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MINES AND MINING

Another Promising Sophie Group Is in Good Hands.

THERE ARE FOUR CLAIMS

The Wallaroo Group, Adjoining the Dewdney Trail, to Be Crowned Granted at Once—Owned by a Strong Toronto Company.

That favored section of Trail Creek district, known as Sophie mountain, still keeps its position as the leading camp in the near vicinity of Rossland. A vast amount of development work is being carried out just now and every claim within a radius of several miles is being actively worked by the owners, as none of them would for a moment dream of letting a claim on Sophie run out. In the words of a prominent mining man, who is largely interested in some of the best properties there: "Hold on to every foot of ground on Sophie mountain, as it is only a matter of a year or two that mine property there will be quite as valuable as it is on Red mountain now."

The recent rich strikes on the Velvet and Triumph go far to support this opinion. Large ore bodies have been discovered in the 100-foot and 165-foot levels on the former property, and a shipping body of 400 ore was milled with this ore rawhiding through the winter. This ore assays \$24 in gold and over 20 per cent copper. On the east vein of the Triumph a new shaft was started a short time ago, and at 10 feet depth a shipping body of 400 ore was milled. This shaft is being sunk to 100 feet, and is all in ore at the present time.

J. A. Kirk, P. L. S., returned Saturday night from surveying three claims of the Wallaroo group, on the north slope of Sophie mountain, for which properties a crown grant will be at once applied for. The Wallaroo group consists of five claims—the Wallaroo, Carn Brea, New Orleans, Gilbert & Bendigo. The first two have been purchased and the last two bonded by a Toronto syndicate, and a company has been incorporated under the title of the Wallaroo Gold Mining Company. The company is on a sound financial footing in Toronto and the stock has been largely taken up already. The energetic secretary-treasurer is E. G. Parker, who has resigned the treasurer'ship of the Dundee mining company to take up the work of the Wallaroo company. The company's engineer is Charles Parker, who has given the property a thorough examination. Each payment has been made on the claims purchased, and the balance will be paid in 90 days, the other two claims being bonded for six months. Active work will be commenced in a few days and the present intention of the company is to work on the Wallaroo until the pay ore is reached. It is probable that work on the group will be continued all winter.

The Pug to Be Sold.

The sale of the Pug, near Waneta, will take place today to satisfy judgments secured against the company which formerly operated it. The Pug was one time considered one of the most promising properties in that part of the country and has an interesting showing. The surface is traversed by two good ledges, and development work has been carried on by means of a tunnel which is in 250 feet. The tunnel, however, never gave the results that were expected as, so some of the shareholders say, it was run along between the two ledges, and consequently had no chance to open them properly. Nevertheless, some excellent stringers were met, from which assays as high as \$17 were obtained. Mining men who are familiar with the property say that crosscuts from the main tunnel open either of the two leads should show highly satisfactory results. The company was mismanaged, and the property was finally seized and ordered sold to satisfy judgments.

The Okanogan Country.

Thomas Anderson, bookkeeper for the Iron Colt Mining Company, has returned from a three weeks' visit to the Okanogan country. While there he visited Peachland and Glen Robinson. The former, though only a few months old, is a picturesque and busy little town on the west shore of the lake, while Glen Robinson is a mining camp some ten miles inland and to the west from Peachland. The Canadian American Mining Company of this city has a number of claims in the vicinity of Glen Robinson, and two of them which have been developed the most give promise of becoming mines. A short distance from where the Canadian American company has its properties some Spokane parties have some claims from which they are getting assays of \$24.80 on and near the surface. Glen Robinson, he says, promises to be quite a mining camp. There is an excellent mining country in that vicinity, but what it needs is capital to bring out its latent resources.

Slocan is Doing Well.

F. M. McLeod, barrister, is back from a trip through the Slocan, where he was looking after his mining interests. Mr. McLeod says that the same good feeling which is so noticeable a feature in this camp is also to be observed in the up country camps, as there is no little activity all through that region. The Payne, he says, is now shipping 50 tons of ore per day, which is equal to a gross monthly output of \$90,000. The last Chance is finding new bodies of good ore while on the Sovereign four feet of solid ore has been encountered. The Boson, about a mile and a half north of New Denver, has three feet of ore assaying 150 ounces in silver, while the Molly Hughes is also looking well. The Idaho, which has also from the grass roots,

and has earned \$280,000 for its fortunate owners, is maintaining the present practice, while the Rico, the Noble Five and the Enterprise continue to look exceedingly well.

ROYAL FIVE MINING COMPANY. Important Additions to the Properties of the Company.

Very important additions to the properties of the Royal Five Gold Mining Company are about to be made by the accession of a group of four very valuable claims in the Trout Lake Mining division, known as the silver Bell, Ohio Boy, You Bet and Wild Cat. These claims are situated on Tenderfoot creek, about three miles south of Trout Lake, and adjoin the celebrated Tullies group. On the latter group there are over 500 tons of shippable ore, which has been taken out during the process of development. Assays from the extension of the vein which runs through the Wild Cat claim give gold, \$28.80; silver, \$197.98; copper, \$10.48; lead, \$40.50; total, \$276.96 per ton. These claims give great promise of developing into very valuable properties. The Lardreau and Trout Lake Mining divisions are rapidly developing into what is known as a promising mining country. Like the Slocan district, these districts seem to contain a number of grass-roots mines. The foregoing properties are held by a trustee on behalf of the Royal Five company, which is the pooling of all shares outstanding, which is one of the conditions governing the transfer to the company.

Santa Rosa Development.

On the Santa Rosa, on Santa Rosa mountain, just opposite the Velvet, the long tunnel has encountered what is believed to be the lead towards which it was being driven. The tunnel thus far has exposed three feet of very good looking ore, and no wall is yet in sight. H. Leukman, who is superintending the development of the property, has some excellent samples of ore which were taken from the recent find. In its general character the rock strongly resembles the product of the War Eagle, and seems to contain a large percentage of iron. The ledge has been met in the 335-foot station in the tunnel. It has seemingly been encountered from the footwall side for while the roof of the tunnel has been in ore for over three feet yet the mineral workings has not yet come into mineral. As yet the width of the vein can only be conjectured. On the surface there are four big free milling ledges, and all of them will be crossed by a continuation of the present tunnel, which is of the crescent variety. The ore with depth evidently changes in character from a free milling to a refractory rock, as the ledge which has just been encountered is decidedly a pyritic ore.

Work on the Maude S.

C. B. Ettner, who has been at work on the Maude S., the well known free milling proposition near Waterbury, is in the city. Mr. Ettner says that the drift on the vein has been driven about 70 feet and the showing is very good. The ledge continues free milling, although it was expected that with depth it might prove base. On the dump there are about 150 tons of ore which Mr. Ettner says ought to yield \$15 to the ton or better. There is not much work going on around the Waterloo camp just now as the Horne-Payne fiasco has hurt the district not a little, but nevertheless some of the prospectors are carrying on development as extensive a scale as their means will permit. The owners of the Maude S., Mr. Ettner says, are now making arrangements to put in a small mill, as they have between 2,500 and 3,000 tons of ore actually in sight.

The Keystone Group.

The Keystone group on Dominion mountain, in the north end of the Trail Creek district, is generally considered to be one of the most promising properties in the country. The surface showing is unusually large and very gratifying results have been gotten for the amount of work that has been done. The ore is the same character as that of Red mountain, and in the tunnel that is now being driven on a cross vein, which will tap the main vein at a depth of about 300 feet, the values have generally increased. A trace up to \$12 in gold with a fair percentage of copper. The development of this property is being watched with a great deal of interest, as it is confidently expected to make in time one of the big mines of the country.

Inspected the Columbia-Kootenay.

Edwin Durant, manager of the British America corporation, and W. A. Carlyle, the chief engineer of the company, escorted a party of eastern friends through the Columbia & Kootenay Monday morning. The party, besides Messrs. Durant and Carlyle, included D. Coulson, the manager of the Bank of Toronto, W. B. Smith, the manager of the Bank of Ontario, F. L. Coulson of Toronto, Dr. Marcus Johnson of London, and G. M. King of this city. The visitors were much pleased with the property, and made an extensive tour through its various workings.

Good Hope to Be Sold.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Good Hope company has been called for Friday, September 9, to consider the sale of the company's assets, which comprise the Good Hope claim on the north slope of Red mountain near the Good Friday. The officers of the company will make no announcement regarding whether the prospective buyer is, nor what the price offered will be.

Ore From the Friday.

Some excellent copper ore from the Friday group of claims on the north fork of Shewan creek, is on view in the window of the Mine office. The property is owned by L. G. Barron and Robert Bond of this city, and work is going actively ahead.

J. W. Westfall, who was looking after the development of the Old Gold and the Primrose companies' properties in the Lardreau, is back from that country, and has had some excellent specimens of rock from the claims which he has been working.

ALL SORTS OF NEWS

A Liberal Conservative Association Formed at Nelson.

THREE YEARS IN PRISON

David Benson Sent Up For Attempting to Wreck a Train—Alleged Murderer Arrested at Kuskonook—The Bottom Falls Out of Warden's Etc.

Mackenzie & Mann have stopped work on the survey of the V. V. & E. railway.

The provincial assessor should make some enquiries into the details of the recent sale of the Nelson and Port Sheppard railway, says the Nelson Tribune. It is stated that the lands have been sold in connection with the railway, it is just probable that the extensive grant which the N. & F. S. railway company received from the government is subject to taxation. Should the lands granted to the company be subject to taxation a more liberal land policy would result.

At the conclusion of the address of Hon. George E. Foster on Saturday evening last at Nelson, the chairman invited all those interested in the formation of a Liberal Conservative association to remain. A meeting was afterwards held at which John Elliott presided and Fred Starkey acted as secretary. About 40 Conservatives were present and it was decided to form an association. A committee consisting of W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., A. S. Gamble, George McFarland, H. R. Cameron, John A. Kirkpatrick, T. G. Proctor, the chairman and secretary was appointed to arrange for a meeting for the organization and election of officers to be held in a couple of weeks.

Arrangements are being made for the celebration of Labor day, Sept. 5, by the working men of Nelson. The celebration will be in the form of a procession followed by games on the recreation grounds.

"Three years in the penitentiary," said Judge Forin on Thursday last at Revelstoke, concluding his remarks to David Benson, who stood before him charged with having placed obstructions dangerous to life and property on the C. P. R. line. "I can't come to any other conclusion but to judge you guilty," said the judge, and then allowed the above sentence and the prisoner holding up his hands for the bracelets was led away to begin the awful three years which stretched out before him barren of hope or blessing.

A man named Puerio was murdered and robbed by an Italian named Antonio Brino at Moyie City recently. The alleged murderer was arrested at Kuskonook. A mounted policeman rode up to G. S. Beer, the C. P. R. ticket, at Goat River, and told him that an Italian Brino, had stolen another Italian, Puerio, to death, and had subsequently robbed his victim of a sum estimated at between \$200 or \$300. On arriving at Kuskonook, Mr. Beer saw a man answering to the description walking among several other dogs. He immediately informed Constable Wilson, who arrested the man. On searching him, bank deposit slips to the amount of over \$200 made out in the murdered man's name were discovered on his person. Also several other articles supposed to belong to the deceased. He made a rambling and incoherent statement, denying all knowledge of the affair.

Referring to the new town of Elk River, which is situated on the main line of the Crow's Nest railway, and only about 12 miles from the coal mines. The new town boasts of having the finest water power in East Kootenay and is situated on a high and level plateau overlooking Elk river, from which it takes its name. There are a large number of mines in the vicinity of the new town.

A serious accident occurred on the afternoon of August 6, to a gang of McLeod's men working on the bridge at the bottom of the loop, the upper timbers gave way, resulting in the instant death of two men and serious injuries to several others.

Warmer seems to have lost bottom in some way, as the International announced in its last issue that it would thereafter suspend publication. The new Baptist church in Nelson is about completed and is situated on a high and level plateau overlooking Elk river, from which it takes its name. There are a large number of mines in the vicinity of the new town.

J. H. Currie has been appointed postmaster at Trout Lake City. All the steps necessary for the transference were taken by Mr. Fletcher, who paid the town a visit recently. It has not been decided yet who will have the carrying of the mails between Ferguson and Trout Lake City, as there appears to be some difficulty of arrangement between the department and tenderers as to whether Ferguson is to have a post-office at all.

Lord Herschell, P. C., G. O. B., who is in Canada to attend the international commission called to settle differences between Canada and the United States, which will meet shortly in Quebec, passed through Revelstoke a few days since in the government car Cumberland. He was accompanied by Hon. R. Herschell, his son, and Mr. Cartwright, his secretary. Lord Herschell spoke pleasantly of his trip to a Mail reporter who called upon him in his private car. It is merely a jaunt for pleasure while waiting for the opening of the commission, of which he is the leading member. They spent a day at Banff and Glacier. On the return journey the party will spend a day at Winnipeg.

W. H. Keary, commissioner for the

New Westminster exhibition, was in Nelson last week in the interest of the great show. This year a special feature will be made of a mineral exhibit, and the collection of specimens for the show is the chief object of the commissioner's visit. He says that the aim of the management this year is to have a complete exhibit of the resources of the province. The show will last nine days, and special rates have been secured over the Canadian Pacific road and its branches. Those who contemplate a trip to the coast between the 5th and 13th of October will be able to make the round trip, take in the show and return for less than single fare.

An old timer named Goodfellow, who has been trapping for years on the Columbia, and was well known about Donald and Beaver, was found dead in Frank Berthune's shack at Lake Tinbasket. The body had the appearance of having been dead for several weeks when discovered.

The C. P. R. survey party under the able direction of Mr. Rice has again returned to the neighborhood of Boundary Creek, as the party is now working to the west and south of Summit camp. It is mooted that in conjunction with the construction of the main line near Summit camp, a branch road will be built which will tap Greenwood and Wellington camps, thereby giving the proprietors of properties in those camps an outlet for their ore.

About a week ago a pet horse belonging to Lamb Bros. got bitten by a rattlesnake, says the Midway Advance. Evidently the horse was feeding as the snake was in the open of the neck just behind the jaw. For three or four days the animal was in such a state it could not open its mouth, but upon application setting in much relief was found and now the horse is fast recovering.

As soon as the railway furnishes a means of communication between this district and Kootenay and Northwest territory points, a splendid market for fruit will be thrown open, says the Midway Advance. If those engaged in ranching pursuits in this district could only realize this, they would pay more attention to the cultivation of fruit than they do at present. Car loads of fruit is being shipped into the Northwest each year from different parts of the province, and yet there is an ever increasing demand, and as this district will have direct communication with the market, it will enjoy an advantage which it is to be hoped those holding lands in these parts will not allow to slip by them. The large areas of land in these valleys should be planted to fruit in the near future, and if such is done the remuneration will be a bountiful one to those who will carry it out.

Foley Brothers and Peter Larsen, the contractors, were in Bonner's Ferry a few days since looking over the ground on the proposed extension of the Great Northern railway from the Ferry to the foot of Kootenay lake. They expressed themselves as confident that the project for a portion of the extension will be let before President Hill leaves the west.

It is now nearly four months since A. E. Hodgins was empowered to organize a volunteer company in Nelson. A mess has been secured, the company roll is full and the men drill regularly and enthusiastically. Everybody in Nelson connected with the South Kootenay Rifles has done his duty, and the remuneration of the militia department is consequently the more to be deplored. It was only the other day that the officers' commissions were gazetted, but neither uniforms nor rifles have as yet been supplied.

The men employed on the government work of constructing the Six-mile wagon road in the Nelson division, have quit the job, and the probabilities are that work will be finished by contract. Up till the time of the trouble with the men the road was being put to work by the government, the men were paid \$3 per day and charged \$5 per week for board. It was claimed that under this arrangement the work was costing too much and the boarding house was losing money. It was decided that the price of board should be raised so that the boarding house should pay its way and the rate was increased from \$5 to \$7 per week. The increase in the cost of board was resented by the men who claimed that the board supplied was not worth \$5 per week and they accordingly quit work. If the work is let by contract it is not likely that the rate of wages will exceed \$2.50 per day.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company reports a heavy sale of townsite property in the Nelson division. All the main business street lots have been taken up for the demand for lots in other parts of the town is beyond expectations. During the last two or three weeks the company has sold \$20,000 worth of property at Grand Fork. A branch line of railway, 16 miles in length, is being built to the North Star and Sutherland group of mines, which are the principal ore shipping districts. Cranbrook will be the headquarters for the company in East Kootenay, as it is now called, and large quantities of land are being taken up along the line and the townsite sales are numerous.

Dewdney Trail Repaired. James Schubert, inspector of roads trails for East and South Yale, from Pentiction to the Kootenay boundary, is in the city, having come to the eastern limits of his district to repair the Dewdney trail. This work will be undertaken immediately. Mr. Schubert came to British Columbia by the overland route in 1883. As a child two years of age he accompanied his parents and 200 other immigrants from Norway, or Winnipeg, as it is now called, travelling across the prairies and through the Yellowstone pass to Kamloops.

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FROM OTHER CAMPS

Great Development in the Slocan Mines.

THE BOSON TO SHIP SOON

Gold Finds on Ferry Creek in East Kootenay—Active Development of the Mather Lode in Boundary Camp—Tiger Claim Bonded to Rosslanders

Unusual activity is characterizing the development of the Slocan properties. Work is being vigorously pushed all over the district and as was to be expected some very promising finds are the results. The Boson is attracting considerable attention of late, as the showing on the property is unusually encouraging. Up country papers say that the mine will be a shipper as soon as a short trail can be built to connect the property with the outside world.

In the way of deals and sales the week past has not been devoid of interest, and among the transactions of note is the bonding of the Tiger on Hardy mountain near Grand Forks to Rossland people. The figure is said to be \$60,000. Near Fort Steele the Wassa group on the creek of the same name has been bonded to the Hall Mines, limited, for \$20,000. The following summary shows in brief the development that has taken place in the past week among the mining properties throughout the southern portion of the province.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Henry Allis has made a good strike on his claim, the Iron Horse, in Wellington camp adjoining the Ratler, owned by Van Ness. The find was made in rather a peculiar manner, the assessment work having been completed on the property without making much of a showing. As Allis was coming off the claim with his tools; he stopped to rest and while resting discovered the lead which is very similar to that on the Ratler, being free-milling ore on the surface with a peacock copper ore underneath. A big ledge is said to be in sight.

The Tiger claim on Hardy mountain about six miles from Grand Forks, has been bonded for the sum of \$60,000 to a number of Rossland capitalists, although J. Carriger and Charles Sibbe are the party named in the bond. This property is one of the best on the mountain and has had considerable work done upon it, enough at any rate to fully demonstrate that it is destined to become a great property. The ore from the ledge is a very fine grade of copper pyrites and iron in a quartz gangue with excellent gold values and a trace of silver, while the copper values run away up. From the tests already made there is not the least doubt in the world that the property will be able to ship a large quantity of first class ore with a very little more development it will be in a position to become a regular mine in the fullest sense of the word. Under the terms of the bond one per cent of the purchase price is to be paid down in 30 days from the date of the deal, \$20,000 in eight months and the balance in one year from date.

A company with plenty of working capital, an efficient and progressive management, and the utmost confidence on the part of the owners in their property, are the factors which are rapidly changing the Mother Lode claim into one of the largest producing mines in the world. Everything about the Mother Lode is built on a large scale. The distance at right angles across the ledge is 185 feet. The plant which is now being installed to develop a British Columbia property; the shaft which is being sunk is the largest in the district; the timbering and lining of the shaft are the heaviest, and the company owning the mine have placed a large sum in the treasury for the development of this magnificent property.

It has often been stated that the ore in the Mother Lode was of too low a grade to pay mining and treatment. The development work has conclusively proven that such is not the case, but that the average values are much higher than those of the Anaconda mine and other big dividend-paying properties.

A shipment of nine tons of ore will shortly be made from the Jewel in One thousand pound will also be shipped to San Francisco to be treated by the cyanide process. If the returns from these shipments are satisfactory work will be resumed on the mine.

A rumor is going the rounds at Greenwood to the effect that W. L. Hogg of Montreal, has taken a bond for \$40,000 on the Big Copper in Deadwood camp from the owners, J. Moran and Austin Hammer.

On the Jeannie May, near the mouth of Brown's creek, the Shannon boys and Johnny Layeaux are now down 75 feet on the ledge and have some excellent rock in sight. The entire shaft is in ore.

The shaft on the Showshoe is now in splendid ore.

W. L. Hogg, who is one of the owners of the Sunset and Silver Crown, two of the most promising properties in the Deadwood camp, was in Grand Forks recently, says the Miner, on his way home to Montreal from a visit to the properties, which he and his partner, Mr. Stevens, also of Montreal, have been having developed on a very extensive scale lately, believing that they have a justification for this in the large amount of ore they have in sight on both properties. So far a 100-foot shaft has been sunk, over 600 feet of tunnel run and considerable open work done on the Sunset, and Mr. Hogg informs us that he had just let a contract for 100 feet to be sunk on the shaft, will take it down to the 200-foot level from which point 200 feet of cross-cutting will be done. Besides this there will be about 200 feet more work

done by day labor. With the completion of this vast amount of development the Sunset will be well up in the list of the developed mines of the district. The Silver Crown, adjoining the Mother Lode, has now enough work done to crown grant, and it will be developed very considerably also.

The owners of the Jewel property in Long Lake camp are shipping nine tons of high grade ore to the Trail smelter for treatment.

A prospector from Pathfinder mountain came into Grand Forks on Monday and reports that a new strike has just been made on the Little Bertha property. A new working ledge some 18 inches in width has been found that assays as high as \$150 to the ton.

Ross Thompson, the well known mining man of Rossland, who has a bond on the Oro Diner property in Summit camp, is now working a strong force on this claim, and will continue work all winter.

W. L. Hogg, of Montreal, who has had a \$10,000 bond on the O. C. D. claim has just lifted the entire bond, paying the money over to Robert Donegan, the original owner.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The North Star company has shipped nearly 3,000 tons of ore during the past three months.

The North Star company is doing the assessment work on 21 claims in the vicinity of the North Star. It is the intention of the company to sink a shaft 300 feet on the North Star mine.

Samples from the new strike on the Sullivan group assayed 75 per cent lead and 47 ounces in silver, or a total value of \$87 per ton. It is the intention of the company to continue development work. The new shaft is down 20 feet in solid ore. The ore is a fine grained steel galena.

The Little Mag mineral claim, situated on the divide between the Moyie river and Perry creek, is owned by E. J. Walsh of Ottawa. A large amount of development work has been done; one tunnel is in 130 feet, a second 31 feet and a third 20, with a good showing of free milling gold quartz.

R. Mowbray has just completed a contract on the Coronado. The tunnel is now in 50 feet. It is expected that the tunnel will be resumed at an early date.

The Hamilton Bros. are still working on the Bellview claim situated on Palmer mountain. The tunnel is in 130 feet, with six feet of solid ore; a shaft is also down 30 feet with ore in the bottom of the shaft. The ore is galena with a high percentage of silver.

The Wassa group of mines, situated on Wassa creek, about 12 miles north of Fort Steele, have been bonded to H. E. Crosstades, representing the Hall Mines, limited, of Nelson. The consideration is \$20,000 in four payments. Work will commence at once, a contract having already been let for a 50-foot tunnel. The Wassa group consists of two claims, the Wassa and the Hamilton, and is owned at present by William Thompson, William Haupt, Peter Rosendale and Eric Sandon. Considerable work has been done on the property, a tunnel is now in over 100 feet with a vein of ore from three to six feet in width. The ore is a grey copper, red oxide of copper and galena; assaying 22 per cent copper, 112 ounces in silver, and \$8 to \$10 in gold. The hanging wall is phurphyritic state, the foot wall black slate.

E. Johnston, of Windermere, has struck a galena property which bids fair to rival the North Star.

The Perry creek gold fields will no doubt receive considerable attention during the remainder of the season. Mine owners in that vicinity are much elated with the showing during the past few months. At this time there is no reason to doubt that Perry creek will make a great gold camp before the season ends. The provincial mineralogist has made a most searching and thorough examination of most of the properties in that section, and it is said that his report will be most flattering.

REVELSTOCK AND TROUT LAKE.

W. A. Bauer, P. L. S., who has been conducting the survey for a very large number of claims in Ground Hog basin, has returned from there. Revelstoke, interviewed, he said the quartz showings in Ground Hog were remarkably good and there was no doubt on the character and history of the country that there was a large lead or leads there which contained rich gold deposits. The lead is still undiscovered, but the well-directed development work would surely find it and a great camp would likely be established there.

A number of assays of the ore from the Beatrice claim, Bonanza group, Lardreau, give an average value of \$150 and the showing consists of a three-foot body of clean ore. W. G. Frank Beer, who bonded the property, writes the Mail: "You will be pleased to learn that work is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily on the Beatrice. I have now three shifts at work and am now forwarding the machinery for the more rapid handling of the ore. I expect to make the first shipment in a very short time."

On Gainer creek in the Lardreau the Lead Bros. who discovered the rich deposit of gold bearing quartz of which so much was heard last fall, are quietly and energetically pushing development work. The owners of this valuable gold proposition are pleased with the showing so far and when it is opened up thoroughly the good reports of last fall will be fully verified this year by an increased output of rich ore.

A new strike of excellent ore was made on the Towhee in the Lardreau country recently. Very shortly the famous Towhee property will be heard of to advantage. The Towhee is in excellent company, adjoining the Sunshine on the Silver Cup lead. The Free Coinage, adjoining the Silver Cup, is showing up excellently also, and under the management of Hugh Monroe, who gained open work done on the Sunset, and Mr. Hogg informs us that he had just let a contract for 100 feet to be sunk on the shaft, will take it down to the 200-foot level from which point 200 feet of cross-cutting will be done. Besides this there will be about 200 feet more work

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IT'S A BUSY SECTION

A Multitude of Christina Lake Projects Being Developed.

THE TOWNSITE BOOMER

Just Now He Is Very Much in Evidence at the Several Future Great Towns Along the Line of Extension of the C. & W. Railway.

CHRISTINA CITY, B. C., August 10.— Refreshing lake zephyrs mitigated the intense heat of last week along the shores of Christina lake, but prospectors doing surface work on the surrounding mountains suffered acutely from the effects of the high temperature. The exhilarating effect of actual railway construction upon mining is very much in evidence now throughout the district, and once confidence is restored in the money markets of the world a large amount of development capital is sure to flow into the rich mineral belts adjacent to the line of the Columbia & Western railway extension between Brooklyn and Christina lake. In some way or other a report was circulated in Rossland early this summer to the effect that the Christina Lake district was staked, even to fractions, and consequently there have been comparatively few additions to the fraternity from Kootenay's metropolis. This was an erroneous report, and circulated with a view of injuring the district. Seeing this believing, and anyone taking stock in such a fallacy should take a trip out this way. They will find it a district rich in resources and of such magnificent distances that the numerous rich claims already recorded would, in a birdseye view picture, scarcely more than compare to a handful of shot scattered over the length and breadth of Columbia avenue. But this report, which worked to the Rossland prospectors' loss, had no effect upon the "knights of the axe and pick" from the Boundary country in the west and Brooklyn in the east.

New Arrivals Every Day. Every day brings a contingent to the Burnt Basin, via the Brooklyn route, mostly from the Slocan, and the arrivals from Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway report that the name, Burnt Basin, is getting to be a household word out there, even among the ranchers. A number of those who were among the early arrivals in the district, and who have by diligent work this spring and summer shown up some fine high grade ore bodies, claim they have a grievance against certain Rossland brokers. The prospectors put it this way: "Last year we had but little work done and the Rossland brokers, when approached, would naively remark that as soon as we had ore on the dumps, or in the shafts, they would fly as it were to the scene and examine the properties. Now, we have the ore and are finding it equally as impossible to induce these brokers to come out to look at it as it was to get them out to see surface showings last year. Of course these prospectors do not all realize that the broker must be governed more or less by the condition of the money market, and that the railway will not afford shipping facilities for another year, but in a measure there is justice in their complaints. Some of these fine days when the district gets advertised more outside, some enterprising syndicate or corporation will quietly scoop in the prize properties of the district, and then the Rossland brokers and promoters will be wondering how it all came about."

Townsite Boomers. The townsite artists, who invariably precede railway construction and extensive mining development in a new district have arrived in full force. The woods are full of 'em, and from now on the investing public will be in the lookout for snags. Of course, each individual townsite man holds the gateway to the best mining prospects, has the best facilities for obtaining pure water, the only smelter site in the district, the place where the greatest number of railway construction men will stake their thirst to the tune of 15 cents a drink, the ideal spot for a great metropolis and summer resort combined, once the road is completed, and other advantages too numerous to mention, but they won't all make Rosslands, any more than the prospectors will all make mines. As those familiar with the townsite policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway company know, that corporation invariably holds the winning cards, and there are deals of prospective importance on the tapis along any of its lines, and any agreement or reported arrangement between townsite companies or individuals, and the railway folk generally holds the lot market to a finish. This accounts for the sharp advance in Cascade City property, when a few days ago it was reported that the C. P. R. had joined "drives" with the townsite promoters. There are opposite qualities nature for the indefatigable townsite rustler in this neighborhood. There is the Hardy, or as it is now known the McMynn ranch, lying between the foot of Christina lake and Cascade; the Moody ranch also adjoining the lake and extending to the Cascade property; the Thompson ranch just across the Kettle river from Cascade; the Graham ranch at Edwards ferry; Eli Lavalley's beautifully located point, two miles up the lake and just below the railway; the Charlie Dundee property adjoining Lavalley's English Point ranch at the mouth of McRea creek, owned by Angus Stuart and Reginald Sandler, on which there is a fine water power; several ranches up McRea creek, and the property pre-empted last autumn on Canyon creek near the bend of McRea creek and about 10 miles from where the railway survey reaches Christina lake. All these properties and no doubt twice as many more are likely to figure in the townsite race.

No doubt there will be several up-to-date mining camps between Christina lake and Brooklyn in the not distant future. Railway Construction. W. F. Tye, chief engineer of the C. & W., is a very busy man this summer. Although Mr. Tye's headquarters are at Trail he spends a good portion of his time traveling along the line, giving instructions to the divisional engineers

and examining the maps and profiles. The survey is in reality completed, but the work of cross-sectioning the line between English Point bay on the lake shore and Midway has not been commenced. The surveyors being now busy staking out the bridges. Divisional Engineer Rice has charge of the surveying work between Midway and Grand Forks, while Oscar England superintends the work between Grand Forks and English Point bay. On Engineer Fair's division, east of the McRea creek summit, grading has been commenced, but it is not expected that grading will begin on the Midway end of the line for at least a month. At Cascade City the line crosses the Kettle river twice. The bridge below the town will be 1,500 feet long and 80 feet high, but the other, which crosses the gorge above the falls, will be only about 150 feet in length. Altogether there will be 12 bridges from the Kettle river falls to English Point bay, a distance of about nine miles. The nature of the work will necessitate the use of an enormous quantity of timber, the contract for which, it is understood, has been awarded to F. Genelle, the veteran sawmill contractor. Sawmills will be placed at different points along the line to supply the demands, good timber being plentiful in the district around the head of Christina lake and along the McRea creek valley.

Odds and Ends. Mr. Galt, the Rossland barrister, took a flying trip through the Burnt Basin recently with Thomas Keller, who owns the Ennismore claim, which is giving excellent assays in gold, silver and copper. Mr. Galt expressed himself as agreeably surprised with what he saw in the Burnt basin, but regretted that time would not permit him to take a run over Shamrock mountain after he returned to Christina. The engine on the wagon road from Brooklyn will reach Gladstone this week. As soon as the wagon road is completed work will be commenced on the 700-foot tunnel near Gladstone, the contractors having already erected their cabins. A sawmill will be started on Gladstone as soon as the toll road will permit the hauling in of the necessary machinery.

A. P. Hunter and H. C. Sharp of Rossland have been over here for a week now examining their properties in the Burnt basin and other parts of the district. Two of their claims, the Pleasures of Hope and Jackstraw, located in Burnt basin and adjoining the Mother Lode, Tammany and Lewiston, are very promising. On the Jackstraw Mr. Hunter recently found a free gold ledge very similar in appearance to the one which has made Michael Shick's Mother Lode famous, and the Pleasures of Hope is traversed by a galena lead. Mr. Hunter visited a number of Burnt basin prospectors who are very enthusiastic over the prospects up there. Bob Oramer and Billy Morrison have bought out D. C. Beach's (one of their partners) interest in the Beach claim on Shamrock mountain and are continuing development work. It goes without saying that the Beach is a very promising claim, and along with the Highland, Old Missouri and Velvet, helps to make one of the interesting groups of the district. The ore body is distinct and in one of the crosscuts it has been demonstrated to extend from the hanging wall for 12 feet towards the foot wall, which has not yet been encountered. Surface assays give from \$5 to \$18 in gold, with a considerable showing in copper. Like the other properties on Shamrock mountain the Beach is an iron cap proposition, and promises splendid results once depth is attained.

Later in the season development work will be commenced on the Shamrock, Thistle and Rose, three Shamrock mountain claims with very fair surface showings and the property of John McKane, R. Dalby Morrill, jr., S. C. Wallis and D. C. Beach. George Sutherland has been working on Drumlummon No. 2. Baker, the Baker creek pioneer, has completed this year's assessment on the Christina, and reports considerable copper. The Elmore, on Shamrock mountain, is not being worked this summer, much to the chagrin of those interested in the neighborhood. It really seems singularly unfortunate that 60 feet of solid surface mineral should be allowed to pass into the control of a company backed by apparently enterprising men. Of course there are "wheels within wheels," and the Elmore, although massive as a New Hampshire granite quarry, is a comparatively low grade proposition, so it may be that its present owners contemplate waiting for the smelting facilities which are assured for the immediate vicinity.

The latest sensation on Shamrock mountain was the uncovering of the big ledge on the Alphonse by the owners A. Peon and Bob Gay. If from 15 to 20 feet of solid iron on the surface counts for anything then Messrs. Peon and Gay have a bonanza. Mr. Peon also owns the Broken Hill, on the same mountain, and is getting encouraging copper values from one of the shafts. J. E. Mills and S. Garnham of Rossland are interested in a group of fine claims that will probably be heard of a little later this season. These claims adjoin the Elmore property and the Beach.

Dave Good will resume operations on the Yellowstone soon. This claim lies not far from the Alphonse and Beach and near the Lady Franklin, and has the earmarks of a mine. Good Luck of the Beach Brothers. D. O. and P. H. Beach are meeting with their usual good luck this summer. Their Shamrock mountain properties are looking fine. On the Victoria they have been getting \$25 values in gold and copper. The Cracker Jack they have made even a greater strike than was made last season, and the Granite Butte is also producing some fine looking ore, while on the Messenger, a big copper lead, was encountered at a depth of only three feet.

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The great Centre Star mine was Saturday sold, and it brought the largest price ever paid for a mining property in the Kootenays. The price was \$2,000,000, and it is a cash transaction. The purchasers are the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate of Toronto, which owns the controlling interest in the War Eagle Consolidated Mining & Development company. The deal for the acquiring of the Centre Star has been in progress for half a year, and in the interests of the parties who purchased it the property has been carefully examined by some of the most eminent mining experts in the country. Among these were Captain James Morrish, the superintendent of the Velvet, and Mr. Parker of California. The reports of these experts were unanimously favorable, as they all told the same story of the great extent and permanence of the ore deposits, and the large quantities of pay ore in the mine.

Williamson Engineered the Deal. In the deal Volney D. Williamson, who sold the War Eagle to Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock, acted on behalf of the purchasers and brought it to a successful culmination. On the part of the Centre Star company Oliver Durant, the general manager of the company, and J. B. McArthur carried on the negotiations. They were protracted, and many points of disagreement as to price arose during the progress of the deal. The deal reached a climax Saturday when Volney D. Williamson on behalf of his principals went to the Centre Star mine, took formal possession and discharged Foreman Joyce and all the employees. It is stated on behalf of the new owners of the property that the development work will be immediately resumed on a large scale and that a large power plant will be installed and many men as can be accommodated will be put to work. It is stated that on the start 200 men will be employed. The mine is in such excellent condition, the ore being ready to stop, that it is thought a very short time will elapse before the mine could be made to come up to 500 tons per day, and a little further on this could, by a little extra effort, be increased to double that quantity.

The experts who have examined the property made in declaring that it is by far the biggest mine in the camp. The sale is on the basis of \$4 per share, or four times the par value, as the capital stock was only \$500,000. The property is the oldest location in the camp. The First Location. The Lily May ground was the first claim located, but it was abandoned and afterwards re-located. The Centre Star was located in 1890 and was not abandoned. The property was purchased by Mr. Durant for \$25,000 and since then he has developed it by some 6,000 feet of workings until now he has more ore in sight than any mine in the Kootenays. In this development it is said that about \$200,000 has been spent. This money was obtained by the sale of stock. From first to last Mr. Durant has had the greatest faith in the Centre Star and now his faith is amply rewarded. Of the 500,000 shares of the capital stock Oliver Durant of the city, and Alex. Tarbet of Salt Lake City, Utah, own 300,000 shares; Sir Charles Ross, bart., owns 40,000 and the P. A. Large estate of Butte, Montana, owns of the remaining 100,000 shares, a few scattered shares being held here and there.

It is stated that Mr. Williamson has invested \$100,000 of his own money with the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate. Mr. Williamson is a thorough judge of a mining property and the fact that he has put his money into the deal speaks for the value of the property. It is stated that a new company will be formed by the purchasers with a capital stock of \$3,000,000 or perhaps more. It will be a separate and distinct corporation from the War Eagle company except that it will practically be owned by the same parties.

Advantageous to the Camp. The deal is a good thing for Rossland for the reason that the Centre Star has fallen into the hands of a syndicate with plenty of means at its command and therefore it will be worked for all there is in it. It is confidently expected that it will soon be turning out as much, if not more, ore, than and of the present producing properties, and will add greatly to the importance of Rossland as a mining center. Mr. Durant is the owner of the Idaho, which adjoins the Centre Star on the east, and the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate endeavored to purchase this also from him. He refused

Robert E. Lee Reorganized.

The Robert E. Lee Mining company held a meeting Saturday and decided to change from a foreign to a provincial company. Over two-thirds of the shares were represented and the meeting was harmonious throughout. The capital stock, which was previously \$500,000, divided into 500,000 shares at \$1 each, was changed to 2,000,000. It was decided to make the shares assessable to the extent of five cents each. The assessments will be distributed over a period of two and a half years, and when they have all been levied will give the company a capital for development purposes to the extent of \$100,000. The old company was organized on June 28, 1895, and soon after it was formed it began operations on its two claims, which are located in the south belt. It put in a compressor and seven drills and a complete power plant. Considerable work has been done on the properties. One carload of ore was shipped to the smelter, which gave returns of \$38.75 to the ton. The intention of the company is to begin operations within the next few weeks. The first operation will be to sink a shaft to the 200-foot level. If the indications at that point are encouraging the shaft will be pushed to a still greater depth. The properties of the company are considered among the best in the south belt.

May Reach an Agreement.

A well defined rumor is in circulation yesterday to the effect that the B. A. C. and the Turner interests had come to an amicable understanding regarding the management of the Le Roi. Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, the resident director of the B. A. C., when seen last evening by a Miner reporter, affirmed that he knew nothing about the matter. "As you can well understand, it is altogether probable, however, that two such strong corporations as the B. A. C. and the Le Roi company might settle their differences amicably, and to the best interests of the camp," added Mr. Mackintosh.

The White Bear Officers.

At the meeting of the White Bear company in Spokane, John V. Cole was elected president and general manager, while at the same time the shareholders tendered him a vote of thanks for the skillful manner in which he has operated the property. Judge MacDougall of Toronto, was elected managing director, and the Rev. J. H. Starr of Toronto, was made secretary and treasurer.

M. W. W. Simpson is back from a trip to the Lardeau on mining business.

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point blank to accept any offer that was made for the reason that, though it was undeveloped, he considered that it will be quite as valuable as the Centre Star when it is developed to the same extent.

The sale is on a cash basis. On Monday a half a million dollars will be paid by the purchasers and the remainder as soon as the telegraphing for the balance and the necessary replies can be received. (From Saturday's Daily.)

The long standing deal for the sale of the Centre Star to the Gooderham-Blackstock interests seems to have been very nearly completed. Indeed, it was asserted Friday evening by mining men in close touch with the principals to the deal that the sale was completed at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The price was said to be \$2,000,000. The story could not be confirmed, but the opinion is general among well informed men that the deal is very nearly consummated.

Interest in the matter was revived with unusual vigor Friday morning by the arrival of D. Coulson, manager of the Bank of Toronto, which is the institution backed by the Gooderham, who have been carrying on negotiations for the Centre Star during the past several months. Mr. Coulson was accompanied by W. B. Smith, manager of the Bank of Ontario, and additional interest in the deal was created by the presence of Mr. Smith, for it was conjectured very naturally that the financial interests behind the Bank of Ontario were allied with the syndicate which is after the great mine.

Mr. Coulson was very wary regarding the sale when he was seen Friday evening at the Allan by a Miner reporter. "I am here purely on a business trip," said he, "and it has been three weeks since I left Toronto. We came out via the Great Northern and spent some time on the coast. Now we are going back home and stopped over at Rossland to see the camp. Saturday we shall visit some of the properties here, including the Centre Star, and until then, as you can see, I shall be in no position to express any views regarding the mines of the camp. According to our present plans, we shall start for the east Sunday."

"What is the position of the deal for the purchase of the Centre Star by the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, Mr. Coulson," he was asked. "Having been away from Toronto for these weeks, I cannot say how matters stand at present, was the reply. "I can only say that when I left the east negotiations were going actively ahead." That was all Mr. Coulson would say regarding the matter, but his terse reply was a momentous one, for it was the first time that the admission had been made that a deal for the purchase of the mine was under way. While it has been common knowledge that the sale was being actively pushed forward, yet the principals had vigorously denied that any negotiations were under way, and therefore Mr. Coulson's admission that it was going actively ahead was a most important one.

Oliver Durant, the manager of the mine, was also seen Friday evening by a Miner reporter. "It is not true that the sale of the Centre Star has been completed," said he rigorously, "and it is uncertain when it will be. It may be a long time yet before the deal is closed." That was all Mr. Durant would say regarding the progress of negotiations, but his admission that the deal is under way is of importance equal to Mr. Coulson's statement, for prior to last evening Mr. Durant had denied that any deal was under way. Taken together the statements of the two men are equivalent to a confession of the fact that the sale has progressed far along towards completion.

A man in intimate touch with the parties to the transaction who is the authority for the statement that the sale was completed yesterday, and that the mine will pass into the hands of the new owners at once, is also authority for the statement that the price paid was \$2,000,000. "There was some delay," he added, "over the figure at which the property should be sold. The company wanted \$2,000,000, while the prospective buyers would give only a million and three quarters. The difficulty was at last smoothed over, and the sale was consummated at the price asked by Mr. Durant."

If, as seems certain, the Centre Star is now in the hands of the interests that have brought the War Eagle to the front in such magnificent shape, the importance of the deal to the camp can hardly be overestimated. The company owning the mine in the past has pursued a steady policy of careful development, but the shipments have been almost nothing. Indeed, up to the present year, it was a fully developed property from which not a pound of ore had been shipped except for mill tests. The mine is in shape to ship almost any amount of ore as soon as the necessary machinery is installed. Indeed, the proper equipment for the property could ship nearly 1,000 tons a day. With the mine, therefore, in the hands of new owners, who would carry out development vigorously, the output of the camp would be tremendously increased, and the employment of men employed and the pay roll of the city would go forward at a corresponding rate.

One of the issues of the transaction which does not seem to be clearly settled in the way in which the ownership of it will be vested. It has been suggested that the Gooderham-Blackstock interest would consolidate the mine with the War Eagle, and float the mammoth new property as one corporation. On the other hand, it is argued that the War Eagle will remain a separate property as at present, while the Centre Star will be incorporated separately. Both of these theories, however, are mere hypotheses; nothing definite is made public.

One of the most important features of the deal is the fact, seemingly demonstrated by the presence here of Mr. Smith, that the influences behind the Bank of Ontario are interesting themselves in the camp, and will be represented in the syndicate purchasing the Centre Star. Heretofore all the Toronto money spent here on an extensive scale has been by the Gooderham-Blackstock interests and it is a notable indication to the list of investors to have new banking interests taking a hand in the acquisition of Rossland properties.

The contract for publishing the Rossland souvenir has been awarded to the Grip company of Toronto. H. W. O. Jackson, who is in charge of the publication of the work, will leave for the east early next week to supervise the issue of the book.

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THE ORE SHIPMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Ore type and quantity. Includes items like Le. Ros., War Eagle, Footman, Iron Mask, Cliff, Yellow, Monte Christo, Sunset No. 2, Deer Park, Giant.

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A ROSSLAND PIONEER.

In disposing of its interests in this camp to Mr. Gooderham, the Centre Star Mining company ceases to be an important business factor in Rossland, and in all probability it will shortly go out of existence; but Oliver Durant, the general manager of the company, will continue to play a leading part in mining circles in the Trail Creek division.

Mr. Durant is as heavily interested in the Idaho Gold Mining company as he was in the Centre Star company. The Idaho company owns the Idaho mine, which adjoins the Centre Star on the east, and is generally supposed to be a very valuable property, having the same ore bodies that traverse the Centre Star mine.

This is, indeed, good news. The ability that Mr. Durant has displayed in his mining operations in this camp proves him to be one of the most competent and tarsighted mining men in America. He was one of the first to become interested in the camp, and since his advent here has shown unerring judgement in all that he has undertaken.

What are the thousands in the East and elsewhere who have money to invest going to do? The prices of the standard stocks of this camp are as low as they will ever be until the mines are worked out. If they are good enough to catch the money of five-sixths of the people of Rossland and the most successful business men of Montreal and Toronto they should be good enough for others to invest in. Now is the time to acquire interests in the Rossland mines, if a safe and profitable investment is required.

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MINISTERS OF MINES.

Four of the members of the Provincial cabinet have been named and still the most important portfolio, that of mines, remains in the gift of Premier Selin. The magnitude of the mining industry and its great potentialities demand that the minister of mines be a man who is in close touch with it, and has a proper conception of the responsibility that is placed in his hands when he assumes the duties of the office.

THE PARIS BELLE CASE.

It does not appear that the Paris Belle case is yet settled or that the Zenith ground is in shape for sale to the citizens of Rossland. In view of the rapid growth of the city and the great desirability of substantial homes being erected this is a serious injustice to Rossland.

The supreme court of British Columbia by unanimous judgment has declared that the Paris Belle company is entitled to this ground, but the Provincial government continues to delay placing the company in a position to make use of it.

have decided that it belongs to the Paris Belle company. President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern, is one of the most prominent, if not the most prominent, railway men on this continent, and his proverbial shrewdness will at once suggest to him that a continuation of the personal policy of Mr. Corbin will be most detrimental to the interests of his new purchase.

The MINER is pleased to observe that C. W. Shields is the new general manager, and J. D. Farrell one of the directors of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway's system. Both these men are well and favorably known throughout the West, and there can be no doubt but that from this time forward the miners of this camp will be treated in a spirit of friendship and fair play as to surface rights and otherwise.

The fact that the Zenith ground is tied up and not open for sale is a serious drawback to the growth of Rossland.

THE BOUNDARY CREEK RAILWAY.

Hugh Sutherland, a partner of MacKenzie & Mann, the owners of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, is reported as saying that the construction of the Pentiction-Boundary Creek branch of the V. V. & E. will not be commenced until next year. The MINER regrets to say that it has good reason to believe that Mr. Sutherland has spoken with definite knowledge in this instance.

This delay in completing the railway to Pentiction will seriously retard the development and settlement of South Yale district. The general supposition was that an agreement existed between the railway company and the Provincial government whereby the company was to receive a subsidy of \$4,000 per mile for constructing the road from Pentiction to Boundary Creek, and that construction was to have been commenced by August 8, 1898.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The scheme for a fast trans-Atlantic service of Canadian steamers seems to have fallen through, at least for the present.

The electors would like to know by what means Governor McInnes ascertained the information that Hon. J. H. Turner could not meet the legislature with a majority at his back.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR McINNES informs the country that he has dismissed Mr. Turner from his position as prime minister of the Province. Mr. Turner says he has received no dismissal.

It is not improbable, think the London newspapers, that the Prince of Wales may visit Canada next summer, and include British Columbia in his tour. His Royal Highness would get here a most enthusiastic reception.

THE business of the supreme court of British Columbia suffers because of the delay in appointing a successor to the late Chief Justice Davis. The appointment should be made without further delay.

THIS is the season when the careless camper destroys millions of dollars worth of timber by allowing his camp fire to spread. During the dry season the utmost care should be exercised by those who make fires in the open to see that they do not get beyond control.

HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER'S reference to the advisability of conducting the politics of British Columbia on party lines is important, inasmuch as it is the utterance of one of the foremost men in Canadian political life, and we would not be surprised if his suggestions had a far reaching effect in Provincial politics in the near future.

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We Court the Most Thorough Investigation Of this property and of its management. This is the FIRST PUBLIC OFFERING of shares in this company; the bulk of the stock being held in large blocks, among the holders of which may be found the names of some of the most conservative investors in Rossland and other points in the West, also in Eastern Canada, to whom we will be pleased to refer you. A block of this stock is now offered at 5 cents per share. Subscriptions for less than 500 shares will not be considered. For full particulars or for shares, address

EDWARD C. FINCH - Rossland, B. C.

IN THE SUPREME COURT, IN THE MATTER OF O. K. GOLD MINING COMPANY

Limited Liability, (Foreign). In Liquidation. The Undersigned Official Liquidator Will Sell by Private Treaty Subject to Ratification by the Court

IN ONE LOT

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

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

The development consists of three main tunnels, with one winze and numerous drifts, together aggregating over 1,200 feet of work. The property is open to inspection, but an order for that purpose must be obtained at the office of the liquidator, 3 Imperial block, Rossland, B. C., where further information can be obtained. Under an order of the court heretofore issued the undersigned is authorized to give a special option or working bond on the mine.

RICHARD PLEWMAN Official Liquidator

Gold Cup Group of Claims IN THE PEND D'OREILLE DISTRICT

The MARGUERITE GOLD MINING AND SMELTING CO., now operating this valuable property, offer for sale 125,000 shares of Promoters' Stock at 5 cents per share in blocks of not less than \$500. Considerable development has been done with splendid results. The ore now on the dump will be shipped as soon as possible. Certificates can be obtained at the office of the Company.

W. B. TOWNSEND, Prest. No. 230 Columbia Avenue, Opposite to the Mining Recorder's office

ROSSLAND Stock Market

Yesterday's market was quite active and a number of sales were made. Iron Mask was held at \$1, while Virginia sold at a little less. Dundee, Sunset No. 2, Giant, Lerwick and B. E. Lee are good sellers. We advise our clients to buy all the Deer Park they can handle.

We offer the following bargains subject to sale: Cariboo Creek Can., 10; Dundee, 10; Deer Park, 10; Evening Star, 10; Good Hope, 10; Iron Mask, 10; Lerwick, 10; Lily May, 10; R. E. Lee, 10; Salmo Con., 10; Monte Christo, 10; Sunset No. 2, 10; War Eagle, 10.

List your stocks with us. We have buyers for all standard stocks. Whitney & Dunlop 47 E. Columbia Ave., Rossland, B. C.

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Notice to Shareholders. Take notice that there will be a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Good Hope Mining & Milling Company, limited liability, at the office of the company, Columbia avenue, Rossland, on Friday, the 9th of September next, at 5 p. m., for the purpose of authorizing the disposal of any or all of the company's assets and for such other business as may come before the meeting. EDWARD C. FINCH, Secretary of the Good Hope Mining and Milling Company, Rossland, Aug. 15, 1898.

I have on Kettle River, two miles below Midway, 1900, Jacks and Jennies for sale. E. BALLEE.

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We can also supply Republic, Ymir and Slocan stocks at lowest prices. Snaps for Today. We offer today subject to sale the following snaps: 2,500 Monte Christo, 25¢; 5,000 R. E. Lee, 4¢; 1,000 Virginia, 6¢; 1,000 Deer Park, 15¢; 300 Iron Mask, 6¢; 1,000 Jumbo, 4¢; 4,000 Months, 11¢

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THE MINING REVIEW

The Centre Star Sold for \$2,000,000 Cash.

SHOWING IN THE NO. 1

A Fine Body of Shipping Ore Opened in the New Tunnel—The War Eagle's New Gallows Frame—Some Great Drifts in the Nickel Plate.

The most important news of the week is, of course, the sale of the Centre Star, which is all but an accomplished fact, and will be consummated tomorrow. It is hard to realize the vast importance which the sale means to the camp. Besides the money involved, \$2,000,000, which alone would place it among financial operations of the first magnitude, the other factors in the sale are equally influential. It means that the Centre Star mines are absolutely and finally stamped with the approval of the most influential and wealthy capitalists of the Dominion, and that the new forces and new interests have been injected into the financial life of the district; it means that Rossland is on the dawn of the greatest prosperity that has ever been seen in the north.

It goes without saying that the new owners of the mine will work it systematically and vigorously, and this in turn means that the pay roll of the camp is to be increased at once by the employment of nearly 300 men with the output of the mines around here will be practically doubled. Rossland today is the most prosperous town in the Canadian west; with such a vast increase in its pay roll and its ore production, the camp is bound to go forward with leaps and bounds.

In the way of actual mining, the past week has been attended by most gratifying results in the development of the No. 1, that great property lying north-west of the War Eagle and the Josie. Prior to the purchasing of the claim by the B. A. C., only enough work had been done to hold the property. As to development there was absolutely nothing of that kind worthy of the name. The only work done in the mine was in the eyes of many mining men, unequalled in the camp, and on the strength of the showing the property was bought by Mr. Mackintosh's corporation. Thus far the work done upon it has been hardly more than that of a prospecting shaft. A vertical shaft has been started, but of course that is dead work, and a tunnel is now in 120 feet. This tunnel, while at its deepest point, only about 75 feet below the surface, has opened a magnificent body of shipping ore of the full width of the workings while the true breadth of the ore body has not yet been determined. No property in the camp at a similar stage of development ever had a finer showing, and it is but reasonable to believe that the No. 1 contains the making of another War Eagle or Le Roi, while even those great properties may be overshadowed when their youthful rival reaches the full dignity of its growth.

Appended are the reviews of the work done in the past week in some of the principal mining camps, showing this week is a most encouraging one. No. 1.—The development in the No. 1 is surprising even the most optimistic friends of that magnificent property. Although the tunnel is in only 120 feet, and in that distance has reached a depth of only about 75 feet, yet it has been following ore all the way, and now the pay chute has widened until it covers the full width of the tunnel face, and nobody knows how much wider it is. The ore, which is of an excellent smelting quality, is averaging between 40 and 45 in sulphur, and a Superintendent Long proudly says, "there are no blanks in it; all of it assays." The ore was somewhat broken up to a few days ago, when a cross piece was passed, but since then it is as clean and as solid as one could expect. The ore is notable for its high copper values and also carries some silver. The new gallows frame for use in connection with the vertical shaft is in running order, and a drill is now working in the shaft. With power available, the sinking of the shaft will go ahead with all the rapidity that could be desired.

Le Roi.—About 140 men are at work on the development of the property, and an immense amount of dead work is being carried out. The development, however, is of the most valuable character, and when the present work is completed the property will be in shape to make shipments on a heavier scale than ever. The new self-dumping cars for transporting the ore to the smelter have arrived, and are ready to be put into service whenever required. The saving effected by the use of the new cars will be an important one, as heretofore all the ore has to be hauled by hand. New iron chutes are being installed at the mine for use in connection with the self-dumping cars. In connection with the other development taking place at the Le Roi, the sinking of the shaft has been started up again at the 700-foot level, and it will be deepened at once to the 800-foot level.

WAR EAGLE.—At the War Eagle all the work now in hand is centering around the construction of the new steel gallows frame. The regular output of ore continues, but no development of importance is being carried out. The steel for the new frame is rapidly arriving, and the construction crew is at work on the preliminaries for the erection of the frame. It is expected that the gallows will be completed shortly after snow flies, and it is hoped that the electrical equipment and the engines will be in place and ready for use soon after the first of the year. The crews which have been engaged in working on the upraise, which is to be transformed into the new shaft, have made connections from the surface clear to the 650-foot level, and the straightening of the shaft and the timbering of it are now all that remain to be done in that portion of the mine.

a steam outfit as was at first considered probable. The West Kootenay Power & Light company is making very liberal overtures for furnishing electricity, and in accordance with its policy would string wires to the property in case the Deer Park decides to utilize electricity. Until power is at hand the development of the property will be concentrated on the sinking of the shaft, which is rapidly nearing the 300-foot level.

GIANT.—The new shaft is now down about 48 feet, and is being very rapidly pushed. The bottom of the workings continues in mineral. In the upper tunnel, where the drift is being pushed to get under the ore chute lying ahead of it, some little ore is also being met, but not in any considerable quantities, nor is it expected that the chute will be met for several feet yet. Two men are busy taking out ore on the surface of the ledge at the upper end of the claim, and some ore is also being shipped. The shipments last week amounted to 16 tons, all of which went to Trail.

WHITE BEAR.—The shaft is now down 210 feet and will be sunk five feet further in order to provide a liberal sump below the 200-foot level. As soon as the sump is completed the work of timbering the shaft from the 160-foot level downwards will be undertaken and then sinking will be resumed, as it is the intention to get depth in the vertical shaft before doing any extensive crosscutting or drifting. A short crosscut at the 200-foot level has shown the ledge to be about 13 feet wide, of which about two feet and a half is good ore and the rest is mixed.

VELVET.—The development work now in hand is centering around the sinking of the main shaft, which is now nearing the 175-foot level. The shaft will be sunk downwards regardless of its being in or out of the ledge. The vein has been thrown somewhat by a slide, but it is believed that it will come into the shaft again as depth is reached. The vein being sunk from it has shown a good ore to be met. The rock met is about of the same character as has been followed from the surface.

VICTORY-TRIUMPH.—In the tunnel the workings have encountered the foot wall by that fact, as the vein was gruffed considerably further towards the mouth of the tunnel, and it is highly satisfactory to have regained the ledge. In the work on the Triumph east of the centre shaft is now down about 20 feet, and good ore continues to be met. The rock met is about of the same character as has been followed from the surface.

COLUMBIA-KOOTENAY.—The new No. 4 tunnel, which is being driven to cut the ledge diagonally, is making excellent progress. A crosscut from it has shown the ledge to be 27 feet wide, all in excellent low grade ore. The find is of importance no less on account of its intrinsic value than because it definitely settles the trend of the ledge in that portion of the property, and will permit future development being done with increased knowledge of the vein's characteristics.

CENTRE STAR.—Owing to the negotiations for the sale of the property, the development of the Centre Star has not been carried along very actively. The ore and yesterday the mine was closed down and work was suspended by the new management. It is announced, however, that the property is to be worked at once with all the vigor possible, and a full force of men will be put to work immediately. The shipments last week amounted to 200 tons.

NICKEL PLATE.—All records for fast mining are being broken by Superintendent Haskins at the Nickel Plate. Mr. Haskins with a single machine working two shifts has driven a drift of 60 feet in ten days, equivalent to six feet a day. The record is likely to stand for some time. Drifting at the 200-foot level in the mine is the principal development now under way.

LEITER.—On the Leiter, on Sophie mountain, the manager, Allan White, has a crosscut at work driving a crosscut tunnel which opens the three parallel ledges on the property. The first of the three leads, will it is expected, be met in about 30 days, as the property is well adapted to tunneling.

JOSIE.—Drifting is continuing both east and west at the 300-foot level. The work is of an exploratory character, and is being carried out with a view to ascertain the trend and character of the ledge at that level.

MASCOE.—The lower tunnel is being pushed actively ahead, while a shaft is being sunk in the showing recently met in the tunnel. In the upper shaft the showing continues light changed.

GREYHOUND AND COCKY.—On the Gertrude a new horse power winch is being put in place to aid in the sinking of the shaft, which is now down about 60 feet. The Cocky tunnel is being continued.

IRON MASK.—The development of the property is continuing along the regular lines. A machine is still at work on the raise, and it is from this point that the ore shipped is being taken.

EVENING.—The new vertical shaft is now down about 25 feet and the stringer of ore recent met continues to be encountered. About two feet of very fine quartz is being met.

MONTE CHRISTO.—The development of the property is being carried along in the upper workings and operations are limited to opening the large ore chute at that point.

VIRGINIA.—The development of the property is being carried along by three drills, one of which is crosscutting, while the other two are drifting in ore.

ABE LINCOLN.—The sinking of the shaft continues steadily, but there is no recent change in the showing.

GREEN MOUNTAIN.—The shaft is now down about 35 feet and some unusually good looking quartz is being met. Considerable copper is noticeable.

GOOD HOPE.—The shaft is being continued, and the workings continue in a body of ore.

CORNER WESTERN.—The driving of the drifts at the 200-foot level has been commenced.

CENTRE STAR DEAL

A Payment of a Quarter of a Million Made Yesterday.

IT WILL SOON BE CLOSED

Mr. Durant Says the Mine Is a Great One and With the Expenditure of \$250,000, \$3,000,000 Worth of Ore Could Be Shown up in Its Workings.

The first payment of a quarter of a million for the Centre Star was made yesterday through one of the Toronto banks. The remaining million and a quarter will be paid as soon as the Centre Star company executes a deed to the property. The company has its head office in Butte, and the meeting of the stockholders to confirm the sale and authorize the disposal of the property will be held there at once. It is expected that these formalities can be completed in about 30 days. In the meantime George Gooderman of Toronto is the purchaser, will probably have floated the new company, which he will incorporate for this purpose. It is expected that the mine will be in operation under the management of the new company in about 30 days of the points about the deal that has not been made public definitely, but it is expected that the capitalization will be not less than \$3,000,000, and it may be greater.

Oliver Durant, the manager of the company, who has put the deal through on behalf of the Centre Star, leaves today for Butte to arrange for the details of the transfer. Volney D. Williamson, who promoted the deal for the Gooderman interests, will also leave for Butte in a day or so.

The Centre Star property will not go out of existence at once. It has a claim against the Le Roi company for one taken by the latter company from the Centre Star ground. Mr. Durant, however, does not mean to leave the camp, as he still holds his interests in the Idaho, which lies just east of the Centre Star, and he means to commence the work on that property.

The development of the Centre Star, which to date has not been operated beyond mere surface workings, has a splendid showing, and in the opinion of many mining men it is a property of great promise. It is owned by the Idaho Gold Mining & Smelting Co., which is controlled by its shareholders some of the same interests that were in the Centre Star.

The bulk of the money paid for the property will be distributed among Mr. Durant, Alex. Tarbet, and the other future development being done with increased knowledge of the vein's characteristics.

George Gooderman is the only purchaser appearing in the deal, and he is nominally the buyer. It is generally supposed, however, that T. G. Blackstock, also of Toronto, who was in the War Eagle deal, and Charles B. Hosmer of the Virginia-Monte Christo companies, was also among the syndicate which is buying the property. It is also known that Hosmer would lend credence to the story that John W. Mackay, the Comstock millionaire, is also among the present buyers.

Mr. Durant said last evening: "The sale was made on the basis of the ore in sight in the mine, but by the expenditure of a quarter of a million more I could have developed the property to show at least \$6,000,000."

John B. Hastings, the manager of the War Eagle, said in all probability he is entrusted with the management of the Centre Star. Peter Joyce, the present foreman of the mine, who has had charge of the mine for years and knows every inch of it, will very likely be retained as superintendent by the new company. Mr. Joyce is one of the best and most thorough practical miners in the camp, and his retention would be a source of great satisfaction.

LIGHTS TEST FAILED.

For the third successive night the electric light service failed again Tuesday evening and the city was plunged in darkness. The cause was the same as on the previous occasions. Forest fires along the pole line between here and Bonington Falls, where the electric power is generated, interfered with the line in Roseland completely. Last evening the fires were along both sides of the Columbia river, near Waterloo and Murphy creek, and they proved so fierce that the force sent out to combat them could do nothing. It is likely that there will be continued trouble from fires until all the right of way is well burned out, after which the danger should be done away with.

The lights all over town have been transferred entirely from the wires of the old electric light company to the wires of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, whose main line is now affected by the fires. It will prove no small task to change the lights back to the old local plant, but Superintendent Fellows of the local system said last evening that in case power from Bonington Falls is not possible tonight he will have a force of men at work today and will make the change, so that tonight the steam plant in the south part of town can be used in case it is necessary. In any event Mr. Fellows promises that the city shall be lighted this evening.

A. B. Irwin, the manager of the Canadian Pacific Exploration, who has been attending to the development of the company's property, the Porto Rico, near Ymir, is in the city.

W. H. Keary, commissioner for the provincial exhibition to be held early in the month of October at New Westminster, is in the city. Mr. Keary is collecting mineral specimens for the exhibiting mineral specimens for the exhibition, and has already visited most of the principal mining camps.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

SLOCAN DIVISION.

The Bosun mine consists of the Tyro and Boatswain claims, and is the property of the Northwest Mining syndicate, London, of which W. H. Sandford is the resident engineer. The same company is working the Molly Hughes. The ledge of the Bosun was found on the Harris ranch, and is believed to be a continuation of the Fidelity ledge. This has been sunk upon to the depth of 45 feet, and the ledge has opened out from a couple of inches to 38 inches wide, it well defined and assays 123 ounces silver and 78 per cent lead to the ton. The ledge has been opened out and uncovered about 200 ft. and a deep level tunnel commenced, which, after going through 40 feet of work drift, has tapped the ledge. Shipments will be made in a few weeks, as soon as a short trail is made. The property has one of the finest situations in British Columbia, being close to Slocan lake, where shipments can be made cheaply and all seasons of the year. The Bosun has one of the finest showings for the amount of work done ever discovered in the country, and the company is to be congratulated on the excellent selection its engineer has made.

The Antoine was ship 100 tons this month. Part of the product of this mine is shipped to the Kaslo smelter, where the percentage of zinc in it is reduced by mixing with Ruth ore.

The compressor plant at the Noble Fire, Cory, now in full operation and working nicely. The air is operating three machines at the mine 6,100 feet away.

Manager Mitchell of the Charleston property received word on Tuesday that the lead had been cut in the new opening and that there is an excellent showing.

The owners of the Antoine are doing work on the Tom Moore.

A small force of men are working on the Eureka, near Sprone's, and the convention and Adirondacks are being steadily developed by the owners.

More men were put on the California this week. The property is showing up exceptionally well.

Two good strikes were recently made on the Calumet. One is three feet wide, and the other 10 inches.

Charles Rosseter and Dan Grant have bonded a Woodbury creek prospect to R. E. Brown for \$45,000.

Joe Hetherington and Charles Rosseter have bonded two claims near the Montezuma to R. E. Brown for \$12,000.

Andrew Murphy has leased the west half of the Corinth group for three years. The east half will be worked by the company.

Three inches of galena was made last week on Cory and Ward's claim, the Eclipse, situated above the California on Silver mountain.

Franklin and Moran have a force at work on the Sauguer and Mogul, near the Molly Hughes, on Kootenay lake. The supplies were packed from New Denver, a distance of 35 miles.

The Calumet and Hecla on the head of Dayton creek form a group of claims which are among the best in the camp. The property is owned by Malley & Clement and Nelse Nelson, who are now engaged in running a 250-foot tunnel to tap the ledge. About \$1,000 worth of work had previously been done on the property consisting of shaft work and crosscuts. The ledge is 30 feet wide and contains 12 feet of concentrating ore, which assays 17 to 70 ounces in silver and \$2 to \$3 in gold. It is a low proposition, but its products are inexhaustible and for that reason is very valuable. (The owner expressed it as: "It's a mountain of ore.")

NELSON DIVISION.

A force of men has been put to work on the U. B., which adjoins the Tennessee, near Ymir. A 90-foot tunnel has been driven on this property and the showings are good.

D. A. McKenzie has been doing assessment work on his claim, the E. M. E., on Sixteen Mile creek, and is well pleased at the way the property is looking.

J. and Oscar Anderson recently brought to Ymir some fine looking specimens of ore from the Hope, on Barrett creek. This claim is situated about two miles up Barrett creek from the railroad. A cash output of \$2,000 has been refused for this property.

Walter Blanchfield was in Ymir recently from Sixteen Mile creek, where he has been doing assessment work on the Cariboo Head, owned by himself and S. H. Seaney. Mr. Blanchfield reports that fine good strikes are being made on Sixteen Mile creek at the present time, and that most of the claims are looking remarkably well.

William Cummings, representing Greenough and Larson, was in Ymir for a few days last week examining mining properties with the intention of purchasing some for his firm. This firm is the owner of the Morning and Hunter mines in the Cour d'Alene, and also has considerable property around Roseland.

Winlow & Morris have started a force of men to work on a trail up Hidden creek. All the owners of property on this creek should join in and help on this enterprise. Some of the most promising prospects around Ymir are situated on Hidden creek, and a good trail would add to the value of every property on the creek. Charles Wildie packed out the provisions free of charge.

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AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The Grant and General mineral claims, located on Woodbury creek, about five miles from Kootenay lake, were bonded to John R. Stephens by the owners, Messrs. Charles Rosseter and Donald Grant, last week. The price is \$45,000, the first payment being made, and the time to extend for one year. With in 48 hours after the bond was signed 11 men began development work, John Empey as foreman. The ore of these claims consist of galena and sulphides.

Since the Hall Mines of Nelson bonded the True Blue gold-copper group, close to Kaslo, on July 11, for \$65,000, that company's men have been steadily at work developing and opening up the property, and with most gratifying success thus far. Trails were first built, bunk houses put up and three shafts of men set to work on the property. In the original workings it was discovered that the ledge had broken over, so that it was determined to drive a tunnel 100 feet below the crosscut to the lead. This work is now going on with good success, and in about 100 feet they expect to strike the ledge proper, giving a vertical depth of 100 feet.

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THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The political crisis at Victoria continues, and it has assumed unreasonable and unnecessary proportions. The lieutenant-governor evidently desires to be a Cromwell, in that he ignores the existence and the powers of the legislature, and Mr. Beaven seems to entertain somewhat similar views, seeing that he is willing to establish a Beaven cabinet. There is a regularly elected legislature, and to that body and that alone should the matter be left. Granting that His Honor, the lieutenant-governor, has the constitutional right to call upon Mr. Beaven to form a government, the gravity of the situation is not of a nature in this instance sufficient to necessitate his independent action. It is not for His Excellency to say what is the numerical strength of the Government or the Opposition on an occasion like this, and it is entirely unnecessary for Mr. Beaven to dwell upon the advisability of forming a cabinet of men who are at present qualified to sit in the legislative assembly. If the lieutenant-governor must satisfy his impatience as to the complexion of the House, let him call an extraordinary session of that body. The free and independent electors of this Province may be expected to infinitely prefer that their representatives in parliament, rather than the lieutenant-governor, shall say whether or no the Turner administration shall continue. If it is shown by the representatives of the people in the legislature that the country has lost confidence in Mr. Turner it is time enough for His Excellency to invite some one else to accept the responsibility of forming a new government, and, in the event that he should do so, it is quite unnecessary that he should appeal to anyone who is not a member of the legislature. THE MINER is not prepared to say that Mr. Beaven will fall in forming a cabinet, but it ventures the prediction that if he undertakes to compose one of men who are not already entitled to sit in the legislative assembly that he will have a hard time finding constituencies for them.

STOCK BROKERAGE.

A letter has been received in this city from a prominent citizen of Toronto, who, while not a stock broker, keeps in close touch with the Rossland share market. His opinions are worthy of consideration because of his high standing. The complaint which he makes is against the stockbrokers of this city, and his grievance is that they are prone to give replies and orders for shares in mining companies that are "not firm." For instance, often when there is a flurry in the market a Toronto broker will send an order here for 1,000 or 10,000 shares of a certain stock. Perhaps a telegram will be sent in reply quoting a certain price, and this may be followed a few moments later by another message giving a higher price. Perhaps immediately on the receipt of the first telegram the customer who wishes to purchase the stock has been informed that it has been or can be purchased for a certain price, and when the second telegram comes the firm is compelled to go to their client again and inform him of the change in the price, and, perhaps lose a sale.

The same trouble is often experienced in making sales in Toronto from this city. The Toronto critic thinks, and very rightly too, that one price should prevail in any one transaction and that agreements should be stuck to and the same rules and conditions which prevail in other business transactions should obtain in stock transactions. He holds that the methods, if persisted in, will injure Rossland as a stock trading center. The points raised by the Toronto man are well taken, but the local stock brokers have the same complaint to make of their Toronto brethren. Two wrongs do not make a right, however, and if the practices complained of prevail to such an extent as to constitute a grievance of magnitude the brokers who are guilty of it should stop it. It is manifestly to their interest that the brokers of Toronto should have the fullest confidence in those of Rossland. Once this confidence is lost the brokers of the eastern cities will only send orders here as a last resort, and then only when they have exhausted every other location in which shares can be purchased. The lack of confidence would in time practically ruin the market here.

On the other hand, if there is fair dealing and a disposition to stick to bargains and a lack of all sharp practices, if the same methods are followed that obtain among other business men, between the brokers of Toronto and other cities of Eastern Canada and their Rossland brethren, an enormous business will be built up. It is certain from the volume of the stock transactions at present that within the next few years the people of Eastern Canada will invest several million dollars in the shares of this camp and vicinity. In order to secure this there must be fair dealing and a disposition shown not to make all the profits that there are in transactions. There must be a give and take disposition shown that will inspire confidence. A broker's word should be as good as his bond. If this course is pursued there will be many fortunes built up in the brokerage business here, for the era of

speculation in shares is only in its infancy and is surely destined to expand to large proportions.

THE PROHIBITION PLEBISCITE.

An Ottawa dispatch gives some particulars about the prohibition plebiscite to be taken on September 29th. The form of the ballot paper and of the question to be submitted is as follows: Are you in favor of the passing of an act prohibiting the importation, manufacture or sale of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider and all other alcoholic liquors for sale as beverages? Yes. No. The persons entitled to vote shall be those who have the right of the provincial franchise or those who under the Dominion franchise act passed last session would have the right to vote in a federal election. For the purposes of this vote the same proceedings, as nearly as may be, will be had as in the case of a general Dominion election. The ballot papers will be printed at Ottawa, and will be forwarded with the writ by Major Chapleau, the clerk of the crown in chancery, to returning officers. Every returning officer will appoint two agents to attend to each polling station on behalf of those desiring an affirmative answer to the question, and two on behalf of those desiring a negative answer. These agents will not be entitled to remuneration from the public treasury. In the absence of such agent two electors representing each interest will be admitted to the booth to watch the final summing up of the votes.

Pay Chute on Friday Claim.

Robert Bond, who is interested in the Friday group, on the north fork of Sheep creek, about seven miles north of the Velvet, came in from the property yesterday, bringing with him 150 pounds of ore with which he will make some mill tests. The rock is a very handsome quartz carrying plenty of copper, and Mr. Bond thinks that in it he has a second Silver King. A force of men is now working the claim, and has driven two tunnels, one of which is in 30 feet and the other 25 feet. The ledge has been tapped and, so Mr. Bond says, the pay chute is five feet wide all in clean ore. Already the miners have taken out about 20 tons of sorted rock, which is ready for shipment, and the aim of Mr. Bond in coming in this time was to get an average test out of the rock. He says that enough ore is being steadily taken out now to make small regular shipments possible.

THE CRISIS AT VICTORIA.

(From Friday's Daily.) There is not much cause for surprise in the announcement that Hon. Robert Beaven has abandoned the task of forming a government. After his public statement on Thursday last it was almost a foregone conclusion that he could not obtain the necessary support.

While Hon. Mr. Beaven has failed to accomplish that which he started out to perform, he has, nevertheless, done something to clear the political atmosphere and reveal the true status of the several political factions. The interview with Mr. Beaven, published in Friday's issue, shows that perfect harmony does not prevail within the ranks of the Opposition. He declares that of the 19 members who are outspoken opponents of the Turner administration, nine acknowledge Joseph Martin as their leader, eight are attached to C. A. Semlin, and two have not defined their allegiance to either Mr. Martin or Mr. Semlin, but are credited with a preference for the latter. Mr. Beaven also assures us that Joseph Martin does not deny the report that he will resign his seat if Mr. Semlin is chosen as leader of the Opposition. It, therefore, would seem that the two most prominent Oppositionists cannot act together in harmony, if Mr. Semlin refuses to give way to the aspirations of the Vancouver politician. This morning's dispatches show that Mr. Semlin has accepted the invitation of the lieutenant-governor to form a government. This indicates that Mr. Semlin is inclined to disregard Mr. Martin's threat to resign his seat.

At no time since the crisis arose have there been such good reasons to expect a coalition as at present. As Mr. Semlin has accepted the commission to head an administration he may be expected to conscientiously exert himself in the matter. The main question in this connection is: Will he confine himself to selecting ministers solely from the Opposition ranks or seek to add to his Opposition following by a coalition with the Turner party? If he follows the former course, but fails to patch up a truce with Joseph Martin, he has everything to lose and nothing to gain from the election; on the other hand, if by a coalition he can swing in his support the 16 Turnerites he can safely count on a good working majority in the legislature and at once terminate the crisis.

It remains to be seen whether Mr. Semlin thinks more of his party than his country; whether he is more of a politician than a statesman; whether he would rather administer the affairs of British Columbia with the co-operation of J. H. Turner or Joseph Martin.

TREACHERY OF TRUSTED EMPLOYEES.

The surety companies, where an employer insists upon it, protects him against the dishonesty of employes, so far as money is concerned. There is another sphere of usefulness which the

surety companies might occupy and in which they might prevent a loss that is even greater than the mere amount of cash which an employe might embezzle from the man whom he betrays. It is often the case that a trusted employe after he leaves the employment of one man goes into the services of a rival in business and makes capital out of the secrets of the first, which have been given to him under the seal of confidence. Surety companies that would protect employers against breaches of this sort of confidence are needed just as much as those which are in business for the purpose of protecting them against embezzlement and any other forms of dishonesty. Legislation, which would protect an employer against this form of not only dishonesty, but dishonor, should be placed on the statute books. It is often the case that a treacherous ex-employe can inflict almost incalculable harm to the individual who gave him work by going to his rival in business and showing him the weak point in his competitor's affairs. There is more meanness, treachery and despicableness in this form of betrayal than almost any other that can be conceived. The spy, who is summarily shot during time of war, is an honorable gentleman compared with the man who so basely trades on his former employer's secrets. The secrets that were imparted to him were given in confidence by the man who was considerate enough to furnish him with occupation and a living, and they should be guarded as sacredly as though they had been given in a Masonic lodge. There is just as much infamy involved in the revealing of the one as the other, although in one case an obligation is taken and in the other it is implied, and a man is placed upon his personal honor to not tell them to the disadvantage of the individual who gave them in confidence, because he believed he could trust the man to whom they were told.

The Western Mining World in a recent issue tells of a case in point. It is as follows:

The Western Mining World has often expressed its regret that extensive mining operations in this city (Butte), having in mind the general welfare of all concerned and the future of this magnificent mineral field. This periodical has refrained from any attempt to determine questions of importance in controversial cases, which duty lies in the broader opportunities of the court to arrive at truth. But the suit which F. Aug. Heinze has brought against C. S. Batterman involves a question of equity of far-reaching importance not only to mine owners, but to employers generally, and the decision of the court will be awaited with interest.

No man whose business secrets are entrusted to confidential men, in the nature of things, can look upon this suit with indifference. It appears that Batterman, while in the employ of Mr. Heinze, made maps and notes of the underground workings of the Rarus mine, which he did not surrender when he entered the employ of a rival company. As chief engineer for Mr. Heinze, Mr. Batterman enjoyed an opportunity to secure information of great value to others should he see fit to impart it. Pending litigation with interests with which Mr. Batterman is now associated makes his possession of the maps and notes of the Rarus a menace to Mr. Heinze. The latter brings suit to recover possession of the papers.

Without discussing the personal relations of the parties to the suit, which have nothing to do with the principle involved, the right to inquire into the business limitations of a confidential employe becomes a pertinent one. It would seem perfectly clear from an equitable standpoint that Mr. Heinze is entitled to the fruits of Mr. Batterman's services while in his employ, whether those services consisted of drilling holes and blasting rock or in making maps and drawings of the mine. If so, there should be no question as to the ownership of the papers. To say nothing of the issue of manhood involved in imparting the secrets of one business concern to another, an action for damages should lie against any man who uses information confidentially secured from a trusted employe to the disadvantage of a firm or company. This applies with equal force to any class of business where such confidences are a part of the system. It ought to be possible also to take action against a business man or company that conspires to secure a knowledge of the private affairs of a rival, with a view to inflicting damage other than through the legitimate avenues of business competition.

The cause of this suit brings up a multitude of ethical questions concerning the relations of business men that courts of justice might with propriety consider. If a trusted employe can without restraint assume a position held used the information acquired to the future injury of his employer, there is crying need for legislation that will end the injustice. If no restrictions can be imposed in such matters, if no moral obligations can be enforced by law, if the confidential side of every man's business is to become public property at the option of confidential employes, the whole business superstructure will suffer a deplorable collapse. On the face of things Mr. Heinze has conferred a favor on the public by making a legal issue of the alleged conduct of Mr. Batterman.

Since the foregoing was placed in type the suit was concluded and a verdict returned for Mr. Heinze. A legal business principle had been vindicated.

In the incident cited by the Western Mining World the court which decided the case established a precedent which could be with good effect widened by legislation. The dictum of the judge gave the plaintiff the right to the maps and plans drawn by the defendant Batterman, when he was in his employ. If the plans were the property of the plaintiff, so is any information that he might have confidentially given the defendant in the conduct of his business, and if an employe disposes of them either out of revenge or for personal aggrandizement there should be a law

under which he could be prosecuted, the same as though he was caught red-handed in the act of disposing of stolen goods. The judgment of the court in the case cited by the Western Mining World was therefore a good one and one which all fair-minded men will applaud. We think under the circumstances an ex-employe should be estopped from testifying as to any information which was imparted to him under the seal of confidence.

THE CHRISTINA DISTRICT.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an exhaustive article descriptive of the northern portion of the Trail Creek division and the country to the west, adjacent to and along the shore of Christina lake. This country, teeming as it does with mineral wealth, will be tributary to Rossland as soon as the Columbia & Western railway extension between Brooklyn and Cascade City is completed. Indeed, a perusal of the article will reveal that a major portion of the claims staked there are owned by those who make this city their headquarters. From the description given it will readily be seen that as a mining region it promises to be equal to any in the Kootenays. This is shown by the statement that some of the owners of mineral claims are making ready so that they may be able to ship as soon as the railway affords them transportation facilities. Notwithstanding the presence of hundreds of prospectors and the staking of a large number of claims, as our correspondent states, it is a section of magnificent districts, and the comparatively few claims staked would compare with the area of mineral ground available as a handful of shot would if scattered through the length and breadth of Columbia avenue. It is, therefore palpable that there is yet a magnificent field there for the prospector, because only a tithe of the available claims have been staked. It is only a short distance from this city, is easily accessible, and all the enterprising prospector will have to do is to go in and stake what will perhaps be a valuable claim. From now on would be well for the brokers and mining men of this city to keep a watchful eye on the Christina lake country.

THE WATER AND LIGHT QUESTION.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

At a meeting of the city council on August 2 last a commission was appointed to report upon the nature and value of the assets of the Rossland Water & Light company. The commission was composed of several aldermen and the city clerk, all of whom are well qualified to perform the task. An undertaking of this kind, in the nature of things, requires much careful investigation, and no little time is necessary in order to make a thorough and correct statement of all information bearing upon the case. Nearly two weeks have elapsed but the commission has not yet made its report, which is looked for by the taxpayers with keen interest. The intelligent citizens of Rossland desire a speedy and satisfactory solution of the light and water question. The current charges of the Rossland Water & Light company are high and burdensome, but it would be the height of folly to attempt any arrangement having for its end the remedy of this grievance without adopting sound business principles for our guidance. Hence it is absolutely necessary that the findings of the commission be made known before any steps are taken in the matter.

At the last regular meeting of the city council Alderman Lalonde gave notice of his intention to introduce a bylaw next Tuesday authorizing the city to purchase the assets of the Rossland Water & Light company. With all due deference to Mr. Lalonde THE MINER ventures the opinion that it would be time enough to negotiate for the purchase of all or a portion of the property of the company when the commission has submitted its report. Until this has been done there is no way of knowing positively what is the best course for the city to pursue. We fail entirely to understand why the city should be rushed into a "pig-in-a-poke" bargain with the water and light company. Let the commission report before any further step is made in the matter.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The gravity of the political situation at Victoria increases hourly. The Province of British Columbia has been without responsible government since Monday last, when the lieutenant-governor, according to his own statement, "plainly and unmistakably" notified Hon. J. H. Turner that his cabinet was dismissed from office. Lieutenant-Governor McInnes seems to have been guilty of a great indiscretion, to say the least, in dispensing with the services of one set of advisors before he had arranged for their successors. No one questions his right to dismiss a ministry under certain circumstances, but a very important principle is involved when he does so and leaves the Province without a constitutional government. Hon. Mr. Beaven has failed to form a cabinet and it may be that Mr. Semlin will not meet with any better success. There is no telling how long the public business will be kept in its present chaotic condition. Lieutenant-Governor McInnes has made a grave mistake in dismissing one government

before he has arranged for another, and the least he could do under the circumstances would be to reconsider his hasty and ill-considered action of last Monday, and revoke his dismissal of the Turner cabinet and give the people a constitutional administration without further delay.

THE CENTRE STAR DEAL.

On an original investment of \$25,000 and an expenditure of some \$200,000, the owners of the Centre Star mine, by playing a waiting game and steadily adding to the value of the mine by patient, intelligent and scientific development work, have been well rewarded. We do not believe, however, that such a policy is for the best interest of the camp, however profitable it may be to individuals. Had the owners of the War Eagle, the Le Roi, the Iron Mask and the several other shipping mines of the camp carried on their operations on a similar scale as those of the Centre Star were conducted, Rossland today would not have the proud record of having shipped in the past year and a half 125,000 tons of ore to the smelters; there would not have been two railways connecting this city with the outside world, for the reason that there would be little or no traffic for them; Rossland's population would be a few hundred instead of 6,000, and would scarcely be known as it is now to the makers of maps and the builders of transportation lines and the rest of the civilized world. However, all's well that ends well, and the sale of this property to the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate will result in great benefit to this city, as it will be the means of attracting a great deal of capital thither, for the following reason: This same wealthy Toronto syndicate had already invested to the extent of over a million dollars in the purchase and development of the War Eagle. The investment has proved a marked financial success. This is so much the case and the syndicate is so well satisfied with its first venture that it has made a second try and this time it puts up two millions instead of one. This shows the unbounded faith that these shrewd and successful capitalists and financiers have in the mining properties of the camp. As this syndicate is one of the richest in the Dominion of Canada its example will be sure to be imitated by other capitalists who have been eagerly watching its movements here. This being the case the public may be on the qui vive for some more large deals in the near future, all of which may redound to the credit and prosperity of the camp.

Commander to Be Reorganized.

The Commander Mining & Smelting company, limited, will in a few days be changed from a foreign to a provincial company. The meetings will be held in Spokane and Rossland for that purpose. This company was organized on May 16, 1896, with a capital stock of \$500,000. Its property, which consists of the Commander claim is located a mile and one-quarter southeast of the city. A plant consisting of a four-drill compressor, sinking pump and two drills was purchased soon after the company was organized and the work of development commenced. A shaft 200 feet deep has been sunk. At the 100-foot level there is a good-sized body of \$40 ore. At the 200-foot level the vein was lost and work was stopped several months since. The boilers were not large enough and they are to be replaced by others. It is expected that the organization will be completed and work resumed on the next two weeks. W. J. Harris and Senator George Turner are among the principal stockholders in the Commander.

LETTERS OF INQUIRY.

A friend of THE MINER at Windsor, Nova Scotia, writes for information concerning the Gold & Silver Mines Development company, the Dominion Gold & Silver Mines Development company, the Canada, Montreal Mines Development company and the Montreal-London Mines Development company. Any information regarding either of the properties would be appreciated by this paper.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers. AUGUST 1. Victor V 1/2 on south bank of Murphy creek; Emil F Voigt to W T Harris, \$1,000. Speculator 5, on Rock creek; Emil F Voigt to W T Harris, \$1,000. AUGUST 3. Power of attorney, Democrat and Republican, James Hanley to Harry Hansen. Democrat and Republican, on west side of Sheep creek; D Murphy and James Hanley to J. Shanahan. AUGUST 5. Red Lion on Gold Bar mountain on international boundary line; Chas Connell to Neil McArthur and Robt Crawford. AUGUST 8. Norine, Bud and Blanche, on Green mountain; H J Raymer, Harold Daly, Mayne Daly to G H Campbell of Winnipeg. AUGUST 9. Power of attorney, R J Baker to G A Jordan. Grey Eagle, on east slope of Columbia mountain; H J Raymer to A H McKay. Good Hope, North Star, Violet; R J Baker to A H McKay. Banner Hill fraction, North Columbia fraction, East Columbia Mountain fraction; C O Lalonde to British Columbia (Rossland & Slovan) syndicate.

Honest Help Free to Weak Men.

THE ROSSLAND MINER is authorized to state by Rev. A. H. Macfarlane, Franktown, Ontario, that any man who is suffering from troubles resulting from overwork, excess or abuse, such as nervous debility, lost vigor, unnatural losses, lack of development, etc., can write in strict confidence and be instructed free of charge how to be thoroughly cured. Knowing, to his sorrow, that so many sufferers are being imposed upon by unscrupulous quacks, this clergyman considers it his duty to give his fellow men the benefit of his experience and assist them to a cure. Having nothing to sell, he asks no money. Any man who sends for his advice and follows it can rely upon being cured. Of course, only those actually needing help are expected to apply, enclosing a stamp. Address as above and refer to THE ROSSLAND MINER.

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Richest in Cream. Best for All Purposes.

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Red Mountain View Gold Mining Company, Ltd. Lia.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Red Mountain View Gold Mining Company, Ltd. Lia., will be held at the office of the company, Columbia Avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Saturday the 10th day of September, 1898, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of (1) election of directors; (2) inquiring into and passing upon accounts and confirming the acts of the outgoing directors during their term of office; (3) to consider and determine upon means of obtaining working capital; (4) to consider, and if deemed advisable to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or company and upon such terms and conditions as the shareholders may deem advisable, and to accept in payment for the property, if sold, either cash or shares in another company, either assessable or fully paid up, or to accept in consideration both cash and shares partly paid up and partly assessable; (5) and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. D. D. LINDVARD, Secy.-Treas.

Rossland, B. C., August 8, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. East Columbia Mountain Fraction, Banner Hill Fraction and North Columbia Fraction mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District, Where located: On Sophie mountain, adjoining the Velvet mineral claim. Lot 3,235 Gt. Take notice that I, William Hart-McHarg, acting as agent for the British Columbia (Rossland & Slovan) Syndicate, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 4th day of August, A. D., 1898. W. HART-MCHARG, 7-21-102

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Tootsie mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District, Where located: On Sophie mountain, adjoining the Velvet mineral claim. Lot 3,235 Gt. Take notice that I, R. E. Palmer, F. L. S., acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,164, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 21st day of July, 1898. R. E. PALMER, F. L. S. 7-21-102

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Whoop-Up mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District, Where located: On Sophie mountain, adjoining the Velvet mineral claim. Lot 3,234 Gt. Take notice that I, R. E. Palmer, F. L. S., acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,164, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 21st day of July, 1898. R. E. PALMER, F. L. S. 7-21-102

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Annie Fractional mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, Where located: East of and adjoining the Annie and south of and adjoining the No. 1 mineral claim. Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, acting as agent for the British America corporation, limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,164, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 14th day of July, 1898. S. L. LONG, 7-14-102

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Frankie H. and Fred F. mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district, Where located: On the south slope of Columbia mountain. Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long, acting as agent for Thomas F. Halsey, certificate No. 9599, and Fred Barker, free miner's certificate No. 13,164, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 4th day of August, 1898. S. L. LONG, 8-4-102

Novelty Gold Mining Company.

(Foreign.) Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Novelty Gold Mining Company, (Foreign) will be held in the office of the company, Columbia Avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Monday, the 6th day of September, A. D. 1898, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and if deemed advisable, disposing of the whole or any part of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or company and upon such terms and conditions as the shareholders may deem advisable, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. CHAS. LIFCHILD, Secretary. Dated this first day of August, 1898. 7-31-102

Carbonate Silver Mining Company.

Limited Liability. Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Carbonate Silver Mining Company, Limited Liability, will be held at the office of the company, Columbia Avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1898, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, selling, mortgaging, or otherwise disposing of the whole or any part of the assets, rights, powers, franchises and privileges of the company to such person or company and upon such terms and conditions as the shareholders may deem advisable, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. A. F. CORBIN, Secretary-Treasurer. 7-31-102

Advertisements for various companies including 'Ltd.', 'NERY', 'Y', 'COLUMBIA', 'gton', 'te', 'ho', 'e best', 'St. Paul-Chicago', 'et beautiful, most', 'Mr. Pullman of the', 'at ever stood on', 'electricity. Heated', 'partment and', 'Fort-smoking', 'cars, a la carte', 'ra Fares.', 'al Union Depot at', 'ntona and the', 'ces of connecting', 'A.&N.', 'SCHEDULE', 'ARRIVE', 'From', 'Spokane', 'San Francisco', 'Baker', 'Salt Lake, Den.', 'Fort Worth', 'St. Louis', 'go and East.', 'Wallace, Ward', 'arfield, Colfax', 'an, Moscow.', 'Portland', 'Steamships', 'ing dates sub-', 'a Francisco-', 'ng 7-12-17-22-27', 'sks-', 'July 19.', 'mbia River', 'Steamers', 'oria and Way-', 'Landings.', 'lamette River', 'City, Newberg', 'a & Way-Land's', 'lamette and', 'mbill Rivers', 'on City, Dayton', 'Way Landings.', 'lamette River', 'and to Corvallis', 'Way-Landings.', 'ake River', 'ria to Lewiston', 'AMS, General Agent', 'Spokane', 'LEBERT, Gen. Pass. Agt.', 'Portland, Ore.', '& Western Ry.', 'CHEDULE.', 'unday, Aug. 5, 1897.', 'EASTBOUND.', 'No. 2 No. 5', 'TRAIL', 'Spokane', 'ROSSLAND', '18:00', 'connect with C. P. R. main line', 'to and from Nelson at Robson', 'leave Smelter for West Robson', 'at Robson 12:45.', 'leave West Robson for Smelter', 'at Robson 15:45.', 'F. P. GUTHRIE, Gen. Supt'

WAS WELL ATTENDED

A Large Audience Listened to Hon. Mr. Foster's Address.

MADE A STRONG SPEECH

In Which the Conservatives Were Lauded and the Liberals Scored—Interesting Talk by Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Which Pleasured the Audience.

The impromptu meeting in Dominion hall last Monday to hear Hon. George E. Foster, ex-minister of finance in the conservative ministry, and Hon. Thos. Mayne Daly, who was minister of the interior in the same cabinet, was attended by an audience that crowded the hall. The meeting had been called at 1 o'clock, and the turnout, therefore, was all the more pleasing to the local leaders of the party.

On the platform, besides the speakers of the evening, Hon. George E. Foster and Hon. T. Mayne Daly, there were J. A. Kirk, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association, who presided; W. B. Townsend, J. B. Johnson, William Harp, F. M. McLeod and John McKane, Dr. Bowes, A. S. Goddave and Alexander D. Brown.

In calling the meeting to order the chairman, J. A. Kirk, announced that the Liberal-Conservative Association had been especially fortunate in securing an address from Mr. Foster, as the association intended soon to open a reading room, where the principles of the conservative party can be studied.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly was the first speaker of the evening. He is a well known name in the conservative ranks, and his address was listened to with interest. He carried these principles into effect as liberal doctrine in the present government. He carried these principles into effect as liberal doctrine in the present government.

The great fault of the conservatives' organization, said Mr. Daly, was that there was too much bickering within the ranks, but he predicted that with harmony restored, as it would be, the conservative party must be returned to power.

Mr. Foster's address in brief was as follows:

"I have heard," said Mr. Foster, "that no attention is paid to partisan politics, for the people here are too busy in the getting of gold and the hewing of timber. However busy the people here are, they should not look after the getting of gold to the neglect of their duties of citizenship. In England where custom had established the forms of government stronger than bands of steel, the people might afford to overlook the forms of government, but here, where the affairs of the state are being established, it was the duty of every man to carry out according to his best lights what he believed to be the principles of government."

"To carry out these principles it was necessary that like-thinking men should unite in organizations planned to carry out these beliefs. The lack of party organization has been woefully illustrated in New Brunswick. There parties in some manner have characterized the management of British Columbia affairs. In New Brunswick the conservatives had been the stepchild that pulled the chestnuts from the fire while the organization of liberals had carried away all the patronage and all the glory of the province.

"Young men in these rapid days have a way of forgetting history," continued Mr. Foster. "It was this forgetting of the past that made it possible for the liberal party to retain power in 1896. If the voters could have recalled the misgovernment that characterized the rule from 1874 to 1878 it would have been impossible for the conservative party to be deposed after 18 years of the most successful rule ever accorded Canada. It was the liberal party that, actuated by a faith in the vast future of Canada, united the colonies and provinces into the grand dominion that now exists. It was the conservative party that, in spite of the liberal leaders, purchased the northwest from the Hudson's Bay company. It was the conservative party that built the great railway that cemented all of Canada into one united nation.

"It was the conservative party that had initiated the national policy of baselinet protection. It was the grits, who after going up and down through the land for 17 years, degrading the principles of protection as fatal to the life of the country, succeeded in being placed in power, only to revoke all their past utterances and carry out precisely the conservative doctrines they had sought to laugh to scorn.

"When a man, giving his promise to do this and so, deliberately does what he promised not to do, he is in plain Anglo-Saxon a liar. What then shall we call the leader of a party who giving his promise to 5,000,000 Canadians, deliberately breaks his word? [Voice—'he's a d—n liar!']

"The liberal newspapers, prior to the Laurier administration, foretold how the conservatives were running the country into debt at a ruinous rate, and

many of you believed it. Many of you still believe it, ignorant of the fact that year after year the grit government has piled up the public debt at a rate far in excess of the expenditures of its conservative predecessor.

"In 1896 I presented the estimate of \$38,500,000 for the annual Dominion expenditures. Sir Richard Cartwright, in words of wrath, denounced the budget as outrageous. He declared that for a country the size of Canada such an expenditure was enormous. Now, Sir, Richard's party is in power. We might reasonably expect that the expenditures for the government were considerably lessened beneath the conservative budget which he had characterized as infamous. Yet instead of an annual appropriation of \$38,500,000 the grits have brought down their first estimates of \$47,828,000. With the supplementary estimates the grit budgets amount to no less than the enormous total of \$49,378,000. Yet the grits had reviled a \$38,500,000 budget as enormous when it was presented by the conservatives."

"Notwithstanding the facts," continued Mr. Foster, "the liberal party has claimed to reduce the tariff rates of which we are so proud. For them the grit reductions of the tariff rates amount to just 90-100 of one per cent. The present administration has claimed its conduct of affairs has brought about the development of the mining interests of the Dominion. The effort of the Laurier government for the mining industry has refused to pay the bonus of 50 cents a ton which the conservative government had granted on all silver government made a grand stand play at placing an export duty on ores of that class, but it ended in mere words.

"Somebody may say that the Laurier ministry has built the Crow's Nest Pass road. It has built it, indeed, but at what a cost! The conservative cabinet just before its retirement whereby the road would have been built at a cost of \$1,000,000. Instead of carrying out that compact the Laurier government had seen to the building of the road only by means of a bonus of \$11,000 per mile."

In conclusion Mr. Foster gave a glowing description of the growth of the mineral idea among the citizens of Canada, and pointed to the time when each of the colonies was merely a separate, secluded provincially. In comparison with that he pointed out the present standing of the Dominion among the great nations of the world. A vote of thanks to Mr. Foster was moved by S. Goddave at the conclusion of the speaking. The motion was heartily seconded by Dr. Edward Bowes and as enthusiastically carried. Afterwards the rolls of the liberal-conservative association were thrown open for signatures and a large number of citizens enrolled themselves in the club.

The Fire Alarm Boxes. The fire department has issued cards for public distribution, showing the location and the numbers of the new alarm boxes. At present keys to them are in the hands of policemen and the new boxes, as well as at the hotels nearest each box. As soon as the new key boxes arrive, and they are looked for any day, the keys will be put in place and carried to search for them.

The location of the boxes is as follows: 35—Columbia avenue and Butte street, south side of street. 32—Columbia and St. Paul street, northwest corner, by Montreal hotel. 16—Columbia avenue and Washington street, southwest corner, by the Hotel Allen. 27—Columbia avenue and Spokane street, northwest corner, by the Pacific hotel. 14—First avenue and Washington street, northeast corner. 43—Second avenue and Washington street, northeast corner. 41—Second avenue and Earl street, by Centre Star hotel, at west end of the bridge. 23—Kootenay avenue and Spokane street, on west side, by railroad track. 52—Le Roi avenue and Davis street, southeast corner, opposite H. S. Wallace's.

Third avenue and St. Paul street, by school house.

THE LOSS WAS \$25,000. Five Hundred Tons of Nitrate and Sulphur Destroyed. VICTORIA, Aug. 16.—Three new out-buildings just completed at the Victoria chemical works, and about 500 tons of nitrate and sulphur were destroyed by fire early this afternoon. The noise of the explosion was like the continuous rattle of musketry and lasting as it did for 15 or 20 minutes, attracted an immense crowd. The fire originated in the corner of one of the out-buildings in which the chemicals were stored. As to the cause the only explanation is that this morning the manufacture of nitric acid was being carried on in the laboratory, and the combustible ingredients may have become ignited. There were about 500 tons of nitrate and sulphur. The nitrate came in vessels which recently arrived from Iquique, and most of the sulphur which exploded came on the steamer Mogul, which reached the outer wharf about three weeks ago from the orient. The loss, according to some of those connected with the works, will amount to from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and is fully covered by insurance.

A Real Estate Deal. The property on the northwest corner of Lincoln street and Columbia avenue has been purchased by Mr. Bullen from Mr. McMillan. There is a one-story structure on the lot which is occupied by a combined bowling alley, cigar store and billiard hall, and a broker's office. The price paid was \$5,900. The property has a desirable location, and real estate experts contend that Mr. Bullen has secured a bargain. The deal was brought through by Kennedy Brothers & Purgold.

A picnic party left town yesterday morning, consisting Mrs. Orvil Fisher, Master Earl Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Libby and V. C. Simmons, for an excursion of a few weeks on the banks of Sheep lake, where hunting and fishing will be the chief occupation of the party.

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THE STOCK MARKET

A Strong Toronto Bear Movement Reflected Locally.

DEER PARK IS LIVELY

An Advance in War Eagles—Virginias Went Up to \$1 and Reached to 95 Cents—Monte Christo Are Falling—Homestakes Are Selling.

The stock market was fairly active during the week ending last evening. The demand for the standards came principally from Toronto, where the market was in a feverish condition. This was evidenced by the fact that extra sessions of the stock exchange had to be held in order to accommodate those who desired to deal in Roseland shares. Indeed, the demand for Roseland shares was never so great as it is now in Toronto. The sale of the Centre Star mine for \$2,000,000 acted as a stimulus to the dealings both here and there, and up to Tuesday the dealings were very large. On Tuesday and Wednesday there was a strong bear movement, and some of the standards fell a few points owing to it.

The dealing in Deer Parks was very heavy and some large blocks were sold. The reports from the mine are very good. The ore is getting stronger and holds its shipping value as depth is attained. Mr. Scott of Toronto, one of the directors of the company, is on his way to the city, and his mission is to make the necessary arrangements for installing a power plant with a capacity of seven drills. Despite the attempt to bear Deer Parks they are steady at 19 cents, and with the encouraging reports from the mine should go higher within the next few days.

War Eagles were in demand all the week and one block of 10,000 shares was sold by a local firm. The advance was from \$2.80 to \$2.95 and the cause that combination for \$225,000, by the War Eagle company is paying a dividend of 1 1/2 cents per share per month and is liable to increase this to 3 per cent has of course a great deal to do with the prevailing price of the shares.

Iron Masks were in demand and sold freely during the week. They advanced from 75 cents to \$1.00 and then fell back to 95 cents. It was thought that the Iron Mask property was to be sold to the Gooderham syndicate for \$425,000, but that combination for \$425,000, by the Centre Star. If this sale had been consummated it would be equal to \$1.25 per share, as the company is capitalized for \$500,000. The sale did not materialize, as anticipated, but the mere prospect of it going through sent the stock up to the \$1 mark. Those on the inside say that the sale will not be made.

It is still alleged, however, that the Gooderham interests are picking up Iron Masks for the purpose of ultimately securing the control. This seems impossible for the Corbin syndicate, which has the control, has 300,000 shares tied up in an iron-clad pool.

Virginias advanced during the week from 80 cents to \$1.05, and had a relapse yesterday, when they fell back to 95 cents. This was due to the strong bear movement in Toronto, which was reflected in this market, Toronto attempting to slough off large blocks of Virginias from 95 cents. This, of course, had the effect of depressing the tone of the market, so that the quotations fell to that extent. The drift in the Virginia is being run along the vein, and the crosscut being driven to tap the second vein is making excellent progress. There is nothing, therefore, in the condition of the property and a growing conviction is being formed that the Virginia, on the contrary, all the conditions actually justify an advance.

Monte Christo jumped from 28 to 32 cents and then fell to 30 cents. This, it is claimed, is due to the bear movement in Toronto of the past two days. The stock was firm at 30 cents last evening, and there is manifested a disposition to unload holdings.

There is considerable trading in Robert's lease at from 3 1/2 to 4 cents. It is thought 50,000 shares changed hands during the week. Homestakes are quoted at 4 cents and some 30,000 shares changed hands during the week. Very encouraging reports of the Tamara are given by parties in from Ymir. The work of sinking the main shaft is being vigorously prosecuted. There seems to be quite a growing interest in this property and it is considerable premium for the shares among home people.

Salmo Cons. are in good demand on the part of investors in Eastern Canada and Great Britain.

Labor Day Celebration. Labor day this year comes on Monday, September 5th, and a movement is already on foot to celebrate the day in Roseland. A meeting for that purpose has been called for tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Windsor, and all interested in the project are invited to be present. It is expected that the labor unions of the city will make the day an interesting one. A number of citizens have announced that they will give financial support to the project in case the celebration is arranged for.

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PARTIALLY DEVELOPED MINES FOR SALE.

MINING PROPERTIES DEVELOPED.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS ON MINES.

Rossland, August 17.

Dear Sir:

The sale of the Centre Star Mine to the Blackstock-Gooderham Syndicate for \$2,000,000 cash was the event of the week. It is understood that the Iron Mask will pass into the same control, but this is not officially confirmed, but we believe the rumor to be well founded and expect to see the sale of this property consummated in the near future.

Deals of this magnitude should encourage the small investor. Large capitalists recognize the fact that investments in Roseland mines and mining stocks are not only extremely safe, but unusually profitable.

Money can be made in Roseland stocks if you BUY NOW. We do not advocate the purchase of high price stocks for quick returns.

The Eastern investor should follow the example of the Roseland mining man, who is experienced and practical. Examine carefully the location of the property, personnel of the company, condition of the treasury and probability of ore shipments, which are forerunners of early dividends.

In low priced stocks that meet these requirements, we advise you to buy Giant, 7 1/2-2c.; Novelty, 5c.; Homestake, 6c.; R. E. Lee, 6c.; Deer Park, 19c.; Iron Colt, 10 1/2-2c.; White Bear, 8c.; Roderick Dhu, 5c. These stocks, in our judgment, should be given the preference.

Other good stocks, with yesterday's prices, are: Virginia, 98c.; Iron Mask, 97c.; Monte Christo, 32c.; War Eagle, \$2.90; Cariboo (Camp McKinney) 80c.; Salmo Consolidated, 15c.; Le Roi, \$6.50.

Sincerely Yours, C. O'BRIEN REDDIN & Co.

P. S. Wire or write if you want to buy or sell good stocks.

THE PORTORICOMINE Rolt & Grogan Kennedy Bros. & Purgold

Between 50 and 60 Men Are at Work Carrying on Development.

THE ELISE LOOKING WELL

Ledge Is Three Feet Wide and Is Turning Out Some Pretty Ore—Showing in the Maude S-It Is Said To Be Excellent.

Henry Kehoe, the superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Exploration, operating the Porto Rico near Ymir, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Kehoe says that there are now between 50 and 60 men at work on the property, carrying forward the underground development and doing the grading necessary for the installation of the new stamp mill. The machinery for the mill itself is already on the way and the compressor was shipped today. The compressor was represented from Frank Mendenhall, representing the Jencks Machine company.

Mr. Kehoe was up to the Elise just before coming to Roseland, and he brings word that the property there is looking exceedingly well. As already told in THE MINER, the ledge has been crosscut at the 125-foot level in the tunnel, and the vein has proven to be about three feet wide. The walls are as pretty as can be found anywhere, says Mr. Kehoe, and a clay selvage marks each with the utmost distinctness. The country rock is a slate, and the vein, which runs nearly due north and south, cuts it at an angle of about 10 degrees. The ore is a lively quartz, similar to that found on the surface, and assays are said to be very satisfactory. An appraisal is now being started to connect the tunnel with the old shaft, which is finished and 50 feet. When the raise is finished and ventilation is thus assured, drifting will be commenced along the level in both directions. The outlook for the property, in Mr. Kehoe's opinion, is very encouraging.

Will Build a Club House.

The Roseland club has secured the two lots on the corner of Le Roi avenue and Lincoln street, just east of the old Bowers hospital building, and will at once put up a new club house there, which will cost about \$6,000. Construction will commence about the middle of September, and will be completed in two months. The building will be the northwest of the finest club houses in the northwest and will be finished with every detail of comfort known to the best resorts of the sort. Wide piazzas, roomy smoking rooms, commodious billiard parlors, a billiard room and all the other features that go to make club life pleasant will be included in the construction of the house. The new club house will be built by a syndicate of the members of the club, who will lease it to the organization.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A Train Goes Through a Bridge and Several Are Killed. VICTORIA, Aug. 17.—[Special.]—A span of the Trent river bridge on the Union Colliery Coal railway gave way this morning under the first loaded train going out from the mines. Twenty loaded cars with the locomotive broke through, falling 50 feet and killing A. Walker, driver; R. Nightingale, conductor; W. Milado, W. Work and several other colliery employees, and seriously injuring others, among them T. Grant, Miss Horse and Miss Grievess.

A Later Account.

The Union coal train, loaded with 20 cars of coal, went down at the Trent river bridge this morning at 8 o'clock with nine people aboard. Five were killed, three wounded and one escaped without injury. Alfred Walker, engineer, and Alexander Malado, brakeman, William Work and two Japs were killed. Richard Nightingale of Nanaimo, who was working under the bridge at the time was instantly killed. Hugh Grant, fireman, had his leg broken; Miss Horne and Miss Grievess were badly injured. Matt Piercy jumped from the train and is uninjured. The height of the bridge over which the train plunged is 120 feet.

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THE STOCK MARKET.

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Stocks were in good demand yesterday and we had inquiries for Evening Star, Iron Colt, Monte Christo, Virginia and Deer Park. Virginia and Iron Mask have been heavily dealt in, and we consider that both of these stocks are good investments at \$1.00. Deer Park at from 18 to 20 cents is a good buy, and we advise our clients to pick this stock up and hold for a rise. We have buyers for Canadian Gold Fields, Victory, Triumph, Commander, Iron Colt and Iron Mask. Monte Christo was in good demand. Several large buying orders coming in from the east. The pick of the stocks for an investment or to hold for a rise are undoubtedly Virginia, Iron Mask and Deer Park.

QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Cariboo Creek, Lily May, Canadian G. Fields, Deer Park, Monte Christo, Dundee, Evening Star, Good Hope, Iron Mask, Iron Colt, Jubilee, etc.

We have the following bargains subject to sale: 1,000 Deer Park... 18 1/2; 5,000 Good Hope... 4 1/2; 5,000 Good Hope... 4 1/2.

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Stock Market.

There was a fair amount of business transacted yesterday. Iron Mask was in great demand but few shares were obtainable. R. E. Lee was a favorite and large quantities changed hands. Virginia remains steady. Giant is a ready seller at 7 1/2 and has every appearance of advancing. Dundee changes hands at 35, and we consider them a very good investment at the price.

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