



WILL SHIP TO TRAIL

War Eagle Company Has Contracted For 100 Tons Daily.

NORTHPORT WANTED IT

More Than a Million Dollars Worth of Ore Ready For Shipment—Freight and Treatment Charges Said to Be \$7.50.

The War Eagle mine will soon commence the shipment of 100,000 tons of ore to the Trail smelter. Word was received from Northport Thursday that there was nothing in the rumor that the Le Roi smelter had been awarded the contract. They were simply bidding for it, and have been carrying on active negotiations for the past 10 days.

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KETTLE RIVER RAILWAY.

Rossland Liberal Association Favor Giving It a Charter.

At the last meeting of the Rossland Liberal association, among the other business transacted was the following: It was moved by Smith Curtis and seconded by John S. Patterson, that the Rossland Liberal association heartily endorse the application of D. C. Corbin and others for a railway charter along the Kettle river valley in Southern British Columbia.

NEW FIRE QUARTERS.

Building Will Be Ready For Occupancy in About a Week.

It is thought that the new headquarters for the Rossland fire department will be ready for occupancy in about a week. It will make a first class building for the purposes intended, and one of the features is the bell tower.

TRAIL IS ALIVE.

The Citizens of the Smelter Town Want a Few Things.

E. S. Topping, who came up from Trail Thursday, states that the people there feel much better since there has been something definite regarding the disposition of the smelter. A board of trade is being organized and a vigorous effort to advance the general interests of the town is being made.

Old Monitors to Be Repaired.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 5.—Work was begun today on the old monitors which for years have been lying in the back channel at the League Island navy yard.

A Railway Bridge Destroyed.

HAVANA, March 5.—The great iron railway bridge near Holguin has been partially destroyed by the insurgents. The damage to the structure, which was known as the P. & O. bridge, was effected by the explosion of two dynamite bombs.

Shoemakers on a Strike.

BERLIN, March 5.—There has been a large strike in a number of German cities. In Berlin 12,000 shoemakers have struck for a uniform scale of wages and it is thought that the shoemakers elsewhere will join.

MINING NOTES.

Dickinson & Orde, stock brokers of this city, have received private advice that a five-ton shipment of ore from the Winnipeg mine to the Northport smelter yielded \$74 in gold per ton.

Assay returns on ore from the Jubilee mine, near Ymir, have just been received here, which give \$687.32 in gold and \$18,1680 in silver per ton.

The average assays from the Porto Rico mine, in the Salmon river country, for the past week were \$58 in gold. The highest assay yielded \$192 in gold per ton.

The Mollie Hughes group, near New Denver, has been sold to a local syndicate. Three weeks ago it was purchased for \$2,500, since which time it has been bonded for \$40,000.

In the 250-foot level of the Dundee ore body has been encountered. A drift is being run on it, and as soon as this reaches a length of 100 feet stoping will be commenced. The ground is not hard and the drift is being driven at the rate of from three and a half to four feet per day.

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The shaft of the Le Roi has been sunk to a depth of almost 700 feet and it is reported that in the lower workings a find of better ore than has yet been made.

The company has ordered three additional power drills and this reveals that the intention is to increase the output of the ore. The dividend for March of \$50,000 has been declared and several of the lucky holders of shares in this city yesterday received from Spokane checks for their dividends and were showing them to admiring friends.

ROSSLAND DELEGATION.

It is in Victoria and Has a Big Task Before It.

VICTORIA, March 4.—The Rossland delegation arrived here today, having been delayed, while en route, through the mountains to make connections. The delegation has just had its first interview with the government, and it is already manifest that our coming was necessary in order to secure what Trail cravers and the administration. We want from the government a concession of a great deal of pressure will be necessary in order to get what we desire and it will be only by the hardest kind of work that it can be secured.

THE TELEPHONE LINE.

Mr. Hodge Says It Will Take More Than Thirty Days to Build It.

Nelson, March 4.—[Special.]—George Caldenhead Hodge, district superintendent of the Kootenay Lake Telephone Company and of the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company, has just returned from a trip to the Boundary country.

At the Hospital.

Seven patients have been discharged from the Sisters' hospital during the past week. George Willard, whose leg was broken while wrestling a few days since, is resting easy and will make a fine recovery.

Prince Henry's Visit.

LONDON, March 5.—The surprise which was created at the time of Prince Henry's visit, when the German warships Deutschland and Gefion suddenly loomed out of the fog without having previously been sighted, has aroused the authorities to a sense of the necessity of taking additional precautions and they are now erecting quick firing guns and search lights at the entrance of Portsmouth harbor.

Strike Declared On.

BIDDEFORD, Me., March 5.—The strike at the Papparell and Laconia cotton mills here has been declared off, and the operatives will resume work under the promise that the mills will not be the last to restore the old rate of wages. About 350 are affected.

AN IMPORTANT SALE

Evening and Morning Star Bought By an English Company.

THE PRICE IS WITHHELD

The Dundee Partially Holds Its Annual Meeting—Good Hope Contract For Shifting Let—A Profit to Be Made on the Ore of the Tamarack.

The purchase of the Evening Star and Morning Star mineral claims was consummated in Rossland on Friday by Messrs. Dabney & Parker for a new development company that is being brought out by their London house—Messrs. Parker, Kennedy & Co. These claims lie to the east of the Dundee, and the work already done on them demonstrates clearly that they have the famous Dundee vein running through them, and are considered by all who know them to be among the best properties of the Ymir district.

The annual meeting of the Dundee Mining Company was partially held Friday in the office of the company in this city. There were 491,432 of the 1,000,000 shares of the company represented at the meeting.

Steadily Pushing Work. The Winnipeg & Eureka Mining Company is rapidly pushing its tunnel on the Summit claim on Forty-nine creek. The property is located on the divide between Forty-nine and Give Out creeks, and the ledge, which is about 10 feet wide on the surface, is a contact between the granite of Give Out creek and the porphyry on the Forty-nine creek side.

Good Hope Shaft Contract Let. The shaft in the Good Hope is now down a distance of 54 feet, and the directors have let a contract to E. Anderson & company to sink another 50 feet.

A Good Profit For Ton. From a cross section assay of six feet of ore on the bottom of the Tamarack shaft at a depth of 112 feet, a result of \$18 per ton was obtained Friday.

Columbia & Kootenay Sale Ratified. A meeting of the Trail Mining Company was held in this city on Friday for the purpose of ratifying the sale of the Columbia & Kootenay mine to the British America Corporation.

It Hurt Salisbury. LONDON, March 5.—The result of the London county council elections has been to inflict upon the Marquis of Salisbury's government the heaviest blow it has yet sustained.

IS ALIVE AND WELL.

Patrick Higgins Denies That He Was the Victim of Dynamite.

Thursday THE MINER published an inquiry from Rat Portage, Ont., concerning Patrick Higgins, which was sent to Postmaster Waddis. The letter stated that Higgins was a miner and the report had reached Rat Portage that he had been killed by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge in one of the mines of this camp.

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THE HOTEL ALLAN.

Dining Rooms Open All Day For Short Order Service. The Hotel Allan Thursday received one of the largest shipments of pheasants, quail, plover, prairie chickens, teal, squabs, ptarmigan and like game, that has yet come to the camp, and it is proposed to satisfy the public that they can enjoy a menu at this hostelry just as varied and as good as can be found at any table in the province.

Special room is open all day long with a special short order bill of fare. With this departure particular attention has been given to prices, so that one may enjoy an excellent lunch or meal at any hour at a moderate cost.

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Burlington Route TO CHICAGO OMAHA NEW SHORT LINE FROM MONTANA, IDAHO AND PUGET SOUND A. C. SHELTON, General Agent, 250 Washington St., PORTLAND, ORE.

SMOKE THE GREAT CRUSADER CIGAR J. RATHWAY & CO. MONTREAL.

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DOING GO... Rosslanders to A... Govern... WILL RETURN... Semlin, Leader of... Down Until... Been Accomplish... VICTORIA, March... Wallace, is doing... in the interest of... ion which they rep... members had an e... ective on Friday... to have another... when the entire w... be gone over in d... er Turner and h... been decided by... associates that the... on Tuesday, and... time they will b... constituents. The principal... ness was the pass... way bill to the se... Maitland Kersey... to commence at... channel, passing... route to Kitmat... yon on to Skeena... mans creek and... creek. Semlin, leader... terday objected to... brought down bef... Premier Turner as... admit that any b... ture was of more... requirements of t... the province in p... G. O. Buchan... Kaslo board of tr... are here to interv... regard to a bonus... & Duncan railway... lishment of a land... have both county... held at Kaslo, that the building... number of Kaslo... a petition has be... number of Vancouver... against the propo... Vancouver city of... Canadian Facilit... on condition that... fine state buildi... improvements.



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THE ORE SHIPMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes War Eagle, Centre Star, Poorman, Iron Mask, Cliff, Total.

THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE.

Hon. Theodore Davie who died in Victoria yesterday was a remarkable man in many respects, and his connection with public life in British Columbia is decidedly interesting to contemplate.

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THE SEWAGE PROBLEM.

The appointment of R. G. McConnell as provincial mineralogist in the place of W. A. Carlisle, who will become general superintendent of the British America corporation on April 1st next, is an excellent one and will, without doubt, give general satisfaction.

MR. CARLISLE'S SUCCESSOR.

The contention of Mr. McCulloch that the Provincial board of health should amend its regulations in this respect, is backed up by excellent reasons, and it is to be hoped that that body will promptly act in accordance.

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

In today's issue of THE MINER is published an interview with Edwin Durant, manager for the British America corporation, who arrived from London yesterday for the purpose of assuming the duties of his position.

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Referring particularly to streams of water, Mr. McCulloch states that they may be classified as follows: 1. Streams now unpolluted; not now used as a public water supply, and no probability of being so used.

In his opinion the Kootenay comes clearly within the first class. He maintains that the probability of any place between Nelson and the international boundary line ever taking its public water supply from the Kootenay or Columbia is very remote.

What does the presence of the B. A. C. and its investments in this division mean for its future? It means more than can possibly be expressed in this article. It is known that within the next three weeks that W. A. Cayle, the present provincial mineralogist, will take charge of the affairs of the company.

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Mayor Wood of Greenwood City, has interviewed the Provincial government concerning the railway situation in the Boundary country, and has been informed by Premier Turner that the government has about completed arrangements by which the construction of the proposed railway from Penticton to Grand Forks will be commenced early in June.

FREE mining machinery to the value of \$128,780 was admitted into Canada during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, having been supplied by the following countries: Great Britain, \$9,266; Denmark, \$2,451; Germany, \$2,864; and the United States, \$114,239.

THE MANAGERS OF THE DUNDIE COMPANY will probably soon withdraw its treasury from the market. They have succeeded in placing some 70,000 of its shares in the London market, and with upward of \$20,000 in the treasury the management feels certain that the property can be placed on a dividend paying basis without the expenditure of any larger sum than that which is received from London indicate that the shares of the Kenneth and the Wild Horse are in fair demand.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A timberman at the Le Roi Mine Falls Down a Stope. William Smith, a miner employed on the night shift of the timber gang in the lower workings of the Le Roi mine, fell down one of the stopes last night about

westward from Robson. It should be remembered that by the completion of the eastern portion of this line the ranchers of the Kettle river valley would be provided with the best possible market for their products.

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THE STOCK MARKET. An Order for a Good Sized Block of Le Roi From London. WAR EAGLE IN DEMAND. Ontario Having Finished the Political Campaign, is Once Again a Purchaser of the Shares of the Mines of the Trail Creek Division.

Rossland Mining Stocks. MARKET FEATURES. Snaps for Today. LIST YOUR STOCKS WITH US. The Reddin-Jackson Co., Limited Liability. Mining Operators and Brokers. Money Loaned on Rossland Real Estate. 108 Columbia Ave., Rossland.

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CITY DEBENTURES

Action as to Their Disposal Has Been Deferred.

PROTEST FROM BROKERS

They Ask That a License Be Imposed on All Who Sell Mines, Stocks or Realty, Without Discrimination—Other Business Transacted.

It was the intention that the matter of the disposition of the \$65,000 of city debentures should be disposed of at the meeting of the city council last Tuesday but as there were only four members present, and the matter was of such moment, it was decided to await the return of the members now at Victoria, and to dispose of it when all were in attendance. For this reason adjournment was had until Friday evening, when a special meeting will be held. In the meantime all communications bearing on the subject are in the hands of the finance committee. The question is as to whether or not the city is bound in any way to sell to the Bank of British North America the \$65,000 of 25-year 5% per cent debentures, or whether they shall entertain outside proposals for their purchase.

In the absence of his worship, Mayor Wallace, Alderman Lalonde, upon motion of Alderman Goddard, called to order. The routine business developed very little of importance beyond the payment of sundry bills and municipal salaries.

Concerning the matter of Mrs. Zetter, who claims for the extent of \$1,000 for injuries received in falling at a step on First avenue, City Solicitor Abbott stated that he had obtained from Chief of Police Ingram the following information:

"He learned that at the time of Mrs. Zetter's alleged fall, the sidewalks were clear of snow; that Mrs. Zetter did not visit the doctor for some days after the accident, and that she was not seriously hurt in any way. Upon these facts, the City Solicitor advised the city to resist Mrs. Zetter's claim."

"It may be said, however," concludes Mr. Abbott, "that the city is liable for the care of its streets, and there have been cases in Ontario, when, owing to snow and ice having formed on the sidewalks, of which fact the defendants had actual or constructive notice, the plaintiffs have been injured and the defendants held liable."

"To Discourage Curbside Brokers. Legitimate real estate brokers and mining operators are asking to put a stop to the practice of street sales by the imposition of a tax to cover everybody who makes a practice of reaping revenue by the sale of stocks or claims or realty."

To enforce this they have presented to the city council the following petition: "We the undersigned brokers doing business in this city beg to submit to your honorable body the following:

"We learn that it is the intention of your honorable body to impose a tax of \$25 per annum on the owners of this city. Merchants and others who pay a similar license tax are protected in their business by the imposition of a much higher tax on peddlars than they themselves are called upon to pay."

"We are willing to pay a similar license for the privilege of conducting our business of mining brokers and real estate agents, and to give us a legal standing as such, but we respectfully ask that before the same is imposed we be afforded the same protection as is afforded to other lines of business."

"First—By the collection of said tax from all recognized brokers without discrimination."

"Second—By the imposition of a higher tax upon the parties who have no office or place of business as brokers, and who are buying and selling stocks and shares and mining properties on commission."

"(Signed): Harris, Kennedy & Co., Kennedy Bros. & Purdell, J. L. Whitney, R. J. Bealey & Co., Thomas Anderson, McCrae & Co., John McKane, J. C. Call, Columbia Gold Fields, Bontabee & Rankin, Charles Hargreaves, A. F. Hobbs & Co., Richard Plewman, J. E. Mills, A. B. Clabon, Rossland Syndicate, Victor Masor, Roll & Grogan, Dickinson & Orde, Smith Dean & Co., Bannister & Parkin, J. M. Robins & Co., The City of Rossland, Thornton Langley & Co., M. E. Dempster & Co., Becher & Co., J. B. Johnson & Co., A. B. Mackenzie & Co."

"The question as to whether a general poll tax should be levied was also referred to. Letters from other municipalities indicated that the poll tax was exacted only from those who did not contribute to the general revenues by a business or trade license tax."

Alexander Miller called attention to the necessity for constructing box drains to carry off the water which would soon be flooding the sidewalks as a result of the thaw. He referred to the experience of last year's floods, and urged early action in the matter.

The health inspector was instructed to visit all livery stables and to see that the law relative to the removal of manure was complied with. The council will meet again on Friday evening.

DESKS FOR SCHOOLS

Authority Given the Trustees to Purchase Enough For Current Use. C. O. Lalonde, chairman of the board of school trustees, Tuesday received a dispatch from the authorities at Victoria directing the purchase of 185 double desks for the new school. As there are already desks for 128 scholars, these, with those that the trustees have been ordered to purchase, will give a seating capacity for 498. This, it is thought, will be ample for current requirements. Mr. Lalonde was asked where the benches would be purchased and he replied that they would be bought in the cheapest market. Bids would be asked from several manufacturers of school furniture and the one who made the lowest and best bid will be awarded the contract. Mr. Lalonde said he thought that this action on the part of the government indicated that it intended to finish the two uncompleted schoolrooms in the new school-

AN OFFICIAL NOTICE

Inquiries From Josie and Poorman Shareholders.

OTHER QUERIES MADE

A Letter Concerning Josie Stock Is Now in Preparation for the Benefit of Those Who Have Holdings in the Property.

Many inquiries are being received from shareholders in the various companies operating properties which have been purchased by the British America corporation, asking as to the position of minority stockholders. One of these is in reference to the Poorman, on which THE MINER is now awaiting official advice. Another, concerning the Josie, is as follows:

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 17, '98. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I have some shares in the Josie, which, I understand, has been sold to the British America corporation. I am at a loss to know what to do in the matter. My holdings are not large, but the purchase of shares was made with a view to investment and I will be compelled to accept any price offered by the new company, or will they be required to give me stock in the newly formed company in lieu of that which I now hold in the Josie? Respectfully yours, JOHN D. PATTERSON.

Concerning this matter THE MINER communicated with the secretary of the Josie Gold Mining company, and received reply as follows: SPOKANE, Wash., March 7. EDITOR MINER—Sir: We are on the eve of issuing an official letter to the stockholders of the Josie company, giving them in detail the situation as to the sale of the mine. This matter is now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready to mail in two or three days. We will send you a copy of same, which will enable you to make reply to any letters you may receive on the subject. Yours truly, F. E. SNOODGRASS, Secretary.

The Secretary Explains. TORONTO, March 3. EDITOR MINER—Sir: In a recent issue of your valuable paper, one of your subscribers asked your opinion of a number of mining companies, among others the Sloan-Cariboo company. In answering him you stated that you could not give any information about this company, as the company has not, up to the present, operated in Rossland.

The assets of the company on January 1, 1898, were as follows: Three gold claims, on Canadian creek, Cariboo; one silver property in the Sloan. There are over three-fourths of the stock in the treasury. As for liabilities, the company has no debts of any kind.

The showings on both properties are first class. Since January 1 the company has acquired a claim on Golden Creek, 28 miles from Dawson City. Yours truly, R. A. DILLON, Secretary-treasurer.

The B. A. O. Purchases. HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 18. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Can you inform me what properties have been bought by the B. A. O. in the Rossland camp; also what properties are under option to them? Thanking you in advance, Yours truly, R. A. DILLON.

[The British America corporation has secured 20 claims, all in the north belt, at an expenditure of \$1,285,000. They include the Copper Jack, the Kootenay fraction, the Tip Top, the Columbia & Kootenay, the Golden Dawn, the Great Western, the Golden Charter, the Nickel Plate, the Ore or No Go, the Poorman, the Josie, the Annie and the Rocking-ham, better known as the West Le Roy, and the Josie, the You Know, north of the No. 1; the Surprise, north of the You Know; and the Golden Queen, west of the Surprise. The B. A. O. also owns the Whooop Up; next the general group on Salmon river; the Algonquin group near Christina lake; a group in East Kootenay and another on Wild Horse creek, adjoining the Ymir. —Ed.]

Information Wanted. SLOAN CITY, March 1. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Can you give me any information concerning the Maple Lead Mining & Development company, such as will give an idea of the value of the 15 claims owned by the company, especially the Maple Lead, the Black Prince, and the Leadville, and greatly obliged. Yours truly, R. A. DILLON.

[We are unable to give any information concerning the above company, but would be pleased to do so if anyone possessed of the facts will furnish them. —Ed.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. The Edgar Company. SPOKANE, March 4. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I will thank you and appreciate such information that you can furnish me concerning the Edgar Gold Mining & Smelting company, limited, Rossland, B. O. Kindly advise, if possible, what you know concerning the development of this property; who the promoters or owners of the stock are and what work, if any, is being done on the property. Is the mine shipping, and if so, in what quantities and what have been the latest assays of the ore? Very truly, F. T. SPENCER.

[This company's property consists of two claims, the Esmeralda and the Edgar. It joins the Deer Park, and there is a 25-foot shaft on the Esmeralda and a 14-foot shaft on the Edgar. The lead on the Esmeralda shows some very fine ore. The surface assay was \$6. There have been none since. The company expects to continue work on the shaft in six weeks. Felix Brown is president and Edgar Green is secretary of the company. —Ed.]

F. W. Peters, district freight agent of the C. P. R., and H. E. Macdonell, city freight agent of the O. P. R., at Nelson, are in the city on a visit from Nelson.

THE RAILWAY TROUBLE

It is Likely to be Settled Sometime Next Week.

CHICAGO, March 9.—

The possibility is that the trouble over the transcontinental rates between the Canadian Pacific railway and the roads of the United States may be settled next week. Chairman Caldwell of the Western Passenger association received a joint telegram today signed by Chairman Donald of the central passenger association and Commissioner Farmer of the Trunk line association asking if the western roads would agree to meet the lines of the central passenger committee and of the Trunk line association in New York next Tuesday. It is understood the Canadian Pacific will also be represented at the meeting. Chairman Caldwell replied for the western roads that they would be represented at the meeting. Nothing more than this is known by the western roads, but they say they are willing to do all they honorably can to settle the trouble between the American lines and the Canadian Pacific railway. At the meeting of the western roads, which was called today to consider the last cut made by the Canadian Pacific railway, it was agreed that the Grand Trunk line allowed to make flat rates from New England points to Northern Pacific points for the purpose of meeting the competition of the Canadian Pacific railway, if it desires to do so. There were some evidences today that the transcontinental rate now is beginning to affect the local rates. Two tickets reading over the Lake Shore from points in the northwest were found in the hands of scalpers. The Lake Shore has therefore thrown open its lines for the use of the cut, even in connection with its through business, and why it should be selected as the line likely to stand a thing of that sort in its local traffic, is a mystery. The tickets will be brought up with a round turn.

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A WORD TO THE WISE.

Four important strikes have been recorded this week. As the spring advances strikes will be of daily occurrence. Stocks must necessarily rise. The War Eagle shares a few years since were hawked at 7 cents; today we quote them at \$1.10. The Fern shares last spring were selling at 10 cents. Now they are worth 85c. Investors should take advantage of the golden opportunity. We particularly recommend Salmo Consolidated at 10c; Brandon & Golden Crown at 25c (one of the recent strikes was on this property).

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THE MINING REVIEW

What Has Been Done in the Camp the Past Week.

MUCH PROGRESS MADE

Transfer of the Trail Smelter to the C. P. R. Has Stimulated Several Mine Owners to Prepare for Shipment - The War Eagle.

(From Sunday's Daily.) The chief interest in mining circles the past week was the report that the War Eagle contracted with the Trail smelter for the treatment of 100,000 tons of ore at \$7.50 per ton.

The transfer of the Trail smelter to the C. P. R. has also had an assuring effect upon the camp, from the indication that the C. P. R. proposes to take a hand in the development of the camp. Many of the smaller mines are getting out ore and arranging for shipment at an early day.

The Le Roi. The 700-foot level in the Le Roi has been passed, and soon another 100 feet of depth will be to the credit of the mine.

The Good Hope. During the past week a contract for sinking another 50 feet on the shaft of the Good Hope was awarded to E. Anderson & Co.

The Sunset No. 2. In the Sunset No. 2 the tunnel from the shaft is now down some 90 feet below the tunnel and over 200 feet from the surface of the ground.

The Big Four. A force of four men are at work on the Big Four, and 18 inches of fine-looking ore was uncovered during the week in the shaft, which has now attained a depth of 12 feet.

The Good Friday. Work continues on this property, and four tunnels are being run on different veins. The hard nature of the rock makes progress somewhat slow, but the showing is encouraging.

The Cliff. Stopping is in progress on the Cliff, the connection of the tunnel and shaft by an upraise having made a large body of excellent ore available.

The Deer Park. Twelve men are employed in cross-cutting and drifting. The shaft is down 200 feet, and crosscutting is in progress to reach the chutes of quartz.

The Victory-Triumph. The tunnel is now in 215 feet and has been straightened during the last week. Tracks have been laid. Some very fine ore has been encountered in one of the chutes.

The Coxe. In addition to the 15-foot strike of last week workmen on this property have broken into more good ore, which is said to equal, if not excel, that last found. Tunneling continues.

The Great Western. Progress continues on the widening of the shaft to the double-compartment size, and on its completion the mine will be in splendid shape for the pushing of active work.

The Velvet. About 18 horses are being used for rauhiding the ore to the railroad, a distance of five miles. Shipments are being made to the Nelson smelter.

Zio Bedesto. Attention is being devoted to the extension of the tunnel, for which a contract of 33 feet additional was recently let to Charles Ehlers. This will take it to 200 feet.

The Sovereign. Some excellent copper ore is being encountered on the Sovereign, on Look-out mountain. The property is being worked by the owners.

The Iron Mask. Tunneling and drifting is in progress, and a quantity of splendid ore is still being found in the chutes in the main tunnel.

The Abe Lincoln. Quite a little timber work was done on the Abe Lincoln during the past week. The shaft continues in well mineralized rock.

The Red Point. The tunnel is now in 400 feet, and a contract has been let for 100 feet more. There is excellent ore on the face.

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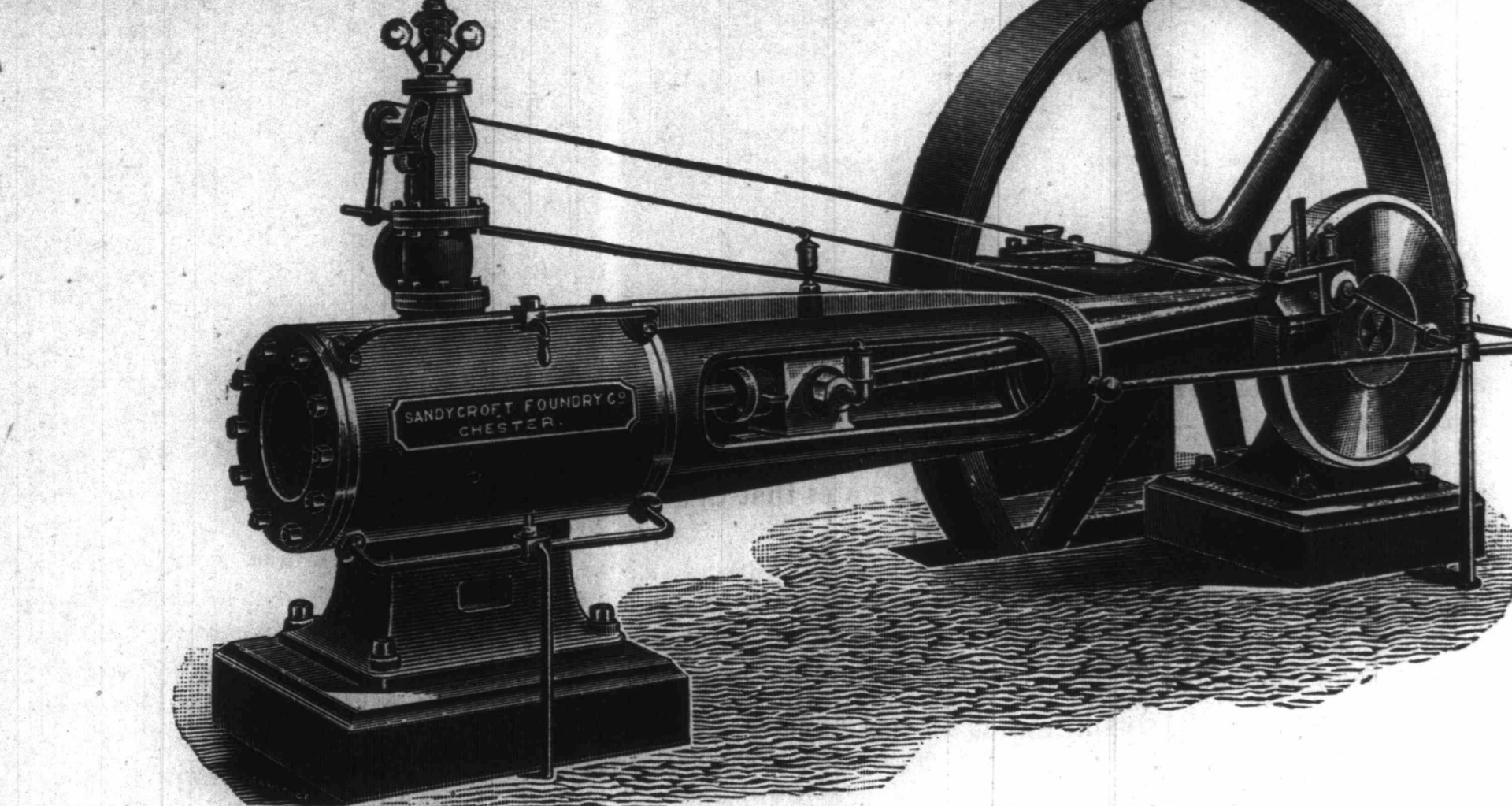
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IN CAMP FAIRVIEW

A. A. Davidson Tells About the Rich Mines and Bright Future.

MANY BIG PROPERTIES

The Stenwinder and Tin Horn Attract Much Attention—Fairview's Hotel Is a Handsome One—The Principal Operators.

A. A. Davidson, of the brokerage firm of Dier, Davidson & Russell, of Fairview, is at the Allan. Mr Davidson is accompanied by W. J. Sweeney, the superintendent of the Stenwinder, in which the firm is largely interested.

Fairview is 28 miles south of Penticon, on the main stage line. Within a year, more than 100 buildings have been erected, and the camp boasts of a population of about 500 people. Mr Davidson's firm are extensive operators, and they have great faith in their camp.

Mr Davidson says that Fairview is an ideal camp, and possesses one of the most modern and perfectly appointed hotels in British Columbia. Of its more prominent mines, he thinks the Tinhorn will soon be a dividend payer, and it is now being developed without cessation.

A very good evidence that Mr Davidson's firm expects great things from Fairview lies in the fact that his company has expended over \$250,000 during the last 18 months in the development of the camp.

FROM THE GAZETTE

Notices of Licenses and Other Matters of General Interest.

Among the notices in the British Columbia Gazette are the following: James Baker, provincial secretary, gives notice that a court of assize, nisi prius, over and terminer, and general goal delivery will be held at the city of Nelson on Monday, the 21st of March.

Richard Armstrong of Rossland, has given notice that he has applied to the benchers of the law society of British Columbia for admission as a solicitor of the supreme court of British Columbia.

A license as an extra-provincial company has been issued to the Emur Mining syndicate, limited. This company has a capital stock of \$10,000 divided into 100 shares of \$100 each.

Old Josie Company to Dissolve. The Josie Gold Mining Company has issued its official letter to shareholders, advising them that it is the intention to dissolve the corporation some time in July, pay outstanding debts, and to turn over the balance to the shareholders, in a dividend.

The letter states that the Josie mine was sold to the British America Corporation for \$281,000, of which \$148,500 has been received, leaving a balance due of \$132,500, the final payment to be made before July 1.

It was the intention of the trustees to declare a dividend as soon as the instruments were made, but it was found that under the laws of the state of Washington such a course was not lawful. In this connection the opinion of the company's attorney is interesting so far as its bearing on similar cases may be concerned.

He says that Ballinger's code provides that it shall not be lawful to make any dividend, except from the net profits arising from the business of the corporation, nor divide, withdraw, or in any way pay to stockholders any part of the capital stock of a company, nor reduce the capital stock except in the manner provided by the statute; but it does provide that a distribution of the capital stock of a company may be made after the payment of all debts and upon the dissolution of the corporation. Should the trustees ignore the law, as above stated, and declare dividends from the capital stock, they would be individually liable to the corporation, and to the creditors in the full amount they divided or paid out.

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Strike on the Big Four.

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IS PRACTICALLY FINISHED.

Kootenay Power Line Is Within a Half Mile of Rossland.

The line of the West Kootenay Light & Power company is now within a half mile of the site of the sub-station, and in order to ensure patrons of the company an uninterrupted service, a parallel line is now being run from Bonnington falls. The sub-station will be erected near the Red Mountain depot, and calls for bids for the erection of the building are now out.

The company has entered into a contract to supply power for the operation of the War Eagle mine, and before the season is well advanced it is probable that the majority of the Rossland mines will be utilizing the same power supply. The company could furnish plenty of power at once if it chose, but it will probably get everything in shape and its machinery running a month or so before it will attempt to supply the mines.

THE BIG THREE SALE

Company to Develop Immediately—A. T. Galt Is President.

JOSIE'S SHAREHOLDERS

A Dividend Will Be Declared After All Payments on the Property Have Been Made—Other Mining News.

The good effects of the sale last week of the Big Three Gold Mining Company is already evidenced by the active preparations for development. Just what the consideration of the transfer was has not been made public, but it is known to have been a matter of six figures, and has led to many inquiries concerning adjacent properties.

In fact, the deal has been one of the largest recently consummated, and it is of particular importance to the camp in that many men of prominence and wealth in Montreal have been interested.

Mr. Ward has been received announcing that A. F. Galt, a multi-millionaire of Montreal, has been chosen president of the company, while a totally new directorate of men of like financial prominence has been elected. The company will proceed to development work at once with a full force of men, and the Big Three, consisting of the Snowshoe and the Southern Bell on Red Mountain and the Mascot on Columbia & Kootenay mountains, are in close proximity to many of the best properties in the camp.

The future operations of the company will be interesting. The sale was consummated by O. G. Labaree, who placed 2,000,000 shares, the company being stocked for 3,500,000. Walter T. McDonald is at present in charge of the company's interests in Rossland.

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EIGHT MILLIONS

Awaiting Investment in Paying Rossland Properties.

THE NEW B. A. C. MANAGER

Edwin Durant Says That British Columbia, as a Mining Country, Is Considered the Most Likely One in Which to Invest Money.

"The British America corporation has \$1,500,000, or nearly \$8,000,000, to expend in Rossland and other British Columbia mining camps, if it is assured that dividend paying properties can be purchased. There are millions of dollars in England eager for investment on the same conditions. Notwithstanding the great rush to Klondike, people are skeptical as to the outcome. At the present time, British Columbia, as a mining country, is looked upon by English capitalists as the most likely one in which to invest money."

Mr. Durant's Duties.

Such were the statements of Edwin Durant, recently appointed to the office of manager in British Columbia, of the British America corporation. Mr. Durant is a guest at the Allan. He left Southampton February 19, to assume his duties in Rossland, making the trip in just 16 days. The board of directors of the B. A. C. considered the mining with his practical and theoretical mining knowledge, gleaned from faithful service with the London & Globe Finance Corporation, and his varied experiences in the Australasian colonies, was the one eminently fitted to be the right hand man of Hon. C. H. Mackintosh. His particular duties will be the charge of all confidential business matters on behalf of the corporation under the local directorship of Governor Mackintosh.

Millions of British Capital Ready.

To a representative of THE MINER, Mr. Durant said: "I don't think the people of British Columbia fully realize the extent to which English capitalists are prepared to develop their properties. If assured that dividend-paying properties can be purchased, they will not hesitate to put millions of pounds into the mining industries of this country. But no wildcats are wanted. There were enough of these in West Australia and South Africa. The day has gone by when a hole in the ground, a windlass and bucket will be accepted as a gold mine. Investors want something that gives evidence of returns for money invested, and for such the mining public of London are willing and eager to contribute to any amount. They are glad, too, to know that the operations are being conducted under the British flag. Capitalists skeptical as to Klondike."

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Stock of the B. A. C. Over-Subscribed.

Mr. Durant stated that the stock of the company was considerably over-subscribed in London, and while discussing the general plans of operation as outlined in the prospectus, reference was made to the Le Roi mine, and the understanding of many subscribers was that the Le Roi mine would be included in the stock of the company's properties. "I will say a word on that subject," continued Mr. Durant. "At the statutory meeting of the shareholders, the Marquis de Dufferin explained that the prospectus was issued in the belief that the company would become possessed of the Le Roi mine, but upon the careful examination and opinion of an expert the directors considered that the mine, although of exceptional good value, was not worth the amount asked, which explanation was satisfactory to the large number of shareholders assembled at Winchester House."

The Carping Critics.

In conclusion, Mr. Durant said: "I am aware that irresponsible carping individuals have made unfavorable comments with regard to various purchases of properties by the British America Corporation, but they are the business men who have the legitimate mining industry at heart in British Columbia."

In reply to the question as to whether operations would be suspended until the return of Governor Mackintosh, Mr. Durant said that a policy of vigorous development on all the properties would be immediately proceeded with. He intimated that probably other properties would be purchased in the near future.

A Token That Is Frized.

Mr. Durant was busy yesterday receiving callers. He visited the offices of the company and made the acquaintance of those who are enlisted in its service. Mr. Durant is the possessor of a token he prizes most highly. It is a very beautiful and handsomely chased cigar case of silver, engraved with his crest and an inscription of esteem and regard from his friends in England. It was presented to him at a dinner in his honor, given by the metropolitan staff of the London & Globe Finance Corporation, at the Holborn restaurant. In proposing the toast, "Our Guest," Charles Lloyd, the chairman, made reference to the merits and sterling business qualities of Mr. Durant, which had been recognized by his appointment to a position of such responsibility, and congratulated the British America Corporation and its successful services. The chairman spoke of Mr. Durant's large and varied experience in Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania and other countries.

CANADA, PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, No. 3. In the Supreme Court.

O. K. GOLD MINING CO. Limited Liability, (Foreign). In Liquidation.

The Undersigned Official Liquidator Will sell by tender, Subject to ratification by the Court.

The property known as the O. K. Mine and the buildings belonging to the said company. Also the entire mining and milling plant of said company, the whole situated on the south slope of O. K. Mountain, in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia. The claim is surveyed and crown granted and known as the O. K. fraction mineral claim, official number 678. The property is about two and one-half miles west of the city of Rossland and close to the main wagon road and Red Mountain Railroad, both leading from the city of Rossland to Northport in the State of Washington.

The O. K. ore was at first largely free-milling, and to work it the first stamp mill in the district was erected. That mill, a five stamp one, has now been sold, being superseded by the new ten-stamp mill. The O. K. mine has been operated since 1893 and was a producer from the start. From January 14th to June 19th, 1897, 2472 tons of O. K. ore were milled, exclusive of several hundred tons of custom work for adjoining mines. The O. K. property is favorably situated for every mining purpose and for the development of a large custom trade for the mill. The new ten-stamp mill is thoroughly equipped for the economical handling of ore. It is connected with the mine by a 600-foot gravity surface tramway, with 20 wire rope carrying rollers, etc., complete, the elevation of the workings being 200 feet above the mill, one 3-wheel brake, with 650 feet 5/8-inch steel wire rope, two self-dumping ore cars 18-inch gauge. The mill contains two 50-horse power Standard tubular boilers, each containing 54 12-foot tubes, an 85-horse power Corliss engine, one 10-stamp mill, one No. 6 Blake crusher, one grizzly 4 x 10, 3 x 3/4 iron, two Challenge automatic feeders, one overhead Crawl with iron track, one 1-ton Weston differential pulley block, one gold retort, with cover, wedges and condenser pipe, one Rand straight line, class C, 12 x 18 air compressor, capable of running four drills, one 28-inch x 8 feet air receiver, one No. 7 Miller duplex pump, three 4-foot Fraser & Chalmers' Frue vanners, plain belts, one 4-cone hydrometric sizer, one Woodbury concentrator, one bumping table, extra amalgamating plates following concentrating table, and one Fraser & Chalmers' ore sump grinder, etc.

BUILDINGS.—The principal buildings include the following: The new mill building, containing 10-stamp mill, but designed and built to accommodate 25-stamps, engine and boiler house, office building, mess room, cook house and store room, manager's residence, etc.

The development consists of three main tunnels, with one winze and numerous drifts, one shaft down 15 feet, altogether aggregating over 1,500 feet of work, which is entirely confined to one corner of the property, at least two-thirds of the claim being as yet unprospected.

Tenders are now invited for the sale of the property as a whole, including the new 10-stamp mill, the mine, four machine drills and entire plant, machinery and all buildings connected therewith. The liquidator reserves the right to accept or decline any tender, and to withdraw the property from sale at any time, and the further right to fix a reserve price upon the property and to make such other conditions as may meet with the sanction of the court.

The property is open to inspection, but an order for that purpose must be obtained at the office of the liquidator, 3 Imperial Block, Rossland, B. C., where an inventory can be seen and any further information obtained from the undersigned.

TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS—PLEWMAN, ROSSLAND, B. C. Bedford, McNeill's Code.

RICHARD PLEWMAN, OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR.

KNEDDY BROS. & PURGOLD Stock Letter.

The stock market has been more active during the past week. This is accounted for mainly by the fact that the C. P. R. has taken over the smelter at Trail, and it is reported that the treatment rate will be reduced by them to \$7.50. If this proves to be true, many of the low grade propositions in the vicinity of Rossland will be enabled to ship their ore at a profit, whereas at the old rate this was an impossibility.

NEWS FROM THE COAST

Scores of Steamers Are Running to Alaska. Hon. D. W. Higgins Resigns as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly—No Reason Given For His Action.

VICTORIA, March 9.—The steamer Centennial leaves on her first trip north with 150 Klondike passengers. The Danube and Tees also sail this evening with 300 passengers. The steam schooner Navarro from Seattle, with 168 passengers, spent the forenoon at this port. The steamer Thisle arrived from the north today and reported meeting 39 steamers on her way down.

In the case of Gordon vs. Victoria the argument has been proceeding all day at the full court. At 5 o'clock the court intimated that its judgment would be guided and bound by a decision of the full court in the case of the plaintiff. It is now probable that judgment will be given allowing the appeal, thus permitting it to go to the private court with the other cases.

The resignation of Hon. D. W. Higgins as speaker of the legislative assembly was read by the clerk this afternoon and accepted. J. P. Booth, member for North Victoria, being unanimously chosen in his place on motion of Dr. Walken seconded by Mr. Smith. In his letter of resignation Mr. Higgins gave the reason for the step he has taken, and inquiries of the leader of the opposition on this point are left unanswered.

Mr. Booth was member for Cowichan in the first legislative assembly after the confederation and later became a member for the islands. In 1894 he was elected for North Victoria, which now includes the islands. He is a Scotchman by birth, but was educated in Ontario, coming to British Columbia in the sixties.

A Decision by the Privy Council.

LONDON, March 9.—Judgment was given by the Privy Council today dismissing the appeal of Molson's bank against the decision of the Supreme court of Canada in the suit of the bank vs. Cooper & Smith. The question involved was whether the bank had to credit collections or collaterals before it could rank for the amount of the principal claim with the other creditors. The Supreme court held it had to credit

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. April Fool mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout mountain adjoining the Oriental.

Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for George D. Johnston, free miner's certificate No. 9,274 A, Charles E. Wyatt Johnson, free miner's certificate No. 5,202 A, McE. Mavor Campbell, free miner's certificate No. 7,379, Alfred C. Baid, free miner's certificate No. 79,321, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. F. A. WILKIN, N. F. TOWNSEND, 3-10-100. Dated this 1st day of March, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Jeff Davis mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Bear and Champlain creeks.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. B. Garrison, free miner's certificate No. 9,771, T. C. Collins, free miner's certificate No. 9,771, Nils Pearson, free miner's certificate No. 8,469, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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The Monita Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, of British Columbia.

Take notice that a special extraordinary meeting of the above company will be held at the office of the company, Ritchie Block, Rossland, on Tuesday, the 15th day of March next at the hour of 9 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering and passing resolutions authorizing the incorporation and registration of the company under the "Companies Act of 1897" and to increase the capital stock of the company. G. R. KILLAM, Secretary.

NOTICE. All shareholders of Murgump Gold Mining Company stock are requested to send their certificates at once to the secretary to have them registered in the new books of the company. By order of directors. EDWARD BAILLIE, Rossland, B. C.

VICTOR MAGOR, MINING BROKER. Private Weekly Report of Stocks and Mines on Application.

Table with columns: NAME, Par value, Price this week, Price last week. Lists various stocks like Arlington, Butterfield, Deer Park, etc.

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