

OPINIONS TO RESPONDENTS

Warrington, Conn.—The content in the Evening Star is... B. McAulay of Spokane...

Kingston, Ont.—So far as we there has been no change respecting the Fair-projected deal for the dis-

Munnville, N. Y.—Please give the name of the first man to ask about more distinctly...

Winnipeg, Man.—The Deer was owned by the Deering company, which spent all in developing the property...

Belvidere Road, Quebec.—I was on British Columbian lists of a series of articles in the B. C. Review of London...

Lawrence, N. J.—We are informed by the name is being operated and that shipments of excellent...

Schlichter, N. Y.—The value of the shares which is entitled to issue under its incorporation: 2. The shares...

W. Wetaskiwin, Alta.—We believe property you mention will be this spring, and that its profitable operations are expected...

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AMONG THE LOCAL MINES

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Record of Operations in Rossland and District Mines.

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WHITE BEAR.—Operations at the White Bear have been continued steadily during the week and good progress has been made.

KOOTENAY.—Matters are still in statu quo so far as the Kootenay is concerned. The lower workings of the mine are being got into good shape for the mining activity that is expected to commence shortly after the return from England of William Thompson, general manager.

VELVET.—Last week's operations were along the ordinary lines. Stopping has been under way as usual in three stopes of the first level, and the cross-cutting for the lead on the third and fifth levels is making good headway.

PORTLAND.—The company's intentions with regard to resuming operations have not yet been announced, but it is more or less of an open secret that the events at the Velvet in the course of the next few weeks will have an important bearing on the future policy of the Portland company.

VICTORY.—Something definite respecting the projected resumption of work at the property may be expected to develop shortly after the return of William Thompson, now in England. The company will probably determine to drive a second tunnel at a lower level than the one now running on the vein.

CONTACT.—Steady progress with the main tunnel on the ledge has been the record of the week with the Contact mine, the only property now working in the Burnt Basin section. The drift is being carried into the hill, and each lineal foot gains two feet and more perpendicularly.

GREEN MOUNTAIN.—Diamond drilling still comprises the principal feature of work at the Green Mountain mine. The manager, Mr. Lawry, is understood to be in New York still, but is expected to return at a comparatively early date, when the plans for the summer will doubtless be announced.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.—Shipments from the Boundary mines for last week were:

Table with 3 columns: Mine Name, Week, Total. Includes Granby, Mother Lode, Snowshoe, Emma, B. C., and Sunset.

IT IS CORROBORATED

MINER'S STATEMENT RE LE ROI NO. 2 MILLING CONFIRMED.

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WAR EAGLE MEETING

Satisfactory Showing For the Work Done the Last Year.

Mine Earned a Profit at the Rate of \$400,000 Per Annum.

(Special to The Miner.)

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"Smelter's Gross Assay Value," which is less. While this plan is often preferable, it has so far been more convenient at the War Eagle mine to use the latter value which, as shown by the table opposite, has on shipping grades ranged from \$4.68 to \$5.07 less than the full assay value.

"During the past year development work has been gradually pushed and the ore reserves increased. The heavy decline in the price of copper has been offset by the reduction in smelting rates, while the satisfactory solution of the problem of treating the low grades by milling now makes it certain that the large bodies of this ore exposed throughout the mine will soon be available.

"The third level has developed on the cross vein an ore body 100 feet in length, 12 feet wide and extending to the second level above with an average grade of \$12.00 smelter's gross assay value.

"The fourth level has developed on the cross vein three bodies of pay ore. One is 120 feet long, 12 feet wide, averaging \$7.50 smelter's gross assay value. The second is 45 feet long and 6 feet wide, averaging \$9.64 smelter's gross assay value. The third is 20 feet long and 5 feet wide, averaging \$7.63 smelter's gross assay value.

"The 6th level has reached the cross vein and drifting has begun upon it. The heading has so far cut a small body of 120 feet north, has been located by the diamond drill. It is strong and well mineralized, carrying milling ore and a crosscut to explore it is now in progress.

"The 7th level has now developed four branches or veins. The eastward extension of the third vein (which passes north of the shaft) is being explored. The fourth vein, still further north, has been located by diamond drill work and is known to be strong and well mineralized. It will soon be reached and explored by the workings.

"Upon the 8th level the work has developed four branches or veins, the most northern of which has been located at several points by the diamond drill. It is a strong vein, heavily mineralized and is now being explored by the heading. Generally speaking, the work done upon this level has been of a most promising nature, and has been especially promising. One of these, on the second vein west, was found to have an upward extension. Its downward extension is still untested. The other pay body on the first or south vein west has so far continued and the stope upon it, 45 feet long and 6 feet wide, is at present averaging ore of \$10.50 smelter's gross assay value.

"The 9th level has exposed, but one of the vein branches, finding this of no value. Crosscutting has not yet shown the other veins.

"On the 10th and 11th levels, the shaft crosses fail to disclose any of the veins owing to the broken nature of the ground and the presence of a belt of dikes. The development of these levels was therefore suspended to await further exploration by the diamond drill and the developments in progress on the 8th level.

The ore sales during the year were 21,455 tons, averaging \$14.58 smelter's gross assay value. The average contents were: Gold .56 oz., silver 1.2 oz., and copper 2 per cent. The present reserves of ore payable under the new smelter rates are estimated at about \$2,000,000, averaging \$10.95 smelter's gross assay value. Owing to copper at 12 cents instead of 16.25 as in previous reports.

"The development of the mine has from the beginning continued to expose large quantities of ore too low in grade for smelting, but rich enough to promise a handsome profit to successful milling. Now that the difficulties of such treatment have been overcome, these low-grade masses will soon be available. It is impossible to present any reliable estimate of their quantity or precise value, because their limits have not been clearly defined, and until milling begins, they cannot be accurately sampled without excessive expense. The process of stopping them for the mill will undoubtedly develop much ore of a higher grade which is not now disclosed by the workings.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Work after the strike was resumed early in December, 1901. The smelting works were not just then able to receive one ton of ore, and the delay in the completion of their new sampling works. Before shipments could be begun the large and sudden decline in the price of copper seriously reduced the net profit of the estimated ore reserves. In view of the heavy loss this entailed and of the expectation which then prevailed that there would soon be a partial recovery in price, it was decided to postpone shipments temporarily. After it became apparent that relief of this kind would at least be long deferred, the difficulties of the situation which affected both the mining companies and the Canadian Smelting Works led to conferences which resulted on August 4th in a voluntary reduction of smelting rates. This was in view of the fact that the fall in copper reduced the tonnage of pay ores which the War Eagle and Centre Star mines were able to furnish to the smelting works. In order to prevent this reduction and also to further increase the tonnage to the amount desired for economical smelting the smelter works reduced the treatment charge from 86 to 45 and made an experimental rate of 45 to reach ore which could not be stopped under the 45 rate. This lower grade is to be shipped in such quantities as the smelting works find it possible to treat with profit. Under the new arrangement ore shipments were commenced August 21st. They are now progressing at the rate of about 200 tons daily.

"Much work has been done upon the milling problem and a successful method of treating these ores has been devised. It is expected that a preliminary or trial mill for perfecting the details of the process will be constructed this winter, and that by spring a regular tonnage of War Eagle low grade ore will be under milling treatment.

THE WAR EAGLE MINE.—Explanatory Note: The values given are based upon the price of 12 cents for copper instead of 16.25 cents as in previous reports.

It is the usual practice of mines in pricing and recording ore to use the "Full Assay Value" instead of the

"The only obstacle now in the way of large scale milling is the so-called lower per cent tax imposed by the British Columbia government upon the gross product of the mines. This tax has the peculiar effect of exacting an increased proportion of the net profits as the grade of ore lowers. For instance, on the milling grades of the War Eagle and other Rossland mines it will take anywhere from 10 to 20 per cent of the net profits.

"Although the government has so far been deaf to persuasion, the protests from the mining communities are increasing in strength and there is a general awakening to the disastrous effect of this tax in depressing the mining and milling of low grade ores.

"It is therefore believed that this obstacle cannot be maintained much longer, and its removal will be followed by the immediate treatment in large quantities of Rossland low grade ores.

"In conclusion I must add that we have been fortunate in having the aid of an unusually able and energetic staff, and I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of their earnest cooperation. The chiefs of departments are Mr. Carl R. Davis, B. M., superintendent, and Mr. Charles V. Jenkins, accountant and purchasing agent. Respectfully,

"EDMUND B. KIRBY, Manager."

COAL AND PETROLEUM

LICENSES APPLIED FOR IN EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

MAY RESULT IN SENSATIONAL EXPOSURES IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The last issue of the B. C. Gazette contains the applications of T. W. Binray, Noble Binn, S. G. Blaylock, J. R. Wilson and J. F. Miller, all of Trail, for coal and petroleum licenses on Elk River, East Kootenay. The lands in question are staked in the neighborhood of the large area of coal and petroleum lands for which application has been made by J. L. G. Abbott and numerous others of a syndicate that is supposed to have the backing of the C. P. R. Many thousand acres are at present held by the syndicate.

It is not thought that these applicants will meet with any opposition from the Victoria authorities, as the influence behind them is considerably greater than that exercised by others less fortunate in their efforts to obtain leases in the coal and petroleum districts of East Kootenay.

It will be interesting to watch developments in this connection. If the government grants these applications and continues to obstruct others that have been held up for many months in the office of the Land and Works department at Victoria, there will be lively times at the next session of the legislature. The government will then find itself in a very awkward position.

It is rumored that a complete exposure will be made of the government's double dealing in this matter. This whole question will be thoroughly threshed out, and Hon. Mr. Wells will be called upon to defend himself against some very serious charges in connection with the administration of his department during the last twelve months. It is said by those familiar with the facts of the case that he will be questioned not only as to the facts of the case, but also as to the government's support and revelations will be made concerning the operations of the C. P. R. in East Kootenay that will extend over the last four years.

THE BEAVER LINE.

Circumstances Connected With the Canadian Pacific's Purchase.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—The Star's London cable says: Even yesterday's snail's pace of criticism was drowned in today's general approval of the Canadian Pacific's purchase of the fourteen Beaver line steamers. Both the company and the Elder steamer people decline to divulge the price, which is variously stated at from one and a quarter to two million pounds sterling. It is a fact that the Lake Ontario and the Lake Simcoe are struck out from the original list of sixteen steamers, making the present purchase of fourteen only. This doubtless accounts for the variations in the statements as to the price paid.

Arthur Piers, the Canadian steamship superintendent, has gone to Liverpool to make the necessary arrangements to enable the service to begin in six weeks, or at the time of opening of navigation.

Four of the new steamers being passenger steamers, the question is now being considered as to whether immigrants passengers are to be carried. The fact, however, that this service only begins after the great spring rush is over, will probably cause the company to defer their decision on this point. It is also undecided exactly as to what British ports are to be chosen. It is understood Montreal will be the Canadian terminus and Liverpool will certainly be one of the British ports. The other two will probably be Glasgow and London or Bristol. Little doubt is entertained in well informed quarters here that the Canadian Pacific now stands the best chance for the fast mail service.

METAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Amalgamated copper, 74 1/2-3; bar silver, 48 1/4.

SAMUEL WARD WAS KILLED

Fatality Occurred in Centre Star Mine on Sunday.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury in Regard to Accident.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Samuel Ward, aged 35 years, was killed at the Centre Star mine on Sunday. Deceased's back was broken by the cage in the main shaft and he died within fifteen minutes of receiving the injuries. The funeral takes place this morning from Jordan's mortuary to the Methodist church, and thence to the Spokane Falls & Northern depot. From there the body will be shipped to Iron Mountain, Mich., where Ward had a sister living.

The inquest into the accident held yesterday resulted in a verdict censuring the hoisting engineer, Angus M. McLeod, and Foreman Elston of the timber gang. On Sunday only five men were underground at the Centre Star. Ward and his partner were sent by Elston to the 700 foot level to construct a bulkhead to prevent loose rock dropping into the bottom of the shaft. On completing the work they commenced to clean up the loose material collected on the timbers surrounding the shaft, and for this purpose were drawn up to a point between the 300 and 400 foot levels. As the dirt was removed it was placed on the floor of the cage, and the men were dropped from set to set as the work progressed. When the accident happened, Ward was standing with one foot on the cage and the other on the shaft timbers. Without warning the cage dropped about five feet. Ward was in a restricted space, and the axle of the cage caught him as the cage dropped. His back was broken and one of his legs fractured. The unfortunate man dropped inside the foot-wall timber some twenty feet to the 400 foot station where his body lodged between the footwall and the shaft. From there his body was brought to the surface. Life was not extinct, but within five minutes after reaching the collar of the shaft the sufferer breathed his last without regaining consciousness. Dr. Coulthard was on the spot within a few minutes of the fatality, and after learning the facts decided upon an inquest.

Yesterday afternoon the inquest took place. A coroner's jury was empaneled as follows: James E. Wize, foreman; George A. Campbell, Alexander Morrison, Joseph Slavin, John G. Campbell and J. A. Menary. The jury viewed the remains at Jordan's mortuary and then visited the Centre Star mine, where they were taken to the engine room and the point in the shaft where the fatality occurred.

The evidence of Engineer McLeod was that he found one of the clutches on the hoist did not work easily, and after applying both brakes firmly he set about removing the cause of the stiffness. It was necessary for him to leave the levers to go back of the engine, a distance of about six or eight feet. He then asked Foreman Elston to throw off the clutch, after having Elston manipulate the clutch several times to see that he understood what was required. While McLeod was behind the engine the drum made half a revolution, but on jumping back to the levers McLeod found the brakes set fast. He admitted that it was possible for Elston's arm to touch the brake accidentally.

Carl R. Davis, superintendent of the mine, stated that McLeod was one of the most reliable engineers they had ever employed, and that the company kept his position open when he went to South Africa with the last contingent. The verdict of the jury was that the deceased, Samuel Ward, came to his death while cleaning the side of the shaft through the descent of the cage, which was handled by Wm. Elston, timber boss, and that the engineer, A. R. McLeod, exceeded his authority by allowing said Elston to handle the machinery.

Samuel Ward, the victim of the unfortunate fatality, came to Rossland three months ago from Butte. He was a steady, reliable and industrious employee of the Centre Star, and his sudden demise is deeply regretted among his fellow-employees, by whom he was highly esteemed.

ALL WERE PARTNERS.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—On the plea that the Turf Operative Investment companies are simply gambling schemes, and that all investors are partners in the business, the first attachment suit of the many filed against John J. Ryan and Company was dismissed by Justice Klieber today. The suit was to recover money invested in the concern.

THE CUP DEFENDER.

BRISTOL, R. I., Feb. 24.—The new cup yacht is growing rapidly. Tonight the upper portion of the steel was fastened in place. The mainmast, which is now completed in the south shop, is to have a length that will exceed that of the previous yachts.

# MEN SEEK DAMAGES

## Two Miners' Suits Filed in Supreme Court Next Week.

## One Recalls Disaster at Le Roi Mine in July Last.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Two suits for heavy damages by miners working in Rossland mines will be tried at the forthcoming sittings of the supreme court commencing here on Tuesday morning before Mr. Justice Irving. The damages claimed in the two suits aggregate \$20,000.

The first action is that of Donald Gunn vs. the Le Roi Mining Company. Gunn was one of the men working with the late Louis A. Dunkle when the latter met death in the Le Roi on July 27 last. He was employed as a timberman and, with the late Mr. Dunkle and William L. McDonald, was timbering to catch up the ground that suddenly slid, killing Dunkle instantly and entombing Gunn and McDonald. The latter two men were imprisoned six or eight hours, but were finally rescued by firemen working on the part of John H. Mackenzie, general manager of the mine, Joseph Thorne, shift boss, Fred Whitman, mine foreman, and others, who risked their lives to save their comrades.

McDonald's injuries were painful, but not serious. Within a few weeks he was about as usual, and went back to work within a comparatively short time. Gunn was not so fortunate. The internal injuries he sustained confined him to the hospital for some months, and it is asserted in the statement of claim filed on his behalf in the suit now under way that he has since been unable to work, and that he is permanently incapacitated from earning a livelihood at his former occupation. Under the Employers' Liability Act damages to the extent of \$2,000 or the equivalent of two years salary is claimed, or \$10,000 damages under common liability procedure. It is asserted by the plaintiff that the late Louis A. Dunkle, Fred Whitman and Joe Thorne, officials of the Le Roi company, were guilty of negligence in permitting the slope and timbering to get into what is asserted to be a dangerous and defective condition. In reply the defendant company sets up a general denial of the plaintiff's statement of claim.

The second action is that of Hastings vs. the Le Roi No. 2 Mining Company. The plaintiff, Charles J. Hastings, had his left leg broken by the fall of a bucket in a winze from the 700-foot level of the Josie mine on June 11 last. Hastings was employed by the men having the contract from the company for the sinking of the winze, and asserts that there was negligence on the part of the company in respect to the hook and appliances used to attach the cable to the bucket, as a result of which the bucket fell and injured him as stated. He maintains that he has been permanently incapacitated from playing his avocation as a miner and seeks to recover under the Employers' Liability Act or \$10,000 under common liability procedure. The defendant company sets up a general denial of plaintiff's claim.

All the parties to the litigation are well known locally, and the cases will be followed with more than ordinary interest.

### SATISFACTORY OUTCOME.

Performances of the Dramatic Club Yielded Good Profits.

The matinee performance of the farce-comedy "Jane" by the Dramatic club yielded the net sum of \$51.50, a very handsome sum, having regard to the other carnival attractions on that afternoon. A cheque for the amount has been handed to Mrs. Charles E. Simpson, the treasurer of the Ladies' Guild of St. George's church, who desires to thank the members of the club for their kindness.

The entertainment on the 10th inst. in aid of the "Father Pat" Memorial fountain by the same cast will yield a profit of between \$200 and \$250. The exact net profit cannot as yet be ascertained, owing to the fact that all ticket sellers have not returned.

The committee desires that all parties make returns to Mr. Duthie of the Bank of Montreal at once.

The Dramatic club is to be congratulated, not only in regard to the very creditable performances given, but also in regard to the donations made to the church and Memorial fund. The management deserves the thanks of all concerned.

### LONG TIME AHEAD.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—Prof. Sylvester Waterhouse, a prominent educator of St. Louis, whose will has just been made public, bequeathed \$25,000 to Washington University, with the proviso that it cannot be touched until the year 2000, when it is hoped the fund will have increased to \$1,000,000 by accumulated interest.

### AN EDITOR STABBED.

WATHENA, Kan., Feb. 23.—Paul Grimstead, editor of the Times, has been probably fatally stabbed by Frank Warner, a drunken negro. There is talk of lynching. Grimstead served nearly a year in jail in 1900 for libel, and edited his paper from his cell.

### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Brome Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 5c.

# A SUSPICIOUS DEATH AT TRAIL A GREAT MYSTERY.

## EXPERT TESTIMONY SHOWS THAT THE DECEASED WAS STRANGLED.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

As a result of the investigations of Coroner Coulthard, two Chinese have been arrested at Trail charged with causing the death of one of their countrymen.

The case was brought up last Thursday before Magistrate Binns, but the prisoners were remanded until today in order that they might meanwhile secure counsel. C. E. Gillan of this city has been retained to defend the alleged murderers. He will leave for Trail on this morning's train. The preliminary hearing will take place this morning.

The murdered man, Sing Lee, was a resident of Trail for the last five years, and was employed in the wash house of Wing Wo. The evidence at the inquest brought out the fact that the deceased was a helpless sufferer from tuberculosis. For many weeks previous to his death he was nursed and cared for by his companions. The night Sing died, Wing Wo reported the fact to Chief of Police Devitt. The chief, knowing that Sing was afflicted with tuberculosis, had Dr. Hayes, health officer at Trail, disinfect the laundry where the dead man lay. The doctor examined the corpse and his suspicions were aroused, hence the inquest.

At the inquest Dr. Hayes testified that his examination of the body showed a displacement of the thyroid bone and cartilage of the throat. The eyelids were open and the eye pupils dilated. There were four transverse scars across the throat, as though caused by fingernails. A post mortem showed a fracture of the left superior horn of the thyroid cartilage and the lungs nodular in character. Dr. Hayes ventured the opinion that death was due to strangulation, and that it was impossible to have been caused by any efforts on the part of the deceased. The force necessary to cause death had evidently been applied from the right side. There were scars on the tongue, as though inflicted by the teeth. The lungs were tubercular in character, but should not have caused death at this stage.

There were several Chinese witnesses at the inquest, but little information was gained from them beyond the fact that the deceased had been supported by them for several months, and that they had gone to his bed Tuesday morning to administer to his wants only to find him stiff in death.

The coroner's jury found the following verdict: "Sing Lee came to his death on the morning of February 17 last, at the laundry of Wing Wo in the city of Trail, B. C., and that his death was caused by strangulation, not by himself, but by some person or persons unknown."

The contention of the authorities is that the Chinese make a practice of prematurely ending the lives of their countrymen when, from injury or disease, their recovery is considered by them as hopeless.

### OF MUCH VALUE.

Useful Work Issued Here by J. L. Whitney & Co.

J. L. Whitney, mining broker of this city, has published a neat and readable pamphlet entitled "Pay and Figures—Rossland and Other Mining Districts." Within its covers, the little volume contains a variety of interesting facts and statistics relating to mining operations in the Kootenays and Boundary, and the work has the merit of being confined to facts.

Whitney's motive, of course, is to advance the interests of his own business, but his volume cannot be distributed without benefit to the country generally.

As an instance of the statistical value of Mr. Whitney's pamphlet, the following table of dividend-paying mines may be mentioned:

Athabasca .....	\$ 25,000
B. C. Mine (Yale district) estimated .....	250,000
Bosun .....	12,500
Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate .....	36,000
Caribou McKinney (Yale district) .....	509,337
Centre Star .....	210,000
Fern .....	10,000
Godenough .....	73,153
Hall Mines .....	109,960
Idaho .....	192,000
Last Chance .....	45,000
Le Roi .....	1,305,000
Le Roi No. 2 .....	238,000
North Star .....	312,000
Payne .....	1,438,000
Queen Bess .....	25,000
Rambler-Caribou .....	229,800
Reco .....	287,500
Ruth .....	450,000
Slocan Star .....	400,000
St. Eugene .....	210,000
Sunset (estimated) .....	100,000
War Eagle .....	725,250
Whitewater .....	194,000
Ymir .....	300,000

The foregoing table is compiled from accurate information at first hand from the companies interested, and is reliable.

Throughout the pamphlet is of value and interest. It is for free distribution upon application to the office of J. L. Whitney & Co.

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No. 1 and No. 2 is sold in Rossland by Seaborn Bros. and Rossland Drug Co.

# A LONG STRUGGLE HOP AT SMELTER CITY KILLED AT THE LEROI

## WRESTLING FOUGHT HARD LAST NIGHT. GEORGE GEFFORD DOWNED JOHN TIPPET IN KEEN CONTEST.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

There was a feast of Cornish wrestling at the International Music hall last night. The principal event was a rattling go between George Gefford and John Tippet. Gefford won after three hours' wrestling. Both men proved to be scientific exponents of the game, and the exhibition was genuinely meritorious.

Gefford weighed six pounds more than his opponent, and was the stronger of the two. Tippet was exceedingly agile, and escaped half a dozen times by sheer activity when it seemed inevitable that his opponent would score. The match was witnessed by a couple hundred people, who applauded the contestants vigorously. Gefford has only been in the city about a month, while Tippet is a somewhat older resident of the Golden City. Both had their supporters, who cheered them vociferously and added excitement to the function.

Tippet took the first fall with a back kick, neatly administered. Gefford took the second and fourth with high heel throws, and the third with his hand in Tippet's collar and a leave in free. From the scientific standpoint and that of height, the men were splendidly matched, and this helped to make the hour as clever an exhibition as could be seen anywhere.

Thomas Hancock refereed the match to the satisfaction of contestants and spectators. Gefford was seconded by Messrs. Brockshire, Manhire and Grigg, while Messrs. Bray, Trethewey and McArthur were in Tippet's corner. Nelson A. Burric was official timekeeper, with John Jacobs and Dan Cokely as assistants.

In the preliminary bouts W. J. Manhire defeated Brockshire in two falls out of three, and William Donithorne downed David Lobb. The preliminaries were almost as interesting as the principal event.

Gefford's performance last night delighted his friends. One of the most enthusiastic of those, John Jacobs, desires The Miner to state that there is \$500 to be deposited at this office, at the Clarendon or any other satisfactory point to say that Gefford can beat "The German Strong Boy" two falls out of three in two different styles. The idea is that the men shall wrestle one fall under Cornish rules, one as catch-as-catch-can and the winner of a toss shall then elect which style the third fall shall be wrestled. Moreover, Jacobs will bet his \$500 roll that Gefford can beat any man in America under Cornish rules at his weight and height. Gefford wrestles at 175 pounds and is certainly extremely clever.

**ROSSLANDERS IN TONOPAH.** John McKane, Dr. Bowes, John M. Burke and General Warren.

"The Tonopah mining district in Nevada is unique," says Mining Engineer John C. Ralston in Spokane. "The town is on a wide, treeless desert, 6000 feet above the sea, with nothing growing around it but sage brush. It is an impressively dreary place, but gold and silver are there in paying quantities, and a bustling camp of 3000 people has sprung up."

"To get to Tonopah you first go to Reno. There you take a narrow gauge railroad which runs 150 miles to the south. At the end of the railroad journey you take stages for a 60 mile ride. The camp is still in the development stage. No mills have been erected, but more than \$1,000,000 worth of ore has been shipped. You can understand it was pretty rich to stand the freight rates. Fuel? They use gasoline almost exclusively. Timber there is none, and imported stulls sell for \$1 each. In the northwestern camps they are bought by the cord for \$3 or \$4. Fortunately little timbering is needed in the mines. The ground is as dry as powder, and there is not an ounce of water in the deepest workings. Living expenses are not as high as might be expected. The camp is run wide open, but is very orderly. Water is hauled from wells in the surrounding country."

"There are not a great many Spokane men in Tonopah. John M. Burke has interests there, but spends most of his time in San Francisco. General C. C. Warren is there and has mining interests. Dr. Bowes, formerly of Rossland, is practicing his profession there. John Y. McKane, formerly of Rossland, has extensive interests, and is developing his properties."

# ODD FELLOWS OF TRAIL ENTER-TAINED RIGHT ROYALLY ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

## EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL BALL—MANY CHARMING GOWNS DISPLAYED.

(From Friday's Daily.)

A strong delegation of Rossland Odd Fellows attended the annual ball given by the Trail brethren on Friday evening. The function was eminently successful and adds another to the list of enjoyable entertainments under similar auspices.

The hall was handsomely decorated, and excellent music was rendered by Chapman's orchestra. Supper was served to two hundred people at the Crown Point hotel.

Committees in connection with the function were as follows: General—Morin, Harkness, Brandon, Smith, Martin and Cockcroft; floor—Martin, Dock-erill, Donaldson, Steele, Mirose and Love; reception—Weaver, Brandon, Jackson and Macaulay.

A number of charming gowns were in evidence, among these being the following: Mrs. Brandon, checked silk, trimmed with black baby ribbon and chiffon. Mrs. Weir, black silk organdie, crimson roses and honeysuckle. Mrs. Morin, butter colored lawn, cardinal passementerie trimmings. Mrs. Burdette, white silk rep, pink carnations. Mrs. Donaldson, white organdie and American beauty roses.

Mrs. Jackson, black and crimson satin. Mrs. Hector, pale blue muslin, trimmed with white embroidery. Mrs. Gill, yellow silk with black trimmings. Mrs. Hayes, white muslin with carnations. Mrs. Strong, pale blue muslin and white silk applique. Mrs. Schofield, black silk net. Mrs. Berg, old rose, white silk applique, pink and white carnations. Miss Hanna, flowered organdie, crimson carnations. Miss Callaghan, pink silk and carnations. Mrs. Guess, black and white silk. Mrs. Welch, pale blue silk. Mrs. Steele, black lace and crimson satin. Mrs. Weaver, black silk with lace. Mrs. Dawson, black silk with white silk facings. Miss Jackson, black and white silk, batteberg lace. Miss Degagne, organdie, muslin, carnations and pearls. Mrs. Lewis, blue and white silk. Miss Hanel, cream cashmere, colored silk applique. Mrs. Leley, black silk with red trimmings and roses. Miss Leley, white silk, with black ribbons and velvet. Miss Kuhn, pink muslin, white satin and lace. Mrs. Campbell, white muslin and black lace.

Mrs. Langlois, black and pink, with pearls and carnations. Mrs. Flint, white organdie and crimson carnations. Mrs. Klocker, ecru with black ribbon, velvet trimmings. Miss White, white lawn and pink ribbons. Mrs. J. White, black skirt and lavender silk waist. Mrs. Kennedy, cream cashmere silk applique. Miss Jones, white with pink ribbons and carnations. Mrs. Widmer, brown silk with pink trimmings. Miss Truswell, white lawn and lace. Miss Coleman, white lawn, white silk ribbons and carnations. Miss Pevely, white muslin and lace and carnations. Mrs. Binns, black lawn. Mrs. Clark, black skirt, blue and black bodice. Mrs. Fluhrer, black skirt, fawn silk waist. Miss Morrow, dark red velvet. Miss Hayden, black silk, red carnations. Mrs. Prescott, black skirt, white silk waist. Mrs. Frest (Rossland), black silk with silk collar. Mrs. Ehlers (Rossland), plum satin with white satin trimmings. Mrs. Hall (Vancouver), navy blue and black. Mrs. McEwan (Rossland), dark silk. Mrs. Schatt (Rossland), dark silk suit. Miss Smith (Rossland), white lawn. Mrs. Robinson, black skirt, white silk waist. Mrs. Whells, black skirt, pink waist trimmed with white lace. Miss Morgan, white lawn lace and ribbon trimming. Mrs. Harkness, navy blue silk, carnations. Mrs. Dolan, black and crimson. Mrs. Truswell, black and cream. Miss Helen Truswell, white lawn. Mrs. Ryan, white lawn and lace.

**CRUSHING THE REBELS.** Defeat of Venezuela Revolutionists by Government Forces. FIGUEROTE, Venezuela, Feb. 23.—General Olivares at the head of the government troops from Barrota yesterday attacked at Kicargua the rear guard of the revolutionist force commanded by General Caribe Vidam. After a fight lasting ten hours the rebel forces abandoned the field, leaving a number of wounded, among them Vidam and another rebel leader named Flores. General Olivares is continuing his march on Caracas in order to take the revolutionist army under General Rolando between two fires, as the government will shortly take the offensive in the direction of Guarenas.

**RESPIRED FOR TWO WEEKS.** ALBANY, Feb. 23.—Governor Odell has granted a two weeks' respite to James P., alias "Whitey" Sullivan, who was to have been executed at Clinton prison tomorrow morning for the murder in 1901 of Nightwatchman William P. Wilson of Cobleskill, N. Y.

# CAGETENDER LOVE HAD NECK BROKEN IN MAIN SHAFT.

## WAS INDUSTRIOUS AND CAPABLE—SUPPORTED A WIDOWED MOTHER.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Archibald Love, aged 23 years, met death in the Le Roi shaft yesterday morning. Deceased was cagetender on the day shift, and sustained a broken neck and internal injuries in a mishap to the cage. No inquest was deemed necessary, but the coroner, Dr. Coulthard, who went over the ground shortly after the fatality.

At 7:40 o'clock yesterday morning Love loaded a 1600-pound ore car on the cage at the 700-foot station. The top deck was let down and on this rode John Macdonald, foreman blacksmith, who desired to come to the surface also. Love got into the car, and it appears that this was where he made a fatal error. The mine officials state that it is hazardous for men to ride in ore cars on the cage and that the fact is generally known among the men about the mine.

The signal was given to the hoisting engineer, who started his engine at the usual rapid rate. Between the 600 and 600-foot levels the cage ore car caught against some of the shaft timbers, and the speed of the cage made the impact disastrous. The heavy car was thrown violently against the upper deck, then fell to the floor of the cage and went through, carrying the lower deck and cage down the shaft. Love was carried along. At a point some 60 feet below the point where the car jammed the car caught on the timbers and remained there. The engineer in the hoisting engine house immediately realized that trouble occurred and an investigation was made. The other cage was used to lower the investigating party, and the jammed car with Love's remains on top were quickly located. The body was extricated and brought to the surface, while the shattered cage and car were released with a block and tackle.

Life was extinct when the searchers found Love's body. The neck was broken, and the unfortunate young man had sustained internal injuries. It was evident that when the car was thrown against the upper deck of the cage at the first impact deceased had sustained the fatal injury, or that, if he escaped at that moment, the fall had resulted in the broken neck.

Dr. Campbell was summoned, but could do nothing for Love. John Macdonald, the upper deck passenger, was thrown about roughly when the loaded ore car was thrown against the hinged floor on which he stood. A couple of teeth missing, slight cuts and painful bruises were the extent of his injuries.

The late Archibald Love was a native of St. Stephens, N. B., where a widowed mother resides. He had resided in Rossland for a couple of years, being employed at the Nickel Plate and other mines prior to entering the service of the Le Roi over a year ago. He was a member of the Miners' Union, and the organization is looking after the disposition of the body, which was placed in Jordan's mortuary.

The deceased young man is described by Superintendent Leslie of the Le Roi as an exceptionally energetic, capable and industrious young man. His sudden death is deeply regretted by those who knew him well and favorably since coming to the Golden City.

**DUTCH RAILWAY MEN STRIKE.** AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—The railroad employees of Holland have decided to quit work, with the object of preventing the adoption of the proposed law providing for the railway strikes. A meeting of the leaders of workmen's unions, having a membership of 90,000 has resolved to support the railroad men, the date of whose strike has not yet been announced.

**THE HAGUE, Feb. 21.**—The report that martial law will be proclaimed on Monday at Amsterdam, Rotterdam, here and at other points has been denied officially.

# Fraternal News

The dance given in this city during the week by the Ladies of the Eastern Star at Masonic hall and the grand anniversary ball given by the Trail lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows made the week pass very pleasantly in local fraternal circles. Two or three of the other local fraternal organizations will probably give dances or entertainments within the next week or two. Outside of trying to arrange such entertainments, the week just passed has been an uneventful one among the fraternal organizations.

The local branch of the Knights of Pythias held their regular weekly meeting at their hall on Queen street on Friday night. The meeting was largely attended, despite the fact that many of the members of the local branch had attended a meeting of the Trail lodge on Thursday but through quite a number of candidates. Members of the Rossland lodge were invited to a man to be present at the ceremony. The invitation was largely accepted.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this city spent a very enjoyable time as guests of the Trail lodge on the occasion of the Smelter City lodge's anniversary ball. The Trail lodge has always been famous for its anniversary balls. All have been successful social affairs, and last week's function was no exception to the rule.

Members of Aerie No. 10, Fraternal Order of Eagles, met at their hall on Second avenue last Monday night. At the meeting several applications for membership were handed in to the secretary. After the regular routine work had been finished, mention was made of the successful conclusion of the lodge's last grand opening social session, and a hope was expressed that another opening social session on a grander scale would be given by the Aerie at no very late date.

As Rossland Hive No. 5, Ladies of the Maccabees, has so many candidates to initiate at the meeting Tuesday night of this week Mrs. Josephine Desllets has issued a call for a meeting at an early moment of the initiatory team and the guards. A large meeting of the members of the order is expected to be in attendance Tuesday night.

The members of the Canadian order of Woodmen of the World held a meeting last Wednesday night at their hall on Columbia avenue. A large number of members were in attendance. Nothing outside of the routine work of the order was transacted during the evening.

It is understood that a dance will shortly be given in this city by the members of the Deborah Rebekahs. The society has already given one dance this year. The dance was a very successful one, and it is the aim of the members to make their next dance even more successful. It is possible that their previous functions.

**RANCHERS DID WELL.** Heavy Export of Cattle From the Territories Last Year.

Mr. C. W. Peterson, formerly deputy minister of agriculture in the Territorial government, and now secretary of the board of trade, Calgary, manager of the Calgary exhibition and secretary of the Territorial Cattle Breeders' association, was in Winnipeg lately attending the stock breeders' convention. Speaking to a reporter of the Free Press, Mr. Peterson said that the year throughout the Territories had been a most satisfactory one for the ranchers. The export business amounted to 52,000 head of cattle, which exceeds the previous year by 11,000 head. These figures were recently completed, and are the correct returns for the period mentioned.

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General News

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SUPPORT IN BOUNDARY

Association Branches At Greenwood and Grand Forks.

Several Delegates Sent to the Victoria Convention.

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"Whereas we recognize the importance of improving the conditions...

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Business Men Join Together—Mother Lode Mine.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 20.—The members of the Greenwood Progressive Association have decided to fall in with the proposal to amalgamate with the Greenwood board of trade...

The report sent out from Grand Forks to the effect that the Mother Lode mine is closed down is incorrect...

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.—The czar has dismissed four Finnish governors for opposing the policy of Russia.

John W. Shore, a Vancouver expert accountant, is in the city for a few days.

GREENWOOD NEWS.

Business Men's Organizations—Odd Fellows' Present.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 19.—On Tuesday evening the brethren of Boundary Valley Lodge No. 33, I. O. O. F., presented Past Grand Brother Fred B. Holmes with a past grand's collar in token of his zeal in promoting the welfare of the local lodge...

At a meeting of the Greenwood board of trade it was decided to meet the requirements of the Greenwood Progressive Association so that the two organizations might amalgamate under the name and charter of the Board of Trade...

A logger named Dave McVior had his left foot badly hurt by a log rolling on it yesterday, when logging near Deadwood camp. Dr. Spankie sent him to the Sisters' hospital to be cared for there.

On Monday night Dr. Thomas of Spokane, who came in on the night stage accompanied by Nurse Nye of that city, performed an operation on Mr. A. E. Ashcroft, C. E., for the removal of gall stones from the gall bladder.

The operation was increased by some attendant complications, but it was most successfully performed and the sufferer is resting easily, having passed through the ordeal satisfactorily.

YMR. FEB. 21.—Last evening in the Foresters' hall a public meeting of property holders and citizens was held to discuss the advisability of incorporation.

J. W. Ross led the forces in favor of incorporation and made some good arguments, but nevertheless all that he could show was that we would have about \$700 to the good for expenditure on sidewalks and other improvements.

THE BOUNDARY SMELTERS. Greenwood Plant Closed Down as a Measure of Precaution.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 19.—R. P. Williams, agent at Greenwood for the Canadian Rand Drill company and the Jencks Machine Company, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, yesterday closed a sale, to the Snowshoe Gold & Copper Mines, Ltd., of another steam boiler.

The Greenwood smelter closed down yesterday. Its supply of fuel is not yet exhausted, but it has been decided to keep on hand sufficient to run for a week or two after the Crow's Nest Coal miners' strike shall have been settled.

Eugene Creteau, of the Dumas Gold Mines, Limited, is here. Owing to the excessively deep snow in the mountains Mr. Creteau stated that work is so handicapped that in the interest of his company he will have to close down for a couple of months.

Conrad Wolfe of the Foghorn mine came up from Spokane and proceeded to the mine. Arrangements have been made by Mr. Wolfe to install a mill on this property in the spring.

A GIFT FROM CARNEGIE. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Andrew Carnegie has decided to give \$100,000 to the Western Reserve University, in this city, to establish a school for the training of librarians.

Mrs. Thomas and daughter left last evening via the Canadian Pacific for Victoria. Max R. Hopkins was ticketed to Sleasman over the Canadian Pacific yesterday.

NEW ORLEANS CARNIVAL. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.—The New Orleans carnival is now in full swing, and thousands of visitors today witnessed the arrival in state of Rex, the king of the carnival.

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THE MINING MOVEMENT

Nelson and Kaslo Giving It Enthusiastic Support.

Boundary Men to Propose Movable Annual Meeting.

NELSON, Feb. 21.—The movement in support of the Provincial Mining Association has progressed very satisfactorily here. Nelson sends fourteen delegates to the Victoria convention, having now 274 enrolled members.

GRAND FORKS, Feb. 21.—The Grand Forks delegates to the provincial mining convention at Victoria, leave tomorrow for the coast. They are as follows: Mayor Burrell, William Spier, Thomas Fulson, W. K. C. Manly, Ernest Miller, F. M. Kerby, George A. Fraser, president of the local Conservative association.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 21.—The delegates from Greenwood to the Provincial Mining Association meeting to be held at Victoria on the 26th inst. have arranged to go to the coast via Spokane and Seattle, leaving Greenwood on Sunday morning.

The Greenwood delegates will endeavor to induce the convention to agree that the annual meeting of the Provincial Mining Association shall be held in the more important towns of the province in turn, so as not to make it a hard and fast rule to hold these meetings at Victoria every year.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S ALLEGED SCHEME IN POSTPONING THE SESSION.

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According to a Tientsin despatch to the Asahi, hundreds of Boxers showing a threatening attitude have assembled at Tientsin, Chihai province. The prefect took measures for the arrest of the ringleaders, when the whole body made resistance. The prefect has applied to the viceroy asking that troops may be sent to suppress the Boxers.

The Chinkiang rebels are reported to have suffered a reverse. A despatch from Peking to Japanese papers says the governor of Chinkiang reports that the rebel forces were defeated at Yuchow Fu and completely routed.

The steamer Maude of the C. P. R. company has been sold to the B. C. Salvage company of this city and will be converted into a wrecking vessel.

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VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—A special Gazette this afternoon announces that the house will meet for the transaction of business on March 12th.

THE TRAIL MURDER

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL NOMINATED FOR THE YEAR 1903.

ROSSLAND MEN SELECTED TO ACT ON THE COUNCIL BOARD.

VICTORIA, Feb. 20.—The nominating committee of the Canadian Mining Institute has reported the names of the officers and council to be elected at the annual general meeting at Victoria on March 4, 5 and 6 next.

Mr. Coste is one of the oldest mining engineers in Canada, having been the first chief of the division of mines and mining statistics in connection with the Geological Survey. On leaving the survey, Mr. Coste was successful in locating, opening up and equipping the Welland Natural Gas field. He has contributed several valuable papers to the geology of Canada, and particularly on the characteristics of the oil and gas fields of Ontario.

President—Mr. Eugene Coste, mining engineer, Provincial Natural Gas and Fuel company of Toronto. Vice-presidents—John B. Hobson, mining engineer, Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic company, Bullion, B. C.; Dr. F. D. Adams, McGill University, Montreal; Robert E. Chambers, mining engineer, Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company, Bellefleur, New Brunswick; George R. Smith, M. L. A., mining engineer, Bell's Asbestos company, Theford Mines, Quebec. Council—Edmund B. Kirby, mining engineer, Centre Star Mining company, Rossland, B. C.; S. F. Parrish, mining engineer, Le Roi mine, Rossland, B. C.; J. H. Tonkin, mining engineer, Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, Fernie, B. C.; Frederic Kerfer, mining engineer, B. C. Copper company, Anacosta, B. C.; A. P. Turnbull, Ontario Copper company, Sudbury, Ont.; E. T. A. Stoeschell, metallurgist, Consolidated Lake Superior Copper company, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; D. G. Kerr, mining engineer, Cordova Exploration Limited, Cordova, Ont.; Dr. W. L. Goodwin, School of Mining, Kingston, Ont.; Harry J. Williams, mining engineer, New England Canadian Asbestos company, Theford Mines, Que.; Dr. J. Bonhall Porter, mining engineer, McGill University, Montreal, Que.; B. Bennett, mine manager, King Bros. Asbestos company, Theford Mines, Que.; F. Cirkel, mining engineer, Montreal, Que.; C. Shields, Dominion Coal company, Glace Bay, B. C.; Dr. E. Gilpin, Jr., mining engineer, Halifax, N. S.; Thomas Cantley, Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company, New Glasgow, N. S. Treasurer—J. Stevenson Brown, Montreal, Que. Secretary—E. T. A. Bell, editor Canadian Mining Review, Ottawa, Ont.

Dr. Hoyes gave very similar evidence to that given at the inquest. He was severely cross-examined by Mr. Gillan, but his testimony could not be shaken. Frank Isley testified that he was present at the postmortem and noticed the finger marks on the throat of the murdered man. He had also noticed the presence of clotted blood, and the broken thyroid bone and cartilage, after they had been exposed by the knife. Mr. Gillan objected to this evidence being received, as Mr. Isley was not an expert. The objection was sustained.

Lee Wing was sworn in the usual Chinese manner, to truly interpret the evidence. In taking the oath the witness takes a saucer and kneeling, breaks it, saying: "As breaks this saucer, so breaks my soul if I speak not true." A number of Chinese witnesses were examined, but nothing important was learned except that the prisoners were the ones who attended the murdered man during his last illness and the night of his death.

They heard nothing suspicious that night. They had not been intimidated by the prisoners or their friends. In giving judgment the police magistrate remarked that in his opinion it had been clearly established that a murder had been committed. The prisoners were the keepers of the laundry, and the ones who attended to the sick man. In the interests of justice it was desirable that the prisoners be committed for trial. They were accordingly committed to the Nelson jail, to be tried at the next assizes.

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President—Mr. Eugene Coste, mining engineer, Provincial Natural Gas and Fuel company of Toronto. Vice-presidents—John B. Hobson, mining engineer, Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic company, Bullion, B. C.; Dr. F. D. Adams, McGill University, Montreal; Robert E. Chambers, mining engineer, Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company, Bellefleur, New Brunswick; George R. Smith, M. L. A., mining engineer, Bell's Asbestos company, Theford Mines, Quebec. Council—Edmund B. Kirby, mining engineer, Centre Star Mining company, Rossland, B. C.; S. F. Parrish, mining engineer, Le Roi mine, Rossland, B. C.; J. H. Tonkin, mining engineer, Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, Fernie, B. C.; Frederic Kerfer, mining engineer, B. C. Copper company, Anacosta, B. C.; A. P. Turnbull, Ontario Copper company, Sudbury, Ont.; E. T. A. Stoeschell, metallurgist, Consolidated Lake Superior Copper company, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; D. G. Kerr, mining engineer, Cordova Exploration Limited, Cordova, Ont.; Dr. W. L. Goodwin, School of Mining, Kingston, Ont.; Harry J. Williams, mining engineer, New England Canadian Asbestos company, Theford Mines, Que.; Dr. J. Bonhall Porter, mining engineer, McGill University, Montreal, Que.; B. Bennett, mine manager, King Bros. Asbestos company, Theford Mines, Que.; F. Cirkel, mining engineer, Montreal, Que.; C. Shields, Dominion Coal company, Glace Bay, B. C.; Dr. E. Gilpin, Jr., mining engineer, Halifax, N. S.; Thomas Cantley, Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company, New Glasgow, N. S. Treasurer—J. Stevenson Brown, Montreal, Que. Secretary—E. T. A. Bell, editor Canadian Mining Review, Ottawa, Ont.

Dr. Hoyes gave very similar evidence to that given at the inquest. He was severely cross-examined by Mr. Gillan, but his testimony could not be shaken. Frank Isley testified that he was present at the postmortem and noticed the finger marks on the throat of the murdered man. He had also noticed the presence of clotted blood, and the broken thyroid bone and cartilage, after they had been exposed by the knife. Mr. Gillan objected to this evidence being received, as Mr. Isley was not an expert. The objection was sustained.

Lee Wing was sworn in the usual Chinese manner, to truly interpret the evidence. In taking the oath the witness takes a saucer and kneeling, breaks it, saying: "As breaks this saucer, so breaks my soul if I speak not true." A number of Chinese witnesses were examined, but nothing important was learned except that the prisoners were the ones who attended the murdered man during his last illness and the night of his death.

They heard nothing suspicious that night. They had not been intimidated by the prisoners or their friends. In giving judgment the police magistrate remarked that in his opinion it had been clearly established that a murder had been committed. The prisoners were the keepers of the laundry, and the ones who attended to the sick man. In the interests of justice it was desirable that the prisoners be committed for trial. They were accordingly committed to the Nelson jail, to be tried at the next assizes.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

EVENTS IN THE EAST.

Boxers and Rebels in China Give Authorities Some Trouble.

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—Two Americans, Messrs. Grossmeyer and Hopkins, of San Francisco, who were passengers from Hongkong for England, were taken from the steamer at Singapore on January 3, according to mail advices from that port, and arraigned in the police court charged with stealing \$450 from a Hongkong hotel keeper. It was shown that a mistake had been made, and the Americans, men of wealth, were at once released.

According to a Tientsin despatch to the Asahi, hundreds of Boxers showing a threatening attitude have assembled at Tientsin, Chihai province. The prefect took measures for the arrest of the ringleaders, when the whole body made resistance. The prefect has applied to the viceroy asking that troops may be sent to suppress the Boxers.

The Chinkiang rebels are reported to have suffered a reverse. A despatch from Peking to Japanese papers says the governor of Chinkiang reports that the rebel forces were defeated at Yuchow Fu and completely routed.

The steamer Maude of the C. P. R. company has been sold to the B. C. Salvage company of this city and will be converted into a wrecking vessel.

SAN DOMINGO, Feb. 23.—The Dominican government has notified United States Minister Powell that it has reconsidered its intention to send an envoy to Washington and make representations there against the Ros and Clyde companies' claims, that it will accept Mr. Powell's proposition with regard to the Ros claim and has requested further time to consider the claims of the Clyde company.

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—A special Gazette this afternoon announces that the house will meet for the transaction of business on March 12th.

SESSION POSTPONED

THE 'PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY WILL NOT MEET UNTIL APRIL 2nd.

PREMIER PRIOR OFFERS TO MEDIATE IN CROW'S NEST COAL STRIKE.

VICTORIA, Feb. 20.—The government on being questioned regarding the change of date for the assembling of the legislature from March 12th till April 2nd, say that there were a number of reasons, the principal of which was the patent one that the original date was altogether too soon. Business could not have been made ready in time in view of the absence of Messrs. Prior and Eberts until recently and the absence of the ministers in West Yale.

If Premier Prior's proffer of services as mediator at Fernie is accepted this will further delay the preparation of business for the session. A mass meeting was held in the opera house at Nanaimo at 10 o'clock and was largely attended by the miners. The executive submitted the case prepared in support of the demands of the men, and this will be presented to the management when the meeting between executive and management is arranged. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p. m. to meet again at the call of the executive.

A DEAD LEPER. Suspicion That His Death was Due to Violence.

VICTORIA, Feb. 20.—Suspicion are being expressed that a leper at the Darcey island lazaretto, which lies in the Gulf of Georgia, has been done to death. News was received of the death of one of them, and the sanitary officer went to bury the unfortunate man, the remaining three lepers being too weak, for the disease has made great inroads into their systems. Since his return there have been rumors of foul play. The sanitary officer refuses to discuss the matter, other than to say that if the body is to be exhumed some one else may take the loathsome job.

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MINING ASSOCIATION.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

That three hundred citizens should have attended the public meeting convened last night by the mayor to discuss the Provincial Mining Association of B. C. was a remarkable demonstration of the sentiment that something is needed to stimulate the great industry of the Kootenays. Judging from reports as to the results achieved in California by a state mining association on the lines adopted by the provincial British Columbia organization, much is to be attained in the right direction by the concerted action now to be taken. There is no reason to suppose that the proposed association has any motive other than stated by its promoters—that of advancing the interests of the mining industry as a whole. With an organization universal in its make-up, it will be exceedingly difficult to introduce private objects, and this fact is apparently recognized and reflected in the large attendance at last night's gathering. The Rossland branch should be the premier limb of the main organization, just as Rossland is the premier mining camp of the Province and Dominion. Much interest has been manifested in the movement, and Rosslanders should see to it that their important interests are safeguarded by a powerful branch association that will of its numerical strength wield more than ordinary influence in the councils of the Provincial association. If the interest evidenced last night is maintained this object will be attained, and the result should and undoubtedly will be of lasting benefit to the community as a whole.

MARTIN IN WEST YALE.

Hon. Joseph Martin, K. C., M. P., P. is taking an active part in the bye-election in West Yale. Mr. Martin is unalterably opposed to the Prior government, and as leader of the Liberal party in British Columbia, aside from the fact of his great personal popularity, is certain to make his influence felt in the contest.

Mr. Martin has made the following statement apropos of the Semlin-Sanson contest:

"I am unqualifiedly opposed to the Prior government. I will vote against them and work against them. I am issuing an address to the West Yale electors giving my views regarding the present political situation in the province and expressing my opinion as to the attitude and strength of the Prior government in the present crisis. In this pamphlet I express conviction that Premier Prior cannot possibly control more than sixteen votes and would not be able to induce a majority of those sixteen to back him up in his promises to the West Yale electors.

"It stands to reason if West Yale is promised handsome concessions, other electoral districts must have the same treatment, and whatever money grants are given to West Yale must also be given to other constituencies represented by members supporting the government, and if they did not get the same treatment they would not remain loyal to the government; while if they were given the same treatment the electors at large would have something to say regarding the reckless depletion of the treasury for political ends, that certain constituencies might be benefited at the expense of the whole province.

"This pamphlet is issued in the interest of Mr. Semlin, whom I certainly expect to be elected. I have canvassed the members of the house and am absolutely convinced in my own mind that the Prior government is doomed."

Hon. Mr. Martin is nothing if not a fighter, and it is not at all improbable that he will accomplish his purpose both in West Yale and in the House.

THE MINERS' UNION.

The formation of a Rossland branch of the Provincial Mining Association has already served a good purpose. Aside from the fact that the camp generally has evinced an unmistakable de-

sire to heartily support the association and to advance the prosperity of the mining industry, it has brought out the real sentiment of the working miners of Rossland. Personally, we have never doubted the loyalty of the local Miners' Union to the camp, but there are possibly some who did. There is no longer any room for suspicion on this point. One has only to read the sentiments expressed yesterday by Harry Seaman, president of the union, to see that he and his brother unionists are as anxious as anyone to see the camp and the Province go ahead. One cannot help but like the simple, unpretentious honesty of Mr. Seaman's sentiments. He not only assures us that the association may expect the hearty support of the union, but that it is the desire of the unionists to work in absolute harmony with all other elements that are represented in the association. But he did not stop there. He was quick to take advantage of an excellent opportunity to show just how the union stands with regard to past troubles. He showed conclusively that the men wish by-gones to be by-gones; that they bear no one ill will and want to do all they can to help their neighbors as much as themselves to a greater prosperity. Mr. Seaman earnestly assures us that the union desires no factionalism and no strike. All through his speech showed nothing but harmony and good will on the part of his brethren. The Miner commends Mr. Seaman's remarks to all those who are assisting in the upbuilding of this country, but particularly to those who, at one time, may have been prejudiced against the union.

LOCAL CONCENTRATORS.

The camp requires ore concentration works at the earliest possible date. Without concentration Rossland cannot expect to enjoy its full measure of prosperity. There is but a limited supply of water available for concentration purposes in the immediate neighborhood of this city, but there is more than enough at the Columbia river near Trail and at Sheek creek south of the international boundary.

The question that confronts Rossland is, Shall the mines build their concentration plants within the city limits, or shall they go to Trail or to the United States?

If Rossland is to be deprived of the benefit of the huge concentration works that are contemplated by the big mines of the camp, it must only be from the fact that the local water supply is insufficient to permit the erection of the mills here. Rossland needs all the benefits arising from the development of its lower grade ores. Her loss of the location of the concentration mills means the loss of half the pay roll and numerous other advantages that would directly result from the working of these ores. As the Miner understands it, the mining companies operating here are comparatively indifferent as to whether their concentration works are to be at Rossland or elsewhere, so long as they can operate as economically at one point as another. But it is all important to Rossland that they be located as near as possible to the mines from which they draw their source of supply.

It is up to the city council to protect the welfare of the camp in this matter. The city fathers should at once take the necessary steps to protect the community from any loss that it may suffer in this respect. The future of the camp largely depends upon this, and it is to be hoped that every legitimate inducement may be offered to the mining companies to build their concentration works as near as possible to the mines.

THE COPPER MARKET.

The copper market, which has an important bearing in this camp, shows not the slightest signs of weakening, either at home or abroad, and with prices on practically a 12-cent basis for lake brands, sellers are as firm as ever in their views. The present strength of the metal is not a matter that has come about over night, as a result of manipulation. On the contrary, the situation has been shaping towards strength for weeks past, and present prices are purely the result of the operation of the natural law of supply and demand. Close students of the situation maintain that the market has by no means reached its highest point for the year, but aver that prices on the contrary will continue to harden until a 14-cent level or better has been reached. Stocks in hands of consumers are understood to be even much lighter than has been believed to be the case. A point of no small significance in this respect lies in the fact that buyers of the metal for delivery in April and May have asked to have the same shipped February and March. It is estimated that sales of copper in January aggregated 75,000,000 pounds, of which the United Metals Selling company handled about 66 per cent. These enormous sales resulted in supplying to a large extent the immediate and pressing needs of consumers, but at the same time they pretty well cleaned out available stocks in producers' and sellers' hands. Sellers are now generally agreed upon 12 cents as the asking price.

IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH.

The really remarkable reception accorded the movement to organize a branch of the new Provincial Mining Association of B. C. in Rossland has done more to bring all sections of this community together on a common footing of hearty co-operation than has been accomplished for the past eighteen months. For months The Miner has labored to promote the cause of unity within the city walls as a means of forwarding the camp's interests abroad, and in common with every citizen having the best interests of Rossland at heart, has with pleasure the genuinely substantial advances made in this respect during the week closing today.

If no other advantage should accrue to Rossland through the projected organization, the time and money invested by Rosslanders in the movement is recouped many times over by the revelation of the attitude occupied by various sections of the community. With the knowledge thus secured, the work of solidifying the citizens of Rossland into a unit under the banner "One for All, All for One" is so expedited that the accomplishment of the task is in sight.

Viewed from the standpoint of mine managers, mine workers, merchants and business and professional men, the developments of the present week in connection with the mining association movement have shown a desire on all sides to work hand in hand for the betterment of conditions in the camp and in the province. It has been demonstrated that past errors of judgment on all sides are realized, and that acrimony is buried so deep that nothing but deliberate malice aforethought can resurrect the old feeling of factionalism. The evidence of a desire to lay a foundation of mutual confidence between all sections is unmistakable and the opportunity has been seen and grasped. Men who regarded each other with suspicion less than a week ago realize that the feeling was in large measure ungrounded, and that the men they suspected were also seeking some point on which all parties could come together and cement friendships that would be perpetuated to the mutual advantage of all.

With the advantage of joint and disinterested work for the common weal by all sections, it is not difficult to forecast the complete wiping out of the last vestige of ill feeling that has been a nightmare about the prosperity of the community. In the new era that has dawned locally, citizens of Rossland will labor together, shoulder to shoulder, mutually striving for the advancement of the material interests of the community and presenting the solid front to the world that is really so essential to permanent prosperity.

MR. CURTIS'S POSITION.

In their attempt to make the Provincial Mining Association a success, the members of the Rossland Miners' Union are casting in their lot with the community as a whole. Like many others, they see the vital importance of making the association non-partisan and non-political, and they also recognize the advisability of having all classes represented in the councils of the association, so that the object for which it was really created—the general advancement of all those directly or indirectly associated with the mining industry—shall ever be kept to the fore. When, therefore, Smith Curtis tried to "butt in" the back door of the union and get himself appointed as a special delegate of the mine workers at the forthcoming Victoria convention of the association, he was promptly and most effectively turned down. By its action in this matter the union has gone on record against those rabid, petty politicians who have been a curse to British Columbia for many years. The union is evidently weary of the repeated attempts that have been made to direct it from its duty to itself for the sole benefit of ambitious demagogues clamoring for political advancement. Had the members of the union acceded to the impudent demands of Smith Curtis they would have defeated the very principles for which they are now earnestly working. Smith Curtis can scarcely claim that he is a mine worker, and we have yet to hear that he is a member of the Miners' Union. Furthermore, he has pursued the sectional course against which the action of the union and the action of other citizens in connection with this mining association have constituted a practical protest. Obviously, a parliamentary representative should regard himself as the representative of the constituency as a whole, not of any part or section thereof, and in that view Mr. Curtis has very far failed of the performance of duty required of him. Taking account further of his uncertain and wandering course as a member of the legislature, it is easy to see why he has failed to accomplish anything worth mention on behalf of the district he represents. Residents of the district can perceive for themselves and duly appreciate its poor position in point of political influence and power in comparison with what it should have been able to occupy as the premier mining region of the province. This falling short can be plainly traced to Smith Curtis's failure to take a

proper view of his duty as representative and work energetically for the advancement of his constituents' interests.

LAND GRANTS.

O. E. Talbot, M. P. for Bellechasse, is at the coast on a mission on behalf of the Trans-Canada railway, of which he is one of the principal promoters. The proposed route of this road is described as follows: "Leaving Chicoutimi and Quebec, as eastern ports, it touches James Bay and then proceeds westward through the northern wheat fields of the Northwest, thence through the Rockies to Port Simpson, where shipping facilities with the Orient are to be obtained. The promoters base their claim for public favor upon the fact that the line is far removed from the international boundary, and as such is an all-Canadian route. It is a very direct route and opens up what is known as a rich country. The grain lands of the Peace River valley and other northern parts will be tapped. Large sections of what is known as New Ontario, which is rich in mineral and timber, will be readily accessible to the line. A large part of that country is expected also to develop into rich farming land. The distance by the projected line would be about 2693 miles shorter from coast to coast than the C. P. R. To Yokohama by steamer connection at Port Simpson the distance would be over 700 miles shorter than by way of Vancouver."

The promoters hope to get land grants from Ontario, from Quebec, from the Dominion government in the Northwest and from British Columbia. As already noted, the Canadian Northern is also begging for British Columbia lands, and the Grand Trunk Pacific may be expected to prefer a similar request. The Canadian Pacific would also like some more land in the southern part of the province. If all these requests for land grants are to be satisfied, what will be left for the public? Apparently there is danger of all time arriving when the intending settler will be obliged to go to some big railway corporation hat in hand in order to find a location. That may be a good way to attract settlers and people our vast vacant spaces, but if so, the ordinary observer's preceptive powers must be quite assuaged. In his recent address to the electors of West Yale Premier Prior argued in favor of land grants in this fashion:

"The question which the form of assistance shall take is a proper one to consider. I know there are objections made to land grants, but we have to deal with present conditions, not theories. We have land and plenty of it, which has been waste for centuries, and which will be waste for centuries longer, without railways. Offering bonuses in money has not secured building of lines so far. The objection to my mind does not lie in the land grants themselves. It is a question wholly depending upon the conditions imposed. We propose in case land is given to surround the grants with such restrictions and safeguards as will, as far as possible, assure all benefits to the miner and agriculturist that would accrue from administration by the government. It is unnecessary to point out that railway corporations are the very best of immigration agents, because it is in their direct interest to make the greatest possible use of the land so as to increase the tonnage on the railroad."

It is respectfully submitted that if the premier were to deal practically with conditions, leaving theories alone, he would find that railway grants have been positive hindrances to settlement of the country instead of being helpful thereto. The colossal grants to the Canadian Pacific in British Columbia and the Northwest are striking evidence on that point. The restrictions and safeguards so far devised have been far from neutralizing the evils inherent in the land grant system.

British Columbians may well ask themselves why any part of the public property is to be given to these trans-continental enterprises. The promoters of the roads are forced to admit that they are aiming to reach the Pacific coast in any event, and that their roads cannot prove profitable unless carried through to the coast. Why then should they be paid for the work? Is it not the fact that the sudden influx of population is responsible for the sudden increase in the crop of railway projects? These schemes are built upon a prospect of the population being present to support them by the time they are completed and the prospect of a big through traffic being found to yield them profits. They are bound to go all the way when once they commence, so British Columbia can well depend on this certainty and keep its property. As for any proposal to give a subsidy in order to deflect any of these roads to one point or another on the coast, it may as well be understood that the province as a whole will not consent. Let the projectors proceed on a business plan and select their terminal points to suit their own purposes. Then they can do without subsidies from the public.

THE WAR EAGLE MEETING.

The statistics published in The Miner today relative to the operations of the War Eagle mine during 1902 must strike the careful reader as a gratifying

demonstration of the possibilities ahead of the property. A little figuring will show that from the ore shipped during the year, and shipments were confined to four months, the company reaped a net profit of approximately \$135,000. Of course the four months shipping operations could not be expected to pay for twelve months development and exploration work, but it is significant that only \$20,000 was added to the current debt of the corporation. The point is that in the four months during which the mine shipped ore a handsome profit was made. A year's operations on the same basis would have netted actual profits of \$400,000, which would have paid dividends to shareholders or gone far toward wiping out the company's indebtedness and placing it on a basis where profits could have been divided during the present year.

Ahead of the company is a year during which great strides should be made. If the company can show under existing conditions an earning capacity of \$400,000 annually, what may be expected when the large bodies of lower grade ores are attacked and treated by concentration? Besides this the price of copper is steadily climbing and other factors are arising that will contribute to profit earning. A year's operations on the basis of the last four months of 1902 and this is the very least to be expected from the mine, will entirely alter the company's position. Indebtedness will be a thing of the past and regular dividends will be assured. And all this goes to show that the War Eagle, like the other big mines of the camp, is in a better position today than it ever was.

With Vice-President Blackstock's remarks about the difficulties and opposition with which the War Eagle is beset, The Miner cannot wholly agree. The Provincial government has promised to repeal the two per cent tax and other inimical mining legislation, and the labor unions are doing everything in their power to promote general prosperity. So far as the water rights are concerned, we are confident that the city and all others having water rights in or near Rossland will find it to their interest to assist the War Eagle in every possible way to commence concentration operations. It cannot be otherwise. If concentration is not to become an established commercial condition right in this camp, Rossland can never hope to experience a tenth of the prosperity that would otherwise quickly ensue. So far as freight and smelter rates are concerned there can be no question of the justice of Mr. Blackstock's contention. The railways must make material reductions in the freight charges if they want a big ore tonnage from the Rossland mines.

A GREAT INFLUENCE FOR GOOD.

With the exception of those who have been privileged to watch over and guide its affairs, it is probable that but few, even among mining men, have any conception of the great benefit the California Miners' Association has been to the State of California, and how largely it has, through its watchfulness, care and unceasing effort, been the means of protecting the mineral interests of the state, and of encouraging the development of them. It is a good time to talk of these things and there is no better way of doing so than to state here just what is stated in the pamphlet of "What the California Miners' Association has done." We recommend a careful reading of it to all mining men, and to those who are in any way interested in the development of the state's mineral resources:

"Even those familiar from the beginning with the origin and ten years' labors of the California Miners' Association are apt to forget a good deal of the truth and fact of its history; to fail to appreciate its elements of strength, its value to the mining interests of the whole state—yes, to the entire Pacific Coast—and its past successes. They are apt to also fail to realize the fact that its future career is bound to see an expansion and an increase of strength and activity proportionate to the wonderful growth and prosperity that we feel is coming fast, not only to our own great industry here in California but to the entire commonwealth of California. This state suddenly awakes to find itself in the centre of a great movement that is making the Pacific the main theatre of the world's activity, and to the faith that it feels the beginning of a growth in population, prosperity, and enterprise but vaguely dreamed of yesterday."

"The mining industry is feeling a new thrill of life along with all other industries, and is partaking of the general spirit of enterprise and faith in the future. After a long time of tribulation and disaster, a great day is dawning here, and the California Miners' Association must be one of the great forces at work in that day."

"The mining interests of every mining county owe loyal support to the band of miners of the state for two classes of reasons. There are the direct benefits, affording purely selfish reasons, and they should be strong ones, not only to the miner, but to every resident of a county of which mining is the chief industry. We are interested in the preservation of what hydraulic mining has so far won, and in the further aid that it will surely get, if strong and united efforts are continued. We are interested in saving to the largest industrial interest the mineral lands that mean a great deal to our future, and for the preservation and protection of which the California Miners' Association is persistently battling. We are interested in the land and mining rulings of the interior department, and our associated committees, when

strongly backed by influence and prestige, are the strongest defenders you can find when oppressive rulings are made. We are interested in amending the Federal Mining Law, and when it is amended the California Miners' Association will cut a big figure in the process. We are interested in any mining laws that the legislature may pass. This association has greater influence at Sacramento in this field than any political boss. We are and will be interested in many other things which the California Miners' Association will be potent to secure its accomplishment."

"The question is often asked: 'What has the association accomplished?' In answer it can be said: It has secured the passage of the Crammett Act, under which over four hundred licenses have been granted, permitting mines to work which otherwise would have remained idle.

"It has secured an appropriation of \$80,000 from the Federal and State governments to build dams to hold back debris in the Yuba river, and prevent the inundation of the valleys and cities adjacent thereto.

"It has protested against and prevented the patenting of millions of acres of land to land-grant railways, until the character of the land can be determined by an impartial jury.

"It has secured the passage of many amendments to mining laws, and the mining industry, and has caused its influence to prevent the enactment of laws detrimental to the industry.

"It was the first organization in America to urge the creation of a Department of Mines and Mining, with a secretary who shall be a member of the president's cabinet, and it proposed to urge this matter until the department is established.

"It collected and installed comprehensive mineral exhibits on the occasion of three great expositions, to-wit: the California Midwinter International Exposition, 1893-4; the Golden Jubilee Mining Fair in 1898, and the Paris Exposition, 1900. The first two were directly in charge of the agents of the association, and were the means of directing vast amounts of capital to this state, and re-activating the mining industry, which at that time was in a very stagnant condition. The Paris Exposition was encouraged and stimulated by the Association, inasmuch as the state appropriation was raised \$100,000 by the efforts of its officers, to aid the mineral exhibit.

"It brought across the continent and royally entertained the members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers in 1899, and at that time published a volume California Mines and Minerals. These two efforts of the Association alone have been the means of directing the investment of a large amount of capital in California, in several instances the investment being made through the officers of the Association.

"It was the first to bring to light and agitate the great questions of the conservation and storage of flood waters, a movement that has stirred the nation with its magnitude, and which has resulted in the formation of many societies and organizations for this purpose.

"It has published and spread over the entire English-speaking world, literature advertising the great mineral wealth of this glorious state, and it will continue to do so as long as the necessity for such literature remains and the people support the Association.

"Its officers and committeemen have worked untiringly and incessantly for the benefit of the industry, and all for public spirited reasons, as not one of the officers or committeemen ever received a dollar for his services until two years ago, when a salary was voted to the secretary. It is for this reason that the California Miners' Association deserves the support and endorsement of every miner and mining man in this state.

"The Association has had over 9,000 members in the past. It should have 25,000 in the future—every one interested in mining and every miner in the state should be willing to contribute \$1.00 annually to an organization that is constantly and unselfishly working to promote the interests of the first and greatest industry in the state."

What has been done by the California Miners' Association for the good of the mining industry of that state will be repeated in British Columbia if the Provincial Mining Association is run on similar lines.

EDWARD BLAKE'S APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Hon. Edward Blake as chief counsel for Canada before the Alaskan Boundary Commission is satisfactory from many standpoints. Probably no able counsel could be obtained within the British dominions. He is a Canadian, still deeply interested in the fortunes of his native land, and with a particular knowledge of the spirit and methods of American diplomacy. We may be sure that he will know the case for Canada in every detail, and that all fair and reasonable argument that can be made in support of our contention will be advanced in the most pertinent and formidable way. It is just as true that Mr. Blake will advance nothing that the facts do not warrant. There are other satisfactory features in Mr. Blake's appointment. It proves the determination of the Ottawa government to have the very best presentation of Canada's case made before the commission and also the disposition of the Imperial authorities to treat the whole question as one peculiarly affecting the rights and interests of this country.

BIG INDUSTRY FOR SANDWICH.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 23.—Sandwich stands a good chance of securing a \$1,000,000 industry. The proposed plant is for the manufacture of soda ash, caustic soda, soda crystals and bicarbonate of soda. The site selected is the old Sanitarium property on the river front near the western limits of Windsor, and already salt beds, four in number, have been drilled into. Pittsburgh capitalists are the promoters of the concern.

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NEWS OF KOOTENAY

What Is Going on in Southeastern Districts.

Lumber Industry Commencing to Boom on Arrow Lake.

While there is not so much activity reported in the Kootenay district this week as is generally the case, important developments are recorded of the lumbering industry. There is really no sign of falling off of mining operations, in fact everything is progressing as well as can be expected at this season of the year, but there are fewer rich strikes than usual.

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general meeting. Considerable work was done on the Big Copper last year under the supervision of Mr. Moran.

Mining men who visited the property since the work was done are unanimously of the opinion that the Big Copper has easily one of the biggest showings in the district. The reported price of the property is \$100,000.

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rating about 100 acres. This is one of the highest grade properties in the Lardo-Duncan district. Selected assays taken from the properties have shown as high as 2,230 ounces of silver.

Ferguson people are agitating for the construction of more roads and trails in the neighborhood of that town. Messrs. Ball, Billings and Archer have the contract of getting out a big boom of logs for the mill at Trout Lake.

The tunnel which will open up the ore shoot on the Beatrice mine is in 400 feet, still having 200 feet to go.

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YMR NEWS.

A second gold brick weighing 150 ounces has been sent off by the Broken Hill Mining & Development company, and, with the first brick weighing 84 ounces previously sent off, represents the result of the first run of the Wilcox mill for a period of a little over one month.

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A BOUNDARY PROJECT.

A NEW SMELTER FOR GRAND FORKS AND OTHER ENTERPRISES PLANNED.

CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY CAPITAL PROMISED FOR THE WORK.

GRAND FORKS, Feb. 24.—John A. Manly, of this city, has returned from a trip east. He announces that he has been successful in interesting Chicago and Kansas City capital in a big mining, smelting and railway project involving the erection of a 2000-ton smelter at Grand Forks and the expenditure of four million dollars in the Boundary district and the state of Washington.

Said Mr. Manly: "Our plans are already matured, but several years will be occupied in their realization. Chicago and Kansas City capitalists have subscribed all the money needed for the proposed enterprise. Work will be started this summer developing 2000-horse power on the Kettle river seven miles below Grand Forks. This power will be transmitted by wires to a smelter which will be erected in the vicinity of this city. The plant is primarily intended to treat custom ores from the Boundary mines and mines on the Colville reservation, and will begin operations with an equipment of two furnaces. This plant will be enlarged from time to time as may be occasioned by the opening up of our mineral resources. My associates are willing to invest four million dollars, and a portion of this amount will be devoted to mining enterprises and in building railways to sections that do not enjoy transportation facilities. I am not at liberty just now to go into details respecting the route of the proposed railways, as we have to obtain certain legislation and other papers. However a year hence will see the entire project well under way."

Mr. Manly added that he found eastern people remarkably well informed respecting the mineral wealth of the Boundary, but experienced no little difficulty in overcoming the objections of some of his associates to invest. A number of them dwell on the two per cent mineral tax, whilst others maintained that the uncertainty of mining legislation tended to divert capital from British Columbia.

GREENWOOD'S QUOTA.

Mining Association Branch Increases Its Membership.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 23.—The Greenwood Miners' Union on Saturday night chose Sid Oliver and Wm. Eszenza to proceed to Victoria as delegates to the Provincial Mining Association convention. The membership of the Greenwood branch having been swelled on Saturday by the addition of more names, these making the total exceed 200, the number of delegates was increased to ten. These are F. Koffer, A. J. Goodell, Captain Johns, Mayor Smaller, W. G. Gausse, H. P. Dickinson, I. Robert Jacobs, H. Galbraith, S. Oliver and Wm. Eszenza.

Greenwood beat Phoenix at curling on Saturday night, thus turning the tables, Phoenix having been winners at a series of games played earlier in the week. The Phoenix players were entertained at supper after Saturday night's match, at the Imperial Hotel, Greenwood.

More men were discharged from the Mother Lode mine yesterday, thus reducing the working force at that mine to a comparatively few men engaged in making connection between the mule tunnel below one of the upper

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quarries. The smelter at Boundary Falls is still running, but an early shutdown is feared.

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Payne was firm throughout the week, exhibiting no reaction and closing at 21. Bonanza was also the opening price. Bonanza went up to 25, at which price several lots were sold. Outside of these two there was considerable weakness shown on some of the days. Centre Star went down to 29 1/2 in the sales, but drew up again to 31 at the close. Rambler-Cariboo dropped a few points, closing at 28-25, but without sales. Cariboo McKinney kept below 17 most of the week, 16-3-4 being the price on the last day. The lower priced stocks did not vary to any noticeable extent.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Asked, Bid. Includes American Boy, Black Tail, Ben Hur, Bonanza, Canadian Gold Fields, Cariboo McK., Centre Star, Fairview, Fisher Maiden, Giant, Granby Consolidated, Lone Pine, Morning Glory, Mountain Lion, North Star, Payne, Quilp, Rambler-Cariboo, Republic, San Poll, Sullivan, Tom Thum, War Eagle, White Bear, White Bear (As. pd.).

SALES. Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 18-3-4c; Payne, 1000, 21c; Centre Star, 500, 31c; Bonanza, 1500, 25c; North Star, 500, 10 1/4c; White Bear, 3000, 21-8c. Total, 7500.

White Bear, 2000, 21-2c; Payne, 1500, 21c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000, 28 1/2c; Republic, 500, 51-2c; War Eagle, 1000, 17 1/2c. Total, 6000.

Giant, 1000, 50c, 23-4c; Centre Star, 1000, 30 1/4c; Mountain Lion, 500, 11 1/4c; Payne, 2500, 20c; War Eagle, 1500, 17 1/2c. Total, 7000.

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THE ANCIENT COLONY.

Trains Still Snowbound and Traffic Generally Blocked.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 24.—The belated express trains are again snowbound. One train after making 60 miles in the direction of St. John's, yesterday found further progress impossible and was sent back ten miles to a divisional point, where supplies of food and coal are stored, which will enable it to remain a long period without causing anxiety. The other train on the western side of the plateau in the middle interior was unable to retreat to the settlement of Bay of Islands, as had been planned yesterday. A working train with two engines and a crew of 50 men carrying a month's provisions started last night in an attempt to cut the express clear and keep those aboard in provisions.

Meanwhile the other sections of the road are also blocked, but as no trains are moving on them there is no cause for anxiety, except in the fact that the greater part of the island is cut off from St. John's.

The first mail into the colony for nearly a fortnight, consisting of 400 bags of British, United States and Canadian mail, reached here tonight by the steamer Damara from Halifax. The mails lay at Sydney for a week awaiting the steamer Bruce, which however, was frozen in ice floes in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. They were then sent to Halifax and brought here by the Damara.

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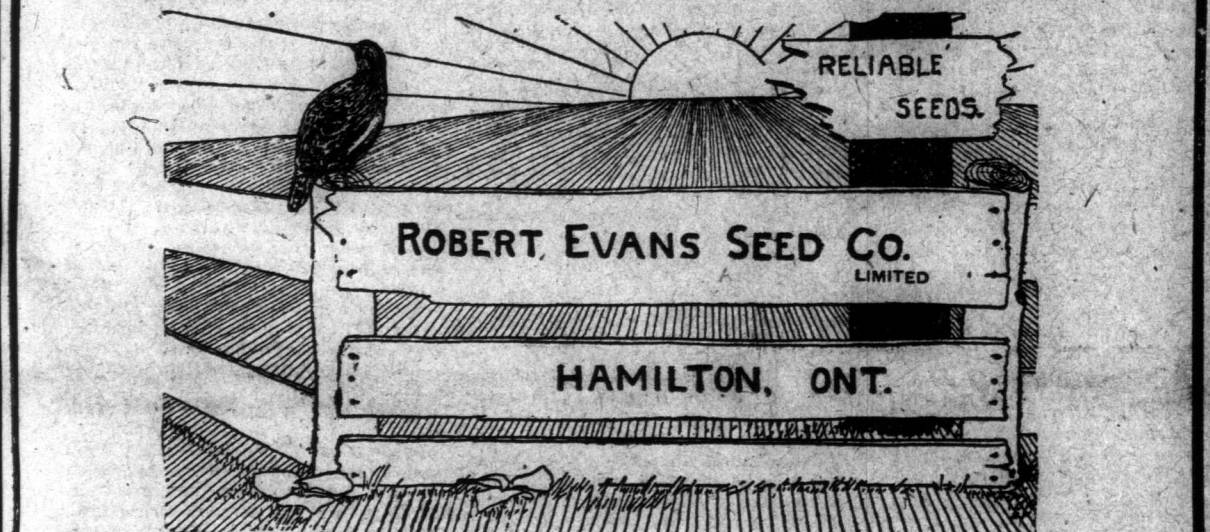
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HEARTILY APPROVED

Provincial Mining Association Endorsed at Meeting.

A Local Branch Formed—Three Hundred in Attendance.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Citizens of Rossland declared for the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia in no uncertain manner last night. Three hundred people gathered at Union hall to discuss the subject on the call of His Worship Mayor Dean.

The audience was appreciative and apparently in sympathy with the movement from start to finish. This deduction is based on the applause which greeted the speakers of the evening.

Mayor Dean occupied the chair, and in opening expressed his endorsement of the projected association. He stated the conviction that the movement would result in the securing of better conditions for the mining industry of the province as a whole.

A. C. Galt, a member of the executive of the provisional association, was called on to speak, and opened with an interesting description of the spontaneous and enthusiastic birth of the movement at Victoria, springing out of the desire of Atlin placer miners to secure redress from the legislature for certain local grievances. He outlined his acquaintance with John B. Hobson, and read excerpts from the annual proceedings of the California Mining Association in which a resume of the remarkable results secured in that state through concerted action was given.

Dr. A. C. Sinclair followed briefly. He referred to the admirable results that were possible of attainment by organization, to the necessity of establishing an association to offset the corruption and indifference that had prevailed in the legislature of the province, and endorsed the proposed association heartily.

Arthur S. Goodeve recommended the projected mining association strongly as a means of securing united efforts to promote the prosperity of the whole province. In common with other business men and citizens he had personally been bringing on from month to month in the hope that some change would take place in the province whereby capital would be encouraged to come in and develop the remarkable resources of the mining districts. He believed the reason capital did not come in was because there had been no united action to protect and promote the industry. This community, for instance, had been facing for months with the fact that unless the "low grade" ore reserves of the camp could be utilized there would be no camp, no business for merchants and no work for miners, yet it had been impossible to secure legislative redress to bring about the required stimulus. With a powerful association to back up demands for legislation, favoring the mining industry the government must take some action in the right direction. The association would safeguard the interests of all classes, another important consideration. (Applause.)

Mr. Goodeve moved, seconded by F. W. Rolt, the adoption of the following resolution: "Whereas the mining industry of British Columbia is the principal industry of the province.

"And whereas the conditions at present surrounding the mining industry are excessively burdensome and it is believed that existing conditions are capable of prompt and effective relief at the hands of parliament and of the provincial legislature.

"And whereas it has been proposed that a convention be held at the city of Victoria on the 25th day of February 1903, to organize an association of all persons interested directly or indirectly in the mining industry of British Columbia for the purpose of formulating means of relief and using their influence to bring about a beneficial change in existing conditions.

"Be it therefore resolved by the citizens of Rossland, in public meeting assembled, that the organization of the proposed Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia commends itself strongly as an important step in the right direction, well calculated to assist in re-establishing the mining industry in its former prosperous condition, and to thereby advance the interests of all other industries of the province."

F. W. Rolt spoke to the resolution, which was adopted unanimously. Edmund B. Kirby, general manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, and Paul E. Coudrey, general manager of the Le Roi No. 2 Mining Company, added their endorsement to the movement.

Mr. Kirby expressed the belief that the movement was the most important event in the history of British Columbia. The legislature and Dominion government must be brought to listen to the needs of the mining industry and the proposed association would be the most efficient way of bringing the real situation to their attention. He felt that a revolution could be wrought in the industrial conditions of the country if

the association was completed and insisted upon being heard. In common with others who had sought to secure redress in the past, he had been surprised at the lamentable ignorance displayed by the coast people and legislators when the interests of the Kootenays and other mining districts were under discussion, but they would be made to realize the drawbacks under which the industry labored when a powerful association took the question up.

George H. Bayne and Alf MacMillan moved that a local branch of the Provincial Mining Association be formed, and that all persons be invited to become members. After the mover and seconder had spoken to the resolution it was unanimously carried.

A. B. Mackenzie and A. W. Dyer moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was carried: "That the following gentlemen be a committee to nominate from among themselves or otherwise, delegates to attend the convention at Victoria on the 25th inst., to enroll members and to solicit subscriptions to defray the traveling expenses of the delegates: The Mayor, A. S. Goodeve, C. O. Lalonde, E. B. Kirby, J. S. C. Fraser, Kenneth E. Mackenzie, Harry Seaman, Lorne A. Campbell, F. W. Rolt, G. W. McBride, J. S. Deschamps, A. G. Galt, W. M. Smith, Curtis, M. L. A.; Harry McIntosh, P. R. McDonald, James Fletcher, Richard Marsh, S. H. McCoy, P. Higgins, Steve Brailo, Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, J. S. C. Coute, S. F. Parrish, C. E. Race, Paul E. Coudrey, James Anderson, A. B. Barker, M. P. Villeneuve, A. C. Galt, A. B. Mackenzie, J. C. Drewry, W. R. Braden, H. Daniel, B. Hines, W. L. Macdonald, T. Embleson, C. Preston, E. King, P. J. McKichan, W. J. Prest."

A. B. Barker, manager of the Bank of Toronto, and William Gray, manager of the Velfret mine, moved the appended resolution, which carried: "That the mayor of Rossland be the president of the provisional Rossland branch of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, and that E. B. Kirby be the secretary and treasurer."

The committee was then called together for today at 4 o'clock in the board of trade rooms.

(From Friday's Daily.) Two hundred and ninety members were secured in Rossland within fifteen hours of the decision to organize a local branch of the Provincial Mining Association of B. C. It is expected that at least five hundred members will be secured before the canvass of the city is concluded.

Moreover, nine of the delegates to the convention at Victoria next Wednesday have been selected, and the balance will be added today, when the committee meets again at 4 o'clock in the board of trade rooms. The Miners' Union will select at least three delegates to form part of the Rossland deputation.

The members of the committee present yesterday were Mayor Dean, chairman; W. C. Preston, Charles Dundee, Harry Seaman, Richard Marsh, William L. McDonald, A. S. Goodeve, M. P. Villeneuve, J. S. C. Fraser, Dr. Sinclair, Steve Brailo, W. G. Prest, A. B. Barker, Harry Daniel, G. W. McBride, A. B. Mackenzie, A. C. Galt, G. H. Bayne, James Anderson, Judge Townsend and James Fletcher.

The attitude of the Miners' Union toward the association was set forth by Harry Seaman, president of the union, who stated that the organization would take the question up at its meeting last night. It was the desire of the union to select their own delegates. This did not arise through any factional spirit but was merely a means of securing the best men for the mission which the union could select. He would guarantee that any member of the union selected for the delegation would work in absolute harmony with other delegates who were striving to forward the interests of the community and province generally. It was his sincere hope that factions were a thing of the past in Rossland; there was nothing in factionalism and in the past there had been too much of it. It was now time for all to work hand in hand for the advancement of the interests of the camp, and this was the sentiment he desired to have understood as his attitude toward the proposed Mining Association of British Columbia.

The meeting resolved that at this sitting twelve delegates should be fixed as the number whose travelling expenses should be paid out of the popular fund to be raised. Three of these delegates were to be selected by the Miners' Union and reported to the general committee. As many more citizens who can arrange to pay their own expenses will be appointed delegates and properly certified up to the limit set by the regulations, which is one delegate for every twenty members. An appropriation of \$30 was made for the expenses of individual delegates.

Ways and means were then considered. His Worship Mayor Dean opened the subscription list with \$20. This was followed by subscriptions of \$25 by each of the companies managed by E. B. Kirby. A. C. Galt, who acted for Mr. Kirby in proffering the subscription, stated that Mr. Kirby would pay his own expenses at the coast and those of another delegate in addition to the cash subscriptions specified. Other subscriptions will be asked for today.

The nine delegates chosen yesterday as the nucleus of the Rossland deputation were as follows: Mining men—Edmund B. Kirby, general manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines; S. F. Parrish, general manager of the Le Roi mine and Northport smelter; Richard Marsh, general manager of Giant mine. Merchants—G. W. McBride, A. S. Goodeve and Mayor Dean. Professional men—A. C. Galt, Judge William B. Townsend and F. W. Rolt.

(From Friday's Daily.) The Miners' Union went into the question of the Provincial Mining Association of B. C. last night and gave their unqualified approval to the project. Three members have been selected to serve on the Rossland deputation at citizens of the Golden City and to assist in every possible way the promotion of the organization which is to accomplish much in the interests of every section of the province. The delegates selected to represent the

citizens embraced in the Miners' Union are Harry G. Seaman, president, Kenneth Martin, vice-president, and Britton Duke. It was clearly stated that the delegates will co-operate with their colleagues as citizens and not as members of the union. In case either of the three selected cannot attend the convention, W. L. McDonald will serve on the deputation, having been chosen as alternate. The union was in session until a late hour last night, and most of the time was devoted to the debate on the Mining Association question. The aims and objects of the proposed organization were explained by President Seaman, Secretary Villeneuve and others who had attended the preceding meetings at which the matter arose. It was agreed that the movement would benefit organized labor by influencing legislation dealing with the mining industry of the country, and that in another direction it would be beneficial in the direction of bringing all sections of the community together on a common footing and with a common aim, thereby healing many breaches. The understanding is that the association is to be non-political and free from class influences—so long as this was the case it was unanimously agreed that the movement merited the enthusiastic and solid support of organized labor, and this will be extended until the existing sentiment is removed.

Last night's meeting of the union was remarkably well attended in view of the fact that it was not the usual night of meeting. The manner in which the members turned out is another demonstration of the feeling that the juncture is ripe for a movement that will improve the existing conditions and that all sections of the community together for the common good. The officers of the union are satisfied that if the membership fee of the organization to be permanently formed at Victoria is placed at one dollar per annum, as has been suggested from time to time, there will be no difficulty in securing not less than one hundred paid members from the working men of the camp identified with the union.

(From Saturday's Daily.) More members, more delegates to the Victoria convention and more funds for expenses have been secured by the Rossland branch of the proposed Provincial Mining Association of B. C. since the last meeting on Thursday afternoon. The membership is substantially over 300, which entitles the Rossland branch to fifteen delegates. Fourteen delegates have been selected to go to Victoria, and some \$300 has been subscribed for the purposes of the association. It is expected to raise \$500 with which to start the institution, which sum will doubtless be swelled later on by membership fees, when this is decided upon by the organization to be completed at Victoria next week.

The general committee met again yesterday afternoon at the board of trade rooms. It was reported that the membership list was growing steadily, that lists just opened at the mines were being received with a measure of interest that justified the belief that the total membership to be pledged forthwith would be not less than 500. The gentlemen who were soliciting subscriptions stated that they had only been able to devote a comparatively brief portion of the day and some \$300 had already been pledged. It was predicted that the difficulty would be encountered in raising a total of \$500 at this juncture. The sum specified would pay the expenses of the delegation to Victoria and leave a snug sum in the bank to complete local organization and float the institution on a proper basis.

The list of delegates as completed to date is as follows: E. B. Kirby, S. F. Parrish, Richard Marsh, G. W. McBride, A. S. Goodeve, Mayor Dean, A. C. Galt, F. W. Rolt, Judge Townsend, A. B. Barker, R. A. O. Hobbes, Harry G. Seaman, Kenneth Martin, Britton Duke, A. G. Moody, Smith Curtis, M. L. A., and J. Stephen Deschamps. The last three delegates travel at their own expense, while Messrs. Kirby and Galt have disclaimed any wish to participate in the expense fund raised to dispatch delegates.

Another of the pressing incidents that have marked the organization of the association in Rossland took place yesterday afternoon. The question of expenses came up, and in the course of the debate Mayor Dean notified the delegates that the association would be expected to pay the rent of the hall which he engaged for the public meeting convened to start the ball rolling. It had been supposed that the corporation would bear this expense, as has invariably been the case in the past, but discussion was averted by the prompt offer from Harry G. Seaman, president of the Miners' Union, to withdraw the charge for the hall. Lorne A. Campbell, with equal promptitude, withdrew the customary charge for lighting the premises, and the whole item was therefore disposed of satisfactorily.

The delegates will probably leave together tomorrow evening, arriving at Victoria on Tuesday night.

(SPLENDID SUBSCRIPTION.) The subscription list has reached substantial proportions already. A considerable sum is required, however, and the committee hopes to secure further amounts today. The expense of sending a delegation to Victoria that will be worthy of the Golden City is large, and in addition it is desirable to have some money in the treasury for future operations. The merit of the movement is obvious to all. Citizens who have a dollar or more to invest in the proposition that is to bring about a revival in the mining industry generally are invited to communicate with the secretary-treasurer, R. A. O. Hobbes, this morning.

Appended is the subscription list up to 6 o'clock last night:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Le Roi mine (\$80.00), War Eagle (\$60.00), Centre Star (\$25.00), West Kootenay Power & Light Co. (\$25.00), Vest Mines (\$25.00), Mayor Dean (\$25.00), Robert Hunter (\$10.00), P. Burns & Co. (\$10.00), Canadian Ore Concentration (\$10.00).

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Rossland Miner P. & P. Co., Ltd. (\$5.00), Jencks Machine Co. (\$5.00), Canadian Rand Drill Co. (\$5.00), J. S. C. Fraser (\$5.00), K. E. McKenzie (\$5.00), James Anderson (\$5.00), A. B. Barker (\$5.00), Richard Marsh (\$5.00), A. C. Galt (\$5.00), J. M. Jordan (\$5.00), Dan Thomas (\$5.00), H. Daniel (\$5.00), A. B. Mackenzie (\$5.00), W. Danby (\$5.00), W. Danby (\$5.00), C. E. Benn (\$2.00), W. Waddis (\$1.00), O. M. Fox & Co. (\$1.00), C. M. Oliver (\$1.00), W. L. McDonald (\$1.00), C. O. Lalonde (\$1.00), M. W. Simpson (\$1.00), A. O. R. Brown (\$1.00), T. G. Chaloner (\$2.00). Total: \$354.00.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The attitude of the Miners' Union in connection with the movement for the organization of a provincial mining association has been patriotic and diplomatic. Stress has been laid on the fact that the men chosen for the Victoria deputation by the union will go to the coast on precisely the same footing as other members of the delegation. They are citizens representing the Rossland camp, and not members of the union so far as concerns the deputation. This aspect of the situation has been emphasized by all the officers of the organization and is now thoroughly understood.

When the delegation was under discussion it was stated by members of the executive committee of the provisional association that in order to make the organization thoroughly representative of all classes the assistance of working men was essential. The matter then came down to a question of selecting the best possible representatives of the working men in the Rossland camp, and it was agreed that a selection could be made by the union only large body of organized workers in the community. Hence, the union was asked to choose three men, and cheerfully undertook to comply with the request. The delegates selected are admittedly excellent representatives of the workers, and their assistance on the deputation should be invaluable.

That the union is casting in its lot with the community as a whole in this matter is demonstrated by an incident developed at yesterday's meeting of the local general committee. M. P. Villeneuve, secretary of the union, reported to the committee that he was in receipt of a communication from the coast to the effect that Smith Curtis, M. L. A., was at Victoria and would be accredited to the convention as a delegate. Mr. Villeneuve again pointed out to the committee that the men selected by the union were acting as citizens of the city and not as union men, and that the union did not propose to make any representation as an organization. Under these circumstances he could not comply with Mr. Curtis' request for reasons obvious, and would therefore place the matter in the hands of the general committee.

The committee was desirous of securing as large a deputation as possible up to the limit provided under the regulations regarding representation according to membership, and Mr. Curtis' application was favorably received. It was resolved that he should be accredited to the convention as a representative of the Rossland branch of the provincial association.

(From Sunday's Daily.) The Rossland branch of the proposed Mining Association of B. C. now has a membership of 520. This makes the Rossland branch the strongest in the interior, although Nelson, described as apathetic in Associated Press dispatches, is well up over 300 members having been secured in the couple of days during which a canvass was made.

The list of delegates arranged for up to last night is as follows: E. B. Kirby, S. F. Parrish, Richard Marsh, G. W. McBride, A. S. Goodeve, Mayor Dean, A. C. Galt, F. W. Rolt, Judge Townsend, R. A. O. Hobbes, Harry G. Seaman, Kenneth Martin, Britton Duke, A. G. Moody, Smith Curtis, M. L. A., J. Stephen Deschamps, W. S. Wrightson, and J. S. Paulson, the latter two being added as substitutes.

A. C. Galt informed the committee that the list circulated at the War Eagle and Centre Star mines had been signed by 230 working miners. This was received with applause. The total membership of the Rossland branch with the addition mentioned by Mr. Galt is now 520.

The delegates leave this evening by Canadian Pacific. Some will take the Spokane Falls & Northern, which offers the same rate with a more expeditious trip. In the course of yesterday's committee meeting, it was suggested that a fourth nominee of the Miners' Union be added to the list. Representatives of the organization in attendance stated this was unnecessary, as the union regarded its present representation sufficient.

(GERMANY'S VISITATION.) Many Destructive Fires Caused by Severe Gales. BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Several gales swept over Germany on Saturday and Sunday, and a series of destructive fires, spread by the wind, occurred. In the village of Huertgen, near Dueren, nine two-story houses were burned, and at Kleinberg, Rhenish Prussia, forty-four buildings were destroyed. Smaller fires were reported elsewhere, with some casualties. At Dolina, in Galicia, more than a hundred houses were destroyed.

(A NEW MANAGER.) TORONTO, Feb. 23.—E. W. Folger, superintendent of the elevated lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, and previously general manager of the St. Lawrence River Steamboat company, has been appointed manager of the Niagara Navigation company, to succeed John Foy, who becomes president in succession to the late Sir Frank Smith.

THE DIAMOND GAME WILL BUILD DRILL HALL

ROSSLAND BASEBALL TEAM IS NOW RECEIVING SOME ATTENTION.

BERT LOUGHEED AND ANOTHER CALIFORNIAN COMING—FAST TEAM PROMISED.

As the hockey season is to all intents and purposes a thing of the past, local sportsmen are now looking ahead to the inauguration of the baseball season. Matters are naturally somewhat indefinite as yet, but it is assured that Rossland will have a strong team in the field. Many of the old players are still in the city, and several new men are anxious to spend the ball season in the Golden City. It is doubtful whether Nelson will have a senior team. The baseball enthusiasts who accompanied the hockey team here last week appear to be dubious as to the outlook for the approaching season in the Queen City.

Bert Lougheed, captain of the Rossland ball team in 1902, has signified his desire to spend next summer here. Lougheed is attending the University of California in the mining course, and wants the practical experience he can gain here. Louis J. Kennedy, who played on the Varsity team still, and playing on the Varsity team on Sundays. He is recognized as a crackjack third baseman, and the local baseball management will undoubtedly arrange for him to come on this season.

Of the old players most of the best ones are still on hand, and can be counted upon for the team. Will Costello, Charles Vaughan, Joe Holland, Arthur Leighton, Jack McCreary, Paul Wilcox and Ralph McDonald are on deck and will be in the game unless something unforeseen occurs. Al Gibson has an offer to go to North Yakima to play ball, but an effort will be made to keep him in town, and in this event Rossland will not lose the most reliable first-baseman who ever covered a bag in the Kootenays.

In the course of a few weeks steps will be taken to reorganize the ball team and get matters in shape for the playing season. GOES INTO SPOKANE. Definite Announcement as to Bank of Montreal Branch There.

Campbell Sweeney, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Vancouver and inspector of B. C. branches, has announced that the bank will open a branch at Spokane. The fact was made public some weeks ago, but the official announcement is only now being circulated. The Miners recently stated that the Bank of Montreal had acquired the Fenwick block on Riverside avenue in Spokane, and the announcement coming from Mr. Sweeney would seem to add weight to the statement on this point.

In many quarters it is assumed that the action of the Bank of Montreal in establishing a branch in Spokane is an assurance that the mooted line of the Canadian Pacific into Spokane is definitely settled upon. The Bank of Montreal handles all the Canadian Pacific's business, and the commencement of construction by the big Canadian corporation would be an opportune juncture for a strong Canadian financial institution to open in Spokane.

Further developments of a positive nature may now be expected at an early date in connection with the extension of the Canadian Pacific into Washington. CRUSHED BY CARS.

Ira James, an Ore Loader at Phoenix, Instantly Killed.

Ira E. James, one of the ore loaders at the Granby mines, was killed by falling from one of the C. P. R. ore dumps at Phoenix, says the Pioneer, and being crushed beneath the wheel. James had been in the employ of the Granby company for about a month and was a young man of about 25 years, the accident happened on the switch at the Knob Hill ore crusher.

It appears that James and another ore loader named Dunlap were letting the loaded cars down the switch, out of the way, when James fell between the cars, and before they could be stopped was crushed. Life was extinct when he was reached.

James was an American, but had been in the Boundary for some time, having been employed at the Mother Lode mine for a few months, and previous to that, working for a man named Davis at Midway. He has a sister living in Brooklyn, New York, who has been wired to Constable Darragh in regard to the disposition of the remains.

Coroner Foster of Greenwood was summoned, but after looking into the case it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary. James had been warned by Dunlap that it was dangerous to move the car at that time, but he persisted with the above result.

(KILLED IN A WRECK.) ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 23.—In a wreck of the Chicago & Northwest passenger train near Athol today, Frederick A. Bopp, a banker of Hawk Eye, Iowa, was killed. Three other passengers were slightly injured.

(SEARCH FOR THE ALEXANDER.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—All three relief ships ordered to search for the missing collier Alexander have started on their mission. They will act in conjunction with the Lebanon in making the search, and by following a system of converging lines, it is expected they will soon discover the drifting ship.

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Initial Appropriation of \$8,000 or \$10,000 for Structure.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Rossland's drill hall will assuredly be built this spring. Plans are now being prepared at Ottawa for the public works department's architects for the premises and construction is assured. An initial appropriation of \$8000 to \$10,000 will be made for the public building, and it is likely that some extra appropriation will be provided in the supplementary estimates.

The drill hall will be built on the lots ceded to the militia department by the provincial government. These are the three northeast lots in block 51, behind the courthouse. The structure will be of wood on a stone foundation. It is proposed to use a portion of the basement for heating apparatus and sanitary arrangements, shooting gallery and store room. The main floor will include the parade ground and quarters for men and officers. In a general way the plans adopted for the drill halls at Nelson and Kaslo will be followed, with some interior alterations that are suggested by the officers of the other companies after having had experience of their own armories.

The expenditure among the artizans of Rossland of the substantial sum required to erect the building will materially stimulate the building trades, and assist in the general revival of business that is looked for locally. The erection of the armory will place the local militia on an entirely new basis. The Rangers will have snug quarters, with every facility for the safe storage of the valuable material and supplies for which they are held responsible by the government. Moreover the social aspect of the militia will be brought to the front under favorable auspices. With well furnished and equipped mess quarters and a comfortably heated drill hall that can be used for assemblies, gymnastics, or similar purposes, the militia will be popular, as the clubroom advantages for young men connected with the corps will be unexcelled. There will be no difficulty in keeping the company recruited up to strength, and in other particulars the efficiency of the Rossland company will be promoted.

(DELIGHTFUL FUNCTION.) (From Thursday's Daily.) Eminent success and enjoyable was the social function at Masonic hall last night under the auspices of the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star. The attendance was large, the hospitality of the Stars unbounded and the general sentiment prevailing that of thorough goodfellowship.

The function was one of a series that opened at the first of the season, and has been a source of keen pleasure to those favored with the society's invitations. Last night's entertainment only served to uphold the reputation, already firmly established, of the Ladies of the Eastern Star for whole-souled hospitality. Further at home will be looked forward to with most pleasant expectation.

Among those in attendance last night were: Mr. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conkey, Mr. John McSwain, Mr. John Rea, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mellor, Mr. Thos. Kettleson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bridgford, Mr. T. Fowler, Mrs. W. Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch, Mr. J. McIsaac, Mr. D. Grant, Mr. O. Long, Mr. James Anson, Mr. A. C. Dempsey, Mr. W. McKay, Mr. A. J. Aswood, Mr. Chas. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Embleson, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Arthur, Mr. J. Fowler, Mr. Stout, Mr. Martin Berry, Mrs. C. Berry, Mrs. Rich, Mr. J. W. Bulmer, Mr. G. W. Dell, Mr. A. W. Pratt, Miss Edna Lewis, Miss Mary Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. McIntosh, Mr. Tom Connors, Mr. and Mrs. Mayburg and daughter, Mr. Schuollemmer, Mr. Bonner, Mr. T. J. Puners, Mr. Chas. Smith of Spokane, Mr. Chas. Furlong, Mr. Isaac Jamus, Mr. T. H. Ingram of Grand Forks, B. C., Mr. and Mrs. D. Marsh, Miss Lottie Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Langlois, Mrs. A. C. Fry of Republic, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burnett and daughter, Mr. Val Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sharrm, Mr. Wolf, Mr. S. Pinkerton, Mr. Robert Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Curphey, Miss M. M. Seed, Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Miss Eva Hering, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hering, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McKay, Mr. W. M. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bun, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ohren, Miss Bertha Parker, Miss Maggie Keney, Miss Mary Millan, Mrs. Geo. McKeon, Mr. and Mrs. Schadt, Mrs. Emelick, Mrs. J. Fitzwilliams, Miss Nellie Dooley, Mr. Harry Richardson, Mrs. Pascoe, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knutson, Mr. Geo. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlop, Mr. T. P. Rogers, Miss Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Chas. McKenzie, Miss Maud Bristow, Mrs. K. Bristow, Miss Nellie Murphy, Miss McKay, Miss Thomas, Miss Urm, Mr. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Paulson, Mrs. Wm. Paulson, Prof. E. J. Paulson, Mr. H. Ewert.

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Appropriation of \$10,000 for Structure.

Thursday's Daily. Drill hall will assuredly spring. Plans are now being at Ottawa by the public architects for the construction is assured.

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BRIGHTER FOR LEAD

Prices on London Market Climbing Steadily.

American Trust Return to Kootenay Market Significant.

If the Federal government recognizes the just claims of the British Columbia lead producers in a reasonable manner the future is bright with promise for the lead camps of the Kootenays. Other factors in the situation are working round to a point where the silver-lead miners will be in a better position than they have occupied for the past two years and more.

In the first place, the price of lead on the world's market is steadily rising. It is now something over £12 in London, and at this figure Canadian lead producers receive, between \$1.70 and \$1.80 per hundred for the lead contents of their ores. At \$2 there is a fair margin for silver-lead producers in view of the somewhat high average of silver carried by the typical Kootenay galena. The outlook may be gauged from the statements by the management of the St. Eugene mine from time to time that they would operate their big Moyle property as soon as lead touched £13. At the present rate of increase, the world's market will be at £13 within a month.

Another important feature is the attitude toward British Columbia, of the American Smelting & Refining company, or the "Trust." The Trust has not bought Canadian ores for two years, but D. C. Johnson, of Butte, is credited with stating that the Trust now wants all the Kootenay ore it can procure. Mr. Johnson has been with the Everett smelter for several years, but has switched to the American Smelting & Refining company, according to the Nelson News and Sanlon "Yastreak." This action on the part of the American Trust is important to Canadian lead producers. It is an evidence that the American producers cannot fill the demand across the line, and that the Trust is turning to the Kootenays as the easiest and most practicable source of supply for raw lead ores. The Coeur d'Alene lead producers went to a tremendous amount of trouble to compel the Trust to remove the restrictions on production, but since the restriction was removed the output from Idaho has not materially increased, leaving the natural inference, that the mining companies are not in shape to produce

nearly as much as they believed their properties were capable of. Statistics show that last year's production of American lead was 23,000 tons less than the amount actually consumed and it is not surprising therefore that there is a demand for Canadian lead at this juncture. Moreover it is probable that if the Trust wants Canadian lead at all, it wants the product enough to pay \$2 per hundred net to the mines. The duty could then be paid and the ore laid down at Trust smelters on the same basis that is paid American producers.

THE PANAMA CANAL

A German View of the Effect of Its Construction.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—Prof. Ernst von Halle, of Berlin university, in discussing the Panama canal says Germany's interests will be better secured through the present solution than if the canal were built by France or by an international company. The professor remarked: "So far as Germany is concerned (which country, unlike France and England, has no political interests to protect in America, but only her trade interests on the west coast), it is only desired that the control of the canal be in strong hands and that these be not those that have long been making it their special task to bring all the world's commercial routes under their own control."

Prof. von Halle is glad to see the United States entering into competition with Great Britain in controlling such routes and thus restoring the equilibrium. He believes Mexico and Central America will fall irrevocably under the political dominance of the United States, through the canal, but doubts whether the canal will pay the interest on its capital.

CONSPIRACY ALLEGED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 21.—Arthur Elliott, a half-brother of Mrs. William H. Vermillion, and Maud Bronson, a 16 year old nurse, were arrested here today in connection with the arrest of William H. Vermillion, of Zanesville, Ohio, on the charge of attempting to kill his family by giving them poisoned candy. Mrs. Vermillion would have been arrested, but she is seriously ill. Vermillion makes the charge that there is a conspiracy between his wife and Elliott to get him out of the way. Another continuation of the trial of Vermillion was necessary today because of the illness of his wife. Both Elliott and Mrs. Vermillion declare their innocence of conspiracy.

DESERTING SAILORS DROWNED.

HONOLULU, Feb. 21.—Seven sailors deserted from the Victoria sailing schooner Geneva last night and attempted to row ashore in a small boat. Only four of them have since been heard from, and it is believed that the others were drowned.

THE HUMBERTS' CASE.

Verdict Against Banker Cattani in the Libel Suit.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The Humberts scored their first notable success today, when the ninth correctional chamber announced their acquittal in the libel suit brought against them by M. Cattani, the banker. The costs of the prosecution were assessed against M. Cattani. The court delivered a lengthy judgment, the main point of which was that the evidence failed to show bad faith on the part of the Humberts in charging M. Cattani with usury. The judgment specifically acquits Frederick Humbert, Mme. Humbert and Marie Daurignac, her sister, who were the chief persons accused.

ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT.

A Great Institute for Medical and Pathological Research.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Dr. M. Emmet Holt, secretary of the board of directors of the Rockefeller institute, made public tonight the detailed plans of the project so far as they have been determined. The plans embrace a scheme for an institution of medical and pathological research, which it is said will be with an equal in this country and unequal in any country in the world. The gifts of John D. Rockefeller to the institute thus far, aggregating \$1,220,000, are considered merely a beginning, and the understanding is that Mr. Rockefeller stands ready to finance the institution for any amount to carry out the work.

CONTROL OF RED SEA.

Great Britain Closely Watching Russian Operations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Russian reports that the British government is threatening to seize several Red sea ports are not confirmed from any official source here, says a dispatch from London to the Tribune. The king's speech revealed the existence of important negotiations with the Turkish government respecting frontiers in that quarter and there is evidence that the ministers have been seriously disturbed by Turkish intrigues, and neglect to fulfill obligations for the control of portions of the coast.

It is not clear whether Russian aggression or the meddlesome activity of Germany is dreaded, but it is certain that officials here have been more deeply interested in the Red sea question than in the revival of the Balkan agitation. Aden and its approaches are watched with jealous and anxious eyes, especially when Russian torpedo boats have been making experimental runs through the Dardanelles. A Russian coal-station on the way to India would be dangerously placed.

WHOLESALE THEFT.

Fifty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Silverware Taken by Negroes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Nearly 300 pieces of silverware of the estimated value of \$50,000, recently stolen from one or more prominent families of Philadelphia, were displayed at police headquarters here tonight, having been found by Captain Langan's detectives in the possession of two negroes, who are under arrest.

Capt. Langan received a dispatch from Chief Quirk of Philadelphia telling him to look out for some thieves who had stolen a large amount of silverware. An inventory of the stolen articles was forwarded to Capt. Langan. The articles recovered include about a hundred more pieces than were mentioned in this list. Langan's detectives saw a negro trying to pawn the silverware. They arrested him and a companion. In the negroes' room were found three dress suit cases filled with silverware. The negroes are being held for extradition.

AN AUSTRIAN SCANDAL.

Sensational Charges Made Against a Prince in the Reichsrath.

VIENNA, Feb. 21.—Sensational charges against Prince Phillip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who is an Austrian field marshal and husband of Princess Louise of Belgium, were made in the reichsrath during the debate on the army bill, by Herr Daszynski, the Polish leader. The latter denounced the prince as a criminal. Referring to the imprisonment of the former lieutenant of hussars, Matzelsch, who eloped with the Princess Louise of Coburg several years ago and who was sentenced to four years' imprisonment last December, for forgery, he asserted that while in prison Matzelsch drew up a formal accusation charging Prince Phillip with forcing the Princess Louise, who was confined in an asylum for the insane near Dresden some time after her elopement, to encourage the advances of the late Baron Hirsch and with having compelled her to ask the baron for money.

CHINESE CHEAP LABOR.

South African Companies Sending Out a Commissioner.

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 21.—The commissioner who has been appointed to proceed to China to investigate Chinese labor with the view of its employment in the mines here left yesterday for London. From there he will go to California to inquire into the methods of working the Chinese in that state.

BLANCHE WALSH'S MISHAP.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Miss Blanche Walsh had a narrow escape from serious injury tonight during the presentation of Tolstoy's "Resurrection." An overturned lamp in one of the scenes set fire to Miss Walsh's hair and she rushed from the stage. Thomas Eaworth, her leading man, caught her in the wings and extinguished the flames before the actress had been seriously burned. As it was she lost part of her hair.

CAUSED BY JEALOUSY.

A Blind Miner Kills His Benefactress and Himself.

WALLACE, Idaho, Feb. 21.—Crazed by jealousy, John Bjerken, a blind miner, shot Mrs. White who had been visiting him and then killed himself here today. He put two bullets through her breast, and she cannot live. He had been injured in one of the Coeur d'Alene mines, and his sight was ruined. The woman had been caring for him since then.

CANADIAN DELEGATES.

Arrival of the Advance Guard of the Farmers' Deputation.

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—The Star's London cable says: An invasion of England began this morning, when eight Canadian farmers, the vanguard of fifty, who will arrive to preach the gospel of Canadian settlement, landed in Liverpool late last night. Two reached London this morning to work in the south of England. One is a huge bearded giant who at once impressed Englishmen as the type of the farmer, the other is a dapper little gentleman, who illustrates the possibility of Canadian farming even for suburban Londoners. The delegates have already begun telling the world how originally they left England with out a penny and are now in comfortable circumstances. "Twenty years ago," said the bearded giant, "I landed in Canada with all my belongings wrapped up in a red pocket handkerchief. Last year my wheat crop alone brought me over ten thousand dollars."

The delegates point out that not farmers alone are required but all who are willing to work on land will find Canada a source of fortune in the end. This delegation is bound to greatly assist the movement of British emigrants to Canada.

Recent circumstances accentuate the conviction that the Canadian Pacific railway offer alone among those before the government at Ottawa, holds out a prospect for the fast Atlantic service necessary. The high quality of this offer is admitted here even among those with no possible Canadian Pacific leanings. As regards the freight service the position is still as described in my cable of February 13th. The Beaver line steamers are being surveyed as soon as they return to British ports, with a view of ascertaining their market value, beyond which the Canadian Pacific will in no case go. Quite as likely as not the surveys will end in no purchase in view of which fact the Canadian Pacific are looking elsewhere.

Charles D. Rose, member for Newmarket, one of the Canadians in the imperial house, has signaled his advent in parliament by insisting on Canada's claim for the fullest representation on the Alaskan boundary tribunal. He gives notice that he will ask Austin Chamberlain on Monday whether in the selection of the members of the Alaskan tribunal care will be taken that the names of gentlemen appointed by the government will be submitted to the approval of the Dominion government.

DENTIST AND PRINCESS.

DRESDEN, Saxony, Feb. 21.—The report published in the United States by a news agency that the wife of an American dentist is seeking a divorce on account of the relations of her husband with the former crown princess Louise of Saxony appears to be a revivification of the gossip at the time of the princess' elopement, and so far as the divorce is concerned seems wholly unbased on facts. A dentist here did teach the princess to ride a bicycle and charged time for so doing at the same time as he charged for his professional services. The dentist once made the remark that he would just as soon wheel with the crown princess as work on her teeth.

THE MADIANA WRECK.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 21.—The decision of the court which has been inquiring into the loss of the Quebec Steamship Co.'s steamer Madiana, which, having about a hundred tourists aboard, ran on a reef off this island Feb. 10th, censures the captain's "indiscretion" in approaching the coast when the light had not been seen, in failing to become acquainted with the prevailing conditions, in the omission to make a periodic adjustment of his compass, and in the non-production of the steamer's log book. The court admits that the Gibbs Hill light was defective, and disapproves of the employment of a crew "unable to speak English."

THEY MAY STARVE.

People on Snowbound Trains in Newfoundland Not Heard From.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 21.—Nothing definite was heard today from the relief parties that are proceeding to the aid of the snowbound trains, as they are beyond reach by telegraph. Nothing can be heard from them until the lines have been repaired. The blizzard still rages. The relief service, except in the vicinity of St. John's, has been abandoned. The storm in the interior of the colony is accompanied by cold registering 14 degrees below zero. This will delay greatly the work of relief, because on the plateau, where the trains are stalled, there is no shelter and the men in the relief parties cannot make much headway.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Movement to Form an Association Started at Grand Forks.

GRAND FORKS, Feb. 21.—A movement for the organization of a provincial licensed victuallers' association has been started here. A call has been issued for a convention to be held at Victoria about the middle of May. A. Von Rhein of Victoria and C. C. Tilley of Grand Forks are acting as provisional president and provisional secretary respectively.

MACEDONIAN TROUBLE.

The Porte Preparing to Send Troops to Salonika.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—The Smyrna-Kassaba Railroad company has been instructed to prepare for the transportation of 25,000 Redif to reinforce the third army corps at Salonika.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A despatch to the Central News from Rome says the Pope has sent letters to the clergy in Macedonia and Albania instructing them to join all Catholics to abstain from political agitations.

HONORED IN ROME.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A despatch to the Central News from Rome says the municipality has bestowed the freedom of the city on Signor Marconi.

NINE BURNED IN HOTEL

Many People Caught in a Fire Trap in Cedar Rapids.

Guests Forced to Jump From Second and Third Stories.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Feb. 20.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Clifton hotel, burned to death nine of the guests, and caused injuries to 42 persons who were scorched or forced to jump to the frozen street from second and third story windows. It is now believed that five more bodies remain in the ruins of the hotel. Forty men have been working in the rubbish all day, and will continue to dig for the remains of the buried persons all night. The loss is \$66,000.

The fire originated in the basement, presumably from an electric wire, and spread rapidly through the lower floors. Escape from the lower doors and windows was cut off entirely before the guests could be aroused. In a few moments persons could be seen at every window, clad only in their night robes, calling wildly for help. The facilities of the fire department were meagre, and each moment's delay increased the panic that already prevailed.

One after another the guests hurried themselves from the windows. The limbs of many were broken and the sidewalks were soon packed with a mass of helpless beings. Those who jumped from the third story windows had little hope of surviving, but few hesitated as the flames came nearer and nearer. The fire department turned its efforts to preventing the spread of the flames. Several times the Clifton hotel caught fire, but it was saved.

BIG DEAL RUMORED.

Lead Trust Said to be After Coeur d'Alene Properties.

SPOKANE, Feb. 20.—A \$26,000,000 mining deal is pending in the Coeur d'Alene silver-lead mining camps of northern Idaho. The contemplating purchaser is the American Smelting & Refining Company (the lead trust). The negotiations involve every great producing mine in the Coeur d'Alene, with the single exception of the Hercules, and the possible exception of the properties of the Empire State-Idaho (Charles Sweeney's company). Trusted agents of the lead trust are quietly investigating the properties under option. The deal is being promoted by D. M. Hyman of Denver, president of the Frisco company.

If the deal should go through it will be the biggest mining transaction in the history of the northwest. It will comprise the Hecla and the Standard, now controlled by Finch and Campbell; the Morning group and other properties owned by Larson and Greenough; the Frisco, controlled by Mr. Hyman; the Crown Point, the Bunker Hill & Sullivan, probably all of the mines of the Empire State-Idaho, and other less noted properties. The combined annual output of these mines is from \$5,000,000 to \$12,000,000. They employ about 2000 men and produce nearly 40 per cent of the lead output of the United States.

CROSS BABIES.

How to Make Them Bright, Good Natured and Well.

A crying baby is an unwell baby. The little chap is not cross for the fun of it. He cries because that is the only way he has of expressing the fact that he is either in pain or discomfort. Most of his little troubles are due to some disorder of the stomach or bowels and if Baby's Own Tablets are given both the trouble and resulting crossness will disappear. You can take a mother's word for it, and Mrs. John T. Sutherland, of Blissfield, N. E., says: "I think Baby's Own Tablets the best medicine in the world for little ones. My baby was very cross and used to keep me awake half the night before I got the Tablets. Now she sleeps soundly, is good natured and is growing splendidly." You can give these Tablets with perfect safety to a new born babe. They are guaranteed to contain no opiate or poisonous sleepy stuff, and are a sure cure for all the minor ailments from which little ones suffer. Sold by medicine dealers or sent post paid at 25 cents a box by writing direct to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

INDOOR TENNIS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The play today in the tennis tournament for the indoor championship of the United States advanced to the really interesting stage, and as a result of the day's games nothing remains but to determine the champions on Monday.

Calhoun Cragin is the prominent man in the tournament, for by today's result he is left in the doubles and singles finals. He defeated Shepherd Homans in the semi-final round of the singles in the most interesting game of the afternoon. Wylie C. Grant beat W. B. Cragin, Jr. The match in the doubles of E. W. Leonard and W. J. Clothier was defeated to W. C. Grant and Robert LeRoy.

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Advertisement for Steele, Briggs Seed Co., Limited. Features an illustration of a hand holding a seed and the text 'Cut this out'. The ad promotes 'Flower Garden Free' and 'Envelope Worth 25 Cents'. It lists numerous names of people who have received seeds and provides contact information for the company in Winnipeg, Man.

WAS AWARDED DAMAGES

Charles J. Hastings Succeeded in His Damage Suit Yesterday.

Le Roi No. 2, Mining Co. Adjudged Guilty of Negligence.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Charles J. Hastings was awarded \$3000 damages against the Le Roi No. 2 mining company yesterday by the supreme court now in session here. The jury deliberated over an hour as to the question of damages. Counsel for the defendant company moved for the dismissal of the action on the ground that common liability law exempted the company from responsibility, but the objection was over-ruled.

On June 11th last Hastings was at work in the mine from the 700 foot level of the Josie mine, when the bucket used in hoisting muck became detached and fell. The bucket struck Hastings, broke his thigh, and caused him other injuries, the effect of which was to confine him to bed for a considerable period, and, it was claimed, to incapacitate him permanently from plying his avocation as a miner.

Action was brought to recover from the Le Roi No. 2 company damages under the Employers' Liability Act to the extent of \$2000 or the equivalent of two years' wages, and under common liability procedure for \$10,000 damages. The plaintiff alleged that the hook used to attach the bucket to the cable from the winding machinery was defective, that the company was negligent in permitting this defect, and that the company's officials did not use proper precautions inasmuch as this was allowed to exist.

The evidence taken before His Lordship Mr. Justice Irving, and the jury empanelled in the case, hinged largely about the question of the efficiency or otherwise of the hook employed. The article itself was on exhibition. It had a broken spring, but the defence contended that the spring was not broken at the time of the accident. Witnesses for the plaintiff swore that the spring was broken and that it had been repaired with wire. There was a direct contradiction of evidence in this respect, and some witnesses were disposed to believe that others had not told the truth.

After the case went to the jury, the matter of Gunn vs. Le Roi was taken up. At 4:30 o'clock the jury returned with their verdict, awarding Hastings \$2400 damages. The jury added they desired it understood that their award did not mean they believed perjury had been committed by any of the witnesses for the defendant company. The members of the jury were satisfied, however, that negligence took place. His Lordship remarked that the clause exculpating witnesses from any intention to misstate facts was a very kindly act on the part of the jury.

MacNeill & Deacon appeared for the plaintiff, A. H. MacNeill, K. C., acting as senior counsel. The defendant company was represented by J. Stilwell Clute and Charles R. Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton appearing as senior counsel.

Before the jury was dismissed Mr. Hamilton formally presented his application to the court for judgment for the defendant company on the ground of the common liability procedure. Judge Irving stated that he was satisfied with the verdict, and would enter up judgment for the plaintiff, making a note of Mr. Hamilton's application.

GUNN VS. LE ROI. The action by Donald Gunn vs. Le Roi Mining company was taken up, the same counsel appearing in the matter. Gunn was buried in the cave at the Le Roi on July 27th last when Louis A. Dunkle met death. The first witness for the plaintiff was Gunn himself. He walked with a cane and was allowed to sit during his examination. Under the questioning of counsel for the plaintiff, Gunn related the accident and told of his experiences in hospital since. The action will probably take up most of the court's attention today.

THE CALL OF DUTY. President Buchanan Says Associated Boards Must Meet as Arranged.

Contrary to expectation, the annual convention of the associated boards of trade will be held at Fernie on the date originally intended—March 18th. President Buchanan, of Kaslo, has made this announcement and quotes his reason for arriving at this conclusion.

Mr. Buchanan says: "The question comes up as to whether we should now postpone our meeting for three weeks on account of the postponement of the date of the meeting of the legislature. My present intention is to proceed as at present announced. I have a request from Greenwood, or at least a suggestion, that I should hurry up the meeting in view of the coal mines strike, and while I do not see that we could bring it on earlier than the time now fixed, a further adjournment would seem like a shirking of a call to a mission of possible service to the country."

Secretary Jackson, of Rossland, will send out special notices at once to all affiliated boards stating that notwithstanding the announced postponement of the meeting of the legislature, it is deemed advisable in view of the meeting of the Dominion parliament, and in view of the deplorable strike in the coal mines, to adhere to the date fixed, viz., Wednesday, March 18th. This will obviate any misunderstanding in regard to the matter.

S. F. Parrish returned on Saturday from a trip to the Boundary and Spokane.

THE TIMBER BOOM OF THE KOOTENAYS

The Kootenays are on the eve of another big boom. This time it is not the mineral wealth but the timber lands. Timber will be king for months to come, and millions of dollars will be invested this year in the purchase of huge areas of forest land and the erection of sawmills in every direction.

During the last twelve months mile after mile of timber land has been quietly staked by men who have had the foresight to get in ahead of the boom. There is scarcely a district in Southern British Columbia that is not being cruised out by experienced lumbermen who have unlimited capital behind them. Along the Columbia river above and below Revelstoke billions of feet of fir, cedar, pine, spruce and hemlock have been secured under government leases. The magnificent forests along the Lower Arrow Lakes have also been explored, and the best timber tracts have been corralled. Around the shores of Kootenay lake, in the upper Kootenay Valley north and south of Fort Steele, in the Fish River, Trout Lake and Kettle Valley Districts the same activity is noticeable among lumbermen. The local papers and the B. C. Gazette are filled with notices of applications for Kootenay timber licenses.

There are several reasons for this sudden demand for merchantable lumber in the Kootenays. To the east, in Alberta and the adjoining Northwest Territories, the recent flood of immigration has opened a market for Kootenay lumber that is growing ten times as fast as

the capacity of the local sawmills. The treeless prairies of the Northwest are the natural market for Kootenay lumber, and Kootenay in this respect occupies a decidedly unique position. With the exception of the forests in this section, there is no timber available for the Northwest nearer than the Pacific coast. The prairies cannot afford to buy western lumber, and there is none to be had from the bordering territory south of the international boundary in Montana and the Dakotas. The coast lumber mills are from three to seven times farther from the Territories than are those of the Kootenays, and considering also the heavy haul over the steep grades of the main line of the C. P. R., they can never compete on anything like an equal footing with this district in the Northwest lumber trade. In this connection it is worth remembering that there are a hundred acres of agricultural land in the Territories to one acre of good timber land in the Kootenays, so it will be readily seen that there is not the slightest probability that the supply of lumber from this district will ever come up to the full requirements of the customers east of the Rockies. Especially is this so when it is patent that the development of the Northwest is now assured by the land boom there that is now attracting, and will continue to attract, tens of thousands of new settlers.

The second reason for this great boom in Kootenay timber is the fact that the Okanagan district, a comparatively treeless country lying immediately to the west of the Kootenays, is being filled up with prosperous settlers who are rapidly developing the agricultural resources of that rich district. Like the territories, the Okanagan is nearer to Kootenay than Pacific coast sawmills, and is another natural market for Kootenay lumber.

The third natural outlet for the products of our forests is the northeastern portion of the state of Washington. From the international boundary to as far south as Spokane and the great Puget sound country, and from the Idaho border to the foothills of the Cascades, including the Big Bend territory along the Columbia river, is a huge territory that will soon have to look to the Kootenays for its lumber. This market has not been developed because Kootenay sawmills have been too busily engaged supplying local and Alberta demands, but it is certain to eventually result in a volume of trade as great as may ever be expected from any other point.

Then there is always the local market which is constantly growing, and is of sufficient importance to rank well with the outside trade. Fortunes will be made in Kootenay timber. There are millions in it. The Kootenay are enormous in their extent and contain a fine quality of timber as could be desired. Most of the best timber areas have already been secured, but there are still a few tracts of excellent quality to be obtained from the crown. When all these limits have been acquired the price of timber on the stump will jump several dollars a thousand feet. Then when big fortunes will be realized. Meanwhile the price is gradually climbing upward.

ASTOUNDING EXPOSE

THE POLICY OF THE C. P. R. IN EAST KOOTENAY. AN ATTEMPT TO BE MADE TO GRAB THE RICH COAL LANDS.

The following is from the last issue of the Fort Steele Prospector:

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has commenced suit in the supreme court, Vancouver registry, claiming title to 240,000 acres of land in the Elk river valley, asking for damages for trespass, and an injunction restraining so called trespassers, from further trespassing, and from applying to the crown for title to said land.

The claim to the land by the Canadian Pacific Railway company is based upon the Provincial land grant by the government in aid of the Columbia & Western railway.

The announcement of the C. P. R. claiming title to 240,000 acres on the west side of Elk river, is a statement in which the whole of British Columbia is interested, for it will delay the opening up and development of a part of Southeast Kootenay which has been proved to possess quartz mines of exceptional richness, considerable areas of coal lands, and vast areas of choice timber lands.

The land grant of the Columbia & Western railways reads as follows: "It shall be lawful for the lieutenant-governor-in-council to grant to said railway company lands in the district of Kootenay and Yale not exceeding 10,240 acres for each mile of narrow gauge railway to be constructed by said company, upon condition of their constructing the said Columbia & Western railway within the time and according to the terms of this act of incorporation."

"A tract of land extending 16 miles on each side of the line of the section or sections as aforesaid of the proposed railway, and also such further area contiguous to the railway as the lieutenant-governor-in-council may direct, in order to make up a sufficient quantity under this act."

Anybody who knows anything about Southeast Kootenay and its land grants to railway companies are emphatic in condemning this attempt of the C. P. R. to obtain still further concessions in this district.

The land in question was supposed to have been under reserve for railway purposes, but this was found to have been a mistake and the government during the past year has allowed pre-emptors to take up land, issued coal licenses, and permits and leases for timber limits. The town of Morrissee, many ranches and homesteads, sawmills, timber limits and coal lands are within the confines of the tract claimed by the C. P. R.

The history of railway building in the Crown's Nest Pass does not show that managers of the C. P. R. have made it a point to treat fairly with the people of this district. The total acreage of Southeast Kootenay is about 4,000,000 acres. Of this amount the C. P. R. has succeeded in getting actual possession of 3,400,000 acres, under land grants for railway construction in West Kootenay and the Crown's Nest line.

It is understood that the Canadian Pacific does not intend to be satisfied with its present holdings in this district, but will endeavor to force the government to make them a present of the land now held in reserve in the extreme southeastern portion of the district, which contains unlimited resources in coal, oil and minerals, besides vast forests of the choicest timber in the province.

There is no doubt but that the C. P. R. company has resumed its crusade in favor of its plan to absorb not only the 50,000 acres of coal land owned by the Dominion government, but with patriotic feelings think that the coal areas of Southeast Kootenay, as an asset, should belong to the C. P. R. It affects to be fearful that the smelting and mining interests of the Kootenays will in some way be affected—unless the entire coal fields of Southeast Kootenay are given to them.

British Columbia suffers from the "hold-up" "stand and deliver" policy of the C. P. R. If men who constitute the government at Ottawa, by a railway commission, would put in force that special clause in the Crown's Nest charter, "government control of freight rates," it would go a long way towards bettering the existing conditions of the mining and smelting industry of the province.

TRAIL WAS CAPTURED

ROSSLAND AMATEUR PERFORMERS MADE A HIT IN SMELT-ER CITY.

STRONG DELEGATION OF ROSSLANDERS ACCOMPANIED THE AMATEURS.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A jolly crowd of Rosslanders spent last evening in Trail. It was the occasion of the presentation to the Smelter City citizens of "Jane," the successful farce-comedy produced by the Dramatic club of the Golden City. The performance was repeated at Trail by request, and the Rossland visitors were promised a hearty reception and a pleasant visit. Both undertakings were fulfilled to the letter.

The entertainment was splendidly patronized, a crowded and appreciative house greeting the Rossland amateurs. Throughout the evening the efforts of the performers were received with marked applause; nor was this unmerited, for the play went with a swing and smoothness that could not fail to delight. The social function following the play was pleasant. At an early hour this morning a third but cheerful crowd returned to the city on the special train arranged for.

Among those in attendance from the city were the following: Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. John Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corson, Mr. and Mrs. Briggsford, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Grigor, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Burritt and Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Fortin; Mrs. Charles Jackson, Mrs. R. W. Bennett, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Al. Hanson, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Ross Thompson and Mrs. Robert Adams; Misses Helen Bennett, Ida Marshall, L. Harris, F. D. Urquhart, Falding, Kinnear, E. Shrapnel, M. Billings, W. Crowley, May Harris, Charlotte Peterson and J. Phillips. Messrs. F. B. Holstead, F. C. Hindsdale, W. W. Hageman, Gibbs, C. H. Walker, W. H. G. Phipps, Stanley M. Johnson, C. S. Wallis, A. W. Strickland, John C. Wilson, Jackson Rigby, T. A. Gray, W. J. Nelson, A. C. McCrath, Cranus P. Graham, T. M. Graham, W. Elley, William Veran, J. S. C. Fraser, John H. Mackenzie, Harold M. Ellis, Ward, J. H. Watson, Roscoe R. Leslie, Joseph Wright, H. H. Smith, Frederick Schofield, Edwin Durant, W. H. Burken, Eugene Croteau and C. World.

The foregoing list is incomplete, a number of people joining the excursion at the upper and lower depots.

EXCITED ITALIAN DEPUTIES.

ROME, Feb. 24.—Several duels between deputies are reported as the result of a disorderly scene in the chamber today. A heated debate followed an interpellation by Signor Montignareri upon the alleged oppression of Italian subjects in Austria. The Republicans and the Conservatives indulged in violent recriminations, and the sitting had to be suspended.

EGOZCUS ACQUITTED.

SAN JUA, Feb. 24.—The jury in the trial of former Mayor Egozcus on the charge of destroying the records of the city water receipts, which it is alleged constituted the only evidence of extensive speculations and embezzlement, brought in a verdict of acquittal today.

CITY NEWS

HIS BROTHER ALSO.—A brother of the late Archie Love was one of the victims of the Fernie catastrophe last summer.

FOR THE CROWN.—J. Stilwell Clute has been advised by the attorney-general that he is retained by the crown in the case of Rex vs. Simpson. The date of the hearing has not been fixed by Judge Forin as yet.

AT GRAND FORKS.—Grand Forks has formed a branch of the Provincial Mining Association and appointed seven delegates to go to the Victoria convention. Phoenix organized last evening.

NARROW ESCAPE.—J. Hatfield, employed at the Le Roi mine, fell into an ore chute and dropped three floors on Sunday. He escaped with slight injuries and a severe shaking up.

PROMOTED.—J. Burt Morgan has been appointed general agent for the Kootenays of the Mutual Life Assurance company of New York, an important and remunerative post. Mr. Morgan leaves tomorrow on a business trip to the Boundary.

UNSEATED.—Ald. Morrison of Nelson has been unseated by Mr. Justice Irving on the ground of want of property qualification. This was the result of a suit brought by John Patterson.

NOT YET NAMED.—The new rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart has not been named as yet. Rev. Father Coccola, of the St. Eugene mission, has been locum tenens since Father Welch's departure, and will continue in that capacity pending the appointment of a permanent pastor. On Sunday evening Father Coccola left for East Kootenay, on the understanding that he will probably return toward the end of the week. An announcement as to the new priest for the Golden City parish is expected almost daily.

LACROSSE.—The outlook for the establishment of a lacrosse team in Rossland this spring is said to be bright. Several of the enthusiasts who essayed the task of organizing a club last fall have avowed their intention of reviving the project, and state that their chances of success are much brighter because of the fact that there are more lacrosse players in the city this year than last, various members of the hockey club being counted upon as recruits. No active steps have been taken as yet, but it is probable that organization will be completed and the team ready for practice in April.

FOR POSTOFFICE.—The department of public works has let the contract for the furniture required in the new postoffice buildings. The goods will be supplied by James Jordan, of Rossland, and Noble Binnis, of Trail. The aggregate cost of the desks and other fittings is from \$1,000 to \$2,000. R. W. Grigor, supervising architect, states that the large fittings are now being manufactured in the east, and that he believes that it is the department's intention to push the work ahead as rapidly as possible. "The postoffice should be open for general service by April 1st, I should think," said Mr. Grigor in commenting on the matter.

MOUNTAINEERS.—On Sunday a party consisting of Messrs. McQuarris and Paulson, Messrs. McAlpine, Taylor and Hook, Messrs. Taylor, Carpenter, Devine, Plewman and Lewis, made the ascent of Mount Roberts on snowshoes. Four of the number having ascended the previous Sunday, the trail made in splendid condition and rendered the trip less arduous for those unused to climbing on snowshoes. Photos were taken showing the party on the climb, grouped around the camp fire and at the base of the historic flagstaff on top, besides some landscapes. The weather was fine and warm and the scenic views grand. All had a most enjoyable outing, although it is asserted that certain of the climbers had "consumption" quite seriously.

WHERE'S THE CUP?—Joe Lawler won the ski running race this year and is entitled to hold the \$300 trophy emblematic of the championship of the province. When Lawler applied to the carnival committee for the trophy, it eventuated that the committee was not in a position to deliver the goods. Last year the cup went to S. A. Hartman, and it was handed over to him without bonds. Mr. Hartman has since left the city, and the committee was not disposed as to what disposition to make of the valuable trophy. Now efforts are being made to locate Mr. Hartman and to learn from him where the trophy is, in order that it can be secured and delivered to the winner of 1903. In event of the committee failing to recover the missing cup, The Miner Printing & Publishing company hereby makes this offer that it will furnish the bullion required to make a replica of the trophy.

WOUND UP.—The litigation involving the Nelson and Derby claims in this city has been concluded at last in Nelson, where the supreme court is now in session. It will be remembered that in the fall of 1900 the two claims were bought by a French corporation represented by G. Lucien Weyl. R. Thurston assisted in putting through the deal and was to receive \$3,000 commission on the \$35,000 purchase price. A company was subsequently incorporated to deal with the claims under the name of the Rossland Proprietary company, and Thurston put \$2,000 into the concern and subscribed for 1000 five dollar shares. He then brought suit for an undivided one-seventh interest in the property, and defendant claimed that the block of stock in question was to be issued to the plaintiff in full settlement of his claims. The supreme court held with the defendant and dismissed the action, which has been pending for a couple of years.

YUKON RATES CUT.—VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 24.—The prospect of being able to travel from Vancouver to Dawson City for less than \$100, meals and all other accom-

ABOUT SULLIVAN.—Cranbrook shareholders in the Sullivan mine are endeavoring to arrange a meeting of stockholders in East Kootenay with a view to arriving at a conclusion with respect to the company's affairs, and for taking united action to assert their claims.

ADJOURNED.—The call for the associated boards of trade convention at Fernie next month has not been amended as yet, but this is certain to be done, as the assembling of the legislature is postponed, and the constitution of the associated boards calls for the annual convention a week after the meeting of the House.

NO FOOTBALL.—The men who played football here last season have not seriously taken up the question of organizing a team for the approaching season, but it is probable that they will abandon the idea of introducing football in the Golden City. There are various obstacles, principal among these being the lack of proper grounds.

SPECIAL SLEEPER.—The local Canadian Pacific officials are arranging for a special sleeping car to meet the Arrow Lakes steamer carrying the Rossland delegation to the Victoria convention. The arrangement will be completed if the entire deputation travel together, and indicate their intentions to the local commercial agent of the railroad.

IN LONDON YET.—Frank A. Hewer, of the Spitzee company, is still in London. He is expected to leave about the middle of March for Rossland, and the company's plans for the Spitzee mine are to commence work along the comprehensive lines already sketched as early in April as weather conditions permit. The company's affairs are all in shape for the commencement of building and the installation of machinery.

TO NEXT SEASON.—The toboggans imported by the Mid-winter carnival committee are temporarily stored in the board of trade rooms. It had been the intention to permit the toboggans to be used continuously, but as the slide has been cut up and injured to some extent by the thaw, it is probable they will be cached away until next season. The committee has other useful assets in the shape of torches, advertising material, etc., that will be handy next year.

FURNITURE ORDERED.—James Jordan has already placed the order for the furniture required to fill the contract made with the federal government by himself and Noble Binnis, of Trail, in connection with the new postoffice. The order embraces filing cabinets, top desks, office chairs, bookcases, counters, mats, linoleum, etc. Quarters oak will be used throughout, and all the furnishings will be en suite. The government will expend some \$2000 in furniture, and Mr. Jordan expects to complete delivery here by April 1st.

\$1000 WANTED.—Messrs. Blue & Deschamps have presented the city council with a bill for \$1,000 for the right of way across their lands of the city flume constructed last summer to bring the waters of Rock creek to the Stony creek dam. The right of way is a mile and a half long and sixty feet in width. The city fathers have shied at the size of the account, and the matter has been placed in the hands of the finance committee for consideration.

KNOWN HERE.—J. P. Vance, the Canadian Pacific engineer who met death in a Manitoba blizzard recently, was well known in Rossland. When stationed at Nelson under Fred P. Gattelus, district engineer, the late Mr. Vance was in Rossland more or less frequently and did considerable work in connection with the spurs from the main line to various mines. He is described as one of the most energetic and fearless engineers in the Canadian Pacific service.

FRATERNAL VISIT.—The members of Corinthian lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be the guests of their brethren at Trail on Friday evening, and the occasion will be somewhat of a red letter event. Degrees are to be conferred and several grand lodge officers are expected to make official visits to the Trail lodge on the night of the Rossland Masons' visit. The fraternal sojourners will leave here on the regular train and return by special train after the proceedings at Trail are concluded.

WILL BANQUET.—On Saturday evening the members of No. 1 company, Rocky Mountain Rangers, and the friends of Lieutenant Gordon Logan will tender him a banquet at the Hotel Allan. The function promises to be of a pleasing nature. Mr. Logan has been an enthusiastic member of the militia here and has done much to forward its interests, particularly in connection with the Military Rifle association and the bugle band. He is about to depart for Toronto to rejoin the clerical staff of the Canadian Electric company.

FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—The ladies of the church of the Sacred Heart are planning and arranging the cast for the play to be given on St. Patrick's day in the interests of their church. The entertainment will be under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Fitz-Patrick, a lady who has done much toward encouraging local dramatic talent in this city. Since coming here Mrs. Fitz-Patrick has established an enviable reputation by her able management of amateur theatricals. In taking hold of this year's St. Patrick's day entertainment Mrs. Fitz-Patrick and the ladies of the Catholic church have decided to produce "Sweet Lavender." The play is one that abounds in humor and pathos and has an interesting plot running throughout. An excellent cast has been made for the respective parts, rehearsals have begun and from the present outlook an excellent performance may be looked forward to.

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