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EXPORT DUTY ON ORE

The Adams Resolution Defeated by the Government's Opposition.

KELLIE NOT A CANDIDATE

He Has Not Asked for Fitzstubb's Office—Ten Per Cent Clause in Company's Act May Be Dropped—Division of Offices.

VICTORIA, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Very soon after the session opened this afternoon Dr. Walkem, of Nanaimo, asked if he could propound an inquiry to the member from Kootenay. Permission being granted, he asked Mr. Kellie if it were true, as reported in a special dispatch from Victoria to the *Rossland Miner*, that he, Kellie, was an applicant for the position of gold commissioner? This brought Mr. Kellie to his feet, who began to talk wildly about the great amount of telegraphing being done from Victoria to Rossland. The speaker compelled him to get the paper and read from it the matter which offended him. It turned out to be a simple report of a rumor which I heard, that Mr. Kellie was an applicant for the position. The report was given just as I heard it. I am here to give the news and if now, and then I say something not pleasing to Mr. Kellie he will probably have to put up with it, though I have no desire to be discourteous to him. Premier Turner made a jocular speech in which he said Mr. Kellie had not applied for the position and here the matter ended.

The Adams Resolution.

The resolution of Mr. Adams, of Cariboo, concerning the duty on ores, came up early in the afternoon and precipitated a warm debate. The petition is worded as follows:

Whereas, there are large quantities of ore sent out of the province for the purpose of being smelted and reduced; and whereas, the reduction of such ores in the province would give employment to a large number of workmen, and would help business generally; therefore, be it resolved that a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to press upon the Dominion Government the desirability of placing an export duty on all ores going out of this country, such export duty to take effect one year from the date of the resolution.

Government Opposed It.

Mr. Adams made a plain, straightforward speech in which he took strong ground in favor of cutting loose from American smelters. He was followed by Captain John Irving, who earnestly supported the resolution. Colonel Baker, the minister of mines, opposed it. He said it would never do to place a tax on low grade ores. Such ores must be the cheapest market possible in order to be mined successfully. He contended that the mining industry in the province is not yet strong enough to cut loose from American smelters. As soon as Colonel Baker had spoken it was evident the resolution would be opposed by the government and would therefore fall. Foster of Westminster, McPherson of Vancouver, Sworn, Semlin and the premier all spoke in a similar strain though expressing sympathy with the purpose of the resolution. The thought it would be better to wait until Congress in the United States see what is done by the on ores. Adams was finally prevailed on to withdraw the resolution for the present.

This subject has been very earnestly discussed by members and other private conversation possible in the introduction of the resolution by Mr. Adams. The general conclusion reached was that the time has not yet arrived for the action indicated.

Companies Act Amendments.

Much attention is being given to the amendments to the companies act introduced by the attorney-general on Monday. There is very general opposition to the 10 per cent clause. When speaking on about the matter the attorney-general indicated this provision would not be adhered to as there was general expression against it.

Rossland and Nelson Affairs.

The bills for the incorporation of Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks have been completed by the attorney general, and were sent to the printer today. They will, no doubt, be introduced tomorrow.

It was practically settled this afternoon that Rossland is to have a supreme court registry office, and Nelson a land registry office. A. H. McNeill of Rossland and John Elliott of Nelson met the members of the government and went over the subject very fully. It had been agreed beforehand that the division of offices between the two places should be made as here stated. Mr. McNeill having been on the committee at Rossland and obtained their consent to such an arrangement.

Sir Charles Ross, bart., changed his plans and came direct to Victoria, arriving this evening.

THE WHITEWATER MINE.

Its Wine Sunk 125 Feet in Fay Ore—Strike in the Tunnel.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special]—J. C. Eaton came down from Sloca last evening on his way to the coast. Mr. Eaton says that work on the Whitewater mine is progressing right along and that the property never looked better. A winze has just been run from the upper tunnel to a depth of 125 feet, through pay ore the entire distance and ending in a fine ledge of one five feet in width. A lower

tunnel is now being extended to connect with the foot of the winze.

Mr. Eaton is in receipt of a telegram from the mine this morning informing him that within a distance of 80 feet from the winze the ore body through which the tunnel was being run had widened to 27 inches, with every indication that it will strike the main ledge at the base of the winze.

The Whitewater last year paid all the expenses of development and the building of a wagon road to it, besides paying total dividends of \$38,000.

NELSON NEWS NOTES.

Some Nelson Citizens Want the Incorporation Bill Amended.

NELSON, Feb. 16.—[Special]—Mr. Shaw, of her majesty's customs, who was at one time in Rossland, was married this morning to Miss M. Robinson, the youngest daughter of W. Robinson, deputy-sheriff of the county of Kootenay. The happy couple left by the morning train for Spokane.

An important meeting of property owners was held last night to protest against a proposed clause in the incorporation bill, by which the franchise is to be extended to all British male subjects who may have resided in the town for three months, irrespective of the question whether they hold property or not. A telegram to the attorney-general was drafted embodying the foregoing and begging the government to take no further proceedings until two delegates appointed by this meeting have had time to reach Victoria and make their views known.

H. E. Crossdale, general manager of the Hall Mines limited, and J. Roderick Robertson, general manager of the London & British Columbia Gold Fields limited, were appointed delegates. Mr. Robertson left for Victoria this morning and Mr. Crossdale will leave in a day or two. The meeting which appointed Messrs. Houston, Elliot and Kellyes (now in Victoria) was no means representative of property holders.

Paddy Miles, the constable, seems to be in further trouble. He appears to have great difficulty in keeping the whiskey bottle from the object of his affections. Last night, in the Stanley house, he accused a man named Ingraham of carrying spirits surreptitiously to the hotel. The accusation resulted, quite naturally, in a stand up fight—at least Ingraham did the standing up, while Miles was chiefly occupied in picking himself out of odd corners of the room into which he was knocked by his opponent. This morning callers are informed that "Mr. Miles has gone up to the mine" an euphemism of saying that he is in bed with his head in a sling.

SPOKANE MINING NEWS.

The Old Dominion to Make its Tunnel Five Thousand Feet Long.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special]—At a stockholders' meeting of the Old Dominion Mining and Concentrating company, held last night, G. B. Dennis was elected president and general manager, and Cyrus Bradley was elected secretary.

The Old Dominion company, which has been reincorporated for the sum of \$6,000,000, is the owner of the Iron mine, and those on this side of the Colville district. This group has probably more development work done on it than any other property in the northwest. The tunnel at the lower level is in over 3,000 feet. At this meeting it was decided to push the tunnel another 2,000 feet on the ledge in the quickest possible time.

The Salmon River Gold Mining company today let a contract for a 500 foot extension to the tunnel on its property in the Salmon River district in Kootenay. At a meeting of the Northwest Mining association held last night, resolutions were passed to the effect that more friendly relations should be developed and maintained between the people of British Columbia and those on this side of the 49th parallel.

SPOKANE INCORPORATIONS.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special]—The Crystal Butte Gold Mining and Milling company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,500,000. The trustees are Thomas C. Richard, Charles E. Dumas, Charles M. Foss, R. A. Freese and Henry Seiffert.

Articles incorporating the Keservation Consolidated Gold Mining company were filed with the auditor today. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 and the trustees are Adolph Reusch, Charles Uhlen, F. W. Keisling, Arthur Townsend and W. W. Saunders.

The North Star Mining and Development company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The incorporators are E. J. Hayes, Isaac J. Black and S. A. Webb.

SPOKANE'S TOWNSHIP CLAIMANT.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special]—Enoch, the Indian, who claims a title to the Northern Pacific-Cowley disputed property in Spokane, including Cook's addition, has had the decision of the land office affirmed against him. This, however, does not affect his suit against the Northern Pacific for the land claimed.

Want to See the Fight.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special]—A number of local sports are arranging to charter a special car to attend the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson, Nevada, providing the necessary number can be secured to go.

Real Estate Sales.

Despite the contention as to title, railroad lots seem to be in good, steady demand now. Seven were sold yesterday, for an aggregate of \$4,500, and with those sold on the previous day, amounting to \$9,700, this makes a total of \$14,200 received for lots during the first two days of the week.

MONITA UNDER BOND

Montreal Syndicate Has an Option On Six-sevenths of the Stock.

CONDITION OF THE MINE

The Main Shaft Has Got Through the Big Break and Into High Grade Ore Again—Stock Has Been Going Up Steadily.

For some weeks past there has been a steady demand for Monita stock, and all cheap lots have been snapped up as quickly as they were offered. In the past few days the demand for Monita has shown even greater strength, and there has been much comment on the movement among the brokers in the city. It was generally supposed that it was merely the result of the satisfactory way in which the Monita was developing which was causing this demand for the old bits of stock, but this Monita has just discovered that in addition to this there was another potent influence at work.

The Monita is capitalized for \$750,000 in \$1 shares, of which all but about 75,000 have been in strong hands from the first, and the majority interest has been held by people who had firm faith in the property. Repeated offers of 20 cents a share have been made to them for their holdings, but these offers were one and all declined. A few days ago James F. Wardner, acting for the Montreal syndicate, secured an option on over 600,000 shares, or about six-sevenths of the stock, at the rate of 24 cents a share. This option has several days yet to run, but it is because the belief is general among those familiar with the property that this option will be taken up that the quiet run on Monita has been augmented of late.

The mine, which is equipped with a pump, hoist and compressor plant, has been under steady development for a month or two past. This work is being done in the main or centre shaft, and is now down about 100 feet. It below the dreaded "break" and is in fine high-grade ore. While the shaft was being put through the break the outlook was very rocky at times, but now it is almost a certainty that the Monita is a mine, and a rich one. It is the western extension of the West Edge.

The Monita Deal.

From private sources we learn that the option held by James F. Wardner on the Monita is almost certain to be taken up. It runs till March 1, and it is believed to be doing late Mr. Wardner ought to be able to turn it into profit of \$50,000 before the bond falls due.

IMPERIAL COMPANY'S MEETING.

Sale of Promoters' Shares Rumored to Be the Cause of Trouble.

The Imperial Gold Mining company held its adjourned meeting again yesterday and again adjourned. Of course these constant meetings and adjournments have begun to occasion a great deal of curiosity, and the construction that people put upon these adjournments in the absence of any facts as to the actual proceedings, have started a number of rumors. Those attending the meetings have nothing to say except that it is the company itself that should give out the information to the public, and at a meeting of the company declined to say a word.

As to the meeting yesterday it was unofficially learned that the cause of the adjournment was that during a war of discussion the question of those entitled to vote was again raised, and it was found that a sufficient quantity of stock to constitute a quorum was not represented and therefore another adjournment was had until today.

THE COUNTY COURT.

Judge Forin Rapidly Working Off a Pretty Heavy Docket.

Judge Forin, who is now sitting here as county court judge, decided a number of petty cases yesterday and will continue his court today. Among those decided yesterday are the following: F. Embree, C. F. Koffman and George Taylor, suits against the Kootenay Water Supply company for labor—judgment for the plaintiff in each case. George McGauley against Michael Conway—judgment for plaintiff. W. A. Fuller against M. A. Rush—judgment for plaintiff, the claim to be paid by installments. E. Walkley against M. Sullivan—judgment for the plaintiff.

A HOSPITAL BENEFIT.

Dramatic Entertainment and Concerts to be Given March 1. The Sisters' hospital is one of the most deserving charities in Rossland. Since its organization dozens of destitute sick have been taken care of and the demand for hospital accommodation is constantly growing. As is well known to most of our readers, the hospital is at present in rented quarters and the sisters are anxious to get a building of their own erected. A site has not yet

been selected, but one will be decided shortly and when that is done the construction of a building will be begun at once.

A considerable sum of money has already been subscribed by the generous people of Rossland for this purpose, but more will be needed and to raise a portion of this sum the sisters will give an entertainment in Dominion hall on Monday, March 1.

The first part of the entertainment will be a dramatic production under the management of Mr. Haskins and this will be followed by a concert. Particulars of the program will be given later.

THE C. P. R. IN KOOTENAY.

New Passenger Boat Ordered—Through Sleeper From Arrowhead.

From George McL. Brown, district passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, we learnt yesterday, during a brief chat, about a number of new improvements which the C. P. R. intends to add to its Kootenay service. The company hopes to have its daily steamer service between Trail and Arrowhead in operation by April 1, by which time it is expected the new steamer now building at Nakusp will be ready for her regular run.

A fast dispatch boat for the carriage of passenger mail and express only is to be built at once, and as soon as this boat goes on the river it will be possible to leave Rossland in the morning and arrive at Vancouver early the following afternoon. A sleeper will be run on each train between Vancouver and Arrowhead. An appropriation has also been made for the construction of a second telegraph line from Arrowhead throughout Kootenay to Rossland, which will greatly facilitate the handling of the enormous volume of business now being transmitted over one wire.

Mr. Brown also informs us that work on the Sloca branch is being pushed and that all freight is now billed through to Rossland over the Columbia & Kootenay.

CONDUCTORS TO BE INVITED.

Delegates to the Annual Convention May Visit Rossland.

At the meeting of the board of trade this evening, W. A. Campbell will ask the board to formally invite the Railroad Conductors' association, of the United States and Canada, who number some two or three hundred, to pay a visit to Rossland, and to appoint a committee to receive them. Mr. Campbell has been in communication with the officials at Chicago, and believes that a formal invitation would be accepted, and that the association would come to hold their special annual meeting in their special session in Los Angeles.

Mr. Campbell is also in communication with a large Chicago newspaper and believes it will send out a representative shortly.

DUNN-UMFRIED CONTEST.

Both Men Are Confident of Winning—Harry Dunn's Record.

As the date for the wrestling match between Harry Dunn and Frank Umfried approaches the public is showing a great deal of interest in the contest, which it is evident will be straight business. Both men are training hard and in the pink of condition, and each is backing himself and advising his friends to put his money on him. The match will be pulled off Saturday evening in Dominion hall.

The *Miner* has posted the public pretty well as to Umfried's record, and given out the information to the public, and that the company declines to say a word.

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IS A ROSSLAND MINER.

Thomas McAvoy, Who Shot a Man Named Curtis in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special]—Thomas McAvoy, the man who shot W. E. Curtis at the Howard saloon yesterday and the complaint read to him, charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The case was continued until Saturday as the victim is as yet unable to be out.

McAvoy's bond was fixed at \$300, which his friends were trying to raise this evening. McAvoy says he is a mining man and lives at Rossland, instead of at Wallace as reported.

The Macabees' Ball.

The ball given by the Knights of the Macabees of the World Monday evening in Dominion hall was an elaborate affair. About 30 couples were present. Dancing was indulged in until 11 o'clock, when all present proceeded to the dining room where a luncheon was in waiting. Dancing was then resumed and continued until the hours of early morning.

Fire Chief Resigns.

Wilson McKinnon, chief of the fire department, last night handed his resignation to the fire warden, and turned in a list of the apparatus and supplies on hand.

OUR LOW GRADE ORE

W. R. Rust, of Tacoma, Says It Can Be Concentrated.

HAS BEEN EXPERIMENTING

The Tests Show That the Silicious Ore of the Le Roi Concentrates Admirably—Ore Averaging \$8 Would Pay Handsomely.

W. R. Rust, manager of the Tacoma smelter, is in the city inspecting the property of the Giant company, in which he is a director. To a representative of *The Miner* he stated that he had been making some experiments with the silicious ore of the Le Roi mine, which had resulted very favorably and were of great importance to Rossland.

"I have always realized," said he, "that the future of this camp lay in low grade ores. I have besides always entertained doubts as to whether concentration by fire was the most economical way of treating them. The tests I have made of the silicious ore from the Le Roi satisfy me that the gold value is in combination with the iron and not with the quartz. This being the case it is apparent that the value can be saved by water concentration, and my experiments indicated that this theory was correct."

"I have advised Col. Peyton and others connected with the Le Roi of my experiments and I have advised them to secure the use of the O. K. mill for a few days to treat a carload or two of their silicious ore. Should a test at the mill result, as I believe it will the value of many mines around Rossland will be enormously increased, and much ore now valueless will be rendered productive." Mr. Rust states that ore running \$8 a ton can easily be worked at a profit if concentration in a mill is found to save the value. The Le Roi ore is the only ore which he has experimented, but he thinks many other well known mines of the camp have silicious ore. The result of concentrating such ore as he obtained from the Le Roi would be to reduce the quantity to be shipped by seven and enhance its value in the same proportion. Thus \$10 ore would make a \$60 to \$70 concentrate only have to be paid on one ton instead of seven.

THE SEWER PROPOSITION.

Fred Ritchie Experiences Little Difficulty in Obtaining Subscriptions.

J. Fred Ritchie was out yesterday soliciting subscriptions for the sewerage system. People are becoming impressed with the importance of having the sewers completed as early as possible, so Mr. Ritchie's task was a comparatively easy one. He obtained subscriptions aggregating \$500 and feels pretty confident of being able to collect the necessary \$250 additional today.

MINING NOTES.

J. L. Parker went out to the Dundee mines on Wild Horse creek yesterday.

McGill & Co., who took a \$3,500 contract to carry the Ethel shaft down to the 100-foot level, and do from 30 feet to 75 feet of crosscutting, left with supplies for the mine.

A contract was let yesterday to sink the Great Western shaft an additional 50 feet. It is now down 25 feet. The successful bidders are C. McGraw, G. Galvin and W. Smith.

Work On the Giant.

The force of men at work on the Giant, which lies on the south slope of Red Mountain, is now engaged in drifting on the vein and crosscutting from the bottom of the shaft. The drift is now 20 feet away from the shaft and in good condition. The crosscut has not yet reached the hanging wall, but already the vein is proved to be 10 feet wide. The ore is highly silicious and shows a good deal of molybdenite, which is always associated in this mine with high gold values. The property looks exceedingly well, the shaft being down 40 feet.

Dissolution of Partnership.

W. A. Campbell arrived from the Sloca Monday, and the first business he had on hand was the dissolution of the firm of Moynihan & Campbell. Both gentlemen will continue in the brokerage business after the dissolution of the partnership. As a firm they now represent the St. Paul, Iron Co., Novelty, Great Western and West Le Roi and Josie companies.

Rebellion in the Congo.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Times from Brussels says that it is reported that a rebellion has broken out in the equatorial district of the Congo state. Governor Weis, personally commanding an armed force, is marching on Lulaburg.

THE POPE HEARD FROM.

His Encyclical and the Mandement Will Be Read Together. MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 17.—The other day your correspondent asked a high dignitary why the collective mandement was not promulgated since it had been signed many weeks. He replied as follows: "Don't you think it better for the little gods to await the discharge of big cannon?"

Well, the big cannon has been heard from, and those of small calibre will

now rattle forth. In other words, Pope Leo has spoken and is conscious of being supported by the heads of the church in this country. Roman Catholic prelates will now be heard from without much delay.

On Sunday week the long delayed collective mandement will be read from the Catholic pulpits condemning Laurier and the Greenway school settlement, and attached to the mandement in question will be a papal brief, or encyclical letter, enjoining the faithful to listen to the voice of their natural and legitimate pastors and bishops. There is naturally no little jubilation because of the fact that the document is to be read on the 28th of the month.

HYDRANTS NOT FROZEN.

Government Report on the Ottawa Fire Says All Were in Order.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—D. Ewart, acting chief architect, has made a report on the fire of the western block to the deputy minister of public works, but there was nothing in it not fore-shadowed in this correspondence. Reference was made to the wooden door being placed in the fire wall many years ago, and the report asserts that the fire appliances of the government service were all in good order.

OBISKS TO BE ANNEXED.

Hawaii Sends a Special Ambassador to the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 17.—Among the passengers from Honolulu on the steamer Australia today was Attorney-General Smith, who will proceed at once to Washington to confer with Minister Hatch on annexation questions. His sudden departure was the outcome of a hurried meeting of the Hawaiian cabinet after the receipt of important letters from Minister Hatch regarding annexation. Lorrin A. Thurston, formerly the Hawaiian minister, will accompany Mr. Smith to Washington.

"I go to Washington in the sole interest of annexation," said Attorney-General Smith today. "Cable propositions or any other offer will be relegated to the rear. The cabinet has deemed it necessary from recent advices from Mr. Hatch to have a representative of the Hawaiian republic in Washington with power to act."

"Matters which are of vital importance to the island will probably come up during the fortnight, that I will be in Washington and the party is vested in me to act for the government. It is also of political import with the United States that I shall work for while in Washington."

VILLARD NOT TRIED.

By an Agreement Made With the Northern Pacific's President.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The agreement in pursuance of which the suit of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway against Henry Villard for an account as to the disposition of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 worth of bonds was dismissed today by Judge Lombard in the United States circuit court. In it the plaintiff admits that there was no ground for the suit and releases Mr. Villard "from all manner of claims, causes of action and demands and liabilities due or to become due, now actionable or which may become actionable, including those embraced in the suits now pending."

In turn Mr. Villard released the company from all claims in terms as above. The document was signed on January 15 by Edward W. Winter, president of the Northern Pacific Railway company, and by Henry Villard.

ARID LANDS THROWN OPEN.

Congress Opens Up All the Reservoirs of the Geological Survey.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The house today, after two hours debate, passed a bill of considerable importance to the arid regions of the west. It opens to use and occupation under the right of way act of March 3, 1891, all the reservoir sites reserved by the geological survey. There are 138 of these sites scattered throughout the arid country, and this act will enable them to be put to practical use by individuals or corporations.

SPOKANE'S FINANCES.

Paying a Thousand Dollars a Day For Damaged Suits and Judgments.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special]—City Comptroller George A. Liebes says Spokane must issue bonds and borrow nearly \$200,000, in addition to its present bonded indebtedness of \$1,320,000, in order to secure the money necessary to build the reservoir and complete the water system, and take the war-warrants can be legally refunded in this way. He is now preparing a letter to the mayor setting forth his opinions. During the past month Mr. Liebes says the city has been issuing warrants in payment of damages and other lawsuit judgments at the rate of \$1,000 a day.

He favors submitting the two following propositions to the people at the next general election: First, the issuance of \$25,000 of 20-year 5 per cent bonds for refunding outstanding warrants; and second, the issuance of \$100,000, or \$120,000, or whatever may be necessary, of 20-year 5 per cent bonds for the building of a reservoir.

Wants a Breakwater.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—A delegation is here from Prescott, arranging for an interview with Minister Tarte for a big delegation from the town council next week with a view to getting the government to build a breakwater at Prescott.

ROSSLAND AND TRAIL CREEK MINING COMPANY, Ltd. Ly.

CAPITAL STOCK \$1,000,000

In 1,000,000 Shares of the Par Value of \$1 each. Shares Fully paid and Non-Assessable. 250,000 in Treasury to be sold for Development Purposes.

Location and Description.

The above claims are situated on the northeast slope of Lake Mountain, in the south mineral belt, three miles south-east from Rossland, midway between that town and the town of Trail, where the smelter is situated, and a short distance east from the Crown Point group, which was lately sold to an eastern syndicate for \$450,000 the largest price ever paid for any claim or group of claims in this district.

OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT.

PRESIDENT, ANGUS W. YOUNG, Esq., General Agent for Washington of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company.
VICE-PRESIDENT, WM. F. TEMPLE, Esq., Merchant, Seattle, Wash.
SECRETARY, C. O. TUCKER Esq., Secretary and general manager of the Duwamish Dairy Companies.
TREASURER, ANDREW CHILBERG, Esq., President of the Scandinavian-American Bank, President of the City School Board of Seattle and General Agent of Trans-Atlantic Steamship Lines.
SOLICITOR, JOHN K. BROWN, Esq., Corporation Counsel for the City of Seattle.
MINING SUPERINTENDENT, J. J. HENAGER, Esq., Superintendent of the Mascot and other works.
GENERAL MANAGER, EX-MAYOR WHITE, Seattle.
AGENTS AT ROSSLAND, MESSRS. GOOD, CLARK & CO.
LOCAL SECRETARY, H. C. MCGREGOR.

ORGANIZATION. This company has been formed under the laws of the State of Washington, and has been duly registered in this Province as a Foreign Company.

PROPERTY AND TITLE. Six Full Claims. The company has acquired a clear title to and now holds in its corporate name the following named six mineral claims:

Golden Crown, Island Bell, Emma C., Robert Bruce, Southampton and Free Silver

All of which are Full Claims, thus making, with one exception, the largest block of property owned by any one company in this camp.

Sale of Stock.

No Treasury Stock has yet been sold, the promoters, having out of their private moneys provided a fund out of which to pay the cost of development work.

50,000 SHARES,

Are now offered for sale at the very low price of

10 Cents Per Share

To pay the costs connected with the obtaining of a crown grant, and to continue development after the completion of the now existing contract.

The Next Block of Treasury Stock will be offered at a higher rate. All communications regarding the company will be promptly answered. For stock and further particulars apply in person or by letter to

GOOD, CLARK & CO., Agents,

H. C. McGregor, Local Secretary.

Development.

About November 1st last a cabin was built on the Golden Crown and work commenced by Mr. M. A. Green, an experienced mining man, who had taken a contract to do 200 feet of work on the property. The work thus far performed consisted of a shaft 50 feet deep on the ledge which extends from the Boulder through the Golden Crown. This ledge is about ten feet wide, with strong, well mineralized capping. The work done upon it has disclosed a true lead with clearly defined walls—the hanging wall of porphyry and the foot wall of granite. There are also several open cuts on the Island Bell and Golden Crown. Two shifts of men are employed and work is progressing favorably under the supervision of Supt. Henager.

To Investors.

We would say that in determining whether or not they should place their capital in the purchase of this company's stock they should consider:

1. The number of claims owned by the company, and extent of ground to be worked. Purchasing stock in this company with its six FULL CLAIMS is like buying in most other companies, which have only one claim, at a little better than 1 1/2 cents.
2. The convenience of situation, the nature of the surrounding claims, and the excellent facilities for mining and transportation.
3. The fact that the promoters have not been dependent upon the sale of Treasury stock to begin development work, but have before offering stock for sale, performed sufficient work to assure themselves and the public that they have every prospect of a mine.
4. The excellence of the company's management and the high standing of its officers.

Offices.

The agents of the company have leased commodious offices in the block now being built east of and adjoining the Grand Union Hotel on the south side of Columbia avenue in Rossland.

As a field for safe and profitable investment the Trail Creek camp is so widely known that it is needless to add any particulars.

The completion of the Spokane and Red Mountain railway provides greatly increased conveniences for the travelling public, and with the ever increasing number of producing mines that surround Rossland, among which we hope ere long to see the Rossland and Trail Creek Mining Company's mines, the future greatness of this camp is assured, but cannot be estimated.

DECLINES TO RUN

Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh Will not be Rossland's First Mayor.

REASON FOR HIS REFUSAL

He is Not Eligible Under the Proposed Charter and Feels Amendments Might Imperil the Bill—Some Valuable Advice to the City.

On Saturday last Lieutenant-Governor McIntosh, of the Northwest Territories, was presented with a largely signed requisition, asking him to accept the mayoralty of Rossland. The full text of the requisition has already appeared in these columns. The following was handed to THE MINER office Monday forenoon:

To Messrs. Ross Thompson, Harold Kingsmill, Robert J. Bealey, James Hunter, Thomas Wilson & Co., John R. Cook, J. B. McArthur, James Martin, J. D. McBride, H. W. C. Jackson, Edward Bowes, W. H. Taylor & Co., Charles R. Hamilton, R. D. Morkhill, C. A. B. Edwin, William Wadde, Patne & Co., George C. Peterson, W. J. Whiteside, J. W. Astley, J. S. C. Fraser, J. S. Clute, jr., Alexander Lynch, T. M. Daly, George W. Meyers, J. C. Campbell, William Brown, W. L. Lawry, James E. Walker, John Deane, McLean & Morrow, J. F. Travers, O'Brien Reddin and 34 others:

Gentlemen: The honor conferred by the request that I accept the office of chief magistrate of Rossland, is sincerely appreciated by me. I am deeply impressed by the generous manifestation of confidence on the part of those representing the commercial, financial and professional interests of the district.

For two reasons I am reluctantly obliged to decline; first the measure of incorporation contains a proviso as to residence, rendering me ineligible; second, it being understood that the immediate adoption of a system of civic administration is requisite, my acceptance, necessitating as it would, amendments to the bill now before the provincial legislature, might possibly retard operations.

my sojourn in Rossland. I remain, Ever faithfully,
C. H. MACKINTOSH.

Rossland, Feb. 15, 1897.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Two Articles in La Presse.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.

EDITOR MINER, Sir: I enclose translation which I have been at some trouble to make of an article which appeared February 3, in La Presse, the best French newspaper in Canada, a journal of first class reputation, with a daily circulation of over 50,000.

I trust, on the one hand, that you may deem the article worthy of some comment, and on the other that its publication in your columns may elicit useful opinions from your correspondents, so that this discomfiting picture may be definitely proved either true or false.

While writing, I would like to ask whether you or your readers think that the money of small investors placed with supposedly respectable companies, such as Rossland Red Mountain, Poorman, Silverine, Silver Bell, Red Eagle, etc., will not only be properly used, but honestly and openly accounted for. I forwarded my assessment for Poorman, but the company, even after special inquiry on the point, is dumb as an oyster as to whether they received it or not. In your opinion, will the small as well as the large investor in these and kindred companies obtain reliable information when he applies for it, or before, as to the amount of stock sold, progress of work done, and prospects for the future? If not, is it not time that the influential journals and well-known and trusted men who have lent their name to this form of investment, should take pains, though late in the day, to find out exactly what they are backing?

kind of investment is generally left to those who are in the habit of putting their money in "bucket shops."

EDITOR LA PRESSE, Sir: Seeing the injustice and fraud which is all the while being practised here, I take the liberty of writing these few lines for reproduction in your paper if possible.

I arrived here a year ago from Montreal, where I was born. Like many others, I came with the idea of speculating with the little money I had gained in Montreal and at the same time procuring work for myself in the gold mines. I have, I can assure you, been badly disappointed. When I got here, I had only one mine working, the Le Roi. This is the principal mine here, and has up to the present time sold 15 shares on the stock list selling at \$50 each. There are the W and the O, which have good ore, but not in great quantity; they have not yet been worked; and at other places only one. They can't close entirely, because they are on the stock exchange.

I write these few words, because I have seen in La Presse, a speech made by a Canadian of Rossland, who is now at Montreal, who styles himself the possessor of considerable mines. I can assure you this man brags largely. He has simply a few claims, which we call here "wild cats," which amount to nothing.

As for work here, there is none at all; there are hundreds of men here who have nothing to eat. They assemble in a large hotel called "The International," where they have free lunches twice a day. This reminds me of Joe Beefe's, when he used to feed his "pensioners" here. He had his Italians and Chinese in great numbers; they worked on the railway for \$1.75 per day all the summer, and paid \$5.50 per week for board. Now there are 28 miles more of railway to construct, and it is the Italians who are working on it for \$1.50 per day and \$5.25 per week for board. The company advertised in the newspapers for 300 men to construct this railway, and now they have too many; this is why there is distress here.

Rossland. It is solely to warn my compatriots of Montreal, should they have any intention to come to Rossland, B. C.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—We had to substitute initials for names of mines largely advertised in Montreal, in order to avoid the annoyance of possible prosecution; but the names are written in full in the original, which we are carefully preserving.

And now can it be said that we have done wrong, to put our readers on guard against the temptation of speculating in gold mines?

In reply to Enquirer's letter we would say that the small stockholder is entitled to full information concerning the affairs of his company. If the directors manifest a disposition to keep him in the dark he had better sell out. If the companies are respectable, such as those he names in his letter, his money, if given for treasury stock, will be honestly expended in development work, though that does not necessarily mean that the property will make a mine. Such money, would however, only be accounted for by the directors at the annual meetings, when they render an account of their stewardship to the shareholders. There is no excuse for the secretary of the Poorman company having failed to acknowledge receipt of the assessment on Enquirer's shares. If Enquirer applies to any company operating in this district, in which he is a stockholder, for information as to "amount of stock sold, progress of work done and prospects of the future," and can get no satisfactory statement from the secretary, we will try to get it for him, if he will forward us copies of the correspondence.—Ed.]

Mr. Gove's Statements Refuted. KASLO, Feb. 15.

EDITOR MINER: Sir—Upon my return to British Columbia after an absence of several weeks my attention is called to an editorial in THE MINER of December 25, commenting on an article in the San Francisco Call, wherein a Mr. J. T. Gove gratuitously gives his opinion of the mineral resources of British Columbia upon his return to California from a trip through Montana, Idaho, Washington and this province as representative, so it is said, of the Omaha and Grant Smelting company.

Report on the Royal Gold Mining Co.'s Property.

The property known as the Royal Gold group, forming a part of the property of the above company, is composed of seven claims, namely: (1) Royal Gold, (2) Gold Crown, (3) Fernwell, (4) Tull, (5) Gold Eagle, (6) Granite Mountain and (7) Florence.

They are all contiguous, the one to the other, and have at least three large and well defined ledges, and an exceptionally fine iron capping. In all probability there are other ledges crossing the property which the wash and snow hid from my view.

FORMATION. These three ledges, which are parallel to each other, run nearly north and south and are about 300 feet apart. They are easily traceable from one to two thousand feet across the property and are at right angles to the mountain. The country contact on the three ledges, so far as we are able to determine at present, is similar in all, and about 150 feet distant is the iron-capping referred to above. It is heavily impregnated with iron pyrites but no development work has been done, nor any assays taken, yet from its appearance we think we can safely predict that good ore will be found near it. We would certainly recommend thorough exploratory work, as soon as practicable, on this showing.

Three hundred feet to the east is the ledge to be known as No. 1, upon which work is being vigorously pushed with very satisfactory results. Here an incline shaft, following the mineral, is being sunk and at the present time is down about 35 feet. The ledge dips at an angle of about 30 degrees and is composed of quartz heavily mineralized, carrying a rich pay streak of 2 1/2 feet the whole length of the shaft.

INDICATIONS. There is evidence of the fact, mentioned by the foreman, that every foot of depth attained showed a perceptible widening of the pay rock, and we may reasonably expect that by the sinking of an additional 35 feet there will be still greater improvements.

Three assays, recently made from rock taken across the shaft gave the following results:

	Gold.	Silver and lead.	Total.
No. 1. Arseno pyrite.....	\$ 2.00	\$ 12.67	\$ 14.67
No. 2. Quartz and galena.....	trace	29.06	29.06
No. 3. Galena.....	trace	32.56	32.56

An average of \$23.43.

Assays of ore taken at other times have run as high as \$62.50 in all values. It is the intention of the management to push the work on this shaft as fast as possible. It is the intention of the management to push the work on at no great depth. Ledge No. 2 lies about 300 feet east from No. 1. There is no work done on it, nor assays made, but it is a strong quartz ledge of fine appearance and unknown width, having an outcropping of about four feet. It is traceable for a considerable distance across the group.

About 250 feet east of No. 2 is ledge No. 3, which is an exceptionally fine looking ledge, about 40 to 60 feet wide, and I expect to hear of surprising results soon after exploratory and development work is begun. No work has yet been done on this vein, but a single surface assay returned \$10.05 in silver and lead, with a trace of gold. This ledge forms a very good tunnel proposition, and the management expects to tap the ledge at a depth of from 50 to 75 feet as soon as the snow is off the ground.

SURROUNDINGS. The claims are nearly all well timbered, with abundance of the best size and quality of timber for all mining purposes, and there is also plenty of water to carry on development work on the property the year round.

CONCLUSION. These properties certainly deserve the confidence of the investing public, and I believe will become a source of profit to stockholders.

This property is among the best, if not the best, undeveloped mineral ground which it has been my privilege to examine in this country.

CAPT. S. H. WEBB,
Late Supt. of Section 33 Mine and of Windsor Mine, Gogebie Range, Hurley, Wis.
Dated at Rossland, B. C., February 5th, 1897.

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STILL IN POLITICS

Hon. George E. Foster's Views on Important Public Questions.

ALIEN LABOR AND TARIFF

He Deplores the Present Attitude of the United States and Thinks It Will Lead to Retaliatory Legislation—Future of Rossland.

Hon. George E. Foster, ex-minister of finance, paid a visit to the Centre Star mine Tuesday, having gone through the Le Roi and War Eagle works the day previous. When he returned Tuesday afternoon from his trip he was asked to give his opinion of those great properties. "I cannot say anything at the present time," was his reply. "I am making a trip through the Boundary country and the Rossland, Slocan and Nelson districts, gaining all the knowledge I can of mines and mining from conversations and personal observations, and cannot express any decided opinion with reference to my impressions of the country until I have finished my tour. Then I shall be prepared to give my views, and from what I have gleaned up to the present I do not think they will be unfavorable to the country."

"Then for the time being you have given up politics for mining?" "Well, one is bound to have one's interest captivated by the chief interest of the locality, and here that undoubtedly is mining. Of course I retain my interest in politics, and I have soon to return to Ottawa to take up the business of the session."

"What do you expect will be the leading question of the coming parliamentary session?" "As to what course legislation will take do you mean? That is as undecided in my mind as I think it is in the mind of the government itself," he said with a smile.

A Retaliatory Tariff.
"Is it likely that attempts will be made to retaliate on the United States in tariff matters?"

"I think it is. We may have the recommendations of the United States ways and means committee to congress to guide us in that respect, but I do not look for a completed tariff to be passed by congress during our session. The probabilities are that there will be a long discussion in the lower house of the senate. The last tariff revision took nearly two years. Of course this will take a much shorter period."

"But I think enough is known of the temper of the dominant party in the states to conclude that the tariff passed will be very closely on the lines of the old McKinley tariff. The protection which was somewhat scaled down in the Wilson bill on lumber and agricultural products, and on metals, will, without doubt, be very considerably raised. It goes without saying that wool will no longer be on the free list, and a corresponding addition will be made in the rates on manufactured articles."

Disgraceful Legislation.
"And what about the alien clauses of the immigration bill, Mr. Foster?"

"The alien clause is simply a disgraceful piece of legislation for any country. The thing that I most regret is that the self-respect of the Canadian people will very likely drive them to legislation in kind, which I would deplore, and yet hope will become necessary. But there comes a time when the self-respect of a people can no longer permit it to be legislated against, when it must stand up for its own people and give as good or as had as it receives."

Canada's Conduct Fair.
"Canada in that respect has been as fair, as just and as free and liberal as can be. You have the best illustration of that here in this particular district. Aliens—American aliens—are welcomed here, and are given all the privileges substantially of Canadians. They prospect for mines, buy property, engage in business, bring their labor over here, and there is not only no objection, but everybody welcomes them. In every respect, except mere citizenship, the Americans here are on as good a footing as the Canadians. But if the United States government insists upon its present attitude, I do not see how we can continue on these lines; I fear they will have to be modified."

Means Canadian Smelters.
"In some respects the ways and means committee's proposal to restore the McKinley duty on lead will strike at the interests of American holders of mines here, and the interests of United States smelters. In that respect they would rather be without it, but I am afraid the tariff will be persisted in. If it is, Canada must do her own producing and market her own product. The great bodies of ore that are developed, the coal resources we have close at hand, and the different varieties of ore that are and will no doubt continue to be found, will make it possible to do our own smelting and refining and have all the profits that accrue therefrom."

Sanitation for Rossland.
Speaking of Rossland, Mr. Foster said: "I do not know of any question of more importance to Rossland than that of its municipal management, especially in view of providing a system of sanitation and water supply. The water supply, I believe, has already been provided for, but there is a great danger lying right ahead for Rossland—and not very far ahead either—which can only be avoided by the most prompt and efficient measures looking to the proper drainage and sewerage of the place."

"With an aggregation of 7,000 people and the crowds that it is expected will come here, it is almost certain that during the spring and summer conditions will be very easily created which will render living here, if not impossible, at least disastrous."

"From what I have seen of it Rossland seems to be a place that can be easily sanitized—if there is such a word—but it is the promptness of putting a good system into operation that is the most urgent need. It will take you some time after your incorporation to

get your municipality organized and in working order. Meantime the summer will be here and Rossland might get the reputation for being unhealthy, and it would be difficult, even with the greatest energy and outlay, to wipe that stigma out. I hope measures are being taken now to begin a sanitary system as soon as your city is incorporated."

ON THE LE ROI LEDGE.

White Bear Drift Is All In Ore—Assays Continue to Improve.

The showing in the drift from the White Bear shaft is now very handsome. John Moynahan paid a visit to the mine Tuesday and returned enthusiastic. He made a favorable report on it at the time it was acquired by its present owners, so he is naturally pleased to see it turning out even better than he expected.

The drift is now about 20 feet from the shaft and is all in ore. It is very solid looking and assays up to \$35 in gold have been obtained from picked samples. This is a very marked improvement, as only a week ago assays of \$14 were considered very good and for the first 40 feet from the surface one or two assays of \$8 were obtained among hundreds of traces.

There is no longer any question that the White Bear shaft is sunk on one of the Le Roi veins. This was always believed to be the case, but now that the course of the vein is definitely known it is susceptible of proof. This Le Roi ledge is opened half way across the Black Bear ground to within a few hundred feet of the White Bear workings, which are right in line with it.

SUNSET'S WEST DRIFT.

It Now Shows Three Feet of \$48 Ore in the Face.

The Sunset, one of the group owned by the Canadian Gold Fields company, has struck three feet of \$48 ore in the face of the west drift. The drift is now in 55 feet from the shaft, which is down 60 feet, and the face of the drift is at a depth from the surface of 75 feet.

Santa Clara Group Sold.

A. H. McKay has just returned from Spokane where he completed the sale of the Santa Clara group, consisting of four full claims, to a Spokane and Seattle syndicate. This property lies three-fourths of a mile from the Columbia river, and two and a half miles north-west from the town of Waneta, adjoining the properties of the Copper Giant Gold Mining company. These claims have an excellent surface showing, carrying good values. Everything is in readiness to commence active development work as soon as the snow will permit.

Nickel Plate to Start a Drift.

The Nickel Plate is now down 218 feet and has three shifts working in it day and night. In a few days work on the shaft will be stopped and a drift begun at the 200-foot level. Work is also to be shortly resumed in the drift in the 100-foot level.

The Le Roi Tramway.

The shipments of the Le Roi show a slight falling off for the past week owing to the mine having been shut down for 38 hours to make necessary repairs. At present all the ore shipped from the mine is moved by teams, but the tramway from the mine to the Le Roi railroad spur will be completed and put into operation the latter part of this week. Senator Turner is expected at the mine during the next few days, but his stay will be brief as he leaves Spokane next week for Washington, D. C.

Gopher Looks Well.

The Gopher-Homestake tunnel is now under ground 114 feet and the face shows three feet of clean pyrrhotite. This is the best showing the Gopher has yet had, and as the tunnel has not yet reached any great depth it is considered most encouraging. The ore now in sight is exactly similar to the ore found in the big mines on Red Mountain and carries a fair percentage of copper.

How Real Estate Has Risen.

In March, 1896, E. E. McArthur began action against the Rossland Town-site company and his wife to set aside a transfer of two lots on Le Roi avenue, which he alleged had been obtained from him by his wife by fraud. The case was heard by Judge Spinks, who nonsuited the plaintiff. He appealed to the supreme court, which has just decided in favor of Mrs. McArthur's favor by dismissing the appeal. At the time the suit was begun Mrs. McArthur would have been very glad to get \$250 for the lots. She can get \$2,500 cash now any day she wants it.

Real Estate Activity.

Every lot on Washington street, from the old townsite to the depot, is now sold, and all of them have been purchased for business purposes. Six buildings are going up at once. Martin Bros. yesterday purchased lot 14, block 17, for \$1,900. Several other sales of railroad lots were reported Tuesday.

To Survey Heather Bell.

W. E. Deveraux started out Tuesday with a gang of men to make a survey of the Heather Bell. This property is on Sullivan creek, and as it is reported that the snow is over nine feet deep here, the surveyor and his men will have a rough time of it.

Deer Park's Machinery.

The new machinery for the Deer Park arrived over the Red Mountain railway during the week. Manager Kelly will begin moving it to the mine. He hopes to have it in operation in about a month.

IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rossland Will Have a Third Public School and Fourth Teacher.

At a meeting of the school board held Monday Miss Walker of Northfield was appointed as the fourth teacher, recently authorized by the superintendent of education. Temporary accommodation of the class in the Presbyterian church. Miss Walker was notified Monday by wire and it is expected she will be able to report for duty Monday next.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Imperial Shareholders Numerously Represented—Adjournment Taken.

The Imperial Gold Mining company held its annual meeting in this city Tuesday, and there seemed to be a large attendance of shareholders and directors. There was a lengthy discussion, the subject of which was not made public. When it came to a vote it was questioned how many votes the shareholders present were entitled to cast. A committee was appointed to go over the stock book and decide this point. The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday awaiting the committee's report.

Red Eagle Re-elects Officers.

The Red Eagle Mining company held its annual meeting in this city Tuesday and re-elected its officials, who are: W. H. Fife, president; W. Bennison, vice-president; J. W. Cover, managing director, and T. G. Elgie, secretary.

Yale Stock Advanced.

The trustees of the Yale company held a meeting Tuesday afternoon in Reddin & Jackson's office, and decided to advance the price of treasury stock to five cents a share. The workings now show a big ledge with considerable ore scattered through it, carrying some copper.

MINING NOTES.

The directors of the Red Eagle Gold Mining company assembled for the annual meeting Monday, but it was adjourned until this afternoon.

The No. 2 shaft on the Homestake is down 100 feet and when it reaches the 120-foot level crosscuts will be driven both ways to the walls. The main ore body is now on the hanging wall side of the shaft.

A. H. Stiles, foreman of the Royal Gold, wrote Monday that the shaft is down about 45 feet and is looking well.

The last two days copper pyrites showed and the wall, he says, is straightening considerably.

The expert recently sent to investigate the Sunset, on Deer Park mountain, returned Monday with a favorable report and stated that the ore body in the drift appears to be still widening. It is about 3 feet wide and assays \$40 in gold.

The new machinery at the R. E. Lee is nearly ready for operation. The boiler and compressor plant was started Tuesday. The hoist has not yet arrived, but the shaft will be bailed out and work resumed without waiting for it.

A preliminary meeting of the Marguerite Gold Mining and Smelting company, limited, was held Monday and organized by the election of ten directors, who elected W. D. Townsend president. The Marguerite is on the north fork of the Salmon river and is one of three properties owned by the company, the other two, which are adjoining, being called the St. Luke and the St. Jacob.

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This is likely to prove one of the bonanzas of British Columbia. There are four claims the Athabasca, Alberta, Algoma, and Manitoba. Mr. Albert J. Hill, M. A. M. E., M. C. Soc. C. E., in his report says in part: "Seven ledges of free milling ore have been opened on the property, varying in thickness from one to eight feet. In every opening I detected free gold."

"Ledge No. 1, as shown approximately on the sketch plan, varies in thickness from two to four feet. It is opened by shafts at three points and a twenty-five foot tunnel driven on the lead and is traced on the strike for about 600 feet. Some fifteen to twenty tons of ore are lying on the several dumps, a certified assay of which gives \$207.45 per ton of which \$201 is gold and \$6.45 is silver, though picked specimens which I have examined would evidently give many times that value, and I think I am well within the limit of probability when I suggest a general average of \$200.00 per ton, while the average of the ledge will be, I believe fully \$100 to the ton."

It will be seen from the foregoing extracts from the report that the company has not been incorporated on a mere "prospect," but that it has a valuable and proven property. It may also be mentioned that other assays obtained from the quartz of the Athabasca, in addition to that referred to above, have given \$56, \$294, \$300, \$446, \$5,800, and \$17,750 to the ton.

The brokers for this company thought so much of the property after making most searching investigations, that they purchased for themselves a large block of the stock.

About \$10,000 in cash is now available for active development work, consequently all the men that can be employed are now working on the property. Estimates for the machinery required are now being invited. 50,000 shares only of the treasury stock are now offered for sale at 25 cents, 10,000 of which will be sold here, and the balance in the east.

The next issue will be 50 cents.

It is expected that this stock will rise as rapidly as the Golden Cache. It is certainly as rich and fine a property as there is in British Columbia.

Applications for stock should be forwarded immediately to **B. C. Gold Fields Company,** Victoria, Spokane, Nelson, Toronto, and London.

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Capital Stock 500,000 Shares. Par Value \$1.00. Fully Paid and Non-Assessable. Treasury Stock 125,000 Shares.

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The Golden Drip is situated in the free milling belt of the Trail Creek camp, adjoining the O. K. and I. X. L. It is an old location, has the right to follow the dip of its veins through its side lines and is crown granted.

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Not only is the stock of the company fully paid and non-assessable, but by a special provision of the by-laws no debt can be incurred beyond the amount of money actually in the treasury to meet it.

CHARACTER OF THE PROPERTY.

About \$7,000 has already been expended on the mine. It is therefore more than a mere prospect. It was determined not to ask the public to subscribe to the treasury shares until the value of the property was established. This has been done by running a main working tunnel 190 feet, by the making of an upraise from the tunnel to the surface and by the driving of about 50 feet of drifts. In doing this work three distinct veins were encountered varying in width from 12 inches to four feet. The ore found in these veins is a free milling quartz, free from gold-the average being about \$18. Drifts are now being run on these ore bodies and ore taken out for milling.

PLANS OF THE COMPANY.

As soon as sufficient ore is obtained to justify the erection of a mill the company will build a mill of such capacity as shall be warranted by the necessities of the mine, and begin the production of bullion. It is proposed also to run a long tunnel from the creek level below to give a depth under the present working of several hundred feet. It is for the purpose of providing funds for these undertakings that the treasury shares are now offered.

FIRST ISSUE OF SHARES.

The first installment of treasury stock consisting of 50,000 shares is now offered to the public at 15 cents per share. The company believes it altogether reasonable that the purchasers of these shares will enjoy an early advance owing to the highly promising condition of the mine. It is almost an invariable rule of this camp that the first issue of treasury shares advances immediately to a higher figure than the original selling price.

INVESTIGATION ASKED.

Intending investors are invited to make the closest inquiry as to this property as well as to the standing and character of the directorate. This is put forth as a thoroughly legitimate mining venture and the most scrupulous regard will be had for the interest of every subscriber.

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Head Office . . . Mine . . . Rossland, B. C. The Snowdrop.

Description of Property.

The Snowdrop is 3 1/2 miles from Rossland in the South Belt. It is distant from the Crown Point about three-quarters of a mile. Adjoining it on the east is the Summit. A shaft on this claim shows a large ore body assaying \$12 per ton in gold. This vein runs through the Snowdrop. A site has been selected for a tunnel and work on the Snowdrop will be continued all winter.

Shares.

The remainder of the First block of Stock has been advanced to Three Cents per Share.

The second block will shortly go on at Five Cents per share.

For shares or further particulars call on or address

J. S. PATTERSON, Secretary, Rossland, B. C.

Remittances may be made to the Manager of the Bank of British North America, Rossland.

THE WEEK IN KASLO

Ore Receipts From Ten Mines Totaled Up 532 Tons.

ROW OVER A LIME QUARRY

Hill's Mines Company Was Working It As a Mineral Claim-Assessment Work Was Not Recorded-Restaked Twice and Applied For as a Quarry.

KASLO, Feb. 12.—[Special.]—Ore receipts at the Kaslo station of the Kaslo & Slocan railway have been slightly above the average during the past week, although the Payne group has not sent forward its accustomed quantity. The management is engaged in putting in the crusher and gasoline engine referred to in a previous issue of THE MINER. The Whitewater also is doing a considerable quantity of dead work and has not shipped its usual quantity. From other properties there is, of course, an increase, notably the Ruth, which is rapidly coming to the front as a producer. Machinery is also being introduced at this mine to assist in mining operations.

The following is a statement of ore receipts from Feb. 5 to Feb. 12: Payne Group, 420,000 lbs; Ruth, 130,000 lbs; Reco, 60,000 lbs; Slocan Star, 40,000 lbs; Goodenough, 40,000 lbs; Surprise, 32,000 lbs; Jackson Group, 30,000 lbs; Slocan Boy, 30,000 lbs; Whitewater, 30,000 lbs. This makes in all 532 tons from ten mines. Of these the Payne group and the Slocan Boy sent their ore to Pueblo. That from the Ruth goes partly to Pueblo and partly to Everett, while the Rambler sends part to Onatash and part to Everett. The Slocan Star ore goes to Onatash, and is the first sent by way of Kaslo for several weeks. The Reco consigns to Denver, and the Surprise to Tacoma. That from the Whitewater is sent to Everett. The Kootenay Ore Company ore, with all from the Ruth, is run through the Kaslo City Sampling works before being forwarded to its destination.

The rotary plow of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway company has been at Five Mile point for some time, and no haste is being taken to bring it forward, as the management thinks itself able to cope with ordinary storms with its present appliances. There has been no serious detention during the winter. Traffic continues good on the road. The volume of local and outside freight going up is good, and the passengers moving over the road are numerous.

The Kaslo Curling club went up to Sandon on Friday morning, and will meet the members of the club there in a match game for the association medal. The roarin' game has many enthusiastic followers in Kaslo, and although they have not had opportunity for much practice, they will strive hard to be successful.

The Slocan Country. It is hoped in Kaslo that THE MINER'S correspondent is mistaken concerning the feeling in that bustling town in respect of this city. There is no desire to usurp any prosperity, or any credit which belongs to that ambitious town, which Kaslo regards with the warmest feelings, looking upon it as a sort of younger sister. It is quite true that Kaslo is not within the geographical limits of the Slocan mining division, but the Slocan country is not confined to the Slocan mining division. Mr. Carlyle evidently does not so regard it, for is that the public acceptance of the term. The Slocan country seems to be used broadly, in contradistinction to the Trail creek country, and to embrace the mining divisions of Slocan and Ainsworth.

A Complicated Case. The Hill Mines company has become involved during the week in a somewhat difficult legal question. During the past year it has been taking limestone for use at its Nelson smelter, from a quarry at the mouth of Schroeder creek, which was located in its behalf on January 27, 1896, by M. E. Davis, its mine manager, as the mineral claim Real Star. On January 28, 1897, no assessment work it appears, had been recorded for the Real Star, and the ground was relocated and recorded on that day by one M. M. Grothe of this city as the mineral claim Fair Play. Subsequently on February 5, H. E. Crossdale, business manager of the Hill Mines, filed the necessary affidavit of work performed on the Real Star, and got from the mining recorder a certificate of work.

Not much reliance was apparently placed upon this for on February 8, William Simpson recorded the mineral claim Calcium, as a relocation of the Real Star, on behalf of the Hill Mines. In the same day, and shortly after, C. F. Caldwell and Guy Reesler recorded a bill of sale of the Fairplay to M. M. Grothe to themselves. The Hill Mines continued to work the property and has sent out a party to survey the claim preparatory to obtaining a crown grant. When Caldwell and Reesler brought an action for trespass against the Hill Mines and asked for an injunction to restrain them from working the property and from removing any material.

Thus far it was a question between Caldwell and Reesler on the one side, and the Hill Mines on the other. But the situation became further complicated by the interjection of a new element. The property had hitherto been treated by both parties to the controversy as a mineral claim. One person, however, believes that it is not mineral land. Therefore comes John Keen and gives notice that he will

apply at the expiration of 30 days, to the chief commissioner of lands and works for a lease of 160 acres of land covering the same ground for the purpose of developing and working a stone quarry, basing his claim upon sub-section 14 of section 2, land act amendment act 1894.

Will some one unravel this little tangle and say what one of the three claimants is best entitled to the land? There is considerable dramatic talent in the city, and there is some talk of organizing a club and giving a series of amateur dramatic performances for sundry charitable purposes.

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LOTS OF ASPIRANTS

Wolley, Dennis, Kirkup and Kellie Are After Fitzstubs' Job.

THE INCORPORATION BILL

Col. Scott Does Not See How It Can be Amended—An Unsuccessful For Letter to the Province—Directorate of New International Company.

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—[Special.]—Gold Commissioner Fitzstubs, of West Kootenay, has been given two months leave of absence, and it is not expected he will ever return to official duties. W. J. Goepel, of Nelson, is temporarily discharging the duties of gold commissioner, but it is not believed he is an applicant for the position as he is already holding a place, that of auditor of Yale and West Kootenay, which pays him a better salary.

Others mentioned for the position are Chief Phillips Wolley, O. G. Dennis, of Kaslo, and John Kirkup, of Rossland. There is opposition to Captain Wolley on the ground that he has been unduly arbitrary and severe as sanitary inspector, though every candidate must address efficient officials. The appointment of Kirkup would give very general satisfaction so far as can be learned here. It is reported tonight that J. M. Kellie is an applicant.

Scott Wants No Amendments. Mr. MacCallum and Colonel Scott have not yet been able to see Attorney-General Eberts and get the Rossland incorporation bill into a form acceptable to the government. Mr. Eberts has been very closely engaged with government business all week but will probably be able to take up the Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks incorporation bills next Monday.

Colonel Scott said today in reference to the reported telegraphic petition sent from Rossland to the attorney-general last night that he did not see how any changes beyond those necessary to make the bill a government measure can now be made since it was passed on and approved by a mass meeting of the same people. He thinks the same power which authorized the bill in its present shape would have to authorize any changes in it.

Grand Forks and Nelson. Opposition has arisen to the incorporation of Grand Forks. It comes from the holders of some of the claims who are afraid of taxation. The G. P. R. is said to oppose the incorporation of Nelson for the same reason, that company owning about half the townsite. John Houston, of Nelson, arrived today to lend a helping hand to the incorporation measure. The general sentiment here is in favor of granting incorporation to all these places immediately so they can put themselves in good sanitary condition.

Rossland's Sanitary Condition. The Province of today has a letter from Rossland signed by the health officer criticizing the sanitary condition of the place. It is unnecessarily and unreasonably severe, since there is no immediate cause for alarm. Sanitary inspector Wolley is very hot over the letter, and declares a great portion of it to be grossly untrue. The letter is calculated to cause unnecessary alarm and keep people away from Rossland. There is, however, no denying the immediate necessity of a sewerage system as a safeguard against future danger, and it is therefore most important that no serious obstacle should be thrown in the way of incorporation.

The International Company. A letter received here from Montreal gives additional particulars of the formation of the International Mining and Investment company of Canada. The full directorate is as follows: Sir Adolph Caron, of Ottawa; Hon. Peter White, of Renfrew; Hon. Senator Clemon, J. W. McKee, John Gilmour and A. A. Tallon, of Ottawa; Sam Nordheimer, Charles Carlow, Major Corly, Charles Braudin, Edward Gurney, W. H. Cantrah and Dalton, of Toronto; Henry Hagan, Hon. James O'Brien and William Shaw, of Montreal; E. B. Germain, Governor Chapleau and Harold Kennedy, of Quebec; John M. Burke, of Rossland; Dr. Seward Webb, David J. Bell and George Gould, of New York. Sir Adolph Caron has gone to London, Paris and Brussels to complete the incorporation. The purpose is to operate chiefly in British Columbia.

Herbert Cathbert and C. B. Murray, of the British-Canadian Gold Fields company, left for Spokane and Rossland tonight. J. R. K.

After Fitzstubs' Job. Marsden Is Trying Hard For the Place—Backed By Rogers of Cariboo. Nelson, Feb. 12.—[Special.]—Captain Fitzstubs has gone on leave of absence in order to place himself under an experienced oculist. He has practically lost the sight of one eye through a cataract, which however may be satisfactorily removed. It is unlikely that the captain will return to Kootenay as his office are numerous, and more than one candidate is hanging about the lobby of the house at Victoria in the hope of the office. Mr. Marsden, late manager of the Galena Trading Company, is now at Piltz Bay, is making the necessary application to make a winner. His backer is old Sam Rogers, M. P. for Cariboo.

The rowing club is thinking of giving a ball, in aid of its funds, before Lent commences, but there are some private dances coming off before Ash Wednesday that it is hard to find a date.

IN BOUNDARY DISTRICT

Crown Point Group Bonded by Leslie Hill's Company. Payment of \$6,000 Made On the No. 7—Big Showing of Ore In the Mother Lode.

ASACONDA, B. C., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—The Boundary Creek Mining and Milling company has thirteen men at work at present driving a tunnel on the D. A. R. claim and a shaft on the G. A. R. The ore in each looks very well, indeed.

The Crown Point No. 2 and No. 3, on Kettle river above Rock creek, have been bonded to the B. C. Prospecting syndicate, of which Leslie Hill is general manager. There are the claims about which so much was said at the time of their discovery. The Crown Point ledge is 50 feet wide, and seems to be made up of parallel veins of quartz with pyrites and galena. Extraordinary assays have been obtained from the lode, running far up into the hundreds of dollars. The amount of the bond is not known, but it is said to be very large. There is every promise of a rich find here.

No. 7 and New York. The Boundary Mines company have made the first payment on the bond of the No. 7 claim, about \$6,000. The claim continues to be regarded as the great claim of Central camp, and very justly so, as strong as ever, and the quality is as high. About 250 feet of drift has been run on the 103-foot level, and the company is steadily pursuing the work, which has gone on rapidly since last May.

The New York claim in Central camp, owned by Douglas and Atwood, has been bonded to W. T. Thompson, of Midway. This claim is virtually an extension of No. 7, and probably holds the same leads.

Ore For 140 Feet. The tunnel at the Mother Lode claim is 180 feet, and is still in ore. It is expected that the porphyry wall will shortly be reached. The ore still continues to hold good values. The tunnel has been in ore constantly for 140 feet of the distance.

Greenwood Lots In Demand. The Greenwood Townsite company has just sold to a Rossland syndicate for \$10,000 a block of 56 lots. The real estate in this enterprising town is picking up, and lots formerly valued at \$100 are in some instances selling for \$500.

Mining Notes. The new shafts on the Cornucopia in Central camp, owned by John Douglas, are each down about 40 feet, and good ore is shown to exist in paying quantity.

In Central camp the Norfolk and the No. 9 claims have been sold to Mr. Fowler of the British Columbia Gold Fields, limited. They are both promising claims.

The Combination shaft is now down 80 feet, and the ore at the bottom looks as assays very well. Four men are now at work there.

The Adirondack claim in Kimberly camp, now under bond to W. T. Thompson, has its shaft down 29 feet. The work is now in a solid body of pyrrhotite ore.

COAST MAN GOT IT

Nelson's New Mining Recorder Is R. F. Talmie of Victoria.

BORN IN PIERCE COUNTY

His Father Was a Hudson's Bay Company Physician and All Washington Was Then Claimed to Be a Part of British Columbia.

NELSON, Feb. 12.—[Special.]—R. F. Talmie, of Victoria, has been appointed recorder of the Nelson district, to take the place made vacant by the death of George H. Rashdall. Mr. Talmie arrived on Wednesday night, and took up the duties of his position yesterday. He has the distinction of being one of the natives of Pierce county, Washington, when it was a British possession. He was born in the year 1858 at the Hudson's bay fort, where his father was physician for a number of years. He was three years in the service of the Bank of British Columbia in Cariboo, and since that time has been in the land registry office in Victoria.

Fitzstubs on Leave. Gold Commissioner Napoleon Fitzstubs left for Spokane Wednesday, on a 60 days leave of absence. As yet no one has been appointed to act while he is away, but advices from Victoria are daily looked for. It is understood that Mr. Goepel has got a half-Nelson on the job, and will probably receive instructions to act.

The Buchanan-Chipman Squabble. On election day in Kaslo, E. E. Chipman, city clerk of that thriving metropolis, made remarks derogatory to the standing and character of G. O. Buchanan. Yesterday the matter was brought before Judge J. A. Forin in Nelson, on complaint of Mr. Buchanan, who alleged that Mr. Chipman was guilty of violating one of the municipal by-laws by using blasphemous language on the streets of said city, and in the presence of several people. Counsel for the defense challenged Judge Forin's jurisdiction in the matter, and after considerable argument upon technicalities, the court decided to adjourn the hearing for eight days, defendant's counsel stating that he would apply for a writ of prohibition to determine jurisdiction.

BOUGHT THE GOLD KING. Quebec Syndicate Will Proceed to Develop the Property at Once. A syndicate of capitalists, of which F. W. Ross of Quebec is the prime mover, has purchased the Gold King mine, which adjoins the famous I. X. L. on the north. Ernest Kennedy yesterday received instructions by wire to get all the papers ready for the incorporation of a company under the laws of British Columbia.

Some work has already been done on the Gold King, which is a property favorably mentioned among the prospects of the camp, and it is said that the new company about to be organized will at once commence active development. As the company comprises capitalists of Quebec who are known to be men of experience in mines it is expected that no stone will be left unturned to bring out shipping ore as soon as possible. The Gold King is one of the oldest locations in the camp, being 1,500 by 600 feet. It has some fine surface showings, and is the direct extension of the I. X. L., it is believed to be traversed by the three free-milling ledges known to exist in that property, which is now being rapidly opened up.

New Company Invests. A strong syndicate of Rossland and Ontario men has recently made some heavy purchases in this district, which include the Minnie and the Beaconsfield in the south belt and the Little Giant group, comprising the Little Giant, Little Fite, Tillie H. and Copper King, on Lookout mountain. They have incorporated the Canada Mutual Mining and Development company with an authorized capital of \$2,500,000, and will commence active mining operations immediately. It is also the intention of the company to secure and develop properties in other districts. M. O. Tibbits, who went east from here some few weeks ago, will be manager at Toronto; G. A. Pounder at Rossland and E. F. Kendall at Rat Portage.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ST. ELMO. Crosscut Shows the Vein to Be Over 20 Feet Wide at a Depth of 270 Feet. What may be a very important strike has been made on the St. Elmo. Its real value will not be known until thorough tests of the ore have been made to ascertain its gold and copper contents and also its susceptibility to concentration. These tests will be completed in about a week and THE MINER will give the results to the public as soon as they are known.

As is well known to readers of THE MINER, a long tunnel has been driven for 300 feet through the Con. St. Elmo ground into the St. Elmo. The face of this tunnel is now 20 feet west of the St. Elmo's east end line and 270 feet under the surface. At this point a crosscut has been driven north for 20 feet from the footwall of the vein and it is all in ore. The ore, except in streaks, is highly silicious but carries a good deal more copper than was contained in the surface ore. The face of the crosscut is still in ore, so that the ledge at this point may be 30 feet wide. The ore has not the appearance of being high grade, but occasionally just such poor looking material runs well and it may do so in this instance.

WILL CONTINUE THE TUNNEL. Big Chief Tunnel Now In 115 Feet—Second 100 Feet Contracted For. Peter McDonald has just completed the 115-foot tunnel on the Big Chief group, and the company has given him a new contract for 100 feet more. It is

expected that the tunnel will have to be driven 400 feet to reach the main ledge, but in the meantime in driving the first 115 feet four parallel veins have been cut. These ledges vary in width from 18 inches to three and a half feet. The ore in each of these veins is of a similar character, being highly silicious. No assays have been made. The tunnel is fine piece of workmanship and reflects great credit on the contractor, who is one of the pioneer miners of this province, having worked in Cassiar and other northern camps in an early day.

THOSE SQUATTER JUDGMENTS. A Misunderstanding Between the Committee and Its Counsel. The sheriff served judgment Friday in the ejectment cases against W. H. Grier, F. P. McCarthy and W. R. Beatty, which were decided on Thursday in favor of F. J. Walker, the squatters having put in no answer. The defendants now claim that the judgments were a surprise to them, as they understood that F. M. L. Forin was representing them in the matter and would make a defense. Mr. Forin claims, it is said, that he was employed to "make an appearance" for the defendants, which he formally did, and to go no further until there were funds to go on with. The defendants claim that if Mr. Forin had stated that he had not sufficient funds for the defense the money would have been forthcoming, so there is a misunderstanding all round.

There is talk of a petition to the legislature to intervene, and also that Mr. Forin will take action to have the judgments set aside before ejectment orders can be issued, but so far as the three defendants are concerned Mr. Grier says they are satisfied as to the ownership of the land if Mr. Walker will make them a reasonable allowance for the buildings thereon, which they own. This would seem to intimate that the matter, so far as these three cases are concerned, is a fair way to a settlement.

THE BOARD OF TRADE. Council Arranges the Program for Monday Evening's Meeting. The council of the board of trade met Friday evening in the office of Weeks, Kennedy & Co., and those present expressed surprise at the slim attendance. There were only six members, J. F. McLaughlin, Smith Curtis, E. Hewitt, Dr. Bowes, E. Kennedy and W. S. Weeks, but the business of the meeting was proceeded with just the same according to call. The principal object was to arrange the order of the general meeting on Monday evening.

This was arranged as follows: Election of officers and the question of a permanent paid secretary; submission and adoption of by-laws for the government of the association; the appointment of an arbitration committee.

It is suggested that this board of arbitration should consist of representatives of the different branches of industry, and that all business difficulties arising among the members should come before a committee selected from them, and thus much expensive litigation be avoided.

Other questions of importance will undoubtedly be brought up at the meeting on Monday night, at which it is hoped there will be a full attendance.

WENT, BY DEFAULT

Supreme Court Granted Walker His Writs of Ejectment.

EVICIONS WILL FOLLOW

Squatters Made No Defense Beyond Putting In an Appearance When the Suits Were Begun—Same Result Likely in Other Suits.

Messrs. Harris, McNeil & Deacon, solicitors for F. J. Walker, received notice last week from Nelson that judgment had been entered by default in Mr. Walker's favor by the supreme court, in the ejectment actions commenced against W. R. Beatty, W. H. Grier and F. P. McCarthy.

As these were the first ejectment suits to be commenced involving the dispute of title on the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway grant, it meant much to the squatters on that property and to the city in general. The case was commenced about a month ago by Mr. Walker, who bought the property from the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway company on Sour Dough alley. Mr. Walker was not desirous of making unreasonable charges for rent, though he wanted to erect substantial buildings on the property. He offered the lots at 75 cents a foot at the time, and has since been offered \$2 a foot for the same ground. The gentlemen in possession refused to pay rent or vacate the premises, hence the proceedings in the courts.

Notices that writs of ejectment would be served were presented to the parties who were defendants to the actions. As Colonel Ledy stated at a meeting of squatters held at the International hall last Sunday an appearance was made. With the appearance the defense apparently ended, for judgment was given by default in favor of Mr. Walker, and the next proceeding will be the presentation of the judgment to the defendants, which will be immediately followed by ejectment by the sheriff.

New Manager For Trail Smelter. SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 11.—[Special.]—D. J. Fitzgerald, of Butte, arrived in the city last night, continuing on to Trail this morning, where it is said he goes to take management of the smelter.

Listowel, Sept. 22nd, 1896. Edmanson, Bates & Co., Gentlemen,—I have pleasure in saying that Dr. Chase's Ointment, Pills and Catarrh Cure and Linseed and Turpentine are selling well, and are giving every satisfaction. Many of my customers have spoken highly in their praise. Yours truly, J. A. HACKING.

What Will Make Rossland a Great City

1. HER MINES. The production of Rossland's mines more than doubled in 1896. At the present rate of increase the production will be more than quadrupled in 1897. With the introduction of cheap processes of treatment now assured Rossland will be able to produce at the end of the present year 1,200 tons of ore per day. The following mines are now shipping: Le Roi, War Eagle, Josie, Cliff, O. K., I. X. L., Jumbo, Mayflower, Kootenay, Nickel Plate, Red Mountain and Iron Mask. In April the following mines will ship: Colonna, Monte Cristo, Sunset, Commander, Deer Park, Crown Point, Iron Colt, Homestake, and the giant of them all, a mine that is capable of making an output that would eclipse them all, the Centre Star.

2. HER PAY ROLL. Fourteen hundred miners under ground. Fourteen hundred artisans and laborers are earning on an average \$3.00 per day. A certain pay roll of \$3,000,000 per year.

3. HER RAILROADS. Here today, the Columbia & Red Mountain connecting with Spokane Falls and Northern which connects at Spokane, Wash. with four transcontinental systems. Columbia & Western railroad connecting at Trail with boats for all points on the Columbia river and with the Canadian Pacific at Revelstoke. In June the Canadian Pacific railway will land freight in Rossland. In course of construction are an opera house and hundreds of houses. Statistics show that in December three houses were erected daily. Pure water and good light.

NO COMPETITOR IN SIGHT.

Montreal Townsite Syndicate

Offers a limited number of lots in the original townsite of Rossland for sale. Title absolutely perfect and guaranteed. For sale by all real estate agents in Rossland. JOHN F. McCRAE, Agent for Syndicate.

No. 3 Shaft of the PHOENIX

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CHANGES Sensation Created New American RETALIATION Col. Baker Says the way Will be Built—Cheap Coal Has Been Pacific Victoria, Feb. 17. Great sensation was created by the announcement of the schedule adopted by the committee of the mines. It is agreed that a tariff will be levied on the mining industry, since the majority of the copper and lead is from C. D. Rand, of Idaho. He thinks the new schedule will be a prohibitory one for every ton of Slovan. Good Will I saw Hirschel's views. "It will be the building of the all gold, silver, and it will be a good will make Canada richer. We will have all our gold, copper and silver. That now for most of them pass through Mr. Jowett, of the Bay smelter, was closed down some all his lead bullion had discovered he had the entire production. Retaliatory So far as I can members of the provincial parliament be strong and using tariff schedule proposals are already shut out by another is that subsidized to mining products at low cost. The master of mines, the new schedule it will result in British Columbia line. The Crown "I will take said he, "that Southern railways and that it will British Columbia. We will deliver river for not to be is one-third of will deliver coal and Trail smelter per ton. This cost now. I shall make as the world, the little over 4. able British Columbia British Columbia Effect on The new tariff Northport smelter great injury to which have greatly curtailed can't railroads from umbia, therefore that the new tax with some dete The session of address closed called for. It is reported draw his motion the British C grant. The sort of arrangement Rithet is satisfied GOSSIP New Parliament Victoria, B. C. correspondence.—compliment y o, ening of the giving us a re sunstane and Having just e where everyt snowy embra lightful chas clean, fresh and to see-th ing buds. The attend monia was over half the great many, they were d style and fo in harmony. It was a the opening legislative b building. To have eve some of the ishng were do not belie got restly b indeed, in The The prov extensive ground for being cle tence, in capital has vantage— inge cons structures design, b the accom I think th 1883. Th

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Sensation Created in Victoria Over New American Metal Schedule.

RETRALIATION TALKED OF

Col. Baker Says the Crow's Nest Railway Will be Built Under His Charter—Cheap Coal and Coke—Rithet Has Been Pacified.

VICTORIA, Feb. 12.—[Special.]—A great sensation was created here today by the announcement of the new tariff schedule adopted by the ways and means committee of the United States congress. It is agreed on every hand that such a tariff will be at first injurious to the mining industry of British Columbia, since the market for gold, silver, copper and lead in the United States. C. D. Rand, of London, who is here, thinks the new schedule would mean an average additional tax of \$30 additional on every ton of Slocan ore sent to American smelters. This would be almost prohibitory for even the high grade ores of Slocan.

Good Will Result Finally. I saw Hirschel Cohen and obtained his views. "It will result," he said, "in the building of smelters and refineries on this side of the line for the treatment of all gold, silver, copper and lead ore. It will be a good thing in the end. It will make Canada more independent and richer. We will have to arrange to ship all our gold, copper, silver and lead to England. That really the market now for most of these products, though they pass through American hands."

Mr. Jowett, of the Nelson Miner, who is here, says Dr. Hendryx, of the Pilot Bay smelter, was arranging, when he closed down some months ago, to ship all his lead bullion to China; that he had discovered he could easily dispose of the entire product in China at good prices.

Retaliatory Measures Likely. So far as I can gather from talks with members of the government and of the provincial parliament the sentiment will be strong and united in favor of adopting retaliatory measures if the new tariff schedule goes into effect. Many proposals are already being made. One is that American mining companies be shut out by burdensome restrictions. Another is that transportation lines be subsidized to carry British Columbia mining products to the English market at low cost. The Hon. Col. Baker, minister of mines, was greatly surprised at the new schedule. If adopted he thinks it will result in the treatment of all British Columbia ores on this side of the line.

The Crow's Nest Railway. "I will take occasion here to say," said he, "that the British Columbia Southern railway will be built this year, and that it will be built under the British Columbia Southern charter. We will deliver coal at the Columbia river for not to exceed \$4 per ton—that is one-third of the present cost. We will deliver coke at Pilot Bay, Nelson and Trail smelters at not to exceed \$6 per ton. This is less than half what it shall make as good coke as there is in the world, the percentage of ash being a little over 4. In this way we shall enable British Columbia smelters to smelt British Columbia ores."

Effect on American Smelters. The new tariff schedule will kill the Northport smelter scheme and will do great injury to those American smelters which have grown rich from handling British Columbia ores. It will also greatly curtail the traffic of the American railroads running into British Columbia, therefore it may be expected that the new tariff proposals will meet with some determined opposition.

The session today was uneventful except for the fact that the debate on the address closed without a division being called for. It is reported that Helmecken will withdraw his motion for the forfeiture of the British Columbia Southern land grant. There seems to have been some sort of arrangement made by which Mr. Rithet is satisfied.

Gossip from Victoria. New Parliament Buildings a Credit to the Government. VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—[Special Correspondence.]—Nature bestowed a pretty compliment yesterday in honor of the opening of the parliamentary session, in giving us a regular May day, so far as sunshine and a balmy air are concerned. Having just come down from Rossland, where everything is now locked in the snowy embrace of winter, it was a delightful change to be able to walk on the clean, fresh earth without over-shoes, and to see the green grass and the swelling buds.

The attendance at the opening ceremonies was unusually large, and not over half the people could get in. A great many ladies were on hand, though they were dressed in somewhat sombre style and for that reason were not quite in harmony with the springlike weather.

It was a great disappointment that the opening could not take place in the legislative chamber of the new capital building. The architect had promised to have everything ready in time, but some of the materials to be used in finishing were delayed in shipment, and he does not believe the new chamber can be got ready for use under two months, if, indeed, in that time.

The Parliament Buildings. The province is fortunate in having an extensive and well situated piece of ground for capital purposes. It is now being cleared of the old buildings, fences, trees, etc., so that the new capital buildings can be seen to good advantage. The original provincial buildings consisted of a number of frame structures, of very pretty architectural design, but now wholly inadequate for the requirements of public business. The second building were erected as far back as 1862. The new capital is of light grey

stone and of the most careful and substantial construction. When the grounds are cleared off it will present rather an imposing appearance, though it is a little heavy and rather gloomy and contracted inside.

Economically Constructed. It has, however, been very conscientiously and honestly built. The entire cost of the building proper will be less than \$300,000. Ordinarily such a building would cost fully \$1,000,000, and it seems to me the existing government deserves much praise for having given the province so good a structure for so small a sum.

New Buildings Were Needed. The government has been criticised for having spent a large sum in the erection of a capital building at a place so far from the centre of the province as Victoria, but I do not share in this complaint. Some sort of new buildings was a real necessity so far as the public business is concerned, and it will not be long till better railroad facilities will make Victoria more accessible to the remainder of the province. In less than two years there will probably be a line of railway running direct from West Kootenay to Victoria, by a route south of the present C. P. K. line, so that one at Rossland can get on a train at nightfall and wake up in Victoria next morning.

Victoria Makes a Good Capital. This is a good place for a capital city. It is near the sea, is near one of the most strongly fortified harbors in the British dominions, Esquimaux, and it is a pleasant residence place. It will always afford a pleasant change to come from the high altitudes of West and East Kootenay, Yale, Lillooet and Cariboo, to these well-tempered, almost semi-tropic shores, and I have no doubt the day is not far distant when, owing to the great wealth which must come from the mineral developments of the interior districts, many people will come here to build homes, and that Victoria has become a very prosperous future. Victoria has advantages so thoroughly fixed by nature that nothing can rob her of them, and these will be quickly acknowledged in the face of a returning and greater prosperity such as must come from the opening of British Columbia's mines. There will be great cities along Canada's Pacific coast line as well as on her Atlantic seaboard, and one of these will be Victoria. J. R. R.

SCHEME WILL NOT WORK

Mr. Norden Proposes to Organize An Exploration Company in London.

Advisory Board to Be Appointed in Spokane Instead of British Columbia—Will Probably Prove Fatal.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—Robert Norden, of London, who three months ago arrived in Spokane for the purpose of looking up mining investments in British Columbia as the accredited representative of a wealthy London syndicate, has concluded to return to London and organize an exploration company among his friends and associates, and if he is successful in the undertaking he will return and operate on a large scale.

"My present mission has not been a success," said Mr. Norden to THE MINER's correspondent today, "for the reason that mining properties in British Columbia are being held at too high figures over their real or prospective value."

"My visit to this country has, however, suggested to me an idea, and that is the organization in London of an exploration company to develop and acquire mining properties in the country up north. I am a member of three of the most influential clubs in London and my purpose is to organize a company entirely among my friends and associates."

"I have here a rough draft that I have prepared, setting out the objects and purposes of the exploration company. With its organization I propose to raise, say, \$300,000. With as much of this sum as is necessary it will be the purpose of the company to secure, say, ninety-days options on good prospects, the owners to be paid a certain amount of money down, with an agreement on the part of the company to at its expense, and if found satisfactory acquire them at the option figures."

"It would be my idea to secure from fifty to sixty good prospects for development, the company expending at least \$1000 on each one. By this method the claim turned out to be valueless the owners would be at no expense in discovering the fact, and on the other hand if the property proved to be of value the vendors would have a purchaser in the company, besides still retaining an interest in the original owner in any instance take a certain proportional amount in stock."

"It is also my purpose, in the event of the success of my mission, to have the exploration company represented in Spokane by an advisory board of three members, composed of good reliable and responsible citizens, through whom would be transacted the business of the company."

"I shall leave for London on this mission next week, and within three weeks after my arrival in England hope to be able to cable that the company has been organized."

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS. The Old Gold and the Primrose Gold Elect Officers. The Old Gold Quartz and Placer Mining company held its annual meeting in this city Friday, and elected G. A. Pounder, M. A. Chesnut and J. M. Miller directors for the ensuing year. The officers of the company elected were: G. A. Pounder, president; George N. Taylor, vice-president; M. F. Chesnut, secretary, and J. M. Miller, treasurer.

The Primrose Gold Mining company, at its annual meeting in this city yesterday, elected G. A. Pounder, M. F. Chesnut and J. M. Miller as directors. Mr. Miller was made the president, Mr. Chesnut the secretary and Mr. Pounder the treasurer.

The Old Gold company's property is on the north fork of the Salmon river, and the Primrose on a branch of that fork called Whiskey creek.

The Fisher Maiden. Frank Watson, who returned from the Elcan on Wednesday, will leave for Victoria early next week, to try to get the legislature to build a four-mile road from Silverton up to the Fisher Maiden mine, of which he is the manager. He is working 15 men on the mine and is running 12 rahlides. He has 10 carloads of ore ready to ship to Everett.

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TRANSPARENT FALSEHOODS.

In another column will be found a letter signed "Enquirer," followed by a translation of two articles in a leading French-Canadian paper—La Presse. The first is an editorial and is based on the second, which in itself would be unworthy of comment. Were the statements contained in the second article true we should not have a word to say, but as they are absolutely untrue, and capable of being disproved even in Montreal, we think La Presse is to be censured for publishing the letter at all and to be severely reprobated for basing such sweeping condemnation on so faulty a foundation.

The letter to La Presse asserts there is only one mine in Rossland—the Le Roi—and yet the same letter states in a later paragraph that 28 miles of railway are being built. It does not say much for the intelligence of La Presse's editor that he should have accepted as true the first statement in face of the second.

Now there are a few facts, which can be easily substantiated, to which we should like to call the attention of La Presse's editor. During the past year there have been built into Rossland two railroads. A large smelter has been built at Trail for the treatment of Rossland ores. Capital has been subscribed for a second smelter to treat Rossland ores at Northport, Wash. An extension of 28 miles is being added to one of the railroads built to Rossland last year. The population of the town has increased from about 1,200 to 7,000. The number of working miners has increased from less than 400 to upwards of 1,900, as shown by THE MINER in a detailed statement during the month of November. The shipments of ore from Rossland's mines since January 1 amount to 7,047 tons, and eight mines beside the Le Roi contributed to this total, the War Eagle shipping 1,810 tons, and three others, the Columbia & Kootenay, Iron Mask and Josie, all shipping over 100 tons. A mine which has shipped no ore at all, the Centre Star, is capable, from the ore blocked out in its workings, of shipping more than any and perhaps as much as all of them put together.

Now, as to some of the mines particularized by La Presse's correspondent: He says the I—has only 7 inches of ore for a distance of 15 feet. Which mine he means can only be surmised by his reference to the price of the stock. It is evidently the Iron Mask. Since the date of his letter (January 22) that mine has shipped 244 tons of ore, which clearly could not come from a vein 7 inches wide and 15 feet long. As to what mines he means by the W— and O—, we are unable to make even a probable guess. The W— surely does not mean the War Eagle, which, after paying \$187,000 in profits was sold for \$750,000, and has shipped since January 1 ore to the amount of 1,810 tons. The O. K. is the only mine we can imagine he refers to as the O—. This mine has been running a 10-stamp mill and has besides, since the first of the year, shipped 41 tons of high grade ore and concentrates.

There may be some hungry men in Rossland, but we have not met them. From the letter one would suppose the International hotel to be a charity, but we would like to have its profits for a month and retire from the newspaper business.

There are more Italians and Chinese, ten times over, in Montreal than there are in Rossland, but there is one French-Canadian here who is the most colossal and contemptible liar and defamer of a community we ever heard of.

BOSTOCK FOR PREMIER.

It is acknowledged on all hands that the opposition to the present government of British Columbia needs a leader and a definite policy. The latter is gradually forming in the public mind and only needs crystallizing into a platform by an opposition convention. The leadership is a more difficult matter and an equally important one. The lack of a leader constitutes the opposition's greatest weakness and is also a tower of strength to the government.

The necessity for a leader is plain, and it is equally plain that to command the confidence of the public he must not be a man of straw or lacking in personal responsibility, because he will be pitted against the present premier, the Hon. J. H. Turner, who is not only one of the province's leading business men, but recognized as being above suspicion or reproach in public or private life. Were all Mr. Turner's government his peers in ability and equally trusted by the public, his government would not now be in such general disfavor.

We have been given to understand by visitors from the coast that a leader round whom to rally the opposition forces has been the great stumbling block to the organization of a strong and united opposition. The leaders of the opposition party in Rossland have frequently canvassed the situation and at last they have decided on the man they want for chief. He is our present Dominion member, Hewitt Bostock. In him they believe they have found a man capable of organizing the opposition on lines which would ensure success at the next election and they feel confident that a government led by him would be progressive instead of moribund and possessed of definite aims and able to carry them into execution instead of merely letting things drift along as has been the habit of the Turner government in the past.

So far as we know this matter was not mentioned to Mr. Bostock during his visit to Rossland and his views in the matter have not been ascertained. The object of the Rossland men who are at the head of this movement is to agitate the question with the purpose of bringing enough pressure to bear on Mr. Bostock to induce him to undertake the task.

THE COMPANIES ACT.

There is no doubt the laws regulating the organization of joint-stock companies and the registration of foreign companies need amendment. These amendments should be in the direction of making stock non-assessable, keeping the capitalization down to reasonable figures and protecting the minority stockholders. These objects can all be accomplished without any very radical amendments, and in carrying out these reforms care should be taken not to embarrass legitimate business. Foreign companies owning property in this province should be compelled, so far as their business here is concerned, to be governed by exactly the same laws as home corporations.

If it is thought undesirable to apply the non-assessable principle in addition to limited liability to all corporations, a special clause might be inserted in the act to enable mining companies to capitalize with only non-assessable stock. This would give all creditors due notice, and would have a tendency to make it more difficult for mining companies to get into debt.

Capitalization could in most instances be kept down to reasonable figures by a small tax on capitalization at the time of incorporation, the tax to be paid along with the usual registration fees.

The minority stockholders might be better protected by a provision that no company, no matter what its charter powers may be, shall dispose of any of its mines without a stockholders' meeting, held after due notice at its principal place of business in the province, at which meeting at least 75 per cent of the capital stock should be voted in person or by proxy in favor of the sale. This last, however, is the most difficult subject in the list, and must be carefully considered in all its bearings.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

Though the session of the provincial parliament is still young, it is manifest that Mr. Cotton, of Vancouver, is ready to desert the opposition for the government ranks on the slightest provocation, or shall we say encouragement. Whether his support of the government will strengthen it or not we are not prepared to say, but one thing is certain, this defection will not weaken the opposition.

The weakness of the opposition in the provincial parliament has hitherto lain in its lack of a definite policy. Many of its members were therefore liable at any moment to become government supporters. The opposition should be a reform party, and should have no dealings with the Turner administration. Any opposition member who shows a disposition to dicker with the enemy should be invited to declare his position. If the province is to be burdened with the incubus of the Turner regime for another year, the voters should know who are responsible for it, so that in turning them out at the next election they may be in no danger of electing some of their supporters under the guise of opposition members.

WHAT the opposition to the Turner government needs is a leader and a policy.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

If brokers will report their sales to THE MINER it will greatly assist us in the preparation of our market reports.

We do not suppose that any surprise will be manifested by the Rossland public at the news that Col. Scott thinks the incorporation law should not be amended.

We have been given to understand that Van B. DeLashmutt of Portland, Ore., who was here lately in the interest of the Oregonian, has prepared a great roast for the camp, which will appear shortly in that journal.

It is a good thing for the Frenchman who wrote that lying letter to La Presse that his name is not signed to it. If he were known it is safe to say he would be invited to leave Rossland—for his health.

Some of the quotations sent out from the Spokane exchange are ridiculous. What is the use of quoting Monita at 17½ bid. It might as well be quoted at 10, or even 5. Rossland has been buying Monita for more than a week at better prices than that.

It will not be necessary to put an export duty on our ores to secure their being smelted in Canada. President McKinley and his party will make it unprofitable to ship ores to the United States to be smelted.

The outlook at the present moment for new development work is very satisfactory. Among the companies which have got in shape to work on an extensive scale during the coming spring are the Great Western, Gopher, Homestake, E. E. Lee, Iron Horse, Novelty and Sultana.

It is the government and not D. C. Corbin that is responsible for the middle regarding land and timber titles in West Kootenay. It is funny Mr. Kelle can not see this point. There is not a man in the community who would not take all the timber and land around Rossland if the government gave it to him.

HEWITT BOSTOCK, as leader of the opposition, would beat the Turner government out of sight at the next provincial election. Island and mainland are all one to him and each would be assured of a fair deal. No section would be favored at the expense of another. He is not built that way.

The successor to Captain Fitzstubb should be a Kootenay man. Recorder Kirkup and Captain Wolley would seem to us to be best fitted for the position and most likely to give satisfaction both to the government and the people of the district. By the way, is it not about

time that the Trail Creek district had a stipendiary magistrate, gold commissioner and government agent of its own.

The Turner government has no policy. It merely resists all reforms as long as possible, and then grants them when it is evident a refusal would mean its death. If there were an opposition worthy of the name this game could not be played twice. The Turner regime has done it several times already, and is getting ready to do it once more.

Two amendments to the Companies act regarding treasury stock of mining companies have been proposed. One is that 10 per cent of the capital stock must be placed in the treasury before any stock is offered for sale and the other is that 10 per cent of the capital must be subscribed in cash. We can not see the utility of the first provision, as mining companies seldom put less than 25 per cent of their capital stock in the treasury. The second proposition is easily evaded.

MINING NOTES.

The owners of the Hattie are calling for tenders for an 80-foot shaft.

Recent assays from the Jumbo are running up in the hundreds of dollars. The ore is quartz, carrying free gold and telluride.

The Cariboo company at Camp McKinney has purchased a four drill compressor plant from the Canadian Rand Drill company through its local agent, F. R. Mendenhall.

The Yale, which is near the Curlew, on the south belt, was measured up Friday, and it was found that the shaft was down 35 feet. The face of the tunnel is in ore but no assays have been made.

Some more fine samples of free milling ore, showing gold in quantities visible to the naked eye, were brought up from the Norway mine near Trail, owned by the Bruce Gold Mining company. This property promises to prove a bonanza.

A contract was made Friday for a 65-foot shaft on the Joanna, which is five miles southwest of Rossland, and is owned by Vancouver parties. This is the first development work on the property that has been let. The showing eight feet from the surface is promising.

Mr. Mackie came down from Mackie mountain, at the head of Sullivan creek Saturday and brought some good news from the Heather Bell mine. The west drift has four feet of solid ore, which Mr. Mackie thinks is of shipping grade. The ore body is still widening.

Victor Carr brought in two sacks of ore from the Norway mine Saturday, which contained a great number of handsome specimens, some of them showing free gold. The tunnel is now in 65 feet and next week the company will put men at work to extend the tunnel another 10 feet. It is also intended to begin a winze 40 feet in, following the lead from which the rich samples of ore brought in yesterday were taken.

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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED

Bottom of the East Shaft Is All in Ore Averaging Nearly \$30—Machinery Plant Ordered—Shaft to Be Put Down 300 Feet.

The MINER is pleased to be able to announce that the Great Western company has made arrangements to resume work on a large scale. This property, which adjoins the townsite, is one in which we have always had great confidence, and it is most gratifying to find that its owners share our views. All but a small portion of the stock is held by four men—J. E. Jones and C. E. Barr, of Spokane, and General Charles S. Warren and John M. Burke, of Rossland. Although the treasury of the company was long since exhausted and work had consequently to be suspended, they have now, from their own resources, raised a new fund for development and the mine will be opened on a scale commensurate with its importance.

John Moynahan, the late superintendent of the Le Roi mine, has been engaged as superintendent, and under his direction the work of erecting the company's buildings has already been begun. The mine will be equipped at once with a large and complete machinery plant, which will include a powerful pump, hoist and compressor. These will be installed at the shaft, near the east end of the claim, and this shaft will be put down to the 300-foot level as fast as men and money can do it.

It is now down about 20 feet. At a depth of between 12 and 16 feet the capping suddenly gave place to ore assaying from \$12 to \$16 in gold, and in the bottom the average was nearly \$20 in gold. The surface showing at this point is immense, the vein being apparently upwards of 20 feet wide. The whole shaft, which is of double compartment size, is in ore, with no sign of a wall or other limitation to the ore body in any direction.

At the time work was suspended at this point stock was selling around 20 cents, but since then it has slumped considerably and sales as low as 12 cents have been reported. Lately the stock began improving in price and is now quoted at 15 cents. It need not be at all surprising if the resumption of work should send it to 25 cents a share in the next week or ten days.

The Golden Chariot.
On the Golden Chariot, which adjoins the Great Western and belongs to the same company, a shaft has been sunk 50 feet near the west end of the claim. This ledge is one of the most perfect fissures in the camp, the walls being from 30 inches to four feet apart. The vein filling near the surface was iron pyrites, but in the bottom the ore is solid pyrrhotite assaying \$10 to \$12 in gold. This shaft will also be put down at least 50 feet further, and drifts run out on that level both ways along the vein.

AN INTERESTING SITUATION.

Novelty Tunnel Getting Into Good Ore—Stock Takes a Jump.

The situation at the Novelty is very interesting at present. The crosscut tunnel has now been driven in ninety-nine feet and the whole face is well mineralized vein matter, from which some high assays have been obtained. It looks now as though a body of pay ore might be opened up at any point as the improvement since the vein matter was first encountered is very noticeable.

A shaft was started on the vein above the tunnel and this was put down eight feet, when work had to be suspended on account of water from the melting snows. The showing in the bottom is, however, very encouraging, and since work was discontinued at this point night and day shifts have been driving ahead on the tunnel.

Stock in the Novelty has fluctuated much of late. It dropped as low as 6 cents and in fact seemed to be kicked around by the brokers just as they pleased, but a change has occurred and a marked stiffening in the price is noticeable and many of the shrewdest brokers are buying up big blocks in anticipation of a sharp advance.

Back From Boundary.]
Lee and Anderson returned from a two weeks' trip to Boundary creek on Friday, and brought a number of samples of ore. They reported that the Mother Lode is crosscutting a vein of 22 feet which assays \$26 in gold and copper. The camp, they say, was looking well and prosperous. They have sold some lots in Greenwood since their return.

SQUATTERS TO MAKE A FIGHT.

All Those Served With Writs to Meet on Monday Afternoon.

The squatters' committee met again Saturday afternoon and Counsel Forin explained the situation to them, and said that if any further legal steps were to be taken by the defense, the money must be forthcoming.

The committee declared that it could raise the amount necessary for the defense, as sketched out by Mr. Forin, and after the adjournment of the meeting members of the committee went out to collect subscriptions. This committee will report to a meeting on Monday afternoon, of the 18 squatters who have been served with writs by the railroad company. The defense to the railroad company's claim will then be decided upon.

The three cases of Mr. Walker, in which judgments were served upon Beatty, Greer and McCarty, have been amicably settled.

CASCADE CITY GROWING.

Rossland Man Will Build a Hotel—Lumber Is Only \$10 a Thousand.

Cascade City, a pretty townsite of 1,960 acres on Christina lake, is beginning to be settled up by the Cascade City De-

velopment company. There are already several buildings erected, including a hotel and a livery stable with accommodations for 20 horses. The Christina Lake Navigation company is supplying lumber of a good quality at \$10 per thousand.

Mr. Thomas, of Rossland, approved the plans Saturday for a hotel of 20 rooms that he will at once begin to build at Cascade City.

TO DEVELOP THE SULTANA

Company has \$20,000 Available for Work on the Property.

Machinery Will Be Ordered and the Present Shaft Put Down 300 Feet. A Strong Company.

A good many properties on Lookout mountain are under development and have been for some time past, and now the Sultana company has made arrangements to begin work on its property on the largest scale of anything yet attempted in that district. A fund of \$20,000 will be available for working capital before April 1, and as soon as the snow goes off a wagon road will be built up to the mine and a machinery plant put in at the earliest possible date.

The certificate of improvements to the Sultana was issued some time ago, and a crown grant to the property is expected to arrive from Victoria by any mail. The mine is the second east extension of the famous Sovereign. The development work to date consists of a 28-foot shaft sunk on the vein, showing a good body of clean pyrrhotite from which assays up to \$60 have been obtained.

This is covered by the characteristic iron cap, which has been opened in several places, proving a continuous, strong and wide ledge.

The development projected consists of the continuation of the present shaft to the 200-foot level with drifts on the vein every 50 feet, and crosscuts to determine the width of the ledge, which is at present unknown.

The company which owns the Sultana is a very strong one. It is capitalized at \$1,000,000, of which 450,000 shares, or nine-twentieths, are in the treasury. The officers are: Dr. Edward Bowes,

president; H. W. Ward, Q. C. of Port Hope, Ont., vice-president; J. S. Clute, treasurer, and H. Stevenson, secretary. The directors include, besides Messrs. Bowes, Ward and Clute, the Hon. D. W. Higgins, speaker of the provincial parliament; Senator Kirchoffer of Brandon, Man.; the Hon. T. Mayne Daly, ex-minister of the interior for Canada, and W. J. Nelson, of Rossland. The treasury stock has been principally subscribed in the Northwest Territories, Manitoba and Ontario, and largely among the personal friends of Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh, who is largely interested in the company.

NEW BANKS TO OPEN.

In New Denver, Slocan City and The Boundary District.

New Denver is to have a branch of the bank of Montreal, indeed it may already have been opened, as this action was determined upon some time ago. It is reported that either the bank of British North America or the bank of British Columbia will shortly open a branch at Slocan City. With these new branches the Slocan will be well supplied with banking facilities.

Boundary District, Too.
The bank of Montreal is said to have decided to open a branch at some town in the Boundary district at an early date.

Slocan Mining Notes.

Slocan City News: A small force of men have been employed on the Republic group all winter and have just struck another very rich vein of ore. The Republic is owned by Dave Sutherland and Tom Montgomery, and is bonded by a Brandon, Man., company.

The Esmeralda reports a rich strike having been recently made on that property.

Frank Granville has purchased the Townsend claims, adjoining the Two Friends, from A. Bader for \$2,000. Local parties are backing him, and the property will be largely developed.

Strike at the Annie E.

At the Annie E., on Deer Park mountain, a strike was made Saturday of a two-foot vein, 40 feet down the shaft. The Annie E. has seven men doing development work, and they are working night and day shifts.

Souris, Man., Sept. 21, 1896.

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Engineer's Report.

Extract from a report by Harry Gager, mining engineer:
"This group consisting of the Gray Copper, Copper Giant and Blue Copper, all being full claims, fifteen hundred by fifteen hundred feet, are situated on the southeast slope of Lookout Mountain, about ten miles south of Trail, four and one-half miles north of Waneta, on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, three and a half miles west of Paulson's Landing on the Columbia River and one and one-half miles north of the International boundary line, in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, British Columbia, and adjoining the Trail & Waneta Gold and Copper Mining Company's property on the south."

Workings and Outcrop.
"The development so far consists of several open cuts along the center line on the outcrop, and a shaft on the Copper Giant six by ten feet on the surface by eight feet in depth, tapering to about five by eight feet at the bottom, in diorite, which is much broken on north and south sides and the east end. On the bottom and west end it was comparatively solid. The north and east faces of this shaft are cut irregularly with stringers of quartz, varying from one-half

TREASURY SHARES.

The company is of the belief that there is a fair chance to find a valuable mine in this property and has gone into the enterprise after a careful consideration of all the facts obtainable. The officers and directors are gentlemen of position who would not embark in an undertaking of this kind unless they believed there was a good chance for success. Fifty thousand treasury shares will be offered at 10 cents a share. There are no salaried officers and all the money paid in will go to the development of the property.

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The capitalization of this Company is, perhaps, the smallest met with in the history of the Rossland mines, being only 250,000 shares of \$1.00 each. The Treasury Stock is \$50,000, and it should be known to possible investors that before one share of this stock has been sold the sum of \$2,000 had been spent upon the property.
The Directors have decided to limit the first and present issue of Treasury Stock to 20,000, and this number will be sold at the low price of 25 cents. When they have been sold, it is further decided to raise the price for the balance of the treasury stock to 50 cents. The Directors undertake that no further Treasury Stock will be placed upon the market until the proceeds of the first issue has been expended, or practically so.
The Ottawa is not a mere prospect. With the excellent showing resulting from the \$2,000 already spent upon the property, the Ottawa may be said to have passed the period of uncertainty, and work is now being actively pushed night and day by five men.
The management of the Company is under the able and careful direction of the Pounder Bros., who may be depended upon to exercise judicious economy in protecting the rights and expenditures of the Company.
Remember the small capitalization, and also remember that 5 per cent. dividends upon \$1,000,000 means a 20 per cent. dividend upon a small capitalization of \$250,000.
Finally, the Ottawa, from its partial development, excellent location and experienced management, promises to exceed the greatest expectations of its Directors.
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A CHANGE OF POLICY

West Kootenay Will be Treated With More Consideration.

TWO REFORMS PROMISED

Working Miners' Licenses to be Abolished—Fitzstubs' Removal—Kellie Demands Three Members—Walkem's Desertion of the Government.

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—[Special.]—It is now evident that the government is so much impressed by the great development in West Kootenay and Yale that a complete change of policy is to be adopted. One evidence of this is the acceptance of the proposals to make the incorporation of Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks government measures and put them through immediately.

Today I hear on good authority that another favorable action will be the removal of the tax on working miners. Such a measure will, of course, give the greatest satisfaction in West Kootenay. Another important change is to be made, the nature of which I am not now at liberty to state, but it is one which will give great satisfaction, as it means the removal of the official who has been the stumbling block in the way of the development of the country.

Opposition Painfully Weak.

The progress of the debate shows clearly that there is not much in the stories of the probable downfall of the government. There is a painful lack of material on the side of the opposition from which a new government could be framed if the present one were to fall.

The British Pacific Scheme.

It may be that Mr. Helmecken will make an open fight against the government, though the sincerity of his opposition is doubted. He represents K. P. Rithet, who is identified with the British Pacific railroad scheme. Rithet has put much money into this enterprise and will make another effort at this session to secure government aid. It is thought that Helmecken's present position is but a feint for the purpose of bringing the government to support the British Pacific.

Col. Baker Interviewed.

I had a talk with Colonel Baker, the minister of mines, today concerning the British Columbia Southern railway, the forfeiture of whose land grant has been moved by Helmecken. Colonel Baker will make a strong fight against the forfeiture. He says it is not true that the company has spent no money; that on the contrary they have paid \$150,000 for surveys and other preliminary work. He said, further, that the coal lands in the Crow's Nest Pass would, if the road is built, be opened to purchase by the public at a low figure, and that the coal would be sold at a very low figure, much lower than the price now charged in West Kootenay. While this is not very definite, it is encouraging.

A Speech by Hume.

Mr. Hume, of Nelson, was among the speakers today. He called attention to the revenue received by both the provincial and the Dominion governments from West Kootenay, and to the material increase in the mineral output for 1896. In conclusion he took occasion to approve of the proposal to amend the Companies act, so as to compel mining corporations to put up so much cash before being permitted to do business. It now looks as though there would be a determined effort to pass some sort of legislation in this direction.

Kellie's Plain Talk.

J. M. Kellie this afternoon made one of the best speeches yet heard. He took strong ground in favor of granting increased representation to West Kootenay, and for the substitution of a younger and more active man in place of Gold Commissioner Fitzstubs. Kellie thinks West Kootenay should have two additional representatives. His remarks on this point seemed to meet with very general approval. He opposed granting any assistance to another railway from the coast into West Kootenay, as he thinks there are already enough railways running in that direction. Kellie is a blunt, unpolished sort of a speaker, but he has a direct and forcible way of handling his subject which commands attention.

Delegates From Nelson.

John Elliot and W. A. Jowett, of Nelson, have arrived and are taking much interest in the effort to have Nelson incorporated along with Rossland and Grand Forks.

Dr. Walkem Deserts.

Late this afternoon Dr. Walkem, the member for Nanaimo, created a stir by announcing an independent position. Heretofore he has been a stout supporter of the government. This reduces the government majority to a narrow margin and renews the talk of a breakup.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

Spokane & Northern and Canadian Pacific Show Great Increase.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Bradstreet publishes a list of 53 railroads that have made public their earnings during 1896. Of these the Georgia & Alabama road had an increase of 75 per cent in gross earnings in 1896 over those of 1895. This is the highest per cent of increase of any of the 53 roads that are given.

The Spokane & Northern comes second with an increase of 56 per cent in gross earnings and 88 per cent in net earnings. The gross earnings in 1895 were \$281,442, and in 1896 \$439,759.

The third road on the list is the Canadian Pacific, with an increase of 9 per cent in 1896 over 1895.

NATATORIUM FOR ROSSLAND.

Public Will Be Able to Enjoy Plunge Baths This Summer.

Messrs. Martin and Akins have purchased a lot near the corner of Spokane street and Kootenay avenue and will build a swimming bath. The building will be 30x80 feet and the swimming

tank 26x30 feet in the clear. The bottom will be built on an incline, the water at one end being two feet deep and at the other 10 feet deep. The walls and bottom will be of concrete, with a heavy coating of Portland cement on the inside. Thirty dressing rooms will be provided for both ladies and gentlemen, and will be so arranged as to add 30 additional rooms if business should require them. Bathing suits will be supplied, and no pains will be spared to make bathing agreeable to those who wish to take a plunge.

The water will be taken from a running spring, and tests made of the water show that it is soft and well adapted to bathhouse purposes. The water will be heated by numerous coils of three-inch pipes running through a large furnace. A stream of water will run continually into and out of the tank, and twice a week the tank will be emptied and refilled with fresh water.

Arrangements are nearly complete for carrying out the scheme, and work will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

The only paper giving all the news is Rossland and the Trail Creek district of THE ROSSLAND MINER.

was received for 50,000 at 9 cents, but this order was not filled. There were some sales at 7 cents, and three weeks ago the stock got down as low as 2 1/2 cents. After this it rallied again, and between last Friday and Tuesday it is said 25,000 were sold at 5 1/2 cents. Then it dropped to 5 cents and yesterday was quoted at 4 1/2 and 4 cents.

Secretary Baillie said yesterday that the mine was looking well, although it was probable that the water might prove a little troublesome. The company had now 50 tons of high grade ore on the dump. The directors, he said, had only shut down for a couple of weeks and intended to continue the work, but with the strictest economy. Meantime, if the shareholders could get a reasonable offer for the mine they would take it. When asked what they would probably call a reasonable offer he said \$80,000 or \$90,000.

THE ELISE IS SHUT DOWN

Shareholders Would Like to Find a Purchaser For the Property.

A Natural Result of Trying to Sell Treasury Stock at 15 and Promoters Stock at 5 Cents.

The directors of the Elise have been meeting and adjourning for two or three days and have evidently had some difficulty in satisfactorily arranging matters. The annual meeting of the shareholders was called for Tuesday, but that meeting was adjourned. They met again on Wednesday, and succeeded in electing the following as the directors for the ensuing year: G. A. Fraser, G. B. Shorey, J. W. Young, Frank Walker, W. D. McCadden, P. D. Kearney and F. M. McLeod. This, by the way, is the first time a full list of the Elise directors has ever been published.

The gentlemen were not able to agree upon the officers until yesterday, but they did, as a board, some business all the same, not the least important of which was an order for the immediate stopping of work at the mine. Yesterday the board again met and re-elected G. A. Fraser president, and chose J. W. Young as vice-president, and Edward Baillie as secretary and treasurer.

These meetings, from all accounts, were rather stormy gatherings, nearly all the credit or blame for the present condition of the company being charged up to the action of Mr. Young, who threw a large block of his promoters stock on the market at 5 cents at the time the company was attempting to sell its treasury stock at 15 cents. Mr. Young had the ready answer that the stock had never been pooled and that therefore he acted within his rights in selling. This had to be conceded and everyone has to admit the foolishness of having attempted to float the property without some pooling arrangement.

How much of the stock has been sold could not be ascertained, but it is probable that Mr. Young was not the only member of the company who disposed of some. Naturally the treasury stock at 15 cents was left on the shelf. Of the 230,000 treasury shares 200,000 are still in the treasury, and most of the remainder was given to cover legal expenses, traveling expenses to Seattle, or Ellicott Square Bank, Buffalo, and other necessary outlays.

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Montezuma on Kaslo Creek Soon to Join the List.

DAN SIMPSON'S NEW DEAL

He Has Bonded the California and Clipper and Hector and Calumet in the Slovan Country—Harry Hughes' Condition Critical.

KASLO, Feb. 10.—[Special.]—The Montezuma, on the south fork of Kaslo creek, will soon make its appearance in the list of shipping properties. Raw-hiding began from the mine on Monday last and will be prosecuted as rapidly as the snow will permit. The management has been waiting for more snow for some time. This property is under bond to C. L. Webb and E. C. Hughes of Seattle, and is said to be looking very promising.

Dan Simpson is to the fore with another "huge deal." He threw up the bond previously reported as not weighty enough, and now has undertaken the handling of two or three other groups. One is the California and Clipper, near New Denver, involving about \$60,000, with 10 per cent. in cash, and the other the Hecla and Calumet, at the head of Dayton creek. The former belongs to Marino, Vanduson and Marks, and the latter to Mulvey and Clements.

A. L. Davenport, of the Poorman mine, a few miles below Nelson, passed through the city a few days ago, and went into the Slovan to inspect some mining properties for which he is reported to be negotiating.

The treasury stock of the Dardanelles Mining & Milling company is reported to have been entirely sold. None is to be had in the local market, and there has, in consequence, been a sharp advance in the quotations. Promoters' stock has been pooled until June.

Pilot Bay Smelter Plant.
The steamer Kaslo, belonging to the Kootenay Mining & Smelting company, which has been plying as a tug upon the lake ever since the Pilot Bay smelter closed down, has now followed the great work into desuetude. Absolutely no use is now being made of the entire expensive works. Rumors are current, however, that work will be resumed at the smelter in the early spring.

The newly organized fire company was out for practice with hose-cart and hose on Wednesday. The members were nearly all present and made good time in getting water turned on, in view of the fact that this was their first appearance for drill. The company will be called out unexpectedly as soon as they have acquired some familiarity with the fire appliances.

A Novel Prosecution.
The charges brought by Alderman G. O. Buchanan against a civic official, which were heard by the city council in secret session, and rather cavalierly given a quietus, are not to be allowed to die a natural death. The alderman has now laid information against the official before a local magistrate for breach of a city by-law, and a summons has been issued for him to appear at Nelson on Thursday next. There will thus arise the somewhat unusual spectacle of one stipendiary magistrate being tried by another stipendiary magistrate in an outside town, for breach of a by-law of the city of which the accused is police magistrate. The case is unusual enough and is somewhat interesting. The presiding magistrate will be County Court Judge Forin, sitting as a stipendiary magistrate for British Columbia.

Police Court Notes.
The police magistrate has been kept pretty busy during the week. On Monday he imprisoned one unfortunate for being drunk and disorderly, and on Tuesday he fined William Leach \$5 for scuffling in the public streets. Frank Earl, whose talent as a pianist is not used in the most respectable manner, deposited \$20 when arrested for disorderly conduct, and the amount just covered his fine.

A. C. Pearson, a mine foreman, was fined \$10 in the police court on Wednesday, for assault upon a Chinaman. This kind of thing is far too frequent and the police magistrate might have justly made the punishment more exemplary.

Personals and Brevities.
George Alexander, W. P. Dickson and H. B. Alexander are seeking a special act of incorporation as an electrical company for the supply of power and light within a radius of 30 miles of Kaslo, with power to take sufficient water from Kaslo creek for the purpose.

H. G. Marquis, who opened the branch of the Bank of British North America in this city, has been ordered to Brandon, Man., and is succeeded by G. B. Gerard, who comes from St. Johns, N. B., where he was accountant. It is promotion for both of these gentlemen.

Harry Hughes, who was caught in the Bluebird snowslide, still lies in a very precarious condition, with the chances against his pulling through.

A. W. Wright, of Roseland, was on the streets of Kaslo today and received many warm greetings from old friends.

Alexander Begg, editor and proprietor of the British Columbia Mining Record, came in from Victoria on Monday, and will spend a few days in looking up the mining situation of the Slovan.

W. A. Carlyle's report on the Slovan and adjacent districts, issued as bulletin No. 3, has been received here with much favor, and the suggestion of *The Miner* that it should be widely circulated is heartily indorsed.

Murdock McKenzie and Miss Ida Williams, both widely known in the city, were married at the Methodist parsonage on Monday evening last by the Rev. Mr. Procuier.

THAT OPEN SEWER.
Subscriptions to Carry on the Work Merely Awaiting Collection.
The paragraph in *THE MINER* Friday about the open sewer and its unsalubrious effects upon the circumambient air, caused some talk and some suggestions to take up the matter at once, but there the matter rests. Mrs.

Allen made a proposition that she would put a subscription card in her hotel, and that probably other hotel proprietors would do likewise. She felt that she could raise \$100 in small sums in a couple of weeks and that the \$400 necessary to the completion of the sewer plan could be readily raised at short notice.

The real reason for the suspension of the work seems to be owing to the fact that there is no head to the movement—no one to take hold of the scheme and work it out. Everyone interested in the sewer proposition is too busy with his own affairs. Anyone who took it up now would find it a fairly easy task and would win a great amount of public gratitude for his services. There is money already subscribed and waiting for the collector, but no one has been appointed to collect it.

The first warm day will probably awaken people to the necessity of an organization of the work, and then it will be put through with a rush.

LEAD TARIFF RESTORED

McKinley Rate Adopted, Which Is Double the Present Duty.

The Copper and Silver Rates Are Also Restored—Change of the Law as to Assaying Lead Ores.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—The republican members of the ways and means committee who are working on the tariff bill agreed today to restore the McKinley duty on lead ores. The McKinley rate is 1½ cents a pound, while the present duty is three-fourths of a cent. It was also decided to change the law dealing with the assaying of imported lead ores and instead of having them assayed at the port of entry, to admit them under bond and have them assayed at the office nearest their destination.

Copper, brass, gold and silver were also restored to the rates of the McKinley law, which are 35 per cent ad valorem on copper, 1½ cents a pound on brass and 35 per cent ad valorem on gold and silver.

The committee also disposed of a number of items, among them the manufactures of iron and steel, by giving them specific rates equivalent to the recent ad valorem duties on them. This list includes nails, spikes, tacks, needles, horseshoes, nuts and washers, brads, rivets, engraved steel plates, saws, screws and umbrella ribs.

AT THE EVENING STAR.

New Shaft Down 25 Feet—Good Showing of Ore.

The new shaft on the Evening Star is now down 25 feet, and shows a good body of ore all the way down and on the bottom. The ore at first was highly silicious and a good deal mixed, but now it has changed to a nearly solid sulphide. The assays have been encouraging from the first.

This shaft was started a few weeks ago by Managing Director H. B. Nichols when he took charge of the property. Bert Cook is foreman and the work is being done in good shape. There is considerable ore of shipping grade now on the dump, and it is questionable if the Evening Star ever looked as well as it does now.

CLIFF'S UPPER TUNNEL.

It Has an Exceedingly Fine Showing of Ore in the Face.

The upper tunnel on the Cliff now has an exceedingly fine showing of ore in the face. It is supposed to be the beginning of a good ore chute exposed on the surface midway between the tunnel mouth and the big surface showing on the west end of the claim, from which shipments are now being made.

The new chute of ore has not been penetrated far enough yet to determine its width or value, and of course its length is wholly unknown. It contains some of the prettiest and richest ore yet found in the mine, and the progress of this tunnel will now be watched with interest.

THE SILVER BELL.

Stock That Changed Hands Three Times in Twenty Minutes.

The Silver Bell hoisting machinery, drills, etc., are here and will be put in place as soon as possible. Mr. Pounder hopes the mine will be shipping in about six weeks. The shaft is down 75 feet and will be sunk 25 feet more to the ledge, when a crosscut will be started.

There was a quick sale of Silver Bell stock last week. A man walked into W. H. Taylor & Co.'s office and ordered a small block for 3½ cents. He met with a customer at once, and the buyer walked into the Hotel Allan with his stock and there sold it for 5 cents and this buyer in turn disposed of it for 6 cents, all in the space of 20 minutes.

This is interesting in view of the fact that the Silver Bell company has been buying in the stock at 5 cents and has withdrawn all its stock from the market.

RECIPROCITY AND LILLIAN.

Half Interest in Two Slovan Claims Bought in Spokane.

SPokane, Wash., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—A mining deal was consummated here today, whereby J. D. Farrell and others purchased a half interest in the Reciprocity and Lillian claims in the Slovan district from the original locators, J. H. Thompson and Jack Whittier, who retain the other half. The figures are not given, but it is understood the price in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

The Reciprocity and Lillian are adjoining claims and were located in 1891. The east end of the Reciprocity lies within 450 feet of the Payne group of mines, and while nothing but assessment work has been done on either claim the showing thus made and the close proximity to the Payne group warrants the belief that the properties will be the making of shipping mines.

It is the intention to organize a company under the name of the Slovan Reciprocity mining company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. Extensive development work will be done on the consolidated claims during the coming season.

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Description of Property.

The Bluebird mineral claim covers about fifty acres and is situated on Green Mountain, four miles northwest of Rossland and about a mile from the Gold Star mine. Considerable prospecting and surface work has been done on the property disclosing a wide and strong vein running through it from east to west. At one point a pit has been opened for a depth of four feet and a length of about eight feet. This cut is all in vein matter, showing no wall at either end. Assays from the ore taken out of this cut ran from \$3 to \$7 per ton in gold.

Plan of Development.

The management proposes to start a tunnel on the vein beginning at the crosscut above described. The ground slopes sharply at this point and a depth of 100 feet will be gained in driving the same distance. When the hundred foot station is reached crosscuts will be driven both ways to determine the width of the ore body.

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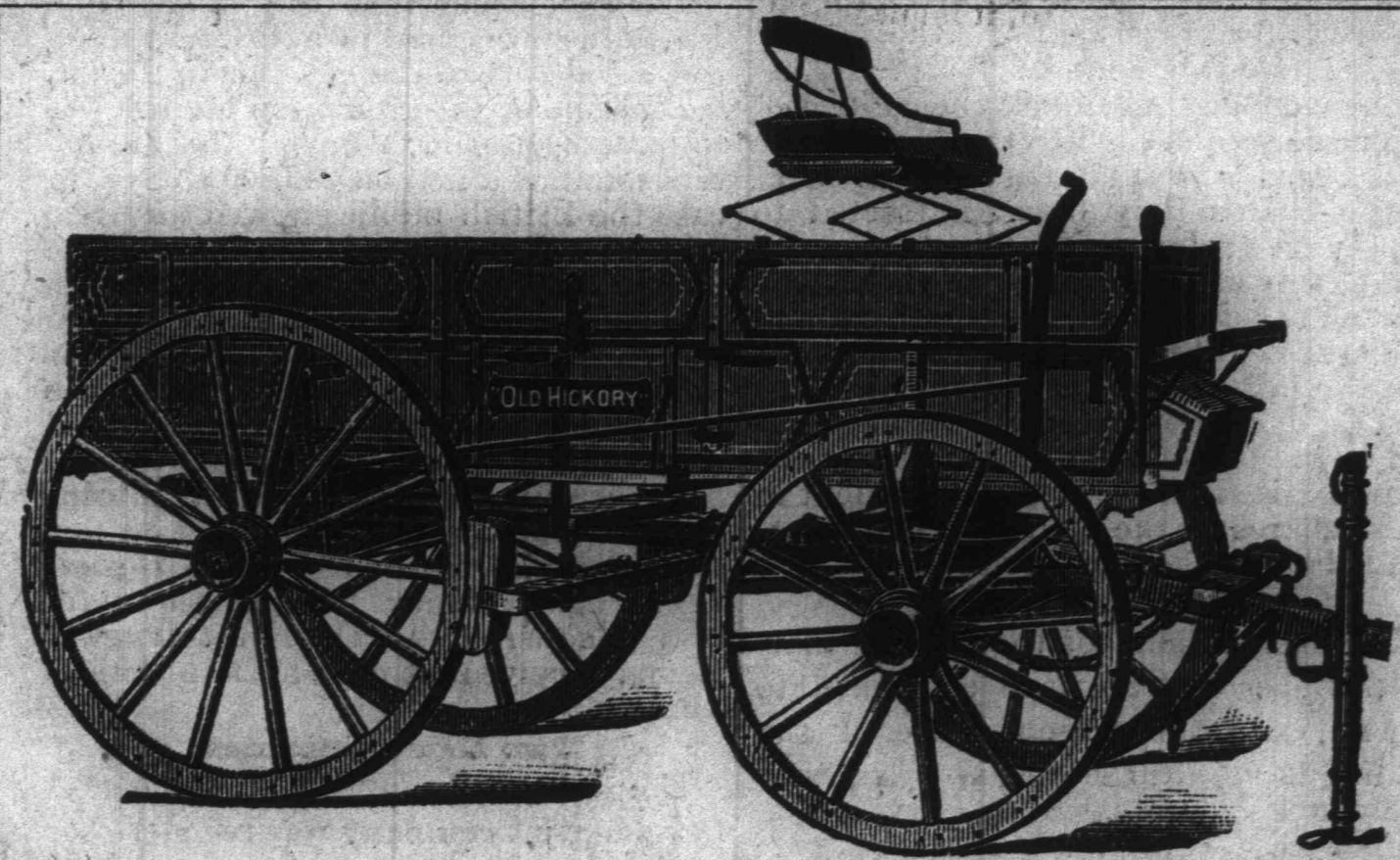
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IN LONDON'S MARKET

A Dull Week as Far as Kootenay Is Concerned.

MODIFIED ITS CRITICISM.

The Statist and British Columbia Companies-The Much Heralded Gold Fields of British Columbia Company Had to Revise Its Plans.

London office of THE MINER, 105 Bishopsgate St., Within, E. C.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—[Special correspondence.]—So far as we have gone, 1897 has not been very productive of anything exciting in the city, and apart from the interest aroused by the payment of the English railway dividends, I am still unable to record any startling developments. It is recognized that the decline in the value of money represented by the reduction in the Bank of England minimum rate of discount from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent should have a beneficial influence upon the stock market, but such a hope is not shared by the other people do not seem to care very much to enlarge their commitments, hence it is that business continues within very narrow limits and enterprise is absent. We are in the doldrums; there is no doubt about that, and much as we may chafe at the inactivity which characterizes the markets it is idle to hope for an improvement with the public in its present apathetic mood. By and by, no doubt, we shall see a change for the better and this will be probably largely assisted by the cheapening of money, which has already created a difference of about 1 1/2 per cent between the rates charged by the Bank of England and dealers in money in Lombard Street.

The Mining Market.

I am sorry that I cannot say anything very encouraging about the London mining market. Business in this department has slumped to such an extent that hardly any of the phenomenal business transacted in 1895 now remains, and probably we do not transact in one account now a tithe of the volume of transactions recorded in that busy period. The two leading sections, Kafirs and Westralians, are just drifting aimlessly along, and in these circumstances it is useless to expect any material recovery in prices elsewhere. Even the return of Mr. Klodes "to meet the South African committee" was unheralded by any enthusiasm in the Kafir circles, and it is felt that South African shares are doomed to a further spell of idleness.

The Rig in Lady Hamptons.

As for West Australians, these have been chastened and corrected by the disclosures with reference to the rig in Lady Hamptons. Certain prominent dealers in Kangaroo sold these shares heavily and recklessly when the company was first brought out. On the other hand the public subscribed for but an insignificant proportion of the amount offered, and this enabled the promoters of the company to obtain the central and available supplies, with the result that the bears now find themselves short of the shares they have contracted to supply on Friday next. They are really completely at the mercy of those who control the capital of the company, and we have heard nothing for a while week but the talk about this affair, which has cast quite a gloom over the whole market owing to the fears that unless some compromise is effected the settlement in these shares on the 29th inst. will be attended by unpleasant developments.

Copper Still Rising.

In other sections of the mining market, copper shares have continued to ascend, and the present price of the leading issue, Rio Tinto, is practically £28 for the undivided security, while copper G. M. B.'s are hard at £52. In refined copper a large business has been transacted at rather better prices. Sulphate of copper is in active demand. Large withdrawals of Chile bars are daily taking place for its manufacture. From America a firm market is reported with more demand, consumption is slowly improving, but at 12 cents and over an increase in production is probable.

American Mines.

Indians continue to receive a good deal of support from investors, but New Zealand remains dull and neglected. There is very little to say about American shares, such high-class properties as the Alaskan group, Lullamas, etc., are well supported by the public, but Cripple Creek properties have received a nasty blow from the scathing criticisms of a Colorado correspondent who recently contributed to the Pall Mall Gazette an article upon the position of those properties, in which, while allowing that there were many first-class propositions at Cripple Creek, he averred that there were far too many wild-cat, and gave chapter and verse in support of his arguments. Anacondas have steadily advanced owing to the belief that their quotation on the Paris bourse will lift them to £7 10s. But the new Mountain Copper company attracts little attention, and American mines generally are the reverse of active.

British Columbia Affairs.

This has been a blank week for British Columbia mining enterprise, the first I am happy to say for some time. There are no new companies, no reports, no dividend announcements, and not even a meeting to send you, and as it is impossible to make bricks without straw, I cannot talk very much about your province in this letter. There is one little point, however, which I am pleased to call attention to. You will remember that a fortnight since I pointed out that the London Statist, the first financial journal in the metropolis, had fallen into a little error about British Columbian mining companies registered in the States or under the laws of the Dominion. Knowing as I do the uprightness and rectitude of this journal, it is satisfactory to find that directly its attention was called to the fact that it had in a certain sense misrepresented the explanation of a well-informed correspondent. I think I could give a shrewd guess at the identity of the individual

who has put the Statist straight, but as it would serve no useful purpose we will let the matter pass. That the credit-growing importance of the British Columbian mining industry is I think sufficiently proved by the fact that they have kindly consented to exchange journals with THE ROSSLAND MINER. I might add for your information that it was upon information drawn from your columns that the Statist based the article which I criticized in my letter a fortnight ago. Globe Venture Syndicate.

A great deal of attention has been aroused by the prospectus of the Globe Venture syndicate, which has just been issued, and which proposes with a capital of £100,000 in £1 shares, to engage in first class trading and financial operations, particularly in regard to Suss, (Southern Morocco), Ontario (Timor Bay), Northern Territory of South Australia, New Zealand, and lastly but by no means least, Kootenay. The company has an interest in a consolidated group of valuable mining freeholds, reported upon by competent experts. The prospectus admits that the district of Kootenay is "one of the best in British Columbia," and as the chairman of the board is Sir Edward Thornton, late British ambassador at St. Petersburg and Constantinople, and another director is C. I. Sasson, head of the well-known firm of eastern merchants, C. I. Sasson & Co., we may take it for granted that this is no idle statement. The surroundings of the company are highly respectable, and its operations will be watched, not only in Morocco, but also in your province, with close attention. It must be highly encouraging to you to find that such a strong group of financiers have selected your district for their operations in British Columbia.

Promoters are Wary.

Since I last wrote there has been no movement on the part of those promoters in London who are said to have British Columbia properties up their sleeves, and who have recently been endeavoring to arouse public interest by the circulation of rumors and the publication of vague but skillfully worded paragraphs in the smaller financial papers. From their silence we may gather that they consider the time not yet ripe, which in truth is obvious. The New Gold Fields of British Columbia was, I am afraid, not very eagerly subscribed for.

Gold Fields of British Columbia Co.

I have obtained information concerning the big company "The Gold Fields of British Columbia," of which many reports were in circulation a fortnight ago, and of which many papers spoke most assuringly. It is a "big" company in many ways, but does not possess that financial stability one would desire. The capital was to have been £600,000 of which £400,000 were to have been offered for subscription. Two hundred thousand pounds of this amount would have been paid to the promoters for town lots and mining claims. The town lots are of the most problematical value, and as for the claims, 50 acres of similar claims adjoining these properties were offered to a man who is well known in British Columbia, for £1,000. The directors have thought fit to somewhat modify their project, and it will not be until the breaking table of the 250,000 investors in Messrs. Smith & Co.'s list, quite as soon as was intended.

It would seem that the "old" Gold Fields in its original form had less to recommend it than the new, for in the latter case no more promotion money was to have been paid; although the promoters retained a lien on 200,000 shares, in case the British public showed any real desire to invest, and the amount of money they desired to experiment with was eight times less than in the former case. It would seem that owners of mining property in your province will hardly need to pray "to be delivered from their friends."

We are anxiously awaiting the mining reports from British Columbia, which the government had promised some weeks ago. It may be that the mails have gone wrong, for the latest WEEKLY MINER received at present bore date of January 7.

Two New Companies.

The London & Vancouver Finance & Development company was registered on January 12, with a capital of £100,250. The objects are many and diverse, and include everything at which it is possible to make money. Mr. A. St. J. Hamersley, a well-known barrister of Vancouver, was in London recently and he formed a syndicate with £10,000 capital for the purpose of investing in certain undertakings under his direction and personal management. This is very nice for Mr. Hamersley, and it is to be hoped for the sake of the province that it will be equally fortunate for those who found the capital. All luck in these little ventures soon becomes known in the city, and when large schemes are on foot old sores are apt to be opened.

The following cablegram has been received from the manager of the Mikado Gold Mining company, Ltd., Lake of the Woods district, Ontario, referring to the crosscut made at the 80-foot level: "Strike vein in crosscut. The average width of the vein is 9 feet. Wait for cable giving result of assay. The machinery is now in course of erection."

BOARD OF TRADE ORGANIZED.

The Temporary Officers Re-elected - General Meeting Thursday.

The city of Rossland now has a board of trade. A general meeting of those interested in the movement was held Monday night at the offices of Moynahan & Campbell, and the board was organized by the election of J. F. McLaughlin as president, and D. B. Bogle as vice-president. The question of a permanent paid secretary was discussed, and will be decided at a meeting called for Thursday evening. Meantime W. S. Weeks was chosen acting secretary.

Those present were J. F. McLaughlin, C. O. Latonde, W. S. Weeks, W. A. Campbell, E. Hewitt, H. S. Wallace, E. Miller, A. K. Macdonald, J. S. Paterson, J. F. Leighton, W. H. Jones, E. Kennedy and M. W. Simpson. Bylaws were submitted by the committee appointed for that purpose, and these were carefully discussed, section by section, and finally adopted. These bylaws fix the price of membership at \$10 a year, provide for the election of an arbitration board, and for a council of 15 members, both of which are to be balloted for at the meeting next Thursday evening. For the council the following gentlemen were placed in nomination last

night; W. A. Campbell, Smith Curtis, George H. Campbell, E. Hewitt, E. Kennedy, R. Scott, B. Armstrong, Dr. Bowers, C. O. Latonde, J. M. Martin, W. S. Weeks, E. Miller, W. N. Dunn, W. F. Oliver, J. S. C. Fraser, F. Aug. Heinze, J. F. Ritchie, T. R. Morrow, John K. Cook, Oliver Durant, H. C. Walters, A. R. Macdonald and J. W. Gayer.

The bylaws also provide, in addition to the board of arbitration, for special industrial bureaus, whenever desired by a number interested in any industry who are members of the board, the idea being to make the board fully representative of all the business interests of the city. President McLaughlin, in outlining the functions of the new organization, said it was hoped to make it a high class, active board of trade. One of its principal duties would be the gathering of reliable statistics of the mining industry of the whole province. Tabulated details of all mining properties and prospects would be prepared, so that anyone in any part of the world, who wished to know if a certain property was good, bad or indifferent, could get that information from the Rossland board of trade.

The importance of the selection of men to form the council of the new board, and also of members of the board of arbitration, will doubtless lead to a large attendance at Thursday night's meeting. In reporting the meeting of directors it was said in THE MINER that surprise was expressed at the small attendance, but as a matter of fact it chanced that all the directors not present were out of town at the time. Most of them have since returned.

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The Red Eagle.

The Red Eagle mineral claim is situated on the east slope of Deer Park mountain, between the Mayflower and Curlew claims. There are three known ledges crossing this property. These veins are known as the South vein, the Curlew vein and the Mayflower vein. The South vein, which has produced some of the richest surface ore ever discovered in the district, is six to eight feet wide with a 24 inch pay streak, assays from which gave returns of \$18 to \$285. This vein was but recently discovered by workmen grading for a tramway across the claim for the sawmill company, and is generally regarded as the most important of recent discoveries in the south belt. This vein is traceable across the entire width of the claim a distance of over 1400 feet. On the Curlew ledge an open cut has been made exposing a vein of ore four feet wide, from which assays of from \$14 to \$161 per ton have been secured. This vein has been exposed by a number of shallow pits and crosscuts for several hundred feet. The Mayflower ledge, from which this well known mine is now shipping such high grade ore, crosses the Red Eagle claim for a distance of 300 feet.

The Red Pole.

The Red Pole is situated one-half mile south of the Red Eagle and east of the Silver Bell mine. The Silver Bell ledge crosses the Red Pole mineral claim. Assays from this vein have shown over \$100 per ton of gold and silver.

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The company has secured the survey and are applying for the Crown grant, and will continue developing the property all winter, and fully expect to be able to find pay ore to cover the development almost from the surface. But to prepare for all mining emergencies and to fully equip the property with machinery we have placed 500,000 shares in the treasury, a limited amount of which we offer to the public at the rate of 10 cents, and when the \$10 limit is reached the company will close their books and reopen in the course of ten days at an advanced rate for further stock.

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