

ITS FIRST READING

Bill to Incorporate Nelson, Grand Forks and Rossland Introduced.

WAS REPORTED AT ONCE

Will be Read a Second Time Today—No Serious Opposition to Its Passage Apprehended—Some of the Provisions as to Sanitation, Etc.

VICTORIA, Feb. 23.—[Special.]—The Rossland incorporation bill was at last launched on its way today and is in a fair shape to get through this week. The session was very short today. The only important proceeding was the reception of a message from Lieut-Governor Dewdney recommending the passage of an act to be cited as the "Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act, 1897."

Speaker Higgins said he saw no reason why the bill should not get through by Friday. If so, Rossland will soon have men at work on her sewerage system and a first-class fire apparatus, provided always that she can prevail on somebody to loan her \$50,000, which she is entitled to borrow under the act.

Provisions of the Bill. Printed copies of this incorporation bill were given out late this evening. It is introduced by a preamble stating that "whereas the residents of the towns of Nelson and Rossland, in the district of Kootenay, and Grand Forks, in the district of Yale, are desirous of securing immediate incorporation, etc."

It provides among other things that the qualifications of persons who may be elected mayor shall be that they shall be male British subjects, resident three months and registered owners of land of the value of over \$2,000 over any incumbency. The mayor and aldermen first elected shall hold office till December 31, 1897.

Provisions for Sanitation. It shall be lawful for the council to dispose of sewage and deposit the same outside of the limits of the municipality in such manner as may be found expedient, and from time to time appropriate, take and hold such lands, both in and beyond the limits of said municipality as may be considered by the council right and necessary.

HUNTERS OF BIG GAME. Badminton Club of Victoria and Two of its Noted Members. VICTORIA, Feb. 17.—[Special Correspondence.]—One of the most interesting institutions of this pleasant little city is the Badminton club. There are three clubs here which occupy leading places—the Badminton, the Union and the Pacific.

the world in search of something a little out of the usual run. He came out to Victoria 10 or 12 years ago, and has since that written two books, one called "The Sportsman's Eden," the other "The Sportsman's Eden."

Wolley built a fine residence in the outskirts of Victoria, where he has many acres of ground enclosed and from which there is a charming view of both land and water. He told me he built his Victoria house as a sort of miniature reproduction of his manor house in England.

Wolley is an ardent lover of nature. He chafes under the narrow limits imposed by the exigencies of civilization, though he is himself one of the most civilized of men. He has crowded as much of nature as possible into his Victoria home.

About midway the poet-hunter gets down to the Badminton club and spends an hour or two with his friends, but I have never seen him there in the evening. His personal appearance might lead one to believe him a great hunter, but the vein of genuine poetry in the man would hardly be suspected.

Warburton Pike is even more of a traveler and hunter than Wolley. He has probably spent more time in really wild and unexplored countries, and has perhaps endured more privations and hardships. He, too, inherited wealth in some form or other.

Some years ago he took up all the good land on Saturnia island, which is 40 miles north of Victoria in the Gulf of Georgia. There are only about 10,000 acres of land on the entire island and all of this is not wood.

Northport Railway Bridge. NORTHPORT, Wash., Feb. 23.—[Special.]—The railroad bridge over the Columbia river is progressing rapidly, as rapidly as possible in fact, as there are 85 men now at work on it, and a larger number would be in one another's way.

Copper Queen Shaft in Ore. This shaft on the Copper Queen, which adjoins the Mayflower on the west, is down about 20 feet and is all in ore. No footwall has yet been found. The ore is similar in appearance to that of the Mayflower, and assays up to 65 ounces in silver and \$10 in gold.

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The Josie's Drain Tunnel. The Josie is not shipping ore now, and has taken one of its machines off ore to work on the drain tunnel that is now being run on the south side line of the mine at the 100-foot level.

MINING NOTES. The machinery for the Iron Colt left Montreal Monday. Two shifts are working in the Ibox tunnel, which is now in 80 feet.

The Ottawa tunnel was measured Monday and found to be in 75 feet. The men hope to strike the lead in the next twenty to thirty feet. Six men are in the tunnel, working two shifts.

The Great Western, in order to push development work faster, has put on three eight-hour shifts. The shaft is now down 25 feet, and when a depth of 75 is reached the machinery will be ready for work.

W. S. Haskins, the superintendent of the Gopher, was in town Monday, and reported that the tunnel is in 129 feet and the whole face in ore; top, bottom, and sides looking even better than at any other point.

FROM THE RECORDS. FEBRUARY 16. Ransom, J. R. R. Christie to H. H. Chestham, Princess Louise and Prince Albert, 1/4 each, Adelaar Lemay to Joseph Benjamin McArthur.

February 17. Last Creek, 1/2, Gilbert Peone and M. W. Sullivan to S. J. Graham. Montech, Jack McNeil to Ralph White, Little Joe, 1-16, Jacob Lukov to E. S. Topping.

February 18. Gladstone 2-9, A. W. Wright to A. B. Dennison. Gladstone 4-9, A. W. Wright to J. E. Suckling. Gladstone 1-12, A. W. Wright to M. Simpson.

February 20. Royal Arch 3/4, Daniel E. Moore to H. W. Melton. Silent Friend, Alexander Shields to M. K. Gregg. Neptune, O. M. Hand to Paul Nigon.

February 19. From Andrew Dryburgh, Provand, M. F. London to Thomas Scott Gilmour, of Rossland, in regard to the sale of O. K. Friction. Little Dalles, June Golden, Butterfly, Seigouring, Ridgeway, Ptarmigan, Quinault, Venus, Golden Horn, Alford, and are one of the best selling pills I have ever handled.

Report on the Royal Gold Mining Co.'s Property.

The property known as the Royal Gold group, forming a part of the property of the above company, is composed of seven claims, namely: (1) Royal Gold, (2) Gold Crown, (3) Fernwell, (4) Tull, (5) Gold Eagle, (6) Granite Mountain and (7) Florence.

INDICATIONS. There is evidence of the fact, mentioned by the foreman, that every foot of depth attained showed a perceptible widening of the pay rock, and we may reasonably expect that by the sinking of an additional 35 feet there will be still greater improvements.

CONCLUSION. These properties certainly deserve the confidence of the investing public, and I believe will become a source of profit to stockholders. This property is among the best, if not the best, undeveloped mineral ground which it has been my privilege to examine in this country.

CAPT. S. H. WEBB, Late Supt. of Section 33 Mine and of Windsor Mine, Gobeie Range, Hurley, Wis. Dated at Rossland, B. C., February 5th, 1897.

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AFTER BAKER AGAIN

Walkem Tenders an Apology and Makes a Correction.

A MISTAKE IN THE PRICE

Says Baker Got \$160,000 for the B. C. Southern Charter—Premier Turner Compared to Nero—Incorporation Bill Held Back for Nelson Delegates.

VICTORIA, Feb. 19.—[Special.]—The British Columbia Southern was before the house again this afternoon, and there was a renewal of the attack by Mr. Walkem. He said it was proposed to correct the ambiguity of the act. The chief ambiguities he had encountered were the honorable minister of mines and the member from Vancouver—Cotton.

"When a thief is caught in the act of stealing," he continued, "it might be very convenient to plead ambiguity. I have to apologize to the provincial secretary for saying yesterday he had sold the B. C. Southern charter for \$180,000, and I suppose he will accept my apology. I made a mistake in the figures. I am informed the amount is \$160,000, and the check was drawn by Hanson Brothers of Montreal. I see the honorable minister of finance smiles. Well, history tells us that Nero fiddled when Rome was burning."

Colonel Baker replied by saying he accepted the apology offered, but that the charter had not been sold for \$160,000. "What was it sold for," asked Captain John Irving. Colonel Baker made no answer. Captain Irving then got the floor and flatly accused Colonel Baker of evading the question. After some further discussion by Helmecken and others the bill correcting the ambiguity in the act, as proposed by the attorney-general, passed the second reading.

Water Power Franchises. It came out in the discussion over the subject of granting charters to and water power companies that some measure of general scope will be introduced providing that charters of this class shall not be held indefinitely for speculative purposes, and that the government shall be permitted to exact proper license fees from such companies. In other words there is to be some way devised of making companies of this class contribute to the public revenue. There are a dozen or more applications for charters of this class.

Incorporation Bill Delayed. The friends of the Rossland incorporation bill were again disappointed today. Mr. Hume, of Nelson, introduced the Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks bill but it was not introduced. He replied that the bill had been printed and was ready, but that a public meeting had been held in Nelson, and he had been advised by telegram that a deputation had been sent to confer about the bill. He therefore thought it best, in order that every body might be treated fairly, to defer the matter till Monday. The Nelson delegation is expected here tonight or tomorrow.

City Taxes and Mineral Claims. After the adjournment of the session this afternoon an informal talk was had by Mr. McNeill and Col. Scott, of Rossland, with Mr. Eberts, Col. Baker and Mr. Pooley, all members of the government, touching the taxing powers of the charter proposed for Rossland. Mr. McNeill asked the attorney-general if the tax could be collected from the Paris Belle ground if the Paris Belle should win its suit and get possession of the surface rights. The attorney-general was sure it could.

Surface Rights of Mines. He further said he was in favor of a law that would enable the owners of mineral claims to purchase the surface rights of their claims from the government so that they would be in undisputed possession and put a stop to all this trouble about surface rights. Other members of the government took the same view and a bill embodying this idea may be looked for. J. R. B.

Rover Creek Mines. The Big Four group of claims on Rover creek, which is under bond to an English syndicate, is developing in fine shape. Enough work has been done on most of the seven claims in the group to secure a crown grant, and work is now being prosecuted on the Big Four. A crosscut tunnel has cut the vein and a drift has been run on it for some distance. The whole face of this drift is now a fine grained iron sulphide, showing a little copper and white quartz. No assays have been made of the ore in Rossland, but its appearance indicates that it is of shipping grade or very near it.

THREE SQUATTERS TO MOVE. The Sheriff Yesterday Proceeded to Execute the Judgments. Sheriff Robinson Saturday served writs of ejectment on the three squatters, Beattie, Grier and Twigg, against whom judgments were obtained some days ago by Mr. Walker, the owner of the lots. The sheriff informed the squatters that they must pay the costs and have their buildings and effects removed from the lots by Monday noon. Grier, the tobaccoist, was prepared for this and has purchased a lot higher up the hill to which he will remove his tiny store.

The eighteen squatters served with writs during the past week, who are giving an entertainment tonight, to raise funds for a legal defense, had read to them on Friday night the defense Counsel Forin is putting in for them. This defense was mailed to Bodwell and Irving, the railroad company's legal representatives at Victoria, Saturday morning, and Mr. Forin expressed hope that it would reach them within the statutory time. The case will probably not be tried until the end of next month, as it is a supreme court case and Justice McColl is expected here about that time. W. S. Rugh, who owns one half of the

TO FORGE ITS HAND

Turner Government Will Be Forced to Declare Its Railway Policy.

B. C. SOUTHERN GRANT

Helmcken Still Keeps His Motion to Forfeit It Before the House—Electric Power for Rossland—Farrell Working On a Big Sale.

VICTORIA, Feb. 20.—[Special.]—There was no legislative session today. Several members, including Hume, went over to Vancouver yesterday with the parties interested in the proposed road from the coast to Kootenay. This subject is to come up next week, and will cause the government to declare its position in the matter. It is believed which will depend on the attitude of the Dominion government. The lobby in favor of the road is going to be large and persistent. Ritbet has gone to San Francisco, and it is not yet quite clear what is to be done about the British Pacific. Helmcken has not yet withdrawn his motion to forfeit the British Columbia Southern land grant, but postpones it from day to day. He seems to be holding it over the heads of the government. He and Ritbet are understood to be working together.

William Archer arrived from New York today. He is one of the people who put up \$225,000 on Goodhue's placer scheme on the Pend d'Oreille river near Waneta, where some valuable machinery was put in for the development of a water power. Now Mr. Archer is asking for a charter which will permit him to turn his plant over to the manufacture of electric power and transmit the same to Rossland to be used there in mining operations. W. S. Rugh of Spokane is said to be interested in this project.

P. A. O'Farrell arrived this morning. He has come here to secure the assent of Victoria holders of shares in an important Rossland mine about to be sold to a very strong Bute syndicate. The sale will probably be closed in a day or two. Careful inquiry leaves little doubt of the defeat of the 10 per cent clause in the bill amending the companies act. J. R. B.

BEAN POT HAS GOOD ORE. Four Samples Assayed \$20 in all Values—Ledge 17 Feet Wide. Some very nice ore is being obtained from the Bean Pot company's mines on the west side of O. K. mountain. The company owns a group of four claims there which lie directly northwest of the O. K. and extend across Spokane creek. At present night and day shifts are working on the Bean Pot. On this claim a shaft has been put down 70 feet and is now being sunk to the 100 foot level. The ledge was crocussed at the 60 foot level and proved to be 17 feet between two good walls. The ore is highly silicious and carries fine grained copper pyrites and galena. An average of four samples assayed is about \$20 in all values.

Imperial Said to Be Pooled. It was stated Saturday that the shareholders of the Imperial had succeeded in pooling the stock of the company, but how much of it could not be definitely ascertained. It was variously stated at from 650,000 to 825,000 shares. The several meetings of the company held during the week were all adjourned for want of a quorum.

Joseph H. Adams sent out a gang of men on Tuesday to begin work on the Frankie H., and yesterday he went up to the claim to see what progress was being made. The gang only started blasting yesterday morning and they uncovered a vein from four to five feet wide, carrying iron and copper. A meeting of the trustees of the Brandon & Golden Crown company was held at the office of Hon. T. M. Daly on Thursday last for organization, and the following officers were elected: Hon. T. M. Daly, president; Andrew Kelly of Brandon, vice-president; W. L. Orde, secretary-treasurer. The directors are: W. A. Fuller of Spokane, W. A. McDonald, Q. C. of Nelson, W. L. Lind-Kirchhoffer, Fred Johnston, of Brandon, Man., and W. J. Porter and George H. Collins, of Greenwood City. It was resolved to proceed with development work on the claims owned by the company, viz.: Golden Crown and Calumet at once.



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Engineer's Report. Extract from a report by Harry Gager, mining engineer: "This group consisting of the Gray Copper, Copper Giant and Blue Copper, all being full claims, fifteen hundred by fifteen hundred feet, are situated on the southeast slope of Lookout Mountain, about ten miles south of Trail, four and one-half miles north of Waneta, on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, three and a half miles west of Paulton's Landing on the Columbia River and one and one-half miles north of the International boundary line, in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, British Columbia, and adjoining the Trail & Waneta Gold and Copper Mining Company's property on the south."

Workings and Outcrop. "The development so far consists of several open cuts along the center line on the outcrop, and a shaft on the Copper Giant six by ten feet on the surface by eight feet in depth, tapering to about five by eight feet at the bottom. In diorite, which is much broken on north and south sides and the east end. On the bottom and west end it was comparatively solid. The north and east faces of this shaft are cut irregularly with stringers of quartz, varying from one-half

TREASURY SHARES. The company is of the belief that there is a fair chance to find a valuable mine in this property and has gone into the enterprise after a careful consideration of all the facts obtainable. The officers and directors are gentlemen of position who would not embark in an undertaking of this kind unless they believed there was a good chance for success. Fifty thousand treasury shares will be offered at 10 cents a share. There are no salaried officers and all the money paid in will go to the development of the property.

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