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MORE MINES SHIP ORE

White Bear and O. K. Make Their Appearance in the List.

Others Resuming Work and Likely to Ship at Early Date.

An interesting feature of the past week in connection with the local mining industry is the addition to the White Bear mine to the shipping list. This mine was forecast in the Miner some weeks ago, and the excellent weather prevailing for several days has enabled the mine to team its ore a few days earlier than was originally expected. On Friday a car of White Bear ore was loaded at the Canadian Pacific depot and consigned to the Trail smelter. Yesterday another car was loaded and shipped. It is understood the mine will endeavor to load a car daily, which will make quite a substantial addition to the weekly output of the Rossland camp. Report has it that the company figures on a profit of from 35 to 45 per cent on the ore now being shipped.

The next feature in connection with the local mines will be the addition of the Kootenay mine to the shipping list this week. Arrangements are perfected for this increased activity. Thereafter the Jumbo mine will join the working and shipping list, to be followed by the Spitzee, Norway and other mines on which assurance of resumption has been given by the respective managements.

Incidentally it may be stated that the O. K. mine has also joined the working list. A car of sacked ore has been loaded at the mine for shipment to the Northport smelter, and will be sent forth in the afternoon. This is the first freight of the lease by Superintendent Watson, and it is understood that he proposes to make frequent shipments during the approaching summer as ore is stopped. The I. X. L. mine having resumed operations under a lease may be expected to have a shipment ready at no late date.

THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending April 25th and for the year to date are as follows:	Week	Year
Le Roi	2,833	69,984
Centre Star	1,688	35,868
War Eagle	1,090	18,090
Le Roi No. 2	840	7,339
White Bear	54	54
O. K.	25	25
Grand	2	2
Kootenay	2	2
Homestake	90	90
Totals	6,525	115,614

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI.—The past week has brought forth no special development in connection with the Le Roi. The report from the property is that operations have been along the usual lines of working the upper levels and steady development and exploration in the levels below the 1950. The announced increase in output is withheld until the reserve of ore at the smelter is reduced to smaller dimensions. During the week a couple of cars of ore were sent to the Hall smelter at Nelson for fluxing purposes.

I. X. L.—During the week this well known property rejoined the working list, former officials having taken a lease on the mine. Their intention is to continue breaking and shipping the pay ore blocked out. Special interest attaches to the operations inasmuch as experience has proved that in the course of this work the operators are likely to run across one of the famous pockets containing the bonanza ore that makes the I. X. L. one of the most remarkable mines in the camp.

KOOTENAY.—As stated in yesterday's Miner, the latest aspect of the situation at the Kootenay mine is the probability of an aerial tramway being constructed at an early date. Pending the commencement of shipments ten days hence, the operations at the property are being carried along the usual lines. Machines are breaking ore in the various levels, and the surplus is being taken out in anticipation of shipping.

CENTRE STAR.—Among the interesting topics of the week in connection with the big mines of the camp is the ore strike on the 600 foot level of the Centre Star. While the management has not qualified the original statement respecting the discovery, in which an effort was made to prevent its importance being magnified, report has been busy with the topic. In a nutshell, report has it that the strike is greater than at first supposed and it is likely to have an important effect on the returns from the mine.

WAR EAGLE.—Nothing of interest has developed during the week in connection with the mine. Operations are being conducted along conventional lines, and the record of shipments is the best evidence of the activity manifested in connection with the property.

LE ROI NO. 2.—In the Josie and No. 1 mines the week has seen the usual program in stopping and development pursued. The stopping is limited in extent in accordance with the policy in force

for some months, and development has occupied the majority of the 100 men employed in the two properties. Report has it that considerable ore bodies are being blocked out and that when the mine is in position to produce largely through the addition of a milling plant to its equipment, or by the acquisition of other inducements to extensive production along obvious lines, the mine will be in better shape than for a considerable period.

GREAT WESTERN.—The announcement that the mine is to be unwatered commencing June 1st has been received locally with much interest, and it is generally believed that it handled along similar lines to those on which the Kootenay is now being worked, the mine may come to the front prominently, since work was suspended thereon the conditions with respect to mining have radically altered, much to the advantage of the producer.

O. K.—The report is that work is proceeding as usual at the O. K., stopping and development being carried ahead in the 1200 tunnel. The initial shipment of ore is referred to elsewhere.

WHITE BEAR.—The commencement of shipments from the mine to the Trail smelter has evetuated, and this is attracting considerable interest to the property. Meantime the 900 level is being carried ahead steadily to undercut the ore bodies outcropping in the 700 level. Accurate details as to the progress made in this direction are withheld from shareholders by the management.

VELVET.—Operations at the Velvet are somewhat restricted owing to the condition of the wagon road to the railroad siding. It is understood that considerable reserves of ore has been collected in the ore bins.

GREEN MOUNTAIN.—The plans of the management in connection with the Green Mountain mine are not known here. The present work at the mine is simply sufficient to entitle the property to be included among the list of operating propositions. It is understood that with the lapse of a few weeks and the passage of the excessive seepage water it is the intention of the company to proceed actively with the program of developing the lower levels as already outlined in The Miner.

HUNGRIE MAN.—The machinery is now in place on the property, and the buildings to house the plant are being constructed. The present week will probably see active development commenced. The buildings at the mine are sufficient to accommodate about twelve men.

ST. JOSEPH.—The statement by the managing director just prior to his departure for San Francisco was that the tunnel at the creek level was being carried into the hill to cross the big ore body outcropping above. It was the intention to continue this work until the connection was made and then to drift on the ore.

SPITZEE.—As already stated, the Spitzee company only awaits the conclusion of certain negotiations in connection with surface rights to commence the excavating for the new headworks and to start the sinking of the main shaft.

GIANT.—No change is reported in the conditions at the Giant mine. The main lower tunnel is being extended, and the management is awaiting an improvement in the condition of the road to start shipping, a considerable tonnage having been collected in the ore bins.

MANY MINES WORK

ST. THOMAS AND NORWAY MOUNTAIN SECTION ALREADY BUSY.

MANAGER GRISWOLD TELLS OF PROPERTIES JOINING THE WORKING LIST.

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THE MID-WEEK MINING NEWS

Spitzee Company Starts Sinking Main Shaft This Week.

Kootenay Starts Snipping to Trail on Monday--Giant Also.

After various delays of a vexatious nature to the company, the Spitzee will resume work this week. Arrangements are being made to let a contract for 100 feet of sinking on the site selected for the new headworks and compressor plant. Unless something unforeseen occurs the contract will be closed and ground broken on the undertaking before the close of the present week.

The new main shaft will be a two-compartment affair, sunk at an angle of about 70 degrees. At the 100 foot level a drift will be turned off to the north to intersect the old workings. From the old shaft east of the Canadian Pacific tracks a drift runs at the 100 level west to a point north of the new shaft. A crosscut then runs seventy feet south, which entails about 70 feet of drifting to the north to complete the connection with the new shaft. The company will make the connection and then drift further west, stopping ore as encountered and continuing the sinking of the main shaft.

The Spitzee people are desirous of locating their new works on the western extension of Thompson avenue, and an application will probably be made to the city for the right to do this. Inasmuch as the street is unused and the conditions are such that the section of the thoroughfare to be closed under the company's application will never be of any value, there seems to be no reason why the request should not be granted, especially as the Spitzee promises to be a substantial employer of labor and thereby has a claim on the consideration of the corporation.

SHIPS ON MONDAY.

The Kootenay mine will commence shipments to the Trail smelter on Monday. This announcement is made officially, together with the statement that on the start the mine will only send out fifty tons per day owing to the scarcity of teams for hauling ore. The announcement is of interest and importance to the camp, inasmuch as it ensures a substantial increase of the weekly production.

GIANT SHIPS AGAIN.

The statement is also made that the Giant mine resumes shipments to the Trail smelter on Monday. The wagon roads to the mine are rapidly improving and the day specified will undoubtedly see the first installment of ore brought down to the railroad. Meantime the crew at the mine is stopping in the upper levels and continuing the lower tunnel. Some twenty five feet of drifting is required to reach the point where the vein should be intersected at the lower level provided the ore maintains the same pitch developed above.

THE SULLIVAN'S AFFAIRS.

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"The Granby smelter is still bothered by the lack of coke. The smelter has resumed operations, but it cannot secure the quantity of coke it requires. It has obtained practically all the surplus on the coast. If operations had not been so greatly reduced on account of the coke situation the company would have posted a dividend by this time. Notwithstanding this the company expects to pay a dividend early in the summer. Two additional furnaces are now being constructed at the smelter, and when they are completed the total capacity of the six furnaces will be about 2400 tons."

"While I was in Boston the Granby stock was placed on the market." Reports from Boston say that the price is from \$4.75 to \$5.25 a share.

BUYS A BIG PLANT COKE COMES FREELY FOR AERIAL TRAMWAY

NICKEL PLATE AT SIMILKAMEEN TO GET COMPRESSOR EQUIPMENT.

HAS SPENT A QUARTER MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT AND EQUIPMENT.

Arrangements were concluded yesterday for the purchase of a thirty-drill compressor plant for the Nickel Plate mine at Hedley City in the Similkameen district. The plant is to be a replica of the Granby compressor, and will be delivered as soon as completed during the coming summer.

The progress of the Nickel Plate mine has been so free from publicity that the magnitude of the proposition and the amount of funds invested therein has been to a greater or less extent overlooked in favor of smaller properties closer to the older mining centres. It is a fact, however, that the mine is rapidly approaching when the property must be rated among the most important of the B. C. mining propositions.

The Nickel Plate mine at Hedley City was until lately owned by the Marcus Daly estate and was under the management of M. K. Rogers, a Seattle mining man. It has now been acquired by the Yale Mining company. The Yale people purchased the property almost five years ago and have steadily and quietly proceeded with the development and equipment of the mine. A large amount of underground work has been done, a forty stamp mill is building for the concern, and with the compressor plant now ordered, the Nickel Plate's outfit on development and equipment will be not a cent less than a quarter of a million dollars.

The underground conditions at the mine are known to outsiders to a very slight degree. The ore is an arsenical iron carrying values from \$5 to \$600 per ton in gold. It has been stated that the average of the mine is not at all extraordinary but that the ore bodies can be operated cheaply. The process of treatment will be that of milling, concentrating and cyaniding. A power plant and an electric lighting system are in contemplation by the company. At the present time the attention of the management is directed principally toward the installation of the equipment, and comparatively little work is under way in the workings.

GOOD LE ROI TWO ORE.

Returns for February Just to Hand--Ore Values.

The report of the Le Roi No. 1 mine for February states: "Output: From 27th January to 15th February, 1434 tons shipped; average value per ton, less smelting charges, \$21.64. Value, \$31,020, from which mining charges have to be deducted. In addition to the above the following ore was shipped and paid for in January: Four hundred and twenty-seven tons; average value per ton, less smelting charges, \$16.85. Value, \$7,280. If these are taken at \$4 a ton the net profit since the commencement of shipping would be \$39,558, or \$2300."

SHORT OF COKE.

Northport Smelter Pinched with Supplies in Sight.

The Northport smelter is in the rather anomalous position today of being almost at a standstill for lack of coke supplies despite the fact that a considerable quantity of coke is in transit to the works from eastern and western Canada. Yesterday only one furnace was in operation at the smelter, and only two days' supply of coke was in reserve for this furnace. It is hoped, of course, that the installments of fuel will be to hand before an entire cessation of operations is necessitated.

The Northport smelter has not yet received any coke from East Kootenay, although the Fernis and Michel ovens have been turning out coke steadily for several weeks. The statement is made that nearly 5000 tons of coal and coke were shipped to, and through Nelson last week from the Crow's Nest colliery. From this mine 750 tons of coal and 165 tons of coke were sent out, and from Michel 1030 tons of coal and 1172 tons of coke, making a total of 1828 tons of coal and 282 tons of coke and a grand total of 4650 tons of fuel handled during the week.

A QUESTION OF ORE.

Le Roi Sues for Ore Dumped Along Railroad Track.

The Le Roi Mining company has taken action to recover \$1400 from the Red Mountain Railroad company in respect to ore dumped on the railroad track last year. It will be remembered that in June or July last several cars of ore were wrecked a short distance below Sheep Creek station. The contents of the cars were dumped on the right of way, and when the cars as reloaded by the railway people arrived at the smelter it was found that the values of the ore had vanished unaccountably. The mining company thereupon entered suit to recover the difference between the value when it was shipped from the mine and upon its arrival at the smelter.

The action is now in its initial stages in the supreme court.

SHARKEY WON.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 28.—Tom Sharkey won his wrestling match with P. C. Quinn at the Coliseum tonight. Quinn won the Graeco-Roman bout in 18:35 and Sharkey won the catch-as-catch-can. He failed to throw John Adams at Graeco-Roman. Over 1000 were present.

COKE COMES FREELY FOR AERIAL TRAMWAY

TRAIL SMELTER NOW RECEIVING OVER 100 TONS OF COKE DAILY.

OTHER CANADIAN PLANTS GET THE BALANCE--NORTHPORT LEFT OUT.

The outlook for the smelting centres continues to improve, as Fernis coke is shipped out in increasing quantities. While it is stated that conditions are not yet normal, and that the reduction works must receive a reserve of coke before considering themselves safe, the regular consignments now coming to hand are a gratifying augury of steady supplies.

At Trail the entire battery of three copper furnaces are running on gold-copper ores shipped from the Rossland camp. These furnaces consume something over 100 tons of coke per day, and practically all the supply is now arriving from East Kootenay, although a portion of the coast coke that was late in delivery is now being utilized.

The Le Roi smelter at Northport is not so fortunate in respect to East Kootenay coke. Its total consignments from Fernis since the resumption of the coke ovens have been one lone car up to date. The Kootenay and Boundary smelter plants are coralling all the Fernis coke produced, and it may be some weeks before the Le Roi plant secures enough of the essential commodity to operate its whole plant independent of the eastern coke with which the furnaces are now kept in operation. The intention is to run the plant to its utmost capacity, first reducing the big reserve piled up in the smelter yards when the works were closed down for lack of coke, and then increasing the output from the mine here. The fruition of their plans in this direction depends in great measure upon the promptitude with which the Fernis coke producers catch up with the unusual demand from Canadian plants and are in a position to divert a portion of the output to the Le Roi works. The sooner this is accomplished the better the results from Rossland's viewpoint. The probable completion of the Morrissey ovens at no late date and the consequent substantial increase in the available output of coke is an important factor in the future of the mining and smelting industries of the country.

TO SINK MAIN SHAFT.

SPITZEE COMPANY ONLY AWAITS ACQUISITION OF SURFACE RIGHTS.

FINE SAMPLE OF ROSSLAND FREE GOLD ORE ON EXHIBITION.

The management of the Spitzee company have encountered irritating delays in connection with the acquisition of certain sections of Block 15 on which they propose to locate the new headworks. This arises in large measure through the necessity of conducting negotiations with Montreal parties interested in the reality, and while the negotiations will be closed at a comparatively early date, the management regret losing the fine weather which the camp is now enjoying.

"Our plans are in such shape," says Frank A. Hower, managing director of the company, "that we are ready to proceed with the preliminary work forthwith. With this fine weather, we can start the excavating for the foundations at once and sink the main shaft as far as is necessary to prevent further sniping from interfering with the construction of the headworks. In this way we would take time by the forelock and expedite the proposed development of the mine. The company is anxious to commence work at the earliest possible date, but our arrangements in this direction have been hampered by the delays in connection with the surface rights."

A magnificent sample of free gold ore from the I. X. L. mine is on exhibition at Goodie's store with a couple of cards attached bearing the following remarks: "What we pave our streets with," and "Where are the pessimists?" The free gold sample will run \$20,000 or \$30,000 to the ton, and behind a magnifying glass makes a striking appearance. Alongside are a couple of samples of unusually rich copper ore.

Rossland teamsters will have more business than they can handle from the mines for several months hence. The Kootenay, Giant and White Bear mines are certain to be shipping within a fortnight, while the management of the Le Roi property announces that the ore body will be attacked there about May 1st, with a view to shipping. The Velvet mine only awaits the advent of good roads to commence hauling out the ore accumulated in the bins during several weeks past. Altogether the outlook is assured for more teaming than the camp has seen for several years. The management of the Kootenay mine states that trouble has been encountered in securing the necessary teams to handle the output of the mine even at slightly advanced figures.

ARRANGED WITH JAMAICA.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 28.—For the purpose of encouraging international trade, a postal arrangement has been made between Canada and Jamaica to exchange all mail at Canadian international rates of postage.

TRAMWAY

Kootenay Mines Preparing Plans to Connect With Railroad.

The Unwatering of Great Western to Start June 1st.

Plans are to be prepared forthwith for a tramway from the Kootenay mine to the Canadian Pacific railroad. The structure is estimated to cost \$25,000, and will carry ore at 10 cents per ton. The distance to be covered is approximately a mile, and the tramway will be of a substantial nature.

The proposed tramway does not necessarily affect the company's plans with respect to reduction works. In the event of the works being proceeded with the tramway will be utilized for conveying raw material to the smelter, the smelted product to the railroad and fuel and other supplies from the railroad to the works.

The Kootenay mine is to commence shipments to the Trail smelter on May 1st. All the available teams in the city will be requisitioned to team ore from the mine to the Canadian Pacific yards, but the available supply of teams is below normal, and the management of the company claims to have difficulty in contracting for the hauling of the tonnage it desires to ship even at \$1.25 per ton, which is higher than was paid last winter for the ore shipped to Trail at that juncture. Ore shipped will be handled in this way pending the completion of the tramway, which the next three or four months should see completed and in operation. The facilities for marketing ore will then be increased so substantially that the tonnage can be largely increased without further delay, and profits materially enhanced.

An aerial tramway from the Kootenay mine to the railroad would afford a most convenient and economical method of handling the output of the mine. The tram will start from the sixth level of the mine, to which all the ore broken in the stopes above was delivered by gravity at existing cost.

UNWATERING GREAT WESTERN.

It is intimated that the Great Western mine is to be unwatered in the next couple of months, and that the pumps will be installed with a view to starting pumping on June 1st. The mine has been closed down for something over two years. It is stated that the workings aggregate almost a mile in length, and that valuable ore bodies were opened up in the course of operations. The property has been closed down since the division of the British America Corporation's holdings.

LORD DUNDONALD'S VIEW.

Canadian Forceful Qualities Also Need Organization.

TORONTO, April 28.—The Earl of Dundonald, in an interview here, recalled the services of the Canadian rivermen to the empire in the Gordon relief expedition in 1859-60.

"I remember," he said, "the adaptability to circumstances and resourcefulness of Canadians, and my knowledge of them in South Africa increased my appreciation of them. Canadians themselves may possibly not understand how forceful are the qualities they possess, and which are almost national. These qualities, under proper organization, would make a bulwark of strength in the hands of a leader."

"That," continued Lord Dundonald, "the idea should not be had because the people of a country possess many of the elements of great national success, that there should not be proper organization. Some people may endeavor to discourage what they deem militarism, but it can be understood how futile the strength of the defensive force of Canada would be without this. There is simply what I shall endeavor to bring about in the Canadian militia, organization on reasonable and sensible lines."

THE KING IN ROME.

Program for His Majesty's Visit to the Pope Today.

ROME, April 28.—King Edward, accompanied by General Pedotto, representing King Victor Emmanuel, and escorted by a brilliant array of cavalry, went to the Pantheon today and deposited wreaths of laurel palms on the tombs of King Victor Emmanuel I and King Humbert. His majesty then enjoyed a long drive through the city and returned to the Quirinal for dinner. Crowds continuously acclaimed the visiting sovereign.

Tomorrow afternoon at half past four King Edward will go to the Vatican. Starting from the British embassy, he will alight at the court of St. Damas in the Vatican, where he will be received by Monsignor Bisset, master of the chamber, accompanied by the Vatican officials.

The pontiff guards will render royal honors to the visitor. Monsignor Bisset will conduct King Edward to the stairway, where Monsignor Casiano de Azevedo, the pope's major-domo, surrounded by prelates and high dignitaries of the holy see, will greet the British sovereign, who will then be conducted by the major-domo to the private apartments of the pope, and no one will be present at the interview between the pontiff and the British King.

hat there was a good deal of shooting done at the time Rogers was wounded, the police opinion that Rogers' death a special object. Vancouver generally of the opinion that ver is altogether too much in their city just now.

over firm lately completed the of three farms in the Fraser recent arrivals from Manitoba Northwest. One comprised a 80 acres of the choicest land lta, situated near Ladner, and of the new extension of the wharves. This farm was purhased by Messrs. Abbey, Lang-Boyer, formerly of Prince Alde consideration is understood the neighborhood of \$4000. Anm of 154 acres, situated on island, was also sold to Mr. Percival, formerly of Winnipeg, use price was about \$3500. Mr. Burnett, late of Grenfell, Mani-also among the investors in Columbia farm property, he hav-posed a farm of 90 acres near for close to \$3200. Mr. Burnett to assume occupation at once, neatly impressed with the agri-possibilities of that section of try. Real estate dealers also it there is a strong demand for as in about 140 acres with about acres improved. The prop- is available for farms of this to sell a farm of that dimension immediately subject the remain-ers of the quarter section to land tax. On account of many of wishing to sell for this pen-which have been pend-fallen through. The majority stlers coming here at present wish to purchase a large tract, yesterday one dealer was com- to purchase five prospective settlers reason.

de Forrest has selected the the terminus of the wireless systems that is to connect this with Asia. The location se-Dr. de Forrest is near the er-Cape Flattery, where the ele- about 250 feet above the sea, try is densely wooded, but be- surface soil is solid rock that an excellent foundation for oot towers that comprise the In exploring the country the greatest difficulty in over- the natural obstacles that have Cape Flattery from the app- men and have left it today an unknown territory. The in Seattle was made Sunday the steamship Alice Gertrude, read the party to Neah bay, a sea-going tug Pioneer was their disposal by Captain Lib- Puget Sound Tugboat com-

ian freight is going a-begging. So great is the demand for the steamers of the Can- stralian line that it seems to must contract three months ce. The condition one way is satisfactory as indicating the cease between the Dominion of and the Federated Common- Australia. But there are evi- cks. The lack of accommo- the vessels on the line, can- handle the business offering hampers trade already secured, events the increase that is nat- be expected.

ok another \$2 jump in Vancou- day, and is now selling at expected this before the week will reach \$20.

ancouver boss teamsters have their overalls and tossed over to their newly engaged non- vers. It was learned at the of the B. C. Transfer company that of the striking teamsters ty had been filled by non-union at the union teamsters, except instances, had not returned to at there were now more than men to drive the rigs. As soon union men broke the ice and to apply for jobs there was of non-union teamsters to fill the

ancouver authorities are consid- prevention of the sale of cigars ay by restaurants, drug stores or shops.

Assessor Northcott's assessment ys the value of Victoria's es- to be—Land, \$10,735,770; im- ents, \$6,960,405; total, \$17,696,175.

ia has now paid the last of the on debts and things are in order iminary preparation in connection is year's show.

CITY NEWS

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THE MINE.

ED OFFICERS.

TAKEN.

WAR EAGLE.

LE ROI NO. 2.

PREPARING TO BUILD

Preliminary Work on the Phoenix Branch of the V. V. & E.

Securing Right of Way and Making the Survey.

PHOENIX, B. C., April 25.—Now that most of the snow is gone in the immediate vicinity, it is expected that the work of construction on the V. V. & E. branch of the Great Northern railway, from Grand Forks to Phoenix, a distance of about 24 miles, will shortly be under way.

Right of Way Agent DesBrisay has been visiting the city frequently in the last few weeks, securing options, taking deeds and paying over checks of the railway company for right of way.

It is understood that the right of way Grand Forks to Phoenix has been substantially secured, either outright or under option. This includes some 20 or 30 lots in Summit City, over which the line passes on the way to Phoenix.

The cost of the Phoenix branch of this line will probably be in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a million dollars, and there is a goodly ore tonnage awaiting the line when it is constructed.

City Assessor D. J. Matheson has made up the municipal assessment roll for the year 1908, and has reported the same to the council board, who have set June 1st as the date for hearing objections or complaints.

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BOUNDARY SHIFMENTS. PHOENIX, April 25.—With this week's ore shipments the Boundary have sent out over 100,000 tons this year to the company's smelter at Grand Forks.

REVELSTOKE, April 22.—Another sad drowning accident occurred in the canyon above Revelstoke yesterday.

YMRIR NOTES. A Successful Dance—Paul Kruger Meets With Accident.

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THE ORE VERY RICH

SATISFACTORY RETURNS FROM A PROVIDENCE MINE SHIPMENT.

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Across the vast and dormant western prairie, two thousand souls, buoyant with hope, will in a few days start on a remarkable trek.

Associated with this modern Moses is Rev. G. E. Lloyd, a Canadian, who may be said to be the Aaron of the enterprise.

Under the joint leadership of these two men the colonists, Britons all, are seeking in the valley of the Saskatchewan farms and homes, where a prosperous British-Canadian community may be established and maintained.

Much interest is taken in England in this important movement. If it prove to be a success it will be to Canada the best possible advertisement.

ORIGIN OF THE COLONY. Rev. Mr. Barr went into the undertaking on purely business grounds. He saw that Canada was attracting attention, and that thousands of English people were anxious to try their fortunes in this country.

He arranged with the Canadian government for the bonus of \$5 a head which it pays to immigration agents, and for a commission of \$7 from the steamship company.

He spent \$30,000 in the preliminary arrangements, and will net a profit of about \$10,000 on his party of 2000.

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to be raised. Rev. Barr says that the schools will have teaching staffs equal, if not superior, to any of the kind in Canada, for the colony contains many graduates of Oxford, Cambridge and Trinity college.

Many and loud are the complaints which the new arrivals have made regarding their trans-Atlantic voyage. It appears that the demand for space was so great that the vessel was uncomfortably crowded.

RUSSIA'S PRETEXT. A St. Petersburg Interpretation of the Manchuria Demand.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 27.—The foreign office commenting on the negotiations concerning Manchuria, says: There is nothing directed in any manner against the interests of the other powers or their commerce; others enjoy the same rights of commerce in the interior as we do.

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Local News

ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS. The Odd Fellows lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F., at lodge chart which will be to the lodge.

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A ROGUE OR A FOOL?

"In reply to questions Prior said, speaking as a layman, he regarded the land as open to coal licenses—Vide The Miner's special dispatch from Victoria to the East Kootenay Scandal debate in the provincial legislature.

This is the first time we ever remember hearing of a prime minister posing as a "layman," while addressing the House. But it is just possible that Colonel Prior intended to convey the impression that he is not a lawyer and therefore could not discuss the matter from a strictly legal point of view. If he did, it does not make his double-shuffling and evasiveness less excusable. He is supposed to deal with a question of this nature from an authoritative standpoint, for the reason that it is a part of the government's policy and he is the government leader. If he is not a lawyer or lacks a lawyer's technical knowledge at any time, there is the attorney-general to advise him. If the attorney-general is so wantonly corrupt that he will not perform his sworn duty as a minister of the crown, the premier is guilty of the grossest kind of negligence in not having an attorney-general who will do his duty conscientiously and effectively.

Is not the premier assuming the role of a rogue or a fool when he takes such a stand?

If he is either, he has no right to act as prime minister of the Province of British Columbia.

KOOTENAY IMMIGRATION.

British Columbia is one of the richest and most resourceful provinces of the Dominion. It is the great western outlet to the Orient and the South Seas. The high commercial importance of the province is permanently assured by its geographical position. The wealth of its mines, forests, waters and soil is practically illimitable. Each succeeding year demonstrates the remarkable richness of its varied resources.

British Columbia is a highly mineralized, mountainous country, with intervening valleys of good arable and pasture lands, magnificent forests and immense waterways. The timber is unequalled in quantity, quality and variety; its numerous mines already working and under process of development, and wide extent of partly developed territory denote vast areas of mineral wealth; its fertile valleys indicate great agricultural and fruit-growing possibilities; its waters contain almost unlimited quantities of the most valuable fish. These combined give British Columbia a wealth that few countries possess. While large tracts of the province, especially in the northern part, are practically unexplored, the southern, central and coast portions are destined soon to enter upon a prosperous era through the rapid development of the boundless resources.

The Kootenays offer opportunities to the immigrant that cannot be equalled anywhere in the Empire. The district is undoubtedly the largest continuous mineral field in the world, and there never was a period in its history that afforded the investor the chances that are to be had today. Besides the mining, there are big fortunes to be made in Kootenay timber. Then there is the certain road to wealth in the cultivation of the rich lands of the Columbia, Kootenay and Okanagan valleys. In the Kootenays the prospects for the investor and the immigrant are at least twenty times better than those of the bleak and treeless prairies of the frosty Northwest.

Something should be done without delay to turn the great tide of Western Canadian immigration this way. It would not be a difficult task. A competent agent-general in London, judicious advertising and wide-awake agents at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, St. Paul and other points of vantage would soon place several thousand desirable settlers in this part of the province. This would be the best thing that could happen to the Kootenays at the present time.

METALLURGICAL PROGRESS.

In reference to ore treatment developments the Mining and Scientific Press says: "New metallurgical processes have for many years been a hobby with some men, and among them have been some of the most ingenious and at the same time most worthless combinations of chemicals, mechanical devices, and varied applications of heat, that the human mind can conceive, but there also have been those of real worth—processes that have revolutionized the practice of gold treatment in some districts. Notable among these are the cyanide and barrel-chlorination processes, with their modifications, and more recently the successful application of the bromide process. Smelting has also advanced to a remarkable extent within the past decade. In this direction pyritic smelting, though not a new method of ore treatment, has been successfully applied in the United States, first at Deadwood, S. D., by Franklin E. Carpenter, and later by others at numerous places. In the early history of Colorado smelters were built in almost every camp of prominence, but the knowledge of the smelting was not sufficiently advanced at that time to make success always possible, and in many instances, these old plants, erected at great expense, owing to lack of economical transportation facilities, may still be seen, usually monuments to misdirected enterprise. Mills supplanted smelters on every side and made the operation of the mines possible at a profit. Milling in time became reduced to a science, and within recent years, with cyanide or chlorination plants as accessories, ores containing low values are made to yield a profit. But since the advent of successful and inexpensive pyritic smelting smelters are again coming into favor in many places, but where these are advised and operated by those who have the technical knowledge and the skill which comes with experience, success instead of failure results and may be anticipated. In some instances, where the wet method and pyritic smelting are in competition for custom, ores, the smelters have been able to meet the charges of the mills, but this can only be possible where every condition is favorable to the smelter. The obtaining of the necessary fluxes with ore of suitable character is important. A pyritic smelter located at a distance from cheap limestone can hardly compete with a cyanide or chlorination works of equal tonnage capacity, where conditions are more favorable to the latter class of reduction works. This is an area of investigation, and the "process men" still have a wide field for the exercise of their ingenuity, for no one believes that the best has yet been obtained in the realm of metallurgical experience. Most of the investigation is being carried out along scientific lines, and little that is valuable is the result of accidental discovery."

trucking to their plans allows them to control the cabinet, and, consequently, the action of the lieutenant-governor. By advising the lieutenant-governor to await the report of the special committee of the legislature, a scheme has undoubtedly been arranged by which Wells and Eberts will gain time for the introduction of any nefarious acts that they may be able to advance for the benefit of their masters.

There are 625,000 acres of valuable crown lands involved in this instance. If the government does not protect the interests of the province, the C. P. R. will yet accomplish its fell purpose and acquire this magnificent heritage.

It is up to Messrs. Prior, Prentice and McInnes, the other ministers of the crown, to impress upon the lieutenant-governor the vital necessity of immediately sanctioning the bill, they will be just as guilty of malfeasance as Wells and Eberts. It is up to Messrs. Prior, Prentice and McInnes to prove their loyalty to the people and at the same time to put Wells and Eberts where they belong.

OUR NEXT FETE DAY.

The consensus of opinion has apparently settled upon Labor Day as the most propitious occasion for Rossland's next fete day. The first Monday in September offers a variety of advantages, notably an excellent prospect of typical celebration weather and no rival demonstrations. It would seem to be good policy to advertise the fact that the Golden City will demonstrate on Labor Day, so that other Kootenay or Boundary towns will not get up rival entertainments.

The proposal is to hold a citizens' celebration, utilizing the statutory holiday falling on Labor Day. To ensure success in the enterprise it will be essential to eliminate everything pertaining to sectionalism, and require every citizen who has the interests of Rossland at heart to cordially co-operate in the task of making the demonstration a brilliant success. The Miner feels assured that the danger of misunderstandings is too remote to be considered. Immediately following the July celebration elsewhere, the Rossland demonstration should be advertised. Heretofore the period devoted to advertising local fete days has been altogether too short and the city has suffered thereby. Moreover, Rosslanders attending the celebration at Nelson, Trail and Grand Forks should do as much missionary work as lies in their power. Advertising pays in all lines of activity, and more attention should be devoted to giving publicity to the Golden City's Labor Day celebration than has been devoted to booming preceding affairs of a similar nature.

The committees should be organized during the latter days of June, so that at least a full month should intervene before the holiday. Liberal subscriptions ought to be obtainable, and the committee in charge should devote special attention to securing attractions that will have a spice of novelty, all of which can be better accomplished if reasonable time is allowed. Trail and Nelson will undoubtedly secure large delegations from Rossland on Dominion Day, and it will be up to these sister cities to reciprocate on Labor Day.

The utility of celebrations is quite generally understood. They serve to lift a municipality out of the rut, to give something to work for that encourages esprit locale, to attract visitors from neighboring towns with good results from a financial standpoint, and to assert the reputation of the corporation for patriotism and energy.

THE COPPER SITUATION.

The improvement in the condition of the copper market and the advance in the price of the metal has been fully discounted by the appreciation in market quotations for copper-mining stocks. Nevertheless, there has been an impression in speculative circles that the benefit which the copper mining companies have received from the high prices at which their output can be marketed would probably lead to an increase in the dividends of the corporations which had been forced to reduce them after copper fell from the 17-cent basis. Ideas of this kind have been freely discussed in connection with the affairs of the Amalgamated Copper company, and the meeting of its directors, which was held on Thursday last, was awaited with a good deal of interest. In declaring the dividend on the stock for the quarter a majority of the directors seemed to think, however, that conservatism was still necessary, and the rate was therefore kept at one-half of one per cent, or two per cent per annum, which was the rate established a year ago. At the same time, the half yearly dividend on the stock of the Anacostia Mining company, the most important of the constituent concerns included in the Amalgamated company, was kept at the rate of 50 cents per share, to which level it was reduced in 1922. No reports of the Amalgamated company's earnings are made public, but its profits are understood to have increased considerably.

THREE AGAINST TWO.

The premier has submitted to the lieutenant-governor the bill passed by the legislature cancelling the East Kootenay land grant to the Columbia and Western railway. "The lieutenant-governor considers it a measure of such serious import and tending to create a precedent that he wishes to have sufficient time to consider the matter with the attention it deserves." According to The Miner's Victoria correspondent, the impression prevails that the lieutenant-governor is waiting for the report of the special committee of the legislature, otherwise he would scarcely disregard the unanimous wish of the house.

The lieutenant-governor is, of course, acting under the advice of his ministers. Wells and Eberts are cabinet ministers. These two worthless make a minority in the cabinet, but it is impossible for Premier Prior to carry on government without their support. His

deliberately charges the Attorney-General with being the prime cause of all the mischief. Mr. Eberts was practically told in the House that he had so drafted the so-called repudiation bill as to leave a loophole by which the railway company could set aside the decision of the house by process of law. The Attorney-General made no attempt whatever to clear himself of such a grave charge. Commenting on this, the Times says: "If the accusation was justified the Attorney-General was attempting to bamboozle the Premier and play the game of his employers right under the nose of his chief. The rumors as to the intimacy of the connection of his firm with the great railway corporation were also commented upon, and yet the opportunity thus afforded the member of the House and the government of establishing the fact that the services he is sworn to render the province are in no way interfered with by this alleged 'unique connection' was not taken advantage of." Continuing, the Times says: "The story told by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works fell pitifully short of justifying the extraordinary manner in which this question of a land subsidy alleged to be due to the Columbia & Western railway has been handled by the government and the many attempts that have been made to smuggle the deal through the House with the connivance of some very vehement upholders of the rights of the people." Again the Times remarks:

"The people of this province may have become calloused in mind by repeated revelations of a scandalous character in connection with their political affairs, but we cannot believe they will not be aroused by reading the report of the evidence brought out before the committees which is investigating the connection of the government with the grants of land made to the Columbia & Western Railway company and afterwards withdrawn by order in council and later repudiated by the House, taken in conjunction with the statements made on the floor of the chamber by the ministers in explanation of their conduct and the evidence of such witnesses as George McL. Brown and Hon. D. M. Eberts, attorney-general. Those statements are absolutely contradictory. The members of the government have evidently forgotten the words of a statesman of renown that it did not matter what the members of his cabinet said as long as they all said the same thing. The government is either utterly demoralized or one section of it is conspiring against another section. Under the circumstances, we should say it is incumbent upon any member of that government who values his political reputation or has any regard for his political future to hand in his resignation without loss of time."

Here is what the Vancouver Province has to say on the same subject: "The evidence given yesterday before the special committee of the legislature by Mr. G. McL. Brown is of a most startling character, impugning as it does, in the most direct and unequivocal manner, the statements made from his position in the House as a minister of the crown, and makes a thorough inquiry absolutely essential. The sworn testimony of Mr. Brown, who was the representative of the C. P. R. in all the negotiations with the government in this matter, is absolutely contradictory to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in every essential particular, and if on a thorough sifting of the matter it should be sustained, there is nothing left for the commissioner to do, but resign. No other course is open to him."

The Vancouver World discusses the wretched state of affairs as follows: "There is food for reflection in the opposition contention that a government is not to be trusted with the administration of affairs which could so distort the idea of its responsibilities to the people and so misconstrue its authority as to virtually give away without the vestige of direction or legislative sanction, a heritage worth untold millions. The World will have more to say upon this subject at a later day."

The Columbian of New Westminster has the following to say: "A climax seems to be near, in the political situation at Victoria. Enough has been brought out in the proceedings of the legislature to show that Mr. Wells is altogether unfit to be a minister of the crown; but the testimony of the former executive agent of the C. P. R. before the committee last night makes the situation so acute that action on the part of the minister's colleagues cannot be delayed unless they elect to go down with him. The evidence of Mr. Brown is so circumstantial as to make it impossible that Mr. Wells shall not be dealt with at once."

THE GOVERNMENT GENERALLY CONDEMNED.

The Miner is not alone in its crusade against the Victoria ringsters, nor does it lack support in its efforts to turn out of office the rascals who are responsible for the disgraceful and outrageous conditions arising out of the East Kootenay scandal. Since this journal first exposed the iniquitous attempts that have been made to despoil the country of hundreds of thousands of acres of valuable crown lands, the whole province has become aroused. Public indignation is spreading among all classes, and every newspaper that is not controlled by the big corporations is doing yeoman service in persistently demanding reform and the punishment of the two ministers of the crown who are responsible for the gigantic steal that has just been averted. With the single exception of the Colonist, the daily press at the Coast is unanimous in condemning the Chief Commissioner and the Attorney-General. It is not to be expected that the Colonist would do otherwise. It is the organ of the Dunsmuir, and we have yet to learn of an instance wherein it espoused the cause of the people when the Dunsmuir or allied interests were involved. It is therefore a matter of no consequence what the Colonist may or may not say on the subject. The Victoria Times, the World, News-Advertiser, all of Vancouver, and the New Westminster Columbian have attacked Wells and Eberts with great severity.

The last two issues of the Times to come to hand contain scathing denunciations of the ringsters. In one article

the electors of the province have prepared for his government. If the members of the opposition, forgetting all petty personal affairs and ambitions, prove true to the interests committed to their charge, they will soon have the opportunity of purging the house of the members who have offended beyond forgiveness against all canons of political honesty and integrity. From the record of the premier there is little doubt that he will approach the opposition and endeavor to win sufficient support from that side of the legislature to enable him to carry on the government. But the fact must not be forgotten that he is equally guilty with his colleagues and shares the responsibility of all their sins. In addition, he bears a personal load of unfulfilled pledges made to the people of Victoria which practically preclude the possibility of his re-election in that constituency. More than that, many members who have hitherto supported him are so disgusted with the scandalous revelations of the past few days that their continued allegiance is a matter of speculation. They would probably be quite willing to join with a unified, harmonious opposition in purging the House of a government that is an offense to the people of British Columbia and has done so much to add to the already none too savory political reputation we have gained in our own and in foreign countries.

THE VICTORIA CRISIS.

A political crisis has developed at Victoria. The premier is face to face with serious trouble. It appears from The Miner's special dispatches this morning that the lieutenant-governor will sign the bill which cancels the C. & W. job and that the 625,000 acres of valuable coal, petroleum and timber lands in East Kootenay will be saved to the crown. But there still remains the bitter antagonism of the two treacherous ministers—the Attorney-General and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. Foiled in their dastardly attempt to rob the people of a magnificent heritage, these two worthies are bent upon wrecking the Prior administration unless they are retained in office. It remains to be seen whether Col. Prior will permit them to remain in his cabinet, but it looks at the present writing as though he intended to dismiss them and take the consequences.

Wells and Eberts must be removed from public life without further delay. Col. Prior can make no mistake in dismissing them. The country will not tolerate their retention, nor will it tolerate a premier who will keep them in office. Col. Prior may yet save his political bacon if he acts firmly and evinces a desire to protect the rights of the people; but if he persists in surrounding himself with men who devote their energies and their official positions to robbing the country for the particular benefit of the big corporations it is a certainty that he will suffer immediate defeat and be permanently retired to political oblivion. Even his most hide-bound supporters in the House dare not continue on his side after the appalling revelations that have been made recently in connection with Wells and Eberts unless he rises superior to the occasion.

It will not be sufficient that the Premier should simply rid the country of these two traitors. He must appoint in their places honorable men who can be relied upon to do their sworn duty in the interests of the people; who will make a fearless and upright stand against the avariciousness of the big corporations; who will protect the weak and struggling prospector, and business man, and steadily persist in an honest and indefatigable attempt to revive prosperity.

THE LEAD QUESTION.

With the lead question in its present condition the most difficult problem for the lay mind to solve seems to be as to the real wants of the men who actually produce the ore. From the standpoint of the country generally the desire undoubtedly is to secure such assistance of the federal administration as will induce the mine owner to work his property and to employ as many men as he can possibly use to advantage. Granting that under present conditions the lead miner only reaps a small per cent profit on his production, it would certainly appear on the surface that the granting of a bounty on production would increase the miner's profit to a point that would encourage him to operate at full force. If some reports of the situation are to be taken as literal, the lead miner does not view the matter in this light, although he is willing to accept a bonus after it has been established that no tariff amendments will be granted. An

attempt is made to establish the contention that the indirect benefits of protective duties will solve the vexed question of inadequate profits more satisfactorily than the placing of a specific sum in hard cash in the miner's pocket. The federal government could not be convinced, but has indicated a disposition in respect to bonusing lead mines that practically amounts to a guarantee of assistance in this direction. Moreover, it is difficult to understand how mine owners should prefer the doubtful outcome of protective duties as opposed to the concrete arguments afforded by a bounty system under which actual cash is paid to them. The smelter interests have been against bounties from the start, and now that bounties are probable the smelter interests are calmly seeking to hedge the bonus in such a manner as to tie the miner up hopelessly to two smelters, one of which is almost too small to be a factor in the proposition.

The mining industry is the same throughout British Columbia. In one district gold ores are produced; another yields gold-copper ores; the mineral wealth of another section is principally in argenteriferous ores; but in all methods and conditions are only varied in practice, and the principle remains the same. If the mine owners of the Rossland camp were seeking assistance from the federal government the arguments applying to silver-lead operators would be applicable to local conditions, as is shown by interviews published elsewhere in this issue. Half a dozen cases might be elicited to account for the difference of opinion on the subject of aid to the silver-lead districts, but on close scrutiny it will be found that one and all hinge around the plans for the aggrandizement of the smelter interests at the expense of the miners.

The solution of the lead problem in this province requires more than the imposition of higher duties on lead and lead products, or the granting of a bounty to the lead miner. It is admitted that the production of lead in the Kootenays under favorable circumstances will far exceed the present consumption in Canada. If we have to export the excess in its crude state it will command only the world's price which our lead now commands and the export price will regulate the price of that consumed at home. Under present conditions, therefore, a larger duty will do little if any good.

A bounty, on the other hand, while affording a temporary relief, is by itself only a makeshift, unless it will tend to bring about conditions which will ultimately enable the infant to dispense with the nurse. It can be of no permanent value except as a crust thrown to the miner.

There are many divergent opinions among those most vitally interested in the silver-lead industry as to the best means of aiding it, but no one will dispute that the end to be attained is the placing of it on a basis which will enable those engaged—the miners, smelters, refiners and manufacturers of lead products—to compete in the foreign as well as the domestic market on a footing which will give them every cent that economical mining, efficient plants and equipments and an independent status, uncontrolled by trusts or monopolies, will insure.

This might be accomplished, but not by either a higher duty alone or by a bounty alone, nor by both combined. The supply of lead ores is not large enough and steady enough, nor is it likely to be for many years to come, to stimulate rivalry in the building of smelting and refining works on a scale which would admit of the most economical treatment of ores and pig lead. One large up-to-date smelting and refining plant, with roasting and other works to render the product fit for the manufacturer, is what we need. These works will cost a large sum, and those who find it will want government assistance in money and in protection against unfair foreign methods of competition; or, perhaps, it might be more accurately called methods of stragulation.

Find the men who will undertake the establishment of such works under proper guarantee, and the governments—federal and provincial—will doubtless do their share in the way of tariff changes and subsidy or bounties, safeguarded by such control as would insure the mine owner his just proportion of the enhanced value of the lead and of the savings in all departments of re-duction and marketing.

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General News Of the Kootenay

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Edwards and Morrison have driven their tunnel on the Blue Jay 185 feet, and anticipate striking the ledge shortly.

At the Sunset smelter the bricking in of the new boilers has been practically completed, and another week should see two furnaces in blast.

The City View, near Greenwood, was bonded last week from F. J. Finucane and Dr. Oppenheimer for \$30,000 by Wm. Robertson, who has begun development.

It is expected that by the end of this week the miners will break through in the No. 3 tunnel of the Granby mines, making complete connections with the old Ironsides without going down the shafts.

George R. Naden of Greenwood has a mine in his back yard, his residence being located on the Barbara mineral claim, which he recently leased to five local miners, who are now actively developing it, thus far with good results.

Telluride ore, claimed to assay \$3140 per ton, has been found at a depth of 60 feet in a shaft on the E. Pluribus Unum claim, one of the high grade properties near Greenwood that has lately been under development by D. W. McVicar and associates.

At the Snowshoe the force of employees is being gradually increased again, and as soon as the mine resumes shipments to the Sunset smelter, about the first of the month, the number will be further augmented. Sinking on the main three compartment shaft is being continued.

A healthy sign of the times is the marked revival in the Grand Forks real estate market. This is in large measure due to the impending railway construction operations and the enlargement of the Granby smelter. Outside investors are beginning to realize that Grand Forks with its three lines of railway converging there, and its big smelting plant, is destined to be the payroll city of Southern British Columbia. G. M. Frapp, manager of the townsite company, reports that he has recently closed several important realty deals and that inquiries from intending purchasers are being received daily.

A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the Granby smelter, made a visit to the company's mines at Phoenix last week. It was the first visit made in three years to the properties where he gets all that ore he is reducing in such good shape, and of course he found many improvements and changes that had been made around the works in that time.

While there he was the guest of Wm. Yolen Williams, the superintendent, who took pleasure in showing Mr. Hodges over the properties. In Grand Forks, Mr. Hodges is getting ready for a big summer run at the smelter, and when the two new furnaces are installed, a month or two later, making six in all, he will be calling for 15,000 or 16,000 tons of ore from the Granby mines per week, and will be putting it through the smelter in the same time, which is more than all the mines in the Boundary have shipped in the same time before.

Rumors of activity in railway circles have drifted in this week, indicating that both the Great Northern and the C. P. R. are preparing to build through from Midway to the coast in the immediate future. Guthrie, a contractor working on the Great Northern branches in the Fraser valley, is said to have stated recently in an interview with a representative of a wholesale hardware firm of Vancouver, that he expected to be working on a 100 mile contract west of Midway some time during August or September next. Reports are also current that the C. P. R. have resolved to begin building their Midway to Spence's Bridge line this season, and the recent trip of Superintendent Marpole to Monmouth is said to have been for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the commencement of this enterprise. Just what amount of truth there may be in these rumors, it is, of course difficult to say.

E. G. Warren, manager of the Greenwood Electric company, has purchased the Greenwood branch of the Canning Electric company. A. W. English, the resident manager for the latter company, will shortly leave for Edmonton to join his partner, C. G. Cunningham, who is doing a large business there.

The Kettle River Lumber company, recently organized for the purpose of acquiring the saw mills at Midway and Grand Forks, is doing an extensive business. Arrangements have been made to ship half a million feet of lumber to the Northwest. The company has also been awarded the contract for supplying half a million feet of lumber for the proposed addition to the Grandby smelter. Officers were recently elected as follows: President, Williams Powers; secretary-treasurer, B. Lequime. The capital stock is \$50,000.

SIMILKAMEN.

The Nickel Plate company is building a road up Twenty-Mile creek, by which to haul lumber for their dam and flume. Grading for the flume has also been commenced.

Several prominent business men of Hedley are protesting against the closing of a number of streets, for which the Nickel Plate company is applying to the courts.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Morrissey Miner has bowed its head to the inevitable and given up the ghost, and another tombstone will be added to the journalistic cemetery of South East Kootenay.

Albert Banks has returned from Perry Creek to Fort Steele. He reports that placer mining in that vicinity will commence this week. A dredger mining boom has struck Perry Creek, and several prominent Steele citizens are the promoters of the scheme, and it seems probable that something new will develop in placer mining this year in Southeast Kootenay. The Kootenay Perry Creek Mining company has gained possession of a large tract of gold bearing gravel on Perry creek suitable for dredging purposes. The ground has been thoroughly prospected during the past two years. And this week the big dredger, which was installed during the past winter, will be in operation. A small working force is already at Perry Creek, and Mr. Banks left Steele on Friday with seven men, and it won't be long before the dredge is in operation.

The demand for lumber is on the increase, and nearly every mill in this district is behind in its orders. The Doyle logging camp has about completed its work. About 5,000,000 feet of logs were gotten out there the past winter.

The work of moving the East Kootenay Lumber company's mill at Jeffrey to its new location will be commenced in a short time.

Work is progressing in a satisfactory manner on the great sawmill plant at Wardner, and in a few weeks this immense institution will be ready for business.

The Meadow Creek mill of the East Kootenay Lumber company is now in full operation. Quite a village has been built at that place, and when the machinery is put in place a large gang of men will be employed.

The new mill at Perry Creek that is being installed by the Perry Creek Mining company will be ready for business in a short time. It is a small mill and is being put in to cut the lumber wanted for use by the company.

The Moyle Lumber company cleared over \$5000 worth of new machinery through the Cranbrook customs office last week. This company, which has its plant near Moyle, will soon be in shape to make a big cut this season.

Watts & Co., who purchased the sawmill plant of Leask & Slater, have the foundation ready for the new mill at Palmer Bar, and the work of installing the machinery will be inaugurated this week. Mr. Watts has an ideal site for a mill, and a spur has been graded from the C. P. R. track, so that everything will be in good shape for shipping his product.

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THE SLOCAN.

The richest ore that has ever been encountered in the Payne mine is being taken out of the lower workings. It is said to equal in value the Reco ore.

The force around the mill and zinc plant at the Payne is now over 30, and at the mine about 50 men are employed, making a total of about 80 men all told, or nearly as many as are employed just now by all the other mines around Sandon combined. Steam being discarded, the concentrator is now running full capacity by water power. The milling machinery has been greatly remodelled by Foreman Little during the past winter to save all the zinc and the result now is more than up to expectations.

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QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Queries Concerning Columbia & Western Lands.

Hawthornwaite's Labor Bill Defeated on a Vote.

VICTORIA, April 28.—Today Curtis asked the commissioner of lands and works the following questions:

(1) How many acres of land earned by the Columbia and Western Railway company under its subsidy act of 1896 have not yet been granted?

(2) When were the sections for which these lands have been earned completed?

(3) Is the government aware that taxation of these lands only begins ten years after their acquisition by the company?

(4) If so has the delay been to enable the company to escape taxation for these years of delay? If not, what is the real reason for delay?

(5) How many acres of land have to date been crown-granted to such company?

(6) Were such lands, prior to the grant, defined, designated, or surveyed, as required by the subsidy act?

(7) If not, what legislative or other authority has the government for crown-granting the same?

(8) Have the above mentioned but ungranted lands heretofore referred to been designated and surveyed, in accordance with the act, within the seven years expiring 17th April, 1903?

(9) If not, has not the right of the company to such lands lapsed?

(10) If the right has lapsed, does the government intend to recognize it in any way? If not, then why?

Wells replied as follows:

(1) \$88,873 acres, earned in respect of sections 1 and 3, have not yet been crown-granted, and in addition 300,000 acres in respect of section 4, claimed by the company, have not been crown-granted.

(2) Section 1 was completed in 1897, section 3 in 1899, section 4 in 1900.

(3) Yes.

(4) No. There has not been any unreasonable delay in issuing crown grants since the completion of construction.

(5) Seven hundred and forty-nine thousand four hundred and forty acres.

(6) The lands were sufficiently designated and surveyed to enable crown grants to be issued.

(7) Answered by number 6.

(8) No.

(9) This is a matter for legal opinion.

(10) The matter has not been considered.

This afternoon was taken up with the debate on the railway rights bill, which after repeated attempts to amend it on the part of Hawthornwaite, the provincial secretary, got put through its final stages.

There was a long and acrimonious discussion on Hawthornwaite's trade union bill, which provides a heavy penalty for an employer who discriminates against a man because he belongs to a trades union, international or otherwise.

Curtis made a long speech, in which he defended the Western Federation as having the same rights as an international body as railway corporations, colliery companies, etc. He was repeatedly interrupted by Dunsmuir, who said he would treat with his own men, but would never recognize the Western Federation. Curtis said an unreasonable and cantankerous act like that of Dunsmuir at Extension made union among the men imperative.

Hawthornwaite declared that if the legislature would not give their rights to the men the latter would wipe out the capitalists. McEwen and others declared the bill extreme, and at 9 o'clock it was defeated, only Curtis, Hawthornwaite, Houston and Neill voting aye.

Although a night session was held it was not for more than half an hour, there being little business to go on with. The government had a big caucus this morning, and seem more harmonious as the result.

In reference to a dispatch in an up-country paper stating that Prior had stated to the correspondent that in the event of bill No. 16 being disallowed he would dissolve the house, reorganize the cabinet, and appeal to the country, possibly on party lines, the premier said today the whole thing was a fabrication pure and simple. He had never made any such statement. He was indignant at such an absurd remark being credited to him. It is recognized here that a veto of the bill by the governor would necessarily involve the fall of the ministry and that the premier would not have the option of dissolution or appeal to the country.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE BILL

VICTORIA, April 28.—The delay of the governor in affixing his signature to bill No. 16 (the famous measure involving the cancellation of C. P. R. grants) has overshadowed every other legislative topic of the week. The premier much relieved the tension on Friday by indicating that his honor had not refused assent, but had merely asked for sufficient time to properly consider a ques-

tion so far-reaching and important. Sir Henri Joly is too old a parliamentarian and too conservative an administrator of his office to invite trouble by any arbitrary action, but on the other hand, he is well known to attach more responsibility to his duties than some other occupants of the office have done. His delay in consummating the action of the legislature has opened up a wide field for speculation, and in the corridors and lobbies his probable course, and the results following that course, are monopolizing attention to the exclusion of almost every other topic.

Rightly or wrongly, the impression is gaining ground that his honor is awaiting developments in the special committee before taking further action. This committee was appointed before the bill passed the legislature, and as a natural order of things, the members themselves would await this report before taking final action on the bill itself. But the revelations made in the debate created such a feeling of unrest among the members that none of them seemed to feel disposed to run the risks which delay would involve, and the result was the rapid forwarding of the measure through all those stages in its progress which which the house has to deal. A specific promise seems to have been given by the premier to the opposition chiefs that he would carry it through all its stages and have it assented to before asking them to accord supply. The premier has kept faith in this respect to the limit of his ability, but of course no one doubts the right of the governor to delay assent, to forward to Ottawa or to refuse assent, if he feels so disposed.

There does seem to be some question, however, in regard to what a refusal to sign the bill would involve. When the rumor first gained circulation, there was little difference of opinion on the point. Members argued that if the governor had not sufficient confidence in his advisers to endorse their measures, it must necessarily involve the dismissal or the resignation of the executive. Were this correct, it would involve complications sufficiently grave to prevent his honor taking such a step unless absolutely compelled to do so. He would be obliged to call on some other member to form a government to become responsible for his act, but the entire assembly concurred in the passage of the measure, with the exception of the attorney-general, who remained in the corridor during the vote, and hence none of them could, logically, accept office under the conditions, with the possible exception of the attorney-general, and he certainly could not be called on, because, while he failed to vote on the bill, his remaining in the government, after its passing, ties of the house; it is to the effect that the crown may refuse assent to a bill without involving the fall of the ministry. It is stated that royal refusal, through order-in-council, always entails a vote, and a party to it.

But another and rather novel view is advanced by some of the best authorities of confidence in the administration, because an order-in-council is a purely administrative act of the advisers of his majesty. In regard to a bill, it is contended that the practice is quite different. It may be vetoed by the crown in the undoubted exercise of its prerogative, without involving the fall of the ministry. Instances are quoted, during the reign of Queen Victoria, in which this was done.

If this be a correct interpretation of the constitution, and the governor should refuse his assent, Col. Prior would be put in possession of a much-needed slogan with which to appeal to the country, of which it is not likely that he will be slow to avail himself. He would first have to secure supply, because an appeal to the country, involving a dissolution, would bring into effect the new redistribution bill, and at least two months will be required to get the lists in shape. In the meantime, supplies would be exhausted, as the fiscal year ends on the 30th of June. The opposition would not be likely to brew the path of the colonel with roses, carrying out any such plan, however.

In the meantime, the first minister is the head of a very unhappy family. It has been the lot of premiers during the last few years in British Columbia to be almost constantly confronted by "crises" and cables, but these dissensions are not usually extended to the council chamber itself. If Col. Prior could now unburden his mind, as he may find it necessary to do before the session closes, he could possibly give a harrowing tale of disloyalty on the part of some of his colleagues, which would make a choice morsel for opposition consumption. It would surprise no one acquainted with the present conditions if the prime minister dismissed some of his associates before the present middle is straightened out.

There is one feature in connection with the revocation of the order-in-council of August 16th, 1894, in regard to which the premier and the governor stand on almost common ground. The premier, as a newcomer in the cabinet, and the governor, by virtue of his office, are participants in departmental affairs, were each, to a large extent, dependent for a correct version of the facts on the other ministers, and particularly on the attorney-general and the chief commissioner of lands and works. The evidence given already before the special committee by C. P. R. officials and others varies so widely from the statements of some of these members as to be practically contradictory. If the ministers in question misled both his honor and the then minister of mines, now the premier, each of them have a justification for their part in concurring in, and assenting to, the revocation order. And if the facts now adduced by the committee demonstrate that they were misinformed, Sir Henri has a just cause for dismissing the premier and an excuse for dismissing the offending ministers. Sir Henri possibly is taking into consideration that it was on the representations of one of these ministers, to some extent, that the house unanimously passed bill 16, and he may be making some allowance for that fact.

Of course, while all these speculations are indulged in, there is little real doubt in the minds of the members in regard to Sir Henri's course. While there is no disposition to criticize his proper caution in thoroughly considering the matter before approving the bill, there seems to be just a little doubt that he will ultimately assent to the measure.

Plans are being considered in Russia for a canal to connect the inland sea of Azof and the Caspian.

At Exeter Charles Mortimer, accountant, was committed for trial on a charge of causing the death of his wife by starving.

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MANY MEMBERS ENROLLED

Rossland Branch of Mining Association Has 158 Members.

General Meeting to Take Place at an Early Date.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The Rossland branch of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia is rapidly rolling up a strong membership. At a committee meeting yesterday afternoon 158 names were reported...

Centre Star Mining Company, War Eagle Mining Company, Canadian Ore Concentration, Limited, per H. H. Cluett; Le Roi No. 2, Limited, Rossland Kootenay Mining Company, Limited, William Thompson, general manager...

Messrs. and Mesdames William Verma, Edward Stevens, James H. Lee, McCulloch, John Kelley, Fred W. Preddy, George Mellor, George Owen, Harry McIntosh, George H. Owen, M. F. Villeneuve, Evans, Boyce, T. H. Long and H. F. Busch.

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NEILSON AND TRAIL MASONRY.

Visiting Craftsmen Foregathered at Corinthian Lodge Last Night.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Masonic Temple was the scene of an animated and interesting gathering last night when visiting craftsmen of the Blue Lodges at Trail and Nelson were the guests of Corinthian lodge.

The Nelson contingent consisted of Miss Lawrence, George D. Kurts, Charles E. Cranston, Thomas Morley, George W. Hays, G. E. Kinrad, Charles McElroy and G. O. Hodges. Fidelity lodge, Trail, was represented by James H. Schofield, D. H. Chapman, J. A. Fraser, D. E. Jolly, W. J. Devitt, Noble Elms, J. D. Anderson, James Harding, W. B. Tower and William K. Esling.

The special motive of the gathering was the exemplification of degree work by the team from Fidelity lodge. Following this the visitors were entertained at supper, and a pleasant evening was spent in song, speech and story.

MR. KIRBY RETURNS.

Home Yesterday from Pleasant Visit to California.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Edmund B. Kirby, general manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, returned home yesterday evening from a three weeks' trip to California. To a representative of The Miner, Mr. Kirby stated that his trip was of a most pleasant nature, and that he was much benefited as the result of the respite from routine effort, particularly as the holiday was spent in a delightful climate and amid glorious weather.

"Has the cause of concentration been advanced as the result of your visit?" was asked of Mr. Kirby.

"No, it would not be correct to make such a statement. The concentration works at Silica are operating steadily, but my visit to San Francisco is not of special significance in connection therewith," was the reply.

WITH FLYING FEET TO START WORK SOON

ODD FELLOWS' GUESTS CHASED THE HOURS AWAY AT UNION HALL.

EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION UNDER AUSPICES OF POPULAR FRATERNITY.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Last night saw the seventh annual ball of Rossland lodge No. 36, I. O. O. F., and the most successful function of the kind in the annals of the local branch of the fraternity. It was wise forethought on the part of the managing committee to have the ball at Union hall instead of at Odd Fellows hall, for the latter premises, commodious and comfortable as they are, would not have accommodated the guests without discomfort.

Graham's orchestra furnished admirable music, the floor was in splendid condition and the management unusually good. The committees were as follows: On management—Thomas Embleton, W. J. Frost, Ed. Johnson, E. H. Graham and Cranus Graham. On reception—Joseph Goldworthy, Thomas Embleton, Phil James, Thomas H. Long, and D. E. Kerr. Floor committees—J. A. McKinnon, W. J. Frost, W. Hanna, Isaac James, W. A. Murphy, M. A. Henderson, F. W. Preddy, Max R. Hopkins, H. F. Busch, and Shad Williams. Mr. McKinnon's efforts as floor manager were especially appreciated.

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"KEEP THE DRAGON DOWN."

Was Rossland Engineermen's Adjunction to Montreal Brethren.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Yesterday was St. George's Day, and as the Rossland sons of Merrie England observed the occasion on Sunday there was nothing to mark the day locally save the exchange of congratulatory telegrams between Montreal and Rossland. The St. George's Society in the eastern metropolis wired Rossland as follows:

"St. George's Society extends cordial greetings on this our national anniversary and wishes clarifying the traditions of a glorious past, look forward to a greater future in this country of our adoption. (Signed) A. W. Grant, president St. George's Society." No branch of St. George's Society exists here, but the following reply was returned:

"The Sons of St. George in the Golden City reciprocate the greetings of their honored nation, and are proud with them in loyalty and faith. But don't let the dragon up. (Signed) Charles W. Hedley, chaplain."

LE ROI ORE TO NELSON.

Two Cars Shipped Yesterday to Hall Smelter at Nelson.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Two cars of Le Roi ore were shipped yesterday to the Hall smelter at Nelson. The Nelson plant is operating one lead stack on ore from the Silver King mine, and requires gold-copper ores for mixing purposes, hence the purchase of the forty or fifty tons of Le Roi product. The ordinary quality of ore now being shipped to Northport was sent over to the Nelson works.

The Hall smelter is also operating a lead stack, but complaint is made that the supply of silver-lead ore is somewhat meagre.

SAVE THE BABY.

"I can truly say that had it not been for Baby's Own Tablets I do not believe my baby would have been alive today."

So writes Mrs. Albert Luddington, of St. Mary's River, N. S., and she adds: "He is now growing nicely; is good natured and is getting fat." It is gratifying to know that in all parts of Canada Baby's Own Tablets are proving a real blessing to children and a boon to mothers. These Tablets are a speedy relief and prompt cure for constipation, sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea, worms and simple fevers. They break up cold, prevent croup and allay the irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth. Baby's Own Tablets are good for children of all ages from birth upwards, and are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug. Sold by medicine dealers or sent by mail, postpaid, at 25 cents a box, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brookville, Ont.

IN MEMORY OF MARINES.

LONDON, April 27.—The prince of Wales has unveiled in St. James park a statue erected in memory of the marines recently killed in South Africa and China. The events at Peking are commemorated by a bas relief on the pedestal depicting an episode in the defence of the legations, when the British were led in a sortie by an officer of the United States marines, after their own corps had been put out of action.

METAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Bar silver 68 7/8; Amalgamated copper 68.

BOOKS ARE BOUGHT A RED LETTER DAY

FOUR HUNDRED VOLUMES OF FICTION FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SOME POINTERS ON THE INSTITUTION AND ITS MANY TROUBLES.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Thanks to the efforts of supporters of the public library project, through the ping-pong tournament, and the benefit performance of "Sweet Lavender," as well as direct subscriptions, the Library committee of the Sons of St. George has been enabled to purchase a small circulating library of nearly 400 volumes and to retain a reserve fund on hand for the purchase of new books and other expenses.

There are now about 500 books on hand, consisting largely of popular fiction, and at an early date these will be catalogued and thrown open to the public for circulation.

Probably a small charge will be made for library cards, to aid in the expense which the new move will involve. A suitable librarian will be required, who will give sufficient attention to keep the books in order and attend to the issue and exchange of those in circulation.

Meantime the reading room, while well patronized, is far from satisfactory to those who are responsible for it. The strong smell filtering through the floor from the stable below is not removed, as was expected, by the open windows which the warmer weather permits, and some method of flooring the room or ceiling the stable will apparently be required to correct this unpleasantness. A more serious difficulty is the lack of regard for the rules on the part of a few of the frequenters, who, with a strange lack of public spirit, to say nothing of common honesty—have been in the habit of freely removing reading matter from the room. The committee is obviously unable to keep a curator always on hand, and has appealed to the honor of frequenters. If this appeal is not noticed the only plan will be to curtail the hours during which the reading room is open and have some one on hand who will be responsible for order.

It is hoped that more books will be sent in for the library in time to be included in the first catalogue to be issued.

A QUESTION OF ACCOUNTING.

New System Adopted on Canadian Pacific Recently.

On the first of this month a new system of accounting came in force on the C. P. R. Instead of, as formerly, all clerical work dealing with the business of the company being done in the offices of the general superintendent of each division, a system of decentralization has been inaugurated, whereby each superintendent looks after the accounting of his own jurisdiction. This will mean a considerable accession to the clerical staff at Nelson, as Mr. Downie is now responsible for the accounts of his part of the line, transmitting the same directly to Montreal without reference to the general superintendent at Vancouver.

TO MOBILIZE CORPS

PROPOSED TO BRING MILITIA REGIMENT TOGETHER AT NELSON.

LOCAL BUGLE BAND REORGANIZES TONIGHT—MEN WANTED FOR BAND.

A new and decidedly interesting proposal has been made in connection with the approaching annual inspection of the militia in Rossland and other points where companies of the Rocky Mountain Rangers are located. Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes has been requested to conduct the inspection at Nelson on Dominion Day, and to authorize the assembling at Nelson on the holiday of the entire regiment. Incidentally the gathering will be an added feature to the Dominion Day celebration there, but from the militia-men's standpoint is excellent for a variety of reasons, notable among which are the good results to be secured from the assembling of the entire corps under canvas at one time and the esprit de corps to be promoted by bringing the Kootenay militia-men together. Moreover, the inspection thus conducted will be more satisfactory than the usual proceedings because of the opportunity afforded of bringing the men out in the field, where the open air manoeuvres to which the drill book is now almost exclusively confined can be exemplified to the best advantage. A Nelson paper states that invitations have been sent to Rossland and other points to companies of the Rocky Mountain Rangers. The invitation for the local company must be on the way still, but will have a favorable reception when it does reach here.

RIGHT WITH SOMALIS.

A Desperate Engagement Fought by Major Gough's Command.

BOHOTLE, Somaliland, April 25.—Major Gough, in command of a mobile column, engaged the enemy near Danop. He lost 13 killed, including two officers, and four officers were wounded. The enemy suffered 200 men killed.

LONDON, April 26.—A long official dispatch has been received here from Bohotle, Somaliland, to the effect that Major Gough's flying column, numbering about 200 men, was attacked by a large force of the enemy near Danop. The column formed in a square and resisted the enemy with success for several hours, receiving reinforcements from Danop. Ammunition being scarce, the British forces retired slowly on Danop, bringing all their wounded with them. They were continually attacked en route. In addition to 13 men killed, including two officers, there were 28 men and four officers wounded. Major Gough praises highly the conduct of his force under trying conditions and while fighting at close quarters. He recommends several men for gallant behavior. He is now retiring on Bohotle and is expected to arrive there April 28. Supplies have been sent to him.

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SPORTS OF THE WEEK

Lacrosse Team Opens the Season at Kaslo on May 24.

Ball Practice Today--Rifle Ranges Open for Season Soon.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The Rossland lacrosse club opens the season at Kaslo on May 24. This was definitely decided upon yesterday, when a telegraphic message was received from Nelson offering the Kaslo game and requesting an immediate answer. The officials of the club only had a couple of hours to consider the matter, but it was finally agreed to take on the game, and a reply to this effect was forwarded by wire.

The club originally intended to open the season at home on May 24. The only other club in the district up to the present time is Nelson, however, and on communicating with the Queen City people it developed that Kaslo had been ahead of the local people with an invitation and Nelson had accepted the proposition. Nelson's idea was to bring the Fernie lacrosse team in for the game, but it was decided to offer Rossland the match in preference, with the option of falling back on Fernie if Rossland declined. The local men were in the position of foregoing a game altogether or going to Kaslo to play. Had they refused to go out of town, Nelson would have brought in the East Kootenay players and the Rossland lacrosse men would have been compelled to kick their heels at home with no chance of a match. Apparently the only course open was to accept the Kaslo offer which provides for the payment of all the visitors' expenses.

In the match the Rossland players will have an opportunity of testing their metal against the clever players from Nelson, who are scientific and speedy and have had more than a fortnight's practice already. The Rossland team can scarcely hope to defeat Nelson at this stage of the season, but the game will be of special value as indicating the strength and weaknesses of the Golden City twelve. It is expected that the sticks and other supplies for the club will be in hand this week, and it is the intention of the players to get down to work without an instant's delay. The matter of grounds is not exciting any anxiety owing to the mutual arrangements arrived at between the baseball and lacrosse men. The subscription committee of the lacrosse club is meeting with a decidedly favorable reception from the citizens, and it is the intention of the committee of the pastime will be in hand before the club is required to discharge any of the obligations incurred up to the present time. Canada's national game will have a spate of novelty in Rossland, which probably contains more people who have never seen the famous Canadian game played than any other town of the same population in the broad Dominion.

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THE BOWLERS.

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A SCANDAL INDEED

Revelations Made Before the East Kootenay Committee.

The Juggling With Crown Grants Plainly Exposed.

VICTORIA, April 22.—When the revocation bill was before the house two days ago the chief commissioner of lands and works stated the reason why the original order-in-council was cancelled was because the C. P. R. never indicated that they would take up the government's offer to give these valuable lands for the larger acreage to which the C. P. R. was entitled, contiguous to their line of railway. George McL. Brown, who was examined by the special committee last night, declares this is utterly false. He swears that the government solicitation from him, that he accepted the offer, paid the fees on both blocks, and has a receipt for the said payment. The government has never even returned the fees. Wells, he swears, asked him to leave the crown grants, for him (Wells) to deliver personally to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. Wells in the house repeatedly declared that the deeds never left his possession on the occasion of his visit to Montreal, although there have been rumors that they did. Brown says Mr. Shaughnessy told him that Wells delivered the crown grants and then asked for their return, promising that he would mail them to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy after reaching Victoria. This thirty days after reaching Victoria. This he never did, Brown states. In view of these facts their lawyers advised the C. P. R. that their title to the lands was perfect, and they did not even apply for a petition of right.

A special to the Times this afternoon quotes Sir Thomas Shaughnessy as saying: "The negotiations took place at Vancouver, and I learned very little about them. Wells delivered to me in Montreal patents for all the grants except the one in question, which he had with him in an envelope, but which he requested to be allowed to retain for special reasons for a few days, not exceeding a month, and as I considered under the great seal and I considered the transfer of the lands completed I assented, and I do not think I had this particular patent in my hands at any time."

Attorney-General Eberts was called by the committee this morning, and the evidence was not completed when the committee adjourned. In his recollection of the matter of the crown grants. He said they were recommended, he thought, by the chief commissioner of lands and works, and passed the council in September, 1901. He said he never understood that the company was not agreeable to the terms of the order-in-council at that date. Upon being pressed for reasons leading up to the rescinding of the crown grants, he declined to give them, as that would be a violation of his oath of office. He remembered that George McL. Brown called on the executive and protested against the cancellation of the crown grants, of which he further declared that he did not know that Wells had brought the crown grants back from Montreal until a month or two after Wells' return. Asked if Brown had spoken about a settlement being reached and the grant delivered, he said: "Well, he spoke that effect."

Eberts was also asked Wells' reasons for bringing back the crown grants, and said one reason was that he could not get the C. P. R. to do something. Asked further, Eberts said: "Don't you think you should ask Mr. Wells that?"

Bill 16, otherwise the cancellation bill, is still unsigned, and it is now rumored that the delay is due to the governor, who is withholding his assent temporarily. At least McBride at the beginning of the session this afternoon, asked if assent would be given today, and Eberts replied laconically that the government was not aware whether the government would be down today or not.

The governor's delay is attributed to various causes; one of which is advice from Eberts to that effect, and the other the governor's desire to have the report of the special committee affixed to the bill, but it is regarded as hardly likely that the governor would accept his advice if not in harmony with that of the first minister as expressed in legislation.

The possibility of Sir Eberts' assent being withheld opens up fresh contented all along that he had an assurance from the governor of a dissolution if he so desired. If the governor no longer accepts his advice he must resign or be dismissed, and in either case would not be granted an appeal to the country. Hennes McBride, leader of the opposition, would likely be called on. Prior, on the other hand, is credited with contemplating a coup by dismissing Wells and Eberts on the ground that they misled him when he joined the ministry in regard to this matter and making an appeal to the country on the strength of his proposal to prevent the alienation of these lands.

The time for an appeal to the country would be favorable just now, as Joseph Martin is in the hospital on account of trouble in one of his legs, for which the doctors are now considering the advisability of amputation, thus preventing his participation in a campaign. McBride's bill regarding settlers' rights on the E. & N. is attacked on the ground that it is supported by Hawthornthwaite and passed its second reading.

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ARRIVED AT CRISIS

Political Situation at Victoria Reaches Acute Stage.

Business Is Held Back to Await a Government Caucus.

VICTORIA, April 27.—The government today passed over all important business and went on to private bills, at the same time cutting out the night session which had been planned. The reason was evidently that a crisis has arrived, and the fact that an important caucus has been called for tomorrow indicates that the premier is face to face with serious trouble.

It is understood on good authority that no anxiety need be apprehended because of the governor's not signing the revocation bill, as it is believed he will do so.

The Deadman's Island matter was up for discussion in the house on a return sought on Gilmore's motion. In dealing with it, Eberts replied to Curtis' charges against himself, and said his firm the Pack Train came from Rossland his firm withdrew as soon as the case came before him as attorney-general, and they had no connection with the Bonnington Falls matter, as alleged. That case was referred direct to the gold commissioner at Nelson and speedily adjusted.

The house refused to give the Morrissey, Michel and Fernie Railway company power to build tramways and to use water power, as it was held to be against the public interest to do so. The debate on John Houston's bill regarding the size of petroleum claims was adjourned. This bill would limit the size of such claims to about the size of mineral claims, and to prevent large corporations grabbing big areas.

Eberts was before the special committee today, but although pressed hard by Green and McPhillips to give the reasons for the government's action in cancelling the crown grants he excused himself on the ground that he would violate his oath of office. He said, however, that he advised the government that they could substitute lands in Kootenay for those "contiguous to the railway" earned by the C. P. R.

Tomorrow Premier Prior will table the report of the delegates to Ottawa. It will consist largely of details of the case made out for British Columbia, which was practically the same as that presented by the Dumasuir government.

THIRTY-TWO DROWNED.

VICTORIA, April 22.—Further details of the disastrous collision between the coasting steamers Nereida, Senator de Lourdes and Navarra on March 11th, near the entrance to Batangas, as a result of which 23 lives were lost, were given in 11 advices from Manila. Brief advices were given by the Associated Press cables.

Manila papers report that the steamers crashed together in the darkness and over 100 people were left struggling in the water when both vessels foundered shortly after the collision. By rare fortune the steamer Alva and the United States transport Lallof were near at hand. The Alva lowered her boats and took 43 of the crew and passengers from the Alva. They said the accident was inexcusable on the part of one at least of the captains, the night being clear and the moon shining. The captain of the Navarra was accused of having his lights on the wrong side. Many pathetic scenes were witnessed. One woman herself and her infant because her husband was drowned.

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GOLD IN MANCHURIA.

Russians Reported to Have Massacred Chinese Miners.

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The debate is likely to be interesting. The constitutional rights of the governor will be discussed, and the remedy the legislature has for compelling its wishes to be observed. The legislature, representing the unanimous voice of the people, cannot allow an executive figurehead to overrule it.

The delay of the governor is producing a restive feeling.

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A Victim of the Revolver in the Tanana District.

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ON LABOR QUESTION

MANUFACTURERS AND EMPLOYERS WAIT ON DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

OPPOSE SOME BILLS PROMOTED BY THE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

OTTAWA, April 27.—A big delegation from the manufacturers' association and employers of labor arrived in Ottawa today and waited on the government to oppose the labor bills now before parliament.

E. Gurney, of Toronto, was the principal speaker. He opposed the amendment now proposed to the alien labor law, and was supported by D. L. Lockyer of Montreal, who also made a strong attack on the importation of labor agitators from the States to take part in strikes. The principal bill which the delegates opposed was the union label bill. W. A. Russell, ex-secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, attacked the bill and said it was for the purpose of legalizing a trade mark which was not a trade mark. Mr. Fortier, the cigar man of Montreal, also spoke in this line. They all supported Senator Longhues' Canada. While the delegation started out by saying they were not opposed to unions, they ended by opposing them. Mr. Whiting, of the Canadian Locomotive Works, Kingston, made a strong speech against their methods.

Sir William Mallock said that while the delegates suggested coercion, which he did not believe in, they did not give him one instance where this experiment was tried and succeeded in any country. He was opposed to coercion. The Dominion government has abolished steamboat inspection fees. The fees collected last year amounted to about \$5,000.

To the suggestion of the Canadian government that the Pacific cable board should permit free press messages between Australia and Canada for three months, Premier Barton of the Commonwealth has replied that the telegraph and postal act of that country forbids any such arrangement. The New Zealand government, however, is said to favor the Canadian suggestion.

GERMAN COUNTERFEITERS. BERLIN, April 27.—Seven counterfeiters have been arrested in a body at Posen. The men counterfeited various coins, the coupons of government bonds and foreign coins, including those of the United States. They are said to have American connections. Direct inquiry at the court at Posen for information and details concerning their American connection brought the reply that the court could not answer the questions for several days, pending examination of the prisoners.

THE KRONSTADT RIOT. BERLIN, April 27.—The Lokal Anzeiger has published details of the recent disorders at Kronstadt, Russia, which began in the brawl between troops and marines, and during which it was said that some officers had been killed. The paper says the trouble developed into a regular riot in which 1200 persons took part. Several police officers were wounded.

Finally, Admiral Lavroff arrived on the scene with a party of armed men who fired blank volleys at the rioters and restored order.

Mrs. William Rolls left yesterday for Chatham, Ont., per Spokane Falls & Northern. She will spend several months in the east.

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MINING MEN'S REQUESTS

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THE SUBJECT TABOOED

City Council Didn't Trifle With Question of Assessment.

Aldermen Talked of Demonstration and Other Matters.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The most interesting subject in the political economy of Rossland today is the alleged extreme over-assessment of real estate, yet this is the one topic of which the city council steered clear last night.

"You'd think these people who are talking so much about their assessments were the only ones in town who pay taxes," was the sage remark passed by an alderman who draws down \$250 per annum as the representative of the taxpayers.

The question of a demonstration in Rossland this summer was debated, Mayor Dean requesting the council to pass on the matter. Various aldermen favored Labor Day for a general citizens' celebration, using the arguments outlined by The Miner last week.

Mayor Dean advanced an interesting suggestion in the shape of a proposal that steps should be taken to arrange a children's fête day for July 1. He believed a program in which the children of the public schools should participate would afford the youngsters and their relatives considerable amusement.

THEY WANT ACTION.

The city fathers want action on the new postoffice. Last night the following resolution dealing with the subject was carried unanimously: "Resolved, That this council respectfully begs and urges the Dominion government to finally complete the new postoffice in this city, which, with the exception of interior fittings and pavement, has been completed for nearly, if not quite, a year.

CROWN SCHOOL LANDS.

The matter of securing crown lands for public school purposes was discussed at last night's meeting in the following resolution: "Moved by Daniel and Dunlop, and resolved, That the member for the Rossland riding in the provincial legislature, Smith Curtis, be requested to ask the provincial government to set aside suitable areas of public lands throughout the province to be known as school lands, the monies realized from the sale, lease or disposal in any manner of such lands to be placed in a separate fund and used to assist in the maintenance of the schools throughout the province."

Y.M.I.R. NOTES.

Three Bears Shot—A School Dispute at Salmo.

Y.M.I.R. April 28.—The store of J. A. Paul, of Salmo, was on fire yesterday, a greater part of the roof being burned. The fire was put out by a bucket brigade.

Rice Kellogg and George Walker shot three bears yesterday afternoon on Porcupine creek, and within one mile of the railroad. The hides were in splendid condition.

C. H. Barnhart, late superintendent of the Ymir Gold Mine mill here, is reported, coming back to take charge of the Forto Reco gold mine stamp mill. Mr. Barnhart is at present in Victoria. As a mill man he has had an equal.

There is trouble at Salmo over the teacher, Miss Reith. One of the trustees desires to have the lady dismissed at once so as to enable them to get a man pedagogue. The rest of the trustees are determined to let Miss Reith teach out her term. A large number of the parents state that if a male teacher is employed they will not allow their children to go to school at Salmo.

METAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Bar silver 54 3/8. Amalgamated copper 64 3/8. LONDON, April 28.—Lead 211 1/2s. 6d.

TOURIST PATRONAGE

HOW CANADIAN PACIFIC HOPES TO BRING TRAVELLERS INTO KOOTENAYS.

MEETING REPRESENTATIONS OF ASSOCIATED BOARDS ON THE MATTER.

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This, together with the fact that we sell return tickets locally between all points at one and two-thirds rate for the double journey, enables everyone to visit the Kootenay country under most favorable arrangements. This year we are issuing a special pamphlet for distribution at the mountain resorts calling attention to the side trip arrangements."

NEWS OF GREENWOOD.

Smelter Resuming—Smallpox South of the Line.

GREENWOOD, April 28.—Yesterday one furnace was blown in at the B. C. Copper Co.'s smelter, Greenwood. The second one will be started up as soon as the supply of coke is sufficient to warrant its being operated, which will likely be about the end of the current week.

William Berg came over from Trail last Saturday to take the position of furnace foreman at the Greenwood smelter on one shift. Charles Andren is back at his old post on the other shift.

Paul Johnson returned Saturday night from his trip to Prince of Wales Island, where he went in company with J. B. Hastings and Sam Sillitman. This morning he went out to Spokane to further discuss with his principals the proposal to erect a smelter on the island, on which there are gold-quartz mines as well as the iron-copper-gold properties, one from which the smelter is principally designed to treat.

Boundary Valley Lodge No. 23, I. O. O. F., held its anniversary service on Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church, Greenwood. There were about 60 members and visiting brethren present, and a large congregation besides, so that the church was crowded to the doors. Bro. Rev. Dr. McRae preached an appropriate sermon, taking "Friendship, Love and Truth" as his subject. The congregational singing was particularly hearty, well known tunes having been chosen, besides which solos by Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Harris added to the attractiveness of the service.

B. M. Snyder, the new assayer for the B. C. Copper company's smelter, with Mrs. Snyder, arrived from Anaheim, California, on Saturday, and yesterday commenced his duties here. Captain William G. McMyrn, of the recently formed Greenwood Civilian Rifle association, under the Militia Act, yesterday received advice that his rifles and 7000 rounds of ball cartridges, for practice purposes, had been shipped from the military stores at Victoria for Greenwood. The local association has enrolled 72 members, and its executive consists of W. G. McMyrn, captain; A. M. Whiteside, secretary; H. L. Johnston and A. Logan. Arrangements are being made to clear a range near town.

The Greenwood and Rambler tennis clubs have amalgamated and have elected the following officers and committee: H. F. Mytton, president; W. E. Hodges, vice-president; C. Elton Merritt, secretary; J. L. Coles, H. P. Dickinson, K. C. B. Frith, J. P. Myers Gray, F. Lewin and A. C. Strickland, committee. The combined clubs have two courts on which to play and days have been allotted for ladies only, others for men, whilst mixed games can be arranged for at any time. A successful season is anticipated by local enthusiasts.

A young Englishman, named A. E. Horridge, about 25 years of age, was found dead in bed yesterday morning on a ranch near Midway. He had been in that town on Sunday afternoon drinking, and in the evening left for his ranch in company with a Chinaman who rents the adjoining ranch. When he reached the house of the Chinaman he was found to stay there the night, his own home being, as he told the Chinaman, too long. The Chinaman got up at daylight and worked about the place until 6 o'clock, when he tried to awaken Horridge, but found that he was dead. Provincial Constable Cunningham was at Midway, and upon learning of the occurrence, went up to the ranch and made inquiries and examined the body. As it was well known that deceased had been of dissipated habits for years, and he was personally known to the coroner as falling in health, an inquest was not considered necessary. The unfortunate

man's young wife and child left only a short time ago on a trip to England. Dr. Spankie has received information from the quarantine guard at Myers Creek that two deaths from smallpox have occurred at a place across the international boundary line, a few miles south of Rock Creek. About April 1st an emigrant family named Marshall came in from Virginia. They were found to be suffering with smallpox, so the whole family, consisting of parents and seven children, were isolated. It is stated that the whole household was attacked by the disease, which in the case of both parents has proved fatal.

A section man named Harry Sargeant was brought in from Corvallis, on the Columbia & Western railway, last Friday evening, very ill with pneumonia, which had kept him confined to his bed a week or so before then. His recovery was hopeless from the first, and he succumbed on Sunday. Inquiries are being made for relatives, but at present their whereabouts is not known. He was a single man about 45 years of age.

BRAKEMAN'S DEATH

FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE C. P. R. SWITCHING YARDS AT PHOENIX.

BRAKEMAN DONOHUE RUN OVER BY A STRING OF ORE CARS.

PHOENIX, April 28.—One of the most horrible accidents in the history of the C. P. R. in the Boundary occurred this morning directly in the Phoenix switching yards, the victim, a railway employee, having his head instantly severed from his body.

A long string of ore dumps was being heaped up the Phoenix hill at 9:30, with Conductor Ed. Sterling in charge. The caboose was on the forward end, and F. E. Donohue, a brakeman, stood on the lower step of the car. As it backed up the grade, in an unknown manner the wheels of the caboose and five cars passed over him, cutting his head and one limb off clean.

No one saw the fatality, and consequently exactly how it occurred will never be known. Donohue had been employed on the ore trains from the Gray mines to the Cranby smelter for some six weeks, coming here from the States. He was an Irishman about 42 years of age, and as far as known was a single man.

The remains of the victim were taken to the undertaker's at Phoenix, and Dr. G. M. Foster, the district coroner, was notified.

BRIDGING THE FRASER.

Progress Made on the Great Structure at New Westminster.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 28.—Work is progressing on the New Westminster bridge at a satisfactory rate, and the indications are that all the constructive work of piers will be finished before the annual freshet. Just now the centre of attraction is number two pier, where the deepest water is encountered, and in the other cases a temporary wharf was built over the spot, the piles forming a case into which the caisson was floated preparatory to being filled with concrete and sunk. But, owing to the great depth of the river at this point, 90 feet, it became necessary to use piles 105 feet long. The caisson is now down a few feet into the sand and gravel which forms the bottom, and it will not be long till this, the last, big pier is completed. The caisson is built with a cutting edge, and having a well hole in the centre. Through this the sand and gravel is taken up by a very powerful pump, 150 pounds hydraulic pressure. As soon as the well hole is also filled up with concrete. This ranks among the deepest piers known. Unfortunately for sight-seers, little is to be seen of all this interesting work. After this, only a few piers in shallow water on the city side remain to be built. In the meantime the long approach on the south side is nearing completion, and very soon work on the superstructure will be commenced. Some material is already here, and as the rest arrives from Montreal it will be hauled on cars to its future position. When one realizes the tremendous pressure against the big caisson from the current and tide, it is easy to see why the contractors are anxious to complete this part of the work before winter comes.

They have been greatly favored so far, for the water in the Fraser is unusually low for this time of the year. As there is a large snowfall in the interior and the snow has hardly commenced to leave the Coast range. If this melts at the same time as that on the Rockies there will be a flood.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

TRINIDAD, Col., April 28.—W. A. Roman, a wealthy stockman of Gallinas, Okla., died in the hospital here from the effects of two bullet wounds which he received about 10 days ago while riding on his range. The shooting, it is claimed by his brother, C. F. Roman, who accompanied him here this morning, was the culmination of one of the bitterest range feuds in the history of the territory. The two brothers, it is claimed, were ambushed and shot from their horses by three men who were strongly footed in some rocks on a hillside.

SIMILAR TO THE BOXERS.

BERLIN, April 28.—The Cologne Volks Zeitung prints a letter from a Catholic missionary in Shang Tung province, China, saying that a new sect similar to the Boxers has assumed enormous proportions in Kiang Naen. Eighty per cent of the population already are members, including many soldiers and officials. The writer adds that he expects a wholesale rising against foreigners, and asserts that the mandarins are using their influence to repress it.

EVENTS AT THE COAST

The Nanaimo Herald has the following advice from Lady Smith: At a meeting of the W. F. M. held here this evening the report of the delegates sent to Victoria to interview Mr. Dunsmuir was received. These delegates were Messrs. S., Motishaw, Jr., J. Jeffries, F. Malone and A. Robertson.

They reported that Mr. Dunsmuir had declined to receive them because they belonged to the W. F. M., but stated that he would be willing to meet them as soon as they quit that organization. Organizer Baker was present, and assisted in the deliberations, and it was finally decided to call out the Cumberland men and boycott all Dunsmuir coal. Instructions to this effect were sent to the local agent, E. E. Blackwood, this morning. This means that the fight between Dunsmuir and the W. F. M. has been fairly started, and both sides may be expected to prosecute their campaign with all vigor.

A Cumberland special of April 20th says: As far as can be learned no word has yet been received here calling the mine out, but it is fully expected that it will come soon. It has been understood for some time past that the present anomalous state of affairs could not long continue, and if Mr. Dunsmuir still refused to make any concessions to the men at Lady Smith the only course open was to fight him at all points. About 300 of the men here have joined the union, and will come out if called. This comprises about three-quarters of the white employees. The bosses here seem to think that Dunsmuir will not consent to closing the Union mines without a struggle. He will retain as many men as possible and import others. His mines are situated absolutely on his own ground, so that he can forbid trespassers and ship supplies in to the men so that they will not require to enter the town at all. By this means they expect to keep enough men to work one or two of the mines to supply what coal is absolutely necessary, and get more men as he can. Everything seems quiet here this evening.

The price of hay has advanced rapidly at the coast. In Vancouver some days ago it reached \$20 per ton, with prospects of going higher. The Province says: "The hay which is consumed in Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria, is raised in the Fraser valley, and the consumption of the three cities is approximately 1000 tons per month. It is fairly well known that in California, there is only one, between 1500 and 2000 tons of hay in the whole of the Fraser Valley. As the new crop will not be forthcoming for some four months and there is only two months' supply at the most on hand, the price will mount steadily until it reaches the point where California hay is marketed here. From California must come about 2000 tons of hay to tide the local market over till that time when the new crop will become available. The California product may be of three kinds, alfalfa, wheat and oat. To most people the alfalfa is preferable to the other two kinds. There is no timothy hay in California. California hay cannot be sold in Vancouver for less than \$25 per ton, according to the price now demanded for it, and considering the cost of transportation."

The funeral of Frank Rogers, who was the victim of a revolver shot, was at the cemetery at Vancouver, where people on foot of any funeral which ever took place in Vancouver. There were 188 rows of people four deep, or 755 people walking, besides a number of carriages. All the unions in town, including the U. B. R. E., were out in force, and work in the city was practically at a standstill. A business portion of Vancouver was lined up with people to see the cortege pass.

It is said that an industry, worth as much as about \$200 a week during its season, has been commenced by the Nanaimo Indians, who are turning out claims to that value, and shipping them to the cannery at Vancouver, where they are being packed. It is estimated that a family can make between seven and eight dollars at the work-between tides.

The Victoria board of trade has declared strongly against the proposal to place the port under a harbor commission, as a method certain to increase taxation and harbor dues and likely thus to lessen the shipping trade of Victoria.

Victoria speculators have laid out a new townsite called Quatsino, on Quatsino Sound, on the northwest of the island. Captain Livingstone Thompson has planned the site. The place has the Yreka mine tributary and possesses deep water facilities. On the strength of these the new townsite will shortly be "boomed" in the usual way.

IN A RECENT ISSUE THE VICTORIA TIMES SAYS:

According to the terms of the Victoria Terminal Railway company a service must be given this city between Sidney and the Fraser river. That agreement provides that a car ferry of certain requirements must be ready for operation by the 1st of May and plying on the route making daylight trips six days in the week. Just what this will mean to Victoria can hardly be estimated. The Victoria Terminal Railway company, undertaking the fulfilment of the contract have nearly completed the steamer Victoria, converted her into a modern and substantial ferry with tracks for the accommodation of eight cars, and have overhauled all her machinery and removed all her cabin work forward and to the port and starboard sides of her engines casing, leaving nothing but the boiler shell covers in at the bow end by a huge canvas which falls from the top deck like a big curtain. They have also provided sitting room accommodation for over 150 people, where the dining saloon was formerly, have left a cosy saloon on the second deck practically untouched, except in the way of renovation, have strengthened the hull, under the inspection of Captain Colliester, fastened the engines down

in such a manner that they can no longer give trouble from vibration and have in a word made the Victorian what it was thought by many she never could be made. Contractor Macdonald, who had charge of the carpentry work, displayed a great deal of ingenuity and much expert mechanical knowledge in the undertaking, and when the Victorian left port last night she represented one of the best jobs ever turned out of a local shipyard.

The steamer left for Nanaimo shortly after 7 p. m., where coal is to be taken aboard before Sidney is visited in order that the facilities there for the loading and unloading of cars may be completed.

But while the Victorian is about to inaugurate a service that will shortly bring the whole Fraser valley into closer communication with this city, the Puget Sound Navigation company are looking to the better welfare of this city by the line of giving connection with Seattle, Tacoma, Port Townsend and Port Angeles. The company's double service is to commence also on the 1st of May, and a month hence will see the advent of the new steamer Chiallam on the run. In a letter which the local agent, E. E. Blackwood, has received from headquarters mention is made of the construction of still another steamer for the service to be commenced just as soon as the Chiallam has been completed and her working qualities have been demonstrated.

This ship, as previously stated, is to be 215 feet long, and as she will be considerably larger than either the Rosalie or Majestic, she cannot be ready for the route before early next year.

The Princess Victoria, which is to give an improvement in the Victoria and Vancouver service, is being advanced towards completion at the Terminal City with all possible rapidity, and when she has been finished in the course of a couple of months, this city is to have still another new service. The Charmer will then be placed on the Steveston route and operated, according to present intentions it is believed, on a schedule that will allow of a double daily service to the Mainland by the C. P. N. company.

Blister copper valued at \$20,000 arrived in Vancouver recently from the Crofton smelter en route to New York. The consignment, roughly speaking, amounted to 40 tons. This is one of the best shipments of blister copper from Crofton. It will be followed by others in the near future as the smelter is working two furnaces continuously, and a third may be blown in shortly to facilitate the handling of the large amount of ore the smelter is now receiving.

The contract for laying the telephone cable across the Gulf, which will give Victoria speaking communication with the Mainland cities, has been let, but the final orders for construction will not be given until the provincial government passes a private bill amending the charter of the company to permit of the laying of the cable. Starting from Point Roberts, it will run to Mayne Island, then across by cable and land lines over Prevoost and Salt Spring Islands, finally to Sidney. The cable, a large one, will take two months to build by an English company. It will be laid early next spring.

As a result of the coal strike in British Columbia the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says that Seattle and Tacoma have shipped 10,000 tons more coal to San Francisco during the month of February than was sent down in January, while the increase in March over January was 15,000 tons. The only port which the Washington coal exports in the California trade is that from Australia, and consequently the more serious the strike situation on this island the more jubilant the coal miners on the American side.

A carload of fruit trees from Ontario is being examined at the provincial government shed at Vancouver by Fruit Inspector Cunningham and his staff. The consignment is valued at \$8000, and there are advices that more consignments are coming. In a little room off the examining room where the big cases are opened and the trees are thoroughly gone over, are piled the affected trees picked from the others. They are packed in boxes, and the boxes are being packed. It is estimated that a family can make between seven and eight dollars at the work-between tides.

The congested state of affairs at the provincial hospital for the insane reported to the government by Dr. Macpherson, the medical superintendent, has been relieved to a certain extent by the sending forth of another batch of patients. Thirteen left for points in Ontario and Quebec in the care of Dr. Dougherty and two attendants. Ten of them had been cured and were being returned, according to custom, to their native provinces. The other three were to be delivered to relatives being planned the life. The place has the Yreka mine tributary and possesses deep water facilities. On the strength of these the new townsite will shortly be "boomed" in the usual way.

In the Vancouver police court A. Matthews and A. E. Barclay, two sailors of the Empress of China, were convicted for a breach of the inland revenue regulations in having a quantity of cigars in their possession, for which duty had not been paid. A fine of \$50 each or 60 days was imposed.

The Canadian Pacific railway has commenced the work of clearing the ground for double-tracking its main line through the yards between Hastings and Granville streets, Vancouver, along the shores of False creek. In clearing and leveling the ground for the double track the big Model 80, Barnhart steam shovel, the largest steam shovel ever used in British Columbia, is engaged. It weighs something like 100 tons, can move 4000 yds of dirt or gravel in ten hours and requires a crew of ten men to operate and attend it. Not only can the steam shovel cut a swath of 80 feet into a bank of any height, but it can cut into the ground for nine feet below the surface. It is worked by three separate engines, one for hoisting, one for thrusting and the other for swinging round. Its hoisting gears are 700-horse power, and the engine to develop thrusting or digging

power is capable of developing 12-horse power.

The full court sitting at Vancouver dismissed the appeal of the attorney-general of British Columbia against the C. P. R. on the Vancouver street ends question. The attorney-general must now give particulars of time, place and circumstances under which the Granville townsite was dedicated by the crown to the crown's subjects.

William Jones, who escaped from the provincial jail at New Westminster on the 30th of March, was recaptured at Vancouver a few days after and confined in the city lockup and again made his escape through a ventilator, has been brought back to the New Westminster jail by Superintendent of Provincial Police F. S. Hussey. Jones was captured by the sheriff of Snohomish county at Everett, and the reward of \$100 will be paid to the sheriff by Superintendent Hussey. Charles Clark is still at large. Jones came before the police magistrate of Vancouver and was given a sentence of two years' imprisonment for breaking jail and four years for stealing cigars.

The popularity of the Rossland Bowling club becomes more evident each day. The membership of the club is increasing and the afternoon and evening games are well attended. Bowling will be a keen rival with tennis in Rossland this summer. The club's quarters in the basement of The Palace are being improved by Raife Harrow, the proprietor of the place.

THE BOWLING CLUB.

The Original Leader is Practically Deceased.

A dispatch from Saskatoon says: A crisis in the Barr colony trouble occurred today, and Rev. Barr is now in the background.

Last night Mr. Barr was thoroughly roasted by the crowd, but Rev. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. C. W. Speers, immigration agent, quieted things. Today, upon a petition signed by one hundred and forty, James Clinkskill, member for the district, called a meeting in a tent. Mr. Barr appeared, and after a altercation lost his head, seized Clinkskill by the collar, and threatened to put him out.

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A Simple Plan That Should be Followed by all Who Are Sick.

If you could buy back your health on the installment plan—say 50 cents a week, for a limited number of weeks until cured—would you do it? There is a plan worth trying. Taking into account the destructive little parasite that the government, through Mr. Cunningham and his staff, are determined to keep out of British Columbia.

Do not waste money on ordinary medicines, or substitutes; see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is printed on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A TRAIN DERAILED.

Thirteen People Injured in an Accident at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., April 28.—A Cincinnati & Hamilton train, which left here tonight, was derailed outside this city about four miles. Thirteen people were injured, seven seriously, but none fatally. The accident was due to the turning of a derailing switch.

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CITY NEWS

TO SILICA—Last week the War Eagle mines shipped a couple of cars of ore to the Silica works, where concentration experiments are being well steadily.

SHIPS LIME ROCK—A lime quarry near the point where the Le Roi smelter secures its supply has been shipping lime rock to the Trail smelter for some time. A couple of cars are hauled to Rossland daily, transferred to the Canadian Pacific and taken through to Trail. The quality of the product as a flux is claimed to be excellent.

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