckage has a name on it partly obliterated, the only letters that could be deciphered being "Rinter," but how these are grouped he has omitted to say. The letters are about six inches long and carved in wood and painted white.

THE TUG IS A TOTAL WRECK

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 5.—On the night of December 23th the tug Vladimir, of the logging company operating at San Juan, disappeared from her moorings during a heavy southwest storm and it was thought that she had foundered. The steamer Queen City, which arrived tonight, reports that the wreck of the tug has been found on the rocks two miles this side of Carmanah. There was no one on board the tug when she disappeared. She is a total wreck.

TRIAL OF MAJOR EDWIN F. GLEN

MANILA, Jan. 6.—The trial of Major Edwin F. Glen, of the Fifth Infantry, who is to be tried by courtmartial on the formal charge of unlawfully and wilfully killing several prisoners of war, to the prejudice of good order and military discipline and in violation of 128th article of war, was resumed here today. The defence renewed his request that Generals Chaffee and Smith and other witnesses be summoned from the United States.

DEANE GETS TRIBUNE PLANT

(Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 6.—In chambers today Judge Martin directed that Deane's tender for the Nelson Tribune plant be accepted. In McLeod et al. v. Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, application to have 27 cases against the company consolidated as one for a test case, was adjourned for two weeks.

A FEARLESS MAN.

HAMILTON, Jan. 6.—F. W. Fearman, head of the well known pork packing firm of F. W. Fearman & Co., married Mrs. John Hamilton Niles at Bay City, Michigan, yesterday. Mr. Fearman is nearly eighty years old and is the father of several sons and the grandfather of a number of children.

DEMANDS PAYMENT.

SAN DOMINGO, Jan. 6.—United States Minister Powell made a demand on the Dominican government today for the immediate payment of the \$325,000 due the Clyde line.

LUMBERING.

(Fort Steele Prospector.) In Southeast Kootenay there are enormous forests of valuable timber, consisting of tamarack, pine, fir and cedar, which have laid the foundation for lumbering, which has developed into one of the most prosperous industries. The home market for manufactured lumber is large, yet immense quantities is being exported into the Northwest Territories. The year's production of manufactured lumber is estimated at 15,000,000 feet, valued at \$300,000.

IN REPUBLIC CAMP.

(Republic Pioneer-Miner.) Lone Pine-Surprise.—Thirteen men are employed at the Lone Pine-Surprise. In the upper workings the stopes have been raised one floor, with the roof 14 feet above the track on the main level, and the faces are four feet wide at each end. The southwest face samples ran nearly \$15; the last assay reported gave \$15.60 in gold and 66 cents in silver per ton, and the northeast face assay \$12 in gold and \$5.90 in silver. A car sample of the ore at \$18.87 per ton. On the lower level seven men are employed drifting on the vein and breaking down ore from the two stopes. The first stope yields \$14 ore and the main drift has passed through it 70 feet.

IN THE PALACE OF THE GRAND MOGUL

DELHI, India, Jan. 6.—The state ball following the Durbar, which was held tonight in the palace of the grand mogul, proved to be one of the most attractive features of the Durbar festivities. The European dance among the columns and pillars of the palace was a strange and wonderful sight. When a fanfare of silver trumpets announced the arrival of the viceroys the scene was one of unexampled brilliancy. The halls were filled with brilliant uniforms and dresses, and there was a profusion of flowers and jewels. Lady Curzon was clad in a dress of gold brocade and wore a magnificent tiara and necklace of diamonds, with four big rubies that, once had belonged to the king of Bhaw. The Duchess of Connaught wore a handsome white dress festooned with flowers. Some 6000 guests were present. Among them were the Duke of Connaught, Lord Kitchener and all the prominent persons in India, and the Duchess of Macarough and numerous other Americans. The hall of the public audience was converted into a ball room. The two halls were most elaborately decorated and illuminated with electric lights. During the evening military bands played in the galleries. Lord and Lady Curzon and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, seated on the royal dais, received and conversed with scores of native princesses, whose jewels and costumes outshone the creations of the best known continental costumers. Hours after the royal party had departed the ball and supper room presented a dazzling picture.

CHARGE DISCRIMINATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Representatives of the Pittsburgh Glass Company testified before the interstate commerce commission today in substantiation of the charges that the railroads are discriminating against American manufacturers in their import and domestic freight tariffs.

METAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Amalgamated copper 66 1-8.

Swanson Sentenced to One Year's Imprisonment

Peter Swanson, the Northport saloon-keeper convicted of having in his possession stolen matte from the Northport smelter, came up for sentence yesterday morning before Judge Boulbee.

The case had been enlarged after the sitting of last Monday until yesterday at the request of J. A. Macdonald, counsel for the defendant, who wished to bring witnesses to the city from Northport to testify as to the previous good character of the prisoner.

Yesterday the case was reopened before Judge Boulbee by J. A. Macdonald in an effort to establish the good standing of Swanson while a resident of Northport.

The Ratepayers Will Vote on Franchise

As stated in The Miner a month or more since, application will be made to the ratepayers of the city at the forthcoming municipal election for permission to grant a franchise to the Electric Dispatch Messenger service.

It is not likely that the measure will meet with any formidable opposition inasmuch as the by-law is intended to protect the city rather than to grant any favor to the company in question.

Of course every one knows that a messenger service has been operated in Rossland. Up to the present time no steps have ever been taken to demand the privilege of the people operating this service, nor have the city's rights ever been defined in respect to the concern.

Plates For Sides Of Ambulance Arrive

Yesterday two engraved brass plates, ordered some months ago by W. J. Nelson for the sides of the Father Pat memorial ambulance, arrived in the city from Philadelphia.

Nelson took possession of them for the time being, although arrangements have been made for having the plates placed on exhibition for a while in the show windows of Ewart Bros., the jewellers.

The plates are two beautiful brass engravings and are the latest and most expensive thing in their line. The lettering is in heavy black, which, with the light yellowish color of the brass as a background, throws them out in heavy relief, making them not only prominent, but readable as well from a considerable distance.

Threw Up Position At the Last Moment

The public schools reopen for the Easter term on Monday. The attendance will be about the same as previous to the holidays, and the recent rearrangement of the teaching staff is expected to be permanent, so that the disadvantages of changes in mid-term will be obviated.

R. G. Gordon, who accepted the school board's offer to assume the post of first assistant at the Central school, has backed out of the bargain and left the board temporarily in the lurch.

imposed that it be made as light as possible in view of the facts of the case. C. R. Hamilton also addressed the judge, and moved that the sentence be made as light as was possible under the law.

"Fourteen years is the maximum penalty I can impose in this case," said Judge Boulbee, in rendering sentence on the prisoner. "There are several things, however, that militate in your favor. Your standing, hitherto, has been of the best, as far as I can judge from the testimony of the witnesses from Northport; you have always borne a good reputation as far as honesty and trustworthiness goes, and, as the counsel says, it is a pity that you have been drawn into your present trouble."

Swanson was agreeably surprised that he had been dealt with so leniently, as he expected a heavier sentence. Swanson will be taken over to Nelson this morning by Deputy Sheriff Robinson.

up to the present time, had a free hand to perform all the actions contemplated by the by-law. In fact, the service is installed complete, and having allowed this to occur it would be a manifest injustice, that would not be tolerated by any fair-minded citizen having in mind the usefulness of the service, were the corporation peremptorily to order that all wires be taken down forthwith.

The other remedy is to insist upon an agreement between the company and the city, whereby the rights of all parties are clearly defined, and the corporation has the power to prevent any action of the company that may be deemed as opposed to the good policy as viewed from citizens' standpoint.

The fact, as demonstrated by the by-law reproduced in this issue of The Miner, that the Electric Dispatch Messenger service obtains no exclusive rights from the passage of the by-laws, robs the measure of any element that might render it unacceptable to the community.

Gasoline Furnishes Fuel For a Fierce Fire

The cleaning and dyeing establishment of Mrs. E. Tremblay on Washington street, near the Astor House, was completely gutted yesterday afternoon by fire, caused by the explosion of gasoline.

Mrs. Tremblay was caught in the house with the first rush of flames, her hair being badly burnt. She claims she was locked in the house when the fire started. Her loss, she estimates, at \$140 with no insurance.

The chemical apparatus on returning from the fire was overturned on Washington street, the driver, Frank Boyd, being thrown to the street. He had a narrow escape from being run over, but through presence of mind, managed to roll away from the runners just in time.

Public Library Is Now in Full Swing

Rossland's free reading room and public library is now wide open to the world. Any and all persons are welcome to take advantage of the privileges between the hours of 10 a. m. and 10 p. m.

The formal opening took place on the afternoon of New Year's day. The premises were well filled and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. Speeches were delivered by His Worship Mayor Clute, who formally declared the reading room open; Arthur S. Goodeve, Judge William B. Townsend, Rev. Charles W. Hedley, M. A.; Alderman Thomas Embleton and Rev. A. M. Sanford, B. A. Messrs. Clute and Goodeve subscribed \$10 each as a nucleus for the fund to add to the library section of the enterprise.

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Government Revenues Collected in Rossland

Appended are the customs and inland revenue returns for the port of Rossland in 1902. The figures are supplied through the courtesy of R. B. McDonald, collector of customs, and Hiram P. McCraney, collector of inland revenues.

Table with columns for Month, Amount, and Total collections for 1902. Includes sub-sections for INLAND REVENUES and CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

1903 Promises Much For the Giant Mine

The program for the new year in connection with the Giant mine will be settled in the course of the next week or two. The directors of the company are to meet in London and go into the plans laid out for their consideration.

In fact, this meeting may have taken place during the present week. Up to the present time, the development of the property has been hampered by the somewhat inadequate plant available, but despite serious drawbacks the mine has paid all the expenses of mining and treating the ore shipped during the year, together with 700 feet of development work, a gratifying commentary upon the possibilities of the industry in the Rossland camp.

The plans suggested for the future operation of the Giant are interesting. One of the features is the utilization of the California compressor plant, an exceptionally well equipped plant capable of operating ten drills continuously.

Another Three Months For Postoffice Opening

The tenders for the interior furnishings of the postoffice, necessary to the completion of the new federal building, were presumably opened in Ottawa several days ago, but up to the present time no word has arrived here as to the awarding of the contract.

Even after the result of the tenders is announced it is likely to be a couple of months before the effect is seen locally, as that period will undoubtedly be required to manufacture the fittings, notably the boxes, as described in the specifications. This sub-contract will probably be awarded to one of the eastern manufacturers who make a specialty of such fittings, and with the delays that ordinarily occur in the fulfillment and delivery of this class of goods seven or eight weeks is not an unreasonable estimate of the time that will elapse before the furnishings are on the ground here.

The work of installing the boxes and other fittings is not tedious, and a month will probably cover the time required. Therefore it may safely be believed that three months will see the new postoffice in use.

John Dean Enters Race For Mayoralty

John Dean is the latest addition to the entries for the mayoralty. His candidature was announced to his friends yesterday, and received with a measure of surprise in some quarters where Mr. Dean's continued silence on the subject of his intentions had been taken as evidence that he would not be in the field this year.

Candidate Dean's platform, in a nutshell, is the retrenchment of expenditure wherever possible, the encouragement of friendly feeling between the corporation and the mining companies, the repression of gambling and the re-education of business.

Yesterday Mr. Dean informed a representative of The Miner that sufficient personal appeals had been made to him in connection with making the race for the chief justice's chair to justify him in the belief that the outcome of the polling would warrant his estimate of the feeling of the electors.

Miners Won't Work On Lord's Day

The employees of the Le Roi mine have declared themselves in favor of a cessation of work on alternate Sundays. This is the outcome of the voting carried on during Friday between 8:30 a. m. and midnight.

Three hundred and forty-six men cast ballots on the issue. This represents the large proportion of the company's employees, although some of the men abstained from voting. The result of the ballot was as follows:

W. E. Williams, worthy president; E. J. Colman, vice-president; W. H. Danby, secretary; Johnson Lee, assistant secretary; John Kirkup, treasurer; W. J. Manhire, messenger; George Talbot, assistant messenger; Rev. C. W. Hedley, chaplain; A. Pandray, outside sentinel; I. Coward, inside sentinel.

Week's News in Local Fraternal Circles

Christmas and New Year's weeks have been quiet ones in some of the lodges and busy periods in others. The installation of officers was the absorbing topic under discussion.

The local branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows meets Monday night at its hall on Queen street for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing term. Whether the Trail lodge will join hands with the Rossland branch and hold a double installation is not decided.

The Knights of Pythias met last night in their hall on Queen street for the purpose of transacting routine business and to install the new officers for the ensuing term. The meeting was largely attended, and was made interesting by speeches from the retiring officers and some of the new officers.

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LORD BERESFORD IS COMING

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LONDON, Jan. 3.—Lord Beresford said to a reporter of the Associated Press: "I am going to America because I have some private business to attend to. It has nothing to do with the shipping combine. If the Morgans had paid me the compliment of offering me something in that connection, which they have not, I should have been obliged to decline. However, in addition to attending to private business I am going to have another good look around, though I must be back in London for the opening of parliament in February. In my look around I hope to pick up information regarding the administrative element in American business. That's where America excels. We do not know how to administer here.

"Our workmen are as good as their, but our administrations are feeble. Our companies want lords and commoners as directors, who know nothing about business. Yours demand straight business men, who not only know but put their money into concerns for their directors. If I can teach the people here to adopt American business methods we can then have greater intercommunication with capital and interests between the two countries. It is the only way, and once England and America get on a profit sharing basis the world will not dare to interfere with either. We neither of us will stand for political alliance. It is impossible. Changing parties and sentiments of both countries forbid it. I frankly confess that such an alliance would be more to England's than to America's advantage.

"America can look after herself. She can fight the world, either from an economic or any other viewpoint. They have not begun to realize here yet that the long period during which Great Britain held the monopoly of trade is over. They do not know the value of a scrap heap or the minimum cost of production or of the volume of trade. The coming century will be one of business. By trying to achieve a community of business interests and methods between America and England I believe I shall be doing much toward its being a century of peace. You put your brightest men in business. We put them into politics, the navy and the army. That has got to be changed. Not for the sake of the money it makes for the individual, but for the general good of the country. When I return I hope to have a lot more of information in my pocket, which will further these ends in parliament and elsewhere."

"Asked what he thought of the Venezuelan situation, Lord Beresford brought his hand emphatically down on the table. "Thank God," he exclaimed, "that it has come out all right, but it has taught our government a lesson—that they must never try their hand again at such a game without the partnership of the United States. I do not say a word against Germany, but I do think it is to England's advantage to come right out and not only say, 'We support the Monroe doctrine, but, by heavens, we are willing to fight for it.'"

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 3.—There was a thrilling race on the Wilkesbarre & Eastern railroad today in an attempt to avoid a collision. A freight car loaded with ties ran away on the steep grade at Yatesville. The passenger train for Wilkesbarre had just left the station. The flagman heard the noise of the on-coming runaway car and the engineer was signaled to put on all speed. The engine driver opened up the throttle, but the freight car continued to gain on the passenger train. Seeing that a collision was unavoidable the passengers from the rear car were hurried into the front ones. At Kinneytown the runaway car crashed into the rear passenger coach, derailing it and also throwing the freight car from the track. No one was injured, but the passengers received a shaking up.

PERDERMO WILL RESIGN. PANAMA, Jan. 3.—General Perdermo, the minister of state, left here today for Bogota, the capital, with his staff. It is reported that he will resign on his arrival there.

The decree by which the hides of all cattle killed in this department become the property of the government as a war contribution, and also establishing a stamp on all steamship tickets issued, has been annulled.

HIS CONDITION CRITICAL. LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch from Dresden to the Central News says the German specialists who attended the king of Saxony held a consultation today and issued a bulletin declaring his condition to be critical. It is believed at Dresden that there is little hope for the king's living more than a few days.

IN QUARANTINE--YELLOW FEVER. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 3.—Owing to deaths from yellow fever on the voyage from Panama the British bank Combank is now in strict quarantine at the United States station at Diamond Point. The Combank originally started for Puget Sound in October. Before the vessel had been out a fortnight the disease appeared and two of the crew were stricken. Death followed in each case, and Captain Walker headed about and returned to Panama. Investigation showed the disease to be yellow fever. Captain Walker started the second time for Puget Sound. On this voyage two men of the crew died. The Combank will be delayed 14 days at Diamond Point, and in the interim the vessel will be thoroughly cleaned of the Panama mud used as ballast and the vessel thoroughly disinfected.

A LIBERAL GAIN. LONDON, Jan. 3.—The bye-elections at Newmarket yesterday to fill the vacancy in the house of commons caused by the death of Harry MacCallum resulted in a liberal gain.

IT PROVES TO BE SMALLPOX. ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 31.—The supposed chickenpox on board the British schooner Grace, Captain Strong, which arrived here yesterday from Oporto, proves to be smallpox. Three men of the crew are now ill. The schooner has been quarantined and the authorities are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—General Superintendent Hale of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad issued the following order today: "Until further notice we cannot accept a car load of freight except live stock and perishable products for points east of Pittsburg, Moundsville and Parkersburg."

TO ATTACK THE REBELS. LONDON, Jan. 2.—In a dispatch from Gibraltar the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the brother of the sultan of Morocco, Mulai-Mohammed, in command of the royal army, left Fez December 27th to attack the rebels.

EMPLOYEES TO SHARE IN PROFITS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—In a double circular, one to the stockholders and the other to the officers and employees, the United States Steel Corporation, announces its intention to inaugurate a system whereby the humblest workman on its rolls, if he desires, may become a permanent stockholder and share in the profits of the corporation. The scheme is the result of months of preparation by the finance committee of the corporation, and the circulars are signed by G. W. Perkins, chairman. The plan is said to have originated with Mr. Perkins. The plan inviting officers and employees to participate is divided into two parts. Part one prescribes that from the earnings of the corporation during the year 1902 there will have been set aside at least \$2,000,000 and as much more as is needed for the purchase of at least 25,000 shares of preferred stock, which will be offered as follows to employees of the corporation and constituent companies: At present the corporation and subsidiary companies are employing 68,000 men, whom it is proposed to divide into six classes, ranging from those receiving \$20,000 a year or over down to men earning \$800 yearly or less. The preferred stock will be offered to any employee during January at \$82.50 per share (its closing price today was \$82.50). Employees can subscribe for the amount of stock not exceeding the sum represented by a certain percentage of their salaries.

The question of what constitutes profits is to be determined entirely by the finance committee, which, it is stated, will have no interest in the profit sharing plan. If \$90,000,000 is earned in the coming year, \$90,000 will be set aside, one-half to be distributed in cash quarterly, the other half to be reserved until the end of the year and invested in preferred stock, thus purchased to be divided one-half to employees entitled thereto, the other half to remain with the treasurers of the company.

Each shareholder is to receive a certificate for his interest, taking these provisions: First—If he remains continuously in the service of the company or one or another of its subsidiary companies for five years the stock shall be delivered to him and he may do as he likes with it. Second—If he dies or become totally or permanently disabled while in the employ of the corporation or of one or another of its subsidiary companies the stock will be delivered to his estate or to him. Third—He can draw the dividends declared on the stock while it is held by his account and he remains in the employ of the company, or in one or other of its subsidiary companies. Fourth—That if without previous consent voluntarily he shall have quit the service of the company, or its subsidiary companies, he shall forfeit all right to this stock, or any part thereof, for five years, will be divided among such employees as shall have complied with all the conditions. Thus 25 per cent of all the money set aside in this profit sharing plan will be held for five years and will be given to such only as at the end of that period shall be in the employ of the company, or of one or another of its subsidiary companies, from and after January 1, 1903.

High officials of the steel corporation declined today to discuss the report of approaching retirement of President Schwab.

ENGINEER BIRD HELD RESPONSIBLE. MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—The coroner's jury which investigated the death of Octave Tremblay, Grand Trunk conductor killed in the collision between two freight trains on Victoria bridge last Wednesday, this afternoon brought in a verdict finding Engineer Bird, of the second train, responsible. Bird testified that he ran past the block signal set which controlled the train and averted the collision. Bird was placed under arrest and later released on bail.

YUKON'S ADMINISTRATION. MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—The Herald publishes an Ottawa special saying Fred C. Gordon, crown prosecutor in the Yukon, is to succeed Ross as administrator.

COAL ADVANCED AGAIN. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The price of soft coal advanced today to \$8.40. This is the wholesale price, freightage not included. Anthracite averages \$10 a ton to the consumer.

KILLED IN DRUNKEN BRAWL. SAN DIEGO DE CUBA, Jan. 2.—Seven Italian peddlers became involved in a drunken brawl last night and two were killed. Two of them were instantly killed. Two died today. The fifth was fatally wounded. The sixth was badly wounded. The seventh, who did most of the fighting, was not hurt. Thirty revolver shots were fired in two minutes. The men concerned were relatives.

PAID INDEMNITY IN SILVER. SHANGHAI, Jan. 2.—The Taotai has paid the January installment of the international indemnity on a silver basis. He expressed his inability to accept the interpretation of the protocol adopted by the International Bankers' Association.

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NEED WHEAT IN AUSTRALIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Two hundred thousand tons of breadstuffs must be imported from the wheat-producing centers of Australia during the coming season to supply the harvest deficiency, says United States Consul Goddard at Newcastle, in a report to the state department, dated November 5th. The crop in New South Wales, he says, will not reach 50 per cent of the quantity needed last year. Victoria will require imports of 3,327 bushels of wheat to supply her needs. The scarcity is not so bad in South Australia, though there the crop is less than last year. Fifteen thousand tons of California flour are afloat, but the consul says the price of California flour has risen so greatly that the effect will be to divert a good deal of trade to Canada, which raises hard wheat of a class well suited to mix with California flour.

RAILWAY COLLISION. Two Engineers Killed and the Fireman Fatally Hurt. BURLINGTON, Vt., Jan. 2.—The New York flyer, northbound on the Rutland railroad, collided with a wild engine opposite Dr. W. Seward Webb's estate in Shelburne this evening. The engineers of both trains were killed and the fireman probably fatally hurt. No passengers were seriously injured.

LATER AND FULLER ACCOUNT. BURLINGTON, Vt., Jan. 2.—A wild engine running from Burlington to Rutland of the Rutland railroad crashed into the northbound flyer from New York tonight in Shelburne, just this side of Burnett's Crossing. The crews of both engines were killed. A brakeman who was riding on the wild engine was probably fatally hurt, and nearly all of the flyer's crew were injured more or less seriously. No passengers were seriously hurt.

Dennis Mahoney of Rutland, engineer of the flyer; W. R. Cowry of Rutland, engineer of the wild engine, and Joseph Fitzpatrick of Rutland, fireman, were killed.

The cause of the accident is not definitely known, but Dr. W. S. Webb, president of the road, says that he believes that Engineer Cowry, who had charge of the wild engine, had figured that the flyer would be late and that he could run to Shelburne for the siding before the up train reached that point. The flyer, however, was on schedule time and met the wild engine about one mile north of Shelburne Station. As it was both engines were totally destroyed. The boiler of one exploded an instant after the collision. The scene of the wreck was directly east of Shelburne Farms and the home of Dr. Webb.

ANOTHER SO-CALLED TRUST. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—The American Tin Can company has bought the Indianapolis Tin Can company's large plant in this city and the plant may be closed. The American Tin Can company now controls all but three of the tin can companies in the country.

PREMIER LAURIER IN GOOD HEALTH. MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—Arthur Danvers, editor of La Presse, has just returned from Florida, where he spent some time with Premier Laurier. He says the premier is now just as strong mentally and physically as he was five years ago, and expects to return the end of next week.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE HELD. The Union Pacific and Certain of its Employees. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Another conference was held today at the Union Pacific office in this city with reference to a settlement of the differences between the heads of the road and certain of its employees. The conference included President Burt of the road, President James O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists, Thomas Wilson, fourth vice-president of the International Association of Machinists; John McNeil and E. T. Kennedy, representing the Boiler Makers International Union, and David O'Donnell, president of the Boiler Makers Helpers' Union.

Before going into the conference one of the labor representatives expressed the opinion that a satisfactory settlement would be possibly reached. At the close of the conference it was said that no actual agreement had been reached, though matters were tending towards an amicable settlement. Another conference will be held next Tuesday.

EXPLOSION AND CAVE-IN. Sinking of the D. & H. Mine Workings in Pennsylvania. SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 2.—An explosion and cave-in, caused by the setting of the D. & H. mine workings, occurred at Olyphant, a few miles north of here, at 2:30 this afternoon. J. W. O'Brien, the hotel and the residence of Mrs. Mary Evans, adjoining, were swallowed up. The buildings took fire immediately after sinking.

It is feared that the Lackawanna river will overflow into the cave-in and cause the mine to flood. As far as was known no one was killed.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 2.—The abandoned workings of the Eddy Creek colliery of the Delaware & Hudson company beneath the town of Olyphant caved in this afternoon and engulfed four frame buildings, covering an aggregate ground space of six thousand square feet.

THE IRISH LAND CONFERENCE

Met in Dublin Yesterday -- Report Does Not Call For Compulsory Purchase, But Clears the Path For Final Legislation on the Delicate Question

DUBLIN, Jan. 3.—The Irish land conference, which was called by Lord Dunraven and others interested in the Irish agrarian questions, with a view to arranging the sale of land by the landlords to tenants, met again here today. The only absentees were Lord Dunraven, chairman of the conference, who is sick, and John Redmond.

A report was drawn up and signed by all those present and forwarded to the lord-lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Dunlov. The contents of the report have not been given out, and while the agreements regarding the report complete their present work it has been resolved not to dissolve.

IT CLEARS THE PATH. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Dublin correspondent of the Observer says the report of the Irish land conference does not call for compulsory purchase, but it clears the path for final legislation on the question. The reports make recommendations in favor of the evicted tenants. The members of the conference, continues the correspondent, are pleased with the result of their meetings, and there is a general feeling that a great step will be taken towards the settlement of the Irish question.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF SIAM IN JAPAN. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 3.—The steamer Moyne, of the China Mutual line, reached port tonight from Liverpool, via the Orient, with a light cargo. She encountered heavy southeast gales for the greater part of the voyage across. The steamer brings considerable naval stores and gun mountings for the Esquimalt fortifications.

The Moyne reports that the crown prince of Siam, who arrived at Yokohama the day prior to the sailing of the Moyne, on December 17th, was received by a fleet of warships, all dressed with bunting.

The Empress of China, on which his royal party were passengers, had a terrible passage, her saloon being stove in by the force of the waves, two boats smashed and other injuries received, and two sailors sustained fatal injuries.

The liner flew the Siamese flag at her peak, and as she entered the harbor the Japanese battleships, Chinoy and Fuso, and two torpedo boats, the United States steamship Oregon, the Russian battleship Ruerik and the Siamese royal yacht Maha Chakrin, fired salutes.

There was a large and distinguished party of Japanese present to receive the prince and party, who left at once by special train for Tokio, where he will be made the guest of the Japanese emperor.

The principal Japanese journals of Tokio publish leading articles welcoming the crown prince, and commenting on the relationship of Japan and Siam. During the typhoon of December 14th the United States steamship Oregon and the C. P. R. steamer Empress of China were badly damaged. Several Japanese junks were lost with all on board near Kobe.

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 3.—Special Commissioner T. H. Kinley of Kansas City, appointed to take testimony in the Custer proceedings of Attorney-General Crow on the charge of the existence of a beef trust, filed his report in the supreme court tonight. It finds that the Armour Packing Co., Nelson, Morris & Co., Swift & Co., the Hammond Packing Co., the Cudahy Packing Co. and the Schwarzchild & Sulzberger Co. are guilty of entering into an agreement to fix and maintain prices for the sale of dressed beef and pork in Missouri. It is set forth that prices were fixed through agents, managers and solicitors, and many times by managers of coolers, in those cities.

The Henry Krug Packing Co. of St. Joseph was found not to have been in the combination and consequently the report will release it from legal proceedings.

THE SPECULATIVE SENTIMENT. Underwent Several Abrupt Transitions in New York Yesterday. NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Speculative sentiment underwent several rather abrupt transitions today. The first distinct movement in the market, after a period of listless fluctuations, followed the publication of the November earnings of the Pennsylvania railroad. The rate at which the rise in opening expenses in this representative railroad system was seen to outstrip the gains in the gross earnings served to engender doubts caused by a similar tendency which has become general throughout the railroad world.

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ROSSLAND

Table with columns for Amount and Elections for 1902. Values include \$1,843.30, \$1,915.43, etc.

Months Opening

of installing the boxes and is not tedious, and a probably cover the time therefore it may safely be three months will see the completion of the postoffice task, and much dissatisfaction has been caused locally over what has occurred, although these were unavoidable under the circumstances. It has been suggested that the board should take the matter up with the public works, but this was never adopted, or the reason that it was only immediate result an avalanche of correspondence permanent good accom-

Mayoralty

of the electors. nominations take place on and the polling on the 25th.

Handkerchiefs Sent as Christmas Presents.

R. Ont., Jan. 3.—An 8-year-old boy was arrested here on a charge of robbing the mails in Windsor. The combination of one private boxes in the postoffice was from it a box containing handkerchiefs sent as a present. Small boys have been sending mail boxes in the postoffice for months. They stood elderly or careless person and deciphered the combination and helped themselves when looking.

Lord's Day

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A COLD IN ONE DAY. tive Bromo Quinine Tablets. sts return the money if it is. E. W. Grove's signature box. 25c.

IS LEAVING THE LE ROI CARNIVAL IN FEBRUARY

John H. Mackenzie's Successor in Office Will Be Appointed Shortly--Well-Known Manager Will Retire From Active Business For a Time.

The approaching annual meeting of the Le Roi Mining company in London will probably see a successor named to John H. Mackenzie, whose resignation has been in the hands of the directors for some weeks.

Japanese Metallurgist In Rossland Sunday

Among the Sunday visitors to Rossland was Kisaburo Yamaguchi, Ph.D., representing the Furukawa Central Office of Mines at Tokyo, Japan.

THE SILVER-LEAD ISSUE

Matter Will Probably Come Up at Tonight's Board of Trade Meeting--Silver-Lead Men Ask Endorsation of Tariff Propaganda.

The silver-lead problem is at last to come before the Rossland board of trade. At least it is expected that the question will divide the attention of tonight's meeting with the mineral tax, although the latter issue will likely have the right of way owing to its prime importance to the Golden City in particular.

route to San Francisco on a trip, and will be absent several weeks. The statement is made that Mr. Mackenzie relinquished the management of the Le Roi for personal reasons, and that he will not immediately assume charge of any other property.

now down 1200 feet. Fifteen years ago these mines produced about 10,000 pounds of copper per month, which had been maintained for three centuries. Then the modern or "western" methods of mining were adopted, and the output grew by leaps and bounds until the present large aggregate has been attained.

struction and operation in Canada of a corrodng works and other plants capable of supplying the domestic demand for all the products of lead, thus creating a subsidiary but important industry, the location of which is most likely to be in the eastern part of the Dominion.

"In requesting your active assistance in advancing the object we have in view, we do not consider that we display any selfishness. In advancing our interests we advance those of Canada and your own. We are your customers, purchasing from you the products of your manufacturing and of your farms, and we do but ask adequate protection for the one product on which our business existence depends, as, under the existing tariff, is afforded to your products of which we are purchasers only."

Rossland's Winter Celebration Eventuates on February 12, 13 and 14--Committee Formed Last Night to Expedite Arrangements.

Rossland holds its winter carnival of 1923 on the 12th, 13th and 14th of February--Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the second week in the ensuing month.

The important question contained within the bounds of the last resolution having been settled, the matter of dates came up. The opinion was expressed that the three days following the Kootenay Curling Association's bonspiel in Rossland would be excellent dates for the carnival, as the bonspiel curlers would, in many cases, remain over for the celebration.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE. The meeting then proceeded to the appointment of a general committee to complete arrangements for the celebration. The committee was finally named as follows: J. S. Fraser, manager Bank of Montreal; C. O. Lalonde, Edmund B. Kirby, general manager of the Rossland winter carnival received a decided impetus as the result of the meeting of the general committee last night.

"School is in" For Easter Term. The public schools reopened for the spring term yesterday. The initial sessions were attended by a considerable number of children, although the real attendance for the ensuing month cannot be approximated until the term is a few days over.

CORBETT IS WILLING. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 6.--"I will accept the offer of the Hayes Valley Athletic Club of San Francisco, to fight Jim Jeffries for the championship of the world," said James J. Corbett tonight.

manager War Eagle and Centre Star mines; Charles V. Jenkins, John H. Mackenzie, general manager Le Roi mine; Paul S. Caudrey, manager Le Roi No. 2; Andrew G. Larson, acting manager Rossland-Kootenay Mines; A. B. Barker, manager Bank of Toronto; Kenneth E. Maskenzie, manager Royal Bank; Lorne A. Campbell, manager West Kootenay Power & Light company; James Anderson, manager Bank of British North America; Harry McIntosh, W. Harry Goddard, Archie B. Mackenzie, Harry Daniel, J. Stephen Deschamps, J. E. Taylor, J. Blinn Johnson, R. W. Grigor, E. A. Rolfe, A. C. Davis, Nelson A. Burritt, John Jacobs, R. Ralph Leslie, Eldon S. H. Winn, Oscar Baum, A. W. Dyer and H. W. C. Jackson.

Special attention is directed to the fact that the first meeting of the executive committee is called for this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the board of trade rooms. The hour has been set earlier than usual to permit of curlers getting away in time for the night's play at the rink. The appointment of a permanent secretary and executive committee is the special business in hand tonight.

Deschamps undertook to interest sixty or seventy snowshoers in a torchlight parade, to be held in the evening on the side of Monte Cristo mountain, winding up with a salvo of fireworks on the peak. Mr. Deschamps was appointed chairman of a special committee on snowshoeing, with power to select the balance of the committee. The feature will undoubtedly be an excellent one, as it is both new and novel.

SALLED FOR ROME. NEW YORK, Jan. 6.--Dr. Kennedy, rector of the American College at Rome, sailed on the steamer Wilhelm Der Grosse today, accompanied by Dr. B. E. Dacosta, former rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist of this city, and Dr. Doran, formerly a Protestant minister in Philadelphia, both of whom are going to Rome to become Catholic priests. Dr. Dacosta is 71 years of age.

CITY NEWS

BUILD GREATER. I. Coward has received a contract to construct a warehouse on the Canadian Pacific grounds. The building will cost \$1000.

SENT TO JAIL. H. F. Townsend, the alleged commercial traveller who perpetrated several petty larcenies on Friday last, was arraigned in the police court yesterday morning and pleaded guilty to the charge of theft. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the provincial jail at Nelson.

ALMOST CLOSED. The many rinks entered in the first competition of the Rossland Curling Club have nearly finished playing off the matches allotted them. At the present time only two games have to be played to close the series of matches in the president vs. vice-president competition.

HOCKEY PRACTICE. The members of the Victoria Hockey Club held a spirited practice at the rink last night. A couple of players that have hitherto not appeared with the club were on the ice for a time. The members of the club are showing up strong and are doing a little more combination work than has been the rule hitherto.

A PLEASANT PARTY. The party given last night at the Hoffman House by Mrs. Harry McIntosh to the members of St. George's choir was a most enjoyable affair. It was participated in by all the members of the choir and several invited guests. Refreshments were served in the dining hall, after which the floor was cleared and the ladies and gentlemen present zipped the light fantastic toe for several hours. It was one of the social events of the season.

PASSED AWAY. Friends will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Mary Ellen Adams, who passed away last evening shortly before 8 o'clock at the home of J. Fred Ritchie, corner Kootenay avenue and Davis street, after a lingering illness. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. G. M. King and Mrs. Ritchie, who will have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. The funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet.

A PRIZE WINNER. Max R. Hopkins, the well known representative of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa., is again a prize winner. He stood fourth in a competition among the 2200 men holding the same position that he occupies. He is selling more phonograph language courses, French German and Spanish, than any representative of the house west of the Mississippi. His uniform courtesy and ability as a hustler is bringing the I. S. C. into greater prominence in this section than ever before.

THE STOCK MARKET. The report of yesterday's trading on the stock exchange shows a sharp rally, business being several times larger in volume than the average for some days or weeks past. The heaviest trading was in Cariboo McKinney at 17 1/2 to 18, five lots aggregating 7000 shares changing hands during the session.

KOOTENAY SHIPS ORE

First Car Is Being Loaded Now--Forty Men Employed in Mine--Ore Is Stopped On Third Level of Mine.

The first ore shipped from the Kootenay mine for many months was hauled into the Canadian Pacific yards yesterday and loaded on cars there for shipment to the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail. For the balance of the month about this quantity will be teamed in and forwarded, the intention being to pile up 800 or 400 tons for experimental purposes.

The understanding is that the Rossland-Kootenay company desires to determine whether or not it will pay to ship the product of the Kootenay mine to the smelter with the low rate obtained for treatment. If this does not prove desirable the company is credited with having a pyritic smelter proposition up its sleeve. The outcome in either case is important to Rossland, inasmuch as it will add another large producer to the list of shipping mines in the Rossland camp.

The crew at the Kootenay mine has been increased to 40 men, thus adding a substantial payroll to the camp's revenue. The addition caused by the commencement of shipping amounts to about one-half of the present total force. The ore shipped is being extracted from a big stope on the third level of the mine, and it is said to be of much higher quality than was expected, the stope showing up better than had been looked for. Andrew G. Larson, acting manager of the company, is in charge of the work.

ODD FELLOWS IN STALL OFFICERS

Yesterday was a red letter day with the brethren of the three links in the Golden City, Rossland lodge No. 36, I. O. O. F., installing officers for the ensuing term.

The installation was conducted by the deputy grand master, Thomas Emberton, with the assistance of Past Grand D. E. Kerr, M. A. Hindman, James Chambers, Marion B. Bridgeford and T. R. Evans. The brethren who direct the destinies of the lodge for the present term are as follows: Joseph Goldworthy--Noble grand. Philip James--Vice grand. William P. Murphy--Secretary. Fred W. Pretty--Treasurer. Emil Johnson--Warden.

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THE STOCK MARKET

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like Black Tail, Ben Hur, Bonanza, Canadian Gold Fields, Cariboo McKinney, Centre Star, Fairview, Fisher Maiden, Grant, Granby Consolidated, Homestake (As. paid), Lone Pine, Morning Glory, Mountain Lion, North Star (E. K.), Payne, Quilly, Republic, San Pol, Sullivan, Tom Thumb, War Eagle Con., Waterloo (As. paid), White Bear (As. paid).

SALES. Centre Star, 1000, 35 1/2-2c; Cariboo McKinney, 500, 17 3/4-4c; 500, 500, 500, 17 1/2-2c; 4000, 18c; Waterloo, 500, 6c; North Star, 1000, 8c; Payne, 2500, 7 1/2-2c; Bonanza, 500, 15c; Grant, 5000, 3c; Mountain Lion, 2000, 22 3/4-4c. Total, 18,500.

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