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DAY AT VICTORIA.

ere Were Enthusiastic Ov- British Success.

C, March 1.—News of the Smith, received here over Pacific wires 16 minutes ahead in London, and at 2 o'clock in the morning, peeled in accordance with a plan, and a fusillade of fire-bombs started from tele- newspaper offices, and was tak- hotels and other scenes of city, so that a grand celebra- quickly in progress. Ad- taken of the early hours and of traffic to start great bon- nicipal streets. In the morn- ayor Howard proclaimed a called upon the citizens to give up the day to festivi- nobly did they respond- , factories and schools were the greatest demonstration d here has been in progress up to a late hour tonight conf- fires, rockets and musical- ts. The Imperial soldiers of Victoria and Esquimaux- se, took a prominent part in- w School Teachers.

B. C., March 2.—The school appointed C. L. Brown, B- er, and Miss S. C. Rutledge, on the mainland at present- ties on the city teaching staff.

March 7.—Elaborate arrange- been completed at Bordighera of Queen Victoria, who is arrive at that place tomorrow of five or six weeks. It is re- the government has taken ex- precautions to guard the royal in insult or injury. Secret- be everywhere and every sus- tracter will be quietly warned ay.

NEW FIRE HALL.

The Building Submitted For the Council's Approval.

John Honeyman has submit- ed the proposed fire hall library building for the inspec- approval of the civic authorities. To the regular council meeting Chief Guthrie went over the the Mayor and some of the and some alterations were sug- feasibility of which Mr. Hon- be asked to consider. A lower in front. On the ground is provided for the hook and the with the horse stalls in the library building forms an annex hall and contains a reading library. Over the fire hall are sleeping quarters, chief's office, chief's rooms, bath rooms and a for the use of the brigade. In addition to having a striking fire will be used to stretch up and fire hose after it has been in-

ne has said that if Adam had or \$100 a day from his creation present time, he would not as much as is held by some multi-millionaires today. Figure it out.

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A CHAT WITH GRAVES

The Tells of the Development of Several Properties.

SMELTER TO START APRIL 1ST

A Fine Body of Copper Ore Has Been Uncovered on the Ah There, Which is Controlled by the McRae Copper Company—Other Notes.

Mr. Jay P. Graves, Mr. E. C. Gault, secretary of the Granby Smelting Company, and wife, and Mr. Fairbanks, of Montreal, form a party which was at the Allan hotel Tuesday. Mr. Graves is the representative of the syndicate which controls the California, the Mascot, the Old Ironsides, the Knob Hill and many other properties and which is now engaged in erecting the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. Mr. Graves, in talking about the work in progress on the properties of the syndicate which he represents, said that all of the machinery for the 10-drill compressor plant for the California property in this camp had arrived, and that the drills would be in operation in about 10 days, he thought. This is because the 150-horse power electric motor furnishing power for the compressor is in place and the foundations and buildings are ready. The 35-horse power motor for the hoist has not yet come to hand, but will be here in a few days, and inside of two weeks the entire plant will be in motion. The plant, the Jencks Machine company declares, is one of the best and most complete of its size that has yet been turned out of a show plant.

Mr. Graves says the winze in the Mascot, in this camp, which is one of the properties of the Big Three, is down to a depth of 80 feet. On the hanging wall there is from six inches to two feet of ore that runs over \$30 to the ton. The rest of the vein is strongly mineralized, but is not pay ore. The intention is to lengthen the winze to 100 feet, and then to drift along the ore body in order to develop up.

In speaking of the properties in the Phoenix camp, Mr. Graves said his people controlled four companies there, the Old Ironsides, with one claim; the Knob Hill, one claim; the American Eagle, four claims, and the Granby Smelting company, four claims. These claims extend from the top of the mountain to its foot, and are being developed under the superintendence of Mr. W. Y. Williams. The companies are different, but they are all owned by the same people.

The syndicate has two properties in White's camp, and about 1,000 tons of ore has been shipped from the City of Paris there to Grand Forks. Shipping has been in progress for the past three weeks. This will be reduced in the Granby smelter at Grand Forks as soon as it begins operations, and it is now anticipated that it will be blown in by May 1. It is thought that the mines in Phoenix and White's camp will easily furnish 500 tons per day, which will be the initial capacity of the smelter. The capacity can be easily increased to 1,000 or 1,500 tons a day. The dust chamber, flue and power capacity for the increased size are being put in now so that when the time comes to enlarge all that will be necessary will be to add the sampling works and the furnace.

Mr. Graves stated that he has just returned from the Ah There and Phoenix and White's camp in the Boundary creek country. This is the first time he has been in this section since Christmas.

AH THERE ALL RIGHT.

A Fine Body of Copper Ore Has Been Discovered.

Mr. J. C. Robertson, secretary of the recently formed McRae Copper Mines, Limited, of Greenwood, is in the city on his way to Spokane and Portland. At Spokane he will meet the President of the company, Mr. George Leyson, and together they will go to Portland for the purpose of closing up a large deal for the stock of this company. Mr. Robertson in speaking of the property last night said: "The company was formed for the purpose of acquiring the Ah There and Sidney M. Johnson claims in Deadwood camp, about two miles from Greenwood on the Ah There, upon which development is now being carried on, we have one of the typical ore bodies of the Boundary district. It would be impossible for me to say at the present stage of the development just how wide the ore body is. Previous to the formation of the company the claim was developed by hand power, but since then we have installed a steam hoist, and are now in a position to develop at depth. A double compartment shaft has been sunk to a depth of 90 feet. At the 50-foot level we crosscut in one direction into the hill the ore for a distance of 50 feet. Even at this small depth the values were most encouraging, and it is noticeable when depth is attained in sinking that copper values gradually increase. It is the intention of the management to continue the shaft down to the 150-foot level before any further crosscutting will be attempted. Without a doubt the ore showing is one of the most remarkable in the Deadwood camp. The ore is similar in many respects to the Mother Lode."

THE LONE STAR CLAIM.

A Company Has Been Organized to Develop it.

Mr. Thomas Macdonnell, of the firm of McIntire, Macdonnell & Co., of Greenwood, is in the city and leaves for his home today, after spending two weeks in Spokane in connection with the formation of the Lone Star Mining Company. This company is composed of Greenwood mining operators and was formed for the

purpose of acquiring the Lone Star claim, in the Myers Creek camp. This claim lies to the south and parallel to the well-known Review mine. The owners of the property have slightly developed the same up to the time of the formation of the company by tunnel and surface crosscuts. The Lone Star has what is known as the Revo vein, which is one of the richest ever discovered on Percy mountain. The development will be for the present by means of a tunnel started at the bottom of the gulch to cross-cut the vein at a depth of 60 feet. The capital stock of the company is \$250,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of 25 cents each. Two hundred and fifty thousand shares have been placed in the treasury, and all the promoters' shares have been placed.

THE CITY ENGINEER.

W. F. Van Buskirk, of Stratford, Ont., is Appointed.

The new city engineer appointed by ballot last night by the city council is at present the city engineer of Stratford, Ont., a town of some 10,000 inhabitants, and his held that position for the past three years. Mr. Van Buskirk is ready to take up his new appointment within 30 days, and is highly recommended. Perhaps the fact that he is at present the chairman of the committee on drainage of the Ontario Land Surveying association and also vice president of the Association of Executive Health Officers of Ontario pointing out that the new appointee is a recognized authority on these matters among his peers has greatly influenced the city council in their selection.

CAPT. TROUP'S CIRCULAR.

He Gives Out a List of His Subordinates.

Captain J. W. Troup has issued his first circular as superintendent of the Kootenay sections of the C. P. R. It related to the various appointments made in the Columbia & Western road, reading as follows: Captain J. C. Stearns is appointed port captain of all the steamers operated under my supervision, with office at Nelson; D. O. Lewis, C. E., continues in charge as roadmaster of the Columbia & Kootenay and Slocan branches, with office at Nelson; J. S. Lawrence is appointed train master of the entire Columbia & Western system, including the Rossland branch, with office at smelter junction; J. T. Sullivan continues in charge as roadmaster of the Rossland branch, with office at Smelter Junction, effective March 10th. H. L. Johnston, C. E., is appointed roadmaster of the Columbia & Western branch (West of Robson to Midway), with office at Robson; P. G. Gallagher is appointed roadmaster of the Nakpan and Slocan branch, with office at Incebery, succeeding H. L. Johnston, C. E., transferred.

THE SMALLPOX.

Another Case in Town—The Health Officer is Indignant.

There was another case of smallpox developed yesterday in the city. The sufferer is Amos Chisholm, who was living in a shack near the Red Mountain Railway depot. Dr. Reddick attended the patient and removed him at once to the small-pox hospital in the city park. After the reception of the case the health officer, returning to Chisholm's residence, thoroughly disinfected the place and pronounced it fit for residence.

The Cake Walk on Saturday Night.

The national cake walk at the Miners' Union hall next Saturday evening for the benefit of the Catholic church, will be one of the best entertainments ever held in Rossland. The program has been arranged with great care, and all of the performers are thoroughly up in their parts. The national cake walk, which will be taken part in by Baby Egan, two and a half years' old, and Willie Gillespie, aged five years, will perhaps be the most unique part of the evening's performance. Speaking of these two youthful performers, Mr. Cassidy, who is in charge of the entertainment, said yesterday: "They are certainly youthful prodigies, and will astonish the audience who witness their proficiency in this performance. They go through the walk with as great an understanding which could hardly be expected from two little years, and never before have two little ones appeared on the stage in such perfect form to carry out the performance in excellent style. The older performers feel the youngsters could not be more self-reliant than they are. If a cake would be given to these two, little ones it will certainly go to bed with overfed stomachs."

Trip to Be Cancelled.

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—The owners of the steamer Alpha, having failed to get her sold to Americans, it is probable her early trip to Nome will necessarily be cancelled.

THE STOCK MARKET

Prices are Still Low and Volume of Sales Decreased.

EASTERN MARKET STIFFENING

The Latest War Advice Have Had a Favorable Influence on the Stock Market—The Toronto Market is Decidedly Stiffer Than For Some Time.

The past week on the stock market has been the quietest for a long time past. The volume of sales has been exceedingly small, the causes commented on last week still continuing to influence the market. Apart, however, from the question of the capital withdrawn in order to be embarked in industrial projects there is ever an ebb and flow in the affairs of the stock market, and not infrequently, a sudden change in the volume of the stock market dealings merely marks the commencement of a period of greatly augmented volume. It is certain that with the very satisfactory news from Bloemfontein the Toronto market yesterday was considerably stiffer than it had been during any period of the past week. As the tide of war sweeps onward, as time progresses more and more in favor of the British arms capital, gaining confidence with daily news, the market is getting closer, the return of the volume of the stock market, where perhaps all ventures the biggest returns await the investor. Locally, perhaps, the labor troubles may interfere with the prosperity of the camp by diminishing the returning confidence of capital, but in a matter where the interests of all are practically alike, a solution will quickly be reached.

Such an outlook over the situation may seem too optimistic by some, but it is the opinion of some of the leading mining brokers of the camp.

The sales for the past week were: Thursday, 5,000; Friday, 6,000; Monday, 12,000; Tuesday, 23,000; Wednesday, 13,000; total 50,000.

Big Three.—There has been considerable demand for this stock, which has advanced during the past month quite 50 per cent. It is reported by the management that it has six inches to two feet of high grade ore in the workings.

Evening Star.—Considerable quantities of this stock have been sold from 7 1/2 to 9 cents. The company stand prepared to pay anybody 8 cents for this stock. There is enough ore being taken out on the development to pay for the working of the property. The company is now endeavoring to prove the length of the ore shoot. Development has proved the ore body; which was four feet wide at its start; to be six feet in width at the present time.

Giant still continues weak; owing to the property having closed down for the present. The superintendent is extremely reticent, and his silence has led to the doubt whether the stock merits a better price than that at present bid for it.

Rambler-Cariboo.—This stock has taken a decided slump during the past 30 days, principally owing to the fact that dividends have ceased. The management state that it will put the money received from the sale of ore into the purchase of new machinery, for the purpose of developing the property on a larger scale. But the slump would perhaps indicate that the shareholders would prefer dividends to having the money placed in machinery and development.

Rathmullen.—There has been large trading in this stock recently, 75,000 shares of it having been sold in one day during the past week in Montreal. The price given was 4 cents. The company has stated that it intends shipping ore this month and the stockholders are anxiously awaiting the smelter returns for the same.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

Work is Progressing all Over the Kootenays.

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NEW FIND REPORTED.

The Golden Arctic is Still Unfolding Its Richness.

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—Henry Cowley, a reporter on the Dawson Nugget, has arrived out with reports of the discovery of a new placer field 120 miles north from Nome, and equally rich as all other placers on the Siberian coast in which he is a third interest partner. He goes to New York and London to try and interest capital, in the meanwhile witholding details. Other miners just out from Dawson are inclined to discredit the evidence of the new fields. LeRoy Pelletier, formerly a New York newspaper man, estimates that this year's cleanup in Klondike will about duplicate that of last season, while many properties will change hands at reduced values in consequence of the rush to Nome.

Today's Klondike arrivals report rich discoveries on Jackwade creek. Klondike, in one part of which from \$3 to \$5 a bucket is being taken out.

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LARDEAU-TROUT LAKE.

Work on the Lade Group—The Nettie L. Is Shipping.

A 112-foot tunnel has been driven on the Olive Mabel to tap the lead at about 90-foot depth. There have also been two short shafts sunk on the lead, from one of which two tons of ore were shipped in '97, giving a return of \$440. The owners, Messrs. J. A. Lade, V. F. Lade and A. E. Gunn, intend extending the tunnel to catch the lead, about 30 feet more, early this season, and expect to strike some very rich stuff. If surface indications go for anything they should certainly have a good thing. One assessment has been done on the Nettie L., with satisfactory results. Negotiations with a good English company are now in progress, and it is not improbable that this property will shortly change hands at a good round figure. "The company will, if terms can be agreed upon, commence extensive development, with a large force of men," said Mr. Lade, who makes Ferguson his headquarters, "put in necessary machinery and provide better means of transportation between here and the property." One assay, made by Mr. DeWolf of the Kaslo sampler, went \$11,343 in gold to the ton. Other tests made by different assayers range from \$80 to \$3,000.

The Nettie L. has shipped something like \$25,000 worth of ore already, but this has only been an impetus for doubling its town of Ferguson from the east, on what is now known as the Nettie L. hill, formerly Mount Homer, about 1 1/2 mile by an air line, or 3 1/2 by the present raw-hoist trail. The amount of work done is surprising. The main tunnel crosscutting the lead, drifts, both ways on the lead, shafts, stopes, everywhere clean shipping ore was hanging to the walls where the men were working. Eighteen men were here taking out on an average three tons of high grade clean shipping ore a day, which keeps the ore sacker on the jump. Three men are busily engaged in the long tunnel, where they expect to tap the same lead at about 300-foot depth in a very few more shifts. Even now some ore is encountered. Since the lever tunnel was driven the upper workings have been drained, much to the comfort of the miners. Comfortable quarters are provided, and the ore horse, blacksmith shop, powder magazine, horse stable, everything is under cover. The Nettie L. is going to be as rich a mine as ever graced the Slocan.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

Closed a Day for the Sale of the Marguerite—Pay Day at the Smelter.

Grand Forks, B. C., March 13.—(Special.)—E. C. Brown of Greenwood, who was in town today, stated that he and his partners, J. P. Harlan of Greenwood, and Dr. MacMartin of New York, have just closed a deal for the sale of the Marguerite claim in Deadwood camp to Andrew Laidlaw of Spokane. The first payment of \$2,000 has been made. The property lies 3,000 feet north and east of the Mother Lode. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 42 feet, and at the 30-foot level a drift has been extended in ore 30 feet. A winze in the face of the drift has also been sunk in ore a distance of 15 feet. Assays ranging from \$25 to \$60 in gold, copper and silver values.

H. Pierson, an old-time prospector of the Similkameen country, was in town today, and related an interesting story of the richness of the Nickel Plate mine in the Kereenos district. This property, which was purchased eight or nine months ago by Marcus Daly, the Montana copper king, has been steadily developed ever since. He described it as one of the biggest propositions in British Columbia. The pay streak will run over \$80 in gold and copper, and is from three to six feet in width, the ore being of such a nature that the gold can be extracted to a certain extent by washing in an ordinary pan. The main ore body, however, is a smelting proposition, and there is on each side of the pay streak about 10 feet of mineral, carrying values of \$18, which will be enough for profitable reduction with transportation and cheap treatment.

DEATH OF E. C. HALL.

Results of the Autopsy—Funeral Services Held Yesterday Afternoon.

An affecting service was held yesterday afternoon at the rooms on Columbia avenue of the late E. C. Hall, who lately died of cerebral hemorrhage, by the Rev. Mr. Stackhouse, of the Baptist church. Many friends coming to render the last possible tribute to the departed were present. The actual funeral office will be held at the point of burial near New York, and the services of yesterday were merely memorial. The widow will leave today for the East, probably accompanied by her sister, and will take the remains of the deceased to their last resting place. The autopsy held upon the body of the late Mr. Hall was merely to show cause for the attendant physician issuing the usual certificate of death. Long continued kidney trouble had caused a weakened condition of the blood vessels and thereby facilitated rupture and consequent suffusion on their being subjected to any unusual strain.

MINES AND MINING

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The 10-drill compressor plant for the California was shipped from the East about a month since and is expected that it will come to hand at any moment. The electric motor, which will furnish the power for the compressor plant and hoist, has arrived. At present the work in progress is confined to the extension of the tunnel. When the new plant is installed a large force of men will then be employed.

Ethel Group Needs a Plant.

Superintendent Chambers reports that the Ethel group has been temporarily shut down. What is needed for the economical development of the property is a small drilling and pumping plant. The question of the purchasing of such a plant will be brought before the forthcoming meeting of the board of directors. The explorations, as far as they went, on the 67-foot level were of a satisfactory character and demonstrated that the property is of more than average promise.

Arthur Tunnel in 62 Feet.

Mr. Hugh Hastings, M. E., returned Thursday from an inspection of the Arthur property, of which he is directing the operations. He reports that the tunnel is in for a distance of 62 feet, and the indications are that the ledge will be met during the next 15 days. Considerable heavily mineralized rock is being encountered.

THE GREY EAGLE.

It has the Ledges of the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill.

Recent work has demonstrated that the Grey Eagle at Phoenix has the same ledge as the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides, says the Grand Forks Miner. A drift on the 200-foot level of the Knob Hill has already been extended into the Grey Eagle, which will also be developed by vertical shafts. The face of the drift is in ore. In this connection it is interesting to note that the underground developments of the ledge on the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides aggregate over 2,800 feet of work and a vertical depth of over 500 feet on the ore has been obtained, proving conclusively the continuity of the ore downwards, and dispelling any theory that might suggest itself that the ore may not go down. The surface work on the Grey Eagle, consists of two 30-foot shafts and several open cuts. One of the open cuts mentioned is about 33 feet in length and about 12 feet in depth, all in solid ore, similar to that found on the surface of the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides. About 800 feet east of the above cut is another open cut over 300 feet long, exposing a magnificent body of ore. On this same property further exploration has uncovered another lead passing up from the Victoria claim and running parallel with the Knob Hill ledge. In the Victoria claim this ledge is being developed on the 200 and 300-foot level workings.

Work on the Avon.

A letter has been received by Mr. E. N. Quimette from Foreman Sinclair, who is in charge of the operations on the Avon, in Burnt Basin. The tunnel is in for a little over 100 feet, and strongly mineralized rock is being met. The face of the tunnel is very heavily mineralized. Mr. Sinclair, therefore, thinks that the ledge will soon be met.

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.

The Phoenix Gold Mining Company.

Editor Miner: Would you, kindly let me know who are the directors of the Phoenix Mining company, and if the property is being worked. I hold some stock in the company, and would like to know if there is any prospect of being able to realize on it in the future.

A SHAREHOLDER.

Revelstoke, March 3, 1900.

There are two Phoenix Mining companies, one of which owns property in the Sloan and the other in this camp. The property of the Phoenix Gold Mining company, limited, consists in the Phoenix mineral claim situated near the Nest Egg, a short distance southwest of Rossland. Operations on the Phoenix ceased some time since, and nothing has been done for over two years. As to the condition of the company no one in Rossland seems to know anything about it. Mr. J. B. McArthur is the attorney for the company. The head office is in Spokane, and a letter addressed to the secretary of the Phoenix Gold Mining company, limited, would doubtless elicit the information which you desire.

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Is Ready to Ship.

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ments may be commenced. There are large reserves of ore in the mine and on the dumps, and it is thought that once shipments are started they can be kept up indefinitely.

READY TO RESUME.

Contract System Decided on by the Managements of Le Roi and War Eagle.

The Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star mines, which, for a time, have been completely shut down for machinery repairs and construction, are now ready to resume operations. They have decided to use the contract system in future, paying the quantity of work done instead of by the day. The men were informed yesterday of the new arrangement. Contracts will be let from day to day until the mines are in full operation.

Bond Taken Up.

Last Thursday the final payment was made on the bond on the Banner claim, owned by the Grey Eagle Gold Mining company, the new corporation organized by the Miner-Graves syndicate to operate the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and War Eagle. For obvious reasons the amount involved is not given out for publication, but it is thought to be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The owners were James Marshall and Thomas Roderick, and the payment was made through the Bank of Commerce at Greenwood.

A MONSTER MINE.

Mr. W. A. Carlyle So Describes the Rio Tinto in Spain.

Mr. F. W. Peters has received a letter from Mr. W. A. Carlyle, formerly of the British America company, at Rossland, descriptive of some mines he is now connected with in Spain, which are owned by La Compania de Rio Tinto, Limited. The letter was dated Feb. 12 at Minas de Rio Tinto. Mr. Carlyle describes the country and climate as being about the same as Southern California. In speaking of the mine, he says: "This mine is a monster. There are 135,000,000 tons of ore in sight, of which we must extract 2,000,000 tons this year. We have a very good railroad 375 miles long with 30 locomotives on the main line, and 50 at the mine, and this year we will handle 5,000,000 tons of ore. There are very extensive underground works. The other day down on the 1,200 foot level I was shown a solid body of ore 600 feet wide. There are 10,000 Spaniards at work and they work every bit as well and as hard as the men in the West that we were paying \$3.50 a day; yet we only pay here from 50 cents to 85 cents per day. I am very well pleased with the whole place. I hope to see some of these mines in my life. Mr. Carlyle left Rossland last November for the old country and did not return to Spain to assume the management of the above mine.—Nelson Miner.

Will Bond Blue Jay Group.

For several days negotiations have been pending for a bond on the Blue Jay group of claims, in Skylark camp, the amount involved being \$34,000. Before this meets the eyes of the Pioneer's readers the papers will doubtless have been passed and the first payment made. The group includes the Blue Jay, the Clipper and one adjoining claim. Most of the work has been done on the Mink, 40 feet and a fine body of ore uncovered in a short drift. There is also another shaft 46 feet in depth.—Phoenix Pioneer.

Rawhiding ...cult.

Mild winters may suit some people, but "give me lots of snow," is the way a miner who wants to rawhide ore, put it. The fall of snow in the Lardeau-Duncan district this season has been lighter than for many years past, and consequently less ore has been got out than was hoped would be the case. One of the men who has been working on the Beatrice mine, was lamenting to the Kootenaian the other day that rawhiding was almost impossible these days. "We expected to get 200 tons of ore down for shipment this season," he said, "but up to the present we have only got 60 tons to the landings. There is plenty of snow on the mountain tops, but as you go near the bottom it gets less and less until it entirely disappears. We have, therefore, had to rawhide down just as far as possible, and must leave the ore where it is until next winter, and hope for better luck then."—The Kootenaian.

Waiting For Spring.

The Kaslo people who visited Sandon with the hockey club last Saturday must have been struck with the apparent activity in the picturesque situation, town between the mountains. Judging, however, from the remarks one heard in the hotels and from the men in the street, there are many idle men in Sandon today, and will be until the snow has melted and the political crisis is settled. It goes without saying that the Payne mine is the largest employer of labor. It is said that about 100 men are at work there today. Coming nearer home it is found that the Whitewater has started up again. The Whitewater is a property in which Kaslo people are directly interested. It is the nearest shipping mine to this town and is managed from here. It is hoped to have the mill running in three weeks or so, and then the number of men at work will be largely increased. There are about 90 men there now shovelling snow, removing fallen trees and strengthening the timber in the workings.—Kootenaian.

Mrs. Neil McLean was among the passengers on the Red Mountain Railway yesterday going south. She is to join her husband in Burke, Idaho, where he has been for some weeks past. A large number of her acquaintances gathered at the depot to bid her farewell, who regretted much her departure, as she is a great favorite, and will be missed by her many friends and acquaintances in this city.

GIANT CLOSED DOWN

Operations Have Ceased Until the 1st of Ap. il.

ORDERS CAME FROM SPOKANE

The Rossland Ymir Mining and Milling Company is in Funds and the Work of Developing Its Properties is to be Commenced Once.

The Giant has been shut down until April 1 under orders received from Spokane yesterday. Mr. Nicholas Tregear, superintendent in charge of the development of the Giant, was seen and asked the reason for the cessation of operations and he replied that orders came from the management to shut down until the 1st of April. The orders had been obeyed, and the miners had been laid off and the compressor house locked up. As far as the reasons for the shut-down were concerned, he was as much in the dark as any one else. The control of the capital stock of the Giant was bonded for six months from November 1 by Senator George H. Turner, Colonel W. M. Ridpath and Mr. E. D. Sanders from Mr. A. D. Loper and others. As soon as the bond was secured work was commenced on the property. A compressor plant was ordered and pending its installation considerable surface work in the shape of uncovering the ledges was done. When the four-drill compressor was installed the work of strengthening the shaft and crosscutting on the 50-foot level was commenced. The crosscutting was for the purpose of finding the ledge. It is claimed that the main ledge has not yet been met on the 52-foot level. The surface showing on the Giant is excellent, and there are those who consider that comprehensive exploration at depth would reveal large pay ore shoots.

ROSSLAND AND YMIR.

It Will Soon Begin the Development of Its Five Claims.

The Rossland and Ymir Mining and Milling company will soon commence the development of its five claims near Ymir. Word has been received by Mr. J. E. Saucier, from the French syndicate of Paris, France, which is financing this company, directing that the work on these properties be proceeded with. The property consists of the Bernice group of five claims, including the Bruce, Colville, Canadian, Simcoe and Hope. These are located on Simcoe mountain, between Bear Creek and Porcupine creek, and are only a mile southeast of Ymir. The vein is 12 feet wide and is traceable through the property. So far the ledge has been developed by means of open cuts. The ore is concentrating and is similar in character to that found in the Dundee. Mr. Saucier said that operations would be commenced on a large scale within a few days, as the company has ample funds with which to carry on the work for an extensive period.

The Meeting Was Adjourned.

The meeting of the shareholders of the Homestake Mines, limited, which was held yesterday adjourned without transacting business until April 25, when it will be held in the office of the company in this city. Some of the principal stockholders were absent, and for this reason the meeting was adjourned to the time named.

Work on the Evening.

On the Evening the tunnel has been driven in for a distance of about 12 feet. The formation is very hard and the work is necessarily slow. Three men are at work. The object to be gained in driving the tunnel is that the ledge which was opened in the shaft may be encountered at depth.

ITS ENDS AND AIMS.

What the International Mining Congress Purposes Doing at Its Meeting.

The International Mining Congress will meet in Philadelphia on June 26 and continue till June 30. In its call for the congress the executive committee says: "A new commerce, a new policy, a new destiny and a new purpose for being and living confront 75,000,000 of people, and the greatest factor for promoting the wealth, the growth and the power of this country is the mining industry. It is the mining industry that is the power that will most easily, naturally and permanently build up our foreign trade, restore prosperity among the people and lay a firm financial foundation for the present and future generations. It is therefore urged that all earnest scientists, metallurgists and practical mining and mill men, manufacturers of mining machinery and all others interested in advancing the welfare of this nation attend and participate in the deliberations of this coming congress, and by their presence, instruction and advice, make the proceedings of this assembly of so interesting and educational a character as to command favorable consideration throughout the civilized world.

WANT ACTIVE SERVICE.

The Men of Rossland Do Not Fancy Garrison Duty.

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The Illustrated Diamond Dye Rug Book Shows the Handsomest Designs for Door Mats and Floor Rugs.

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the programme now being prepared, and on adjournment of the congress to be published with its proceedings in book form. The great success and influential effect of the two preceding meetings, together with the wonderful expansion of the mining industry during the years of 1898-99, and the special importance of the subjects to be discussed and passed upon, will beyond all question bring together a large delegation of earnest, well-informed thinking men, insuring a most instructive and successful session."

The Nome Trail is Good.

The steamship companies, the railroad and many enterprising citizens have done their best to advertise the Skagway route to Nome, but their efforts were hampered by the fact that no definite information as to the winter trail beyond Dawson was obtainable. The chamber of commerce telegraphed to Dawson for reliable data on the subject, with the result that the Dawson people appeared to be as much in the dark about it as we were in Skagway.

Now all doubt is at an end. The trail is a god one; an easy one, scarcely any snow to contend with, and road houses with plenty of provisions all along the route. Even a better and shorter trail has been discovered than the Nulato cut-off. The one newly discovered, from Kallact to Unalaklik, on Norton sound, is only 80 miles, over a good trail that has no specially heavy grades.

This is the testimony of the first two men who have made the trip over the ice, Messrs. Knobseldorf and Campbell. (They arrived in Skagway on Friday the 16th.) But apart from what they say, the fact of their having made the long trip to Dawson in 1,200 miles in 51 days, is the most convincing evidence that the trail must be a good one. It will no doubt be better yet by this time, as it was practically unbroken when these men made their first journey out, and they met about 300 enthusiastic pilgrims to Nome going in.

Then again, these men came out without a tent, without a stove, and with a very scant supply of provisions; yet they suffered no discomfort; not nearly as much as the first on the trail from here to Bennett did in the old days. Only on two occasions did they have to sleep out, and the people who go in now may safely rely that there will be road houses at both these points before they arrive there.

This news will be telegraphed all over the United States, and will certainly not be without its effect upon travel to this port. The lack of information in regard to the condition of the trail from Dawson is what has been keeping people back.—Skagway Alaskan, Feb. 17.

THE DEAD SKIPPER'S DAUGHTER.

South American Rheumatic Cure Makes Her a Well Woman After Four Years of Torture.

Miss Emma Foote, daughter of the late Captain Foote of Pictou, N. S., says: "I think my case is a marvelous one. I was completely helpless from rheumatism for four years. I had no use of my limbs, my speech was effected, and I had to be fed like an infant. I was for a time in a hospital undergoing special treatment, but left it worse than I went in. Doctors could not relieve me. I commenced taking South American Rheumatic Cure; it has effected a cure, and I am now free from suffering, and can knit and sew. These I had not done for five years." Sold by Goodeve Bros.

May Build of Brick.

The city will in a short time have a clear title to the site for the proposed fire hall. There has been considerable discussion of late as to whether it would be better to build the fire hall of brick instead of wood. This would make the cost considerably more, and would make it necessary to raise \$20,000 by debentures instead of \$15,000, as originally proposed. In this connection it is considered certain that fire limits will sooner or later have to be established, and that the city should set the example of erecting non-inflammable buildings for the purpose of encouraging citizens to do likewise. The more brick buildings there are the less will be the insurance rates.

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AMONG THE MINERS

Progress of the Development of Lardeau Mines Property.

RICH GALENA ORE BEEN FOUND

A Forty-Drill Compressor Plant Has Been Sold to the Mather Lode, in Deadwood Camp—Other Mining Notes of General Interest to all.

Mr. H. O. McClymont, M. E., has just returned from Lexington creek, a tributary of Fish creek, where he has been in charge of the operations of the Lardeau Mines, limited. Operations were commenced on these properties, about four months since. The first work done was the construction of a trail from Lexington creek up the side of Goat mountain to the Royal group. As soon as this was done the ledge was exploited on the surface in several places, and the No. 1 ledge was found to run through the three claims. There are three parallel ledges on the property. No. 1 is a silver ledge, No. 2 is an iron capped ledge, located 25 feet from No. 1 and higher up the mountain than No. 2. After the surface had been explored, a tunnel was started on the Lardeau Queen for the purpose of tapping the ledge at a depth of 55 feet. It is a crosscut tunnel, and is now in 66 feet, the lead being met at 63 feet. The ledge is three feet wide, and is principally iron pyrite and quartz. On the hanging wall there is galena coming in and evidently displacing the iron. Three shots were put into the floor, and these disclosed the galena. The assays made of the galena ore shows 94 ounces in silver and \$16 in gold. On the surface of the same ledge assays as high as \$48 were got, which included \$8 in gold. Mr. McClymont says the leads are strong and well defined. The veins are true fissure ones. In the Chief Joseph, which is located 3,000 feet south of the Lardeau Queen, at a depth of 60 feet, ore that will yield 1,100 ounces in silver has been obtained. This property is being developed and is likely to be sold to an English syndicate. Mr. McClymont says that as soon as he can get in a new supply of provisions and powder he will resume work on the Royal group. A number of properties are to be operated in that vicinity in the spring. Eight proposals have been purchased outright, and are under bond, and all of these are to be operated as soon as the snow goes away. It is a section which has been overlooked, but which is now attracting a great deal of attention.

The Beatrice, which is six miles from the Royal group, has been shipping out its product to the smelter all winter, and is a mine of importance, although it is only partially developed. All the ore so far sent to the smelter from the Beatrice averages about \$120 to the ton. The snow, Mr. McClymont says, has been from 13 to 14 feet deep on the Royal group, which lies about 6,000 feet above sea level. On the flat there is only about two feet of snow. The depth of the snow makes it difficult to get supplies in. There has been so much mild weather that the snow is soft. The snowfalls have already commenced to come down, being a month earlier than usual. There is every indication that the spring will be very early this year and a likelihood of a very busy summer.

A 40-DRILL COMPRESSOR.

A Big Plant Booked For the Greenwood Territory.

The British Columbia Copper company, who are the owners of the Mother Lode Mine, in Deadwood camp, Greenwood, and the development of whose property has been so great that it required the installation of a larger plant for handling their immense ore bodies, have just signed a contract in New York with the James Cooper Manufacturing company, of Montreal, for a complete Ingersoll-Sergeant equipment, consisting of a Cross compound steam, compound air, Collins air compressor, and high and low pressure steam cylinders being 22 inch and 40 inch diameter respectively, the air cylinders to be of the piston inlet type, high and low pressure, 19 1/4 inch and 32 1/4 inch respectively and 48 inch stroke, the machine to have a capacity of 40 drills. The boilers consist of two of the horizontal return tubular type, each 100 horse power for 125 pounds working pressure; also sufficient Ingersoll-Sergeant drills, with all necessary mountings and fittings.

This is the largest plant that has yet gone into the Boundary country, and in point of size is second to none now in operation in Canada.

A great deal of interest has been centered in the placing of this order owing to the keen competition of a large number of Canadian and American engineering firms, and the various reports that have been circulated from time to time as to who had been successful in securing this large order.

Hon. C. Mackintosh has returned from a short visit to Halcyon Springs.

Mr. A. Ewald, of the Press-Times is in the city on a business visit.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between W. L. Orde, mining broker, and Daniel Dickinson, mining broker, both of the city of Rossland, B. C., under the firm name of Dickinson & Orde, Mining Brokers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All monies due to said firm are payable to W. L. Orde, 46 Columbia avenue, by whom all debts of said firm will be paid.

The business will in future be carried on by W. L. Orde at same place, under the firm name of W. L. Orde & Co.

W. L. ORDE, DANIEL DICKINSON,

Witness: W. H. Finlayson, Rossland, B. C., Feb'y. 7th, 1900.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Defiance No. 1 Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of Kootenay district.

Where located: On Trail creek in the city of Rossland, bounded on the west by the Spitzee Fractional and Fool Hen claims and on the south by the Fool Hen and Golden Horn claims and partly on the east by the Golden Horn claim.

Take notice that J. R. E. Young (acting as agent for Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate No. 34,039 A, and J. E. Pomper, free miner's certificate No. 10,849 A), free miner's certificate No. 13,440 B, instead, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further, take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1899.

14-10t R. E. YOUNG, P.L.S.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Maggie and Violet mineral claim situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About two miles south of Trail creek on Lake mountain, near the Southern Cross mineral claim.

Take notice that J. Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for John Gloyd, free miner's certificate No. 29,146 B, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further, take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 10th day of January, A. D. 1900.

KENNETH L. BURNET, 1-25-10t

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Standard mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About three miles east of Rossland, B. C., south of and adjoining the Royal George mineral claim.

Take notice that William E. Devereux, acting as agent for Horace J. Rayer, F. M. C. No. B 29,047, Ida May Dunn, F. M. C. No. B 12,831, Mike Sullivan, F. M. C. No. B 13,156, T. W. Shipley, No. B 12,986, intend thirty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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Dated this 10th day of October, A. D. 1899.

WM. E. DEVEREUX, 10-19-10t P. L. S.

Brown Writes Smith All About What Happened to Jones.

My Dear Smith—Your pointer was a peach. I left for Chicago immediately after I saw you, and of course, bought my ticket over the Wisconsin Central railway, from St. Paul to Chicago. I had plenty of time in St. Paul to go to town and get my supper, as my train leaves St. Paul at 7:40 p. m.

I returned to the depot about 7:20. When passing through the gates, the gate-man said, "There's your train to the right." "I handed my grip to the gentleman porter, who placed it in my berth. (You will notice I call this my train, while it really belongs to the Wisconsin Central; I could not help but feel that I owned the train, and even the road, the employees are so courteous.) I then prepared myself for the comforts in store. Well, talk about traveling! I have traveled all over the wide world, but never had a more delightful trip than this one from St. Paul to Chicago over the Wisconsin Central railway. I retired about 10 p. m., and enjoyed a good night's rest in the Pullman Palace car; only woke up once during the night, and that was when the porter punched me and said: "Mr. Brown, please don't move so loud, you disturb the rest of the passengers." I at once fell asleep, and awoke again about 7 a. m., and prepared myself for breakfast; went into the dining car about 8 a. m., and partook of a most sumptuous meal. All meals are served a la carte, as you know. My entire trip was a most delightful one. I will never cease to praise the Wisconsin Central railway, and I know that your sentiments are the same.

My friend Jones reached Chicago via another route and was six hours late. Consequently, he missed connections for New York, and cannot make connection there with

ACHAT WITH MARTIN

Our M. P. Returns From the Political Maelstrom.

PHYSICALLY HE IS ALL RIGHT

Mentally, However, He is Dissatisfied With the Way the Lieutenant-Governor Turned Down the Semlin-Cotton Ministry - The Elections.

Mr. James Martin, M. P. P. for the Rossland riding, arrived home Monday evening after a stay of a few days over 2 months in the political maelstrom at the coast. Mr. Martin looks in the pink of condition physically, but mentally is a little perturbed over the downfall of the Semlin-Cotton ministry and the lack of results which have attended the labors of himself and his legislative colleagues during the past two months. In speaking of his experience last night, he said: "It does not seem to me that the government, of which Hon. Joseph Martin is the head and front can go on. The planks of Mr. Martin's platform are all right, but are unworkable. They are the same planks as are in the Semlin-Cotton platform."

When asked why he thought Hon. Joseph's Martin's ministry could not long continue in power, he replied: "Mr. Martin has not yet filled his cabinet, and has no following in the house, and I believe when he goes to the people he will not receive enough support to nearly constitute a majority."

In explaining the causes which led to the downfall of the Semlin-Cotton government, Mr. Martin said: "The real cause of the downfall was the defection of Messrs. Higgins and Martin, followed by the desertion of Mr. Prentice, who was elected as a supporter of the government. There was no good reason given by any of these. The only one that I heard offered was by Mr. Higgins, and he complained that the government asked Mr. Helmecken to join them when Mr. Martin resigned. Mr. Prentice never assigned any reason for his action, and he voted against the government on the redistribution bill, which was worthy of the support of every member of the house, as it was a measure for the well-being of the province. Those who are responsible for its defeat will have a nice time explaining to the people their reasons for voting against it, as I fancy that they can give none that will prove acceptable."

"When the adverse vote was given against the government, Mr. Semlin called upon Lieut.-Governor McInnes and asked for two days' time in which to determine what course he should pursue. There were some 50 odd bills which should have been passed before the house adjourned, and an opportunity should have been given for this by Mr. McInnes. Some of these bills had passed first and second reading, and others were in the hands of the committees. I had two myself, one providing for the incorporation of Phoenix, and the other granting a franchise to Mr. Donald and others for the extension of the Columbia Telephone & Telegraph company's line from Camp McKinney to Vancouver. These were all turned down, and the advertising rendered null and void by the action of the Lieutenant Governor, and thus two months' work of the legislature was rendered useless. There was no good cause for the arbitrary action, as the same reasons existed for dissolving the legislature and the government when it first convened as did at the time it was carried into effect."

"I feel certain that the provincial party, with Mr. Cotton as leader, will be returned to power by a large majority at the forthcoming elections because they have an excellent record. The only thing of moment that can be charged against them in the enactment of the eight-hour law, and Mr. Martin is as much responsible for that as anybody else. He does not attempt to evade any responsibility as to this law. If the late government had remained in power they would have appointed a commission with power to settle the differences that have arisen between the mine owners and their employees. I think that they would have been amicably adjusted and to the full satisfaction of all parties concerned. There is considerable difference of opinion as to the eight-hour law in the province, and I believe it is favored by a large majority. The differences that have arisen as to wages is what the commission could have settled."

"I am strongly opposed to the introduction of federal politics into provincial affairs at the present time, as I consider that that no good could be subserved by such an action and I am prepared to fight any attempt which might be made to introduce party politics into our local affairs."

POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Platform of Mr. Martin on Which He Appeals for Support.

Hon. Mr. Martin has issued an address to the electors of Vancouver, which gives a history of his "rise and fall" as a member of the Semlin government and places the blame for all the friction and trouble that occurred on Mr. Cotton's shoulders. The address contains the platform on which Mr. Martin's government will appeal to the people, as follows: The Platform.

In appealing to you as the Premier of the province, I beg to lay before you the platform of the new government as follows: 1. The abolition of the \$200 deposit for candidates for the legislature. 2. The bringing into force, as soon as arrangements can be completed, of the Torrens Registry system. 3. The redistribution of the constitu-

encies on the basis of population, allowing to sparsely populated districts a proportionately larger representation than to populous districts and cities. 4. The enactment of an accurate system of government scaling of logs and its rigid enforcement. 5. The re-enactment of the disallowed Labor Regulation act, 1898, and also all the statutes of 1899, containing anti-Monopolian clauses if disallowed as proposed by the Dominion government. 6. To take a firm stand in every other possible way with a view of discouraging the spread of Oriental cheap labor in this province. 7. To provide for official inspection of all buildings, machinery and works, with a view to compelling the adoption of proper safeguards to life and health. 8. With regard to the eight-hour law the government will continue to enforce the law as it stands. An immediate enquiry will be made by the Minister of Mines into all grievances put forward in connection with its operation, with a view of bringing about an amicable settlement. If no settlement is reached the principle of the referendum will be applied and a vote taken at the general election as to whether the law shall be repealed. If the law is sustained by the vote it will be retained upon the statute book with its penalty clause. If modifications can be made removing any of the friction brought about, without impairing the principle of the law, they will be adopted. If the vote is against it the law will be repealed. 9. To re-establish the London agency of British Columbia, and to take every effective means of bringing before the British public the advantages of this province as a place for the profitable investment of capital. 10. The retaining of the resources of the province as an asset for the benefit of the people, and taking effective measures to prevent the alienation of the public domain, except to actual settlers or for actual bona fide business, or industrial purposes, putting an end to the practice of speculating in connection with the same. 11. The taking of active measures for the systematic exploration of the province. 12. The borrowing of money for the purpose of providing roads, trails and bridges, provided that in every case the money necessary to pay the interest and sinking fund in connection with the loan shall be provided by the additional taxation so as not to impair the credit of the province. 13. In connection with the construction of government roads and trails, to provide by the employment of competent civil engineers and otherwise that the government money is expended upon some system which will be advantageous to the general public, so that the old system of providing roads as a special favor to supporters of the government may be entirely discontinued. 14. To keep the ordinary annual expenditure within the ordinary annual revenue, in order to preserve intact the credit of the province, which is its best asset. 15. To adopt a system of government construction and operation of railways, and immediately to proceed with the construction of a railway on the south side of the Fraser river, connecting the coast with the Kootenay district, with the understanding that unless the other railways now constructed in the province give fair connections, and make equitable joint freight and passenger arrangements, the province will continue this line to the eastern boundary of the province. Proper connection with such Kootenay railway to be given to the Island of Vancouver. With respect to other parts of the province, to proceed to give to every portion of it railway connection at an early date as possible. The railway when constructed, to be operated by the government through a commission. 16. A railway bridge to be constructed in connection with the Kootenay railway across the Fraser river, at or near New Westminster, and running powers given over it to any railway company, applying for same, under proper conditions. 17. In case it is thought as any time advisable to give a bonus to any railway company, the same to be in cash, and that a fair amount of bonds or shares of the company be transferred to the province, and effective means taken to give the province control of the freight and passenger rates, and provision made against such railway having any liabilities against it except actual cost. 18. To take away from the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council any power to make substantive changes in the law, confining the jurisdiction entirely to matters of detail in working out the laws enacted by the legislature. 19. The establishment of an institution within the province for the education of the deaf and dumb. 20. To repeal the Alien Exclusion act, as the reasons justifying its enactment no longer obtain. 21. An amicable settlement of the dispute with the Dominion government as to Deadman's Island, Stanley Park and other lands, and an arrangement with Mr. Ludgate, by which, if possible, a saw mill industry may be established and carried on on Deadman's Island, under satisfactory conditions, protecting the interests of the public. 22. Proper means of giving technical instruction to miners and prospectors. Assumes Responsibility. In connection with recent events, some criticism has been directed against His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. It is my duty to take the responsibility for His Honor's action, and I have not the slightest hesitancy in so doing. The Legislative Assembly deliberately voted want of confidence in Mr. Semlin's government. There were only two courses open to Mr. Semlin: either to ask

for a dissolution or resign. He adopted neither, but asked for delay, and took up the time granted to him in endeavoring to enter into most vicious and dishonorable arrangements with the members of the House who had been elected to oppose him, and who had consistently opposed him until the defeat was brought about, and whose principles were directly opposed to his. No precedent exists in connection with the working of British representative institutions where in a case of that kind a ministry has been allowed to hold power by means of votes thus obtained; and when Mr. Semlin announced to His Honor that he would not be able to obtain a vote of confidence from the House, the only course open to His Honor was that adopted by him, of discussing his advisers. In addition to the above it appears from His Honor's letter of dismissal that there were ample reasons for that course, entirely apart from the vote of want of confidence in the House. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, JOSEPH MARTIN.

A TIMELY MOVE. Bill, to Determine the Period of the Canadian Pacific's Freedom From Taxation. The following bill has been introduced in the Dominion legislature: An act respecting the land grant of the Canadian Pacific Railway company. Whereas clause 16 of the contract between Her Majesty and the Canadian Pacific Railway company, ratified by the parliament of Canada, on the 15th day of February, 1881, and set out in the schedule to Chapter 1 of the Statutes of 1881, provides as follows: "The Canadian Pacific railway, workshops, buildings, yards and other property, rolling stock and appurtenances required and used for the construction and working thereof, and the capital stock of the company, shall be forever free from taxation by the Dominion, or by any province hereafter established, or by any municipal corporation therein; and the lands of the company in the Northwest Territories, until they are either sold or occupied, shall also be free from such taxation for 20 years after the grant hereof from the Crown. And whereas, in answer to an interpellation in parliament on the 12th day of February, 1900, as to the date of termination of the said period of exemption from taxation, it was stated on behalf of the government that: "This is a matter of legal opinion, which, if disputed, can only be settled by a judicial decision." And whereas it appears, from the debate which occurred when the said contract was before parliament, that the exemption was intended to cover a period of not more than 20 years from the date upon which such land grant became available for the uses of the company;

And whereas progress in the Northwest is enormously handicapped by the exemption from taxation of so vast a quantity of land as has been set apart for the company, and would be seriously paralyzed should the tax exemption be indefinitely continued, and it is consequently desirable that any doubts which may exist with regard to the date of the termination of that exemption, as indicated by the reply of the government quoted above, should be removed: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, declares and enacts as follows: 1. Clause 16 of the contract mentioned in the preamble, between Her Majesty and the Canadian Pacific Railway company, is hereby interpreted to mean that the period of exemption from taxation of the said land grant, shall terminate 20 years from the time on which it was earned by the company and made available for its uses as provided in paragraph (b) of clause 9 of said contract, as follows: "Upon the construction of any portion of the railway hereby contracted for, not less than 20 miles in length, and the completion thereof so as to admit of the running of regular trains thereon, the government shall pay and grant to the company the money and land subsidies applicable thereto, according to the division and appropriation thereof made as hereinafter provided."

CHINESE AND JAPANESE. An Act to Prohibit Their Employment in Dominion Mines. Senator McInnes has introduced an act, which, if adopted, will prohibit the employment of Chinese and Japanese in the mines of the Dominion. Its text is as follows: "An Act Respecting Labor in Mines. Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows: 1. In this act the expression "Chinese or Japanese person" means any person of the Chinese or Japanese race. 2. No Chinese or Japanese person shall be employed in or allowed to be for the purpose of employment in any coal mine or metalliferous mine below ground. 3. Every owner, agent, manager or lessee of a coal mine or metalliferous mine in which any Chinese or Japanese person is employed or is allowed to be for the purpose of employment below ground shall be guilty of an offence against this act. 4. Every person who is guilty of an offence against this act shall, on summary conviction before any police magistrate, stipendiary magistrate, or two justices of the peace, be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars, and not less than one hundred dollars, with costs of prosecution; a moiety of which penalty shall belong to the informer or prosecutor, and the other moiety whereof shall belong to the province in which the information is laid.

RECORDS SHIFTED. Nelson Division and Rossland Division Divide Up Somewhat. The following claims, lying west of Lower Arrow Lake and south of Rowman creek, have been transferred from the mining recorder's office at Nelson to the mining recorder's office at Rossland: Anna Curtis, Anna, Annie, Arrow Lake, Bimetallic, Birmingham, Black Hawk, Bass, Brooklyn, Bird's Eye, Black Diamond, Belle of the Lake, Black Hawk, Hatcher, Brooklyn, Big Tunnel, Bull Dog, Blue Belle, Bull Dog, Cleveland, Confederation, Canadian, Carrie Lovell, Confederation No. 2, Clifford, Coeur d'Alene, Clayton, Central Star, Copper Girl, Cuba, Champion, Cliff, Dominion, Dorden, Dubukue, Dewey, Eureka, Eleanor Maud, Eminion, Enveka, Larry Bird, Eureka No. 2, Evening Star, Eliza, Polson, Frigate Bird, Garrison, Gold Sillar, Grey Eagle, Golden Cannon, Home stake, Horn Hill, Houten, Humming Bird, Hidden Treasure, Holmesville, Home Jack, John R., Jubilee Star, Keystone, Loom, Lost Ax, Lost Pipe, Libbie, Lloyd, Louis, Liverpool, Mollie Condon, My Luck, Monarch Mountain Chief, Mustard, Myrtle, Mocking Bird, Morning Star, Morning Star, Midnight, Montreal, Mountain Queen, Mayfield, Mountain Jack, Main Top, Major, Mathieu, Munehana, Mermaid, Nakusp, New Dominion, Northern Star, No. 1, No. 2, Oswego, Octavia, Phoebe A., Polar Star, Petral, Percy, Queen of the Hills, Red Mountain, Red Bird, Red Roy, Rainbow, Red Star, Ren, Robin, Rossland, Sunlight, Swift, Snowbird, Starbuck, Sweet Marie, Shannon, Stowell, Stanley, Steamroller, Swiss, Silver Star, Switchback, Tribby, Thunder, Tyrone, Tyrone, Tunnel, Venus, Vancouver, Viola, Whaleback, Wasp, Whippet-will, William Bryan, West York.

Grading is under way at camps 1, 2 and 3 on the Balfour extension, on Friberg & Stone's section of construction. A large number of men and teams are working and Mr. Stone is authority for the statement that all men who desire employment will be accommodated on application to the foreman in charge.

THOSE HORRID BLOTCHES.

Vanish With a Few Applications of Dr. Agnew's Ointment. Pimples and blotches on the face, which are the bane of so many lives and the outward evidence of blood impurities, can be helped with one application and in a short time cured and the skin left as soft and clean as an infant's. Dr. Agnew's Ointment works wonders and never hurts the skin a particle. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

The Woman of the House.

Almost every woman at the head of a home meets daily with innumerable little worries in her household affairs. Perhaps they are too small to notice an hour afterwards, but these constant little worries have their effect upon the nervous system.

It is these little worries that make so many women look prematurely old.

Their effect may be noticeable in other ways, such as sick and nervous headaches, fickle appetite, a feeling of constant weariness, pains in the back and loins, heart palpitation and a pale or sallow complexion. The blood and nerves need attention, and for this purpose

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills FOR PALE PEOPLE

are woman's best friend. They are particularly adapted as a regulator in diseases peculiar to women. Through the blood and nerves the pills act upon the whole system, bringing brightness to the eye and a glow of health to the cheek. Thousands of wives and mothers have testified to the benefit derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

WOMAN'S AILMENTS. Mrs. Napoleon Pouloit, St. Roche, Que., says: "I am forty-two years of age, and for several years past have suffered from ailments common to women. My blood was poor and watery; I suffered from pains in the limbs and abdomen, and frequently experienced much trouble in walking. My appetite was poor, I had frequent headaches, and sometimes attacks of dizziness. I tried several medicines but found no benefit from them, and almost despaired of regaining my former health. A friend who had been benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People strongly urged me to give them a trial. I did so, and after using a couple of boxes began to feel like a new person. I continued the use of the pills for some weeks longer, when I was as well as ever I had been in my life and able to do my work about the house as though I had never been sick. I look upon Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a benefactor to humanity, and would strongly urge feeble women to give them a trial."

There are many imitations and substitutes, but these cannot cure and may work further harm. The genuine always have the full name—"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on a box like the engraving on the left.

If your dealer does not have them they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2 50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.



MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FIRE INSURANCE DISCUSSED—CITY ENGINEER APPOINTED.

The Water Rights in Sheep Creek—A Modus Operandi—Ballotting for the New City Engineer.

At the regular weekly meeting of the city fathers, the absentees were Messrs. Mettias and Hamilton.

A letter was read from the Underwriters' association of Vancouver, stating that they had taken the present rates of the city of Rossland into account, and had come to the conclusion that when a proper water system was installed and a fire hall built in a convenient position, a reconsideration of the present rates would be in order.

A report was also tabled from the city solicitor, who had attended the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in Victoria re the city's water right to Sheep creek. The matter was opposed in council by the representatives of the O. K., the Jumbo and the B. C. Bullion Extrating companies.

It was reported that Mr. E. V. Bodwell, speaking for the O. K., had gained the ear of His Excellency, but after a protracted discussion lasting over two hours, Mr. Bodwell agreed to a modus operandi. He thought that if the city would prepare plans showing exactly what was wanted, he would be glad to enter into an agreement that the water thus obtained should only be used for domestic or fire purposes, and would further agree that the O. K., the Jumbo and the B. C. Bullion were to have a first claim upon the remaining inches of water, taking it from the city at a fair rental; that in the case of a fire, the interests of the city would be protected by a fire engine at the expense of the city.

This seemed to be to all parties a reasonable compromise, and the Lieutenant-Governor ordered plans to be prepared meeting the propositions laid before him.

A letter was read from the owner of the lots upon which the new fire hall is to be built, saying that he was prepared to convey them to the city and give a clear title.

A communication from the board of trade and the fire insurance rates, was considered. The proposal submitted to the city council was that Mr. C. O. Lalonde had been delegated by the board of trade to represent them at a conference of the fire underwriters on the coast, it would be desirable that the city council should appoint one of their own number as a fellow delegate, and should pay the expenses of both gentlemen to Vancouver in order that they might make an attempt to get the body of underwriters to reconsider their decision on the excessive fire rates now being charged in this city.

During a rather full discussion of the matter, it was pointed out that Mr. C. O. Lalonde had a thorough grasp of the whole situation, and wanted no fellow delegate to help him to express his views. Also that as a communication had been received from the secretary of the underwriters' association at Vancouver, setting forth in detail exactly what was required by the assuring bodies, it was useless to approach the matter again until all or some of the requirements had been carried out. The request was, therefore, negatived, the city clerk being requested to forward a copy of the letter of the secretary of the Vancouver Underwriters' association to the board of trade, as it appeared that the latter body were not cognizant of the arrival, or of the nature of the ultimatum from the coast.

The appointment of the city engineer was gone into. There were upwards of 33 applications and a ballot was accordingly taken. Of the five votes recorded, three were for W. F. Van Buskirk of Stratford, Ont., and two for K. L. Burnett of this city. Mr. Van Buskirk was accordingly declared appointed.

The board of works submitted its eighth report, recommending that obstructions in streets and alleys be forthwith removed and that the lane south of Le Roi avenue between Cliff and Davis streets, be opened for vehicular traffic, was passed.

A letter was read claiming damages on behalf of Mrs. Owens, who fell at the landing on the steps at the west end of First avenue. It was claimed that the city authorities, though repeatedly warned of the dangerous accumulation of snow and ice on these steps, omitted to have them cleaned. The matter was referred to the city solicitor.

A vote of \$250 was made to the health and relief committee to aid them in efforts to prevent the outbreak of smallpox in the city.

The meeting then adjourned until next Tuesday evening.

The California.

About 25 men will be employed on the start-up of the California mine, which will take place as soon as the machinery is on the ground, and ready. There may be a delay pending the arrival of a new motor for the hoist, which is daily expected, but the work can proceed without it. Two men and a machine will be employed in deepening the shaft, three shifts being worked. The remainder will be set to work at the tunnel and in other parts of the mine. The men going to work will do so at the usual way, which obtain at all the properties of the J. P. Graves syndicate both here and in the boundary.

Protecting Unfortunates.

Berlin, March 14.—The Reichstag after adopting the paragraphs of the Lexheine, dealing with procurement and men living with unfortunates, agreed today to strike out the paragraph raising the age of the protection of girls from 16 to 18, and the paragraph relating to art literature and drama, and then adjourned till 2 o'clock.

HAPPY BONDS OF WEDLOCK

MARRIAGE IN ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH YESTERDAY.

Miss Edith Wilson, of New Westminster, Married Mr. Charles R. Hamilton, Barrister, of This City.

St. George's church was yesterday morning crowded with sightseers and friends of Miss Edith Wilson and Mr. Charles R. Hamilton, who were united in the bonds of wedlock at 9:30 o'clock. The ceremony was solemnized by J. B. Haslam, M. A., of Vancouver, at present locum tenens of the church in Rossland. The bride was costumed in a grey travelling gown with a point lace Abot, and was wearing a dainty hat of white chiffon. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and white roses. Her bridesmaid was Miss Helen Falding, who was attired in white with a white tulle hat, and had a bouquet of pink and white carnations.

The best man was Mr. J. S. C. Fraser, manager of the Bank of Montreal, who, with troops of the whilome bachelor friends of the happy Benedict filled the church building. On Tuesday the bachelor cohort made their last night of it in company with alderman Hamilton. The occasion was adequately lived up to by a dinner with Mr. Claude Cregan, at which the time-honored toasts were not the most unobtrusive features of the first part of the evening. Later the bachelor party adjourned to Governor Macintosh, who assisted by Dr. and Mrs. Bowles and Miss Castellain, gave a royal reception.

Besides this body of the friends of the bridegroom many of the ladies well known in this city graced the ceremonial with their presence. Among them were to be seen Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Bowes, Miss Boulbee, Miss E. Boulbee, Mrs. Castellain, Mrs. Clute, Miss Coward, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Ferrier, Miss Humphries, Mrs. Kenning, Mrs. Luke, Miss Law, Miss Muirgrave, Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Oliver Mrs. Ross Thompson Miss Sinclair Mrs. Waddis and Mrs. Young.

The church was exceedingly tastefully decorated with willows and greenery; over the white draping of the chancel screen white pots of hot house flowers were to be seen against the white coverings of the reredos and altar. This was accomplished by the friends of the happy couple on the previous evening, a veritable labor of love.

The bride was given away by her guardian, Mr. W. H. Falding. During the ceremony, the choir being in attendance and with the help of Miss Wiles, a close friend of the bride, presiding at the organ, a musical service was rendered. Among the choir members was to be distinguished Mr. W. de V. le Maistre, who appropriately sang the wedding psalm, a fitting farewell to his old bachelor friend the bridegroom. At the conclusion of the service the party marched to the vestry for the last maiden signature of the bride to the well known strains of the wedding march.

At the church door the party was met by showers of rice which fell not alone on Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, but, whether by accident or whether of malice aforethought, is known alone to the perpetrators of the deed, Mr. J. S. C. Fraser was also plentifully bestowed. The wedding procession then went to the house of the guardian of the bride, Mr. W. H. Falding, where, after the wedding breakfast had been partaken of a formal reception was held at which were present the Misses Boulbee, Mrs. Claude Cregan, Mr. Edgar Guthrie, the Hon. and Mrs. T. Mayne Daly, Mr. Alexander Dick, Mr. J. S. C. Fraser, Mrs. Ferrier, Mr. W. de V. le Maistre, Mr. and Miss Law, Dr. Senior, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. N. F. Townsend, Miss Welles and Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside.

Among the presents were a silver and glass water jug, Mrs. de Vebe; glass bowl, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson; glass knives and forks, Hon. and Mrs. T. Mayne Daly; gold bracelet, Hon. T. Mayne Daly; silver tea scoop, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott; photo frame, Miss Boulbee; cut glass and silver vases, Miss K. Boulbee; silver jewel case, Miss Law; silver, condiment set, Dr. Senior; cream ladle and sugar sifter, Mr. E. Guthrie; silver salt cellar, Miss Renwick; cut glass dish, Mr. Hastings; purse, Mr. R. Stewart; card case, Mr. A. Marsh; fan, Messrs Cole and Warden; point lace centre piece, Mr. J. A. Macdonald; silver dinner bell, Miss C. J. and Master Donald Galt; clock, Miss Harris; silver tea service, Miss R. Hamilton; case of desert knives and forks, Miss Hamilton; silver tea kettle, Rev. and Mrs. Lennox Smith; pair of pictures, Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside; white silk belt with gold and enamel buckle; point lace, Miss Will; silver salt cellar, Mr. Corbould; silver mustard pot, J. B. Corbould; linen centre piece, the Misses Corbould; cut glass silver butter dish, Mrs. Riennes-Ointon; silver and glass charet jug, Mr. and Mrs. Walker; Japanese table cloth, Mrs. Homer; cup and saucer, Master Harry Graham; silver cream jug, Mr. and Mrs. Grant; silver mustard pot, Mrs. C. St. Le McIntosh; white silk stock with enamel clasp, Miss Dorothy and Master Douglas Ferrier. Besides these already enumerated there were numberless others of which the arrival has been notified but which, up to the present, have not come to hand. Last but not least there were quite a number of checks.

The newly wedded pair left yesterday for California, via Spokane. Many of their friends saw them off at the depot, and after the showers of rice a pair of old shoes, tied to the rear car of the train, was the final valediction.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hamilton, after spending some weeks in the South, will return to Rossland, on their way to Eastern Canada, where a protracted visit will be made.

The number of the guests, the profusion and munificence of the presents and of the proceedings will make this the latest of the Rossland weddings long remembered among the social annals of this city.

Liberal Association Meeting.

A meeting of the Liberal Association will be held this evening in the board of trade rooms, above the postoffice, at 8 o'clock, to confer with Hon. Smith Currie, the minister of mines. A good meeting is looked for.

THE CONTRACT WORK SYSTEM

MEETING OF MINERS LAST NIGHT DISCUSS LABOR QUESTION.

Say That the System Proposed Is Too Complicated—No Guarantee—Will Consider a Reasonable Offer.

The result of the miners' meeting last night was to negative the contract proposals as extended to them by certain mine owners of the camp. This was done not finally but as awaiting the result of other deliberations held by the other miners' unions of the Kootenay and also of the Western Federation of Miners, with which body the Rossland body is affiliated.

The reasons given for the course are that the conditions are without guarantee, and that the system proposed is too complicated. The guarantee desired is that the standard rate of wages be maintained. The complications referred to are various and were especially instanced by the proposal of one of the leading mining companies that it reserved the right of blasting. Incompetent work in carrying out this important process would, it was contended, result in grievous loss to the contractor, as a drilled set of holes not broken off to the depth reached would mean much wasted labor. Other complications the miners declared were of like nature.

The point made by the men was that a minimum of wages be guaranteed, and until such time as this was done they were not willing to accept the terms offered unless the other bodies to which they were affiliated would consent. They professed themselves willing to listen to any proposals that would bring mine owners and men closer together.

AIR COMPRESSORS.

Why They Are Used So Much by the Miners Here.

Compressed air has been used in the running of machinery for more than 100 years. In mines it is used extensively for the running of pumping engines, hoists, rock drills and underground locomotives. Under ground it has one great advantage over the use of steam, and that is, that for the reason that the air exhausting in the mine forms a most complete system of ventilation. Then, too, when compared with steam it is more cool and in close shafts, drifts and tunnels where there is but little circulation drills driven by steam can scarcely be used as the escaping steam heats up the air so as to make it uncomfortable to work in, while drills driven by compressed air have no appreciable effect on the mine atmosphere except to freshen it.

Air under high pressure is far less dangerous than steam in case of the bursting of the containing vessel. It escapes from the rent in the vessel with a hissing sound, but no pieces of the vessel are projected, as would be the case in a steam boiler explosion, where the sudden reduction of pressure causes the water to flash instantly into steam, increasing the volume more than a hundredfold. The scalding effect of steam, in the large majority of cases, causes greater injury than the direct effect of the explosion. For these and other reasons air compressors are an essential portion of the equipment of the mines of this province, as, indeed, they are in all parts of the world where mining is done along the best and most scientific lines. In this section air compressors are driven by either steam or electric power. Fraser & Chalmers of Chicago, and London, have for many years been making air compressors and their Riedler air compressor is said to be, by those who have used them, an almost perfect machine. Everyone turned out is a testimonial of the good work done by the firm. The superiority of the Riedler air compressor is said to be partially due to its simple yet strong valves and the simplicity of the gearing which controls and operates the same.

To regulate the amount of air delivered by a compressor they provide a governor that controls the speed of the compressor by the air pressure, as well as by the speed of the crank shaft. To accomplish this a double control, there is attached to an ordinary governor a cylinder in which a plunger works in oil. Attached to the plunger is a tension spring at the bottom, while the upper end is connected with the combination of levers controlling the cut-off. An air pipe communicating with the air receiver is connected with the oil cylinder also, the action of the air pressure tending to raise the plunger, and the tension spring tending to lower it. In this way a very delicate regulation is obtained. If the speed of the compressor should approach the limit of safe working capacity, then part of the governor is controlled by speed comes into action. The speed part of the governor is of special value in case of the bursting of the main air pipe, as it prevents, in such case, the engine running away. The plunger working in oil gives a very smooth regulation as the oil acts as a cushion, thus preventing jars and jerks of the rods and levers.

Still another form of governor, which has given extremely close regulation and works smoothly and evenly, is one in which a diaphragm is used in place of a cylinder with plunger, the varying pressure on the diaphragm automatically controlling the cut-off.

These and other good features make the Fraser & Chalmers air compressors the great favorites that they are. Besides compressors the company manufacture hoists, power drills and the hundred and one articles that are required in mines and mills. This quartz mill is used in hundreds of places and have received the approval of thousands of mill men. See their advertisement in another column.

United States Financial Bill.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—The President signed the financial bill at 12:45 p. m. today.

British War Loan.

London, March 14.—In the House of Commons today the war loan passed its third reading.

No News of the Wolcott.

Seattle, Wash., March 14.—Two steamers have reached here from Alaska but they brought no news of the missing steamers Wolcott and Excelsior.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

PENDING DISCUSSION WITH NEW MINISTER OF MINES.

Retail Grocers Association Join Board of Trade—Fire Limit By-Law and Fire Insurance Rates Brought Up.

There was a good attendance at the local board of trade meeting last night, and several matters of importance came before the body, not the least being a communication from the Hon. Smith Curtis, the new minister of mines, desiring to meet the board of trade on his arrival here to discuss some aspects of the mining industry.

The first matter before the board was the expressed desire of the retail merchants association to join the board of trade in a body. The matter being fully discussed, the president and vice-president of the board, Mr. C. O. Lalonde, and Mr. J. B. Haslam were appointed a special committee to arrange for the applicant association joining the board of trade on the next regular monthly meeting.

The resolutions of the Ottawa board of trade regarding the imperial tax and preferential trade were brought up on a favorable report from the council of the board. These were not adopted, however, Mr. W. T. Oliver proposing as a substitute the resolutions along the same lines which were enacted by the Montreal board of trade. These latter were finally endorsed by the local board.

A special committee consisting of Messrs. C. O. Lalonde, R. Dalby Moran and James Hunter, were appointed to wait upon the city council at its next meeting to endeavor to persuade the city fathers to alter the conclusion arrived at by them regarding the uselessness of again approaching the Vancouver association of underwriters. The committee were also to urge upon the council the advisability of immediately passing a fire limit by law in order to lighten the present oppressive rates of insurance charged the merchants of this city.

A communication was read from the Keelo board of trade regarding some further and recent departures of the department of mines from the old rulings regarding the issue of crown grants. It was decided to bring the matter to the notice of the Minister of Mines, who was expected in the camp.

Two communications were read from the Hon. Smith Curtis, the latter of which stated that he would arrive in Rossland on Friday next and desired to meet the board to discuss various matters affecting the mining industry. The secretary of the board, Mr. H. W. C. Jackson, was desired to send a telegram to Revelstoke to the Hon. Smith Curtis to find out the exact date of his arrival as that gentleman's communication was at variance with the published telegram regarding his departure from the coast. Should the Minister of Mines arrive today the board of trade arranged for a special meeting of the board to meet his desires and allow of an opportunity of having matters relative to the mining interests in Rossland thoroughly threshed out.

The Weather.

Max., 62; min., 25.6. Weather, blue sky. Wind, S. W., light. A blue, clear sky with a warm south wind has been the experience of the past week. Wheels not runners are the order of the day. The snow is fast disappearing from the streets and the southern slopes of the hills are again bare. The local entomologist has discovered a butterfly and the daffodils are springing up on the Big Three ground. All this seems too good to be true. March, 1897, witnessed on the 11th and 12th a temperature of 5 and 10 degrees below zero, and

ROSSLAND RAISED \$3,200

How the Patriotic Fund was Divided by the Committee.

A meeting of the fund committee was held yesterday for the purpose of apportioning the funds raised for the Mansion House and Canadian Patriotic funds. Mayor Goodeve occupied the chair, and all the members were present. Mr. W. T. Oliver, the treasurer, reported the following to be the amounts on hand and the sources from which they came:

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| Rossland Miners— | |
| Proceeds of entertainments at Rossland..... | \$375.54 |
| Proceeds of entertainments at Trail, Grand Forks and Greenwood..... | 330.55 |
| Proceeds of entertainments at Nelson and Spokane..... | 158.09 |
| Association of Mining Stock Brokers of Rossland— | |
| Proceeds of auction sale of mining stocks donated by the brokers and the public..... | \$1,015.50 |
| Proceeds of dance given by the ladies of Rossland..... | \$182.50 |
| Proceeds of ball given by No. 1 company Rocky Mountain Rangers (on account)..... | \$129.00 |
| Giant, City of Rossland..... | \$300 |
| Sundry contributions..... | |
| British America Corporation, Limited..... | \$100 |
| War Eagle Con. Min. & Dev. Co., Ltd..... | 50 |
| Centre Star Mining Co., Ltd..... | 50 |
| J. F. S..... | 2 |
| | \$320 |
| | \$2,948.88 |

It was decided to forward to the Mansion House fund, through the Canadian High Commission, the sum of £300, equivalent to \$1,460, and the balance of \$1,488.88 to the Canadian Patriotic fund. In addition to the amount raised as above, the sum of between \$200 and \$300 has been otherwise contributed and forwarded through the banks, thus making the total amount raised by the citizens of Rossland about \$3,200.

The beautiful was falling on Mayor Scott's of the election day early in April. The next year the snow, though not so heavy as in 1897, covered the whole ground, and sleighing was the only means of conveyance until the first half of April was well nigh spent. Last year the skating rink was in going order till very late in March and the snow had not disappeared from the Durban addition till well into May. This year everything is changed. Spring is upon us, and records appear likely to be broken. It is to be hoped that the appearances are not deceptive on this occasion, and that the clerk of the weather in an amiable mood is disposed to make up to the Rosslanders for the atrocious samples of climate he presented them with last so-called summer.

A LENTEN ADDRESS.

Mr. J. B. Haslam Lectures on English Church History.

The second of Mr. Haslam's course of Lent addresses was delivered last night in St. George's church. The subject was a continuation of the theme of the previous Wednesday, the history of the Church of England. While on the first occasion the lecturer had rapidly drawn the outlines of the national church, last night the details were given more fully. Beginning with the early history which was confirmed by the remains of the ancient structures found among the excavations of Roman buildings at Silchester and Canterbury, Mr. Haslam stated that the past was shrouded by myth and poetic fancies such as the Holy Grail and the Glastonbury Thorn. The legend ran that Joseph of Arimathea, with 12 companions, set forth from Jerusalem after the Crucifixion, bearing with them the cup used at the Last Supper. They rested at Avalon afterwards known as Glastonbury. Here Joseph built a church and planted his pilgrim staff, a thorn, which ever afterwards blossomed at Christmas in memory of the Incarnation. The cup, as times grew evil, was snatched to heaven, but to the conqueror of passion and to the master of self a vision of the Holy Grail was from time to time vouchsafed.

Tracing the history of the church through the ages preceding the Saxon conquest, Mr. Haslam gave an interesting account

of the mission of St. Augustine, and the first attempts of the Roman see to establish its pretensions over England. Then followed an enumeration of the departures from the primitive faith which were annulled at and following the period of the reformation. It was noteworthy that the alterations made were not so much objected to by the Roman church as by the Geneva separatists. It was shown that these departures were admittedly of recent date at the time of the 16th century, and that some of them were not even approved by the council of Trent, and that all were without the sanction of any Ecumenical council.

Next followed the story of the prayer book from the days of that first approved by the Convocation in the time of Henry VIII to the final revision in 1661. Its bearing upon the questions of Catholic doctrine were touched upon as to the major matters, and while admitting that the manual of devotion was not as near the practice of ancient times as might be wished, yet the work of the reformers tampered with, as it was by the interference of foreigners, Genevans, ignorant of the significance of the English language, left the present church much to be thankful for, while she was looking forward to a time when the book might be better brought into harmony with the ancient and primitive creeds of the church.

Mr. Haslam has much charm of diction and manner, which renders these significant but rarely heard, subjects, a matter of interest even to the casual hearer.

The Cake Walk on Saturday.

By a mistake in the Miner of yesterday morning Mr. Cassidy was credited with the management of the cake walk at the Miners' Union hall on Saturday night. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is in full control of the affair, and has had the direction from the first. Everything in regard to the performance is proceeding in the most gratifying way, and the entertainment will be one of the best which has been held in Rossland.

E. A. Seaton of this city, received notice yesterday of the death of his father, the aged preceding the Saxon conquest. E. V. Seaton, a well known merchant of Halifax, N. S.

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THE ROAD TO SOPHIE

Who will Open This Section with a Railroad?

GREAT NORTHERN MAY BUILD

The Canadian Pacific Has Surveyed a Route, While the British Electric Traction Company is Laying into the Matter—Some of the Particulars.

That the Great Northern or the Canadian Pacific railway or the British Electric Traction company will construct a line into the Sophie mountain section this season seems certain. Though none of these companies are in the habit of unbosoming themselves to the public when they contemplate a movement of the kind, it is a generally accepted fact that when Mr. J. N. Hill, president of the Red Mountain & Spokane falls & Northern railway, was here on a tour of inspection about three months since he said that he intended to look into the question of constructing a branch up Sheep creek valley from the Red Mountain line to the Sophie mountain section. He thought a line seven miles in length would be about long enough to tap the productive properties there. His company was after that, and stood ready to build branch lines wherever they were needed. Nothing more was heard from Mr. Hill on the subject, and it was presumed by those interested in the construction of the road that he had given up the idea of building. A few days since the Post-Intelligencer, of Seattle, published a statement to the effect that Mr. John Stevens, chief engineer of the Great Northern, in speaking with a friend, gave out as the intention of the company to extend the Red Mountain railway into the Sophie mountain section. There are some inaccuracies in the statement which must have got slightly mixed up in its transmission from Mr. Stevens' friend to the reporter of the Post-Intelligencer. For instance, he said that the line was to be extended from the Spokane falls & Northern tracks at Rosiland to Sophie mountain. He also said that the company was considering the question of constructing a branch to tap the main Sheep creek valley for the same purpose. The route up the main Sheep creek valley is the most feasible one for the Great Northern to construct, first, because it is more level than the route from Rosiland, and, second, because a line from Rosiland would be twice as long as the Sheep creek route. One would be 15 miles in length and the other seven miles. The Spokane falls & Northern does not run to Rosiland, but the Red Mountain does.

When President Shauhin visited Rosiland, several months since, when questioned regarding the matter of extending the tracks of the Canadian Pacific from this city to Sophie Mountain he replied that his company would build provided a feasible route could be found. A survey was made of the route by a party of Canadian Pacific railway surveyors under charge of Engineer G. G. McCarthy. The survey occupied the time of 14 men for two months, and was most complete. It was unofficially stated that the route from this city to the Velvet mine, located on the west side of Sophie mountain, would be 15 miles long. The grade from here to the top of Sophie mountain would be a shade over 1 per cent., and from there on to the Velvet about 3 per cent. It would be necessary to have a switchback on the west side of Sophie mountain.

After the survey was completed it was reported that the British Electric Traction company would build the line and operate it by means of electricity. Mr. C. S. Drummond, one of the directors of the company, and others investigated the matter, and the promise was made that if the coal could secure a guarantee of sufficient per day that the line would be constructed. The local representative of the Velvet Mines, limited, Mr. J. L. Morrish, did not have enough authority to give a guarantee, and the negotiations were transferred to London, where the head office of the British Electric Traction company is located, the consulting engineer of the Velvet Mines, limited, is scouring. It has developed lately that the representatives of the British Electric Traction company have so far failed to call on Captain Morrish in London, and from this it is inferred that the company has abandoned the idea of building the line. Mr. J. L. Morrish has received instructions from the officials of his company in London directing him to construct a wagon road down the west side of Sophie mountain to Sheep creek valley, and from thence along the line of the Red Mountain road in the vicinity of Sheep creek station. It is understood that Mr. Morrish is making the necessary preparation for the building of this road so that he can haul out ore and transport in machinery. Such a road, it is thought, can be constructed at a cost of about \$1,500 per mile. Of course, if Mr. Morrish could receive any guarantee that the Great Northern, the Canadian Pacific railway or the British Electric Traction company was about to build a railway to the Velvet he would not go to the expense of making this proposed wagon road.

In addition to the above mentioned plans for giving Sophie mountain transportation facilities, the provincial government has just cleared the route for a wagon road from Rosiland to Sophie mountain, and work was only stopped when it was interfered with by the snow. The late government promised to take up the task as soon as the snow melted. As there is a new ministry in power the question is whether they will take up the task where it was laid down by the late government and finish this road. With all these schemes the Sophie mountain section ought to be able to secure, before long, transportation facilities.

Odd Fellows Encampment Instituted.

An encampment of Odd Fellows was recently instituted by D. D. G. P. T. C. Grey at Nelson. It will be known as Nelson Encampment No. 7, I. O. O. F. The following officers were installed: C. P. A. H. Clements; H. P. J. F. Weir; S. W. W. B. Pollard; J. W. H. McLean; Rec. Sec. D. McArthur; Fin. Sec. J. A. Hacksaw; Treas. T. C. Grey. The encampment starts off with a membership of 30.

Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Montreal, March 12.—Hon. J. I. Tarte sails for Paris from New York on Thursday. He goes to the French capital as the representative of the Canadian government at the Paris Exposition.

BOARD OF TRADE.

After Mark of the Annual Meeting—A Good Prospect.

Members of the Rosiland Board of Trade are congratulating themselves upon the improved outlook for the board's usefulness this year. The new rooms will prove a drawing card this coming summer, and as the Broker's association and the conservative and liberal organizations each pay their share of the expense in maintaining the offices the financial end of the undertaking is arranged for. When the ore collection is completed and the maps in place the rooms are sure to become a rendezvous for mining and business men. The attendance at the general meeting was satisfactory, and there is every indication of renewed interest being taken in the deliberations of the board.

Including the president, there are now six merchants in this year's council. One effect of the city merchants taking a greater interest in the proceedings of the board is probably the formation of "trade" branches under the provisions of the constitution. Rule 11 provides that "Any number of members who may desire to associate themselves together in a trade branch, with a view of promoting more effectively the interest of any trade, may, with the permission of the council, previously obtained, form themselves into such a trade branch." And the sub-sections of the regulation quoted provide ample details for the successful operation of "trade branches."

The address of the retiring President, Mr. J. C. Fraser, covered the work taken up by the board during the past 15 months very fully. Referring to one matter, Mr. Fraser states: "The board, with the co-operation of the city council, has tried the experiment of advertising the city and its resources in the British Columbia Review of London, England. The contract expires at the end of April."

Among the matters which it is suggested that the board shall take up this year are the following: The construction of a road to Murphy creek, railway communication with the mines on Sophie mountain, the publishing of a "Souvenir of Rosiland" on the lines of "Rosiland in 1898" for distribution at Paris and London this coming summer, the reduction of the present exorbitant fire insurance rates, Federal and provincial grants for public buildings, and railway freight and passenger rates. The above are only some of the important matters which the board can take up in the public interest and demonstrate its usefulness. If it does so successfully the membership should largely increase early in the year.

Rosiland people who feel at all nervous at the business outlook at the present time should note with care the closing paragraphs of Mr. Fraser's address. He says: "Referring now for a moment to local affairs, I think it is well to point out that although three of our largest mines, the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star, are temporarily closed down, there are still 35 properties in the camp furnishing employment to a large number of miners."

In conclusion, I would like to express my profound conviction when the present cloud on our prosperity passes away, as it soon will, our mines will employ more men than ever, the output of ore will be vastly greater and the community will be on a better and more solid foundation than heretofore."

According to the secretary's report, there were 71 members of the board in good standing on March 6. Five members were in arrears on the date mentioned, and five new members were admitted at the general meeting.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

Sealing Schooners Report Fatalities—Infringement of Copyright.

LADIES' HOCKEY MATCH.

A Great Game at the Rink—The Stars Win One Good Goal and the Game.

There was a very fair attendance at the ladies' hockey match last evening in the skating rink. The spectators were most enthusiastic, and cheered and applauded the efforts of the ladies very heartily. The ice was soft and broken in some places, making the play exceedingly difficult. The ladies composing both teams are to be most heartily congratulated upon the excellent game they put up and the hearty way in which they entered into the spirit of the match. During the first half of the match the Stars appeared to have somewhat the best of it, the puck hovering dangerously around the Crescents' goal, and being kept in their ice most of the time. When half time was nearly up the Stars made a goal, but the umpire decided that it had been made on an off side play, and was not allowed, to the huge delight of the Crescents. When half time was called neither side had scored.

When the sides faced off, after half time, the game became fast and furious, each side being determined to win at any cost. The game was much more evenly divided at this stage, the puck passing from end to end more impartially, and the cheers of the spectators, who liberally applauded every good piece of play. Several times a goal was nearly made, and finally, after a spirited six minutes contest, Miss Harris, the captain of the Stars, made a successful hit, and scored a goal for the Stars, amid frantic applause. After a short pause, play was resumed, and when time was called no further advantage had been gained by either side, the Stars winning the match with one goal to their credit.

The winning team was captained by Miss Mac Harris, who wore a pretty uniform of black and red, and both of their colors were black and red, and both costumes were greatly admired. The defeated team say that if the ice holds out they will challenge the winners to another match, as they are not satisfied with the result of last night's match.

Mr. E. S. Winn filled the difficult post of referee, and Messrs. J. A. McCreary and W. P. Docrell were the umpires. The teams lined up last evening as follows:

Stars: Miss Herchmer, Miss Macfarlane (Captain), Miss Harris, Forwards, Miss Northey (Captain), Miss B. Inches, Miss Lockhart, Miss Marshall, Miss J. Reagh, Miss Seading, Cover Point, Miss Inches, Miss Husband, Point, Miss Agnew, Mrs. Burnet, Goal, Miss Haskins.

Conservatives Consult.

A delegation of Conservative politicians from Rosiland has been in Nelson for two days, holding consultations with the Conservative politicians of Nelson. The Rosiland men, are John McKane, Alexander Dick and C. E. Race. They first met W. A. Macdonald, Frank Fletcher, T. C. Proctor and Fred Irvine, at the Phair hotel on Tuesday night, and as the result of that conference, a meeting of the executive of the Conservative association of Nelson was held in the board of trade room yesterday afternoon. The result of these conferences and meetings is: A convention of Conservatives of all the ridings of Kootenay is to be held at Nelson at an early date. If the convention is to be held in this city, the decision arrived at is to hold the party. The Rosiland men are for making the fight on party lines. Re-elected Conservatives have already nominated Charles Wilson, Q. C. of Vancouver, the leader of the party line Conservatives, as their candidate. It is known that the "machine" Conservatives of the Socian are all in favor of a party-line fight. East Kootenay is Liberal, and a Conservative has little show of election there if a party fight is made. Nelson riding is against a party-line contest, but "machine-men" like W. A. Macdonald and H. R. Cameron are working hard to have the fight made on party lines. They are both astute politicians, and they may be able to whip the rank and file into line.—Nelson Tribune.

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RETURNS FROM SPOKANE.

Hector McRae Tells of Mining Matters and Other Things.

Alderman Hector McRae returned last evening at 11:30 from a visit to Spokane on the belated train which should have arrived here at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. Some of the passengers were tied up at Boscoburg for the past two days. There were two slides a mile apart. One was 600 yards long and covered the creek to a depth of from three to five feet. The other was about 200 yards in length. What accounts for most delay is the fact that the slide keeps coming down on the track. There were 125 men working all last night to remove the mud, sand and boulders as fast as they are deposited on the track. It is very hard to shovel, as it clogs on the shovels, which have to be washed off after three or four shovefuls have been handled. As the sun draws the frost out of the earth it rolls down on to the track. Mr. McRae reports that the mining men of Spokane are talking more of the Republican camp and the Couer d'Alene section than of any other. The Mountain Lion will be expected to have started up yesterday. The people of Spokane have great confidence in the future of the Mountain Lion, and think it is a great property. Major R. G. Edwards Leckie and Mr. D. C. Jackling, the cyanide expert, are in Spokane with Mr. Bradley, the representative of the Gates Iron Works company, of Chicago, in consultation as to the Republic Mining company's 200-ton per day cyaniding plant. This plant will be running by the 1st of August.

Mr. McRae reports that there is considerable talk in Spokane concerning a couple of big strikes which have recently been made in two of the properties which Mr. F. August Heinze recently acquired. In these a couple of bonanzas of the richest copper ore of the Butte camp have recently been uncovered.

Mr. George H. Casey, of the Butte Sampling Works, recently met with a painful accident. On jumping out of a train a few miles out of Butte, he struck his head against a stump and sustained severe scalp injuries. Mr. Casey is well known in Rosiland, having been interested in the Nickel Plate, the West, Le Roi and Josie properties here.

Quite a number of Spokane residents are arranging their affairs in anticipation of leaving for Cape Nome about the 1st of May. The Pacific Coast Steamship company has taken off some of the steamers which have been carrying soldiers to the Philippines, and these are to be placed on the Cape Nome route. The rates are \$50, \$75 and \$100 from Seattle and Portland to Cape Nome.

The mine near Pear's lake, which is owned by Messrs. P. Burns and Bruce White, is shipping its product to the Northport smelter. Twelve teams are engaged in hauling the ore from the mine to Boscoburg, a distance of 17 miles. From thence it is taken by rail to Northport, over the Spokane Falls & Northern railway. The ore from this mine runs from \$40 to \$70 to the ton.

Mayor Hardy, of Greenwood; R. E. McIntyre, George Meacham and Thomas Macdonnell are on their way east in connection with the properties at Chesaw camp, which were lately purchased by the Montreal syndicate.

MINERS AND MORPHINE.

Necessary Custom Which Is Not Pleasant to Contemplate.

"When I was in the northwest during last October," said a gentleman with some money invested in mines, "I employed a prospector to go out into the mountains looking for properties which had been recommended to me. One day he was to have gone from our camp over into a rough and rocky district, but when evening came he reported that he hadn't made the trip."

"Why not?" I inquired. "Because I didn't have my morphine with me," he responded in a very matter of fact manner. "Morphine," said I in astonishment. "What has that got to do with it? You are not a morphine fiend, are you?" "Not as much as one as you are a tenderfoot," he laughed, and proceeded to inform me that every prospector who knew his business always carried with him enough morphine to kill a man easily, and that he did so in order to end himself quickly in case of an accident which would disable him far away from assistance. There were many instances of prospectors falling over cliffs and crippling themselves, or breaking a leg in a hole among the rocks, or rendering themselves helpless in some other way, and death was sure to follow by starvation or freezing, or in some sections by being devoured by wolves or other wild animals. In order to prevent such a horrible death as any of these, the prospector simplified matters by having a little packet of morphine, which he carried on the end of the belt he had sustained, but put him to sleep pleasantly to wake no more on earth. It struck me at first as unbecomingly to say wicked, but I got over that feeling after a narrow escape on two, and I carried my little tin box just like a veteran would."

—Washington Star.

St. Patrick's Day Entertainment.

St. Patrick's day is to be observed by a vocal musical and specialty entertainment which will be held in Miners' Union hall. Among those who will take part will be: Hon. T. Mayne Derby, Messrs. Frank Oliver, Joseph Ryan, John Mathews, Hon. B. C. Murray, N. F. Kendall, W. J. Nelson, Dutton Winson, John Cassidy and Charles Dempster, and Mrs. Thomas Parker, Miss Dora Parcell, Miss Frances Hewitt and Mrs. Mable Cassidy. The piano accompanists will be Miss Kinnear, Mrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Joseph P. Lenke. With so much talent it seems certain that a performance of more than ordinary merit will be given.

It Is Marble Time.

It is marble time among the lads of Rosiland, and groups may be seen in door ways and on sidewalks, where the snow has melted off, playing for "keeps" and otherwise. Like every other game, there are those who are wealthy in marbles and those who are poor in them. Some of the players have pockets bulging with them, and these are the ones who usually win from those who have only one or two. The little fellows seem to extract a large amount of amusement from the different games which they play with marbles, whether they win or lose. Marbles, some of the older inhabitants say, are sure signs of spring.

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THE MINING A Very Quiet Mining V and Camp BETTER TIMES LOOK

In mining circles the last quietest one that Rosiland has had for many a long day. War Eagle and Centre Star practically closed down. The full show up at about 20 men and at W. about 12 tons being sent out. The three big mines mentioned above had that the step for repairs and that by the month they would be as usual with a combined 40 men. The situation here, so far as the men are concerned, is not so bad as it is generally supposed. It is expected that a week will show a better prospecting the looked forward to and a great deal of improvements are being made of the week to the west. The situation here and all the men paid off. It is merely stated that is the result of orders company's headquarter is stated that until the last week's work will be resumed their explanation is for the company.

The concluding portions of the president's address, read at the meeting of the Rosiland on Wednesday evening last. Fraser draws attention to the fact that there are over 35 working properties in the camp, and that he has already shown its future permanence of Rosiland. He also stated that the interior of the finest building in the camp has already shown its future permanence of Rosiland.

The full report of the annual meeting of the company is not yet to hand. It is stated that the company has received a large amount of money from the reports made to Mr. J. B. Hastings, the president of the company, and Mr. J. B. Hastings, the president of the company, is on the situation in the camp, and that which is in nature of the present. In a fair and unfavorable criticism of the work, which appears in the Mining Record. "There is one point of view to the camp of Rosiland, the situation in this regard is that the occurrence of so variable a character of minerals in the country is a development and exploration of other conclusions arrived in the article referred to well to await the full reports which in many of the views expressed by...

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The Outfit of the week ending March 13th, 1900. The Evening Star is the only line serving meals on the a la carte plan. In the figures given for the Le Roi, War Eagle and the Giant are taken from the corrected figures from the Evening Star and Iron Mask and Monte Christo. The one shipments for March 10th and year to date are as follows:

Le Roi... Week. T. War Eagle... Centre Star... Iron Mask... Evening Star... L. X. L... Monte Christo... Total tons...

California.—One car load of 100-cord arrived yesterday, and a batch to the passenger load is expected to come to hand. This machinery was of better last, and was will be one of the more ever turned out by the company. It is thought in about three weeks compound compressor, 22 inches for the low stroke is 22 inches. Corliss air valves, and improvements for plants to be driven by a 150 horse motor furnished by the company

THE MINING REVIEW

A Very Quiet Mining Week in Rossland Camp.

BETTER TIMES LOOKED FOR NOW

The Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star [Are Expected to Resume Development Work This Week—Ore Shipments Merely Nominal—A Steady Factor in the C.M.P.]

In mining circles the last week has been the quietest one that Rossland has witnessed for many a long day. The Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star were all practically closed down. The Le Roi only named entirely and the Le Roi only about 20 men and at work. The shipments of ore remain nominal, only some 124 tons being sent out. In closing down the three big mines mentioned the managers stated that the step was necessary for repairs and that by the middle of the month they would be working away as usual with a combined force of about 40 men. The situation has been accepted, so far as the men are concerned, and the camp generally is quietly awaiting developments. It is hoped that this coming week will show a better state of affairs. Meantime the looked deal of surface improving and being gone on with. At the close of the week the Giant property on Red Mountain was closed down and all the men paid off. The superintendent merely stated that the close down is the result of orders received from the company's headquarters in Spokane. It is stated that nothing further will be done at the Giant until the 1st of next month, when work will be resumed, but no further explanation is forthcoming from the company.

The concluding portions of the retiring president's address, read at the annual meeting of the Rossland Board of Trade on Wednesday evening last, in which Mr. Fraser draws attention to the fact that there are over 35 working properties in Rossland camp at the present time and expresses "my profound conviction that when the present cloud of our prosperity passes away, as it soon will, our mines will employ more men than ever, the output of ore will be vastly greater, and the community will be on a better and more solid foundation than heretofore," should have a steady effect at the present time, not only on the mercantile community, both in the camp and out of it but on every one interested in mining, and who are watching with some alarm the progress of events. The statement cannot fail to carry great weight, coming as it does from the manager here of an institution like the Bank of Montreal, which has already shown its faith in the permanence of Rossland by the expenditure of a large sum of money in the erection of the finest bank premises in the interior of the province.

The full published account of the recent annual meeting of the War Eagle company is not yet to hand, and as statements so far received only give extracts from the reports made to the meeting by Mr. J. B. Hastings, the resident director of the company, and Mr. Wayne Darlington, the mining expert, further comment on the situation in the War Eagle mine than that which has already appeared in these columns is naturally deferred for the present. In a fair and not altogether unfavorable criticism of Mr. Kirby's report, which appears in the March number of the Mining Record, the writer says: "There is one point of great importance to the camp of Rossland in the information contained in this valuable report. It is that the occurrence of pay ore is of so variable a character that every body of mineral in the camp is well worth development and exploration."

Without disputing just now some of the other conclusions arrived at by the writer in the article referred to, it may be as well to await the full text of the other reports which in many ways differ from the views expressed by Mr. Kirby. As pointed out in last week's review, there are at present over 35 working properties in the district directly tributary to Rossland, and while there is little or no change in the mining situation for the moment the indications point to a steady revival on a permanent basis in the immediate future.

The Output.

The ore shipments from Rossland for the week ending March 10th remain nominal, only 1,245 tons being sent out. The Iron Mask sent three cars to Trail, and the Evening Star a carload to Northport. In the figures given hereunder, the tonnage for the Le Roi, Evening Star, I. X. L. and the Giant are the exact weights taken from the corrected smelter returns. Those from the War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask and Monte Christo while very closely correct, are approximations.

| | Week. | Tons. | Year. | Tons. |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Le Roi..... | | | | 12,443.5 |
| War Eagle..... | | | | 10,493 |
| Centre Star..... | | | | 7,017.5 |
| Iron Mask..... | | 94.5 | | 1,434.5 |
| Evening Star..... | | 30 | | 159 |
| I. X. L..... | | | | 153.5 |
| Monte Christo..... | | | | 273 |
| Giant..... | | | | 42 |

Total tons..... 124.5 32,126
California.—One car load of the machinery of the 10-drill compressor plant arrived yesterday, and a portion of it was hauled to the property. Another car load is en route, and is expected to come to hand in a few days. This machinery was ordered in September last, and was built to order, and will be one of the most complete plants ever turned out by the Jencks Machine company. It is thought it will be running about three weeks from date. It is a compound compressor. The cylinders are 22 inches for the low pressure, and 14 inches for the high pressure, and the stroke is 22 inches. It is provided with Corliss air valves, and all the latest improvements for plants of this kind. It is to be driven by a 150 horse power electric motor furnished by the Canadian General Electric company. This motor has already been installed. There is a 25 horse power motor, which is to be used to drive the hoist on the way, but it has not yet arrived. When all this machinery starts there will be a large number of

men employed on the California, as the intention of the management is to push the development on a comprehensive scale. At present the work is confined to the tunnel, which is being extended.

Le Roi.—The necessary repairs to the hoisting gear on the main shaft are nearly completed. It is expected that by the 15th instant work will be resumed, and a force of about 200 men will be employed. At the close of the week only about twenty men were at work, principally in the Black Bear ground. Work on the foundations of the new boiler house has been progressing all week. The foundations for the compressor plant are all ready for the new machinery, but the latter has not yet arrived.

Evening Star.—Drifting is in progress on the lower level; in fact, 160 feet of drifting has been done since Dec. 18. The showing of ore is increasing. A car load of ore is sent to the smelter each week. This is taken out in the course of the development work. The ore, according to the smelter returns, goes \$24 to the ton. The manager Chamberlain is pleased with the way the mine is developing, and is certain that when more work has been done that it will be capable of producing a large tonnage of pay ore.

The Centre Star.—In order to make necessary changes in the machinery, the Centre Star was closed down during the past week, but it is expected that work will be resumed again as usual this coming week. Work on the compressor building, which is now roofed in, and on the gallow's frame for the hoist, has been in progress all week.

War Eagle.—The War Eagle has been closed down all week. The electrical compressor has been taken apart preparatory to being tightened up, and the hoisting apparatus in the station at the 250-foot level is being overhauled. It is expected that the mine will resume development work during the week.

Jumbo.—Superintendent Stickney, of the Jumbo, reports that the property is looking well. The tunnel on the 450-foot level is in for a distance of 450 feet, and the ledge has been drifted on for a distance of 250 feet. There is a good showing of ore on this level.
Cascade.—The tunnel on the Cascade has been driven in for a distance of 100 feet. There is a three foot shoot of free milling ore in the tunnel which averages \$20 to the ton. The intention is to keep up the operations on this property.
I. X. L.—Drifting on the lower level along the vein continues. There is a good showing of ore. Two car loads of ore are being loaded, and will be forwarded to Northport during the early part of the week.
Nickel Plate.—The main shaft at the Nickel Plate is now down 75 feet below the 400-foot level, and further sinking is in progress. The new house for the hoisting engine is nearly complete, and the machinery is expected to arrive this week.
Columbia-Kootenay.—Sinking from the station in the No. 6 tunnel of the Columbia-Kootenay is in progress, and the shaft is now down nearly 100 feet. Upraising from No. 6 tunnel to the higher levels is also in progress.
Norway Mountain.—Work continues in the shaft which has reached a depth of 5 feet. There is a showing of four feet of ore in the shaft which averages \$24 to the ton. The ore is free milling.
Green Mountain.—Work continues on the shaft which has reached a depth of about 316 feet. There continues to be a good showing of ore in the shaft.
White Bear.—Crosscutting to the north on the 250 foot level continues. The crosscut is now in 100 feet from the shaft. Nice looking bunches of ore continue to be met.
Douglas-Hunter.—Drifting along the vein on the lower level is in progress. The ore continues solid and carries about the same values as last week.
Iron Colt.—Work on the shaft in the station in the tunnel continues, and a depth of 21 feet has been reached.
Sunset No. 2.—Work on No. 3 vein continues. There were no developments of note during the past week.
Big Four.—Work on the tunnel No 3 continues with encouraging results.
No. 1.—Development work on the No. 1 is being continued as usual.
Arthur.—The tunnel is now in for a distance of 56 feet.
O. K.—The work of extending tunnel No. 12 continues.
Evening.—Work on the tunnel continues.

WILL GO TO VANCOUVER.

President of the Board of Trade..... Try and Get Insurance Rates Reduced.

Mr. C. O. Lalonde, the new president of the board of trade, will probably go to Vancouver early in the week to try and induce the Board of Fire Underwriters to reduce the exorbitant insurance rates now in force in Rossland.

When the city council meets on Tuesday night they will be asked to send a representative with Mr. Lalonde to make it clear to the underwriters board that Rossland is determined to have a reduction made forthwith.

The city council has already sent in a written protest to Vancouver, but beyond acknowledging the receipt of the communication the fire insurance board has taken no action in the matter. Meantime the high rates complained of continue to be enforced.

Mr. Lalonde, as chairman of last year's fire, water and light committee in the city council, is well posted as to the city's proper qualifications for fire insurance ratings, and it is possible that he and the city's nominee may be able to obtain something like justice from the board. The recommendation to send Mr. Lalonde to Vancouver is one of the results of the first meeting of the new council of the board of trade. The adjourned meeting of the board will be held on Wednesday evening next, when the matter referred to will come up for approval.

Miners' Union Elect Officers.

The following officers of the Miners' Union were elected to office for the ensuing year during the past week: President, A. L. Houston; vice-president, Arthur Pendray; financial secretary, James Devine; recording secretary, William Wiljan; treasurer, Walter Preston; conductor, Charles Miller; warden, Cass Davis; trustees, James Devine, A. L. Houston, H. E. Abell, Chris Foley and Edward King.

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It drives out the causes—cleanses the system—paves the way and helps to perfect health.

Only those who have been its victims—whether for a shorter or a longer period—in its milder forms or in its more acute forms, can really have any correct conception of the excruciating agony that comes to the sufferer from rheumatism.

Only those who have been its victims and have been cured by that most powerful

and never-failing remedy, South American Rheumatic Cure, can really appreciate the blessing it has proved to mankind in relieving pain, dissolving and eradicating from the system all the foreign matters, the irritating acids, the unnatural substances which through cold and exposure collect in the joints and muscles, cause swellings, stiffenings, inflammation and oft-times cripple and incapacitate those who have been so unfortunate as to be caught in its meshes.

South American Rheumatic Cure is a Specific for Rheumatism and Neuralgia in all its forms. It is not an experiment. It is compounded on the most scientific

principles known in modern medical science. It is the concentrated essence of the best and most potent ingredients recognized as being the most searching and healing. The formula is the outcome of years of study on Rheumatism in all its forms; its causes and medicines that are calculated to give the quickest relief and are most promising of a permanent cure. That the highest results have been attained by South American Rheumatic Cure that have been attained by any remedy of modern times is attested by the splendid testimony, the thankful words, the encouragement and faith shown in it by the hundreds and hundreds who have over their own signature told how it has healed those who have been bed-ridden for years—those who have through its use "thrown away crutches"—those whose stiffened joints that were affected by every whim of the weather—those who have suffered the deathly pains and pangs that are incident to inflammatory and neuralgic forms of Rheumatism.

Words cannot too strongly express its great merit, and sufferers need only to put to the test what others say of it to prove the claims of the great South American Rheumatic Cure. Years of pain may be dispelled in an hour, but it's only a matter of days at most till the most stubborn cases will vanish, and in the place of pain and suffering there'll be a joyous and lasting freedom.

J. D. McLeod of Leith, Ont., says: "I have been a victim of rheumatism for seven years; confined to my bed for months at a time; unable to turn myself; have been treated by many physicians without any benefit. I had no faith in Rheumatic cures I saw advertised, but my wife induced me to get a bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure from Mr. Taylor, druggist in Owen Sound. At that time I was in agony with pain. Inside of 12 hours after I took the first dose, the pain had left me. I continued until I had used three bottles, and today I am completely cured."

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MEYERS CREEK CAMP

Development of Its Properties Being Rapidly Pushed.

A FIND IN THE NICKLE PLATE

A Body of High Grade Ore Found on the 600-Foot Level—it is the Most Important That Has Yet Been Made in the Property—Other Notes.

Messrs. R. E. McEntire and George B. Mechem are in the city en route for Myers' creek. They have just returned from Myers' creek, where they have been in the interest of properties in which they are interested on Myers' creek. Mr. McEntire reports that while in Spokane a meeting of the Review Gold Mining company of Myers' creek, was held, and the following officers elected: Mr. James Fitzpatrick, president; Mr. George D. Layson, vice-president; Mr. R. E. McEntire, treasurer and general manager; Mr. Patrick Shine, secretary; Messrs. Peter Larson and Patrick Welch, together with the above-named officers, constitute the board of directors. At the meeting it was reported that five tons of the ore was being treated for the purpose of ascertaining what process is best for its reduction, and it was decided that just as soon as the best method was ascertained to immediately construct a mill, the kind of mill to be determined by the experiments which are now in progress.

The Review Gold Mining company owns two claims, the Bird and the Review, on Myers' creek, in Okanogan county, a short distance south of Greenwood. The property has been developed by 800 feet of work. The lowest depth is something over 200 feet. The ledge has been drifted on for a length of something over 400 feet, and it averages 2.2 feet in width. The ore averages \$15 to the ton, and is a milling type. From this ore body that the company has in an ore body that is 400 feet long, 200 feet in depth and with an average width of 2.2 feet. Mr. McEntire is returning with instructions to push the work and to bring the property to a producing stage as early as time permits.

WHO WAS HE?

War Eagle Shareholders Sent a Mining Expert Here—His Report.

The Toronto Globe of recent date says: "Three weeks ago certain shareholders in the War Eagle mine despatched an expert in mining matters to British Columbia to inquire into the fact surrounding the closing down of operations. This gentleman has returned East, and has rendered a report, in which he exonerates Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock, to whom his mission was unknown, from any suspicion of inadequate judgment. He says that the condition of the labor market had a great deal to do with the cessation of work, and prophesies that it will not be long before operations are resumed."

A CHURCH SOCIAL.

Successful Entertainment at the Baptist Parsonage Last Night.

There was a very successful social held last evening by the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church, in the parsonage. The rooms were crowded, and all the guests enjoyed themselves immensely. The first part of the evening's entertainment was a guessing contest. Each one of the guests was adorned with an emblem representing the name of a city, town or state, and the guests were called upon to guess what each emblem represented. For instance, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Stackhouse, was adorned with a string of little wooden horses, sheep, etc., strung across the reverend gentleman's chest, after the fashion of a lord mayor's chain, and he was supposed to represent Woodstock. Mr. Anthony won the first prize, making the largest number of correct guesses, and Mr. Green was awarded the "booby" prize for the least number. After the contest was over, music, recitations and light refreshments were indulged in, and a very enjoyable evening was concluded by all present joining heartily in singing the national anthem, and giving three rousing cheers for Victoria the Good.

MINING NOTES.

Mr. Alexander Dick, M. E., has returned from a visit to Ainsworth. He reports that he heard of a notable strike which has been made on the Highland, which is owned by Mr. C. Scott McDonald, one of the former owners of the Payne, and Mr. Carter, of Spokane. A long tunnel has been driven and cross-cut made in different places struck valuable ore bodies.

A meeting of the stockholders of the King mining company will be held on April 5th for the purpose of authorizing a loan of \$15,000 and another meeting is to be held on April 23rd to confirm the resolution adopted at the first meeting. The money is to be used in the purchase of either a five or a seven-drill compressor for the Oro Denors, which is being operated by the King company. The property is now provided with a two-drill compressor, which is not sufficiently large for economical development and Mr. Niel Colburn, the superintendent, has so reported to the company. The property has large ore bodies and a good sized plant is absolutely necessary for its further development.

Women's Christian Temperance Union. On Tuesday last the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance union held a very enjoyable and profitable parlor meeting and social at the home of Mrs. Edward E. Schofield, on Kootenay avenue. About 60 were present. After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Humphrey (president of the union), an interesting musical and literary programme was rendered, followed by addresses. Rev. W. G. Stackhouse gave an interesting talk, choosing for his subject the Women's Christian Temperance union pledge. Mr. Murray spoke of the necessity of organization for temperance work in Rossland. Pledges were circulated and several signatures obtained. One gratifying feature of the gathering was the large number of young ladies and gentlemen present. At about 11 p. m. refreshments were served, after which the guests departed for their several homes, having spent a very pleasant evening.

The ladies of the union will hold meetings of a similar character, from time to time, to which all are cordially invited.

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LORD ROBERTS' RAPID TRIUMPHS

He is the Hero of the Hour in England-- The Russian Attache Astonished at British Energy and Endurance--The Advance on Orange River--Latest From the Front.

London, March 15.—The first of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at Modder River on February 9th. He entered Bloemfontein on March 13th. Thus, in a little over a month he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of General Cronje's force, and the hoisting of the British flag in the capital of the Free State. All this was accomplished with comparatively trifling loss. It is small wonder that he is the hero of the hour in England. All the newspapers eulogize him and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence, and being now one of the shadows of history. It is not doubted that there may yet be heavy fighting, but the genius of Lord Roberts is looked to for victory over all difficulties. His grim reference to the "late" President Steyn is understood to show that there shall be no ambiguity as to the position assumed towards the republic. The fact that Mr. Fraser, late chairman of the Free State, came with the deputation to surrender the keys, is regarded as extremely significant of considerable difference of opinion among the Free States regarding the war. It is said that President Kruger hates Mr. Fraser on account of his sympathy with the Outlanders. The demonstration of the Bloemfontein inhabitants is also regarded as a good augury for the future of British supremacy.

It is interesting in connection with the rapid advance of Lord Roberts to learn that the Russian military attache with the Boers were captured by the British, sent the following telegram to the Czar: "I am perfectly amazed at the energy in action and the endurance of the British infantry. I need say no more."

There is still no news as to whether Lord Roberts has captured any rolling stock. If he has not, then he will be obliged to wait until the repairing of the bridge over the Orange river enables him to bring rolling stock up. The British continue pressing their advance on Orange river. The Boers still hold Bethulie bridge, on the north side of the stream, but their trenches are dominated by artillery. Heavy firing is in progress and there has been some skirmishing. Lord Kitchener seems to be very successful in reducing the extent of the Dutch rising.

FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

The Condition of Mind in Which Kruger Now Finds Himself.

New York, March 14.—The evening Journal prints the following from President Kruger: "Pretoria, March 13.—The burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our first line of defence on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than we expected. The Boers will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all others, are united. There are no differences. God help us. (Signed) KRUGER."

Lord Roberts made a state entry at noon. He received a tremendous ovation. After visiting the public buildings he went to the official residence of the president, followed by a cheering crowd, who waved a British flag and sang the British national anthem. They were in a condition of frenzied excitement. On Monday afternoon, previous to the surrender, there had been a little snipping and shelling but the enemy retired.

Lord Roberts has his headquarters at the president's house, and there are many of the British wounded in the building. The railway is not injured.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

Comments of the British Press on the Speech of Laurier.

London, March 15.—The Daily Chronicle says: "Canada is perhaps the colony of all others which will act as the pioneer of imperial federation, if ever the empire should be federated."

The Daily Mail says: "Why should not Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the great leaders of our other colonies have a share in the direction of imperial affairs?"

The Standard says: "The war has shown that the colonies have won the strongest right to gaining privileges in the empire by volunteering to assume its burdens."

The Morning Post says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke in fine words of impassioned and splendid eloquence."

The Daily Graphic says: "The sooner the ideal of federation is realized the better."

Presented to the Queen.

London, March 15.—Yesterday during the inspection by the Queen at Windsor Castle of a battalion of Grenadier Guards, who are going to the Cape, Colonel Sanger, of the United States Army, and his wife, who were on the parade grounds, were brought to the side of Her Majesty.

BLOEMFONTEIN SURRENDERS.

The Officials Give Up the Keys of Office to Roberts.

London, March 14.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office, announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"Bloemfontein, March 13.—By the help of God and by the bravery of Her Majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the presidency evacuated last evening. Mr.

Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State; Mr. Fraser, member of the late executive government, the mayor, the secretary to the late government, the landrost and other officers, met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices. The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood, and all seems quiet. The inhabitants of Bloemfontein give the troops a cordial welcome."

The above dispatch, though dated Tuesday, was not received at the war office until 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes before 9 o'clock. The delay is attributed to the field telegraphs not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening. Extra posts are already out on the streets, and tonight the crowds of London are singing patriotic songs and engaging in demonstrations.

Lord Roberts' dispatch caused a feeling of general relief. The absence of the news was eagerly looked for, and provoked some apprehension during the earlier part of the day that the British had met with a check before Bloemfontein, and anxious inquiries were made at the war office and in the lobbies of parliament. On the reception of the news, the Queen at Windsor castle, the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House, Lord Wolsley and others were immediately notified, but at 9 o'clock the war office was deserted, the public having given up hope of further news until tomorrow (Thursday). The appearance of the newspapers with the tidings caused great excitement along Pall Mall and at the Service clubs, and in the West End generally. Owing to the late hour, however, there were no demonstration approaching in the remotest degree those which heralded the surrender of General Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith. It so happened that a torchlight procession, organized on an extensive scale for the widows and orphans fund, was parading South London with bands and banners. They included a body of uniformed men representing the British field forces, the surrender of Cronje and other inspiring incidents. Throughout the route was hung with flags and standards were erected at numerous points for spectators. Naturally the appearance of the extra editions of the evening papers caused a fring of excitement among the paraders, who greeted the news with cheers and the singing of the national anthem. At Windsor the Queen was received with much joy. The news commanded that it be immediately published, and she instructed her equery at the dinner table to send a note to the officers of the household brigade.

The battalion was called on parade at 10:15 p. m. Major St. Aubin read Her Majesty's note and called for cheers for the Queen and Lord Roberts. The band played "God Save the Queen." Wherever Lord Roberts' dispatch was read, his reference to the "late" President Steyn and the "executive" government, was immediately fastened upon as highly significant.

The Lord Mayor announced it to a banquet to the masters of the city companies, which was in progress at Mansion House. It was received with great cheering, the company rising and singing "God Save the Queen."

The evening papers in Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow published special editions, causing joyful demonstrations in those cities.

MAKEING'S PERIL.

Collapse of the Insurgent Colonists in Natal Imminent.

London, March 14.—A few hours should bring important dispatches from Lord Roberts. No word has come from Bloemfontein today although sharp fighting is believed to have occurred since the commander-in-chief was last heard of. London confidently expects that the occupation of the Orange Free State capital will occur today.

In the meanwhile attention turns to Makeing, which can scarcely hold out much longer. The news of Colonel Plumer's approach has given substance to the rumors of its relief but those best informed are inclined to think the relief is more likely to be accomplished by Colonel Peckham's column from Kimberley. Private advices have set forth that Colonel Plumer had almost given up hope of accomplishing anything more than harassing the Boers, though since those were written it is possible that the diminished numbers of the investing forces may have rendered Plumer's task more feasible. Judging from the lack of news everything is quiet in Natal, while from Herchel comes the statement that the total collapse of the insurgent colonists is imminent. General Cronje, according to a Cape Town special, sails for St. Helena, March 15, accompanied by all the Paardeberg prisoners.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes is suffering from catarrh of the stomach and is unable to sail for England.

Natal dispatches recount that the greatest satisfaction is felt there at Lord Salisbury's reply to the Boer president's peace overtures.

A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, published in the second edition of the Times, says:

"The reply, especially that paragraph relating to independence, has been received in Natal with a feeling of great relief and is dispelling all doubts."

A private dispatch from Johannesburg has been received in London, dated Saturday, March 10, contradicting the report that the mines there are flooded and the machinery broken, and asserting that all is well.

CONTRIBUTION FROM BUFFALO.

Over \$10,000 Sent for the Relief of the Widows of British Soldiers.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 14.—The committee having in charge the raising of the fund for the relief of the widows and wives of British soldiers killed in South Africa, sent word to the Lord Mayor of London a draft for £233, with the following letter: "We take great pleasure in enclosing herewith a draft for £233 in aid of your fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in South Africa. This subscription is the result of an appeal made to British born residents of this city, as you will see by the enclosed circular, which was issued. We also enclose a list of individual subscriptions from American sympathizers. This contribution is but a small token of the deep loyalty and devotion of the subscribers to our Queen and her empire, and while the amount is not great, it is certainly a heartfelt manifestation of the deep love we bear to the mother country and a token of admiration for her sons, who are laying down their lives in South Africa in the cause of freedom and justice."

BUSINESS MEN ENTER PROTEST

REQUEST THAT A GENERAL ELECTION BE BROUGHT ON AT ONCE.

The Lieutenant-Governor Assures Them That the Legislature Will Again Be in Session Before June 30th.

Victoria, B. C., March 13.—(Special.)—A thoroughly representative deputation of 18 business men today waited upon Lieutenant-Governor McInnes to present against the continuance of the present political conditions, and requested that a general election be brought on immediately as the only method of restoring confidence and saving commercial interests, which are now stagnating in what should be the heart of a busy season. The banks were in sympathy with the celestion, and are preparing a petition of similar tenor. Lieutenant-Governor McInnes assured the business representatives that he quite understood their position, and could promise them that the general elections would be over and the legislature in session before June 30th. The views of the business community and of the bankers will, by His Honor's request, be submitted in writing tomorrow. Half a dozen civil employes were dismissed today simply because the appropriations for their payment, owing to the abrupt termination of the session, had been unavailably exhausted. Hon. Smith Curtis leaves for Rossland tonight to personally investigate the labor situation there.

VICTORIA LIBERALS.

The Question of Party Lines Discussed—Another Martin Candidate.

Victoria, B. C., March 9.—(Special.)—The Conservative Association spent three hours tonight discussing the question as to whether party lines should be introduced in the coming provincial contest without coming to a vote. The members were about evenly divided, the older members being in favor of a coalition to defeat Martin, and the younger element for the introduction of party lines. A. E. Howse, a wealthy trader of Princeton, and a strong supporter of Martin, will be a candidate in West Yale, in opposition to ex-Premier Selmin, or any candidate opposed to the present government. He is the first Martin candidate, with the exception of Yates and Curtis, members of the cabinet, to announce his candidacy.

Efficient Services Recognized.

Chief Guthrie of the fire department, in receipt of \$15 from Mr. Owens of Owens' terrace. This sum is for the fireman's fund, and was given in recognition of the excellent services of the fire department on the occasion of the recent fire in Owens' terrace.

Hon. Smith Curtis Coming.

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—Hon. Smith Curtis, minister of mines, leaves for Rossland tonight to personally investigate the situation arising out of the eight-hour law in operation, several of the mines having recently put guards of private detectives on their properties.

KIPLING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

He Cables a Long Account of the Rampant Disloyalty in Cape Colony.

New York, March 14.—The first word from Rudyard Kipling, since he went to South Africa, will be printed in this week's issue of Harper's Weekly. Mr. Kipling has a long account of British disloyalty, which he calls "the sin of witchcraft." The burden of his complaint is that British civil officials in Cape Town wink at semi-treasonable actions, and to quote his own words, "the government will take care it does not pay anyone to be loyal."

He says: "The loyalist on the border has his house ripped inside out by the Boers, or rebels, or both. The disloyalist force is respected, and in return their supplies are given the enemy and also information. His risk is small. He may be arrested on a charge of treason. He may then be sent down jury. He hopes, and is without good reason, to have his name restored to him. He undergoes some absurdly inadequate punishment. Meanwhile the loyalist piano is lying wireless on the veranda, photographs of his house show rooms as though cyclones had met to wrestle there. His flocks and herds are gone and the baby linen is lying on the dung heap. He and his family crawl in to Cape Town in overpacked trains and get what consolation they can from singing 'Britons Never Shall Be Slaves.' On the Platform, then, do Messrs. Kruger and Steyn enter into correspondence with Lord Roberts as to atrocities committed on a virtuous population by brutal soldiers. There is one way out of the horrors, and one only. The men who have defouled the colony are known. They go about; no man lays a hand upon them. They have become careless in speech, and this is important."

A FRENCH COMMENT.

The Reply of Lord Salisbury Means a War of Conquest.

Paris, March 14.—The majority of the French papers themselves print the text of the communications exchanged between Lord Salisbury and President Kruger in a leading article, deals with the subject and expresses the opinion that Lord Salisbury's reply means "a war of conquest and annexation, but also war to the death, for in President Kruger's message appears a resolution to resist a tout ou rien." The Temps concludes: "After the example given by the United States it would be vain to place any hopes of intervention in the foreign powers."

Officially Announced.

London, March 14.—(9 p. m.)—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has occupied Bloemfontein, and that the British flag is flying from the top of the capitol.

TROUBLE AT GRAND FORKS.

Three Cases of Smallpox Detected—A Case at Nakusp.

All the efforts of the health authorities of the province do not appear to be successful in completely stamping out smallpox in the Kootenays. Dr. David LeBan, district medical health officer at Nelson, was in town yesterday on his way to Grand Forks, where the disease has broken out afresh. At the present time there are three cases in the charge of the local authorities, and Dr. LeBan is going there expressly to see that prompt action is taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

"The greatest and most serious trouble that we meet with," explained the doctor, "in our efforts to stamp out smallpox and free the province completely from the disease, is the fact that a great many people will not believe that there is any just cause for apprehension. They seem to think that the authorities are unnecessarily alarmed and that the precautions are being taken and asking them to adopt and carry out in their own interests, are quite uncalled for. What are the facts? The outbreak in Spokane was a serious one, and the disease is now dangerously prevalent on the reservation just to the south of us. In Butte and in many mining centers over the line still a great many cases of undoubted smallpox exist. There is a constant tide of travel between these infected points and places in British Columbia. When the mines all through the southeastern portion of the province are working full time again, there will be a still greater influx of miners, many of whom will come from the infected sections referred to. Unless we can prevent an epidemic here, other things, would certainly induce serious injury to the business community, and preventing visitors from coming into the province this coming spring and summer. Surely no one wants such a state of affairs to happen."

"The health authorities," continued the doctor, "think that 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' and they ask the people to aid and assist them in preventing an epidemic rather than only to take active measures when the disease is rampant and most of the mischief done."

"I should very much like to see the question of general vaccination taken up by the boards of trade and local authorities generally, and urged on the community could be rendered immune from the disease, and with care we need not fear infection from the south."

On seem to have acted promptly and successfully in Rossland, but you should remember that the danger is by no means over, and the greatest care should still be exercised if you desire to see your city kept free from the disease. Over at Nelson we are at present free from the trouble, but there is a case at Nakusp, and now these three cases at Grand Forks. We can not feel safe while these cases are turning up, first in one quarter and then in another. Should an outbreak of a serious nature take place, the people who are now decrying and belittling our efforts to keep down and stamp out the disease, would be the very first to cry out that we had not done our whole duty. They should give every assistance possible at the present time, and so aid in preventing any possible trouble this spring and summer."

Dr. LeBan and Alderman Cummings of Grand Forks, wanted to get a special train into Grand Forks yesterday, but failing this, intended to leave here by the early C. P. R. train this morning.

LIBERALS ORGANIZE.

Resolution in Favor of the Charter to the Kettle River Railway.

Grand Forks, B. C., March 9.—(Special.) A Liberal association was formed. The meeting of Grand Forks Liberals held last evening, when the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas there is now an application pending before the parliament of Canada for the incorporation of the Kettle River Railway company, and

Whereas, the incorporation and construction of the said railway would conduce largely to the development of the Boundary section of British Columbia and to the province in general, and

Whereas, by the construction and operation of the railway many valuable mines on the American side of the international boundary would find it in their interest to smelt their ore in the Kettle river valley at Grand Forks, or some other convenient point, and since the existence and immense wealth of the said mines is assured, a huge smelting industry would bring into operation, and an immense impetus would thereby be given to the general development of the large natural resources of this section of the province, and in the consequent rapid accumulation of wealth; be it therefore

Resolved by this association that Hewitt Bostock, M. P., the representative of this constituency at Ottawa, be urged to press upon the attention of the government and the parliament of Canada in the strongest possible manner the urgent necessity for the granting of the said incorporation in order to secure the development of the smelting industry in this country for the treatment not only of Canadian ores but of American ores as well, thereby giving employment to hundreds of men, and as we believe, making the Kettle River valley an international smelting point, second in a short time, to none in the world. And it is further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier; Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, and Hewitt Bostock, M. P.

The officers elected were as follows: B. A. Dickson, president; Fred Wollaston and Dr. Lambert, first and second vice-presidents respectively; L. P. Eastman, secretary; Hugh Sweeney, treasurer; executive committee, P. T. McCallum, A. Waugh, G. T. Park, J. Hill and Joseph Hill.

W. A. Williams, assistant superintendent of the Grand Forks smelter, has just returned from Phoenix, where he went to make an inspection of the Knob Hill, Old Ironside mines, and the Victoria and Actna properties with a view to classifying the various ore shutes, preparatory to the commencement of shipments to the

smelter. The ore in different parts of these properties varies from a heavy sulphide ore to one strongly impregnated with lime, and it is desired to have the different levels determined so any kind of ore that may be required may be gotten out at short notice.

T. W. Holland, secretary of the Grand Forks Townsite company, has awarded a contract for the erection of six cottages to cost \$10,000.

KASLO NOTES.

Kaslo, B. C., March 10.—(Special.)—Some particulars have been received here of the Noble Five snowslide by which Sheppard of Cody, and another man lost their lives. They, with a third man, were passing from the mine to the bank house. The slide came down without a moment's warning and caught them all. One escaped the others were hurled to death. Mr. G. B. Macdonald, manager of the mine, went down to Victoria on Monday. He was communicated with by telegram and returns to the mine today. The bodies of the men were quickly recovered and taken to Sandow for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Buchanan are mourning the loss of their eldest son, who died suddenly at Woodstock, Ont., yesterday, aged 17.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

Electrical Plant at the Smelter—Practical. (No Reduction in C. P. R. Rates.)

Grand Forks, B. C., March 8.—(Special.)—C. Hoise of the Westinghouse company, San Francisco, has arrived here to install the electric plant at the Grand Forks smelter.

While mines in other sections are closing down on account of the lack of available ore and shortage of stoping ground, the City of Paris, in Central camp, is supplying the curious anomaly of having to lay men off on account of too much ore in sight. All but the miners employed at development work have been let off because every available ore bin has been filled, and ore was stopped down in the mine until there was no room to work the force.

A syndicate of local capitalists, including Chas. Cummings, Commodore Biden, Stanley Muir and T. M. Holland, is communicating with Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, in regard to a proposition for the testing of a process recently discovered by the latter, by which fine gold can be economically extracted from beach and river sands. Within the townsite limits, on the west bank of the Kettle river, is a gravel bar, every shovelful of which will give from five to 25 dollars when washed out in the ordinary pan. Should this proposition prove as successful as anticipated, it will be of great benefit to Grand Forks and the district as well, as it will be but a short while until there will be several companies operating in this neighborhood on similar lines, there being a number of bars equally rich as the one to be operated by this company.

Maurice O'Connor, who recently, whilst under the influence of liquor, wounded his brother Pat, has been committed for trial at the next assize.

Negotiations with a view to the amalgamation of the well known Pathfinder mine and the Little Bertha, a north fork property, are in progress.

Local merchants are complaining about the reduction in freight rates on the Columbia & Western railway, which was taken over by the C. P. R. railway, constitute no reduction at all, because the "construction department" exacted abnormally high rates. Here is a comparison of the two tariffs, the first five classifications being utilized for this purpose:

| Class. | New Rate. | Old Rate |
|--------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. | 96 cents. | 86 cents. |
| 2. | 55 cents. | 72 cents. |
| 3. | 44 cents. | 58 cents. |
| 4. | 33 cents. | 44 cents. |
| 5. | 30 cents. | 40 cents. |

These figures relate to the carriage of freight per hundred weight, from Robson to Grand Forks. It will be seen that No. 1 and 2 classes get the best terms of the series. The great bulk of incoming freight (say 85 per cent), however, is billed in the fourth and fifth classifications. There the reductions over the contractors' rates are very paltry, amounting to eleven and ten cents per hundred respectively. By some devious method, extra charges are sometimes added. A citizen who received a prepaid 41-pound package of freight from New York, was charged an additional sum of \$5.27. This amount, it was intimated, represented the cost of carriage from Robson to Grand Forks.

The failure of the C. P. R. to quote through terminal rates from Eastern Canada to Boundary points is also considered a great hardship. It would seem that there is a tariff as far west as Robson, and an altogether different one for the Columbia & Western extension. From Robson all incoming shipments will pay an extra tribute in the way of purely local rates. This unsatisfactory arrangement discriminates against the Boundary in favor of Nelson, B. C., and will tend to maintain the supremacy of Nelson as a wholesale distributing centre.

A meeting of the board of trade will be held this week to protest against the new tariff, and the discrimination charge. It makes against the Boundary country. The prospectively enormous profits to be derived from the ore tonnage, it is pointed out, will justify the railway committee of the privy council in intervening to secure cheaper, as well as terminal freight rates from eastern points.

Good progress is being made in the work of developing the Hartford claim in Wellington camp. The incline shaft on the lead has been sunk to a depth of 85 feet, showing 30 inches of ore all the way down and when it has been sunk five feet further, it is the intention to crosscut to catch three other leads. These are three, four and six feet wide respectively, where opened up on the surface, and are expected to have increased size when further depth is attained. When these leads are tapped it will be but a short time until the property will be allowed to block out, will justify the railway committee of the privy council in intervening to secure cheaper, as well as terminal freight rates from eastern points.

The Grey Eagle Gold Mine has made the final payment of the Tip Top claim in Phillips Galloway, P. Dillon was the former owner, and now the Knob Hill.

The owners of the Revue are testing a cyanide test of the Bross Bros. of this city. The installation of reducing machinery, as well as the problem of treatment, placed in the hands of the Revue, has been completed. The main shaft on the Revue is now being worked, showing a marked improvement with each foot of depth. 100-foot level the vein has 25 feet on one side of the shaft, and all in showing the vein.

A fine body of copper opened up on the Early South Deadwood camp. The set in thickness and of the B. C. smelter will add materially to the Early History

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Mining News From A

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GREAT ACTIVITY IN

mining Items of Interest From

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Work on Many Properties—

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In the Buckhorn the main

level is in 150 feet.

The annual meeting of t

View Copper company was

last Monday to next Mond

The shaft on the Summit

is 140 feet.

The crosscuts at the 100

m 40 feet.

A good strike of copper

ported from the Quartz

Summit camp, owned by

and William Ludlow.

Four men are now at

Bruce mineral claim near

prospect shaft, started earl

on the upper outcropping

deepened.

The machinery has arrive

installed at the Pathfinder

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The tunnel in the John J

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It is expected operations

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