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HUMMING BIRD CO

The Stockholders Decide to Re-
commence Work at Once.

THERE IS ORE ON THE DUMPS

The Development of the Avon is Proceeding
With Satisfactory Results—Work on the
Hungryman Group—A New Ledge Found
on the I. X. L.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Humming Bird (B. C.) Gold Mines, limited, was held in the office of Mr. J. L. G. Abbott Tuesday. The stock of the company is held principally in Rossland and Spokane. Among the stockholders present were M. Wolff, S. Dilshamer, Thomas Denault, J. M. G. Abbott, S. Thornton Langley, Smith Curtis and F. H. Luce. The following directors were elected: Messrs. Abbott and Langley, of Rossland, and Messrs. Bolster, Wolff, Dilshamer, Webster and Bradley of Washington. The directors will meet in a few days in Spokane and elect officers. The sum of \$350 was subscribed at the meeting, and it was agreed to raise \$5,500 for the purpose of resuming work on the properties of the company, which consists of two claims, the Humming Bird and the O. K., situated on the west side of the north fork of the Kettle river, 12 miles north of Grand Forks and near the C. & W. railway. The property has been developed considerably by shaft, tunnels and open cuts to the extent of 700 feet. During the course of the development work about 600 tons of ore have been taken out. The intention is to send this to the smelter, as it goes about \$25 to the ton. The values are principally in gold with a little silver and copper. The company is in good financial condition, with 435,000 shares in the treasury. The trustees yesterday agreed to take 35,000 shares at 10 cents each.

Development of the Avon.
Mr. J. E. Sancier yesterday received a letter from Burnt Basin, written by Foreman St. Clair of the Avon. The letter states that they are prospecting one of the large veins on the property. The ore appears to be of a good grade. There are a number of veins on the Avon which range in width from 8 to 16 feet.

Work on Hungryman Group.
Mr. John Moore, who has been the foreman of the Hungryman group since work was commenced upon it by the New Deer Park Mining company, has resigned for the purpose of doing the assessment work on some claims in which he is interested. Mr. Alex. McFadden has succeeded Mr. Moore as foreman. The prospect which is being driven on the 61-foot level for the purpose of tapping the ledge, is now in a distance of 20 feet, and from the manner in which the formation is changing it is thought the lead cannot be far away.

Pontiac Group to Be Operated.
Mr. J. A. Darragh has gone to the Lardean for the purpose of beginning work on the Pontiac group. Mr. R. L. Edwards the engineer and vice-president of the property, is in Spokane and will join Mr. Darragh in about a week. The Pontiac group has been taken over by a strong Michigan syndicate, and the intention is to push the development with all possible speed. There will be no cessation of operations owing to the lack of funds, as there is plenty of money in the treasury. The properties of the company are located on Pool creek, and the ore is very high grade, the average of several assays running a little over \$300 to the ton. Great expectations are, therefore, held of the future of the company by those who own the shares.

A Strike Near Camp McKinney.
A correspondent writing from Camp McKinney says: James Opland, the owner of the Leroy, four miles southeast of here, in prospecting on this claim about 50 feet east of the main shaft, has run into ore like that met with on the Dayton. He had about 10 feet of it, and is not yet through it. I saw three pans of the oxidized gangue tried, and estimate that it will run between \$20 and \$40 to the ton. With this letter you will see the gold taken from one-half pan of the ore without crushing. With the free gold ore there is a large body of the ore that is characteristic of the Boundary pyrrhotite and copper. The theory that the placer gold in Rock creek is from natural erosion along the creek is fast being proven correct. I have seen pieces of black country rock with gold showing freely in them, washed up by placer miners. I, for one prospector, cannot understand how it is that men of knowledge will spend thousands of dollars trying to make a mine where there is nothing to start with, and let such a bet as this, between the north and south forks of Rock creek, lie idle. The Dayton and Leroy claims, with several others, are about 1,300 feet above the creek, the distance between which is a mile and a half. Owing to the country being somewhat contorted, I think that it would be unsafe to tackle it with a shoe string, still it will take comparatively small capital to make mines in that small belt. The ore is in small zones or "leaves" of silicious schist, incased in granite or diorite.

Another Ledge on the I. X. L.
The surface prospecting on the I. X. L., recently inaugurated by Mr. Roy H. Clarke, the engineer, has uncovered a

ledge of ore 16 inches wide. The ledge is of quartz, carrying gold, copper and galena. The intention is to strip it for a considerable distance. The ore from the newly found ledge goes \$22 to the ton. The matter of obtaining the permission of the Midnight people to run a tunnel through a section of their ground is still being negotiated, the delay being caused by the fact that some of the owners live in other places and it, therefore, takes considerable time to communicate with them. A carload of ore will be sent from the I. X. L. this week.

MINING NOTES.

Mr. Merrill Has a Claim Which Carries Rich Nickel Ore.

Mr. L. R. Merrill has a claim which lies to the southeast of the I. X. L. On this there are some croppings, which Mr. Merrill says are 100 feet in length and 20 feet in width. A short time since Mr. Merrill broke off some of the croppings and sent several samples to the Smithsonian institute for assay. A few days since he received the results of the assays. These show that the ore carries from 4 to 28 per cent nickel and from \$4 to \$9 in gold and a small percentage of copper.

At the Ymir Gold Mines, Limited, a 10-drill duplex compressor is now being installed. It was furnished by the James Cooper Manufacturing company. The Jencks Machine company has sold a 30-horse power hoist, boiler, buckets, etc., to the Queen Bess company in the Nelson division. The same company has sold a 10-drill compressor plant to the New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company, Limited.

THE SLOAN.

Notes of Many Mines—The Shipments of the Year to Date.

There are 107 men on the payroll of the Sloan Star.

A crosscut is to be started on the Miller Creek in a few days.

The Wakefield is shipping its concentrates to the Trail smelter.

The force at the Payne, Sloan Star and Last Chance aggregates 300 men.

The Molly Gibson has ore showing in all four tunnels.

The snow is off the Springer road to the Arlington basin.

The Vancouver, Four-Mile, is to start up shortly with a large force of men.

W. E. Koch has a large force of men and horses on the Enterprise property.

Brue White is talking of putting in an aerial tram at the Molly Gibson mine.

Small forces are now going to the hills from Sandon regularly on assessment work.

E. Rammelmeyer is having considerable work done on the Dutchman, his Ten-Mile property.

The Minnesota Silver company will build a concentrator near Sandon this summer.

Slight changes are being made in the Ruth concentrator with a view to better saving of ore.

Eighteen inches of ore have been struck on the Black Hinson group, Lemon creek.

The Sloan Star is to commence shipping this week. The mill is running at its full capacity.

The Hewitt has plenty of ore sacked at the mine, but cannot ship for lack of balloons or a wagon road.

Twenty men are working on the Molly Gibson, but there is ample room for 300.

Martin Isaacson and Henry Boie are developing the Standard group, close to the Republic.

The entire Get There Eli group, on Twelve-Mile, has been turned over to E. J. Deacon by Dr. Gomm of Sandon.

C. Murphy and D. Sloan have relinquished all claim to an interest in the Southern Chief to James Cross of Silverton.

W. E. Boie and partners will crown grant the Exchange on Dayton creek. Sir Charles Tupper was at one time interested in this property.

The Emily Edith and Vancouver, two well known properties not far from New Denver, will be in full operation next month, according to the latest reports.

A strike of some importance has been made on the Lizzie claim, a short distance to the east of McGuigan. It is owned by Mike Penrose. A number of inches of good galena have been found in the lead a few feet from the surface.

N. D. McMillan came in from Vancouver last week to do \$400 worth of work on the Noble Five group, adjoining the Mollie Hughes. A very promising ledge carrying high grade ore is shown upon the property, and considerable work has been put on it.

The long crosscut at the Ivanhoe is now in 1,100 feet, and the lead will be struck in about 100 feet more, probably in about two weeks' time. One blind lead was encountered on the way containing some ore, on which drifting will be done later on. The rock all the way was very hard, and all things considered, it is said to have been the best work ever done in the district.

Paul Hank and J. Hory took several pack loads of supplies to the Bondholder for their contract, which was obtained from R. C. Campbell-Johnson, the main owner in the property. Last year's contract was done on this side of the divide and showed up a fine body of ore. The Bondholder could be made a shipping mine in a short time, as the showing on the Springer slope has never been developed, all the heavy work having been done on the Ten-Mile side. The contract will last a couple of months.

The shipment of ore from Sloan Lake points up to and including the present week, from January 1, 1910, was: From Bosum Landing—Bosum, 220 tons; From New Denver—Hartney, 20 tons; Capella, 7 tons; From Silverton—Emily Edith, 20 tons; Vancouver, 20 tons; Wakefield, (concentrates), 120 tons; From Enterprise Landing—Enterprise, 300 tons; Sloan City—Arlington, 300 tons; Black Prince, 60 tons.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

The Sloan Mines Are Showing Much Activity.

STRIKES WITHIN THE LARDEAU

News From Points Within the Mining Districts—Kamloops, Lardeau, Cranbrook, Fort Steele, Ymir, Sloan, Grand Forks—Burnt Basin, Greenwood and Midway.

Of special interest this week are the features found in the reports from the Kamloops, Lardeau, Sloan and Phoenix camps. From Kamloops comes the news that capital is being attracted into that district, as is evidenced by the recent sale of the Kimberley properties, stated to be one of the most important in that vicinity. From the Lardeau the report from the Silver Belt shows that that mine is proving unexpectedly rich, and as a show feature in that camp; and the strike upon the Silver Cup will by no means lessen the interest already taken in that section. From Sloan comes renewed testimonials of the worth of the properties there which are being worked in a manner that shows the labor troubles are becoming a thing of the past. From the Boundary comes the long expected news that the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides have begun to store their vast ore bodies, and there is no doubt that the ensuing shipment will not only rehabilitate those names upon the stock market, but will still further attract the investor to that portion of the country.

KAMLOOPS.

Work Is Starting up on Several Properties The Kimberley Sale.

Good progress is being made on the Erin, the crosscut, has been driven through the supposed wall and has shown up another band of ore. This property is steadily coming to the front, and it has every promise of having an extensive ore body.

The shaft on the Truth is now down 65 feet. This property contains what is probably the largest ore body in the camp, the width being shown by surface crosscuts to be over 600 feet. The shaft is in excellent ore, which is being picked and sacked as it is brought to the surface, and will be shipped to the Trail smelter.

The new shaft on the Wheel Tamer is now down 25 feet, all in solid ore, of very uniform quality. The ore body appears to be between 40 and 60 feet wide, and is proved to run over a total length of two claims. Four men are employed and good progress is being made.

J. F. Wells and his staff are getting out some high grade ore on the Ten-Mile Creek property, which it is the intention to ship to the Trail smelter. A large amount of mine development is being done along the Nicola Valley, and should the railway go through that section, there will be a great boom in that district.

Good progress is being made at the Ray claim, west of the Pothook. Recently a band of white iron was gone through. The face has a rich showing of galena and chalcopryite. The owners commenced work on a showing which was little more than a stringer, and now there is about 16 feet of ore in sight, with prospects of it being still wider.

Messrs. Delaney are working vigorously on the Delaney Fraction. The shaft is down 58 feet, and crosscutting was commenced at this depth about 10 days ago. The showing is similar to that of the Truth group, and in the opinion of the owners it is a continuation of the same ore body. At any rate the showing is an excellent one and work will be pushed vigorously.

The Kimberley deal, regarding which there has been so much speculation of late, was finally completed last week on very satisfactory terms to the original owners of the properties involved. The purchase price was \$48,500, of which a considerable portion was paid in cash. The purchasers are well known capitalists of Windsor, Ont., and Cleveland, Ohio, the deal having been negotiated in their behalf by Mr. C. E. Wood, M. E.

THE LARDEAU.

Big Strike on the Silver Cup—The Silver Belt Proves Very Rich.

Robert McCutcheon left last week to go with W. Schmock and N. E. Lay to do assessment work on the Annie F. and Pioneer on Ten-Mile creek.

Supt. J. W. Westfall and A. Brown left last week for the Silver Leaf on the Duncan Slope via Circle City. Mr. Westfall will measure up the work already done and let a new contract to Messrs. Brown and Gordon. Additional supplies will be taken over as soon as possible.

Ed. M. Curruthers and W. H. Howard have finished the assessment work on this property. Mr. Curruthers returning to Revelstoke. They put in an open cut on the lead, but not enough work has been done as yet to determine its merits. The property is in good company, situated on Two-Mile creek on Nettie L. Mountain.

The Lade brothers will leave shortly for their property, the Lade group, to continue the crosscut tunnel, and hope to catch the big lead, from which such big smelter tests were obtained from ore taken off the surface, in a few weeks. The Lade group has proved the best gold proposition in the country so far for the depth attained.

Since the date of the engineer's report, April 14th, which was made previous to the recently completed contracts for tunneling and shafting, the Silver Belt has developed wonderful richness, and is now one of the show properties of the district. So far galena, 8 inches wide, struck in the

55-foot shaft at 20-foot depth assays: 88 in gold, \$444.31 silver, \$39.60 lead, and \$20.35 copper; total \$532.26, and a test shipment of mixed galena, pyrites, zinc blende and quartz, from which the clear galena had been picked out, yielded \$79.40 per ton at the Trail smelter.

R. Bury, one of the miners at the Silver Cup, brought down the glad news of another big strike on this property on Friday evening. It was mentioned that they were still crosscutting from the lowest long tunnel to catch the old Cup lead at a greater depth, and now they have it, much to Supt. McNeil's satisfaction. Mr. Bury says they will possibly have four feet of clear ore, and at this depth it contains more native silver than above. It is not unlikely that as soon as the welcome news is heard by the Manager Diöshelm a large force of men will again be put to work to continue development. The company is pursuing the policy of getting all the ore it can easy of access for taking out when the snow or railroad arrives, and getting its development well advanced. There are hundreds of feet of high grade ore now in sight in the different workings.

The Nettie L. mine is very wet at present, as the surface water strikes the foot-wall and runs down through, making it rather disagreeable for the miners. But they are taking out ore just the same. They are now stopping to the east, and after raising to the surface have decided to drift on the lead, following it into the Ajax, their adjoining property, which gives promise of being just as good a mine as the Nettie L. Work in the lower tunnel, which will tap the lead at a depth of 380 feet, deepest in the Lardeau as yet, is being pushed, three shifts being employed. They are now in over 600 feet, having passed through a good deal of ledge matter between the 600-foot mark and where they are working. The formation is slate at present, and the lead showing in the upper works will be reached very shortly. They will then raise and pile ore galore upon the dump. The water running from the tunnel propels a turbine wheel which drives air into the miners at no cost or trouble whatever to the company. There are several hundred sacks of ore in the warehouse at Ferguson awaiting shipment. The teams are expected up for it this week.

EAST-KOOTENAY.

Great News of the Sullivan and the Montana—Other Mines.

Some good ore is now being taken from the tunnel of the Estella.

It is learned that the force at the Dupont will be largely increased in a short time, and that several men will be employed on the Big Chief.

At the Black Bear the work is going on with results which are satisfactory to the owners. In the face of the drift on the 30-foot level there is some excellent ore.

The Silver Queen, a well known Lost creek property, was recently surveyed for a crown grant. Some of the finest peacock copper yet found in the district has been taken from this claim.

The White Swan claim on Tracy creek is attracting considerable attention. The shaft has been run 44 feet, and the hanging wall is not yet reached. There are four feet of ore on the footwall which will average 800 per ton. In sinking the shaft the last 45 feet was all in ore, Mr. Beilenberg will go up shortly for the purpose of making an examination of the property.

Ore, ore, ore—everywhere. Fifteen men, not five as erroneously reported in Rossland, have been at work all winter on the Sullivan on development under the direction of Supt. Birdsell, a practical as well as a theoretical miner, who is apparently the right man in the right place. A long experience in the mines of the United States as well as other countries especially fitting him to cope with the somewhat unusual conditions prevailing in the Sullivan. In the north drift the miners are completely enveloped by clean, solid galena. At a distance of 65 feet in the drift on the No. 1 level it is still ore, 6x7 feet, and how much more is as yet undetermined. There is a back-stope of from 300 to 400 feet, solid ore to the apex; the width of this ore body has so far been demonstrated to be from 7 to 30 feet of clean galena, with but one wall encountered in a distance of 46 feet. In this distance there would remain from 16 to 39 feet of good concentrating ore. The clean ore in itself, however, is a body of mineral wealth equalled by but very few known to the mining world.

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News of the Mines—Several Interesting Comparisons With Ymir Properties.

The following return is announced from the Granite mine: Clean-up from plates for say 25 days of March, 621 ounces of bullion, estimated value \$10,500.

Mr. Jens Olsen of the Kootenay-Tahoma (Last Chance) Gold Mining company has returned from Washington, and will do work on the Sunset claim, adjoining the Last Chance. The contract for sinking on the latter, which had to be abandoned last fall in consequence of the excess of water, will be completed this spring.

The force on the Enterprise has been increased.

THE JAP INVASION

Interesting Letter From Col. W. Collingridge Bing.

NO ADMISSION FOR ORIENTALS

The Character of the Japanese as Contrasted With the Celestial—The Chinaman a Better Man—Compares the Orientals to Barnacles and Teredos.

The Miner has received the following interesting letter on the Chinese-Japanese question from Mr. W. Collingridge Bing, who has spent many years of his life in an official capacity at the court of Peking, and who, a frequent visitor to Japan, has intimately associated with those people. Thoroughly saturated with a knowledge of the language, customs, manners and religion of the people of the Far East, Mr. Collingridge Bing speaks with an authority on such matters that few Britons can pretend to possess. He says: In the last few months the Pacific liners have landed thousands of needy, labor-seeking Japanese at the ports of British Columbia, and thousands more are reported to be on their way to this coast. Now, it is an axiom of the law of supply and demand that such an influx must have a seriously disturbing effect on the labor market, and one which, of necessity, will be entirely to the disadvantage of the white laborer. Thus far the powers that be have seen fit to disallow some recent public acts discriminating against Oriental labor. It matters but little whether this was done as a matter of international policy or through gross ignorance of the seriousness of the situation, but the fact remains that this commonwealth is threatened with a very grave danger, which, unless checked in its infancy, will surely lead to most serious complications. Our Australian cousins, in spite of Imperial opposition, have succeeded in warding off the Chinese evil by the levy of a virtually prohibitory poll-tax and a restriction in the number of Mongolians to be carried on each vessel. Such stringent measures would not have been adopted by the far distant colonies unless, through painful experience, they were found to be absolutely necessary. How much more, then, are they needed in our own country, so to speak, only a stone's throw from the Asiatic coast, which apparently is now ready to disgorge overwhelming numbers of her Chinese and Japanese paupers into our labor markets?

It has often been asserted that, as an immigrant, the Chinaman is undesirable, but that the Little Jap is strictly all right. This may seem so to the casual observer, but a comparison of the two nations from a social and moral standpoint will soon demonstrate that, as factors in the labor world of this province, of the two evils, the Mongolian is the lesser. We are far too prone to judge from external circumstances only. Thus we see the Chinaman, unobscured and unapproachable, mingling only with his countrymen; adhering with bulldog tenacity to the manners and customs of his own quaint country; plodding year in and year out to gather a modest competency, finally to return to his native land, there to end his remaining days at leisure, happy in the thought that his bones will rest beside those of his fathers. On the other hand, the Japanese is of a more sociable disposition; always ready and even anxious to adopt foreign ways, and in his eagerness to learn, a "hail fellow well met" with everyone who can assist him in attaining his ultimate goal, to return to his native land as soon as possible. The Chinaman's ambition is to amass wealth. He shines as a laundryman, as a success as a market gardener, does much toward solving the vexed servant question; but, at least, remains a resident for years until he has accumulated slowly what he considers sufficient. The Japanese, as a rule, comes here to learn. As a new recruit he invades any opening in the field of manual labor which presents itself. Like his Chinese confrere, he is able to subsist and toil on what, to even an Italian, would seem slow starvation, and consequently cuts and slashes any fair wage to obtain a living, while he studies foreign ways and methods. The moment his object is gained, he turns his berth over to another incompetent, returns home, applies the knowledge obtained at the expense of our native working classes and enters the markets of the world in competition with our own products. From the Asiatic standpoint, both are performing most laudable acts, but how do these appear from our own point of view? We may call it The White Man's Burden, but why should it be shouldered by British Columbia alone?

Is not nature's law of self-preservation inexorable? As our grand ships of state sail along over the ocean of time, the Chinaman is like unto the barnacles and sea grasses which cling to the bottom and impede her course. The Japanese is the teredo, which bores into the hull and threatens the whole craft with destruction. The mariner protects his vessel with metal sheathing. So should our white laboring classes be protected against the indiscriminate assaults of cheap Oriental labor. Neither Chinaman nor Japanese will ever become a true citizen. Their children even remain aliens, and just as much as it is impossible to mix oil with wine, so it is folly to imagine that the Asiatic will ever assimilate with the Caucasian.

The Chinese standard of mortality, low as compared with that of the civilized world, is yet far superior to the Japanese. As an individual he is honest, hard-working, temperate and docile, although an inveterate gambler. The governing class, however, is probably the most corrupt in the

world. In Japan most of the above good qualities are conspicuous by their absence, and the governors and the governed are tarred with the same brush. It may, perhaps, be considered an exaggeration, but nevertheless it is the universal opinion of those intimately acquainted with the country, that Japan, one of nature's garden spots, is a land where: "The flowers have no odour. "The fruits have no taste. "The men have no honor. "And the women no virtue."

When transplanted to a foreign soil, both retain their individual Asiatic characteristics. The Chinaman remains in statu quo; the Japanese adopts a very thin coat of modern civilization and an amazing thick garment of all the additional vices he can assimilate. The Chinaman keeps sober; the Jap drinks and gets quarrelsome. The one desires to be let alone; the other becomes aggressive, and, if possible, domineering, while both alike despise the foreigner, in spite of his superior knowledge. The first takes no pains to hide this feeling; the latter conceals his grim derision behind a smiling mask. And both alike invade our shores, not with the object of becoming useful citizens, of building up homes or of rearing a family of sturdy young Canadians, but like leeches, to suck the life blood from just that class of people which is now and ought to remain the bulwark of the commonwealth, our white laboring class.

It has been asserted by a Seattle paper that the danger from Japanese over-immigration was limited, whereas China has teen millions ready to pour into our country. As a matter of fact, of all the Chinese at present on this great American continent nearly 99 per cent hail from the one southern province of Canton, with a population of about 40,000,000. Where, then, is the limit to a Japanese invasion, out of a total of over 38,000,000 souls.

As stated, grave is the danger. Our first efforts to protect our interests have failed. But as a constant dripping will, in time, wear out the hardest rock, so will the course of action proposed by the Hon. Smith Curtis in his recent address prove to be the only available one, to impress the government at Ottawa with the seriousness of the situation, and the folly of interfering with provincial rights and such acts which purely affect our provincial welfare. We most emphatically ought to endorse a vigorous Imperial policy, but not one carried out from political as well as sentimental reasons at the expense and to the detriment of a majority of our best Canadian citizens.

THE BOUNDARY.

Old Ironsides and Knob Hill, Begin Sinking—Notes of Many Mines.

Richard Cooper of the Daisy Age is sacking ore for shipment.

On the Greyhound the men are cleaning out the shaft preparatory to resuming the sinking of same.

Excellent progress is being made on the Butcher Boy. Two shafts are at work in the shaft, which has reached the 100-foot level, and a crosscut in a westerly direction has been started.

Messrs. Jackson Bros. and Mike Schacht, who are exploiting the Contact claim in Burnt Basin, report having encountered an exceptionally rich and massive vein of quartz.

Mitchell & Mackie are pushing their contract on the Mother Lode, following up a base ore lead. The tunnel is in 15 feet, and there are three feet of solid ore in the face of the tunnel.

Mr. Plewman is in the Basin doing assessment work on the Edison group, and Mr. Crawford has begun like operations on the Metelberg claims, from which it is said an assay of 40 ounces in gold has already been obtained.

At the Crown Silver they are still awaiting the arrival of the noist, which is en route from Rossland. Until it is installed the work of continuing the shaft to the 300-foot level will be suspended. The shaft is now down 35 feet.

Crosscutting is in progress at the Sunset, and 150 feet of work has already been accomplished at the 200-foot level. Four new cottages for married miners have been built, and are now occupied. Thirty men are on the payroll of the Montreal-Boundary Creek Mining company. This includes the force at the Crown Silver.

On the St. Lawrence, which adjoins the Mother Lode to the north, the shaft has reached a depth of 73 feet, all timbered. Superintendent Peterson reports that it is being sunk in calcite, with plenty of iron and copper pyrites coming in. He also says that the company propose putting on a steam hoisting plant, which is badly needed.

Mr. E. B. McMynn, who owns the Daisy Bell mineral claim, at Myers Creek, has run a tunnel about 60 feet into the hillside with the object of cutting a quartz ledge which outcrops on the claim and is still a few feet ahead. This ledge is quartz, freely mineralized with galena, and yielding an excellent prospect in gold when crushed and panned off. A second lead is known to occur on the claim, and it was intersected about 15 feet in from the mouth of the tunnel. This is a well-defined quartz vein, showing mineral freely, and assaying \$12 in gold.

EDWIN DURANT HOME

He Had a Pleasant Time Visiting Relatives and Friends.

CANADIAN BOYS WIN PRAISE

Mr. Whitaker-Wright Day Visit Rosland—Three Subsidiary B. A. C. Companies to be Floated—War Spirit Strong in Great Britain.

Mr. Edwin Durant, financial manager for the British America Corporation, returned from a visit to England on Tuesday evening, where he has been for the past four months on a well-earned holiday.

PROMISING CAMP.

Many Mines Being Developed in the Vicinity of Princeton.

Mr. W. Holden, inspector of agencies of the Federal Life Insurance company and one of the directors of the Sunset Mining company operating on Copper mountain near Princeton, is at the Durand, having recently returned from a trip through the Similkameen country.

On Copper mountain there are a number of properties, which are being extensively developed. Of these the Sunset can now be said to be a mine. The shaft is down 190 feet, with crosscuts of 40 and 50 feet at the 100 foot level.

Princeton is growing steadily, a number of new buildings being in course of construction. On the whole, Mr. Holden believes the Similkameen district will be the most prominent in British Columbia.

MINING NOTES.

Work to be Started on the Puritan Group—Plant Sold.

Mr. J. A. Darragh will leave for the Lardero country in a few days for the purpose of inaugurating work upon the Puritan group. This promising property has been taken over by a strong Houghton, Mich., syndicate, and is to be developed on a large scale, as the company has ample funds with which to carry on the work.

THE ST. LAWRENCE.

A Promising Property in Deadwood Camp Next the Mother Lode.

The Deadwood Gold Copper Mining company has been operating the St. Lawrence in Deadwood camp, adjoining the Mother Lode. C. L. Hoffman, of the company, and his associates of Spokane, have had this property developed under the superintendence of John Peterson, who is well known in this city.

A POINTER FOR THE COUNCIL.

Editor Miner: I understand that the city council at its meeting tomorrow night will discuss the advisability of sending Messrs. Godeve, Lalonde and Fellows to Vancouver to endeavor to demonstrate to the insurance underwriters that the city of Rosland has an excellent fire service, notwithstanding the conviction of the underwriters that there is considerable room for improvement.

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ODD FELLOWS AT CHURCH.

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THE RIDING IS UNANIMOUS

Liberal Association Endorses the Minister of Mines—Other Liberal Bodies Throughout the Riding are Practically in Line—The Federal Building.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Rossland Liberal association was held last Friday at 8 o'clock in the board of trade rooms. There were 33 members present.

The business discussed was the delay in the erection of the post office building and the proposed Liberal convention on May 2 to be held at Grand Forks. Resolutions were passed strongly urging upon the Dominion government the necessity of haste in the matter and endorsing the candidature of the Hon. Smith Curtis.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting on the 19th inst. were read and adopted, together with those of the regular meeting on Thursday last, adjourning for last night, several letters were read by the secretary, three from various liberal bodies in the riding and one from the Rossland board of trade.

The Liberal letters read were from Colombia, stating that the Liberal association there were in favor of party lines and would send a delegate to the convention from Cascade endorsing the Hon. Smith Curtis and the Hon. Joseph Martin's platform, and from Greenwood stating that the association endorsed Curtis, many labor members being present.

On the introduction of these letters into the general business it was moved and seconded that whereas the meeting of this association was held at which it decided in favor of holding a convention of the Liberals of this riding for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the provincial legislature at the forthcoming elections, the Hon. Smith Curtis has declared himself a candidate for election to represent this riding.

The question of the Federal building was then in order. The secretary of the board of trade had written to the association setting forth its correspondence with the government on the matter.

It was moved and seconded that the Dominion government be requested to begin without further delay the erection of the Federal building here, that the same may be completed this year, and that the additional amount required to complete the same be put in the estimates, and that the secretary be instructed to send copies of this resolution to Mr. Bostock, the minister of public works, the minister of justice and to Mr. A. J. McMillan at the Windsor hotel.

This was carried unanimously. Mr. A. J. McMillan, who is much interested in the affairs of this city, will shortly be in Ottawa on his way out from England to this country and it is felt that the association would have an able spokesman in him. Dr. Sinclair also promised to write to the Minister of Justice, who has evinced some sympathy with the desires of this city, and use his personal influence with him.

The meeting then adjourned for Thursday evening next.

THE FEDERAL BUILDING.

It Is Thought Work Will Soon Be Commenced Upon It.

It now looks as though it would not be long before work will be commenced on the Federal building on the corner of Lincoln street and Columbia avenue. What has caused the delay has been the lack of a couple of certain affidavits needed as to the sale of the property under the foreclosure of a mortgage which was demanded by the attorneys for the Federal government before they would pass upon the title. These affidavits have been secured and have been duly forwarded to Ottawa. As this will complete the title, the government will, it is expected, within a few days pay over the purchase price and take possession of the two lots. The \$4,500, which the citizens are to pay of the purchase price is already in the bank.

The secretary of the board of trade, Mr. H. W. O. Jackson has sent a letter to Mr. Hewitt Bostock reiterating the former recommendations of the board to the effect that construction be commenced of the building before the 1st of June, when the appropriation becomes available. The idea is to commence work as early as possible so that it may be completed before the winter sets in or so that the building may be so far constructed that the roof will be on so that the interior can be finished during the cold weather.

When Hon. Joseph Martin arrives in Rossland on Monday next he will be waited on by a delegation from the board of trade for the purpose of ascertaining if the provincial government will not use the back portion of the court house lots so that an armory for the local rifle company may be erected thereon. Dr. Borden, the minister of militia, will be communicated with if the matter of the site can be arranged, and requested to have appropriated the sum of \$4,000 for the armory building.

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.

They Send \$100 to the Fire Sufferers of Ottawa.

At a meeting of the Carpenters and Joiners' union held on Friday evening, the sum of \$100 was voted to the Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers. The sum was yesterday telegraphed to the Mayor of Ottawa. The action of this union is most commendable. The members realized that the victims of the fire were in need of immediate relief, and determined to send them what aid they could. This is an example which the general public would do well to imitate.

Mrs. W. H. Jones, wife of Mr. W. H. Jones, the job printer, returned yesterday from an extended visit to her old home in Western Ontario.

Odd Fellows Social.

Rossland Lodge No. 36 of Odd Fellows gave a social in its hall last evening, which was a well attended and pleasant affair. Mr. Isaac Kenty was in the chair and introduced Dr. Kerr who made a short and interesting speech on the origin and its origin. At the conclusion of the speech dancing was commenced and kept up till after midnight. There were about 150 present, and it was a very enjoyable affair throughout.

Scotch Club.

The usual weekly dance went off with even more than the usual eclat, each succeeding social evening proving to be a social advance on its predecessor. Next Thursday the club propose to add a supper, which will be given by the ladies in addition to the ordinary features of the weekly programme.

The Pacific Cable.

The British Australasian, usually so well informed on all matters affecting the Colonies, falls into a rather serious error in discussing the projected Pacific Cable when it says: "The Pacific cable, if proceeded with promptly, may be in working order by the middle of 1903."

As a matter of fact, the Pacific Cable can be laid within a year of the signing of the contract according to the statement of an eminent firm of cable contractors, in response to a question from the Canadian government.

MILITARY LEAGUE.

The Training of Rifle Shots Is the Object Aimed at—Rossland's Chances.

Several members of the local rifle association are desirous of joining the Canadian Military league, which exists for the purpose, among others equally laudable, of promoting accurate rifle shooting throughout the Dominion. Each year teams of 10 men each are selected from every rifle corps or association desirous of competing and four matches are shot off simultaneously during the season. The results are telegraphed to headquarters. The team obtaining the highest aggregate score in all four matches obtains an extremely handsome silver cup which is its exclusive property. The best aggregate score in each team receives a gold badge. A healthy emulation is thus established which infallibly results in a number of excellent marksmen being trained every year.

The terms of the match are that seven shots be fired at three different ranges at each match. The total number of shots for the season will be, therefore, 84. Each team contributes \$10 to the league but for this amount the ammunition is supplied free. Although there are one or two good shots in this city, it is not likely that a team from this city could beat the best teams in the Dominion but it will be known exactly where Rossland stands amongst the marksmen of Canada.

A NEW ADDITION.

Several Fractional Blocks Are Being Platted to the North—Size of Lots.

H. B. Smith, M. I. C. E., is engaged in plating five fractional blocks to the north of Washington street on the space reserved for the Red Mountain railway yard. The lots thus surveyed lie north and west of the Red Mountain railway track, leaving the swampy portion of the yard untouched. On the north it is bounded by the Idaho ground and west by that of the Nickel Plate.

This will mean the opening of Washington street up to the Idaho ground, and the clearing of parts of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth avenues. All lots facing on Washington street will be 25 by 75 feet, and most of the remainder 25 by 105 feet. A few on the boundaries will necessarily be irregular in shape. The object of thus reducing the size of the lots from the usual size of 25 by 100 feet is to give the owners of squatting shacks on the railway ground an opportunity of acquiring sufficient land to which to remove their houses at a reasonable price.

THE NEXT SITTING.

Judge Forin Is Awaited in the City but No Settled Date Has Been Fixed.

Judge Forin was expected to be here about the 29th of the month, and in fact intended to come here today if other business did not interfere with the arrangement. The registrar has not been advised when he will come. There are one or two cases in the county court and in the court of summary jurisdiction which await his arrival.

COAST NEWS.

A Convention to Be Held in Esquimalt to Select Candidates.

Victoria, April 30.—Captain William Meyer, formerly of the steamer Danube, has been appointed pilot in Nanaimo district.

The resident farmers of Esquimalt district hold a convention on Friday to select their candidates for the legislature. It is expected that there will be six in the field. Fraser and Mills, Pooley, Hayward, Higgins and Walley. In North Victoria, J. V. White announces himself in opposition to South and as supporting the government program, while in Cowichan, William Herd is expected to receive the government nomination.

Letters from Dawson today estimate the clean-up of Sulphur and Gold Run creeks at three million dollars and the total wash-up for the entire Klondike district at \$18,000,000 approximately.

Manager of the Granby Smelter.

Victoria, B. C., April 30.—(Special).—A. C. Finnerell, provincial manager of the Ames Holden company for the past 18 years, has resigned to take larger responsibilities as the manager of the Granby Mining & Smelting company, operating in the Boundary and Kootenay countries.

A Bad Frost.

London, April 30.—The Mark Lane Express today, in its weekly review of the crop situation, says: "The unseasonable return of winter last week destroys the last chance of wheat and spring-sown corn in England and France being reaped at the average date, while it materially diminished the prospect of the crops attaining the average yield."

THE CEMETERY ROAD MUDDLE

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS HAVE BEEN WASTED.

There Is Much Recrimination Among the Officials, but None Seem to be Anxious to Shoulder the Blame—Many Names Are Mentioned.

There is war declared upon Fourth avenue, and the public road to the cemetery has been blocked up. The milk ranch people say they cannot get into town except over an unpracticable road. The chairman of the board of works, John Dean, insists that the road is good enough (with a little trimming) to get down. The "little trimming" can be accomplished by a couple of men in the course of a forenoon, and orders have been given to have this accomplished this morning. If this is the case, the chairman was asked why did the city spend several hundred dollars last year in making the new road now fenced off. Mr. Dean said that the road was planned by Mr. H. B. Smith. That gentleman being appealed to, said it was nothing of the kind. He had begged Mayor Goodeve to drive the road down Fourth avenue to Georgia street, but that gentleman insisted on running the road over private property, John Dean says this is impracticable, first because it would desecrate the graveyard. But it is stated that for some private reason Mr. Dean will not open the road on Fourth avenue. And so on ad infinitum.

Where so many contradictions follow one upon another and everything seems to be in an inextricable muddle, it is none too easy to get at the real facts of the case. Taking the story as told by each party it will run as follows:

H. B. Smith says he was asked to plat the cemetery and devise a means of access to it. He was not the city engineer, and simply was paid to do certain work, and he did it. He laid off the cemetery, platted two blocks for the graves, one of which he called the potters' field, now a swampy piece of ground, but which could be made into the prettiest part of the park. The other is on a side hill, and should, ordinarily speaking, be free of water and as a matter of fact will be just as soon as the surface waters flow off. Through this upper plat runs a stream which he advised should be trencned and confined to its bed, which trenching would clear the knolls of all surface water. If this has not been done, contends Mr. H. B. Smith, it is not his fault. He recommended it to the mayor, and the matter was then out of his province.

As for the road to the cemetery, Mr. Smith explained that within the city limits today were his notes showing the grade along Fourth avenue as far as Georgia street to be less steep than Washington street. Beyond that point the road would go down the hill through the railway ground, then unplatted, to the cemetery. He advised Mayor Goodeve to take this route, and the railway company was willing to grant the right-of-way through its lands for the portion off the city roads, as an avenue would be opened up to its property. This the city would not do. Subsequently the railway company platted two more blocks east of Georgia to Park and View streets. This it will not now sell except at lot rates. It is almost the only practicable route to the cemetery, and the lower half of the road is now upon that property which has no right-of-way, which will now have to be acquired at a very much enhanced cost. If the road be abandoned altogether the city will be the loser of the money spent upon it, some \$800. If it gets the right-of-way it will have to buy it.

As for the upper half of the road starting from Monte Christo street, it was Mr. Smith's advice to run it straight down Fourth avenue. Mayor Goodeve had, however, insisted upon running it upon the lots north of that proposed thoroughfare. He had warned him at the time of the consequences, but as he was paid to do what he was told, he laid out the road as directed. The road has been fenced off, and half of it was now useless and half the money wasted, but, Mr. Smith declared, that could not be laid to him.

The chairman of the board of works went over the ground, and pointed out to a representative of The Miner that the old road could be used for a while. It joined the new road about half way down. It was a little rough, but could be put right in a day. On being asked why if this road was considered all right, what was the use of building the new road, he said the old road was none too good. On it being pointed out to him that the old road ran over private property, and that the upper part of the usable portion of the new road ran also over private property, he said that it would do for a time; the owners would not fence it in, and he intended to have a proper survey made, and probably would run the road down Le Roi avenue and go north and east, dropping a block at a time till the cemetery was reached; that is to say, if it were found practicable. The Fourth avenue grade was impracticable, and it would run across Beatty's burial ground at its intersection with the railway. The old road also ran across the burial ground, but he declared it did not desecrate any graves. This, however is not borne out by an inspection of the old graveyard. Besides, he could run down the lane south of Fourth avenue and intersect with the old road if the upper part of that was fenced in, as was possible.

As for the cemetery, Mr. Dean declared that it had been platted very badly, and the map roads could not be made where proposed. He declared he was doing the best he could for the city, and would show great improvements if not interfered with.

Mr. Holmes, the owner of the lot fenced in, was not at home when called upon by the reporter, but Mr. Steinke, who was working within the fence, and who owns the next lot, over which the new road passed, which is also to be fenced in, said that the city council had been warned six weeks ago of his intention. He

said that there were many houses in that neighborhood, and that the owners would like to have Fourth avenue opened.

Mr. W. H. Goodeve, speaking in behalf of his brother, the mayor, went over the ground with the reporter, and told him that this was not done with the consent of the mayor, but that it was useless speaking to the chairman of the board of works, who insisted on having his own way, and he had it. He stated that there was a proposition to run a road in from the south over the railroad ground above First avenue, but whether the road was to come in that way or not he did not know. His brother was worried over the matter but could do nothing, as the council would not back him up. He thought that Fourth avenue should be opened up, but had heard that for some reason the chairman of the board of works did not care to do so, and would rather employ the city gang at places that he thought more fit.

In the meantime, the undertakers say, it is next to impossible to reach the cemetery with a hearse.

THE CANAL OUTRAGE.

Probability of Light Being Thrown on the Crime.

London, April 30.—Reports come from Dublin of considerable uneasiness in the circles with which Nolan, Walsh and Rowan, the three men arrested in Canada in connection with the blowing up of a lock of the Welland canal near Thorold, Ont., on the evening of April 21, are alleged to be connected, and the authorities anticipate some hasty departures from the city. It is said that John Nolan had previously been arrested for complicity in the Exchange court explosion near Dublin castle.

Nolan, Walsh, Rowan and John Merna sailed for Philadelphia in November, and it is now suggested that Merna has been "removed by his comrades." It is further alleged that if Nolan and the others are convicted, light will be thrown on several noted crimes.

ARE PERSISTENT.

The Americans Will Shortly Renew Their Demand on the Porte.

Constantinople, Sunday, April 29.—There are no fresh developments regarding the American indemnity question. If within a week the porte does not answer the United States legation's note of April 24th, it is probable that Mr. Lloyd G. Griscom, the American charge d'affaires, will renew his demand.

A Libel Suit.

Montreal, April 30.—P. W. St. George, city surveyor, has instituted proceedings against La Presse for \$25,000 for an alleged libel in connection with his civic position.

Desperate Characters.

Sherbrooke, Que., April 30.—The bank robbers who broke into the Peoples' Bank of Halifax at its branch at Danville a few weeks ago, got away with \$6,000, and who were confined in jail here

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pending trial, broke jail last night. The police of the surrounding country have been used to look out for the man and to be prepared for a fight because the robbers are most desperate characters and will resist to death to obtain liberty. The Ontario House Prorogued. Toronto, April 30.—The Ontario legislature was prorogued at 3 o'clock this afternoon by his honor the lieutenant-governor. Accident at the Paris Fair. Paris, April 30.—An accident within the exposition grounds caused the death of five persons and injured many more. A temporary bridge was unable to withstand the Sunday goers and broke down. The Joker Mine. Nelson, B. C., April 30.—Ernest Mansfield, representing large English and French capital, has completed the purchase of the outstanding shares in the Joker mine at Camp Mansfield. The whole price of these shares was in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand dollars, and gives Mr. Mansfield control of nearly all of Camp Mansfield, which is a very rich camp in the Sloacan country, comprising miles of valuable mineral country. The Uganda Railway. London, April 30.—The House of Commons today adopted by 188 votes to 40, a vote of £100,000 for the completion of the Uganda railway. Upwards of £3,000,000 has already been expended on this line. Ontario's Sympathy. Toronto, April 30.—All the principal cities and towns of Ontario are responding heartily to appeals for the aid of Hull and Ottawa fire sufferers. Bread for the Hungry. Toronto, April 30.—Nine hundred pounds of bread were sent here last night for the relief of Hull and Ottawa fire sufferers.

Too Little Blood; That is what makes men and women look pale, sallow and languid. That is what makes them drag along, always tired, never hungry, unable to digest their food, breathless and palpitating at the heart after slight exertion, so that it is a trouble to go up stairs. They are "Anæmic," doctors tell them; and that is Greek for having "too little blood." Are you like that? Are your gums pale instead of being scarlet? Pull down your eyelid—Is the lining of it blood-shot and pale? That is where "too little blood" shows. More anæmic and weak people have been made strong, energetic, cheerful men and women by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People than by any other means. They are the finest Tonic in the world; they have cured more people than any other medicine, but you must get the genuine—substitutes are worse than useless, they are dangerous. David R. McKay, the well-known baker, of Stellanston, N. S., writes—"I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was very badly run down; could not work and could not sleep at night. My appetite was poor and I was losing flesh. I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and was surprised at the rapidity with which they built me up. In a few weeks my weight increased from 130 to 149 pounds. My appetite returned, I could sleep well, and could do my work without feeling tired. In package like this—Always printed RED. If your dealer does not keep them, send the price, 50 cents a box or \$2.50 for six boxes, to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, and get the genuine by return mail.

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MR. CURTIS MEETING.

Hon. Smith Curtis has reason to be gratified at the reception accorded him at his meeting at Miners' union hall last evening—the first of his campaign held in this city. The hall was crowded with a thoroughly representative gathering of citizens, and during the two and a half hours which Mr. Curtis addressed he was listened to not only with close but sympathetic attention. He discussed the issues affecting this province in a perfectly frank and earnest manner and announced his position in regard to every important matter affecting the people in unequivocal terms. Not only was the impression he made most excellent, but in regard to no plank in his platform did any considerable portion of his hearers refuse an approval which indicated a coincidence of opinion. His railway policy and his stand in regard to Oriental immigration were most heartily applauded and even many who might naturally be expected to be opposed to him, owing to their political affiliations, were unable to withhold evidence of acquiescence in his views. Mr. Bogle and Dr. Bowes, who followed him, failed utterly in their efforts to criticize his arguments.

BOTH GLORY AND PELE.

The latest news from London, as brought by a gentleman who arrived from there this week, is that the United Kingdom is ringing with praise of the Canadian contingent for the dash, bravery and other soldierly qualities which it has shown during recent engagements in South Africa. This was so marked as to elicit warm praise from General Roberts. From talking of the Canadian contingent the British people have been led to inquire more than ever concerning the country which owned such fighters. One result of their inquiries has led to their acquiring the information, among other things, that the westernmost province of the Dominion has wonderful resources in the way of mines, and that some few British companies are reaping a big harvest of dollars from the investments which they have made here. The result will be, so our informant states, when the war is over, that British capital will come here in larger quantities than ever before, seeking investment in our mines, and then will come the long-expected boom. Thus it is that the Canadian contingent is not only covering its native land with the glory of its splendid deeds, but will also bestow on Canada great material advantage.

EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS WASTED.

The folly of members of the city council going contrary to the advice of their consulting engineer in the matter of the construction of public works and the expense thereby entailed, upon the ratepayers has more than once been demonstrated in the columns of this paper, and more than once promises of amendment have been made. These promises, however, have never yet been adhered to. We have a glaring instance of this unfortunate propensity on the part of some of the city's representatives, past and present, in the existing middle over the entrance to the new cemetery, and while the pockets of the people cannot fail to be lightened to pay for past errors, in this particular case, there is every danger that the mistake previously committed will be simply intensified by the attempt now being made to correct it. This will inevitably be the case unless the council puts a curb upon Mr. John Dean, the chairman of the board of works, and impresses him with the fact that he is not a city autocrat but simply a city alderman, and that he has no power to order civic work to be done on his own responsibility, and must not do so.

Last year, when it was decided to make a plat of the cemetery, Mr. H. B. Smith was asked to take charge of the work, and when the question of access to the new burial ground came up for consideration he gave the advice that a competent engineer would. He pointed out that Fourth avenue should be extended to Georgia street and then a road constructed over the C. P. R. property, which would run first to the south and then by a north-easterly curve to the cemetery. This detour was necessary, owing to the impossible, steep grade which prevents the extension of Fourth avenue beyond Georgia street, and the right of way over the suggested course was offered free by the C. P. R. as an inducement to the city to open up Fourth avenue east from Monte Cristo street. Mayor Goodeve, at the time, refused to accept Mr. Smith's counsel in the matter, and the board of al-

dermen supported him in his refusal. Instead of extending Fourth avenue it was determined to open another road a little to the north which would run over private property and then to build the road over the C. P. R. property as suggested by Mr. Smith from a point which would be the junction of Fourth avenue and Georgia street were these thoroughfares open. The decision of the Mayor, however, left Fourth avenue unextended, and it seems that because of this the C. P. R. refused the right of way, as it had a perfect right to do. Despite this, however, the plan of the Mayor was carried out at a cost of \$800; that is to say, \$800 was spent on the construction of a road over private property, and as the right of way had not been granted the thoroughfare existed and now exists simply by sufferance of the Railway company, and may be closed up at any time. As it is, too, that part of the road north of Fourth avenue and which also runs over property owned by citizens who have built on their lots has been closed and there is now no access to the cemetery. The position simply is that Mayor Goodeve insisted, against the advice of the engineer in constructing, at a cost of \$800, a road which does not belong to the city, which cannot be expropriated and which is the only present route to the cemetery. The money has not only been thrown away, but a great deal more will now have to be expended in extending Fourth avenue and buying from the C. P. R. the right of way which last year was offered for nothing. It is possible that Mayor Goodeve may appeal, notwithstanding the absolute loss of dignity entailed in doing so, to the C. P. R. to renew its offer, but when was that bafeul corporation ever known to show a spirit of generosity to the living or a sentiment of respect for the dead. And, anyway, Fourth avenue will have to be opened up.

Now Alderman John Dean is attempting to make matters worse by insisting on finding another route on which more money is to be expended or rather thrown away. Mr. Dean is no doubt a very conscientious man, and regarding matters related to his trade and business his opinion is probably of value, but he knows nothing about road construction or civil engineering. He had better confine himself, therefore to dealing with subjects of which he has some acquaintance, and when any work such as that now in question is to be done he had better put himself in the hands of the city engineer. He must not tell citizens that this work or that will be done when it suits his Aldermanship. He was not elected to dictate what shall or shall not be done, but to consult with his colleagues and give instructions to the proper officials to carry out the decisions of the council.

SHOULD BE NO MORE DELAY.

The county commissioners of Stevens county have voted \$1,500 for the wagon road from Northport to the international boundary line. The citizens of Northport, it is stated, on Saturday last, raised \$1,000 to be used in aiding the construction of the road. The Velvet Mines, limited, will build a road from their property to the international boundary line to a junction with this highway. The company wishes to haul in a large power plant so that they may extensively develop their property, and to haul ore out so that it may be smelted. The effect of the making of this highway will be to divert Northport the trade of the mines on the west slope of Sophie mountain, which is, next to Rossland, the most important mining section in the Troll Creek division. The trade at present amounts to considerable, but in a few years, after the section is afforded means of transportation, it doubtless will have hundreds of miners and will ship large quantities of ore. The present traffic would pay this city to look after now, and should be a source of large revenue in the future. Under the circumstances a city on the other side of the line should not be allowed to step in and wrest this trade away from us. If Northport is able to raise \$1,000 for a road, a city like Rossland, which is many times larger and wealthier, ought to be able to contribute considerably more and trust to the provincial government to reimburse it for the outlay. The road is already surveyed and has been cleared between this city and the Velvet mine. There should be no more procrastinating tactics in this matter, as the road should be constructed during the present season. This city must secure the trade of the Sophie Mountain section. The committee to whom the matter of the road was delegated by the board of trade should report to that body at the earliest possible moment, to the end that some decisive action may be taken.

THE VOTER'S LISTS.

An important question relative to the voters' list has been raised at Nelson. The Miner notes it as follows: "If the collector of votes, Harry Wright, reads the law correctly, none of the names which have been placed upon the voters' list during the recent rush can be removed at the court of revision to be held on May 7th. The law says that objection to names on the list must be filed not less than 30 days prior to the date of the count of revision, and that those to whom objections are made must be notified of such objection at least 21 days before the court is held. As no objections have been handed to the

collector none will now be received for the reason that but 15 days will elapse before the court of revision. It is a decidedly peculiar state of affairs. According to the law no objection whatever could be made to any names placed upon the list during the past ten days. It makes the court of revision nothing but a farce. It will be called by the collector and immediately adjourned. Thus all the names now upon the list will stay there, whether they have been placed there improperly or not. There will be, of course, the right to challenge at the polls, and in this way only will those who are upon the list and not entitled to a vote be deprived thereof."

THE IMPERIAL SENTIMENT.

The community of interest which exists among the people, in whatsoever part of the world they may be found, who are proud to call themselves British subjects is shown in a most gratifying manner by the despatch appearing in this morning's paper from Lagos, in West Africa, in which the sympathy of the residents there is conveyed to the sufferers from the Ottawa fire. The sentiment which brings in such close touch the widely separated portions of a nation is indeed imperial in its nature, and is very much more than a passing fancy. It is not the simple kindly instinct felt for suffering and the humane desire to relieve distress which prompted the message of sympathy and called forth the substantial assistance accompanying it. It is the recognition of the fact that the victims of the fire were of the same blood and nation as those on the far West coast of Africa which has appealed to their hearts. It is the imperial sentiment which makes the British people one, and which will guard and extend the dominions of the Queen.

TOMMY ATKINS.

Rudyard Kipling, virile in his writings, is not less so in his speech. He scores, in his interview in London yesterday with one of the leading dailies, published today, not alone the British army but the aspect in which the average Briton regards that army. Brought up at Westward Ho, practically a training school for army officers, and intimately associated, as his writings show, both with the officer and with the rank and file, his expression of opinion must carry weight. One of the "sister" things that the soldier in the ranks has to encounter is the contempt (except in times of war) with which the wearer of the "Widow's" uniform is too often treated. Because of the old tradition that the Great Duke, during the passage of the Reform bill in 1833, asked the officers not to parade their uniforms in public places, it has become the regular practice never to wear a uniform except when on actual duty; and this in spite of the Queen's Regulations to the contrary. Seeing that the officer will not wear his uniform, and is actually thought a cad for being proud of it, while the soldier in the ranks is compelled to wear his on each and every occasion and to salute his officer whether in "muff" or not, the British public have come to the conclusion that it is a disgrace to be a "common soldier." He is excluded from any theater where dress clothes are a sine qua non, he is prevented from entering a high class restaurant or bar, as too many scandals have shown, and generally speaking, he has to take a back seat. At the conclusion of his service practically no provision is made for him. Waterloo and Crimean veterans have before now been rescued from the poor house by private subscription: If he rises from the ranks the conditions of the officers' mess in which he finds himself are far too expensive, and he is usually sidetracked. Mess and dress uniforms that run a tailor's bill varying from \$400 to \$1,000, even in the line regiments, are beyond the purchasing power of his purse, nor can he afford to play polo, and enter the thousand and one subscriptions which make up cantonment or garrison life. He is out of it, and the practical knowledge of his profession is lost to his country. The German Emperor has stopped this sort of thing. His officers are not ashamed to appear in their uniforms in public places nor are they allowed to keep epicurean tables. His retired soldiers find positions on the government post offices, railways or other departments; preference being ever accorded them. Ours are glad to pick up a job as commissionaire at a London store, and thank themselves favored and lucky men. Reform is necessary, and must begin at headquarters. When the public find that officers and men respect each other and that they are not ashamed but proud of their profession they will also be worthy of respect both, and to think them worthy of not the back seats but the foremost places.

ASIATIC LABOR.

The press of Eastern Canada is taking up the cudgels on behalf of British Columbia in the matter of the filling up of the country with Chinese and Japanese, and are strong in their maintenance of the opinion that the people here are right in their opposition to the free admittance of Orientals and the degradation brought about among Caucasians by the competition of these cheap yellow men. The Toronto Evening Telegram has the following very sensible editorial on the subject: "Asiatic labor, be it Chinese or Japanese, cannot thrive in Canada without less-

ening the demand for Canadian labor, and to that extent retarding the growth of a free, happy and prosperous Anglo-Saxon community in British Columbia. "All the sunny theorizing as to the superiority of the Japanese, or the Chinese would count for nothing in Toronto, if a hoarde of Asiatics were entering the city to take employment away from the heads of Canadian families. "Eastern Canadians have no business to ask their fellow-countrymen in British Columbia to sacrifice themselves for the theory that the Jap is better than the Chinaman. There is a difference between the standards of Japan and China. The difference does not alter the truth that British Columbia cannot prosper in any real sense if a supply of Japanese labor is to lessen the demand for Canadian labor and the wages thereof."

AN AWFUL THREAT.

Miss Louise Lease, the daughter of Mary Ellen Lease, of Kansas, has like her mother, taken to the platform, or rather grown up upon it. This young lady is an ardent woman suffragist, and at a recent gathering of exponents of that cult, she made the following awful threat: "Young men must give up the ballot. You have all been used to saying, 'The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world,' but I say to you gentlemen, if you do not keep your promise there will be no cradle to rock and no babies to put in them." Should the dire results dire results outlined by Miss Lease come to pass it would truly be an awful condition of affairs. It cannot be that this terrible young lady is in earnest. She is probably trying to scare the lords of creation into giving poor, down-trodden women the ballot. This threat is stronger than any of those made by the Barons against King John which resulted in his signing the Magna Charta at Runnymede. Just imagine, if you can, a country filled with men and women where there were only empty cradles and not a single baby with which to fill them. Under the circumstances there seems to be but one course left open for the men of the United States, and that is to accede to the demands of the female suffragists, and give them the full freedom of the ballot. The alternative presented by this relentless young woman seems too fearful to contemplate for any great length of time without shuddering.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The explanation of the Mayor with regard to the cemetery must be meant for a peace of pleasanter. If the cost of the road was really but \$50, the city accounts will verify that statement. That \$2,500 was saved by departing from the engineer's plan is emphatically denied in our columns of this morning by that gentleman. If scruples of conscience prevented the road from being run upon Fourth avenue last year that conscience must have become callous since Mr. Charles may be as willing to deed the necessary right of way this year as last year, but what will it now cost to get it? The pleasant drive is very pretty but has it been surveyed? Will it not be three times as long, over unopened ground, as the Fourth avenue route? And there are five to ten houses on the latter to one on the former. Moreover, the cost will be much greater. Again the north end of Park street will still end in the "pleasant drive" in platted ground over which a right of way must be bought. As for the cemetery, how is it that the roads now constructed there are not those laid out by the engineer? Seeing these questions remain unanswered in what light can Mayor Goodeve's reply be considered?

From the United Verde Copper mine, with its income of \$1,000,000 a year, Senator Clark derives \$30,000 a day, which is \$1,200 an hour, \$20 a minute, says the B. C. Review. If the expectations of Mr. Clark in regard to the output of the United Verde mine are realized—96,000,000 pounds of copper a year—his income from this source alone will be \$17,208,000 a year, or \$46,000 a day. At this rate Mr. Clark's copper mine is worth \$508,000,000. Other mines have produced enormously for a short time, but they have soon become exhausted. The Verde mine, however, is the marvel of the age, and miners who have had access in any way to the ore body do not pretend to predict what the future may show. If it lasts two years at the present rate of production Mr. Clark has yet to draw \$320,000,000 on his annual installments. If the mine should last 50 years, his heirs will find a bank account unequalled by any in use world. The remarkable thing about the United Verde mine is that it is entirely owned by the one man, Senator W. A. Clark of Butte Montana.

A notable piece of legislation regarding the treatment of colored passengers on railway trains has been passed by the South Carolina legislature. Formerly the law required separate cars for whites and blacks, the accommodation for the latter being inferior. The new law requires separate and equal accommodation for the white and black races, and that there shall be but one rate three cents a mile for all passengers, and the railroads shall not be required to run second class cars or to sell second class tickets. A similar law has also been enacted in Georgia.

ALLEGED DISCOVERY.

Letters Between Christ and Agrippa Said to Have Been Found at This Late Date.

New York, May 2.—The Herald and the Journal and Advertiser print today special cables from London and Rome respectively, which say that two letters, one from King Agrippa to Christ and the other from the Savior to the king in reply—letters referred to by Eusebius, the early church historian in the fourth century—have been discovered after being lost 903 years. The letter from King Agrippa to Christ reads: "I have heard of Thee and the cures wrought by Thee without herb or medicine, for it is reported that Thou restorest sight to the blind and makest the lame walk, cleanest the leper, raised the dead, castest out devils and unclean spirits and healest those that are tormented with diseases of a long continuance. Hear all this of Thee. I was fully persuaded that Thou art the very God come down from heaven to do such miracles, or that Thou art the Son of God and performest them. Therefore have sent Thee a few lines entreating Thee to come hither and cure my diseases. Besides, hearing that the Jews murmur against Thee and continue to do Thee mischief, I invite Thee to my city, which is but a little one, but is beautiful and sufficient to entertain us both."

Christ's reply to the above reads: "Blessed are thou for believing Me, whom thou hast not seen, for it is written of Me that they that have seen Me shall not believe, and they that have not seen Me shall believe and be saved. But concerning the matter thou hast written about, this is to acquaint thee that all things for which I was sent hither must be fulfilled, and then I shall be taken up and return to Him that sent me. But after My ascension I will send one of My disciples that shall cure thee of thy distemper and give life to all them that are with thee."

The Journal and Advertiser says: "The special cable from Rome purports to prove the truth of a tradition that is almost as ancient as Christianity. Of course the Journal cannot vouch for the truth of the statements which were made yesterday, April 30, by Professor Brohmann, of the Vienna university, to the Archeological congress in Rome, but they are of intense interest."

JOE MARTIN AND SMITH CURTIS

ON THE STUMP AT CASCADE AND GRAND FORKS.

Speeches Delivered by the Premier and the Minister of Mines in the Boundary Yesterday.

Grand Forks, B. C., May 2.—(Special).—Politics are again at fever heat in Grand Forks since the arrival, late this afternoon, of the Hon. Joseph Martin and the Hon. Smith Curtis. They drove up from Cascade, where they had addressed from a meeting earlier in the day. The politicians were met two miles east of the city by prominent citizens and a brass band. A big crowd assembled on Bridge street to witness their arrival. Later they addressed a large audience in the Opera House with Mr. Fred Wallaston as president. Those on the platform included Dr. Lambert, Mr. P. T. McCallum and J. S. M. Morrison.

In an exhaustive explanation of the policy of the government, the Premier, who was warmly received, first dealt with the redistribution question. He explained that his attitude on that issue had been correct until the discovery of the duplicity of his colleagues. Continuing, he dwelt upon the dangers of the Mongolian invasion, and resented the action of the Dominion government in infringing upon provincial rights by disallowing legislation affecting Chinese and Japanese labor. Several of his references to the course of the Laurier government in the course of the requests of the Imperial authorities on this question were warmly applauded. Mr. Martin also explained his coast to Midway railway scheme and declared his intention of destroying railway monopoly here as he had done in Manitoba. Concluding, he maintained the provincial assembly had the right to charter a railway to the Boundary line. He said that Jim Hill was willing and that the government was prepared to invade the Boundary district. The Hon. Smith Curtis delivered a rattling speech and was well received. A resolution was adopted endorsing the policy of the Martin government and endorsing the candidature of the Hon. Smith Curtis in the Rossland riding.

VICTORIA NEWS.

A Mysterious Disappearance—The Death of Dan McKinnon.

Victoria, B. C., May 2.—Nothing has yet been ascertained which will throw any light on the disappearance of Paymaster Marks, of H. M. S. Leander, about a month ago, and a report has been received that a few days ago he was seen here. A man answering his description was engaged at manual labor at New Westminster and was endeavoring to secure passage to Cape Nome.

Dan McKinnon, a well known mining man of the West coast, and discoverer of the Lake Shore mines on Anderson lake, died in Abarri last night of heart failure. He has apparently been ailing for some time. He has recently been making arrangements to take a prospecting party to the Siberian coast.

Pharmacists Meet.

Washington, May 2.—The convention for the revision of the United States Pharmacopoeia is being held here today. This convention is held once every ten years. All of the colleges of pharmacy, medical colleges, pharmaceutical associations and medical associations have sent delegates. There are between 500 and 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country present.

Steel Projectiles For the Seacoast.

Washington, May 2.—The army ordnance office will buy a large quantity of steel projectiles for siege and coast cannon, the bids for which opened today; 903 six-inch armor-piercing shells, 756 10-inch armor piercing shells, 404 12-inch armor-piercing shells and 404 deck-piercing shells will be purchased. The amount involved is about \$150,000.

Mr. J. E. Poupore of the Yale-Columbia Lumber company, is here on a business visit.

THE CITY COUNCIL

The Projected Drive to the City Park.

ROAD TO THE MINES BLOCKED

Second Avenue to be Extended Over the Nickel Plate—Work on the Other End to be Stopped at Once—The Fire Insurance Detention—Fire Limit By-Law.

The city council convened at the city hall at the usual hour Tuesday, the mayor and all the aldermen being present. Various matters came up for discussion, including a new proposition submitted by the chairman of the board of works for making a road to the city park from an extension of Le Roi avenue across the railway track to Park street. The road to the War Eagle and Le Roi mines having been blocked up by being fenced in, it became necessary for the council to discuss the construction of a new road to these mines. The matter of fire insurance and the delegation to the coast from the city council was also gone into, and the fire bylaw was read for a second time.

After the adoption of the minutes, a petition was read which was signed by 17 persons who had purchased lots on Park street, asking that the thoroughfare be opened. This was referred to the board of works. A letter was read from a subcontractor on the Cameron rock bluff contract, asking for a further sum for removal of rock. The mayor stated that it was his impression that the Cameron company had been paid quite sufficient. The matter was referred to the Finance committee. A letter was received from William Turner calling the attention of the city council to the fact that a certain member of the fire department who, not content with the salary given him by the city, was openly competing for electric wiring with citizens engaged in that line of business. This was referred to the committee on fire, water and light.

A letter was read from the board of trade asking that the council be represented at the meeting of the Vancouver association of underwriters, and suggesting that the mayor and Mr. Fellows be appointed to act with Mr. C. O. Lalonde, the elected representative of the board of trade. The reports of the various committees were then submitted and were adopted without discussion. The special improvements contemplated by the report of the board of works were that the application of the Sisters' hospital for closing up the lane in block 29 and opening up another in lieu thereof, be granted on condition of the adjoining property owners consenting, and also that Fourth avenue be brushed out from below the old cemetery to a point at or near the present cemetery road. Further, that the city engineer be requested to make such surveys and profiles as were necessary to ascertain the best route to the park and cemetery, via (1) Columbia avenue to Georgia street, thence to Le Roi avenue, thence to Park street, thence to First avenue extended, thence to view street, thence to Second avenue and thence to the park, or (2) east on Le Roi avenue to Park street and thence to the best possible connection with the old road to the cemetery and park.

A motion was made that owing to insufficient funds the work on Second avenue is not justified and stopped at once. Alderman John Dean objected. He said he might be allowed to work for another week and put the street in shape. Alderman McRae said if the work was carried across St. Paul street it would run the city into large expenses. The motion was carried with the amendment that the city engineer see how much further work is absolutely necessary.

With reference to the meeting of the Vancouver underwriters, the mayor said it was impossible for him to attend. Alderman Dean said that if proper data were forthcoming with which the delegate ought to be supplied. Alderman McRae said that in view of the late fire at Hull and Ottawa this was a bad time to approach the insurance men. It was finally decided that Alderman Lalonde be appointed as delegate to the coast and that his expenses be paid. This resolution was carried unanimously.

Respecting the right of way of the pipe line over the ground belonging to the City of Spokane mine, it was resolved that Mr. H. B. Smith be instructed to make the necessary description to obtain the legal right of way.

It was resolved that Second avenue be graded from the west end of the bridge over Centre Street north to the west end of the Nickel Plate. It was explained in connection with this resolution that the present road to the War Eagle and Le Roi mines were fenced in today, and that a new road was absolutely necessary, as not a load could get up to the mines at the present minute.

John Honeyman was instructed to construct plans and estimates for the new fire hall.

The fire hall site bylaw was read for the last time and adopted.

The council then went into a committee of the whole, with Alderman Dean in the chair, upon the fire limit bylaw. This was then discussed and the blanks filled in. The council then adjourned.

Amateur Opera.

A meeting of the Rossland Amateur Opera company was held last evening at the Opera House. A committee of four were appointed with power to add to their number. The selection of the opera to be performed this summer will be made by this committee. Several operas have been mentioned and the choice will probably lie between "Olivette," "La Mascotte," "Pinafore," the "Chimes of Normandy," or the "Bohemian Girl."

Salvation Army Visitors.

Adjutant and Mrs. Alwood, of the "Shelter" at Spokane, appeared at the Salvation army hall last evening. Mr. Alwood lectured, while his wife rendered songs in excellent style. Tonight Mr. Alwood will deliver an address on the "Lord and the Devil's Table," and Mrs. Alwood will sing. The public is invited.

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ATTEMPTED MURDER

W. Albi Tries to Kill J. MacCarthy, Who Annoyed Him.

SHOT IN THE BACK AND HEAD

The Victim is Lying at the Sister's Hospital His Recovery is Doubtful - Albi is in the Custody of the Police - Timely Aid was Given.

J. MacCarthy is lying at the hospital dangerously wounded by William Albi of the Columbia hotel. The latter is in custody.

Just after midnight Tuesday officer Raymer was on First avenue and his attention was attracted by MacCarthy, who he perceived to be somewhat intoxicated.

As the man was not disorderly and was apparently on his way home, Raymer did not attempt to interfere with him. He noticed him turn into the lodging house kept by the proprietor of the Columbia saloon and thought no more about the matter.

But shortly afterwards, however, he heard a shot, and at a very long interval two others in rapid succession coming from the upper floor of the Columbia hotel.

Dashing upstairs he found MacCarthy upon the floor of the landing with Albi on top of him brandishing a smoking revolver, evidently intent on finishing his victim.

It seemed that MacCarthy had gone up to the bedroom of Albi and had kicked at the door for admission. Albi ordered him away, and is said to have threatened to kill him if he did not go.

Unheeding the threat, MacCarthy still kept up his assault on the door, whereat Albi, who was in bed, let fly at him through the door. The bullet dropped MacCarthy, entering the small of the back on the left hand side.

Suddenly opening the door, Albi sprang out upon the prone man and fired two shots at him at close quarters, both bullets taking effect on the back of the head. At this moment officer Raymer appeared upon the scene and, if MacCarthy feared, no doubt, saved the life of the man by his promptitude.

Albi was dressed only in his shirt and drawers in which he had evidently gone to bed.

MacCarthy is one of two brothers who were sent up to Nelson last year for a scrap between themselves in the International. Men who know Albi well and his record, say that he is known to have shot a man dead in Spokane.

Dr. Reddick took the unfortunate MacCarthy to the hospital and endeavored to locate the bullets. As far as is known at the present, MacCarthy is likely to recover as no vital spot seems to have been reached.

Dr. Reddick, speaking of the case, said he could only find trace of one bullet, and that was the one that had entered the back, between the eleventh and twelfth ribs. This was somewhere in the interior of the body, but he could not find it.

It might have injured the left kidney or possibly the spleen or the bowels. It had about somewhere, and on its whereabouts depended the man's recovery. MacCarthy, the doctor said, had evidently been struck by some punching instrument, possibly the muzzle of a 32-calibre revolver, all over the right side of the head and forehead. The skin is gouged out in circular patches, and if the man recovers he will be marked for life with the sloughing of these wounds.

TO THE LABOR PARTY. Hon. Smith Curtis' Reply to the Action of the Unions.

To the Members of the Rossland Trades Council and Affiliated Unions: Gentlemen: I have just learned of your kind action at your meeting last night in endorsing my candidature for a seat in the Legislative Assembly at the approaching election.

Accept my sincere thanks and believe my assurance that both the government and myself will, on all proper occasions, show appreciation by upholding and safeguarding your interests. I am well aware that the wise course of the members of the Rossland Miners' union in settling early last month the labor troubles here greatly strengthened the government party throughout the country, and now by your action—the action of one of the strongest and most representative labor organizations in the province—practically endorsing the government's policy and expressing your confidence in the declarations of the Premier and his colleagues to carry the same out if sustained at the polls, you are in a great measure, I believe, assuring the return of the government on the 9th of June next.

This appreciation and trust in the government of the province, and of myself if elected, have not been misplaced. I shall at all times be proud to declare myself not only the government candidate, but also as the representative of labor, for whose welfare, uplifting and betterment I shall always consider it an honor to work.

Again thanking you for your expression of confidence, permit me to subscribe myself, Respectfully yours, SMITH CURTIS.

BY A LARGE MAJORITY. Smith Curtis Endorsed by the Trades and Labor Council.

A well-attended meeting was held in the Rossland Amateur Union hall last evening for the purpose of endorsing a candidate for the provincial legislature. The meeting was under the auspices of the trades and labor council of the city. There was a small minority who endeavored by filibustering tactics to prevent the endorsement of any candidate but the one they favored. They tried to have an adjournment, but were outvoted eight or nine to one. This was the way that every measure they supported was treated. The meeting lasted until after midnight and many became tired and went home. Finally the candidature of Hon. Smith Curtis was endorsed by a vote of 40 to eight. Then the meeting adjourned.

FIRE HALL BY-LAW PASSED.

John J. Honeyman Is Commissioned to Prepare Plans of Estimates.

The by-law passed by the city council for raising \$25,000 for a fire hall and library was submitted to the ratifiers Tuesday and ratified by a majority of over 90 per cent. of the total number of votes cast. Only 114 cast their votes.

Of these, however, there were 107 in favor as against 7 who did not wish for ratification. The actual result was as follows: For Against. Ward 1..... 36 2 Ward 2..... 33 1 Ward 3..... 38 4 Total..... 107 7

The general feeling was that there was no opposition to the proposal in the city, and therefore the voters did not rush themselves to exercise their franchise. Mr. John J. Honeyman has been instructed to prepare plans and estimates.

There are six sets of plans which were purchased by the city during the time of the Scott administration when it was proposed to build a fire hall in connection with the city hall. These were paid for by the city at the time at the rate of \$25 apiece, but cannot be used at the present juncture as they were planned for a different building upon a different site.

CRIMINAL COURT.

The Case of Arson Is Adjourned—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

The charge of vagrancy against J. O. Leary, adjourned from Monday, was yesterday amended to one of drunkenness. The prisoner was fined \$5 and \$2.50 costs.

John Murphy, charged with vagrancy, was admitted to bail on his own recognizance, to come up for judgment this morning at 10 o'clock. As he received a significant hint from the magistrate, it is probable that John Murphy has hit the Northwest trail before this.

The case of Tony Soccomorann, charged with arson, was adjourned at his own request till May 8th.

P. M. Allan, charged with embezzlement before the court of summary jurisdiction, presided over by Judge Spinks, was sentenced to three months simple imprisonment, sentence to date from yesterday. The prisoner will be sent to Nelson.

Frank Vickery, charged with stealing \$20 from the Le Roi brewery, and whose case was partly heard on Monday, was found guilty and sentenced to six months rigorous imprisonment.

CANADIAN MILITARY LEAGUE.

Rossland Enters a Competing Team—Dates of This Year's Matches.

Captain Forin of the Rossland Rangers, yesterday entered a team of the No. 1 company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers to compete at the yearly matches on June 2, June 9, July 7, and July 21st next.

The ranges on which the competition will be shot off are the 200, 500 and 600 yard. Seven shots are allowed at each range. The ammunition will be supplied by the department of militia.

The aggregate created of the scores at all ranges at all four matches will take the prize. Championship badges will also be given to the best marksman of each team, and certificates to first and second class shots who can gain the necessary percentage of marks. These are signed by the minister of militia and the general commanding the forces of Canada, and are suitable for framing.

The first practice will take place next Saturday and the team will be picked out of the best shots of the month.

A FOREST FIRE.

Alarm Created by the Burning of the Woods Upon Princess Avenue.

A fire on the undeared blocks upon Princess avenue, which had been burning there for the past two days, destroying the timber and consuming the underbrush, caused some alarm by its spread yesterday morning to points near to Phoenix avenue, among the houses thereon. The fire alarm was rung, and Chief Guthrie sent an engine to the spot shortly after noon. The fire was quickly quenched, and the danger from the conflagration was averted.

The Weather. 9 p. m., May 2, 1900. Max., 84.5; min., 42.4. Weather, blue sky. Wind, S. W., light.

The most remarkable feature in the weather report for the past month of April has been the extreme range of the thermometer daily. This averages 28.8 during the month, the highest being on the 30th ult., when the difference between the maximum and minimum thermometers was upwards of 48.2 during the 24 hours. This during bright cloudless weather.

The lowest range was observed on April 5, which was 12.1, the day being overcast with a little rain during the afternoon. The highest temperature observed was on April 30, 85; April 28, 75.2, and April 1, 74.2. The average maximum temperature for the month was 62.7. The lowest temperature was recorded on April 9, and was 22.3 or nearly 10 degrees of frost. The mean temperature for the first of the spring months is, therefore, 48.3.

During the month there was a total precipitation of 1.105 inch, which includes 5.2 inches of snow which fell upon the 7th ult. Rain fell on 8 days only, and there was cloudy weather on 3 days in addition, leaving a bright sky flecked with a few clouds on the remaining 19 days of the month.

The prevalent wind was from the southwest, as usual, although the direction of the wind has been more variable during the month of April than during any other months of the present year. For 27 days the wind was light, two days, the 7th and the 17th ult., the breeze freshened somewhat and on one day, the 21st, the wind fell altogether.

ROBERT MCARTHUR STILL LIVES

HIS CONDITION, HOWEVER, IS SAID TO BE SOMEWHAT CRITICAL.

History of the Killing of James Lacey, Alias the Toronto Kid, by William R. Albi.

Robert McArthur is not yet pronounced out of danger. He is still at the Sisters' hospital. While the course of the bullet in the bowels of the unfortunate victim to the fury of Albi, who is named by his brother as "Billy" Albi, has not been definitely determined, yet it is thought not to have passed through or lodged in any vital spot. The wounds on McArthur's head, caused, as it is thought, by the violent jabbing of the muzzle of a revolver against his brows, will probably remain as life-time scars.

McArthur was employed as a dishwasher on Washington street. He seems to have been on a regular drinking bout in various saloons during Tuesday evening but was not by any means inebriated drunk though certainly obfuscated. Various theories have been propounded as to the cause of the ill-feeling between him and Albi. It is not, however, definitely known that such ill-feeling really existed. The police are carefully following up the ragged clues afforded by the case, and a detailed statement of the facts will doubtless be forthcoming.

Following the old French detective's motto, "cherchez la femme," the woman has been proposed that there is a woman at the bottom of the matter and that a quarrel arose between the men over such a person. This is denied at headquarters, but, of course, there may be some truth in the matter. On the other hand it is also stated that McArthur accused Albi of being mixed up with the late case of alleged arson on First avenue. This would in itself afford sufficient motive for a hot-blooded man who is known to have been mixed up in murderous affairs before his coming to this city, to have made his attack.

The following are the facts, as far as can be learned, of the killing of John Haller, alias James Lacey, alias the Toronto Kid, by William Rafael Albi in September, 1898 in the Cosmopolitan theater, in Spokane.

On the 17th of June, 1898, Lacey and John Murphy entered the People's Saloon on Sprague street at 1 o'clock in the morning. William Albi was attending the bar, and there were five railway men in the saloon. With drawn guns and threats of death they compelled the railroad men to turn their faces to the wall and took their watches and money. Lacey went behind the bar and took what money was in the till, and also a revolver, which was in the same place. In all they secured \$300 and six watches. Of this sum, \$90 belonged to the Albi brothers. They also took William Albi's watch.

Lacey struck Albi over the head with a revolver and kicked him. Before the two things left the saloon they locked Billy and the five railroad men in the side room. While Lacey was behind the bar his mask, which consisted of a handkerchief, fell off, and this gave Albi a good opportunity to see his face and remember him. Lacey had a broken nose, so that any one seeing him once would not fail to recognize him again.

Murphy and Lacey quarreled over a division of the spoils of the holdup on June 23rd, and the former shot the latter through the heart, killing him instantly. Lacey was tried for the murder and was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. It was proved at the trial that Murphy was a thug and had been following him around and endeavoring to kill him, and, therefore, he was acquitted.

Immediately after the trial and acquittal of Lacey for the killing of Murphy, his trial for the holdup in the Albi saloon came up. William Albi testified that Lacey had beaten him over the head with a gun and kicked and robbed him. There was no other testimony to corroborate his, as none of the others in the saloon had an opportunity of seeing Lacey's face when the mask fell off, as their faces were turned towards the wall.

Two of Lacey's pals, "Red" Murry and James Riley, swore that he was in Seattle at the time of the holdup, and therefore he could not have been in Albi's saloon in Spokane. Lacey was dismissed on motion of the prosecuting attorney after he had heard the evidence.

Lacey was released from custody at 12 o'clock, and his attorney had arranged with his father to purchase a ticket so that he might return to his home in Toronto, the money being furnished by his father. He seemed to have a grievance against Albi, who, he declared, had been the cause of his being confined in jail for a period of five months.

While walking along the street he saw Albi, and going over to him he called him all the names he could think of, and would have assaulted him if his attorney had not pulled him away. Lacey parted from his lawyer shortly afterwards and promised to be on hand the next morning so that a new suit of clothing and a ticket could be purchased so that he might start eastward towards his home. He promised to behave himself, and instead of doing this he sought a dissolute woman, and the two, who were opium fiends, smoked several pipes and drank more or less.

About 7:30 in the evening he went to the Coeur d'Alene theatre and began playing, having \$2 out of the \$5 which had been given him by his attorney. At this time he was full of dope and whisky, and was in a quarrelsome condition when he rose back from the gambling table. It was then that he observed Albi standing a short distance away, and he approached him and began to call him vile names, and suddenly he put his hand into his rear pocket, and those who were present thought he was about to draw a pistol, and so did Albi. The latter stepped quickly back and drew a revolver and fired three shots in rapid succession, killing Lacey.

At the trial of Albi for murder, it was shown that Lacey and Murphy had been inmates of the Colorado penitentiary, that they were wanted for the killing of a policeman at Victoria, that Lacey had broken

COURT OF REVISION.

Voters' List to Be Revised on Monday Next—Large Additions Made Late.

The voters' list now aggregates over 4,000 names, of which more than 1,800 belong to Rossland. Of this total about 1,200 have come in during the past few weeks. A court of revision will be held on Monday next and all patent duplicates will be struck off, but others that are doubtful will be allowed to remain to be challenged at the polling booths if requisite.

According to the present statute the voters' list must be revised twice yearly. The last revision was on November 6th, but since then an alphabetical addition has been made on March 27th, including all names given in up to that date. Since then about 1,200 names have been sent in and a third supplementary list, also arranged in alphabetical order, but not so closely as the two preceding rolls, is now being worked at and will be finished very shortly.

No names can be admitted after May 8th. Objections can only be raised to those names which are at present being given in. Any objections must be lodged with the proper authorities within 14 days of the application of the voter to have his name placed upon the list. If no objection is raised the name is duly entered and cannot be erased until exception is made at the place of voting. Should objection be lodged within the 14 days of notice the applicant must appear and show cause that allegations made by the objector are not based upon fact, failing which the objection is sustained.

It will be seen that the amount of work involved in preparing the list, especially at the present juncture, is immense, and that the applications that have been made from outside points for a type written copy with the names up to date can hardly be entertained. The names of 4,000 voters, with their initials, occupation and place of residence, involves the typewriting of somewhere about 24,000 words, a work of time, which at the rate of 25 cents per 100 words, would cost \$600.

The court of revision will not sit for any considerable period, and the revised voting list will be open for inspection probably on the day following the closing of the period of application.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Form F—Certificate of Improvements—Notice.

Camden mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Spokane mountain, north of and adjoining the mineral claim, Gold King, Lot 122 G 1. Take notice that I, H. B. Smith, acting as agent for M. A. Green, Free miner's certificate No. B 28,302, and T. R. McMackon, Free Miner's certificate No. B 13,568, 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 30th day of April, 1900. H. B. SMITH.

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APRIL COLLECTIONS.

The Custom House Took in \$10,323.70 Last Month.

Following is a summary of the business transacted at the Rossland custom house during the month of April:

Table with columns: Dutiable, Free, Total imports, Total collections, Imports, Duty, 1899, 1900, Exports, Value, Copper, Lead, Pyritic ore, All other exports.

Total value of exports, \$443,156. This is well above the average. It has twice only been exceeded, in June, 1899, with \$471,240, and in November, 1899, with \$460,412.

PITCHER NEFZGER IS HERE.

Catcher Patrick Dwyer Is Expected on Sunday Next.

Mr. Will Nefzger, the pitcher of the Rossland club, has arrived in this city from Portland. He is said to be a good twirler. He has pitched for the Jolly Fellows, of Oregon City, and the Torontos and Multnomahs, of Portland. He is a quiet, unassuming young man, but when he is in the box those who are playing against him have to look out for his curves, which are hard to find with the round bats which the base ball players use. Some of the players, it is said, think they could reach them if they only could play with a flat bat at least a foot wide.

Mr. Nefzger has accepted the position of clerk at the Central Pacific hotel. Patrick Dwyer, the catcher of the Rosslands, will arrive here on Sunday. He and the pitcher will be in trim for the game with the Spokane team, which will play against the local club on May 24. On this occasion, in addition to the baseball, there will be bicycle and foot races for prizes.

The barbers and the printers are to play a match game of baseball on Sunday next, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Ottawa fire relief fund.

SENT THEM A CHECK FOR \$10.

Mr. A. C. Galt sent the members of the fire department a check for \$10 dollars yesterday for putting out a fire in the brush which threatened to destroy his residence. The fire department takes this means of expressing their thanks.

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Governor Mackintosh Coming Home.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh will leave Ottawa today for home. He will be in Rossland on Sunday evening next. He telegraphed to one of his friends here yesterday that he was coming. It is certain that the governor on his return will at once inaugurate a lively campaign, and that it will be kept up until the polls close on election day.

Resolution of Trail Liberals.

At a recent meeting of the Trail Liberal association the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that this association does not consider it advisable to bring out a straight Liberal candidate in this riding for the present campaign. The meeting was a representative one, and revealed that the workingmen Liberals and workmen are strongly united in this campaign.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT FORT STEELE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of April, 1900, it was ordered by J. A. Forin, Esq., Judge of the said Court, that James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator of the County of Kootenay, be administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credit of J. W. Oakes of Rossland, B. C., miner, deceased, intestate.

Every person indebted to the said deceased is required to make payment forthwith to the undersigned. Every person having in possession effects belonging to the deceased is required forthwith to notify the undersigned. Every creditor, or other person, having any claim upon or interest in the distribution of the personal estate of the said deceased is required within thirty days of this date to send by registered letter, addressed to the undersigned, his name and address, and the full particulars of his claim or interest, and a statement of his account, and the nature of the security (if any) held by him.

After the expiration of the said thirty days, the Administrator will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard to those claims only of which he shall have had notice.

Dated at Fort Steele this 27th day of April, 1900. JAMES FERGUSON ARMSTRONG, Official Administrator.

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THE FIRE AT OTTAWA

Alderman McRae Tells How the Conflagration Started.

HE LIVED THERE FOR 25 YEARS

In Addition to This He Received Telegrams From His Friends and Was Therefore Able to Give a Very Clear Account of the Disaster.

Mr. Hector McRae, who lived 25 years in Ottawa, in speaking of the recent fire there and in Hull, yesterday said: "The fire started west of the Roman Catholic church in Hull, a part of the city which is composed of wooden slacks, similar to those of a Western mining camp. The people occupying these slacks are mill hands who work in the mills and yards during the summer season, and in the woods during the winter. The pay of a mill hand will not average more than \$1.50 per day during the summer season and in the winter time from \$25 to \$35 per month and board. Consequently at this season of the year they have little or nothing ahead in case of emergency. From information which I got from home I should think the number of these people rendered homeless will range from 7,500 to 8,000 all told. On the Ottawa side of the river in Rochesterville and St. Louis dam I should think there are about 5,000, composed principally of mill hands and employes, carmen, etc. They are better provided for, as a rule, than those on the Quebec side. One of the great drawbacks in Hull is the fact that most of the land is held under leasehold so that there is no inducement for people to put in a better class of houses upon it. The greatest loss to the community is the destruction of the E. B. Eddy Company's works, on Main street in Hull. There Mr. Eddy had completed the finest paper mills in Canada, supplying over 75 per cent of the newspapers in Canada with their stock. He also had paper box factories, pail and tub factories, and probably one of the largest match factories in the world. By the destruction of these works alone over 2,000 people are thrown out of employment for a year or more. Mr. Eddy, however, is a man of indomitable nerve, and without a doubt he would have a gang of men on this morning removing the debris and within a week or ten days will be starting foundations for the new works. This is the third or fourth time that Mr. Eddy has been burned out, and he has commenced building before the others were fairly cool. His office and warehouses were solid stone structures and the latter were always heavily stocked with goods ready for shipment. His residence, of beautiful cut limestone, cost something over \$100,000, all of which has been burned. The fire, evidently, through a freak, missed the Hull lumber company's mills, which have a sawing capacity of about 60,000,000 feet per season. It then followed the inter-provincial bridge, a new steel structure, erected under the late government. The roadway over this bridge, of course, was heavily planked, and consequently the bridge was destroyed through this wooden portion catching fire. Immediately opposite the Big Kettle, a few hundred feet west of the bridge on the Ontario side, is Jarbeau's big mill, with a daily capacity of 600,000 feet, which escaped destruction.

"The fire then attacked Booth's lower lumber yard, the Baldwin Iron Works, Farr's planing mill, the Ottawa Electric Light and Power Company's works, Mc Kay & Company's flouring mill and elevators, the Ottawa Electric Railway company's power house, the Victoria Foundry, Ottawa Saw Works, Ottawa Carbine company's works, and the steam plant of the Ottawa Electric Light company. The destruction of the electric works will easily foot up \$1,500,000.

The fire continued on through Booth's lumber yard on the east and west side of Bridge street, the lumber on the west side carrying the fire to the Canadian Pacific railway yard, where the bulk of the coal for the city and railroad consumption was stored. The Samuel Rogers Oil company occupied the same ground with their big storage tanks. The coal, railway buildings, warehouses, etc., as well as the oil in the tanks, were consumed.

"The fire then travelled north, going up the river as far as Skead's mills, about three miles west of the station and southeast past the waterworks power house at Booley's bridge. A big stone bluff, about 50 feet high stands south of Wellington street, which served as a shield for the main business portion, the chief residence quarter and the government buildings. The fire then went south about two miles to St. Louis dam, consuming in its passage many beautiful private residences and large quantities of lumber on Booth's piling grounds at the dam.

"Roughly figuring, I should say that the loss will exceed \$13,000,000, the greater proportion of which will fall on the proprietors of the several industries whose plants and stocks were consumed.

"The insurance companies, I understand, estimate their losses at \$3,000,000. The most of the lumber in the yards was owned by the Export Lumber company, of New York; Shepard-Morse Lumber company, of Boston; the Standard Oil company and R. M. Cox & Co., of Liverpool. The destruction of lumber will be in the vicinity of \$4,000,000.

"Some 20 years ago Mr. Alfred Perry, the head of the Underwriter's association at Montreal, predicted just such a fire as has taken place. He then recommended to the city of Ottawa to put a fire steamer on the river between the two cities. Had the city of Ottawa acted upon his advice the fire would certainly not have gained such headway on the Ottawa side, and doubtless would have been prevented from crossing the river. It is not at all likely that the saw mills which are destroyed will be replaced at Ottawa, as the tendency now is, with cheap railway transportation, to get the mills further up the river and as close to the timber limits as possible. There is no doubt whatever that other industries will take their place, as the owners of the water rights are progressive, go-ahead people with ample capital for the construction of plants for other industries.

"One of the victims of the fire was the old watchman, Mr. Dault. He has been in Mr. Eddy's employ for about 40 years, and the poor old fellow died at his post."

AMONG THE TWIRLERS.

The Rossland Base Ball Club Has Secured Its Battery.

The Rossland club is perfecting its organization. The intention is to play good ball this year, and the outlook is that the best series of games yet played will be given. The club has secured the grounds for the season, and will have absolute control of them. Practise games are frequently held and the club is increasing its efficiency by paying a great deal of attention to team work. Pitcher Neffzer will be here tomorrow. He is a first class twirler, and the rivals of the Rossland team will have to bat well to make many hits when he is in the box. The club has secured a pitcher in Patrick Dwyer, of Montana, who has played for the leading teams in the Montana state league and in the interstate league of Washington. He is also a good all round player, being a good batter, fielder and base runner. William Gibson will be the relief pitcher. He has good speed and can throw a good curve, but he has not the best of control. He is practicing and will in time make a first-class pitcher. Joseph Holland will play on third base and will be the relief pitcher. Base ball enthusiasts know that Mr. Holland is a first class player.

The finance committee of the base ball club was out on a collecting tour yesterday and secured the following contributions: Harry Mackintosh, \$15; Ed Watkins, \$10; A. Klockmann, \$5; P. Burns & Co., \$15; Jack Mathews, \$5; Martin Sal, \$5; J. C. Spellman, \$5; Jack Hackington, \$5; N. S. Burritt, \$10; Cunningham & McDowell, \$5; Shea & Davis, \$5; Rossland Warehouse & Transfer company, \$10; Jerome Landis, \$5; A. B. Mackenzie, \$5; J. L. Lindberg, \$5; total \$110.

BACK FROM CALIFORNIA.

Messrs. Sharpin and McCallum Return After Three Months' Absence.

Messrs. A. E. D. Sharpin and J. K. McCallum have returned from a three months' stay in California. They spent most of the time in the vicinity of San Francisco and Napa, and are loud in their praise of the climate, the crops and the country generally. They say that it is pleasant to pass away the winter months among the orange groves and where roses grow the year round. The exodus from California to Cape Nome, they say, will be very large. It is a species of fever, and one man who is middle aged and had a position which paid him \$250 a month and free house rent for his family, threw it up in order to take his chances at striking a fortune in the new gold fields. Hundreds are equally foolish, and the result will be that a large majority of those going to Alaska will be disappointed and come back poorer in health and pocket than when they started.

ALEXANDER CALDER DEAD.

McDonald's First Partner Expires at Fort Selkirk.

Alexander Calder, one of the wealthiest miners of the Klondike, and the first partner of Alexander McDonald, died at Selkirk on March 29th from the effects of a severe cold. News of his death has been received by his wife, who is living at their home on Terry avenue, Seattle. The remains have been buried at Selkirk, but his Calder will go north to attend to the settling of her husband's affairs and will bring the remains to Seattle for final interment.

Mr. Calder was well known among all mining men of the north. He was born at Sidney, Nova Scotia, in 1855, and went to the Klondike from Colorado three years ago. He early became associated with McDonald, and when the latter made his trip to Europe last year he gave to him his power of attorney and placed him in exclusive charge of all his extensive interests on Eldorado creek and other southern parts of the Klondike.

He came out to the States last fall and spent the winter with his wife in traveling through east and southern California. He bought a home in Seattle and then started for Dawson, leaving Mrs. Calder in Seattle. While on his way in he contracted the cold that resulted in his death. He was rated one of the wealthiest men in the Klondike, and was generally admired for his generosity and open heartedness. He had no children.

THE BOUNDARY SPURS.

The Manner in Which They Are to Be Completed.

The last issue of the greenwood Times has the following to say of the construction of spurs from the C. P. R. in the Boundary country to the different places: "Immediately after the men had come in from work last evening after finishing up ballasting on the Deadwood spur, orders came from Trail to remove the construction train the same night down to Grand Forks, where the men started work this morning in laying the rails for the spur from that point to Granby smelter. It is expected that it will take nearly a week to finish the spur, when the whole outfit will be removed to Hartford junction to finish the laying of steel into Phoenix, and to the several mines in that camp, and to the Golden Crown and Winnipeg mines in Wellington camp.

Again Midway will be disappointed, as it had given out that the balance of the main line between here and the terminus would be ballasted just as soon as the Deadwood branch was finished up. It is evident that great pressure was brought to bear on the construction department by Jay P. Graves on behalf of his various mining companies and the Granby smelter so that the sub spurs to the mines around Phoenix should be built, as now that roasting of ore at the smelter has started it is necessary to keep it going, and this can be the more easily done by hauling ore from the Phoenix mines."

A New Train.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company will place in service April 29 a new train between St. Paul and St. Louis, called the "Flying Dutchman." The train will have through sleeping cars and be first-class throughout. Ask any ticket agent for particulars or address C. J. EDDY, General Agent, Portland, Ore.

BANKERS WERE BANQUETTED

RECEPTION AT GRAND FORKS TO MESSRS. KENNY AND SMITH.

Address by the President of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax—A Very Enjoyable Affair.

Grand Forks, April 27.—(Special)—A complimentary dinner was tendered last evening at the Yale hotel by the citizens of Grand Forks to Mr. J. E. Kenny, president of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and J. M. Smith, manager of the Rossland branch of the bank. About 60 prominent citizens were present, and Mr. E. S. Biden occupied the chair. The decorations were thoroughly elegant and artistic, and the whole affair passed off in the most thoroughly enjoyable manner.

The company entered the dining room shortly after 8 o'clock, and after the more substantial portion of the banquet had been shown full justice a number of capital speeches were made in response to the toasts proposed. "The Queen" having been responded to in the usual formal manner, Mr. Biden asked the company to pledge "Our Guests." In proposing the toast calling upon Mr. Kenny and Mr. J. M. Smith to respond, he said: "As citizens of Grand Forks," he said, "we delight in honoring these guests, who represent an institution which has been very kind to Grand Forks, and of which we are pleased to show our appreciation. I doubt very much whether any one in this city has not been the recipient, directly or indirectly, of favors coming from them."

In rising to respond, Mr. Kenny was received with great applause. During the course of his remarks he said:

"It has frequently been remarked by visitors to Canada from the mother country and from our well-beloved cousins to the south, that we Canadians are a bashful people. This is particularly so in Nova Scotia. So great is our diffidence and bashfulness there, that these traits actually retard our advancement and mar our usefulness. Gentlemen, I am the most bashful of bashful Nova Scotians, and, considering this fact you must appreciate my feelings on being called upon to address you this evening.

"I wish to thank the chairman and company for their expressions of goodwill and their open-handed hospitality. I recognize in this gathering an evidence of your appreciation of the fact that the bank which I represent was the first institution of the kind to come to your city. For this reason and not from any personal motives, I believe, you do me the honor to compliment me.

"As soon as we heard in extreme eastern Canada, of the wonderful mineral development of British Columbia, we sent two officials of the bank to this section with full power to establish agencies, and I must say, gentlemen, that we have never regretted coming to this country."

"But, joking aside, we owe the presence of the bank here to Mr. Smith, and much credit is also due to Mr. Miller, your local manager.

"It is a source of very great pleasure to me to find that the bank has been useful to your city, and I can assure you that you will find the bank always thoroughly identified with the interests of this community."

Mr. Kenny paid a high compliment to the Eastern Townships bank, and told of his trip from Halifax to Cuba, thence across the Southern states to the Pacific coast and north to British Columbia. "I have heard so much concerning this section," he said, "but the half has never been told. I am delighted with what I have seen and heard in this neighborhood. I was prepared to witness great progress, but your country has far exceeded my expectations. The people in the East are extremely ignorant of conditions here—nothing can be written or said that can do this section justice. Upon my return I shall advise my friends to come and see for themselves.

"No description can convey an idea of the wealth and great future in store for this country. You are surrounded by great mineral deposits, and their development must mean a large accession of wealth and prosperity to the district. You are fortunate in having a smelter here, for it will have a great influence on astern investors. The smelter and city are both fortunate in having Mr. Graves as its managing spirit. His name is one that is well known in the money circles of the East.

"In addition to your mineral, you have a diversity of occupations, and we shall have seen the fertile lands of this valley, and am certain that farm settlers will be amply rewarded for their labor. The mines will furnish them an inexhaustible market. Then there is the lumber industry, your excellent climate—as good as any in the world—and I must say your scenery is magnificent. We, of the East, go to Europe to gaze on scenery which cannot compare with that of British Columbia.

"I find here an intelligent, industrious, hustling, law-abiding people. With such a population and such a country, this city must prosper and this district soon become the happy home of a large and prosperous population.

"A reference to the city would not be complete without including some reference to this reception and welcome. Before coming here I had heard of its excellence, and feel safe in saying that no town of the same size in Canada contains so good a hotel. It adds to the many attractions of the town."

Mr. Kenny paid a tribute to the people of the west for their good-fellowship and hospitality, and said he would carry away the most pleasant recollections of his trip. He would like to stay longer, and hoped to come again soon.

Mr. J. M. Smith followed, speaking on lines similar to those followed by Mr. Kenny. "The other toasts were then proposed and responded to. "Our Banking Interests" was ably responded to by Mr. Miller. His following by Mr. McLaughlin of the Eastern Townships bank, in his own inimitable style of oratory. The next toast, "The Mining and Smelting Interests," was handled by Mr. Graves. A toast to our sister town, Columbia, was acknowledged by Mr. McCallum in a neat address. "Our Mercantile Interests" received the attention of Mr. Powell, of the Hunter-Kendrick company, who gave some figures regarding business here that were startling. Jeff. Davis spoke on the same subject from

the standpoint of a pioneer of the city. T. W. Holland proposed a toast to Alex. Miller, who responded gracefully, and "The Professions" were then discussed by Mr. Ekstein from the lawyers' standpoint and Dr. Northrop on behalf of the medical fraternity. Solicitor Potts of Greenwood was also called upon, and made an interesting address.

The employees of the bank, Messrs. Fripp, McDonald, Ward and Stearns, essayed a few remarks. Mr. McLaughlin proposed a toast to the press, to which W. A. Harkin, F. H. McCarter and Rube Hull responded. A toast to the Yale hotel, coupled with the name of John Manly, was acknowledged by the latter gentleman.

T. W. Holland gave an exhaustive review of business conditions in Grand Forks, in response to the toast "Our City," and Commodore Biden responded to a toast to the toastmaster. The last toast was to the ladies, and was appropriately given by Colonel Haywood.

SAILED LAST WEEK.

Mr. A. J. McMillan is on His Way Out From England—His Views.

Mr. A. J. McMillan sailed from Liverpool on Thursday afternoon for Montreal on the Allan liner Parisian en route for Rossland.

On the way out he will visit the chief centers, including New York, Montreal, Ottawa and Winnipeg, and in addition to seeing leading capitalists in the east, will interview Premier Laurier and other members of the Dominion government, and politicians in Ottawa on various matters, and also with reference to the present political situation in British Columbia.

In a recent communication, in commenting on provincial matters, Mr. McMillan said he felt that it was of the utmost importance that the Kootenays should be represented by well known mining men in close touch with all classes of mining interests and in whom capitalists and the public throughout the Dominion and even in Great Britain, have every confidence, and who would do everything in their power to build up and to promote in every possible way the best interests of the province at large, and this latter aspect of the question has been especially impressed upon him by the attitude of investors towards British Columbia in consequence of the actions of the legislature during the past session.

A number of Mr. McMillan's personal friends have urged him to run for the legislature, but his decision in the matter will not be definitely known until his arrival.

W. D. HASKINS HOME.

Says California People Take a Deep Interest in Rossland.

Mr. W. S. Haskins, superintendent of the Nickel Plate road from California, while there he spent most of the time in San Francisco, Grass Valley and Nevada city. He latter is in a mining and a fruit growing region, and is one of the old mining camps in California. Mr. Haskins says that Nevada City is lively, and that when he was there it was difficult to secure a room at the hotels. California generally is prosperous, as there was a good rainfall during the winter, and the result is that the crops are abundant. Renewed interest is being taken in mining. The people, he says, of the mining sections of California manifest a great deal of interest in Rossland, and asked numerous questions concerning it. Mr. Haskins says he crammed himself with information concerning this section before he left here, and therefore was able to spread a great deal of information around concerning this country.

A Successful Trip.

Professor F. R. Blochberger has returned from a visit to Portland after an absence of seven weeks. His visit was made in the interest of the several mining companies in which he is interested. He reports that he was successful in making several deals. Among these is one by which work is to be resumed on the properties of the Umattila Mines. This company owns three claims on Sophie ridge. The intention is to have these claims surveyed, crown granted and to put on a full force to develop them. He also states that work is to be pushed on other properties in which he is interested. In short, he is more than pleased with his visit to his old home in Oregon.

B. B. Oeler, Q. C.

Toronto, April 30.—B. B. Oeler, Q. C., the eminent lawyer of this city, who is well-known throughout the Dominion, has been obliged to cancel all his engagements for some months owing to ill health.



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THE MINING REVIEW

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SHIPMENTS YET INCREASING

Rapid Progress With the Le Roi Combination Shaft—Jost and No. 1 Getting Ready to Ship—Progress at the War Eagle—Evening Star is Shipping—Notes of Other Mines.

The account given in this week's mining review of the progress of development work in many mines over the whole camp, will be perused with some interest, especially by the initiated, who are fully alive to the fact that it is by the due execution of the work subsidiary to, but highly necessary for, the shipment of ore that the real capabilities of a mining camp are to be estimated. The work on the combination shaft at the Le Roi is phenomenally rapid, as something over 30 feet have been sunk during the past week. On the Iron Mask judicious development has still further proven the resources of that property. At a depth of 450 feet the ore body is found to be in place, and it maintains its usual width and value. Nor, when attention is turned to what are now the minor properties around the Rossland camp is the significance of the work which is being aggressively dealt with any less. It is certain that many of these properties which were not long ago almost unheard of prospects, will eventually take rank among the major mines of the district. In the meantime it is gratifying to the investor to be able to gauge the worth of the camp by the persistent manner in which the practical miner is bent upon showing up the real worth of his mineral claims.

The Output.

The regular shipments begun on Monday week from the Le Roi, are being steadily kept up, and show an advance of the average of last week, which was at the rate of 2,600 tons. Last week the shipments were 2,633 tons, but this includes a specially heavy shipment last Friday, when upwards of 20 cars, or about 620 tons, were sent to the Northport smelter. This was split into two shipments, 11 cars by the regular freight and nine cars by the outgoing passenger. The Le Roi shipments for the past week only include six days, as the alteration of the time schedule of the Red Mountain line will throw the last shipment on Saturday.

Table with columns: Week, Tons, Year, Tons. Rows include Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask, Evening Star, Monte Christo, J. X. L., and Giant.

Le Roi.—That everything is in good working order in this mine can easily be deduced from the fact that the daily average of shipments for the week is over 400 tons. Even this could have been exceeded but that the Red Mountain railway is short on cars. The combination shaft is being carried up by a raise above the Black Bear tunnel and the shaft is being driven down to meet it from above. A depth of 35 feet from the surface has been gained since the beginning of the work, barely over a week ago. Of course this is not for the full width of the shaft, which is upwards of 24 feet, but a sinking is being made to connect and after an air hole is pierced through the rock will be broken down and taken out of the mine through the Black Bear tunnel. This will be found to be not only the most expeditious but the most economical method of getting through with the work in hand. Otherwhere in the workings the levels are being extended and the ore bodies connected. On the Black Bear ground the work on yard room is being pushed aggressively. The battery of boilers received from Messrs. Fraser & Chalmers is being built up and is ready to receive the smoke stack, which will be elevated today. The remaining battery has not yet been received, nor is the compressor to hand, although a fractional part of the machinery has been forwarded.

Centre Star.—Development in this mine is proceeding on similar lines to that in the War Eagle. On the surface the extensive machinery additions are by no means complete. The compressor plant has not yet arrived, although an advance blue print of the compressor is being forwarded. In the interim the capping stones are being fitted on the foundations, and there remains quite a little work to be finished up around the building. The headworks of the hoist, bins and engine room are being housed in, and the foundations for the engine are being prepared. Grading is proceeding for the subsequent erection of a commodious framing shed and the yard is being leveled off with the excavated earth to the limit of the present three-foot sidewalk, forming a terrace, which will, when finished make a conveniently level spot on the eastern side of the hoist. The wagon road is being straightened out and the grade improved, so as to make easier the hauling of heavy loads.

War Eagle.—Additional contracts have been added from time to time within the mine, and the progress of the development work undertaken is satisfactory. At present the big hoist newly installed is not being used, the smaller engine on the daily foot level being found equal to the daily needs, which are, however, rapidly growing. There is beyond this nothing of special importance to record among the uninteresting details of mere development work. On the surface the principal work being done at this time is the laying of the fire mains from the Centre Star to the big hoist and along the village street.

When connection is finally made the power afforded by the snow pump can be utilized at any one of the numerous hydrants, and is such that with the completion of the service at any one of the extensive buildings on the sister mines, four streams with a capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute between them, can be converged. Fifteen hundred feet of new hose arrived yesterday.

Iron Mask.—The crosscut to the north vein is now about 70 feet in from the drift and 40 feet to the north of the main vein. About 30 feet of the crosscut yet remains to be done before the north ledge can be expected to be tapped. The sinking on the winze is going on down from the 450 to the 500-foot level. During the past few days a station has been cut at the 450-foot level, and drifts to the east and west have been started so as not to disturb the shaft when work will be properly commenced upon this level. About 21 and 22 feet have been drifted on the ledge east and west, but neither wall has been touched. It is thought the vein here will prove to be about five feet in width. This is all purely development work.

Evening Star.—A carload of ore was sent from the Evening Star this week to the Northport smelter. The work of developing the mine continues with satisfactory results. The showing of ore is so satisfactory that it has been decided to explore at depth and to open up the ore shoots for several hundred feet. With this end in view the company has invited tenders for a 10-drill compressor plant, together with an electric motor and other apparatus necessary to furnish the power for the compressor, and the different machine companies and makers of electrical machinery are figuring, and the bids are to be opened in a short time. The outlook is that the Evening Star will, when further developed, make a mine of considerable importance.

J. X. L.—Surface prospecting continues. In the raise which is being made from No. 2 tunnel to No. 1 tunnel some very high grade ore has been encountered. It carries free gold, and there is a great deal of it that is very rich. Stopping continues from above No. 1 tunnel. A car is being loaded and will be sent to Northport on Tuesday. The matter of obtaining the permission of the owners of the Midnight to run a long tunnel through a portion of their claim in order to tap the J. X. L. ledge at depth is still being negotiated.

Centre Star.—The absence of the compressor still greatly handicaps this mine. Work is proceeding upon the usual development lines, and is in a satisfactory condition. The ore to be shipped from this mine will go over the No. 1 tramway, the track joining that one way at right angles about half way down its slope. At the point of intersection an ore sorting house and floor ore bins and bunkers are in process of erection.

No. 1.—The development shaft is now about 637 feet in depth, and the usual work is proceeding over the mine; cross-cutting and extending the drifts. The ore bins at the top of the tramway are practically completed, those at the foot being still in process of construction. In a very short time all shipping facilities with the exception of those in connection with the installation of the compressor, will be in readiness.

California.—Work on the shaft is making good progress, and it has now reached a depth of 90 feet. The tunnel is being extended and has now reached a length of 400 feet. The larger dynamo, which furnishes the power for the ten-drill compressor, did not work satisfactorily at first, as the connection with the armature was faulty. This defect has been remedied and the dynamo is now doing better work.

Columbia and Kootenay.—The shaft has been extended to the 300-foot level, and with the sump, is a little more than 225 feet deep. The station at the 200-foot level has been cut and some exploratory work is in progress. No. 6 tunnel is being driven further in, and the crosscut made for the purpose of locating the north vein is still in progress.

Big Four.—Work is going steadily on in the two tunnels upon the property. No. 1 is in about 50 feet and No. 2 about 83 feet. In the first, as drifting is made up on the vein, progress is somewhat faster than in the latter, where crosscutting to the ledge is being undertaken. In No. 1 about seven feet, and in No. 2 about five feet per week is being made.

Nickel Plate.—Sinking is going on towards the 600-foot level, and fair progress is being made. The water in the mine is still giving much trouble, but has greatly abated in volume from that which was flowing in some weeks since. The hoist is not as yet finished, but is well in hand.

ATTEMPTED ARSON.

A Fruit Dealer on First Avenue is Arrested by the Police.

Toney Soccomormann, fruit dealer and grocer on First avenue, is in the city gaol charged with arson. He was arrested yesterday morning and will come up for preliminary hearing before Magistrate Boulbee today.

Just after midnight on Monday morning Officer Raymer saw the prisoner closing the door of his store and throwing something into the foot broad passage between the shop and the lodging house next door. He said something about being afraid of somebody tampering with his front door and the officer passed on thinking but little of the incident. Just about 4 o'clock in the morning as Raymer came into First avenue, through the alley running north from the International, he noticed smoke to his left. Running to the spot he found a blaze proceeding from a pile of excelsior placed between the two houses, the lodging house and the fruit store, which proved to be saturated with coal oil. It had just been lighted. Quickly extinguishing the flames he reported the matter to Chief Ingram.

Examination showed that the work had been very deliberately done. The excelsior had been dragged from the basement of the house through a crevice under the floor on the sidewalk. Oil had been thrown on the walls, which was being licked up by the flames at the moment of Officer Raymer's arrival.

The fire was evidently but just lighted. There was no opportunity of the incendiary getting away on First-avenue, for he must have been observed by the approaching officer. Nor could he have got away to the rear, for a pile of old lumber blocked the passage over which sufficient time was not afforded to scramble. Under the buildings there was no ingress. An open door led into the room behind Soccomormann's store, and in that room in company with an open coal oil can and a measure in which a modicum of kerosene yet remained, was the prisoner found by Chief Ingram. There was nobody else in the place.

A valuation made at the instance of the police of the goods in the store gave a value of \$350, wholesale, when newly bought. Being shop worn, etc., the present value would be about \$200. The insurance effected is \$600.

Toney was up before Magistrate Boulbee on a charge of brawling but a few days since.

Boulder City. Rossland Miners off to Try Their Luck in West Australia.

There left yesterday afternoon by the Columbia & Western railway Mr. H. S. Thornley, with his sister, Miss Sadie Thornley, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Bestwick, Mr. John Woodin and Mr. John Scott, a party just starting for Perth. Messrs. Thornley and Bestwick were miners at the Le Roi and were with their families extremely popular in this city. A large crowd of their friends saw them off at the depot and eight of them accompanied the voyagers as far as Trail.

A large party was given last week at the Cardiff hotel in honor of Miss Sadie Thornley, at which a handsome gold bracelet was presented her. Miss Thornley was a member of the choir at the Anglican church and her departure is much regretted by all her friends and acquaintances.

THE POLICE COURT.

Frank Vickery Charged With Larceny—Vagrants Brought Up.

Frank Vickery was charged yesterday, before Magistrate Boulbee with having stolen \$20 from the Le Roi brewery. The case occupied the whole of the day and was finally adjourned until this morning. The prisoner pleaded not guilty but elected to be tried summarily. The story for the prosecution was that the prisoner was a man in the temporary employment of the brewery, and that on Friday afternoon last a customer wanted change for a \$5 bill, and that Vickery was sent upstairs from the cellar to try and procure the change from Mr. Allan, who is living there. It was sworn that he returned after an absence of from 5 to 10 minutes, saying that Mrs. Allan had no change, or, as the defence put it, that he could not get change. It was also shown that Mrs. Allan was not in the brewery at the time of his visit to the living rooms and that there was no one else there. A witness coming into the brewery from the Le Roi avenue heard some one walking over his head and presently saw the prisoner descending the stairway.

Herman Brae deposed that he missed \$20 from his clothing, and on Frank Vickery being traced out he was found spending money at the Cliff hotel.

The prisoner called and sworn said he had money of his own, and declared that he had paid \$60 for a pair of overalls that afternoon and that he had not seen Mrs. Allan. At this point the case was adjourned.

Harry earn, charged with being drunk and incapable, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5 or seven days.

Jerry O'Leary and John Murphy, charged under the vagrancy act, pleaded not guilty, and were remanded until today.

NO THOUGHT OF RETIRING. The Boers Evacuate One Position Only to Occupy a Stronger.

London, April 30.—2:30 p. m.—The latest news received here from the Orange Free State indicates that, though the Boers have evacuated Thabanchu, they have done so to occupy stronger positions. General Dewar on April 29th made an effort to turn General French's eastern flank and was foiled by the cavalry, only after vigorous manoeuvring. The Boers hold the ridges to the eastward, whence they will probably fall back when the pressure of superior numbers increases. The British casualties sustained during the Thabanchu fighting were slight.

General French's object, now that all chance of catching the main body of the burghers has disappeared, is to harass the Boers and prevent any well-organized retreat.

From Beira, Portuguese East Africa, under date of April 29th, comes the news of the arrival there of a Canadian 12-pounder battery. It is added that General Carrington, who is to command the British troops going to Rhodesia, has been cordially welcomed by the Portuguese officials and that he has reviewed the Portuguese troops.

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wounded, and another member of the Canadian force slightly wounded but not yet identified. Colonel Otter reports that the men under his command did well in this battle. He also confirms the death of Private Purcell, of the 60th Halifax regiment, which was announced by the Toronto Globe last Tuesday.

Killed on the Railroad. Montreal, April 30.—A young man named Gouard, was instantly killed last evening while crossing the railroad at Cote des Neiges, a short distance from the city. His companion, Gouffort, was cut on the head and sprained his wrist. Both were riding in a buggy.

Mr. Mackintosh at Montreal. Montreal, April 30.—Hon. C. H. Mackintosh is in the city. In an interview the ex-lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, says he is convinced that Hon. Joe Martin's government will be defeated at the polls in British Columbia. He considers that the election of Martin's government would be a disaster to the province.

Regarding mining, Mr. Mackintosh spoke hopefully of its outlook. Being asked about the Centre Star and War Eagle, said: "These mines are all right. I should think their new machinery would be installed by the end of June, and by that time their united output will be about 700 tons per day."

Mr. A. B. Coplen arrived here yesterday from Spokane on business connected with the Giant Mining company of which he is president.

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Boers at Ladybrand. Thaba Nchu, April 28.—The adjacent country is now clear, the Boers have retired towards Ladybrand. There are interesting developments ahead.

OUR BOYS. Colonel Otter Reports the Casualties of the Canadians at Black Mountain. Ottawa, April 30.—The militia department this morning received a cable from Lieutenant-Colonel Otter commanding the first Canadian contingent, giving the list of casualties which occurred at the battle of Black Mountain on Wednesday, April 25.

Private J. Defoe, of the 8th company, Nova Scotia, killed Lieutenant-Colonel Otter, slightly wounded; Private A. Burns, Otter, slightly wounded; Private G. Burns, Governor-General's Foot Guards, slightly

wounded, and another member of the Canadian force slightly wounded but not yet identified. Colonel Otter reports that the men under his command did well in this battle. He also confirms the death of Private Purcell, of the 60th Halifax regiment, which was announced by the Toronto Globe last Tuesday.

Killed on the Railroad. Montreal, April 30.—A young man named Gouard, was instantly killed last evening while crossing the railroad at Cote des Neiges, a short distance from the city. His companion, Gouffort, was cut on the head and sprained his wrist. Both were riding in a buggy.

Mr. Mackintosh at Montreal. Montreal, April 30.—Hon. C. H. Mackintosh is in the city. In an interview the ex-lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, says he is convinced that Hon. Joe Martin's government will be defeated at the polls in British Columbia. He considers that the election of Martin's government would be a disaster to the province.

Regarding mining, Mr. Mackintosh spoke hopefully of its outlook. Being asked about the Centre Star and War Eagle, said: "These mines are all right. I should think their new machinery would be installed by the end of June, and by that time their united output will be about 700 tons per day."

Mr. A. B. Coplen arrived here yesterday from Spokane on business connected with the Giant Mining company of which he is president.

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