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A FIGHT IN SIGHT

Le Roi Stock Optioned to Londoners Hostile to the B. A. C.

ANTI-WHITAKER WRIGHT

The Minority Gives an Option Until Saturday To London People at \$8.50 Per Share - What Colonel Turner Says - Mr. Mackintosh Interviewed.

The contest for the control of the Le Roi company has assumed a new form, and in all the devious complications that have marked the progress of the fight there has been nothing more dramatic than the present situation. According to Colonel W. W. D. Turner, the president of the Le Roi company, who was seen last Tuesday at the Allan by a MINE reporter, the minority interests of the Le Roi company have given an option on their holdings to London people who supposedly are hostile to the British America corporation and to Whitaker Wright. The price set in the option is \$8.50 per share, and as it covers 204,000 shares the price involved is about a million and three-quarters. The prospect that two rival London syndicates, each backed by millions, will fight for the possession and the control of the property is enough to make one's nerves tingle in anticipation.

WILL RESUME WORK

The Iron Colt Company is to Resume Operations.

THE OWNERS DESIRE IT

The Recent Development in the Columbia-Kootenay and the Good Indications on the Iron Horse Have Strengthened Stockholders' Faith.

The management of the Iron Colt company is making arrangements to resume work on the property at once. Messrs. Mann & Mackenzie, the railway contractors, who are among the largest holders of Iron Colt scrip, are desirous of seeing work started up again at once. The eastern shareholders are willing, if necessary, to form a pool, and subscribe funds with which to carry on operations. An offer for the entire controlling interest in the property at the rate of 10 cents per share has been made and accepted. Another offer has also been made to take the remaining treasury stock, amounting to 100,000 shares, at the rate of 10 cents per share. The offer has not been accepted.

IS RICH IN COPPER.

W. E. Wright returned this week from a trip to the Mountain Chief group on Lower Arrow lake, owned by the Golden Gate Mining company. Mr. Wright took seven average samples from different openings on the vein, and had an assay made on the mixed pulp from the whole lot of samples. The result was as follows: Gold, trace; silver, .02 ounce; copper, 30.2 per cent. On the basis of 12 cents per pound for copper, the assay value of the rock was \$72.48. The ledge, Mr. Wright says, can be traced for a quarter of a mile to the hillsides, and is a continuous vein in width. All the cuts thus far made show that the walls are excellently defined.

THE SALMO CONSOLIDATED.

Development is being pushed on the Salmo Consolidated with unabated vigor. The company has now its buildings all snug for the winter, and the No. 2 shaft is being continued with all possible dispatch to the 200-foot level. Values keep thoroughly up to the mark in the cross-cuts, while some exceptionally rich ore is now being met in the shaft. Work will be prosecuted without ceasing the entire winter through.

THE BIG JEWELRY STORE.

J. W. Spring has now become its sole proprietor. J. W. Spring is now the sole owner of the jewelry store which has hitherto been owned by Messrs. Chaloner, Mitchell and Spring. This firm ran two stores one in this city and the other in Victoria. Mr. Spring sold his interest in the Victoria store to W. L. Chaloner and A. H. Mitchell, and they in turn disposed of their interest in the Rossland store to Mr. Spring. The stock carried in the Rossland store is worth between \$12,000 and \$15,000, according to the season of the year. During the past few months the stock has been at other periods. The stock of the finest description. There is carried the finest diamonds, pearls and rubies, there is a large variety and they are set in the most elegant and beautiful styles in brooches, necklaces, etc. The stock of sterling silverware is of great variety and beauty, and forms a rare piece of the art of the jeweler. In short, there is scarcely an article in the line of jewelry that cannot be furnished by J. W. Spring. The latter during his residence here has won the respect and confidence of the community and has been the recipient of many congratulations. It was learned that he had become the sole owner of the biggest jewelry store in the Kootenays.

Prices of Silver. New York, Oct. 12.-Bar silver, 59 1/2; Mexican dollars, 49 1/2; silver certificates, 59 1/2 to 60 1/2.

IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

Large Shipments From Around Sandon Since January 1.

GOOD FIND IN THE BUTTE

Rossland People Begin Operations on the Mountain Chief-Moyie City Will Soon Have Three Shipping Mines-Big Strike on Boston Girl.

The news from the several divisions this week indicates the usual activity. The shipments from the mines around Sandon since the first of January are large and reveal that that section is prosperous, for after all the ore output is the true test of the worth of a mining section. Appended are the notes from the several divisions:

SLOAN DIVISION.

Work has commenced on the Chieftain, the Cariboo creek property, which was bonded last summer by Pat Burns, the butcher, and William Mackenzie, the well known railway promoter. Considerable development was done upon the property last winter, and an effort will be made this season to open the Chieftain up thoroughly. The management of the Ruth mines in the Sloan report the shipment of 505 tons of ore during the month of August, and that the estimated profit upon the shipments amounts to \$5,250.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Within a short time Moyie City will have three shipping mines. The St. Eugene has 2,000 tons of clean ore ready for shipment. This ore will be brought down within a few weeks, the wagon road being completed. The owners of the Lake Shore mine are building a wagon road to their mine, which is only about 50 yards from the line of railway. They are also putting up an ore bin. They will commence work in the mine and be in a position to make regular shipments as soon as the cars are available. Work is being pushed on the Moyie and the Queen of the Hills and mine and the Queen of the Hills and mine will be ready to make steady shipments.

RETURNED FROM ILLINOIS.

Keith Lackay, the manager here for the Spokane and Northern Telegraph company, returned yesterday from a seven weeks' visit with his parents in Illinois. Mr. Lackay was called home by the serious illness of his father, who was suffering with typhoid fever, but who is now recovering.

WILL PUT IN MACHINERY.

The Velvet Mines is considering the advisability of putting in machinery at once on its property, the well known Velvet Mines. The new equipment would include a 30-horse power boiler and a five-drill compressor, and would cost about \$10,000. The company expects to proceed with the work as soon as the winter sets in.

AMERICANS IN THE SADDLE.

They Have Taken Over the Government of Manzanillo. SANTEELOPE, Oct. 12.-A dispatch from Manzanillo says that the American flag is flying over that city. The mayor and collector there have both received instructions from their superiors to recognize the American flag as the only authority in the city.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Some splendid samples of bronite is being shown at Cascade City, which came from a claim located near by. So far little work has been done, but it is said the property looks very promising.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

T. M. Gibson has a fine ore showing in the Texas and is strongly of the opinion that the property will make a mine. Alex Smith has bought the Lucky Ed group in Spring creek basin, and has already begun building and general improvement operations.

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WANTS MORE POWER

The Iron Mask to Put in a 10-Drill Compressor.

WILL INCREASE OUTPUT

The Condition of the Mine, Superintendent Hall Says, Warrants the Enlarging of the Plant—Other Mining Notes of Interest.

The management of the Iron Mask company has decided to develop the property on a scale somewhat commensurate with its merits. A new 10-drill electrical compressor is to be installed at once.

All of the decisions were reached at the meeting of the company in Spokane last week. The report of the superintendent, S. W. Hall, was received and read with close attention. It showed that the property is in splendid shape and that the recent developments have been of the most gratifying character.

The compressor will be located in a new house to be built just west of the present hoist. The total cost of the improvements will be between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

In the past the Iron Mask has secured its power from the War Eagle company, entirely satisfactory to either company, as the War Eagle wanted all the power that could be produced by its plant, while the Iron Mask, of course, would rather have a compressor of its own than to buy air.

The report of the directors was cordially received and a special resolution was passed confirming the action of the old board in raising the money to discharge the former liabilities of the company.

The following directors were elected for the coming year: President, James Macmillan; vice-presidents, J. G. McGuigan; C. E. Pooley, B. J. Perry; secretary, F. E. Holman.

The Jumbo to Have a Plant. "The Jumbo continues to look very well indeed," said Mr. R. Galusta, the manager of the property last evening. "The body of quartz and iron discovered some days ago proves to be between 12 and 14 feet wide. We have passed through it, and are now working in a big body of iron ore, which has been penetrated for 10 feet, and no wall is yet in sight.

A Pend d'Oreille Strike. Bridgeford & Herron of this city, have received very encouraging news from their mining properties on Twelve Mile creek, a tributary of the Pend d'Oreille river. Development work has been prosecuted steadily on this property for some time past, the owners having great faith in the ground.

The Monte Cristo. The directors of the Monte Cristo company have just given out for publication that work on the Monte Cristo will be temporarily suspended. The sole reason for this is to call in a first-class mining engineer to make a thorough and exhaustive examination of the property with a view to further opening

up the mine in the most profitable manner. The Monte Cristo has now nearly 5,000 feet of workings and is developed to the 600-foot level. T. Cooran will act as secretary to the company.

Will Resume Work. The Rathmullen Consolidated Mining & Development company has decided to recommence work at once on its properties in Summit camp, near Grand Forks. Tenders are requested for sinking the shaft a further distance of 40 feet, and for driving a crosscut at the bottom of the shaft 25 feet.

FOR THE FIRE SUFFERERS

The Sum of \$3,419.25 Has So Far Been Raised. Of This \$3,000 Has Been Sent to Mayor Owens of New Westminster, and Balance Will Soon Be Sent.

Messrs. Ross Thompson and J. Fred Ritchie, who have been collecting funds for the relief of the sufferers by the New Westminster fire, have completed their work. The total amount collected up to date is \$3,419.25. Of this \$3,000 has been forwarded to the mayor of New Westminster. There are a few subscriptions yet to come in, which will make the sum yet to be forwarded at least \$500, and this will bring the total of the subscription of Rossland up to the \$3,500.

- City of Rossland.....\$500
Governor Mackintosh.....250
T. G. Blackstock.....200
J. S. O. Fraser.....250
Le Roi M. & S. Co.....187
P. Burns.....100
Ross Thompson.....100
Hector McKee.....50
Daly & Hamilton.....50
J. B. McArthur.....25
J. M. Martin.....25
J. F. Ritchie.....25
W. N. Dunn.....25
O. Jeldness.....25
J. H. Robinson.....10
McNeill & Deacon.....25
J. M. Smith.....25
L. Blue.....25
P. Aspinwall.....25
C. S. Warren.....25
P. A. O'Farrell.....25
J. B. Johnson.....25
G. H. Bayne.....25
D. M. Linnard.....25
A. D. Provand.....25
W. T. Oliver.....25
Kennedy Bros. & Purgold.....25
A. Dick.....25
G. W. Richardson.....25
Ed. Star Transfer.....20
C. Dandee.....20
Dabney & Parker.....25
A. Klockmann.....25
Rossland Water & Light Co.....20
J. S. Clark.....20
W. J. Barasch.....25
London & Canadian syndicate.....25
Kamloops M. & C. Co.....25
Clarendon Hotel.....25
R. J. Bealey.....25
Rossland Miner.....15
Hunter Bros.....15
C. O. Lalonde.....10
N. A. Burritt.....10
W. J. Whiteside.....10
T. S. Gilmour.....10
Robbins & Long.....10
C. F. Jackson.....15
Sh. & Davis.....10
W. S. Rugh.....10
A. M. McBride & Co.....10
Smith Curtis.....10
D. B. de Veber.....35
Victory-Triumph mines.....10
A. Friend, Northport.....10
Iron Mask G. M. Co.....41
A. J. McMillan.....10
Rolt & Grogan.....10
Crescent Dry Goods Co.....15
A. B. Mackenzie.....10
H. Baillie.....10
G. D. Parker.....10
Thomas & Grigor.....10
John Dean.....10
H. B. Smith.....10
W. H. Aldridge.....10
War Eagle employees.....30 75

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Total.....392,000 pounds or 196 tons.

Kindergarten. Miss Jennie Swan has opened a kindergarten upstairs in the building next door to the Bank of B. N. A. on Columbia avenue. Miss Swan is a graduate of the Indiana state normal school and is thoroughly grounded in the science of teaching as taught by Froebel.

St. George's Ladies' Aid. There is no doubt about the Bazaar being a success judging from the numbers interested in the Ladies' Aid, which has been formed to raise funds for the new church. A strong committee was chosen to be a committee of management, consisting of Mesdames Mackintosh, Oliver, Rols and Falding.

Whitaker Wright Comes. There is nothing new to report in the B. N. A. C. Le Roi matters, except that Whitaker Wright has decided to visit Rossland this Autumn with the intention of arranging a satisfactory settlement of the dispute now on between the majority and minority factions. Mr. Wright expects to leave London the first week in November.

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WAS PUT IN MOTION

The Deer Park Plant Began Operations Yesterday.

THERE ARE SEVEN DRILLS

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh of the British America Corporation Turned on the Steam and the Wheels Began Their Task of Usefulness.

Quietly and unostentatiously, as is characteristic of the Deer Park management, the splendid new compressor plant at the Deer Park was put in motion for the first time Thursday afternoon. The imposing machinery could not have started with more accuracy and precision. A few moments after steam had been turned on, the air compressed was of sufficient volume to enable the miners, waiting in the bottom of the shaft, to start their heavy

The new plant is admirably arranged. For compactness and economy of handling it can scarcely be rivalled in the camp. The hoist stands in the middle of the shaft-house, and to the left of it, the boiler, while the compressor is situated just to the right of the hoist. One man, in case of need, can easily feed the boiler, attend to the compressor and operate the hoist. It was designed especially with that end in view, for F. R. Mulholland, the manager of the company, has been moved by the wish to develop the property on the most economical scale possible.

The boiler, which is solidly bricked in place, is of 80-horse power. It was furnished by the James Cooper Manufacturing company, who also supplied the compressor and the drills. The entire plant, in fact, is a James Cooper equipment, and in its preliminary trials it has proven most satisfactory to the management. The compressor is of the seven-drill type, which will permit of extensive additions to the working force before it will be necessary to erect a larger plant. It is imbedded upon a concrete foundation, which insures absolute solidity.

The ceremonies yesterday were very simple. Hon. Mr. Mackintosh, the resident director of the British America corporation, had been asked to turn the steam into the compressor, and he consented. Swinging the throttle wide open he let the steam rush at full speed into the compressor. A less perfect machine would have bucked with such a load turned suddenly on, but the splendid piece of mechanism which the Deer Park has secured started without a hitch, and ran as smoothly as though it had been working for six months instead of being fresh from the factory.

A force of machine men with a heavy drill was ready at the bottom of the shaft to commence operations, and a few minutes after the steam had entered the compressor the drill, 275 feet underground, was in operation. Three 8-hour shifts will be employed in sinking, and as soon as the 300-foot level is reached, which should be before November 1, the work will be commenced at that level with an additional machine, while sinking will be continued.

After the plant had been so successfully started, the visitors were shown to the mess house of the property where they drank champagne to the success of the Deer Park, its management, and the new machinery which had just been put to work. Mr. Mackintosh made a short but happy speech in which he congratulated Mr. Mulholland upon the success of the company, and in that sentiment the whole of the visitors joined most heartily.

A Fatal Accident. On Friday of last week a fatal accident occurred on the line of construction of the Columbia & Western railway. The accident occurred on McQueen's contract which is some 10 miles from Brooklyn. Giant powder had been put in a seam or crevice, and when it was exploded, Oscar Johnson, who was standing 200 feet away, was struck in the breast by flying rock and instantly killed. Frank Peterson was also killed. He is being badly possible attention now receiving from the coroner at Nelson, at the company's hospital in Brooklyn. The remains of Johnson were taken to Nelson, and after a permit was received from the coroner at Nelson, as required by law in case of accidents, was interred. He was a man of perhaps 60 years of age.

Work Completed For the Season. The work on the Red Fox property has been completed for the season. A shaft was sunk to a depth of 25 feet. The ore from this shaft goes \$17 to the mill in gold, silver and copper. Mr. Moton in gold, silver and copper. Mr. Moton, the mining expert, thinks that when 50 feet more of depth has been attained that there will be an increase in the size of the ore body and also in the values.

THE COUNTY COURT.

Judgments Rendered by Judge Spinks—Many Cases Went Over. The county court docket as revised at the sittings just closed, is given herewith: Most of the cases were continued until the next session, which will convene on the 7th of next month.

Judgment Summonses. Hunter Bros. vs. O'Connell, \$59.65; next court. Hunter Bros. vs. O'Farrell, \$52.20; next court. Peter C. Costello vs. J. C. Black, \$21.44; next court. Alex. Lynch vs. A. P. Hunter; next court.

Adjudged Cases. Blue vs. Langley, \$50.72, default; reference partly heard. Matthias Bros. vs. Henderson, partnership accounts; reference partly heard. M. J. O'Hearn vs. Barbers and Terzich, \$600, damages; not yet served.

George L. Merry vs. Annie Doig et al., \$122.50; enforcement of lien; next court. Thomas Wilson vs. Salmon River Mining company, \$52.50; default; struck out. McDonald et al. vs. McKane et al., \$527.50; enforcement of lien; next court. Edward Cronyn vs. J. C. Drewry, \$170.16; shares; next court.

New Cases. D. W. Morgan vs. A. Marymont, \$200 commission; next court. M. E. Stansell vs. Nelson A. Burritt, \$804.25; balance on agreement; next court; defendant to pay costs of the action. F. R. Mendenhall vs. Lion Brewing company, \$75.37; goods sold; next court.

James F. Rogers vs. B. W. Finnell et al., \$200, work and labor; judgment for plaintiff against Finnell. Edward Logan vs. Hessian Taylor, \$119.89, default; next court. J. Fred Ritchie vs. Talbot, \$178.75, survey; next court. Lockhart & Jordan vs. Hessian Taylor, \$270, replerin 300 shares; next court. E. S. Topping vs. William Harp, \$102.54, protested check; next court. Thomas Houghton vs. William Harp, \$102.54, protested check; next court. Sausser vs. Stussel & Alexander, \$1,000, commission; next court. Sol Cameron vs. B. E. Glascock, \$50; judgment for plaintiff.

GAVE A DINNER. John M. Smith entertains a Number of His Friends. John M. Smith, manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, entertained a number of friends with a dinner at the Allan Saturday night in honor of Senator MacKeen of Halifax, who, with a party of other distinguished Canadians, is in the city.

The guests included Senator MacKeen, one of the directors of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, M. Dwyer, also of Halifax, who also is a director of the bank, W. M. Botsford, manager of the branch at Vancouver, F. J. Wheeler, Great Northern agent at Vancouver, W. Black, a shipowner of Vancouver and Halifax, John Burns, a shipowner of Vancouver, Mayor Wallace, A. H. MacNeill, of MacNeill & Deacon, W. T. Oliver, manager of the Bank of British North America, J. E. Ritchie, D. J. Macdonald, the manager of the Columbia-Kootenay, John Ferguson McCrae and others.

At the conclusion of the dinner there was a number of informal toasts. W. T. Oliver very gracefully proposed the health of the visitors, and it was replied to by Senator MacKeen. He had been greatly struck, said the senator, by the size and the solidity of the city of Rossland, and he had been not less favorably impressed with the value and importance of the mines around here. He held only the most optimistic opinions of the future of the city and of the camp.

The toast to the host, Mr. Smith, was proposed by John Burns, and it was drunk with hearty appreciation in which he was held. Mr. Dwyer in toasting the mayor and the city of Rossland spoke very pleasantly of the acquaintance that he had enjoyed with the grandfather of Rossland's present mayor, Mr. Wallace, who was a prominent merchant of Halifax, and he declared that he was happy to see the grandson hold so prominent a position in this western city. Mayor Wallace replied briefly and pleasantly. He was proud to have been a Nova Scotian by birth, he said, but he was prouder of the fact that he was now a resident of Rossland.

A. J. McMillan proposed the mines of Rossland, and in doing so he expressed the belief that in a very few years Rossland would take first place in all the world as a producer of minerals wealth. Yesterday the visitors, including Mrs. Bestford and Miss Burns, including Mrs. Le Roi and the Trail smelter. Before returning east the visitors will examine the power plant at Beaufort Falls and will see some of the mines in the Slokan.

Drummond Company Sells Out. St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 8.—The Drummond Tobacco company's warehouses and manufacturing plant in this city has just been transferred to the American Tobacco company. The price is not given but it is up in the millions. Send a copy of THE MINER to your friends in the east.

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It was assured Friday afternoon that the magnificent new skating and curling rink will be erected at once. The directors of the company formed to carry out the project had a meeting at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the offices of Abbott & Hart-McHarg, when the preliminary details were arranged. The report of A. Lorne Becher and A. W. Strickland, who have been promoting the enterprise, showed that \$6,625 cash had already been subscribed, and there is much more that can be had for the asking. With so substantial a fund assured the directors decided to proceed at once with the erection of the rink, and the work will be placed in the hands of the architect at once. The company hopes that the rink will be finished inside of 45 days.

At the meeting Friday afternoon T. Mayne Daly was elected president of the company, which is known as the Rossland Skating & Curling rink, limited. Olaus Jeldness was made managing director; A. W. Strickland was made treasurer, while A. Lorne Becher was elected secretary.

The new rink will be located on the corner of Spokane street and Second avenue, on the north side of the bridge near the east side of Centre Star gulch. The company has an option on seven lots there, each 173 feet deep, so that there will be plenty of room for the building. The rink itself will be one of the finest in Canada. The main skating rink will be 80 x 180 feet in the clear, without a single obstruction throughout the whole extent, and there will be curling rinks on each side of it. The roof will be trussed 50 feet high. In summer the company expects to convert the place into a summer garden, while it can be used for political meetings and similar occurrences. It will be especially useful during the winter carnival, which this year will be as complete as the ingenuity of the committee can make it.

The Scales Came Quick. George Parker has decided that after all Rossland is not so far from the manufacturing towns in the east. Last Friday he wanted a new pair of scales for his butcher shop and wired an order to the wholesale house in Milwaukee. The house there did not have in stock the style ordered, but telegraphed the order to the manufacturer in Buffalo, N. Y. Wednesday of this week the scales arrived in first class shape, five days after the order had been wired.

NOTABLE VISITORS.

Officers of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax and Others.

A distinguished party of Canadians, including some of the directors of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, was among the arrivals in the city Friday evening. The visitors include Senator MacKeen of Halifax, who is one of the directors of the bank and is besides heavily interested in local corporations, including the War Eagle and the Fern mines, and the West Kootenay Power & Light company; M. Dwyer, also of Halifax, who holds a similar position in the bank, and is associated with Senator MacKeen in Kootenay properties; W. A. Botsford, Vancouver manager of the bank's branch there, who is accompanied by Mrs. Botsford; John Burns, a retired shipowner of Glasgow, who is now making his home in Vancouver, out of which port his vessels are plying; W. A. Black, a Halifax and Vancouver banker, who also has local interests; Miss Burns, a wealthy eastern heiress, who is accompanying her uncle, Mr. Burns; and F. J. Wheeler of Vancouver, general agent of the Great Northern at that point, who escorted the party in a private car from Vancouver to Spokane.

The party will probably be here for several days, and it is likely that while here the directors of the bank will consider the proposition of erecting at once a permanent new home for the bank here.

SIR WILLIAM TALKS.

He Tells of the Improvements in the C. P. R.

Sir William Van Horne, interviewed at Winnipeg on October 3, said: "We will go through to the Pacific coast over the main line and on our return will inspect the Crow's Nest Pass railroad. That line will be open for traffic to Nelson as soon as it reaches Kootenay lake, which will be the end of this month. By that time all freight consigned to Southern Kootenay points will be sent over the Crow's Nest Pass line, being freighted by boats to Nelson. Work on the Boundary creek line is making good progress, but the country is very heavy and presents many difficulties for railroad construction. We have now one of the greatest railroads on the continent in point of safety and comfort. Since the line was opened for traffic between Winnipeg and North Bay we have spent \$11,000,000 in making the roadbed permanent, and we are well satisfied with the result. Travelers often wonder where we get the money to spend in these improvements along the North shore. They get it from the fact that at one point, \$100,000,000 and no traffic along the way to help us out. It is like maintaining a bridge 1,200 miles long. That is a point overlooked by the people of the Northwest. There is a great national highway to keep up to a high standard, but we are pleased to be in a position to say that we are now getting some help in the way of traffic at points where we received no return in the past. This is of importance, as it makes the burdens at other points lighter." Sir William intimated that a fast train service from coast to coast would soon be inaugurated.

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IMPORTANT DECISION.

A Mineral Claim Does Not Carry Water and Surface Rights.

Justice Walkem has given his decision in the Dolan-Brown case, and it is of more than usual interest as it touches upon the rights carried by a crown grant to a mineral claim. It was in regard to the water rights on the Black Bear grounds, just west of town. The water was valuable chiefly as a source of ice in winter. Brown, the defendant, had been putting up the ice at the pond on the property, and had secured a record on 10 inches of the stream flowing through the claim. Dolan got a lease on the ground from the Le Roi company and from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, and he brought an action on trespass and ejectment against Brown when the latter made preparations to cut ice there this winter. Brown was represented by McLeod & Whiteside, while Macdonald, Clute & Cronyn appeared for the plaintiff, and a section of the party, for Martin Dolan and E. J. Bowers were jointly named as the persons bringing the suit.

Judge Walkem, in giving his decision, held that a crown grant to a mineral claim obtained after the statute of 1893 does not carry with it the absolute rights to the surface of the claim. The justice also decided that a crown grant to land or to a mineral claim does not convey with it absolute right to water running through the land, and that the principle of riparian ownership has been taken away by the water privileges act of 1892.

OPERATIC SOCIETY.

It Meets and Elects Officers—Will Soon Begin Rehearsals.

The Rossland Amateur Operatic Society met on Thursday evening at the house of J. W. Spring, and organized by electing the following officers: President, J. S. C. Fraser; vice-president, J. M. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Thomas Parker; executive committee, John S. Clute, Jr., William James Whiteside, Fred Whittaker, A. F. Corbin; musical director, W. H. Falding. The scores will be ready in about a week and then there will be a meeting for the purpose of practicing the different roles of the "Pirates of Penzance," which will be the first opera to be produced by the society. It is thought that this form of musical entertainment will take better with the general public than oratorios. There is some excellent musical talent in the city, and after the "Pirates of Penzance" is produced, other popular operas will be staged by the society. Comic and the lighter English operas are very popular.

Given by Men in the Mine.

The subscription of \$187 from the Le Roi for the New Westminster fire sufferers was not from the company but from the men at the mine, who donated every cent of it. W. J. Harris, the manager of the property, led with a gift of \$50, and he was followed by Nicholas Tregear, the superintendent, who donated \$20. The two personally saw the miners, who gave the balance of the subscription, amounting in all to \$187.

THE MINER'S Map of Rossland is now ready; price \$1.00. It gives every mine or claim near the city.

A Cabinet Minister Here.

Hon. K. R. Dobell of Ottawa, minister without a portfolio in the Laurier cabinet, was among the arrivals in the city last Friday. With his family and a party of friends he is crossing the continent, and will spend today in Rossland.

"This place is destined to be one of the wealthiest cities in the world," he said last evening. "That is evident even now. The hills around here are full of treasure. I have every faith in the future of the city and of the camp. What will be done with prohibition? Nothing. The people have taken no interest in the matter. It is not yet even certain that the few who voted will give a majority in favor of the measure. Under the circumstances the government will, of course, do nothing. It may be discussed in the house. Doubtless it will, but the project will not be presented for serious consideration."

The party with Mr. Dobell includes his wife and daughter, Collingwood Schneider, chief engineer of the Intercolonial railway of Ottawa, Mrs. Jones of Ottawa, T. M. Say of Edmonton and Miss Gwynne of Ottawa.

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THE ORE SHIPMENTS.

Table with columns for destination (e.g., Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Foreman, Iron Mask, Deer Park, Giant) and corresponding shipment amounts.

The ore shipments for the seven days from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8, inclusive, were as follows: War Eagle, 750; Iron Mask, 3,850; LeROI, 4,100. Total, 8,700 tons.

SANITARY MATTERS.

Engineer Mohun, who reported on the Rossland sewage question, has performed a similar service for the Kamloops board of aldermen, and, according to the Inland Sentinel, he does not refer to the one means of overcoming the difficulty that most commends itself to the people of Kamloops on the score of economy—the emptying of the sewage into the Thompson river.

While on the question of sewage it occurs to THE MINER that the present city council has done nothing in this respect to improve the condition of Rossland, except to obtain the valuable report of Mr. Mohun. During the last municipal campaign the sewage question was made a prominent issue. The failure of the Scott regime to supply the city with an adequate sewage system after spending over \$30,000 on that particular branch of the public service, was one of the chief reasons for the bitter fight that was made last January.

If the Wallace administration intends to make good its pledges of last January it must make a showing with regard to the establishment of a satisfactory sewage system. The council must either put in a system or shift the whole responsibility onto the Provincial board of health. The ratepayers will be justified in placing the blame on the mayor and board of aldermen unless it can be proved that their failure to keep their ante-election promises is something beyond their ability.

ROSSLAND'S BANKS.

The bank of Toronto, one of the strong financial institutions of the Dominion, is about to establish a branch in this city. This will give Rossland four chartered banks. The fact that the stronger financial institutions of the Dominion have established agencies here speaks louder than mere words of how high a place this city occupies in the estimation of leading financiers.

be a mining town of great importance as well as the mercantile, monetary and stock centre of the country that environs it. "There is business here, there will be more and we will establish our banks here," says the banker, and he does so, calm in the confidence that his reward is certain, in both the present and in the future. Indeed, it will not be long before the four banks will be increased by more, for the immense investments that are daily being made will justify the existence of twice four, and perhaps more, banks. The more of these financial institutions the better. Each bank will do its share toward the up-building of the mining industry. The more millions there are brought here through the intervention of the bankers, the more millions will be taken from the ground. Each and everyone of the banks will accomplish something, and the general result will be the great success of the camp and the greater increase in the mining industry.

COMPRESSED AIR.

The people of Kootenay are noted for their enterprise and every worthy plan in which there can be seen an outcome of profit is certain of all the backing it may need in the way of capital. In this respect the section is fortunate, for each new enterprise has its due effect on the general prosperity. Any enterprise that will lessen the cost of mining should be warmly welcomed and energetically encouraged, for the reason that it adds to the public good in direct ratio to its capacity for cutting down the cost of mining.

THE GROWTH OF KOOTENAY.

Who is it that says that the Kootenays and Yale are not growing? Within the past six months there have been more townships laid out in West Kootenay, in East Kootenay and Yale than in any other places in the same period in the world. They are not mushroom towns, either, that spring up in a night, as it were, and disappear as quickly when they have filled a brief period of usefulness. The faded geni could not make towns quicker than we of the west, although at first they are not as handsome as, though perhaps more useful, some of the apocryphal palaces of Aladdin.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

The Grand Forks Miner announces, with considerable pride that there is a jobbing house located in that enterprising city. It goes on to tell how a firm there determined to make its store a general supply depot for the camps in the rich mining section adjacent to Grand Forks. The firm employed an energetic individual and he began to tour through the country, endeavoring to secure customers for his principals.

It must not be thought, however, that with the construction of the main line from east to west, railroad construction in this section has ended. In fact, it has only just begun. There will be lateral branches extending from the main line until the entire country is finally gridironed with railway tracks. Go where one will there is mineral and hence there will be need of roads. It will follow as a corollary that the town building of the last few months will be duplicated every time a railway of any length is constructed. This will

the Grand Forks jobbing house now has practically a monopoly. The proposed road was considered of so much importance that the local board of trade took it up and sent a communication to Premier Turner, urging the co-operation of the government in its building.

FOREST FIRES.

The forest fires which raged in Colorado and Wisconsin last week evoked the argument for forest conservation. This loss is not alone in the destruction of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of timber, but in the injury to the soil, which can only be repaired in years, and in the loss of a summer's moisture to the lands depending on the slow melting of the snow in the tree-sheltered hills.

This city is already the financial center for the Kootenays, and all the large mining deals of the section are started and put through here. It should also be the mercantile center for the Kootenays. It has been favored by the railways and made a common point, and in this respect is on the same footing as other Columbia river points. Within a few days it will enjoy the facilities of a shorter and quicker route to and from points in Eastern Canada via the Crow's Nest railway, and goods can be brought here without breaking bulk as soon as the C. & W. tracks between here and Trail are widened.

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The regular autumn fairs are being held in all the agricultural districts of the Province, and success seems to attend all of them. Kootenay has yet to have a fair, but it is probable that in the not distant future a grand miners' and mining machinery exposition may be held in Rossland. THE MINER is preparing for publication some interesting figures with regard to the tonnage of low grade ore that is at present available in this camp. This ore is of the kind that contains

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THE MINING REVIEW

No. 1 and Columbia-Kootenay Are To Commence Shipping.

SHIPMENTS 4,109 TONS

Very Satisfactory Results of the Development in the Novelty-The Iron Mask's New Plant-Nest Egg May Be Started Up Again.

Two more properties are to be added to the shipping list-the No. 1 and the Columbia-Kootenay. Each of them has been developing with results that have surprised even its most optimistic admirers, and the British America corporation has decided that a smelter test of 1,000 tons will be made immediately from each of the properties. The test is on rather an extensive scale, but the corporation has a way of doing things in a thorough fashion, and the smelter test will be no exception. The No. 1 ore is averaging about \$23 to the ton, while the value of the Columbia-Kootenay ore has been increasing lately so rapidly that it is difficult to place an average value upon it. A few days ago it went \$42, while the most recent test returned \$100. It must be no less gratifying to the residents of the camp than to the British America corporation that the company after only five months' development work is able to commence shipments on so extensive a scale.

The shipments from the camp for the week just passed amounted to 4,109 tons. For the same week of last year the total shipments of the camp were 2,702 tons. The increase in a single year was over 50 per cent. The figures for the week just ended, gratifying though they are, do not represent the real output of the camp, since the War Eagle, because of the changes at the mine, was only able to hoist about half of the ore that it broke, and the rest was stored in the stopes. Applying the conservative valuation of \$30 per ton to the ore, it is evident that the shipments last week represented a total value of \$123,270, or at the rate of about \$5,500-000 per year.

The new reduction works at Silica will be completed this week, and shipments of about two carloads per day have already commenced.

The usual weekly review of the work done in the more important mines of the camp is given below:

IRON MASK.-The company expects that on Tuesday of this week it will let the contract for the erection of the new 10-hill compressor that will install at once. The machinery, it is hoped, will be on the ground in 20 days and will be installed 20 days later. Excavation has already commenced to crowd the shaft house, in preparation for the new compressor building. Underground a new winze has been started in the big chute at the west end of the property to open up new stopping ground. Three fresh eight-hour shifts were put to work in the winze, and the force at the mine is now in the neighborhood of 35 men. In the drift on the north vein the showing is very satisfactory. There is about two feet of \$8 ore in the face of the drift, and it is improving rapidly as the drift at the fault the assays were around 80 cents. In 40 feet they have increased to \$8, where they stood at the time the last tests were made.

WAR EAGLE.-The machinery for the new compressor plant is already beginning to arrive at the mine, and no difficulty is expected in getting the compressor in running order within the next month. Underground, there has been no recent changes. Shipments have been completed through the shaft, and the hoisting operation of the new hoist. The force at the mine, however, has been increased, and there are about 245 men at work. Ore is being broken down as usual, but all stopped below the tunnel level. Both veins covered the tunnel pending the completion of the hoisting apparatus. The shipment for the past week amounted to 750 tons, all of which came from the stopes above the main tunnel. Besides the ore being smelted, shipments of about 45 tons daily have been commenced to the reduction works at Silica.

PEARL & RUBY.-The property, which covers the old Ivanhoe ground, and lies just south of the Le Roi, is being developed by a shaft, which is now down about 50 feet. The bottom of the workings is all in ore, and in appearance it resembles very closely the product of the Le Roi. A recent assay returned \$15 in gold, and no test was made for copper. The vein is evidently parallel with the Le Roi ledge. The Pearl & Ruby while covering only a small territory, has about 900 feet along the ledge. The property is owned by C. R. Hamilton and L. H. Webber. Negotiations are now under way with New York people for the sale of the claim. The figure is placed at \$15,000. The prospective purchasers are also after the Legal Tender and the Pack Train, both adjoining properties.

NOVELTY.-The development of the property is proceeding at an entirely satisfactory rate and the showing is excellent. The ledge has been opened for about 150 feet, and the surface showing for the whole distance displays iron and copper in plenty. The new shaft is now down about 25 feet, and the work of timbering has commenced. There is about three feet of ore at the bottom of the shaft, which promises to develop into a rich body. Yesterday, while doing some surface prospecting, the foreman uncovered a new lead about 100 feet north of the old one, and running evidently parallel with it. Both veins have a trend nearly north-south, and the one which is almost at right angles to the veins on the east side of Red mountain.

MASCOT.-The property is now employing altogether 20 men, including the force at work on the new compressor house, which will be located near the base of the hill beneath the entrance to the tunnel. A road has been completed to the compressor site and excellent

progress is being made in excavating for the new buildings. The plant, it is expected, will be running in about five weeks. The tunnel, which is in about 380 feet, is showing some good iron and copper ore in the face of the workings. The ore body is about 12 inches wide, and is nearly vertical. The winze is down 34 feet, and there is 18 inches of good iron and quartz on the foot wall side.

GIANT.-The shaft is down about 80 feet. A slip in the bottom of the shaft has displaced the ledge, and the workings are now out of ore. The management is not ill pleased with the change, as it is confident that it will result in changing the dip of the vein at the lower levels into the Giant ground, whereas on the former dip the vein would have passed out of the Giant side lines in a comparatively short distance. The tunnel is in about 100 feet, and is now about under the old shaft at the top of the hill. Some ore is being met scattered through the face of the workings.

GRAND PRIZE.-The superintendent of the property, W. T. McDonald, has been busy during the past week continuing surface work on the claim. Two leads have been opened running about parallel and about 140 feet apart. An open cut with a 14-foot face has been excavated on one of the leads and three seams of well mineralized white quartz have been exposed. All are evidently bound to join at a short distance under ground, and Mr. McDonald expects to commence sinking on the showing.

COLUMBIA-KOOTENAY.-The ore in the No. 5 tunnel continues to improve, and an assay of ore from the dump, made a few days ago at the Trail smelter, returned values of \$100. The No. 4 tunnel, where the first strike was made about a month ago, also continues to look well. The property is to be placed at once on the shipping list. The British America corporation will immediately have 1,000 tons of ore from the No. 4 and the No. 5 tunnels smelted as a test of the actual value of the ore in those levels.

No. 1.-The No. 1 now has between 800 and 1,000 tons of ore on the dump, averaging about \$23. The British America corporation will at once make a shipment of 1,000 tons to Trail as a smelter test. The ledge continues to hold its own, and is little changed. The new hoist is being installed to facilitate work.

LE ROI.-Shipments for the past week amounted to 3,289 tons. The ore came from all over the mine, from the 250- to the 700-foot levels. The shaft is now down about 730 feet. The mine is employing at present 295 men, and the force is being regularly increased. It is expected that the payroll will be brought up to a total of more than 300 names.

CENTRE STAR.-Rapid work is being carried out in connection with the preparations for the surface excavation has nearly been completed. Underground the miners are continuing the raise to connect the tunnel level with the new shaft on its downward course. About 25 men are employed.

DEER PARK.-The new compressor was put to work last week and is moving perfectly. One drill is at work in the bottom of the shaft, which is now down about 280 feet, and as soon as the 300-foot level is reached another drill will be put to work crosscutting and drifting.

GREYSTONE.-The shaft is down about 90 feet, and the force at the mine is gradually coming in from the southwestern side of the workings. Work in the old tunnel has been recommenced and it is being extended to tap the shaft at a depth of about 100 feet.

MOUNTAIN CHIEF.-The Golden Gate Development company has let a contract for the Mountain Chief and work will be started on Tuesday. The company expects to have 100 tons of ore for shipment as soon as the snow comes.

NEST EGG.-The Nest Egg company has been placed in the hands of the receiver. Mr. Sawyer expects to pay the company's debts and resume work shortly.

IRON HORSE.-The shaft of the Iron Horse has reached a depth of about 27 feet. It is the intention to crowd the work on this property as the surface showing is unexceptionally good.

ABB LINCOLN.-The shaft is down about 180 feet. The stringers of ore lately met have given way to a large body of mineral covering the entire bottom of the workings.

JUMBO.-The crescent is being driven through a big body of moderate grade iron ore, which seemingly lays over and beside the high grade quartz met lately.

VICTORY-TRIUMPH.-In the Triumph the shaft is down 100 feet and the work of crosscutting in the direction of the vein has been commenced.

WHITE BEAR.-The east drift, which has been driven through a large dyke, is coming into ore. There is also ore in the west drift at the 275-foot level.

MONTE CHRISTO.-The Monte Christo has been shut down pending an examination of the property by a mining engineer.

VIRGINIA.-Work of development is being pushed with the usual vigor. There is no change in the situation.

COMMANDER.-The work in the shaft continues and some very good ore is being met.

SUNSET No. 2.-Work is continuing in the shaft.

Tennis Challenge Cup. At the tennis grounds Saturday witnessed the final match between R. A. O. Hobbes and J. W. Smith for the challenge cup presented by Hon. Charles H. Mackin tosh. Hobbes was in rather bad form, and was suffering from rheumatism. The match, however, was interesting to the spectators. Smith won three straight sets with the score 6-2, 6-1, 6-1. In the last contest between Smith and Hobbes Hobbes won with a score 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 and 6-4. Mr. Smith will have to win the cup two more times in succession in order to become its permanent owner.

The Gold Star. J. Hugo Ross, the Toronto stock broker, made a trip to the Gold Star, four miles north of Rossland on the Murphy creek trail, and made a thorough examination of the Gold Star property, owned by a Toronto syndicate of which he is one. As a result he will recommend the development of the claim, and work will commence at an early date.

OUR LONDON LETTER

The Meeting of the London & Globe Corporation.

LORD DUFFERIN SPEAKS

He Explains the Condition of the Company and Also Tells of the Flattering Prospects of the British America Corporation.

LONDON, Sept. 20.-This afternoon Lord Dufferin addressed the shareholders of the London & Globe corporation, the copartner of the B. A. C. Thousands of people attended, and the hall at which the meeting was held was inconveniently crowded. Of late the Whittaker-Wright group have been criticized, and the meeting had been looked forward to with expectation as likely to furnish a good deal in the way of retort to the criticisms showered on the company, nor were these anticipations falsified by events. Lord Dufferin first, and then Mr. Wright, went for their detractors. You cannot afford space to give the speeches in full, but a few interesting remarks will be given in connection with the B. A. C.

In speaking of the group the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava said: "I conceived an examination and the result was a high opinion of the soundness and the promising character both of the London & Globe and of the British America corporations, that I became one of the largest holders in the shares of each company, and at this moment of my life I have never regretted the adoption of my position. The London & Globe is an issuing company, and the practice in the past has been to give priority of allotment, and latterly to the shareholders of the London & Globe. This company has been and since amalgamated probably holds a unique position in the city in two respects. One is, that it has never yet made an issue that has not been oversubscribed, and its shares have its underwritten and called upon to make good any part of their guarantee. The other is, that it has never made an issue, the shares of which have not sold at a substantial premium, for a long period of time. It is true that there is a large amount of the present company's shares in the hands of the London & Globe, but, in our opinion, that defect will be cured in the near future-that is, as soon as the great value of the assets of that corporation become known. As a result of this policy of the London & Globe in regard to its allotments many advantageous windfalls from time to time accrue to the shareholders, such as Lake Views, assets, and others. Some very desirable ones, as for example the general Le Roi mines and others of great value will shortly be forthcoming.

The Balance Sheet.

"Referring to the balance sheet you will see at once that the various items practically explain themselves, and do not require much comment from me, except that I may state that the items sundry creditors and loans on the debit side of the account have since been reduced by 275,000, the remaining debit being largely made up of balance due to whom we have undertaken to furnish a certain amount of working capital, to be handed over as required. It also includes some \$50,000, due to the British America corporation in respect of property purchased on joint account, pending adjustment.

"I may now refer briefly to our interests in British America. As you are aware we have a very large interest in the British America corporation. It was announced in the prospectus of that company that we would co-operate with them, and as a matter of fact, we have taken a joint and equal interest in the East and West Le Roi and Columbia Kootenay as well as the Le Roi. This copartnership is mutually advantageous, as the British America corporation could not handle them all alone. Great good fortune has followed us here, and these properties have developed in an extraordinary manner. Numerous cables from the resident director and the chief engineer announcing one rich strike after another in the groups, and the discovery of reefs in the level wide, have been received, and the latest of them says:

Have Four Le Rois.

"On the present appearance and prospects of development work we will have four Le Rois." (Applause.) In reference to the Le Roi mine, you as well as ourselves have no doubt heard many rumors, some of them of the most fanciful character. This is a matter of which I am glad to hear something in reference to the mine. The facts, then, are, that the British America corporation did buy the Le Roi mine, and the directors and shareholders of the Le Roi mine called in America to whom the whole agreement for sale of the property was called verbally, in order that it might be incorporated into the power of attorney given by the directors in America to their colleagues here, whom they sent over for the express purpose of arranging the sale of the mine. When this contract was signed under this power of attorney the fact of the purchase was communicated to the shareholders, and afterwards on a legal technicality, it was found that the contract of sale might be impeached, and so the British America corporation and the Le Roi mine decided to purchase the shares of the mine themselves, instead of then at a proportionate price, and the purchase of the mine and ourselves consequently now control about 400,000 out of a total of 500,000 shares (apples) and some three-fourths of these are already actually paid for.

Has Increased in Value.

"We expect to acquire other shares shortly, and our chief engineer, Mr. Carley, is already in possession of the property and is actively developing same on a large scale. We are advised that through the hands of our engineer in value in the hands of our engineer since the original contract for purchase was made. These are the facts as to this great mine, the Le Roi, and I am quite satisfied that the shareholders of both the London and Globe company and the British America corporation may safely leave them to be dealt with by the directors of those companies.

Whittaker Wright (managing director) in reply to numerous questions said he was delighted to see that the bulk of the shareholders were with the board. He deprecated the attempt to create a feeling that the shareholders and directors were two separate classes, and that the latter were always trying to take advantage of the former. As the largest shareholder the directors naturally had their hearts in the concern. Lord Dufferin put £10,000 in the company when the shares were at 1 1/2 premium. The £500,000 reserve was set aside before the auditors discussed the matter at all. Last year had been a year of disburising, but in the current year the profits would roll in, unless they were all very much mistaken.

The B. U. market is as dull as ditch water, and the B. C. Goldfields group keep firm, and the same may be said of the New Goldfields companies, but the Morrison, Turner-Pooley interests attract little attention. Alaska Goldfields are dull, Klondike properties are neglected, and Canadian mines generally flagging. We are in the dull season still, but hope for more liveliness later. I am assured that there is absolutely nothing doing, and even the commencement of dealings in West Le Roi, East Le Roi and Columbia Kootenay shares (the B. A. C. triplets) has been almost unnoticed.

W. de V. le Maistre of Trail called on me the other day. Mr. Newton of Rossland, as you are no doubt aware, is now in partnership with Mr. Phillips, and the firm is now Phillips & Newton instead of Horrocks & Phillips. Among other people interested in British Columbia is Mr. M. C. Matheson, a connection of the Lombard street Mathesons, and largely identified with the famous Rio Tinto Copper group. Mr. Weeks does not seem to have got his prospectus, but I have seen a draft prospectus, and do not think it has emerged from the "draft" stage. By this time Mr. Corliss of the Canadian Pacific exploration and development committee, as the title will have reached Rossland. He will confirm what I have said as to the inert condition of the market. By the way, he seems to have had a good time over here. We are a gullible lot, and I am not surprised that he succeeded.

Will Sell Part of the Ymir Mine. It is announced by the board of the London & British Columbia Goldfields that it has completed arrangements for the sale on a cash basis of a Ymir mine, together with an option of acquiring a further quarter upon the same terms. You will remember that this was one of the properties which the company took up on the recommendation of its engineer, S. S. Fowler, and the development of the mine has been so satisfactory that a confirmatory report made by Mr. Kendall, dated July 1st, 1898, states that there were at that time 93,600 tons of ore blocked out of a value of \$1,123,200 (2522,000). The 10-stamp mill and its appurtenances for treating 100 tons of ore per day are being erected by the London & British Columbia Goldfields, Limited, and the greatest possible speed will be expected that in November next. To working out the arrangements above referred to, a company called the Ymir Gold Mines, Limited, has been formed for taking over the mine, but it is not intended to make any large issues of shares, or to oblige directors feel that by retaining them for a short time their value will be greatly enhanced. The directors are glad to inform the shareholders that the whole of the property in which this company is interested have, up to the present, fully realized their value, and the expectations formed by them. Further new business of a similar character has already been entered into by the company, and this is every appearance of leading to equally successful results. In view of the fact that the valuable assets belonging to this company are being disclosed to the position which will be disclosed to the annual accounts made up to September 30th, will be very gratifying to the shareholders. So soon as the necessary statements from British Columbia are received the accounts will be audited and submitted to the shareholders at the earliest possible moment. What I hear about the shutting down of the London agency, or the transferring of it to a land and estate agent? Mr. Vernon has not yet been asked me personally, as I had to wait a long while for a copy of last year's report on your mines. Change of office I know means change of officers; but to abolish the office altogether at this stage seems a little bit drastic. When I am a little better posted as to facts I shall deal with this subject more fully.

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PROSPECTING IN THE NORTH.

The recent revelations of hardships experienced by most of those who took the overland route to the Klondike should not deter enterprising and experienced prospectors from exploring the northern portion of British Columbia. The sufferings reported are largely due to the inexperience and bad management of those who headed the several expeditions. The obstacles met in traveling in Northern Cariboo, Omineca and Cassiar are no more than those that were experienced by the pioneers of the Kootenays, and in some respects not so bad. Where the ill-fated but sumptuously equipped expeditions of this summer failed, the hardy pioneers of 40 years ago, with their packs on their backs and relying to a great extent on their rifles to provide them with food, forged ahead many hundreds of miles farther into the wilderness and won fortunes from the rich placers of the Peace, Omineca and Dease rivers and their numerous tributaries, and returned safely to civilization to enjoy the profits of their enterprise and industry. It has frequently been asserted that the northern districts of this Province are for the most part unexplored. It is true that the vast areas contained in Cariboo and Cassiar have not been closely prospected, but so far as exploration is concerned there is not a stream of any importance that was not panned by the argonauts of '58 and '63. Of the thousands who were attracted here by the discovery of gold in the Fraser river in 1858 many made long journeys into the interior. They did not prospect closely, but skimmed over the country, only stopping to mine when phenomenally rich auriferous alluvial deposits were encountered. Diggings that would now be classed as bonanzas were viewed with indifference, veins rich with gold, silver or copper were seen, but considered valueless. Immense deposits of other valuable minerals were discovered, but treated in the same way. The placer miner of that time would pay several ounces a day to the man. Still, the old-timers of Cariboo, Omineca and Cassiar who are alive today, say they are firmly convinced that rich rewards await the prospector in those districts. It seems highly probable that in point of mineral wealth Northern British Columbia will some day become as famous as the Kootenays. It will pay those who are prepared to undergo the necessary privations to prospect the northern country.

PELAGIC SEALING.

The contention of the United States that pelagic or deep sea sealing is destructive is completely controverted by the experience of the British Columbia sealing fleet this year. The season that is just closing has been one of the most successful that has occurred for many years. One of the vessels has taken 1,400 skins, which is a remarkably large catch. Strange to relate none of the seals branded by Professor Starr Jordan on the Pribiloff Islands were taken, and it is a mystery where they have gone to. This effectually disposes of the American contention that the pelagic sealers capture the seals that come from these islands, and of the one that the seal herds are decreasing.

The United States position on the sealing controversy is not a tenable one, and the agitation and all the trouble is caused by the greediness of the company to which the United States government has farmed out for a consideration the privilege of killing a certain number of seals annually in the Pribiloff rookeries. This company is not satisfied with the monopoly of the islands, and wishes to monopolize the entire Pacific ocean. In the furtherance of this object it has made the question, which is solely a national one, of corporate greed, a national one. No other company has ever yet shown the sublime selfishness of this one in attempting to claim ownership over all the seals in the northern part of the Pacific ocean.

In the first place the lease of the sealing privilege to the company was a subversion of American traditions. All public land in the United States, by right, belongs to the people. The Pribiloff Islands are public land and as such belong to the people of the United States. A citizen of the United States can, with due regard to the restrictions imposed by the game laws, go on public land and freely kill any wild animal that he may encounter there. The exception is made in the case of public parks like that at Yellowstone. Therefore, one of the rights of the people of the United States was taken away from them when the privilege of hunting for seals on the Pribiloff Islands and vicinity was given to a greedy corporation. This act, of our nation, was unconstitutional and wrong, according to the laws of the United States. Then for a company, in order to extend its sphere of profit, to claim all the seals in the northern part of the Pacific and Arctic oceans, from the equator to the north pole, was a piece of monumental hardihood that is hard to duplicate in the history of the world. This company has so worked on the national lawmakers and the executive that there have been times when the country might have been plunged into a war over this question. And what for? Simply and solely that the profits of the seal trust might be the greater. It would not help the people of the United States

one iota to have all the claims of the seal trust accorded to it. All that it would mean would be increased profits to those who have batten and grown enormously rich. The seal trust has been able to secure what legislation it needed from the congress of the United States. This is evidenced by the bill passed by the national legislature last winter when it adopted a measure which virtually prohibited the importation of seal skins, or garments made of that material, into the United States. This was another exhibition of the gigantic meanness and selfishness of the seal trust.

These are the facts of the case. It is not the people of the United States who desire to prevent the people of Canada from sailing out into the Pacific, off their own shores, and catching seals there, but it is the seal trust of a few individuals. If Canada agrees to the seal trust's contention in this case the next move will probably be to claim all the fish in the Pacific, which would be just as reasonable as the present one. Therefore the people of Canada, no matter what is offered in return, should not give up the right to pelagic sealing in the Pacific ocean, as it is almost like promising not to breathe, because some monopoly sets up a claim to the circumboreal air. The right to seal, in the manner mentioned, is an inalienable one and it must not be given up.

WORKING LOW GRADE ORES.

The annual report of the Anaconda Copper company contains some interesting figures showing that good profits can be made in working low grade ores. The Anaconda ore contains on an average 4.28 per cent copper, 3.48 ounces silver and 0.111 gold per ton. The average return to the ton of ore treated for the year ending June 30, 1898, was \$11.22. The report shows a small increase in the quantity of ore worked, but a decrease in the average tenor, both in copper and silver. The company, however, shows net profits equal to 11.8 per cent on the capital stock, which is \$30,000,000, and maintained its dividends at the rate of 10 per cent, with a considerable addition to the surplus. The report gives the costs of operations in detail, and we find that of the total expenditures mining costs contributed 41.7 per cent; reduction works, 45.3 per cent; freight charges, 5 per cent; refining at seaboard, 7 per cent; interest and general expenses, 1 per cent. Taking further the cost of the reduction works and adding the charges for freight and for refining copper at the seaboard, we find that the total cost of extracting metals from the ore and putting them in marketable form was \$7,915,128.

THE IRON INDUSTRY.

The following is significant and shows a condition of affairs that should not exist, and would not if the capitalists and others on the coast were alive to their own interests. "The Scully Steel & Iron company of Chicago has just closed a contract for the delivery of 25,000 tons of steel plates at Victoria, B. C., to be used in the construction of five British steamships by one of the largest shipbuilding firms at that point. The value of the contract exceeds \$100,000."

It is a fact that there is not a single iron furnace in operation on the Pacific coast from Patagonia to Alaska, with the exception of a small plant at Oswego, Or., where charcoal pig iron is turned out, and the product is all utilized in the manufacture of water pipe. There is a small furnace at Port Townsend, but it is so diminutive as to be merely a sampling works rather than one which is intended to turn out iron for the markets of the country. It has not been operated for years so it is a fact that there is not a single iron furnace turning out iron for the market all along the many miles of coast washed by the Pacific ocean in North and South America.

The consumption of iron on the Pacific coast is now something enormous and is increasing each year.

The production of pig iron in the United States in 1895 was 9,597,449 tons, and of steel in the same period 6,212,671 tons. In the same period Canada turned out 38,434 tons of pig iron and no steel. This is not as it should be, and in emphasizing this we get back to the point which we are endeavoring to make that the people of the coast of British Columbia have themselves to blame if they are compelled to send to Chicago after steel when they want it for ship-building. On the west coast of Vancouver island there are a number of iron deposits which carry as good iron ore as can be found in the world. There is one notable deposit called the Sechart Iron property, that is most conveniently located. It is situated about a mile and a half from a point on tide water where the water is so deep that the Great Eastern could safely take the ore on board without grounding. The iron ore is equal to the finest Cuban product, and carries from 64 to 68 per cent of metallic iron. There is little or no silica, or sulphur, or any of the substances which tend to make some iron ores hard to reduce, and therefore valueless from an industrial standpoint. There is in juxtaposition to this deposit coal suitable for making coke, and deposits of lime that are simply marvelous, both in quality and quantity. The owners have developed the iron property to such an extent that several millions of tons are ready to mine. This being the

case the wonder is that the people of the coast have not taken advantage of the opportunities that lie at their doors and long since have commenced the manufacturing of iron—pig, steel and wrought. If they had done this they would not be now sending to Chicago for iron for ship-building.

Besides the iron on the coast there are many valuable deposits in the interior of British Columbia, which will yet be utilized while the merchants and business men at the coast are trying to build up the Yukon, instead of their home industries. Such a policy is one of the most short-sighted possible.

If the industry of iron making were once established at the coast there would be an immediate home trade that would be considerable. When a mine like the War Eagle desired to erect a galloway frame, like the one that it is now installing, it would go to Victoria or Vancouver for it, instead of to Chicago or Pittsburg. The Victoria shipbuilders could get steel at home. The C. P. R. would get the rails from there for its western extensions, at least. Eastern Canada would also purchase this iron. The trade abroad would be immense, and no one could undersell them on the Pacific coast because they would have the haul across the continent in their favor. Washington, Oregon, California, Mexico, Central America and South America would be their customers, and so would China and Japan, and they would also get some with the East Indies.

With such an alluring vista before the industry, the wonder is that the citizens of the coast have not long since embarked in the business. It will yield far more than catering to the ephemeral Klondike trade, for once established it will last for all time.

THE ORIENT AS A MARKET.

Manager Aldridge of the Trail smelter is alive to the great possibilities of the trade of the Orient. He sees in China and Japan a splendid market for the products of his smelter, especially silver and lead. At present the market for British Columbia smelter products is almost entirely confined to the United States, and it is unsatisfactory in many respects. The prices paid by United States refineries for imported copper matte are, in the main, satisfactory, although it is expected that the conditions will improve when copper refineries are firmly established in this country. The sale of our silver-lead bullion in the United States is, however, attended by import duties that are almost prohibitory, and as the thorough development of the silver-lead mines of this Province depends on low freight and treatment charges, which can only be attained by the operation of local reduction works, it is very apparent that British Columbia smelters must look elsewhere for a market for their silver and lead. A glance at the situation shows conclusively that the Orient offers immense opportunities, infinitely greater than those of any other country. The consumption of silver and lead in all the Asiatic countries is enormous, and particularly in this case in China and Japan. This trade only needs a little development to become almost immediately a much better field than the one enjoyed at present in the United States. Mr. Aldridge is to be congratulated upon his efforts to sell his smelter products direct in the Orient, and it is not too much to expect that he will be rewarded by the successful establishment of that trade in the near future.

NELSON'S "HOT THING."

It is about time that the Nelson Miner did justice to the southern portion of the mining division in which it is published by ceasing its dirty little agitation against the construction of a railway across the country lying between Trail and Kuskonook, the present terminus of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Because the Nelson Miner favors the construction of a railway from Kuskonook to Nelson, following the south shore of Kootenay lake, it does not necessarily follow that a railway should not be built from east to west through the southern part of the Nelson mining division. By persistent lying stating that this railway will not be built, Br'er Jowett's paper not only seems to be doing its level best to retard the development of a rich mineral district that would be mainly tributary to Nelson as soon as it has railway facilities, but by casting unjust reflections on the enterprise of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Nelson's most illustrious journalist may lose his annual pass over Canada's greatest railway. Imagine Jowett without a railway pass! His occupation, like Othello's, would be gone. It being cheaper to stay at home than to travel when he has to pay his fare, Br'er Jowett, in all probability, would stay at home. The question would then arise whether the constant enjoyment of the charming presence of Br'er Jowett would make up to his subscribers the loss that they would incur by his failure to publish the funny little paragraphs concerning his "flying trips to Ballour," or his "runs to Robson."

THE AGENT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Every newspaper that comments upon the matter has nothing but the severest censure for the government for its abolition of the British Columbia Agency in London. The English newspapers are particularly outspoken. They are

unanimous in the opinion that the unwisdom of this step is so evident that they have no doubt that the government will see the necessity of reconsidering its decision.

If the government was dissatisfied with the services of Hon. Forbes George Vernon as agent-general, it would have been an easy matter to have found another and, possibly, a better man, but a great mistake has been made in turning the agency over to a private firm of estate and commission agents. The firm may be, probably is, of the highest probity, but the nature of its business should bar it from an office in which the temptation to use undue influence upon inquirers is so great.

The agent-general's office has done good work, and the volume of its work has been steadily increasing, as may be gathered from the following figures:

Letters received..... 397
Letters sent out..... 1,245
Calls interviewed..... 1,285
Literature distributed..... 3,311
On the score of economy there is very little reason for the change. A balance sheet dealing with six months' work of the agent-general's office, ending December 31, 1897, shows that the total cost of the office to the government was only \$405 16s, including \$250 for the agent-general's salary, \$55 10s 3d for rent and lighting, \$37 16s 8d for clerical assistance, \$17 4s 6d for postage, and \$43 11s 11d for petty expenses. This is a very trifling cost compared with the great benefits received in return, but even if it were not, an important Province like British Columbia cannot well afford to be without this branch of the public service.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE PEND D'OREILLE country is showing up remarkably well under recent development. The district around Waneta has a bright future.

The country around Republic, just across the international boundary, is rapidly coming to the front as a rich mineral field. The district is naturally tributary to Rossland and many Rossland men are already heavily interested there. THE MINER has established a special correspondent at Republic and will henceforth publish an unbiased daily report of the mining news of that section.

In Friday's issue of THE MINER, in mentioning the practice of issuing bank money orders for small amounts, it should have been stated that these orders are issued by all the chartered banks in Canada and are redeemable at the office of any of the banks, except those in the Yukon. The issue of these orders has been arranged by the Canadian Bankers' association, representing all the chartered banks in Canada, and it is intended to facilitate the transfer of small sums.

A DETERMINED effort is being made in certain quarters to oust Hon. Clifford Sifton from office. It is alleged that the department of the interior has been grossly mismanaged under the direction of Mr. Sifton, and the Yukon scandals are given as a verification of this charge. Some Eastern papers are unkind enough to say that Hon. Joseph Martin, of Vancouver, is eager for the political scalp of his erstwhile friend. But for Mr. Sifton, Mr. Martin today would be minister of the interior instead of attorney-general of British Columbia.

The Victoria Colonist views with warm approval THE MINER'S suggestion that more attention should be given by mining men to the development of the deposits of baser metals in this Province, and suggests that the Mining Bureau should prepare a handy compendium, giving succinct information as to all the minerals of economic value, telling how they occur, what they look like in their native state, what their value is, and where they are likely to be found. This is an excellent idea and it is hoped that it will be embraced by the government at an early date. A hand book of this kind would be very useful and would cost very little. It might either be distributed free, or be sold for a sum sufficient to pay the cost of printing.

SAYS THE Empire, an amusing tale illustrating the ebullient loyalty to Her Majesty of British subjects in South Africa, comes to hand from a young Welshman, at present residing in the colony. The incident happened at dinner at the house where he is staying. He prefaces the story with the remark that, at the moment of writing, feeling between the English and the Dutch is high owing to the elections. He says: "In addition to the regular boarders, two Dutchmen came to the table and began to talk to each other of the superior virtues of the Dutch as compared with the English. The talk increased in speed and heat, and presently the name of Victoria was mentioned, when one of them exclaimed, 'Damn Victoria!' With that the Englishman, who sat next to the offending Dutchman, threw the whole content of his plate on his head—meat, potatoes, cabbage, and gravy. Every other boarder threw at him the articles nearest at hand—a loaf of bread, a hot potato, or a jug of water—until the poor victim cried for mercy, which was granted him after withdrawing his words and making a suitable apology. He looked the most pitiable being I ever saw. The water and the gravy ran down his back and streamed out over his boots. He will,

no doubt, be very careful in future how to speak of Victoria in the presence of Britishers."

THE REPUBLIC CAMP

Ores From There Will Ultimately Be Shipped to Trail.

WILL SAVE A LONG HAUL

The Residents of Rossland and Other Places in Canada Own Large Interests in the Mining Properties of Republic and Sheridan.

REPUBLIC, Wash., Oct. 7.—[Special.]—The town of Republic is situated about the center of the north half of the Colville Indian reservation, and is reached by stage either from Marcus or Bossbury on the Spokane and Northern railway, a distance of about 80 miles. The camp is an ideal one, surrounded by low, rolling, sparsely timbered hills, which opens into parks and plateaus. The town is well built and has an unusual amount of prosperity and bustle, which its surrounding mines entitle it to assume. Parties interested in the Republic and surrounding mines claim that when the new Canadian Pacific railway is built, the ores of the Republic and other mines will go to the Trail smelter for reduction. At present the Republic ores are freighted to Marcus, a distance of 80 miles, 50 of which is over a very rough mountain road. When the railroad reaches Carson, the boundary town, it will be only 30 miles from here, with a gentle incline to the Ourlay valley, where, for miles, the road winds past Indian farms and green gardens to the boundary town of Carson. From Carson the ores would be shipped by rail to the Columbia, thence by steamer to the Trail smelter. The saving on the wagon haul alone would pay a handsome dividend to the Republic shareholders.

Among the prominent Canadians interested in this camp are the following: George Gooderham of the War Eagle, and associates own the Ben Tillman; Dr. Edward Bowes, Ross Thompson and Sheridan own the Ben Tillman; Dr. Edward Bowes, Ross Thompson and Sheridan own the Ben Tillman; Dr. Edward Bowes, Ross Thompson and Sheridan own the Ben Tillman; Dr. Edward Bowes, Ross Thompson and Sheridan own the Ben Tillman.

The Blaine-Republic joint tunnel is being pushed rapidly. The Republic is running a branch tunnel which will tap its vein at a depth of 402 feet from the surface. They are drifting 15 feet per day with machine drills, and expect to cut the vein about the first of next month, depending upon the dip.

The Republic tunnel to be continued into claim No. 6, owned by Patrick and D. Clark and W. F. Kane. The Princess Maud people, who are tunneling through the Blaine ground to reach their own property, at a distance of 25 feet encountered a ledge which assays \$6 per ton. The Maud tunnel will continue through the Blaine ground to their vein, a distance of 380 feet, 380 of which will be through Blaine ground. Permission was given the Maud by Patrick Clark to tunnel through the Blaine.

A crosscut to tap the Butte & Boston vein is now in 80 feet, with quartz stringers in the face. It will cut the vein at a depth of 80 to 100 feet.

Advices received here state that the machinery of the Fern mill at Nelson, B. C., is almost in place and will soon be in operation.

BIRTH OF NEW TOWNS.

One On the British and the Other On American Soil.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Oct. 8.—[Special.]—The correspondent of THE MINER, who just returned from a visit to the young town of Niagara on Fisherman creek, some seven miles from Grand Forks. Although Niagara is only one week old and the survey of the townsite is not yet completed, yet over 50 lots on Main street have been already purchased and 30 buildings are now in the course of construction. There are already two hotels, two livery stables, one blacksmith shop and barber shop, one feed and grain store, one dry goods store, two general stores, one bakery, and last but not least, a mammoth canvas restaurant, which employs three expert cooks and feeds over 300 people daily.

E. G. Sterringham, one of the pioneers of this place, died last evening from typhoid fever.

Another town called Monte Carlo, situated about one mile from Coscoda Blaine ground, is being pushed rapidly. City on the Colville reservation, has sprung into existence during the last few days, over 500 town lots having been staked out by parties intending to build. Monte Carlo is to be a wide open town, with dance halls, faro banks, crap tables, etc.

No. 124.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

Certificate of the Incorporation of the "The War Eagle Hotel Company, Limited."

Capital, \$25,000. I hereby certify that "The War Eagle Hotel Company, Limited," has this day been incorporated under the "Companies Act, 1897," a limited company, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, divided into two hundred and fifty shares of one hundred dollars each.

R. E. Lee Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Shareholders of this company are hereby notified that under the agreement duly sanctioned and executed for the transfer of the undertaking to the R. E. Lee Gold Mines, Limited, they must claim their allotment of shares and pay an assessment of one cent per share in the new company within 30 days from this date.

Shares not claimed within the above time will be sold.

THOS. S. GILMOUR, Liquidator. Rossland, B.C., 15th Sept., 1898. 9-7-14 dw

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Bannock, Red Top and Ethel mineral claims situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About five miles east of the Columbia river on the north-west fork of Bear creek.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Anthony J. McMillan, Esq., free miner's certificate No. 13,984, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1898. 8-25-102 WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. No. 1 Le Blanc group, Drill and Northern Light mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About six miles east of the Columbia river on the divide between Champion and Bear creeks.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Anthony J. McMillan, Esq., free miner's certificate No. 13,984, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1898. 8-25-102 WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. East Columbia Mountain Fraction, Banner Hill Fraction and North Columbia Fraction mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Columbia mountain, about 1 1/2 miles northeast from Rossland.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for George C. Parker, free miner's certificate No. 13,914, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 20th day of September, 1898. 9-22-104 G. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Helena No. 2 Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the west fork of Sheep creek, two miles north of the boundary line.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Otto Johnson, free miner's certificate No. 12,990, and Charles Greber, free miner's certificate No. 8,874, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 19th day of September, 1898. 9-22-104 G. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Concordia mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Adjoining the Atlantic Cable, Dominion and Eureka mineral claims.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Adelia Stussi, free miner's certificate No. 76,852, and John A. Finch, free miner's certificate No. 2,677, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 14th day of September, 1898. 9-15-103 F. A. WILKIN.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE. Wide West Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About 1 1/2 miles south of the city of Rossland. Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for Ross Thompson, No. 2,677, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 4th day of October, 1898. 10-6-101 N. F. TOWNSEND.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE. IN THE MATTER OF THE GOODS OF SILAS F. COLLINSWORTH, DECEASED.

Upon reading the affidavits of William M. Collinsworth, H. G. Boyles, and John Deau sworn herein, it is ordered that Letters of Administration of all and singular the estate and effects of Silas F. Collinsworth, late of the City of Rossland, in the Province of British Columbia, deceased, in the month of February, A. D. 1898, at the City of Los Angeles, State of California, one of the United States of America, intestate, be granted by this court to John Deau, the nominee of the said first sworn and faithfully to administer the same by paying the just debts of the said intestate and distribute the residue thereof according to law and to exhibit a true and perfect inventory of the said estate and effects and to render a just and true account thereof whenever required by law so to do, the said John Deau to give security by bond to the satisfaction of the District Registrar of this court at Rossland, B. C., for the due administration of said estate. Liberty is hereby given to file all papers heretofore to be published once a week for one month in some newspaper published at Rossland. Dated at Vancouver this 14th day of September, A. D. 1898.

Entered this 26th day of September, 1898.

TAKE NOTICE that any persons indebted to said estate of Silas F. Collinsworth, deceased, are required to pay the amount of such indebtedness forthwith, and any persons having claims against the accounts against the estate are required to forward the same duly verified to the above named John Deau at Rossland, B. C., on or before the 24th day of September, A. D. 1898.

DALY & HAMILTON, Solicitors for John Deau, Administrator.

T. MAATYN DLY, Q. C. C. R. HAMILTON

Daly & Hamilton.

Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries.

Solicitors for the Bank of Montreal. Rossland, B. C.

S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Advertisement for Northern Pacific Railway, listing routes, fares, and services. Includes text like "Northern Pacific Railway", "St. Paul-Chicago", "Fares", "Union Depot", "Sleeping Cars", "SCHEDULE", "ARRIVE", "GOING EAST", "SIN CENTRAL".

