

JUNE

OUR LONDON LETTER

A Decided Growth of Interest in British Columbia Mines.

ROSY VIEW OF THE FUTURE.

New Companies Still Making Their Appearance

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Prominent among the list of city men who have energetically associated themselves in the British Columbia movement is G. H. Whitehead, of the firm of Whitehead & Brown, promoters of the exchange, and possessing a strong following among investors. Mr. Whitehead is the eldest son of Sir James Whitehead Bart—erstwhile member of the exchange, and a justice of the peace for the county of Kent. His interest in British Columbia has from the first been of an active character, and he has probably done more to popularize the province than any other broker in this city. Officially his firm has associated itself with Athabasca, and from the earliest days of the British Columbia movement it issued an intelligent list of prices, which it has recently followed up by useful lectures for the information of the firm's clients descriptive of the points of best things in the market. Mr. Whitehead holds very strong opinions of the future of the country, but does not hold out much hope of a boom yet awhile. Indeed, he thinks such a development would be distinctly unsatisfactory at the present stage, and he is, however, satisfied, that there is a decided growth of interest in British Columbia mines, but pointed out to me recently that there was little inquiry for Canadian scrip, even of such a highly respectable company as the War Eagle.

When is Mr. Cotton coming? There are many matters which must engage his attention when he reaches London. What about the new loan? When will the government make arrangements to tell the world more often than yearly, what its mines are doing? Is the Goldfields of B. C. to be regarded as derelict?—I mean the Grant-Govan company. This gentleman has now offices in the West End of London. I saw John Grant at the meeting of the Hall Mines, at which it was decided to sanction the increase of capital. I wonder whether Messrs. Morrison and Marshall, who have recently floated two of the best of the Klondike companies, will presently turn their attention to listen to Mr. Cotton's views on the prize mine. And they are such a powerful group that their support would be most welcome. It would have been interesting to listen to Mr. Cotton's views on the Financial Times, one of our two leading financial dailies. Welcome to him in that respect, at least, as a head of the Klondike & Canadian Goldfields, the Dawson City, Trading, and the Rainy River & Ontario Explorations companies, and Mr. Cotton's views on the West End of London. I saw John Grant at the meeting of the Hall Mines, at which it was decided to sanction the increase of capital. I wonder whether Messrs. Morrison and Marshall, who have recently floated two of the best of the Klondike companies, will presently turn their attention to listen to Mr. Cotton's views on the prize mine. And they are such a powerful group that their support would be most welcome. It would have been interesting to listen to Mr. Cotton's views on the Financial Times, one of our two leading financial dailies. Welcome to him in that respect, at least, as a head of the Klondike & Canadian Goldfields, the Dawson City, Trading, and the Rainy River & Ontario Explorations companies, and Mr. Cotton's views on the West End of London.

Market Review

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PLANT OF IRON MASK

It is to be increased from 100 to 200-Horse Power.

THE OUTPUT IS TO BE DOUBLED

A Contract for Another 100 Feet of Drifting is to be Let on the Elise—A Satisfactory Mill Test of the Ore from the Waterloo—Mining Notes.

The Iron Mask Mining company is determined to greatly increase its output of ore. There are some \$800,000 worth of ore in the mine "in sight," and this is to be taken out as rapidly as possible, and, in addition to this, new reserves are to be opened up. The shipments are to be increased, and with this end in view, the 100-horse power electrical equipment is to be increased to double what it is at present. An "O. K." motor has been ordered, which will give an additional 100-horse power, and give the plant a total capacity of 200-horse power. With this additional power the plans of the company in relation to the increased output, can be carried out, and it will not be long before the mine will be turning out a largely increased output.

The Elise is Looking Well.

H. R. Dunlop returned yesterday from a visit to the Elise property, which is being operated by the Lerwick Mining company. A contract has just been finished for 100 feet of drifting along the vein. Mr. Dunlop accepted the work, and will in a short time let a contract for another 100 feet of drifting. The last 100 feet is in ore practically all the way. Only one small fault was found, and this was crossed and the vein found on the other side. The object of the drifting is to find a pay ore chute. The ore that is being drifted on is of the concentrating type, and carries good values. The management is greatly pleased with the showing so far made, but declares that its intention is to open up the Elise property before any attempt will be made to extract and reduce the ore. The development work has been done on an economical scale. None of the treasury fund has gone into office expenses or for salaries of officers. The latter have given their services gratuitously, and all of the money has and will be applied to development work.

14,000 Tons of Slovan Ore Shipped.

The ore shipments from the Slovan from January 1 to May 19 were as follows. The ore shipments for the past month have been light owing to the breaking up of winter, but probably will soon increase, unless the labor troubles cause the shutting down of the properties altogether.

Among the most interesting exhibits in this section will be about \$250,000 worth of gold in the shape of nuggets, bricks of bullion and gold-bearing quartz. Gigantic exhibits of copper, tin, and other ores, a quicksilver fountain and other novel features, together with diamonds, topaz, opal, and various precious stones in their original forms, and some of the features which deeply interest this section not only deeply interesting, but of great educational value.

In the Machinery Courts visitors will be able to see in complete working order the various methods of extracting minerals from ores, together with fully equipped mining machinery plants as used in different countries. For instance, the British South Africa Chartered company are exhibiting a complete quartz-crushing mill, with a cyanide plant and all appurtenances, in which a quantity of ore brought from Rhodesia will be dealt with every day. The operations and arrangements generally will be as nearly as possible an exact copy of the manner in which this branch of the industry is conducted in Rhodesia. A somewhat similar scheme is being carried out by the Queensland government in a building set apart for the purpose alongside of the Great Wheel, while the Witwatersrand Mining company will represent their particular industry in the Rand Mining Court, with a tasteful and most effective display of actual size models, and diagrams illustrating the progress and development of this great gold field.

It is quite impossible, in these few words, to convey a proper idea of the varied and comprehensive character of the mining section, which occupies about three-fourths of the total floor space devoted to the exhibition of our Empire's resources in this notable exhibition. Intending visitors, however, may be assured that in the rich treasures of virgin gold, in the splendid collections of precious stones, in the huge masses of mineral ore brought straight from the depths of the earth whence they had been mined, in the working models of mines and mining operations, in the various forms in which the different operations carried out in the various countries for the recovery of their mineral wealth are shown, a Mining Exhibition of the Greater Britain will be presented in a manner probably never hitherto approached in this country.

Unfortunately, as I have before said, Canada is not an active participant in the exhibition, thereby losing a splendid advertisement. Excessive and mistaken economy is generally a mistaken policy, and I am sure it is so in this case.

The Klondike & Columbia Goldfields, Limited, must be a good concern for investors to avoid if, as Messrs. Deloitte, Dever & Co. (the auditors) state, the recent dividend "had not been earned," and "had, in fact, been paid out of capital." It would be interesting to know how many shares have been sold on the strength of this fictitious dividend, and who sold them, and what connection there is between them and the officials of the company who improperly paid the dividend.—From the London Financial Daily News.

What with the Financial News, the Financial Times, the Critic, and the Pall Mall Gazette, Morris Cotton is having a busy time. I very much doubt whether Mr. Turner will bring back cuttings from the various papers which have commented on this great group since he has been in England. The above is a choice specimen which gives a good idea of the rest of the criticisms, although it is somewhat mild when compared with Hess' drastic comments in his fearless organ, the London Critic.

W. H. Aldridge reports that the lead stacks at Trail will be started in a couple of weeks.

BACK FROM BOUNDARY.

What W. A. Magor Has to Say of the Humming Bird and O. K. Properties.

W. A. Magor, who recently returned from a visit to the Humming Bird and O. K. properties on the north fork of Kettle river, is well pleased with what he saw there. In speaking with a representative of The Miner yesterday, he said: "There is a strong well-defined vein running clear through the Humming Bird, about 15 feet above the base of the hill. The formation is diorite, lime and quartz and the vein is of solid clean ore two and one-half feet in width at the surface, on the first tunnel and in the second tunnel three and one-half feet in width and widening out on its approach to the O. K. property which adjoins it and which is owned by the same company. The returns from the smelter, of one sack of the ore was \$95 to the ton. The ore is all fine grade and should average \$30 to \$40 to the ton. There are eight men now working on the Humming Bird tunnels and the tunnels are all in ore. On the first two tunnels they are drifting along the ledge and on the third tunnel they are cross-cutting to strike the ledge which will be met at 20 feet from the opening. Practically no work has yet been done on the O. K., but judging from the surface showing it would seem that the ledge on this property is even wider than that of the Humming Bird.

"Work on the Granny smelter was to have been begun yesterday and when it is completed the Humming Bird company expect to have a quantity of ore ready for shipment and the mine, we think, will be made to pay from the start.

"Mr. Delleheimer, the assayer and also one of the directors, has done all the assaying and is one of the largest stockholders. He will not part with any of his stock." Mr. Conner, who is one of the original owners of this property took shares in payment of his interest and has since purchased another block of stock.

"Dr. Deeks of Montreal, who has been through the Boundary country in the interest of Montreal capitalists and who has just returned said that he had examined the properties and expressed himself as being well pleased with them. In fact, he said he had not seen any which gave greater promise. What he liked about this was the clear defined ledge and the exceptional ore showing."

THE NIAGARA.

This Is the Name of a Promising Similkameen Property Recently Located.

G. A. Bonter, who has been prospecting in the Similkameen country for the past several seasons, has just returned from a tour through that country. He reports that the country is full of prospectors and that parties are going in there every day from the coast and from the Kootenays. Old prospectors report that it is a long time since they have seen such a rush in a lot of mining country. Mr. Bonter has developed a property in the Twenty Mile creek. The section in the vicinity of this creek he considers one of the richest in that region. Just a short time before he left there he located the Niagara, which he considers a valuable property. It is located two miles from the mouth of Twenty Mile creek, and the ore in the creek front is the Nickel Plate property, which is being operated with a large force by a Spokane company. The ore found in the Niagara vein is similar to that in the Nickel Plate. It is a pyrrhotite and mixed with arsenical iron and carries its principal values in gold. Mr. Bonter has been very successful in his work, but there are 50 pounds of the ore on the way from which assays will be made as soon as it comes to hand. It has the appearance of the \$40 ore which is found in the Nickel Plate, and it is felt certain that it will average that high. Assays of picked samples from the Nickel Plate vein returned a return of \$1,000 to the ton. The ore resembles in many particulars that found in the Roseland camp. There is two feet of ore in the Niagara vein. The situation is such that it is a good proposition for a tunnel, as in 125 feet a depth of 1,000 feet can be gained, but it is claimed that the ore will only go \$10 to the ton, which is under its actual value, that there is \$500,000 in sight. W. A. Magor of this city, has purchased an interest in this property.

SOME NEWS FROM THE ORIENT

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS IN CHINA TO RESIST ITALIAN OCCUPATION.

Japan Is Making Herself Strong for a Coming Contest With Russia—Her Naval Forces.

Victoria, May 31.—Details were brought by the steamship Kinshu Maru, which arrived this afternoon, of warlike preparations in China to resist the Italian occupation of San Mun, and probably the further occupation of Shantung by Germany.

A Peking correspondent writes that Japan is diligently and quietly making war preparations, as she did four years ago, and taking measures to strengthen her coast defenses, feeling that a war with Russia in the near future is inevitable. Russia is aware of Japan's intention to contest her in the east, and fully recognizes the difficulty in which a war with Japan would place her, especially as the Japanese navy approaches that of her own in strength, and additional ships are in course of construction in Europe. Her hopes are, however, that she will be able to keep her own waters, thus checking her from playing a game in Korea, Siberia or Northern Manchuria. She has also decided to oppose any landing of Japanese troops in Korea or China that may threaten Japan's position in the east.

Caterham Plate.

London, May 31.—The Caterham plate of 200 sovereigns at Epsom today, was won by Lord Villiers' Epsford's Luteda, 4 to 1, ridden by Tod Sloan. Locasta was second and Winnipeg third. Thirteen ran.

THE STOCK MARKET.

A Large Number of Tamaracs Have Changed Hands.

WINNIPEG SHARES ARE RISING.

There Has Been Somewhat of a Rush to Secure Dundee, Which was Caused by S. B. Fowler's Favorable Report—The Board's Quotations.

The volume of business transacted in stock circles during the past week has been fair. There were sales every day, but there has been no very large trading—just enough to keep things moving slowly.

There was considerable trading in pooled Tamarac, and about 35,000 changed hands at from 15 1/2 to 16 1/2 cents. There is a first class showing on the Tamarac property, and this accounts for the increased demand for these shares.

There has been considerable trading in Virginia at prices which range all the way from 19 to 21 cents. The management reports that it has nothing new to report concerning the condition of the property. There has been an enlarged demand for the shares of Winnipeg, and it advanced from 30 to 31 1/2 cents in the past few days. It closed firm at the latter figure last evening. The new plant is completed and in running order on the Winnipeg, and the pump has been engaged for several days in clearing the workings of water, and mining operations will be resumed in a few days.

There has been an augmentation of the demand for Waterloo shares during the past week and a large number changed hands at from 8 to 9 1/2 cents. A lot of the ore was recently given a mill test and it gave returns of \$82 to the ton. This shows the ore to be of as high grade as any in Camp McKinney.

Fifty thousand shares of Deer Park changed hands during the past few days at from 4 1/2 to 5 cents. A drift is being driven on the ore body on the 300-foot level.

Rathmullen, which has been torpid for several weeks, is once more showing signs of life, and there were a number of shares disposed of during the week at 5 cents. Work on the Rathmullen properties is making excellent progress.

There was a rush during a portion of the week to secure Dundee shares and they sold for 25 cents. In view of the fact that S. B. Fowler, expert and engineer of the London & British Columbia Goldfields, recently made a report on the Dundee property, which is very satisfactory, the insiders are buying these shares. They, therefore, have an upward tendency.

Monarch shares are selling for 15 cents. The company received orders from London this week for a good-sized block, and another order for another large block came in from Toronto.

Similkameen copper shares have sold some during the week at 10 cents. The Bendigo company's property is being developed and with promising results. The intention is shortly to place the shares of this company upon the market.

There is a renewed interest being taken in the shares of the Sarah Lee Gold Mining company, which is operating the Porcupine property near Ymir. Work on the property is to be resumed as soon as the snow is completely off.

Brandon & Golden Crowns are once more coming to the front and there were some sales during the past week. On the local board 27 cents was bid and 30 cents asked yesterday.

There has been steady trading in Rambler-Cariboo shares and the prices have ranged from 32 1/2 to 33 cents. In the tunnel, which is being driven to tap the ore body at a depth of 350 feet, bunches of ore are already coming in, although it is not anticipated that the ore body will be met for some time yet. It is now in per a distance of over 200 feet. Appended are the official quotations for yesterday of the Roseland Mining and Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Athabasca, Brandon & Golden Crowns, Big Three, B. C. Gold Fields, Baltimore, Canada Western (C. McKinney), Cariboo, Canadian Gold Fields, Crown Nest Pass Cal., Dundee, Deer Park, Evening Star, Fairview, Frisco, Giant, Homesake, Iron Horse, Jumbo, Jim Blaine, Knob Hill, Lonsdale, London Consolidated, Montreal Gold Fields, Monte Christo, Monarch, Minnehaha, Morrison, Novelty, Nelson-Poorman, Noble Five, Northern Belle, Okanagan, Old Ironclad, Princess Maude, Rambler-Cariboo, Republic, Red Mountain View, St. Elmo Consolidated, Smuggler, Tamarac (Kenneth) pooled, Wonderful, Victoria-Triumph, War Eagle Consolidated, Waterloo, Winnipeg.

Tamarac (pooled), \$1,000 at 16c; Inaugural, 1,000 at 9 1/2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 2,000 at 32 1/2c; 1,000 at 33c; Deer Park, 2,500 at 4 1/2c; Virginia, 2,000 at 21c; Rathmullen, 5,000 at 5 1/4c.

A Bishop Dying.

New Westminster, May 31.—[Special.]—Right Reverend Bishop Durien, Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster, is dying.

A Roseland firm is preparing to float a Boundary Creek property that has a large ledge of good ore containing high values in copper and gold.

THE EVENING STAR GROUP.

Hugh Sutherland Has Taken up the Bond on Them.

Slocan City, May 29.—[Special.]—A meeting of the owners of the Black Prince was held here last week, and it was decided in place of giving a bond on the property, to work it themselves. The development work being done is most satisfactory. The latest assay of the ledge gives 22 ounces in silver.

The Arlington Mining company has put on an additional force of men this morning.

The development that has been quietly going on here for some time has shown up some very strong and rich ledges, and this is now attracting the attention of mining men, and there are several now looking for Springer creek properties.

The bond on the Evening Star, No. 8, Eclipse No. 2 and Unknown group, all comprised in the Evening Star group, on Dayton creek, has been taken up by Hugh Sutherland and the bill of sale recorded here. The price was \$41,000.

It is sincerely hoped that the government will not allow this division to suffer for the want of good wagon roads much longer. The one up Springer creek is only half completed. This should be finished this year, at least to the Arlington Basin, but if continued to the Two Friends summit, would place a number of good properties on a good basis. A road is also badly needed up Lemon creek.

These two trunk roads would enable the numerous properties which are tributary to them, to get up their supplies and bring out the ore without having to pay the enormous costs that are unnecessary, and which places such a heavy burden on the mine owners.

There was what may result in a serious stabbing affray here, on Saturday, about noon, in which one man called Dick, was slashed several places with a razor. He was taken to the Nelson hospital, and his five companions are locked up here in the jail. Their names are given as William Watson, Tom Dunn, Geo. More, L. Dingman and J. D. Kelly. They are a rough looking crowd, and came down the lake Friday night. They had evidently been attracted by the celebration at New Denver and Silverton on the 24th.

The Bosun was again the only mine that shipped last week, sending 20 tons to the Selby Smelting company at San Francisco, and 20 tons of zinc ore to London, England.

This is the second shipment to England from this mine; they are trial shipments. The results will determine the future shipments.

The trails and roads are now drying up rapidly and shipments will soon increase again. Next month will likely see several carloads from Slocan City alone.

THE GAS FRANCHISE.

Special Meeting of the City Council—Three Weeks' Time Granted.

The city council held a special meeting last evening to consider the granting of a gas franchise. The mayor and all the council excepting Alderman McCrae were present. Dr. Doolittle and A. C. Galt appeared before the council on behalf of the Economical Gas company's application, and Mr. Coates and J. B. Johnson were in evidence to support the offer of the former gentleman. His worship stated that the council did not desire to take an advantage of either applicant or to rush the matter through without due deliberation. "I am satisfied," said the mayor, "that the council desires to get the best possible terms at the earliest date obtainable. There are good reasons why the matter should be closed as soon as possible, but there is no wish to do this at the expense of either of the applicants or of the community." The mayor stated that the bylaw which had been handed about the council at the previous meeting was merely Mr. Coates' offer put in a definite form, and that he council had it before them for their consideration only.

Alderman Lalonde said that his worship had expressed the views of the council in the matter as he understood them.

A. C. Galt, on behalf of Dr. Doolittle's company, went over the ground covered in Tuesday's council meeting, and stated that his client had obtained some of the figures asked for by him and would put them in if a reasonable delay was granted, however, until the company's engineer could get here. These figures might be materially changed for the better.

Dr. Doolittle stated that perhaps he had been mistaken. He had been misquoted in an interview, and he apologized for any hasty statements that he might have made. He had not clearly understood in the first instance that the council desired him to put in a definite statement or offer of what his company would do. He recalled the statement that he had received no notification of the consideration of his proposition, as both Aldermen Lalonde and Clute had told him that the matter would come on the 30th before the council.

Mr. Coates said that he had already stated his views. He had placed a straight proposition before the council in good faith, believing that Dr. Doolittle had done the same. He thought the council should come to a conclusion on the offers as they now stand.

Aldermen Edgren and Hoosen were in favor of a reasonable delay in the matter in the interests of all concerned. His worship said that in view of all the facts as they now understood them, it might be as well to give Dr. Doolittle further time. After some discussion, Alderman Lalonde moved, seconded by Alderman Clute, "That the gas propositions of Messrs. Doolittle and Coates be received and referred to the fire, water and light committee, and that each of the propositions be considered by the council on the 20th day of June next, with liberty to either applicant to alter and amend their propositions in the meantime."

The motion carried and the council adjourned.

Dewey to Sail on the 11th.

New York, May 31.—The following is from the World's special correspondent at Hong Kong: Admiral Dewey, on the Olympia, will sail from here on June 5. The vessel will call first at Singapore, where it is expected to arrive on the 11th and remain there two or three days.

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ACROSS THE WATER A SPOKANE LETTER.

John McKane Tells of His Recent Experience There.

LONDON IS MOST RESPONSIVE

The Promoters and Investors Are Ready to Meet Us Half Way. But Nothing But the Very Best Properties Should Be Sold to Them.

John McKane, ex-secretary of the board of trade has returned from a four month trip to the continent. While he was away he visited all the principal cities of the United Kingdom, including London, Glasgow, Belfast and Dublin, also visited France and her colonies Algeria and Tunis. Mr. McKane reports that he had a very pleasant time, and was quite successful in his business. He met everywhere that he went those whom he met seemed glad to listen to the story of the wonderful development of the Kootenay country. He found that even some of the residents of Algeria were interested in the shares of the B. A. C. In fact, the success of that company and its subsidiary corporations, has drawn a great deal of admiring attention to this section in a considerable portion of the Old World. Mr. McKane says that while he was in Scotland in January he disposed of a number of shares there of the British America corporation, and now that these shares have advanced the fortunate investors can now realize a handsome profit from them. They got in the United Kingdom and now get out with a good profit. He feels that the proper way in which to secure the confidence of the investors of the Old Country is to sell them the very best that we have. This will inspire them with confidence and lead to larger investments and the upbuilding of this section. The conditions in the United Kingdom are fast ripening for a large interest to be taken in this section. The people there are in a responsive mood, and if they are met halfway will be glad to come to the balance of the distance.

"I see no reason why," he said, "provided the proper steps are taken, and no mistakes are made, there should not be an increased interest taken hereafter in British Columbia by the large promoters and the public generally. There is no good reason why this interest should not grow in time to the proportion of that which is now being manifested there in South Africa and Westralia. We have just as good mines here as anywhere, and all that is needed to make them produce is money for development. Therefore, when the tide of British investment begins to set in this section we should look for something phenomenal in the way of both development and production."

"I was surprised at the keen interest taken in this country by some of the nobles whom it was my fortune to meet during my recent journey. For instance, I met Lord Strathcona, who was on his way to London to serve for a year as the Canadian commissioner, on the steamship Majestic, when I was going over to London. I gave him the copies of the pamphlets issued by the Rossland board of trade, and he said he was simply astonished at the growth of the mining industry, as shown in these publications. He was particularly struck with the growth of the Rossland camp. He is president of the Bank of Montreal, and was greatly pleased when shown the pictures of his bank building which is now being erected in this city. He promised me that if he was a young man he would settle west on the Rocky mountains, for in that section the fortunes of the next few decades were certain to be made. He promised to do all that he could while he was in London for the advancement and the upbuilding of British Columbia and the Kootenays."

"On the return trip I met James J. Hill, the very brilliant and able president of the Great Northern railway, and he expressed the utmost faith in the future of the mining industry of the Kootenays and British Columbia, as he also did of the Pacific coast section generally. "Among those who seem to be in close touch with the development of the Kootenay, and with whom I conversed while I was away, were the following: Mr. Hale, a prominent resident of Denver, Captain Barr of Dundee, Captain W. H. Hope of Aberlady, W. S. McDowell of Liverpool, and many others. They all spoke highly of the province and the industry of the mining industry here, which they were certain would grow to large importance. So you can see that the interest in the mines of this country is growing, and that this will shortly bear fruit that will be useful to us, is certain. I talked to a large number who have promised to visit Rossland during the summer and fall for the purpose of making investments."

OUR HOSE TEAM BEATEN.

Assistant Chief Charles Collins Tells How It Occurred.

Charles Collins, assistant fire chief, returned Thursday from New Denver, whether he went with the Rossland hose team. In describing how the hose team was defeated he said the course was cleared shortly after 2 o'clock for the race between the Rossland and Nelson teams. There was one false start and then the fun began. Both aggregations ran with the speed of greyhounds. Mr. Collins says he ran alongside the Rossland team and that our boys kept drawing ahead inch by inch, that when 180 yards had been traversed they were about a foot ahead. The men were running so rapidly that they, without intending it, drew closer and closer together. Finally the Nelson cart collided with the Rossland cart. This collision caused a slight slackening of the speed. The Rossland team declared that Nelson won by about four inches. Mr. Collins does not blame either team for the collision. In running the effort was so great that the contestants became partially blinded owing to the great exertion put forth. Both drew together without knowing it, and the collision occurred, and no one was to blame. The time in which the 200 yards was made was 23 seconds. This is good time, as the fastest time on record, 22 seconds, was made in Georgia. Mr. Collins says he had no objection to the race, but coming at the decision of the judges, that the Rossland team was beaten and that is the end of the matter, so far as he and the rest of the team are concerned. There will be an opportunity before long to again meet the Nelson sprinters.

Mr. Collins returned on the train via the Red Mountain road yesterday afternoon. Mr. A. L. C. R. McBride, C. W. Wilson, R. McClimoy, J. W. Ross, C. G. Atkins and the remainder of the team returned via the C. & W. railway at 12 o'clock last night. The game between the Nelson and the Sandon baseball teams was won by the former with a score of 14 to 3. The lacrosse game between New Denver and Nelson was won by the latter by a score of four to nothing. The members of the team reported when they returned last night that they had been royally entertained in New Denver. They were given the full freedom of the city and their money was no good. In short, they were loved in their praises of the open handed hospitality of New Denver.

Coeur d'Alene Mine Owners Hopeful for the Future.

RETROSPECT OF ROSSLAND CAMP

Spokane Capitalists Who First Developed the Properties and Made Their Fortunes Out of the Great Mines Here—Greatest Copper Producer on the Globe.

Spokane, May 22. The Coeur d'Alene country is indeed a great one. With the highest prices and the biggest demand for lead and silver known for six years, nearly every mine in the Coeur d'Alene will be compelled to shut down for the greater part of the summer. Five hundred thousand a month would have been disbursed there this summer, and this will now be stopped. It is a deplorable condition of things, but matters had come to such a pass that anarchy had really taken the place of law and order in the Coeur d'Alene. The Coeur d'Alene miners are still more determined to organize. Labor has just as much right to organize as capital; but when organized labor is used to keep at work lazy and incompetent union men and to exclude from employment the most energetic and industrious non-union men, it becomes a criminal organization. The Miners' Union of Coeur d'Alene had become an utterly lawless criminal and communistic body ever since the final infamy of murder and incendiary. The organization was really in control of mining operations in Canyon creek, and the owners could employ no labor or no officers unless satisfied with the Union. This organization had set at defiance the laws of God and man, and it is well that at last it has been outlawed, and that the decree has gone forth that it must be rooted out of the Coeur d'Alene root and branch.

The vast majority of the mine owners live in Spokane, and they are heartily glad that the end of this gang of organized brigands is at hand. The mine owners are relieved that the atmosphere is being cleared, for they look to greater prosperity for that country than ever when the Coeur d'Alene is purged of this horde of bandits. Coeur d'Alene produces one-third of the lead product of the United States, and under the better conditions soon to be born, it will yield fully 50 per cent of the lead product of the United States. Its galena deposits are simply fabulous; and since its discovery 15 years ago it has transformed numbers of poor and adventurous miners from obscurity and poverty to wealth and affluence. It was Coeur d'Alene that gave Spokane its first impetus on the road to wealth and greatness, and the palaces, mansions and villas which adorn this beautiful, grand city are chiefly built by the pioneers of early Coeur d'Alene days. And it will do more for Spokane in future, for lead mineral is certain even of a greater boom than copper mining. It is not long since that the great copper boom of the world was in the hands of the Coeur d'Alene. The mines are being rapidly exhausted and supplies must now be had from America and Australia. Last year the United States sent 30,000 tons of lead to Europe. This was lead from Canada and Mexico refined in the States. This year the European demand is greater than ever, and her own supplies less, and with the Coeur d'Alene mines shut down there should be a virtual boom in that metal.

This will benefit the Slovan and Kootenay districts. There is only one mine in East Kootenay, the St. Eugene, in a condition to ship steadily. The first 100 tons of crude ore we shipped from the St. Eugene to the Trail smelter after deducting nearly \$40 for freight, treatment and duty. The Sullivan and North Star, also in East Kootenay, cannot become steady shippers till branch roads of about 20 miles are built to the mines. But the St. Eugene has the Crow's Nest Pass railroad passing right beneath the mine. The Slovan country will be greatly benefited by a coming boom in lead, and it is a curious fact that English and Scotch capitalists are gradually getting hold of Slovan mines. They own now the Whitewater and the Whitewater and the Idaho, the Ruth, the Bosen, and they have just purchased the Enterprise for \$350,000. They are wise in their generation, for they will reap rich harvests therefrom.

The stock of the Payne mine is being gradually absorbed by Montreal people. This is the mine that E. S. Bailey of Portland, Seattle and Spokane bought in 1891 for \$5,000. In 1892 he sold out to Robert McDonald and A. W. McCune on the basis of \$100,000, and the stock is now selling on the basis of \$4,000,000 for the mine. Scott McDonald is a Coeur d'Alene pioneer, a stalwart fellow, who toiled and plodded and dreamt of fortune for 20 years amid the snows and winters' blasts of the Rockies, and it came at last in the Slovan, where he cleaned up \$500,000, and he has built himself a lovely home in Spokane to enjoy the evening of his life among his old friends and associates.

Rambler-Cariboo, Noble Five, Slovan Star, the Wenden and a number of other excellent mines are being absorbed by Eastern capitalists. The Slovan at one time was little else than a suburb of Spokane. Spokane folks exploited the mines and up there as it did in Coeur d'Alene, but now the mines are being gradually transferred from Spokane to English and Canadian owners.

Rossland also was exploited by Spokane, and Rossland has really done more for Spokane than any other district. It was a bevy of Spokane lawyers with Senator George Turner at the lead, that developed the famous Le Roi to Spokane, brought five million dollars into Spokane, and when English capitalists purchased it they bought a mine that can pay two million dollars in dividends for 20 years to come. "Vive Le Roi" now a favorite expression on the London and Paris stock exchanges, and the stock of the great Rossland mine is a prime favorite among the mining investors of France and England. Rossland is a mine for about the land. It is selling for \$10,000,000 for the mine. This by no means an excessive price. The War Eagle, another great Rossland mine, was developed, exploited and sold by a group of old Coeur d'Alene living in Spokane. The Toronto folks who bought it for less than a million have developed it till \$5,000,000 is now considered a conservative estimate for it.

Rossland has a great future before it. The development in the lower levels of the Le Roi, War Eagle and Columbia Kootenay reveal the truth of the theory advanced by eminent mining experts that with depth the ore deposits of Rossland would be found enormous and fabulously rich. Rossland, it must also be remembered, is not only a great gold camp, but it is also a copper camp. With a production of 500 tons a day Le Roi will produce \$100,000 worth of copper monthly, and War Eagle, Iron Mask and Velvet are far richer in copper than Le Roi. Rossland will soon be owned almost entirely by English capitalists. The great Le Roi has made it fashionable there, and new properties are being constantly sought for. The sale of Rossland mines to Canada and Englishmen has enriched numbers of Spokane people. But the millions realized therefrom has not lain idle in banks or safes. That money has

gone out to open up new gold fields, and Republic owes its development to the men who made money at Rossland. It is only three years since the Republic was discovered, and it is little more than two years since Denis Clark bought one-eighth interest in the Republic mine for \$500. Tommy Ryan, the discoverer, sold him that interest. Both Ryan and Denis Clark had been miners in the Coeur d'Alene and at Rossland, and both were poor men two years ago. Denis Clark recently sold his interest in Republic for \$250,000 and he is now a capitalist in man of importance. So is Tommy Ryan, one of the kindest and most popular of the prospectors that have haunted the Rockies for a quarter of a century. The stock of the Republic mine itself is rapidly being absorbed by Montreal people on the basis of \$4,000,000. This is not bad for a property that three years ago was not worth \$1,000. It is a great mine, and should pay \$500,000 a year in dividends for many long years to come.

The Surprise, the Lone Pine, the Insurgent and the Jim Blaine are also assured rich Republic mines. Another, and probably the greatest, still more to be discovered in the Coeur d'Alene, has been developed by Jonathan Bowen of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Bowen is another spoilt child of fortune, who began life rich, and fortune seems resolved to enrich him still more. A large interest in this property has been bought by the McLarens of Ottawa.

There are other mines at Republic in process of development that may rival and even surpass those of the Republic and the Mountain Lion. But enough is known to satisfy the most conservative that Republic will rival, if not surpass, Cripple Creek as a gold producer. It will be the Johannesburg of the west, and President J. H. Hill on his return from Europe will immediately run a railroad across the Columbia and up the San Poil to Republic, and from thence to Midway to connect with the Union Pacific and west of Rossland are the various camps of the Boundary or Kettle River country. These are essentially copper-gold camps, and in the time there is little doubt that this country will be the greatest copper producer on the globe.

Deadwood, Brown's, White's and Summit camps are all within a dozen miles of Greenwood camp, and I should not wonder if each and every one of them made a Butte. That means immense mining industry. They really cluster on a mountain of mineral, and they are located so that the cost of transport and dressing of the ores can be done cheaper than at Butte.

The Morrison is owned principally in Spokane, and this promises to be a phenomenally rich mine. I do not share in the views of some of the London financial writers, that copper is bound to have a collapse on account of excessive production, and that the price of the great copper trust to control the price. It will take 20 years to open up the Boundary mines to equal Butte in production, and in the meanwhile the wants and needs of the commercial world make an ever-burning demand for copper. There is far greater danger of a deficiency rather than an excess of copper production, and Marcus Daly, the copper mining king of the world, who presumably should know more of copper than any man on either continent, fully believes that the supply of copper is going to run short of the demand. He has had prospectors scouring for copper mines all over the American continent for 15 years, and he is sure that the world has to fear. That is why I believe that Rossland and the Boundary country is on the eve of a wonderful mining boom.

A STAR IN HIS TIME

Governor Mackintosh Again Successful in London.

HAS ANOTHER BIG CORPORATION

This Time It Is Said That the Capital Stock is \$20,000,000 and the Earl of Aberdeen, Former Governor-General of Canada, is at His Head.

Before Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh left for London the last time he told some of his confidants that he had in contemplation the formation of a large company on a still more colossal scale than the British America corporation, with its capital of \$7,500,000. His idea was to organize a company with almost unlimited capital, say in the vicinity of between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, with which to exploit the mines of this section. It was his idea that as large as had been the results that he had made for the British America corporation, they would be as nothing to those which he would be able to achieve with four or five times the sum at his command. A few days since there came the news from London, which was published all over the country, to the effect that Mr. Mackintosh had signed the charter of a managing director of the British America corporation, and the further statement was made that he contemplated forming a company in this country for the same purpose as the London and Globe British America corporation, Le Roi and other shares. This to a certain extent is a confirmation of the statement that he made before he left the city.

It is now stated by his local friends that Governor Mackintosh had formed a company while he was in Great Britain, and it is claimed that it is on the magnificent scale which he contemplated before his departure. It is stated that he has succeeded in promoting a company with immense capital and that Lord Aberdeen, the former governor-general of Canada, is at the head of it. One of his friends in speaking of the matter yesterday said that Governor Mackintosh this time will represent the greatest aggregation of capital ever formed for the purpose of carrying on a mining business in Canada. When he arrives here this time he will have dollars to invest where he only has cents when he first departed. It is stated that he has succeeded in promoting a company with immense capital and that Lord Aberdeen, the former governor-general of Canada, is at the head of it. 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CHARGED WITH HERESY.

The members of the Methodist church in Canada seem determined to keep their pastors and teachers to the strictly orthodox path or "dispense with their services." Not long ago a learned professor of Victoria college, Toronto, while not impugning the inspiration of the Bible as a message from the Deity, put his own construction on certain passages to be found in the Old Testament, and was not disposed to dispute the contention of Biblical critics that the chronology of the book was inaccurate. His conscientiousness in publicly avowing the conclusions at which he had arrived cost him his position. Now another minister of the church, also a collegian, Rev. Dr. Austin, has come under trial for too much freedom of thought, or rather for holding opinions not in consonance with the tenets of the church. Dr. Austin, who at one time, was principal of Alma college, St. Thomas, Ont., delivered a sermon in Toronto in January last, which, it was charged, contained among other heretical utterances, views contrary to the Scriptural doctrine of eternal punishment, and which, by implication, questioned the Divinity of the Saviour and disparaged the character of the atonement. The committee, which was appointed to deal with the case, has found Dr. Austin guilty, and this finding will be passed on to a higher court to be dealt with. That the judgment of the committee will be reversed is scarcely likely, as there is, undoubtedly, a growing feeling in the church that the great principles of our faith must not be trifled with, even by men of the most exemplary character and the highest ability, no matter how honest their intentions or how earnest may be their desire for truth. Men who allow themselves to be drawn into speculation on subjects so sacred may do an infinite amount of harm, and in spreading abroad the results of their reasoning they may quite unconsciously undermine the faith of the multitude. The Divinity of the Saviour and the efficacy of the atonement are the cardinal points of the Christian faith, and while philosophers may split hairs in regard to this or that point the average man, if his belief is impaired in any degree may find the train of argument on which he is started conclude in complete negation. The doctrine of eternal punishment has been laid down in the Scriptures with such definiteness of expression that its denial would, to the ordinary mind, involve a questioning of doctrine perhaps more important, but certainly not more absolutely stated in the Gospels. The Christian critics of Dr. Austin's school may tell us that certain statements in the Bible are not to be taken as they are specifically uttered; but how is the common reader to discriminate between the truths so furnished to us and the ones which are not to be so construed. If doubt enters the mind in regard to one fact it is apt to impair the whole fabric of faith. The conservative element of the Methodist church seem to appreciate this clearly and are evidently acting in accordance with it.

WILL RACE IF SUBSIDIZED.

It is said that the transcontinental railroads will soon be racing across the continent. The Canadian Pacific announced some 15 or 16 days since that it intended to inaugurate this month a fast service between Montreal and Vancouver. This is confirmed by a dispatch which appears in this issue. The Northern Pacific has heard this announcement and is now engaged in altering its time schedules and declares that it will not be beaten by any other transcontinental railway. The Great Northern is not slow, but, while it is saying nothing, it is alleged that James J. Hill is thinking considerably, and that when the racing begins he will not be the last when the goal is reached. It is said that the several transcontinental interests are eagerly watching the proposed race for supremacy across the broad American continent. There is said to be a sort of tail to the Canadian Pacific's proposed fast train. The officials of that road claim that the competitive business is insufficient to justify a high rate of speed for a 2,900 mile haul and hint that they could make faster time across the continent, provided they are given a subsidy for so doing. This is evidently the milk in the omelette, the nigger in the woodpile, and the real cause for the announcement that the Canadian railway is to increase its transcontinental speed. The truth of the matter is that the Dominion parliament is in session and Messrs. Shaughnessy and Van Horne see in this event another opportunity to secure a subsidy, and could not think of anything else but a fast train in order to secure one. It is a very thin excuse for a subsidy, but it doubtless will prove efficient, as it is alleged that this legislative body can refuse them nothing. They seem to be a lot of Tributes to whom Van Horne and Shaughnessy are twin Svan-gals. From the sundry, various and numerous subsidies that the C. P. R. has received

from the provinces and the Dominion one would think that even its seemingly insatiable greed would long ere this have been satisfied. This is not so, for it is like Oliver Twist, continually calling for more. Messrs. Shaughnessy and Van Horne seem now so habituated to being subsidized that in a short time they may have to be subsidized three times in each day to induce them to eat their meals, and maybe they will late in the evening make a demand for an additional bonus for going to bed. The subsidy habit seems strong in them and they should be given strong medicine to rid them of it. Perhaps the gold cure would be efficient.

NO MORMONS NEED APPLY.

Sir William Van Horne has returned to Montreal after his trip to the Pacific coast. He did not deem it worth his while to visit the Kootenay district, to obtain the control of which he has been corrupting the House of Commons, but this neglect, from whatever motive it sprang, will not doubt be accepted with resignation by the people who are the objects of his implied displeasure. On his return to the headquarters of his company he was interviewed by the newspaper representatives, as a matter of course, and to them he gave a few of his impressions regarding the west. The trip was a long one, the time consumed on it was brief, and therefore it was necessarily hurried. Yet Sir William seems to have gathered in his flying passage across the continent a large fund of information of a very important nature—information which, without doubt, will at once be placed in the possession of the government, so that in its administration it may be guided by his shrewd suggestions and wise counsel.

According to the Associated Press report of one interview, Sir William said, in speaking of the influx of immigrants into the Canadian Northwest, that the country "was becoming peopled with a class which were in general a very desirable lot of people. A good deal had been said about the Galicians, but he was convinced that they would make excellent citizens. In one respect, at least, they were even more desirable than the Doukhobors, for whereas the latter came to Canada in order to maintain their distinctive characteristics and observe their peculiar forms of worship, the Galicians had an ambition to become Canadians in every sense, and to assimilate themselves with the general mass of Canadian citizenship. Sir William cited as an example of their desirability as citizens the fact that they had paid the C. P. R. in full for their transportation to their homes in the west."

Ever since the settlement of the Galicians in the Northwest they have been regarded as an eye sore and a reproach to the country. Those who have studied their habits of life have stated that they are filthy in their modes of living and that they are almost destitute of a sense of morality. The Saxon population will not mix with them on any terms, and hesitate even to employ them in the most menial offices lest their property be destroyed or stolen. It is alleged, too, that they are a thriftless and idle class, who have settled down to the life of slovenliness and foulness which they enjoyed in their native home.

This view of the Galicians, however, held by those who, living alongside of them, have ample opportunity to inform themselves of their manners and customs, is, it seems, all wrong. They paid their way over the Canadian Pacific railway when they came into the country, and this fact establishes their character.

But Sir William is even more enamored with the Mormons than he is with the Galicians. "There was still another class of people," he said, "who were beginning to come into the Northwest in considerable numbers, and who made a most desirable acquisition to the population of the country. These were the Mormons, who already formed a populous and progressive colony at Alberta, and who were about to emigrate thither in still greater numbers during the present year. There was a certain popular prejudice against the Mormons, Sir William said, in the east, because of their supposed polygamous habits. It was a mistake, however, to suppose that polygamy was practiced among the Mormons at the present day, and it was a mistake to imagine that the Mormons were not an intelligent and industrious people."

The history of the troubles which the government of the United States has had with the Mormons does not bear out Sir William's view regarding them, nor can we believe that they have given up their polygamous habits, when we are constantly learning that agents of the Mormon society have been outraging the moral sense of Christian communities by attempting to obtain proselytes to their peculiar opinions and additions to their communities. It is a notorious fact that while, in compliance with the law of the United States, they do not openly practice polygamy, they secretly adhere to that custom which is sanctioned by their faith. In Canada we do not want a population either destitute of morality or possessing peculiar views in regard to the sanctity of home life, such as must exist among a race of polygamists. Such pressure should be brought to bear upon the government that Mormon settlement in Canada will be restrained, if not entirely prevented. This is due to the future of the country, which ought to have the consideration of every good citizen. It is undoubtedly to the interest of the C. P. R. that the Great Northwest should be speedily settled, and in their desire to accomplish this they are willing to accept the scum of Europe and the reproach of America, but the government should see to it that only those are brought into our land who will be the progenitors of a pure and enlightened race.

A CHANCE FOR A RAILWAY.

There is a contest on between the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern for admission into the Lardo mining section. The rival roads masquerade under other names, but the true parties to the action are the above-named railways.

There is another section where, perhaps, before long, there will be rivalry between railways to determine which shall be the first to enjoy its traffic, although the place is at present in need of transportation facilities and is unable to secure them. The section meant is the rich mining region around Sophie mountain. Here there are now three mines that could furnish ore for the smelter, and there are others which promise in a short time to give a fair quota of business to whatever railway company builds in there. The Red Mountain railway holds the age, so to speak, on this section, as that road can enter this promised land by constructing a spur of about six miles from its main line in the vicinity of Barney's ranch. In case this road builds the spur it will be natural for the ores to go to Northport, where they will be reduced by an American smelter, owned, it is true, by a British corporation.

It is said that the Red Mountain railway is unwilling to construct this line at present, and the management says that in the fullness of time it will put a spur in so as to tap these mines. The miners want the road immediately, and do not wish to, and cannot afford, to await the pleasure of the Red Mountain railway magnates.

The dilatoriness of the Red Mountain people is the opportunity of the Canadian Pacific railway. When Sir Charles Tupper was here two years since, he caused a reconnaissance to be made of a railway route from this city to the Velvet mine. The country is not an easy one over which to construct a railway, but still it does not offer insuperable difficulties to railroad construction. Besides this, if the Canadian Pacific were to construct to Sophie mountain, all the ore of that section would naturally gravitate to Trail, where that corporation has a smelter. The ore from the Velvet, Douglas and other properties would not only make the road profitable, but would also help to swell the dividends of the smelter. The Canadian Pacific is, therefore, more interested in getting into this section than is the Red Mountain company. Once in there the business would increase and grow, and in time it would yield large returns on the amount invested. Besides this, the line could be extended with the development of the surrounding country, and in time could be built on to Cascade City, and so form a short line between Rossland and that city.

Here is an opportunity for the big Canadian railway to show enterprise in a legitimate manner, and at the same time secure a transportation and smelting monopoly, which it so dearly loves. In a wonderfully rich mining section, in a wonderfully rich mining section, it is probable, however, that it will play its usual waiting game. It will ponder sleepily over the situation, and let the Red Mountain build its line in there. After a year or so, when the Red Mountain is doing a large and profitable business, then perhaps it will wake up and construct a road from here to Sophie mountain and endeavor to wrest the trade from its rival, which will, by that time, have its business connections established on a sound and enduring basis.

THE RAILWAY WAR.

It is Said to Be Still Going on Very Merrily.

As a result of the injunctions granted restraining the Kaslo & Lardo-Duncan and the Arrowhead & Kootenay railways from constructing their lines of railroad through the Duncan Pass, the rival roads have kept outside the neighborhood of the pass, but in all other respects the fight between them is still on, and there is plenty of work offering for men at \$2.50 per day. It is generally understood that nothing further will be done by the rival roads until after the injunction restraining the Arrowhead & Kootenay Railway company, expires, but in the meantime both roads are busy gathering evidence ready for the legal fight in the court, and a mass of conflicting evidence from different engineers may be expected. The construction headquarters of the Arrowhead & Footenay, or Canadian Pacific people, is at Lardo, and that of the Kaslo & Lardo-Duncan is at Argenta. Lots in each of the towns are selling well, and an old-time Kootenay townsie boom is on in both places. At Duncan City another illustration is being given of the bad feeling between the rival railway companies, where it is said the Kaslo & Lardo-Duncan company is building a trestle across the Arrowhead & Kootenay company's grade, completely blocking the same.

A TRAIL NEEDED.

The Miner has frequently urged the necessity of having wagon roads and trails radiating from Rossland and each and everyone of them means a certain amount of business for the city. First is built the trail, then comes the road and finally the railway. It is not expected that every trail will become a railway, but it is anticipated that some of them which lead to where rich mineral deposits are found will ultimately be replaced by railways. The first thing, however, is to secure the trail. This step is usually the hardest. Where the business is in sight to justify its capital always stands ready to build the railway. To the northwest from this city are several mining camps which are in their incipency. These are located on Norway mountain, on Grenville mountain, on McRae creek and in Burnt Basin. The last is perhaps the most important. A government trail is built for about 19 miles out toward Norway mountain. If this trail were extended for a distance of five miles it would tap all of these mining camps and make them tributary to this city. The mining properties in these places are principally owned by the residents of this city. The present method of reaching these places is a roundabout one involving loss of time and the expenditure of considerable money. Besides this the miners and railway contractors go to Brooklyn and to Cascade City to purchase their supplies. They would much prefer to come to Rossland, where they could buy what they want much cheaper

than at the two towns mentioned. Were this trail finished much of the traffic would go to Rossland. An effort should be made to have this five miles of trail constructed. It is a very small task, indeed. If the road and trail fund in the hands of the provincial representative is not available for this purpose some other means of raising the small sum needed for this purpose should be put into immediate effect. Rossland has hitherto experienced no trouble to raise a fund of good size for a celebration. When, however, money is needed for some useful purpose, the citizens seem to halt and stumble and are not as freehanded and public spirited as they should be. This trail is a matter of vital importance and is one in which the old Rossland spirit should show itself. With a little effort on the part of the public spirited residents of this city the completion of this trail into the Burnt Basin section could be quickly accomplished. Let it be done and at once.

THE GAS FRANCHISE.

The question of granting a gas franchise is now before the city council and two companies are applying for the privilege of erecting and operating a plant. The representatives of these companies are on the ground and are prepared to negotiate. Both companies, we believe, possess large capital and either one is to be relied on to carry out any contract which it may enter into, so that the council is on perfectly safe ground in dealing with the gentlemen representing these corporations.

The fact that two great, rich rival companies should be competing for this franchise is a clear evidence of its value, and, accordingly, it behooves the members of the council, who are the guardians of the city, to be most careful in parting with it. The gas companies will make the best terms which they can for themselves, let it be the business, as it is the duty, of the council, to make the best terms for the citizens. They never had a better opportunity than they have now of displaying their capabilities as business men or of placing beyond question their disinterested desire for the interests of the community which has placed its affairs in their hands.

The citizens, too, should make themselves familiar with the details of the offers of the respective companies and should keep themselves thoroughly informed in regard to the negotiations, so that they may be able intelligently to judge how their interests have been safeguarded.

That the city is in need of a gas service is undoubted. It would be of benefit in many ways to the citizens. It would reduce the present cost of lighting very greatly, it could be used largely in place of the ordinary fuel for domestic purposes—as well as for an illuminant, and in many other ways it would be valuable. Its value to the citizens is entirely dependent, however, on the price which they will have to pay for it and the excellence of the service given.

The council then ought to surround the granting of the franchise with such conditions that there will be a maximum price which cannot be exceeded, and a maximum standard of excellence which must be maintained. A contract should not be entered into without every clause being most carefully considered and made so binding that it cannot be infringed. We think, too, that the period which the contract should cover should not exceed 10 years, so that the citizens of that future day, when Rossland shall have trebled itself, perhaps, shall have the privilege of taking over the plant and operating it themselves or of disposing of it as they deem wise under the altered conditions of things which will then exist. All contracts of this kind should be entered into with a view to the future.

We must say we are surprised, and very disagreeably so, at the apparent disposition of the council, as shown at last night's meeting, to hurry this matter through. One of the applicants, Mr. Coates, who is an engineer, has been on the ground for two weeks and has "sized up" the situation. The representative of the rival company, Dr. Doolittle, is not an engineer, and could not, therefore, enter into any argument until the engineer of his company, who is now on the way, arrives and looks over the ground. A delay of two weeks will, therefore, be necessary to place the companies on an equal footing to contend for this franchise. Who will say that it would not be wise to suffer this delay or that from it the city is not bound to obtain a substantial benefit?

If the council make a contract with Mr. Coates now they not only do not give the other company a fair show to place its proposition before them, but they are allowing themselves to be guided entirely by the representations of Mr. Coates, who is certainly not regarding the city's interests in the matter. If the other company was allowed to submit its offer it might be found that Mr. Coates' proposition was by no means as advantageous as he no doubt will represent it. Besides, the aldermen would be able to inform themselves on the subject in the meantime, and the city might be the gainer thereby.

There is no hurry for two weeks. The plant can be built this summer, if four instead of two weeks are thus exhausted. Nor is it likely that Mr. Coates as it has been hinted, will not wait longer and will withdraw his proposition unless the city acts without delay. He is a business man and knows that in a large undertaking of this kind time must be given both

parties to prepare themselves for the negotiations. If he departed because his offer was not at once adopted would it not be an intimation that he feared competition?

We understand that at the meeting last night a loosely drawn contract with Mr. Coates name in it was placed on the table, and its appearance seemed to give surprise to but one member of the council. He apparently was the only one who did not personally know of its existence. And yet with that document in the room there was not a member present who was able intelligently to discuss the matter.

Whether there was any intention of taking decided action, we are not prepared to say, but the very existence of this document looked suspicious.

A special meeting has been called for tonight at which Dr. Doolittle has been instructed to submit the figures of his company. That he can do so or that his company can do so intelligently is hardly likely; and if he fails is a contract to be made with Mr. Coates? We think the people would hardly be prepared to commend such conduct as that.

Let us have the whole question thoroughly understood and let us have some competition on the part of these companies for a franchise which will grow more valuable every year. Above all do not let us have any hole and corner business in the conduct of the affairs of this city by the council or any of its members.

THE GAS FRANCHISE.

The city council acted very wisely last evening in postponing, for three weeks, the formal consideration of the granting of a gas franchise. In the interval the experts of the rival companies will be able to make their calculations on the cost of installing and operating a plant, and the members of the council will have an opportunity of obtaining information in regard to prices which are charged for services in other places, so that no advantage may be taken of them in their final negotiations.

We have no doubt whatever that the company offering the best terms will obtain the contract. Nor do we doubt that both of the companies will be so reasonable that it will be difficult to decide between them. The remarks of Mayor Goodhue at last night's council meeting implying dilatoriness on the part of Dr. Doolittle were, we think, quite justified. Dr. Doolittle, when he knew that Mr. Coates was here and practically in negotiation with the council, ought to have acted with promptness for his company and sent for his engineer at once. The city cannot be expected to await the convenience of individuals or companies. However, the delay will not materially affect matters, and a system can be put in before the building season closes.

RITUALISTIC CONTROVERSY.

History repeats itself in churches as well as in the affairs of other institutions. There is a sort of rebellion in England against the increase in ceremonies in the English established church. It will be remembered that the Puritans fought the Established church after the reformation because it was thought that there was too much of a conformation to the rites of the Church of Rome. In the last half of the century there has been an increased movement towards a revival of the doctrines and ceremonies in the Established church, which were discarded at the time of separation from the Catholic church. This movement has assumed such form and proportion that it is now estimated that half of the clergyman of the established church are in sympathy with the tendency to go back to the old doctrines and practices. The extremists of this class are practically Catholics with this exception that they do not acknowledge the Pope as their spiritual leader. It is claimed that the half who favor the ceremonies, etc., are the wealthiest and most influential members. The other half hold that these practices are idolatrous and Popish, and they are as bitter as were the old Puritans. Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt has sided with the anti-ritualists, and has strongly attacked them, and the House of Commons has passed a resolution in which ritualism was condemned in a mild sort of way. Clergymen have been arrested for alleged over indulgence in ritualism and will be tried by the Bishops, some of whom are strongly in favor of the practices. It is claimed that the church cannot amend its doctrines or form of worship, as parliament can only do this. It is certain at this time that an attempt on the part of parliament to do this would result in a great outburst on the part, perhaps, of both the factions.

To show how far the matter has gone recent advices say that the Bishops have asked the rectors to abandon the use of incense and the confession. They have refused to obey the order and the former cannot enforce obedience without long and costly litigation. The anti-ritualists are now asking for legislation to prevent the ritualists from carrying on their practices. It is claimed that the latter have revived rites and practices which had their origin in mediaeval days, and that they are Romanists and betrayers of the church.

The present trouble in the church it seems will be a repetition of the one that happened at the time when the powerful Church association was formed to put down the ritualists in the Church of England. The organization was well supplied with money. This culminated in the celebrated trial of the Bishop of Lincoln, alleged ritualistic practices.

This terminated in a practical victory for the Bishop and his sympathizers. It is not probable that the trouble in the present instance will result in the same action that characterized the Puritan movement. In these modern days religious differences are not as deep, nor do they last as long as they did a couple of centuries ago. They are to be deplored, however, and the sooner the hostile factions can meet on some common ground and settle their differences the better.

CANADA'S MAGNIFICENT HERITAGE

Canada has a magnificent heritage in her immense lumber area, and long after the forests of the United States will have been exhausted the reserves of Canada will scarcely have been touched. These forests are destined to be a source of great profit and that before a great while. When the people of other nations want this lumber they should be made to pay a fair price for it.

According to the report of the United States consul at Montreal, Canada may one day supply the United States with lumber, and she is well able to do so according to the following: Ontario has 102,118 square miles of woodland; Quebec has 116,621; British Columbia, 285,554; Northwest Territories, 696,952, and the remainder of Canada enough to make a total of 1,248,798 square miles. The quantity of white pine in Ontario is estimated at 19,404,000,000 feet; in Quebec, 15,734,000,000 feet, and in the other provinces 2,200,000,000 feet. Some of the best cedar areas are north of New Brunswick. British Columbia contains the largest compact timber area in the world. It includes Douglas pine, cedar, spruce and Alaska pine, worth many millions of dollars.

The list of causes from which a divorce may be granted has been swelled by a Spokane judge, who gave a wife all the privileges of single blessedness because her husband was lazy. Any man in Washington who is not in love with work is now at the mercy of the courts, and the "divorce" lawyer should now do a thriving business. It is a poor rule of law that will not work both ways, and husbands may be able to get rid of wives on the same plea.

The papers to the south of the international boundary line are beginning to take notice of the scandalous conduct of the weather this year, and they unite in declaring that nowhere from the summits of the Cascades to those of the Rockies, from the Rockies to the Missouri river, thence to the Mississippi and to St. Paul and Minneapolis, is there a spot which did not fully demonstrate that the spring is fully 30 days behind that of 1898. From this it would seem that we have companions in our misery, who are suffering from the temporary insanity of the weather clerk in keeping back so long the "fair, well spoken days."

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Strike in Morrison—Work on Many Properties.

John Cheer, the one armed prospector, has sold the Homestake, on the North Fork, to D. H. Beecher, Duncan McIntosh, D. A. Cameron and others. The Homestake is in Summit camp and joins the Emma on the west. The line of the C. & W. passes underneath the present dump. In the 28-foot shaft there is four and a half feet of solid ore, assays from which go as high as \$60.40 in values. One of the big propositions in the camp, carries good copper values. The price given for the property has not been made public.

A rich strike is reported on Copper mountain, near the King Solomon.

C. M. Keep has purchased a half interest in the Slate Formation, a claim adjoining the Ruby, four miles from Greenwood.

Another big strike has been made on the Morrison of a fine ledge four feet in width, of very fine copper-gold ore. Last week the new five-drill compressor plant, to be installed at the City of Paris and Lincoln mines, passed through Grand Forks on the way to the properties. When in position this will make ten drills at work on these promising properties.

Work is to be resumed on the Two camp. Assays taken of the ore from the ledge on the property, which ore body is 50 feet wide, goes \$6.66 in gold, besides carrying a large percentage of silver.

H. A. Ross reports that the Bismarck, in Seattle camp, is now practically in a position to ship ore. At a depth of 60 feet the ledge is three and a half feet wide. It is proposed to run a tunnel in 200 feet. A hoist and compressor will be ordered shortly.

It is estimated that during the month of June no less than a dozen properties will be under active development in the Burnt Basin.

The Surprise, situated a short distance from Grand Forks on the reservation side, has struck a 30-inch ledge in the tunnel. This ledge contains a very rich paystack about 18 feet wide. From one open cut on the surface outcrop of the vein now encountered, assays of from \$25 to \$180 were obtained.

John Stevens, one of the old time mining men of the Boundary, and at one time partner owner of the famous Knob Hill and Old Ironsides claims, has sold his remaining interests in Greenwood camp to the company represented by Jay P. Graves.

Work on the Standard claim, adjoining the Mother Lode and Queen of Sheba, has stripped the lead, and it is believed they have the Mother Lode contact, as the ore is precisely the same as that of the Mother Lode.

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A TRAIL IS NEEDED.

Rossland Wants Direct Communication with Burnt Basin. IS A ROUNDABOUT ROUTE NOW

The Finishing of Trail Would Be the Cause of Bringing Considerable Business to This City That Now Goes to Other Towns—Should Be Started Immediately.

E. W. Liljegan, M. E., has just returned from a visit to Burnt Basin and Gladstone via Trail and Brooklyn.

Some of the best cedar of New Brunswick. Britains contains the largest compact in the world. It includes cedar, spruce and Alaska many millions of dollars.

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FROM ENGLAND.

C. S. Wallis Returns After a Five Months' Visit.

C. S. Wallis, who left Rossland for the old country on the 4th of December last on mining business, returned to the city on Saturday.

Mr. Wallis expressed the opinion that the method of quoting stocks now adopted here would have a much better effect outside of the camp than the one referred to.

THE IRON MASK COMPANY.

Report of Manager Herrick as Presented to the Directors.

Spokane, Wash., May 15, 1899. To the Trustees of the Iron Mask Gold Mining Company:

When Do They Expire—Extracts From the Act.

That acts of parliament, especially the acts of provincial parliaments, are always clear, well defined and easily understood.

Section 3 enacts: A person may at any time prior thereto, obtain from the proper officer, on payment of the proper fee, a free miner's certificate running from mid-

Section 20 enacts that nothing in this act contained shall affect anything done or suffered, or any right, title or interest acquired or accrued before the coming into force of this act, or any legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such thing, right, title or interest.

THE GAS FRANCHISE.

Regular Meeting of the Rossland City Fathers Last Night.

A TWENTY-YEAR GAS CONTRACT Reports of the Board of Works and Finance Committee Passed—Dr. Doolittle and John Coates Make Application for an Exclusive Franchise to Supply Gas.

The 10th meeting of this year's city council was held last night. His worship Mayor Goodeve presided, and the following aldermen being present: Lalonde, Thompson, Hooson, Clute and Edgren.

Report No. 17 of the board of works was received and adopted. Report recommends that following accounts be paid:

Louis Blue..... \$32.50 Burr Bros..... 1.75 Street payroll No. 22..... 133.75 Street payroll No. 22..... 155.40 Mrs. Longley..... 19.00

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with gas, but would also supply clean fuel in the shape of coke as a by-product of the gas company.

John Coates was then called upon in support of his firm's application for a gas franchise.

The mayor evidently voiced the opinions of his colleagues when he stated that the council had a good deal of trouble on hand with the water and light question at the present time and had no idea of going into the manufacture of gas.

Dr. Doolittle pointed out that he would require the services of his company's engineer in Rossland before he could put in the figures asked for.

GOVERNOR'S DEFENSE

Lieut.-Gov. McInnes and Dismissal of the Turner Ministry.

THE BY-ELECTIONS JUSTIFY HIM

Admits He Made Statements Reflecting on the Official Conduct of Turner and Eberts—Claims He is Not Constitutionally Obligated to Give Reasons for Dismissal.

Ottawa, May 31.—[Special.]—A return presented to parliament deals with the dismissal of the Turner government of British Columbia.

On the 15th of October Turner and his colleagues applied to the Dominion government for a royal commission to inquire into certain alleged charges which the governor made against them in connection with warrants and other matters which are now matters of political history.

McInnes was ready to admit that he made statements in his letter of August 15th reflecting on the official conduct of Turner and Eberts.

Washington, May 31.—The surgeon-general of the Marine hospital service has received confirmation of the development of a case of yellow fever in New Orleans, but no additional information has come to him.

Richard Plewman, Stock Broker, Imperial Block. Today I have Special Quotations on the Following Stock:

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Anglo-American G. M. Co., Homestake, Banner Gold, C. M. C. Withdrawn, etc.

THOS. S. GILMOUR Accountant Mining Agent Stocks and Shares

Canadian Pacific Nav. Co. (LIMITED.) Time Table No. 33, taking effect Jan. 1st, 1898.

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MINES AND MINING

Ore From the Douglas Appears to Carry Good Values.

A FIND MADE ON THE MAJESTIC

Work is to be commenced June 1st on the Property of the Referendum Company on North-Nine Mile Creek, in the Nelson Division.

Alan G. White returned Friday from a visit to Sophie mountain. He reports that good progress is being made on the Leiter tunnel, which is now in a distance of 175 feet.

Work to Begin on the Referendum.

The Referendum Free Gold Mining company is organizing a force in this city to begin operations on its property on the 1st of June.

A Ledge on the Mystery.

A large find of ore has been made on the Mystery property, which is being operated by the Mystery Gold Mining & Milling company, in the Burnt Basin.

ORE FROM THE JACKSTRAW.

It is Free Milling and Carries Some Free Gold.

A. P. Hunter and H. C. Sharp arrived in the city Thursday from Burnt Basin, where they have considerable mining interests. They brought a number of samples from the Jackstraw claim with them.

Machinery Sold.

F. R. Mendenhall of the Jenckes Machine company, recently sold to the Rosie Marie company, which is operating properties on Alberni inlet on the west coast of Vancouver Island, a compressor, two drills, a crusher, rolls, boiler and engine.

Evening Star Winze Completed.

The 80-foot winze connecting the lower and upper tunnels of the Evening Star is completed, and this exposes a promising ore chute.

The Group May Be Sold.

A tunnel is being driven on the British Crown group, on Lake, near this city. This property is three miles south of this city.

NO-TRUTH IN STORY.

Dundee is Not to Be Sold to London and B. C. Gold Fields.

There has been a persistent rumor in circulation for several days to the effect that the London and British Columbia Gold Fields company, limited, which is operating the Ymir group of ten claims near Ymir, was negotiating for the purchase of the eight claims which constitute the Dundee group, and which are being operated by the Dundee Gold Mining company.

The Aberdeen.

Lorne Becher states that he has succeeded in procuring 75,000 shares of the Aberdeen & Camp McKinney Gold Mining company's stock, and that work on the company's property will start at once.

THE OKANOGAN MILL.

Rapid Progress Is Being Made and the Stamps Will Soon Be in Motion.

Pleasures of Hope Shaft.

T. A. Elgie is in from the Burnt Basin section where he is superintending operations on the Pleasures of Hope property, which is being operated by the Georgia Mining & Development company.

Immense Ore Bodies.

H. H. Bailey, examiner of patents, in the department of agriculture, Ottawa, is in the city on a visit. He has been on a visit to the Boundary country where he inspected the Knob Hill, in which he is interested.

The O. K. Ledge Found.

News was received in this city Saturday from Republic to the effect that the ledge had been found on the O. K. claim there, which is being operated by the St. George property company.

Mining Notes.

A. J. McMillan, who is largely interested in the Snowshoe, says that the machinery recently ordered for that property is on the way to this week.

The Humming Bird.

W. A. Magor returned from the Boundary Creek country Friday evening, where he had gone to look over the Humming Bird. He is enthusiastic over the property, and says that he has no doubt it is now easily traceable for a distance of 500 feet.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

The Exchequer.

Editor Miner: Can you tell me anything about the Exchequer property?

G. O. C., Bridgeburg, Ont.

(The Exchequer is owned by the Exchequer Gold Mining company, which is located on the mountain near Nelson. Considerable development work has been done on the property.)

The Virginia.

In response to an inquiry from R. A. Dilroy Hamilton concerning the Virginia: The Virginia Mining company has a large force of men at work developing its property. The management refuses to allow anyone access to the mine workings of the property.

The Good Hope.

Editor Miner: What has become of the Good Hope Mining & Milling company? Is it likely to resume operations again? What is there new concerning the White Bear?

A. A., Toronto.

(The Good Hope company presumably out of funds, for nothing has been done on its claim for about a year. There is a good surface showing on the northwest slope of Red Mountain, two miles from Rossland. The White Bear company has been reorganized. The former capital stock was \$2,000, 1000 \$1 shares. The capital stock has been changed to 3,000, 10-cent shares.)

Will Let Another Contract.

On the Elise property, which is being operated by the Lerwick Gold Mining company, the contract for a drift of 100 feet along the vein from the shaft has been completed. The intention is to let a contract immediately for another 100 feet of drifting. The property is looking well.

THE MINING REVIEW

The Evening Star Has Opened Up a Large Body of Ore.

IT IS OF A SHIPPING GRADE

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Home-stake.

The work on this property is being energetically pushed with a good-sized force. The work is confined to the crosscut to the south on the 200-foot level.

Pumped Bear.

The workings have been pumped clear of water and the work of development will be pushed once more.

Southern Belle and Snowshoe.

Contractors have made 75 feet in the crosscut from the main tunnel. The Snowshoe ledge is expected to be met in about 35 feet more.

Deadman's Island Again.

Vancouver, May 28.—[Special.]—A hot political meeting was held here this evening and the Deadman's Island question was discussed at length.

Sunset No. 2.

In the main shaft, which is now down a little over 400 feet, the ledge has widened to seven feet with perfectly defined walls.

Mascot.

Work is progressing rapidly under the direction of W. Y. Williams, superintendent. Tunnel No. 3 is in 690 feet.

Jumbo.

The big crosscut tunnel is now in a distance of 247 feet. It will have to be driven about 200 feet further before the hanging wall of the big main ledge will have been encountered.

Victory-Triumph.

The final details of the transfer of the Victory-Triumph to the Trail Creek Mining company of London, are almost completed.

Velvet.

Crosscutting is in progress at the 160 and 250-foot levels. Both of these crosscuts will soon tap the vein.

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Rich Ore From the Dardanelles.

Col. S. W. Ray of Port Arthur, one of the large stockholders in the Dardanelles Mining & Milling company, has been in the city for the past few days, and left for his home yesterday via the Red Mountain train. In speaking of the Dardanelles property he said that the developments of late have been of a most satisfactory character.

One company alone ordered 4,000 copies of the Rossland Miner's map of the camp.

There are only a few left. The price has been reduced to 50 cents.

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THURSDAY LICENSE A PROVINCE CARL Province of No. 146. This is to Gold Fields and licensed the Province carry out or legis hereina British Columbia The head at No. England. The amount pany is £200, of £1 each. The head- province is str and Davi whose address the attorney The object been establish (a) To ex and explore to contain and to secure in regard to districts and any other c chase, take otherwise acc hold, sell, or mining r to contain m all kinds, an therewith; an from; and it (b) To de and in kinds, and in other precou (c) To ext the titles to o ores, and m claims in B parts of the British Colum the fees, cos agents, inclu tions, mining all persons w examining the same, or publish, adv maps, plans, and railway directly relat or be connec organization, of company or a (e) To ma maintain, imp trol, or aid promotion, co tenance, impa ment, or cont rent or chart operations of private, and ways, railway graphs, telep harbors, pier houses, bridge wharves, ma crushing mills, ordnance, en works, hydrat lighting, elect furnaces, collie takings by la the purpose of hire to, or for tion from, an (e) To unc business trans undertaken underwriters, or for public and necessary; an enter into, car in financial, industrial, manu businesses, wor ing, and to and to carry o may seem to with any of (f) To und directly or indi of or order pany's property (g) To pu hold, sell, leas mortgage, tur deal in real e kinds, and in hereditary, detakings, mo patents, patent securities, gra with or witho debt and clai or personal against such any person (h) To und or undertaki franchise any by the compan (i) To pu hold, sell, leas account, dispo tation, plantati trading rights; of the earth, provisions, fru sugar, silk, fib wool, timber, positive, drug, leum, bullion, tin, quicksilv other merchand kinds, either li livery, and w manufactured; otherwise; and (j) To sub otherwise acq disposal of, f, shares, stock, ture stock or o whether British any authority, or otherwise; (k) To guar enjoyment of or subject to ditions, or to become int against any claims, or dem suits, or enac title, or in res burdens or out (l) To fur and guarantee to any tender contract, concessio erty or privileg carrying out of decreas or enac (m) Genera

LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada: Province of British Columbia. No. 146.

This is to certify that the Kootenay Gold Fields Syndicate, Limited, is authorized to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia...

The amount of the capital of the company is \$20,000, divided into 20,000 shares of \$1 each.

The head office of the company in this province is situated in the city of Rossland, and David Blythe Bogle, mining engineer...

The objects for which the company has been established are: (a) To search for, prospect, examine and explore mines and grounds...

(b) To buy, sell, lease, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, or otherwise dispose of all kinds of real and personal property...

(c) To examine, investigate and secure the titles to lands, mines, minerals, claims in British Columbia and elsewhere...

(d) To promote, construct, equip, maintain, improve, work, manage, control, or aid in or subscribe towards the promotion, construction, equipment, maintenance, improvement, working, management, or control of...

(e) To undertake and carry on any business transaction or operation commonly undertaken or carried on by...

(f) To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of...

(g) To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of...

(h) To lay out towns or villages on any lands acquired or controlled by the company...

(i) To subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of...

(j) To guarantee the title to or quiet enjoyment of property either absolutely or subject to any qualifications...

(k) To guarantee the title to or quiet enjoyment of property either absolutely or subject to any qualifications...

(l) To furnish and provide deposits and guarantees for the execution of any contract, concession, decree, enactment, property or privilege...

(m) Generally to carry on and transact every kind of guarantee business...

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada: Province of British Columbia. No. 145.

This is to certify that the "Trail Creek Mining Company, Limited," is authorized to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia...

The amount of the capital of the company is \$120,000, divided into 120,000 shares of \$1 each.

The head office of the company in this province is situated in the city of Rossland, and David Blythe Bogle, mining engineer...

The objects for which the company has been established are: (a) To acquire and take over as a going concern...

(b) To acquire mines, mining rights and auriferous land in British Columbia or noted, incorporated in 1887 and 1889...

(c) To search for, prospect, examine and inspect mines and grounds supposed to contain auriferous quartz and ore...

(d) To enter into any arrangement with any government or authorities, supreme, municipal, local, or otherwise...

(e) To purchase or otherwise acquire, undertake all or any part of the business, property or goodwill...

(f) To provide for the welfare of persons in the employment of the company...

(g) To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of...

(h) To provide for the welfare of persons in the employment of the company...

(i) To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of...

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(l) To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of...

(m) To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of...

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada: Province of British Columbia. No. 144.

This is to certify that "The Wallis-Haultain Syndicate, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia...

The amount of the capital of the company is \$120,000, divided into 120,000 shares of \$1 each.

The head office of the company in this province is situated in the City of Rossland, and Charles W. Wootton, mining engineer...

The objects for which the company has been established are: (a) To adopt, enter into, and carry into effect, with such alterations or modifications as may be agreed upon...

(b) To prospect and explore, in British Columbia or elsewhere, for the purpose of obtaining information and also to acquire and enter into...

(c) To search for, prospect, examine and inspect mines and grounds supposed to contain auriferous quartz and ore...

(d) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of...

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Black Prince, Queen of the Valley and King of the West mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district...

And further take notice that action, under section 3, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements...

Dated this 24th day of March, 1899.

J. A. KIRK, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Bean Pot and Forest King mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district...

And further take notice that action, under section 3, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements...

Dated this 24th day of April, 1899.

KENNETH L. BURNETT, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Red Fox mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district...

And further take notice that action, under section 3, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements...

Dated this 18th day of March, 1899.

J. A. KIRK, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Little Bee mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district...

And further take notice that action, under section 3, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements...

Dated this 26th day of April, 1899.

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BY'S. Most obstinate eczema, itchy and permanently. It has cured middle life, and Dr. Agnew's Ointment...

Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It has cured middle life, and Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It has cured middle life, and Dr. Agnew's Ointment...

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Spokane, Rossland and Nelson. EFFECTIVE 12:01 A. M., JAN. 3. LEAVE DAILY. ARRIVE. 8:30 a. m. Spokane, 6:30 p. m. 1:55 p. m. Northport, 1:00 p. m. 4:55 p. m. Spokane, 11:55 a. m. No change of cars between Spokane and Rossland.

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OUR REPUBLIC CORRESPONDENT

A SECOND LEDGE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED ON THE O. K.

The Colossal Has Been Bonded—An Important Discovery Made in the Sheridan Camp, and Other News.

Republic, May 29.—[Special.]—Although work has been somewhat retarded the past week, owing to the fickle weather, many new properties are being worked successfully.

Table with 3 columns: Mine, Pounds, Tons. Includes Republic, Payne, Last Chance, Sloan Star, Rambler, and Whitewater.

SANDON LETTER

Sale of the Madison Group For \$20,000—Sloan Mines Working Again.

Sandon, May 28.—[Special.]—The Madison group consisting of four claims has been sold to the Montreal syndicate for \$20,000.

The Colossal, which adjoins the O. K. on the south, has been bonded, and the work already begun shows fine ore.

Messrs. McNaught, Warren and Cleary visited the Monarch group, 16 miles west of Republic, and reported immense surface showings.

A discovery of a four-foot ledge has been made two miles south of Sheridan camp. The discoverer is in town and says he traced the ledge all the way from the Zala M. two miles away, and that it is the same ledge.

The Bull Dog and George Reed group of claims have been bonded to Graham & Co., of Spokane. The intention is to stock them in the near future.

The mail from Rosland and north of Northport, arrives here occasionally. There is something out of gear somewhere, and we would like to see it mended.

THE REPUBLIC LETTER

The Bodie Machinery Is Working Well—Work on the O. K.

Republic, May 24.—[Special.]—Last night and for a few hours today the rain came down in sheets.

The machinery of the Bodie is working to perfection, and is one of the most compact and satisfactory small plants in the camp.

The three-compartment shaft of the Ben Hur is making good progress. On the O. K. considerable surface work is being done, and they are now at work on a fine ledge, which evidently carries good values.

The 618 has a crosscut tunnel in 275 feet. F. E. McNamara, the well known mining man, who is here in the interest of the Manhattan company, reports uncovering a new ledge on the O. K. He has started developing, and is well pleased with the property and the camp.

Lamp & Co. have sold a group of seven claims located on O'Brien creek, seven miles southeast of Republic, to Portland parties, the consideration being \$4,000 cash. There is some development work and a short tunnel. The claims are gold. It is understood the new owners will at once begin work.

NEWS OF KASLO.

Crowds of Visitors—Building Operations Are Brisk.

Kaslo, May 25.—[Special.]—We were favored with weather to the Queen's taste on the 24th. The Alberta brought a contingent of visitors from Bonner's Ferry and the train another from Sandon. The Mojie came in loaded to the guards with visitors from Nelson—many of them new people, who had yesterday their first look at Kaslo. The town was clean and gay decorated, and everything passed off smoothly.

Building operations are brisk at Lardo, Argenta, and Duncan City. Shipments of lumber and material go forward daily. The steamer Marion is to attempt the ascent of the lower river today, but it is generally believed that the rise has not yet been sufficient to admit of a successful trip.

The owners of the townsite of Argenta have come to terms with the Kaslo & Lardo-Duncan Railway company, and have assigned to them such property as the company needs for railway purposes, with probably a few blocks additional. Mr. McLaughlin of McLaughlin & Clinton, is in town. He reports their

ROMANCE IN THE MOUNTAINS

STORY OF THE REDISCOVERY OF A RICH PROPERTY.

A Letter in a Bottle Left by Members of The International Commission, Found By Swede Prospectors.

Grand Forks, May 26.—[Special.]—A romantic story of the rediscovery of a rich free milling gold property, after a lapse of nearly 30 years, is related by R. A. Brown of this city, who has just returned from a trip to Princeton. During his stay in Princeton, he learned from Edward Alton that two Swedes, while prospecting in the region between Staggett and the larger size than the usual mountains located at intervals to designate the international boundary line.

"Did it contain a bottle?" eagerly inquired Brown of his informant. "Yes, it did," but who told you so," excitedly replied Alton.

The rest of the story is best told in Mr. Brown's own language. "About 12 years ago, when this region was a howling wilderness," began Brown, "I was engaged in the fur trapping business, and one day I was out on the mountains with my prospectors. One of them told me that in the early seventies he had been engaged on the international commission entrusted to the United States and Great Britain. At one point the surveyors, while erecting a monument, were startled to discover that the ground was rich in gold.

Realizing that the discovery, owing to the inaccessibility of the district, could not be utilized for many years, the plan was made to return at some future time. Years passed away, and ultimately one of the members of the outfit, a subordinate, enlisted the services of a local hunter, the golden cairn. They had been unsuccessful, and on account of my knowledge of the country, asked me to return to the mountains to give me an interest if successful. I dropped my traps, and with my new companions, vainly searched along the boundary line as far as the mountains permitted.

"The discovery of last year was undoubtedly the mark we missed, because we did not go far enough west." Alton Brown, after locating the claim, have sold it to parties in Seattle for \$90,000 cash. It is located on the summit of a mountain. Steps are being taken to work this property.

C. E. Lindley of Spokane, has just returned from a trip up the west fork. He reports that the mine is rich in gold, and that it surpasses his expectations, and gives promise of equaling, if not surpassing, any portion of Southern British Columbia. Making his headquarters in the vicinity, he was greatly impressed with the showings on the Butte and Helena, and the Lucky Boy on Clark's creek, and the Mountain Bell, owned by Alexander Wallace. It carries values of native silver and gold, the assay of the Mountain Bell, was recently bonded for \$30,000. It is estimated that between two and three hundred prospectors are out in the hills west of Princeton. C. P. R. surveys are busy locating a line through to Penton.

Several snow and mud slides have come down during the past week, causing much delay in railroad traffic and difficulties in transportation to the mines, but as yet no reports of loss of life have come to hand.

B. McDonald, consulting engineer for McNaught, Ryker & Co., Montreal, spent last week in Sandon and district, examining properties on behalf of his company. He expresses himself as being highly satisfied with the progress made in the district since his last visit, and confidently predicts a very prosperous future for the camp at an early date. Whilst here he closed the deal for the Palmita, and is now in the Fort Steele country examining another property with a view to purchasing.

The following is a list of ore shipments over the K. & S. railway for the week ending May 26.

Table with 3 columns: Mine, Tons, Pounds. Includes Republic, Payne, Last Chance, Sloan Star, and Whitewater.

IN THE BURNT BASIN DISTRICT

THE TRAIL TO BE OPENED AT ONCE TO THE RAILROAD.

Commissioner Kirkup Will at Once Put a Force of Men to Work to Construct It—There Is Still Some Snow.

Superintendent S. F. Griswold of the Chryslerite Gold Mining company, owning properties on Norway mountain, came in to town yesterday over the trail. Mr. Griswold says the snow is all gone off the trail except about four miles between the six and 10 mile posts. The trail will also require to be cleared from fallen trees and rocks that have come down during the past winter, but these obstructions can be easily removed, and Commissioner Kirkup will have the matter attended to at once. The snow between the six and 10 mile posts is about four feet deep and unless some of it is got rid of the trail cannot be used until some time in July. If John Kirkup could start a force of men to complete the trail from Norway mountain to the line of the Columbia and Western, about three miles above Gladstone, the four miles of trail could be accomplished in about three weeks and Rosland would benefit by having a direct trail with the Burnt Basin district, but this additional work cannot be started until the snow disappears or is started away. Mr. Griswold has already received several offers of assistance from business men in Rosland towards shoveling off the four miles mentioned, and today he will interview several other merchants and expects tomorrow to start on the work at once. Just as soon as the snow is got of and the trail cleared of obstructions Mr. Kirkup will start the men to work to complete the trail to the railway line, so that by July 1st at the latest there should be direct communication between this city and Burnt Basin.

The Gold Commissioner may be relied upon to get the matter pushed through as rapidly as possible and to select the best and most useful route.

The importance to Rosland's merchants and mining men of having this trail completed as quickly as possible is obvious. Once the trail is completed a wagon road will follow and probably an electric road.

Clarence McNaig left for Montreal yesterday via Spokane.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been formed at Vernon.

Major W. H. Cooper, formerly of Rossland, has opened an office in Columbia.

Charles Hay has been elected first mayor of Columbia by acclamation. Joshua Anderson, E. L. Beer, Charles Casper, P. C. McArthur, Angus L. McDonald, C. W. R. Westall and W. L. Wells are the aldermanic candidates for Columbia.

His Honor Lieut.-Governor McInnes anticipates that he and his family will possess the Green residence on Moss street, Victoria, as a temporary residence, on or about the 1st of June.

James Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, arrived home from a month's vacation. Mr. Wilson has entirely recovered from his recent severe illness.

Manager Kincaid of the Kootenay Rifles Creamery, who broke the record for the new plant by turning out 393 pounds of butter in one day. It requires more than this, however, to keep up with the demand.

The uniforms for the Kootenay Rifles are very neat. The serge and trousers are of very dark grey, relieved by a little scarlet braid. The serge coat is of the regular light grey, with very satiny buttons. The regulation packing company's new works at Westminster will be in order very soon. The electric plant was started recently by E. M. Chammette, chief engineer, and everything is going very smoothly. The plant was supplied by the Canadian General Electric company of Vancouver and is one of the finest on the coast.

In 1822 there were four 20-dollar gold pieces in the hands of the B. C. treasury, Mr. Helmeke of Victoria, holds another, and a third is now in the possession of J. C. Edmond of Vernon; the whereabouts of the fourth coin is unknown. To numismatics these coins are of much interest, and are naturally increasing in value as time passes.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation company steamer Danube, a pioneer vessel to northern waters, is ashore five miles south of Cape Mudge.

Walter Campbell, the lightweight pugilist, who left Vancouver a couple of weeks ago after failing to arrange a match with Kid Welsh, is now in Kamloops conducting a boxing school.

William Godfrey, manager of the Bank of North America at Vancouver, referring to the Dawson fire said: "Our building was completely gutted, but all the more important books were saved. The vault collapsed during the fire and it was melted. The building and furniture were valued at \$20,000, on which there was \$15,000 in the Union Assurance company, so that our loss is not more than \$5,000.

The Orangemen of Kamloops and Salmon Arm will celebrate the glorious twelfth at Kamloops. Calgary is having a big celebration of her own, and Sandon, Edmonton, Alberta, is to have another newspaper, to be called The Post. It is to be edited by E. A. Gregg, who is now in the city as editor of the Mirror at Nelson. The paper will be devoted to the interests of Northern Alberta, and its circulation they will be a newspaper in every part of the north.

The track of the Canadian Pacific's branch west from Robson, is laid two miles beyond the switchboard, and it was expected that it would be laid over the big bridge on Thursday, and there would be no long delays. Cascade there has been a deepening of the snow in Ten Mile valley; though the last few days has reduced it greatly. A cold heavy slide of snow and mammoth avalanche has opened up a new track down the west slope of Westmount north towards Brindley creek, and a clean sweep of the forest in its path and badly blocked the stream.

A mud slide on the Crow's Nest Pass line near Hosmer, on Tuesday. The mud the road 35 feet deep to a depth of covered 2,300 feet of track to a depth of eight feet. It is reported that three or four laborers were killed, but their names could not be learned.

Detenant-Governor McInnes will like to visit the switchboard on the Garsche Green house on June 1st. The insurance adjuster, Mr. Hurst, has had a great deal of trouble with his inventory of the furniture, but he is ready to resigning from the position. He has obtained the position of blacksmith at the P. N. depot on Saturday. Mr. Stewart, who has been for some time private secretary to Robert Kerr, traffic manager of the western lines, has been the Canadian Pacific railway, and has been appointed general passenger agent between headquarters at Seattle. Mr. Smith has made many friends in the Prairie Capital.

The provincial government has appointed the educationalists who are to point the questions for the examinations of some of the candidates for teachers' certificates. The appointments are E. B. Paul, M. A. principal of the Victoria High school; J. W. Laing, M. A. principal of the Collegiate school; and J. H. Kerr, of the Vancouver High school.

Rev. E. E. Scott, Methodist church, the Homer will arrive there on June 1st, Vancouver, on the next evening, Friday, and on the next evening, Friday, a congratulatory welcome will be given him. A Nanaimo dispatch states that the tug Pilot arrived at the departure Bay, on Saturday night, and reported the C. P. N. steamer Danube, Captain Meyers, was en route to Cape Mudge, about 25 miles from Comox.

Joseph Hatchford has sent in his resignation as superintendent of the Provincial Home at Kamloops. One of the best known old time settlers at Ducks has passed away in the person of Joseph P. Null. The deceased was about 76 years of age.

Lytton people are much pleased with the prospect of the road through to Lil-loet being soon completed. George Ford, a pioneer settler of Hornby Island, Comox district, died at the Nanaimo hospital on Tuesday evening after a long illness. He leaves a wife and large family.

At the association football tournament in Vancouver on Wednesday, Vancouver beat Nanaimo and Wellington beat Kamloops. The two winning teams then played till dark, the result being a tie, with two points each. By one of the latest acts of the Provincial government both a Mainland and Island carrier attain to the dignity of a scarlet bag, and the prestige which the honor brings. Alexander Henderson, M. P. P. of New Westminster, and A. L. Belyea of Victoria attain to the coveted dignity. An order-in-council has been passed allowing the law to take its course in the case of the Indian, Casimir, who shot and killed Walter Phillips at Kamloops. Casimir will be executed on June 2nd at Kamloops.

BROKE THE RECORD.

Major Leckie Makes a Quick Trip to Similkameen and Return.

Major R. G. Edwards Leckie found it necessary a few days since to make a quick trip from Rosland to the Similkameen country and return, and as he is a man of considerable nerve, courage and will power it is needless to say that he accomplished his mission and broke the record for a journey over this route. He is reticent as to the object of his journey and would only say that he examined a number of properties. He left here on Monday, the 22nd, and got back on the 29th of May. He left here at 6 o'clock p. m. on the 22nd and reached Kamloops the next day at 11 p. m. The distance from Kamloops to Princeton is 132 miles. He left Kamloops on the morning of the 24th at 9 a. m. and got to Nicola at 7 p. m., covering a distance of 80 miles that day with a team over an excellent road. The next day Nicola was left at 6 a. m. and Princeton reached at 8 p. m. the same day, covering a distance of 72 miles over good roads with easy grades. The next day was spent in going over the trail between Princeton and Copper mountain, where several properties were examined, and the trip made back to Princeton that night. Then the return trip was made, covering the safe distances in the same way and reaching here shortly before 12 o'clock midnight on Monday, May 29th. This was quite a feat, but every connection was quickly made and the trip was not an unpleasant one.

In speaking of his impressions Major Leckie said: "I think that the section from Kamloops to Princeton is a great copper country and have no doubt that it will some day have some good mines there. The country has not yet been thoroughly prospected, and this section, to my notion, affords a splendid field for the prospector. It is refreshing to ride over roads there after having had experience with the highways about here, where the country is wooded and the mountains steep and rugged. There the country is open and it is comparatively an easy matter to make good highways at a small cost. There is a chain of lakes stretching along from Kamloops to Nicola, where there are plenty of duck, such as mallards and teal. I was given to understand that they breed in the marshes around these lakes. There must be good sport there during the open season. "It is a rich country and I intend to visit it again shortly," concluded Major Leckie.

Considerable anxiety is being expressed at Nanaimo by the friends of Alexander Finlaison, a former Victorian, who has for some time past been making his home on one of the islands near Texaco. He canoe five or six days ago, and at last reports from the neighborhood had not been seen or heard from. A drowning fatality is feared. The missing canoeist is well known all through the island, being a member of a numerous family, one of the brothers working in the postoffice at Victoria and another being in the employ of Welch Brothers, Victoria, and a third being "Mike" Finlaison, the Nanaimo lacrosse player.

A respite of 30 days has been granted the New Westminster murderer, Donald Perrier, to enable a commission to look into the question of his sanity. His counsel has raised the plea of insanity. The insane asylum will be commissioners. Perrier was to be hanged on May 30th, and he has got a respite until June 30th. The naval inspection at Esquimalt was a very pleasing feature of the Queen's birthday celebration, about 1,500 people taking advantage of the privilege of inspecting the cruisers lying in the harbor. The ships were resplendent in bunting, and with the many launches and rowboats flying between presented a most picturesque scene. H. M. S. Phaeton was the center of attraction, and the decks were crowded with visitors anxious to have explained to them the use, workings, etc., of the various machine and other guns.

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McNaig has purchased a large block of this stock. The stock has risen several points in the past few days. Camp McKinney keeps well of Minnehaha, Cariboo and Sailor. There has been quite a flurry in Sloan stocks, Rambler-Cariboo jumping from 31 to 34 cents, and is steady today at the advance, while Dardanelles is worth 13 cents, with large sales at the latter figure.

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