

BIG DEAL CLOSED UP

Shareholders Ratified Sale of Homestake, Gopher, Lee and Maid.

MEETINGS HELD MONDAY

Advantages of the Transfer to the London Company Explained—Shareholders Get 12 1-5 Cents a Share or Its Equivalent in Stock.

Monday was the day appointed for meetings of the Homestake, Gopher and R. E. Lee companies to consider the proposal to transfer these properties to a London company. The shareholders of the Homestake met in the rooms of the B. C. syndicate, with W. G. Johnson, president of the company, in the chair. It was reported that holders of 800,000 out of the 1,000,000 shares of the company were present in person or by proxy. The president then made the following explanatory statement:

The President's Address.
"Before pointing out the advantages of a London company as compared with a local organization, I will briefly refer to the group of claims, viz: The Homestake, Gopher, R. E. Lee and Maid of Erin. I am assured by men of large experience, both miners from the United States and experts who have seen the great gold fields of Africa and Australia, that our surface showing on the Homestake is one of the chief features of the camp. So strong and well defined is the Homestake lead that it can be easily traced for over a mile through our claims, viz: the Homestake, Gopher, Lee and Maid of Erin."

"Neither the Columbia and Kootenay nor any other of Rossland's best mines had more brilliant surface indications, but mines of pronounced value of very great promise. Over \$50,000 has been expended upon them in machinery and development within the past few months. Over 1,000 feet of tunnel and shaft work has been done, opening up large ore bodies, thus proving that we were not deceived by the surface indications."

"We do not see our way to obtain the necessary capital elsewhere than London, and it is of the first importance for many reasons that we merge this group of three companies into one London corporation. London is not only the largest mining market in the world, but larger by far than all the markets of Europe together. The solid advantages of a London company are many. There is always a ready sale in London for shares in good properties, even before the dividend paying stage is reached, if such properties are properly managed. We all know the wide difference between these in a local company, good but quite unmarketable, compared with certificates on the London market that can be exchanged for cash at any time, without having to lose time hunting for a buyer."

"With respect to the policy of rolling the three companies in which we are interested into one corporation, the advantages are so obvious and transparent that comment is unnecessary. These properties can be developed together, both more economically and more scientifically than if worked separately, requiring only one office, one staff, and one general manager."

Terms of the Transfer.
After Mr. Johnson had concluded his address the holder of the Homestake company, A. H. MacNeill, read the terms of the agreement made with the representative of the London company. These terms provide for the organization of a London company to be known as the Homestake Consolidated Gold Mines, limited, with a capital of £100,000, or \$800,000, which shall take over the Homestake, Gopher, Maid of Erin and R. E. Lee, all adjoining. These properties were owned by the three companies with an aggregate capitalization of \$4,000,000. Holders of shares in the old companies are to receive new fully paid shares in the new London company, and will get one pound share for every 40 shares of old stock in the old companies. That is, the new company is paying 12 1-5 cents a share or its equivalent for the stock of the old companies. It is further agreed that the new company shall put up \$25,000 for working capital, the money to be used for the further development and putting into paying position all four of the properties included in the sale."

There was very general approval expressed at the terms of the transfer and a motion to confirm was carried unanimously.

R. E. Lee and Gopher.
At 1 o'clock the same afternoon there was a meeting at the same place of the shareholders of the R. E. Lee company. There was represented 1,434,000 shares out of a total of 2,000,000. After similar statements to those made at the Homestake meeting in the forenoon, a motion confirming the sale of the R. E. Lee and Maid of Erin was passed unanimously.

At a meeting of the Gopher shareholders in the evening there occurred a similar proceeding, there being no opposition to the sale.

Means Another Big Producer.
Thus was closed one of the biggest days' work ever done in Rossland. It was a complete confirmation in every detail of the deal made D. M. Linnard, who then went over to London last winter, and must be a source of much gratification to that gentleman. Mr. Linnard cabled to London last night that everything had been closed up satisfactorily and that the crown grants and deeds would be forwarded today.

It is presumed that the new company will be organized at once and will shortly begin extensive work on the four magnificent properties included in the sale. The enterprise, when it gets fully going, will be one of the large ones of the camp.

There are already two fine compressor plants ready to go to work, and with the amount of development work already done and the amount of ore already in sight it should not be long till the Homestake, Gopher, Maid of Erin and R. E. Lee are big producers.

CARIBOO CITY NOTES.

Townsite Company Making Many Improvements—Hotel Under Way.
CARIBOO CITY, July 11.—[Special.]—The townsite people are building a fine bridge over Trout creek at the rear of the town, connecting the government road now being constructed up Cariboo creek with First avenue south. This will greatly improve the traffic facilities from the Columbia river and shorten the present road fully a mile, affording at the same time a much better grade. A large amount of work is being done on the streets and the townsite is being much improved in appearance.

J. E. Mills, general agent for Cariboo City, went up to Lardens last week and made definite arrangements with the Kootenay Lumber company of that place for the immediate opening of a lumber yard here. The first consignment of 60,000 feet will be on the ground on Thursday.

The foundation is now being prepared for a large hotel on the corner of First avenue and Columbia boulevard, the frame work of which will be erected in a few days.

The fine weather that has set in pleases the prospectors, who have been delayed greatly in their work by the late rains.

Deer Park Reorganization.
L. W. and F. A. Mulholland arrived from Spokane Tuesday night, where they have been for a month arranging for the transfer of the Deer Park mine to a new Toronto company. At the shareholders' meeting, as already stated in THE MINER, the transfer was approved and F. A. Mulholland leaves for Toronto in the morning to complete the organization of the new company and effect the transfer. The Messrs. Mulholland expect that the new company will be in a position to resume work on the Deer Park in 30 to 60 days.

NUMEROUS KICKS COMING

Nelson's City Council Still Mad at the Provincial Government.

Mayor Thinks the Police Magistrate and License Commissioner Are Arrayed Against Council.

NELSON, July 12.—[Special.]—The city council is rebelling bitterly against the appointments by the lieutenant governor in council of the police magistrate and police commissioner and the outlook is that the matter will have to be settled in court. At the meeting of the council tonight the members expressed themselves as being in favor of adjourning sine die, were it not for the fact that the water and sewer system must be completed. It was said by one of the members that if the new appointees had any sense of decency they would resign when they saw that their appointment was objectionable to the council.

A communication was received from P. A. Crease, stating that he had qualified as police magistrate and was ready to discharge the duties pertaining to the office. He asked that a suitable room be secured as a court room. This communication aroused the ire of every member present and in the discussion that followed there were no bouquets thrown at the new magistrate or the power that appointed him.

By virtue of his position Mr. Crease is a member of the police and licensing board, and Mayor Houston said that he thought that he and the other commissioner had arrayed themselves against the council. He said that the act required the board to meet in open session four times a year and at these times the licensor under instruction from the board. As the next meeting must be held on September 15, no licensor must be legally issued until then. He said if the council would so instruct him, he would ignore the board and issue the licenses necessary. It would probably result in a law suit and if the city would stand behind him he would enter it. No final action was taken but the matter will probably come up again next Wednesday.

The city council also has another kick to register against the provincial government and that is the location of the provincial jail in the heart of the residential district. When Hon. G. B. Martin arrives here he will be met by a committee composed of the Mayor, Alderman Fletcher and Alderman Hillier, who will endeavor to show the disadvantages of the new site.

There has been a change in the arrival and departure of Nelson & Fort Sheppard trains. They now leave Nelson at 9:10 a. m. instead of 8:10 a. m., arriving in Spokane at 6:40 p. m. They leave Spokane at 8 a. m. and arrive in Nelson at 5:45 p. m.

OLD BOARD REELECTED.

Nelson and Fort Sheppard Company's Annual Meeting.
NELSON, July 14.—[Special.]—The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway was held at the Phair hotel tonight and the old board was practically reelected. The officers are they now stand are: D. C. Corbin, president; C. T. Dupont, vice-president; Austin Corbin second, secretary-treasurer; D. J. Roberts, D. C. Corbin, J. H. Adams, E. Roberts, C. T. Dupont, Austin Corbin second.

The gentlemen not present at the meeting were D. C. Corbin and C. T. Dupont. Details and matters of policy were discussed, but the directors now here do not wish to be authority for any public statements. D. C. Corbin will be in Nelson tomorrow.

Police Magistrate Atkinson of New Westminster, died at the hospital yesterday of heart failure. He was 40 years of age.

RECORD OF THE YEAR

West Kootenay's Mineral Exports Easily Exceeded \$5,000,000.

CUSTOM HOUSE FIGURES

Collections Increased From \$69,138 For First Quarter to \$104,762 for One Just Ended—Mineral Exports Rose From \$730,535 to \$1,309,184.

NELSON, July 9.—[Special.]—The Nelson Tribune will say tomorrow:

The returns compiled by George Johnstone, collector for the port of Nelson, illustrate as well as any set of figures can the development which has taken place in Southern Kootenay during the past twelve months ending June 30, which comprise the fiscal year for the customs department. During the period the revenue of the port of Nelson has increased from \$188,000 to \$350,078, while the mineral exports have made a relative increase, amounting in the aggregate value to \$4,841,459. These figures, it should be remembered, do not cover the entire mineral exports of the district, as much of the ore went out via Revelstoke and was credited to the port of Westminster through the outport of Revelstoke. In the tables which follow it will be noticed that the value of the exports more than trebles the value of the imports, the former being \$1,566,598, against a purely mineral export trade of \$4,841,459.

Returns for Last Month.

The following are the customs returns for the month ending June 30.

| Value of Imports. | Duty Collected. |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| PORT OF NELSON. | |
| Dutiable goods. | \$34,697.79 |
| Free goods. | 25,632 |
| Total. | \$60,330 |

The mines (2,898 tons of ore) Value of Exports.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Copper matte. | \$528,043 |
| Animals and their produce. | 863 |
| Manufactures. | 1,775 |
| The forest. | 4,841,459 |
| Total. | \$5,371,139 |

Collections during June were as under:

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Rosland. | \$12,013.86 |
| Nelson. | 7,744.38 |
| Kaslo. | 5,243.22 |
| Waneta. | 1,937.94 |
| Rykert. | 144.57 |
| Total. | \$27,084.07 |

For the quarter ending June 30, 1897, the imports were \$443,717, the exports \$1,329,282, and the duty collected amounting to \$104,762.75.

Imports for the Year.
The value of the imports for the fiscal year reach the respectable sum of \$1,566,598, upon which duties amounting to \$349,000.05 were collected; which together with an item of \$1,077.95, brings the total revenue of the port up to \$350,078.00. The following is a statement of the value of the imports and the amount of duty collected in quarters:

| Quarter ending. | Value. | Duty. |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Sep. 30, '96. | \$36,134.00 | \$5,133.49 |
| Dec. 31, '96. | 413,600.00 | 54,978.29 |
| Mar. 31, '97. | 463,149.00 | 59,582.52 |
| June 30, '97. | 443,717.00 | 104,762.75 |
| Other revenues. | | 1,077.95 |
| Total. | \$1,566,598.00 | \$350,078.00 |

Mineral Exports for the Year.

The figures covering the mineral exports for the fiscal year are most encouraging. Were all the mineral exports of southern Kootenay included therein the aggregate would greatly exceed the \$5,000,000 mark. A comparison of the first quarters of the fiscal year just closed with the corresponding quarters of the previous year can not be conveniently made, but a comparison between the last quarters of the two years will illustrate the development which has taken place. For the last quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, the value of the mineral exports was \$467,667; for the corresponding quarter of the year just closed their value was \$1,309,184. It is not saying too much for the district to say that when these figures are compiled for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, a corresponding increase will be shown. The following is a classified table of the mineral exports for the year:

Exports by Quarters.

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1896.

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| Gold. | \$268,215 |
| Copper. | 355,824 |
| Lead. | 97,773 |
| Total. | \$721,812 |

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| Gold. | \$428,735 |
| Silver. | 324,211 |
| Copper. | 184,521 |
| Lead. | 28,332 |
| Total. | \$965,800 |

QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1897.

| | |
|---------|-------------|
| Gold. | \$208,366 |
| Silver. | 1,101,274 |
| Copper. | 189,045 |
| Lead. | 103,693 |
| Total. | \$1,602,378 |

QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1897.

| | |
|---------|-------------|
| Gold. | \$704,368 |
| Silver. | 359,211 |
| Copper. | 137,776 |
| Lead. | 78,328 |
| Total. | \$1,279,683 |

Total value for quarter.

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Gold. | \$2,309,184 |
| Silver. | 1,797,843 |
| Copper. | 248,421 |
| Lead. | 283,551 |
| Grand total for year. | \$4,841,459 |

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS.

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HEINZE AND THE LE ROI.

Secret Meeting Held in Spokane—Col. Peyton Coming North Today.
SPOKANE, Wash., July 12.—[Special.]—F. Aug. Heinze arrived in the city tonight and was closeted in a secret meeting with Colonels Turner and Peyton for an hour or more. Col. Peyton, when Heinze will go north either in the morning or next day. Col. Peyton leaves for Rossland in the morning.

NELSON MINING NOTES.

Recorder Issued 250 Certificates of Work in June.

NELSON, July 9.—[Special.]—During the month of June the mining recorder issued 250 certificates of improvements, an equivalent of \$25,000 in work. For the first eight days in July 76 certificates were issued. All this demonstrates that the great number of claims located during the past year are at least worth staying with. In all between 700 and 800 certificates of improvements have been issued this season and the hills are full of men still engaged in the work.

It is a fair conclusion to draw that if the showings were not favorable this amount of work would never have been done. Assays from all points indicate marvelously rich ledges and the alleged truism of miners from other countries that only one claim in a thousand makes a mine, seems to be in imminent danger of being overturned. West Kootenay has been a country of surprises and men who know it all are becoming more conservative in their utterances.

Slocan River Railway.

Engineer Perry, of the C. P. R., came into town tonight and in conversation with THE MINER's representative stated that 900 men are at work on the grade of the Slocan branch railway between Slocan crossing and Slocan lake. They are working at both ends toward the centre and the force is about evenly divided. Twelve miles of wagon road have been built from the crossing inland and in another week Mr. Perry hopes to be able to report substantial progress on the grade. The time for the completion of the grade is set for October 15, and it is expected that trains will be running over the branch by or before December 1. It is understood that the work of extending the present terminal in Nelson will be started in a few days.

The Athabasca mine has now 25 men at work getting out ore and will still further increase the force as soon as conditions will permit. The ore is continually improving in value. Next week two carloads of 20 tons each will be shipped to the Nelson smelter.

YMR TOWNSITE TROUBLE

Residents Petition D. C. Corbin to Suspend Payments on Lots.

Title to Townsite is Disputed and Deeds Are Not Forthcoming—Prisoner John Escapes From Jail.

YMR, July 9.—[Special.]—A meeting of all the property holders in the town was held last night to consider the advisability of making further payments now due on lots, whilst the title to the townsite remains under litigation. Many of the holders of lots upon whose property the second payment is now due have refused to pay over any more money until proper deed could be given them. In consequence of this refusal the town agent has threatened to re-sell the properties over their heads. As buildings have been put up and sundry other improvements made upon the lots in question, it was considered advisable to meet together and take some sort of organized position in the matter.

The meeting was well attended and various expedients suggested with a view to compromising with Mr. Corbin. At one time the meeting was in favor of a deed being formed of all the second payments as they become due, which fund should be held by a bank until such time as the title was clear and the town plat recorded. It was mentioned that at the time of the lots being taken the agent stated to several of the purchasers that the plat would be recorded within three weeks, and that a deed would therefore be forthcoming long before the second payment became due. Further discussion resulted in a resolution being passed in favor of restraining Mr. Corbin from reselling the properties in default of second payments. Finally, however, it was resolved to draw up a resolution signed by all the property owners in town, which should be forwarded to Mr. Corbin. The following resolution was therefore drafted:

To D. C. Corbin Esq., president Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway company:

DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned citizens and property holders of Ymir desire to submit the following resolutions to your earnest consideration:

Resolved, that we, the citizens and property holders of Ymir, bear no ill-will toward the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway company, but desire a guarantee of a clear title to lots before any more purchase money be paid;

Resolved, that you instruct your agent not to collect any more money for payments which are now due for lots in Ymir, until such time as the title shall be clear;

Resolved, that you shall render a decision as to what course you will pursue in this matter at the earliest possible date, and send your answer to Mr. Martin, editor of the Quartz Creek Miner.

This resolution was signed by the great majority of property holders in the town and has been forwarded to Mr. Corbin.

Mining and Local Notes.

Work is now to be resumed on the Guttenberg property and a contract has been let for 200 feet of tunnelling. At present the work done consists of one night and 40 feet, further work upon which was delayed in consequence of excess of surface water.

Very good reports are coming in of the Flying Dutchman claim, situated near this claim, but it has a very promising outlook, the last assay going \$175 in gold.

A few days ago Justice Buckworth sentenced a man named John to two months imprisonment for larceny, following his removal to Nelson the following day he was placed in a small shack in town in charge of a special constable. During the night, however, he managed to make good his escape and has not since been heard of.

IS ROSSLAND BETRAYED?

The Canadian Pacific Railway Has Apparently Abandoned the Field to the Columbia and Western Railway.

THE CROW'S NEST CONTRACT EVADED

Vice-President Shaughnessy Says the C. P. R. Will Not Come Into Rossland For Two Years—Under the Present Conditions This Forces the Smelting Business Out of the Province—What Has Minister Blair to Say to This?—Will the C. P. R. Be Permitted to Pocket the Enormous Subsidy For the Crow's Nest Line While Surrendering the Trail Creek District to the American Railways?

We published a statement yesterday morning from Colonel Peyton, manager of the Le Roi mine, to the effect that Vice-President Shaughnessy of the C. P. R. had told Senator Turner of the Le Roi mine and T. G. Blackstock of the War Eagle, that the C. P. R. could not be expected to get into Rossland and offer the mine owners here any facilities for the cheap transportation and smelting of ores before the expiration of two years. Since then we have had this statement confirmed by authority which cannot be questioned, though we were slow to believe anything so utterly inconsistent with the entire logic and equity of the situation.

Either Mr. Shaughnessy has entirely failed to realize the situation as regards Rossland or a deal has been made with the Columbia & Western railway which prevents him taking action. We are entirely convinced that General Manager Whyte and General Superintendent Marpole were, on the occasion of their recent visit to Rossland, unaware of any agreement by which their road was left out of the field. It is therefore plain that if such an agreement exists it is a secret one. That one does exist seems almost certain and in that case we have no hesitation in saying that the people of Canada have been betrayed.

What the Crow's Nest Road Was Subsidized For.

The necessity for a line through the Crow's Nest pass at this time arose primarily from the growth of the mineral industry in West Kootenay and the necessity of supplying cheap fuel to give that industry an opportunity to reach the maximum of productivity. It was universally understood that the section which promised the greatest tonnage was the camp of Rossland, and throughout all the debates in the house of commons the point was reiterated again and again. The suggestion that Rossland must wait two years for the C. P. R. to give it rail facilities was never hinted at until Mr. Shaughnessy so informed Senator Turner and Mr. Blackstock.

What does Mr. Shaughnessy expect the Rossland mine owners to do? Does he expect them to suspend operations and wait two years for his road to get here? What has the government just subsidized the Crow's Nest line for? Was it not to give relief to the mining industry of East and West Kootenay? Two-thirds of all the tonnage of ore in this entire mining region originates at Rossland. This is no mere assertion. Fortunately we have the figures at hand to prove it and we are persuaded nobody is better acquainted with the fact than Mr. Shaughnessy himself.

The Rossland shipments are now running over 2,000 tons a week, or at the rate of over 100,000 tons a year. This is more than double the entire tonnage of all the other camps of both East and West Kootenay combined and we have every reason to believe our tonnage can be increased more than 100 per cent in the next six months.

Is This Carrying Out Mr. Blair's Policy?

Now we appeal to Mr. Blair, minister of railways and canals, and ask if it was not his purpose when he met the people of Rossland last winter to give Rossland the benefit of an arrangement which he would be able to make for a railroad from the Crow's Nest coal fields? Had he ever a thought that a conspiracy would be entered into by which Rossland would be sidetracked and shut out of the advantages which are supposed to come from this road?

We are perfectly well aware that it will not be possible to get coal and coke to the Columbia river from the Crow's Nest coal fields for two years, but there are many ways by which the C. P. R. could assist Rossland long before the expiration of that time. The C. P. R. is now building lines to tap other points in West Kootenay. Why then is Rossland ignored?

Rosland Can Not Wait Two Years.

As we understand Mr. Shaughnessy, he proposes to do nothing for us. We repeat that if the C. P. R. is to stay out of this camp for two years it might as well not come at all. Arrangements for the transportation and treatment of our ores on a large scale must be made long before the expiration of that time, and if those arrangements shall include smelting plants at Northport, we hope to hear no more talk of an export duty on ore. What sort of spectacle would the Ottawa government present if on the one hand it permitted this camp to be deprived of the benefits of the C. P. R. connection, and on the other, placed an export duty on ore?

The only possible excuse for an export duty on ore would be in case we were pre-empted by the United States. The people of Canada would never have given it one cent of bounty if it had been understood that the camp of Rossland, producing more than one-half in value and more than twice as much tonnage as all the rest of East and West Kootenay combined, were to be left to the tender mercies of the Heinze railway system for Canadian connections.

Present Conditions at Rossland.

The exact situation as regards Rossland at the present moment is as follows: The best available freight and treatment rate on ore is about \$11 per ton. To the Trail smelter this is made up of a transportation charge of \$2 per ton for handling ore thirteen miles and a treatment rate of \$9 per ton. To the nearest American smelters, which are 500 to 800 miles away, the freight rate is about \$6 per ton and the treatment rate a little less.

The Le Roi Company has determined to build a smelter of its own, has ordered the machinery and must commence construction in the next few weeks in order to have it in running order by the time its contract with the Trail smelter expires. A site must therefore be selected at once. Only two railways are in position to take the ore away—the Columbia & Western and Red Mountain—these being the only two roads running into Rossland at present. The first is not considered desirable because it is merely an appendage of Mr. Heinze's smelter. The second runs to Northport, Wash., and offers a rate of 75 cents per ton.

Does Canada Want the Smelting Industry?

So far as Rossland is concerned it does not make one particle of difference whether its ore is smelted at Northport or at some point in British Columbia. What it wants is to get its ore reduced as cheaply as possible. Our citizens believe that with the steps the Dominion government has taken to secure cheap fuel at the earliest possible date, and the enlightened co-operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway, every pound of this ore can be treated as cheaply at some point in this province as at Northport. If, however, the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. declines to make any move in the matter at present, we can assure the people of Canada the smelting industry will be forced to the American side of the line, a result which was certainly not contemplated when the C. P. R. was bounsed so handsomely to build the Crow's Nest line.

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Table with columns: Shipments of Ore, From January 14 to July 10, inclusive, and Tons. Lists various mines and their respective tonnage.

From January 14 to June 10, inclusive, the shipments of ore from mines at Rossland to shippers were as follows:

WATCH OUR TONNAGE.

The tonnage of the camp is going even beyond our expectations. The shipments for last week, as shown by our report published in this issue, aggregated 2432 tons.

When we began on the first of last January to publish the reports of our ore shipments, week by week, we were sending out only about 800 tons a week.

In a little over six months our shipments have therefore trebled. What mining camp in British Columbia or anywhere else can show a growth like this?

And yet as a matter of fact we have two or three mines capable of producing large tonnage, whose names do not appear in our list of shippers for the last week.

One of these is the Josie, another the Jumbo and a third the Nickel Plate. The Centre Star is sending out only a nominal amount. This week or next we expect to add the Evening Star to our shipping list, and if the Le Roi will keep up the magnificent record it made last week, we shall soon be marketing 3,000 tons of ore a week.

Certainly THE MINER cannot be charged with any lack of zeal in advocating the smelting of British Columbia ores in British Columbia.

But we shall not be contented with 3,000 tons a week. We expect to see this camp producing 3,000 tons a day before another 12 months shall roll around.

PROFITS AND LOSSES.

There is a very exaggerated idea in the minds of some people as to the amount of money invested in Rossland mining shares during the late boom. It is true there were many companies organized and that they were capitalized all the way from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000 but the amount of actual cash paid in bore no relation to the aggregate of capitalization.

The capitalization was largely on paper and really meant but little. A great many shares were sold but they were sold at prices ranging from one cent to 20—most of them for less than ten cents.

The amount of money taken in was very widely distributed, coming from thousands of people but in small sums.

We have taken pains to arrive at some sort of accurate conclusion as to the amount of money actually invested in shares during the boom and we do not believe it would aggregate over \$250,000. While much of this will doubtless be an absolute loss the amount is inconsiderable in comparison with the amount already taken out of the mines here, to say nothing of their prospective output.

The whole amount of money invested in Rossland mines, including purchase of claims, licenses and cost of shares would not equal one-half the amount already taken from the mines, notwithstanding the fact that they are in an early stage of development.

We have in round numbers produced about 120,000 tons of ore worth, say, \$25 a ton, which means \$3,000,000. Of this amount \$667,500 has been paid in dividends. It is some times said mining costs more than it comes to, or that for every dollar put in, not more than a dollar is taken out. This rule has not held good in the Rossland camp and it has not held good in the Slocan camp.

Take West Kootenay from one end to the other and it has produced already vastly more than it has cost.

Much of the money invested in Rossland mining shares will not be a loss. We are far from believing all of the \$250,000 estimated to have been put in will prove unprofitable. The shares in many companies will yet be of great value and will yield handsome profits.

There will of course be many losses, but the aggregate of losses will be so small compared to the aggregate returns from the mines that they will soon be forgotten amidst the general good to come to this country and the world at large.

THE SMELTER QUESTION.

It appears from a statement made last Tuesday by Col. Peyton, manager of the Le Roi mine, that Vice President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., told Senator Turner of the War Eagle, at the recent conference at Montreal, that he did not see how the C. P. R. could get into Rossland and undertake to handle the transportation and smelting question here under two years—in other words, not until the Crow's Nest road was completed.

It will be remembered that General Manager Whyte and General Superintendent Marpole, of the C. P. R., met Colonel Peyton, Oliver Durant and other mine owners in THE MINER office a short time since, and that they agreed to make a strong representation by telegraph to the officials in Montreal favoring the immediate bringing of the C. P. R. into Rossland to handle the ore traffic. At the same time Senator Turner and Mr. Blackstock went to see Mr. Shaughnessy in person. The result of these two conferences is most disappointing to those who hoped to see the O. P. R. put itself in a position to solve the problem of cheap transportation and cheap reduction of ores for this camp, and at the same time keep the smelting industry in the province.

If no move in this direction is made for two years the C. P. R. opportunity in Rossland will, in a large measure, be lost. The affairs of this camp must adjust themselves on permanent lines before the end of two years. At the present rate of increase in our tonnage, it is absurd to suppose we can wait two years for the C. P. R. to come in here.

We confess we are astonished that Mr. Shaughnessy has no better appreciation of the situation here. True, the Crow's Nest line will not be in a position to supply cheap fuel for two years, but there are ways in which the C. P. R. could relieve the present situation, and secure the smelting industry for Kootenay, outside of this phase of the matter altogether. They could at least build into Rossland and make a low rate on ore to some suitable point for concentration and smelting, and they could certainly bring coke and coal and possibly flux as cheaply to that point as they could be carried to Northport or any other nearby point in the state of Washington by American roads.

Now that the C. P. R. officials have been here and have been guaranteed 1,500 tons of ore per day to begin with, and since the company declines to make any move towards coming into the camp, we do not see that there is anything else to do but to look elsewhere, and if it shall be found that we can get a lower transportation rate by going to the American side of the line then we shall have to go there.

Certainly THE MINER cannot be charged with any lack of zeal in advocating the smelting of British Columbia ores in British Columbia. In our opinion the only agent which is in a position to secure this industry to Kootenay at present is the C. P. R. and we have done our best to induce it to enter the field. But the prosperity of the mines rises higher than all other considerations. For every dollar saved in the matter of freight or treatment a dollar is added to the value of the ore and vastly more tonnage is thus made available. This one central truth must not be forgotten. If this country is not to be a mining country it is nothing. The mining industry must be supreme in all our estimates for the future and therefore nothing must be allowed to stand in the way of its greatest prosperity. We must therefore follow the ordinary business rules of life in seeking to treat our ores at the place and in the manner which will yield the largest returns.

THE PARAMOUNT QUESTION.

We have said before and we say again that even the people here in the camp have a very inadequate conception of the possibilities of the camp. It is hard for them to realize that we have millions of tons of ore worth only \$10 a ton. The high grade ore is all right. It will take care of itself. It is the low grade ore that we must learn how to treat and when it is treated, will give employment to thousands of men and make Rossland a city of 50,000 population.

Mr. Heinze has done much for the camp in building his Trail smelter and a railroad to it and he has his reward in a magnificent business. We would not rob him of his reward, but the low grade ore of this camp would never be taken from the ground if it had to pay a transportation charge of \$2 a ton, which Mr. Heinze makes, and a treatment charge of \$9. We have got to do better than this and we will do better. The way is open to us. The metallurgical problems involved have been solved. The low grade ore can be treated if it can be got to the proper place for treatment.

It is now more a question of transportation, fuel, fluxes and local conditions than anything else. We have no doubt that all the difficulties in the way will be overcome and if we cannot have the co-operation of Canada's greatest railroad, then we will seek other channels through which to accomplish this end.

The weather in Rossland has taken on sudden a change in the past few days that people think it is much hotter than it really is. However, the thermometer registered 90 in the shade yesterday and that is about hot enough for anybody.

KOOTENAY'S GROWTH.

In another column will be found the customs returns for the port of Nelson for the past year. They will prove very interesting reading to all interested in the development of Kootenay. To the people of Rossland they will have an especial interest. Practically all the gold produced in West Kootenay comes from our mines and at least half the copper. They also produce some silver, but almost the whole of the silver is from the Slocan, Nelson and Ainsworth mining divisions. It will therefore be seen that during the past year Rossland's mines produced over \$2,500,000, or about the same amount as all the rest of West Kootenay put together.

As an illustration of what may be expected in the ensuing year it is worthy of note that whereas the mineral exports for the quarter ending June 30, 1896, were \$467,067 the exports for the corresponding quarter in 1897 were \$1,309,184, an increase of 200 per cent.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The ore shipments from the Le Roi mine amounted to 1,905 tons for the week. The output for the week before, which was up to that time the largest in the history of the mine, was 1,375 tons. This is an increase of 50 per cent, and the best feature of it is that the new pace they have set themselves is one they mean to keep up.

In view of the fact that the white population of the mainland is double that of the islands it will be interesting to note what the Turner government will do on the question of a redistribution of seats. According to population, which is the only proper basis for representation the mainland is entitled to two members for each one representing an island constituency.

A special dispatch to this paper from Victoria states that according to the computations of the compilers of Williams' directory of the province the mainland has a white population of over 78,000 and Vancouver and the other islands of 38,000. This shows that the population of the mainland has doubled in four years. The greater part of this increase is doubtless due to Kootenay and Yale districts.

It is quite evident that the Dominion government does not understand that the C. P. R. is not to build into Rossland for two years, or it would not be appointing an agent here to administer the Alien Labor law in connection with the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Since Vice-President Shaughnessy has stated that nothing will be done for two years and has not even given any assurance that anything will be done then, it is equally clear that an appointment here as agent under the Alien Labor law will be a snecure of the most transparent order.

We are firmly convinced that the Dominion government understands the Crow's Nest Pass agreement in the same way that the citizens of Rossland do. Their every action has shown it, and none more clearly than their announced intention to appoint an agent at Rossland to enforce the Alien Labor act during the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass line. The liberal government, since it went into office, has not been creating securities, and we do not believe it is going to begin now. It must therefore believe that the C. P. R. is to do considerable railroad building in this vicinity and yet Vice-President Shaughnessy says they will do nothing for two years. How the C. P. R. on the one hand and the Dominion government and people of Rossland on the other get such irreconcilable ideas of the spirit of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement we are at a loss to guess, but one thing is sure and that is that the understanding the government and people have of the agreement is the one that must be lived up to if the subsidy is to be earned and the sooner that fact is made plain to the C. P. R. the better it will be for the country.

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THE SMELTER QUESTION

No New Arrangements Made With Heinze—C. P. R.'s Vice President Says His Company Can Do Nothing for Two Years—Northport's Chances.

Colonel Peyton, manager of the Le Roi, arrived from Spokane Tuesday afternoon. He made the important statement that the Le Roi would pay a second dividend of \$25,000 this month, making \$50,000 for July and bringing the total dividends up to \$475,000. He further said it was the purpose of the company to pay \$50,000 a month from this time on.

When asked if he had anything to say in reference to the meeting with Mr. Heinze in Spokane Monday evening he said nothing had come of the meeting—that matters stood just as they did before.

It is understood that at least one matter under consideration is the proposed Le Roi smelter. Naturally Mr. Heinze would like to continue to smelt the Le Roi ore after the expiration of the present contract and it is believed certain propositions to that end have been made, but no material progress towards an agreement seems to have been made.

When Col. Peyton was asked if there was anything new about the Le Roi smelter he said the report was not—that there was nothing but a very perplexing one. It had been reported to him that a good quality of limestone had been found near Seward, and the company had sent an agent there to investigate the matter, but it was found that the reported limestone was nothing but quartz, and consequently it would not do for flux.

He said Judge Turner had learned on his recent visit to Ottawa that the government had no serious intention of imposing an export duty on ore. He had then gone down to Montreal with T. G. Blackstock, of the War Eagle, and had a conference with Mr. Shaughnessy, vice president of the C. P. R., on the transportation and smelting question. Mr. Shaughnessy could give no assurance of relief in less than two years. In other words, he intimated that the C. P. R. would not be in a position to make definite proposals to the mine owners of Rossland till the Crow's Nest line is completed.

BONDED FOR \$30,000.

Whitecap Group Near Boundary City Changes Hands—Has Shipping Ore.

W. E. Palmer, of Bangor, Maine, who arrived here several weeks ago with Arthur M. Mason, of the same place, came up from Boundary City, Washington, Tuesday, and authorized the statement that he and Mr. Mason had purchased an interest of Robert Flormann, formerly of Rossland, in the Whitecap group of mines near Boundary City, and that the whole amount involved in the purchase being \$30,000. The deal has just been closed, and Mr. Palmer is here to arrange for the beginning of work under the new management.

The property included in the purchase are the Whitecap, Beatrice, Tip Top and St. Cloud. The claims are all near the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad, and arrangements can be easily made for the shipment of ore. Mr. Palmer is expected to commence taking out ore for shipment in a short time. The ore carries gold, silver, copper and lead, and is of a very attractive kind. It will be treated by smelting. The deal is the biggest and most important ever made in the vicinity of Boundary City.

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

Dated this 23rd day of June, 1897. J. FRID RITCHIE, 7-1-104

Certificate of Improvements. Caro mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: In the south half of adjoining the Le Roi and Hidden Treasure mineral claims on the north. Take notice that I, Joseph Frederick Ritchie of the City of Spokane, acting as agent for Patrick Burns, free miner's certificate No. 6,832 and Thomas S. Holt, free miner's certificate No. 7,573, intend, sixty 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.

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Where located: On the east slope of Deer Park mountain, adjoining the Midnight mineral claim. Take notice that I, Peter McLaren Forth, acting as agent for Joseph W. Boyd, free miner's certificate No. 8,409 and Andrew Forth, free miner's certificate No. 8,192, intend, sixty 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.

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St. Lawrence mineral claim situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On Columbia mountain south of and adjoining the Columbia mineral claim. Take notice that I, Joseph F. Ritchie of the City of Spokane, acting as agent for Mrs. Minerva Stewart, free miner's certificate No. 7,850, Rossland, B. C., intend, sixty 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.

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Dated this 18th day of May, 1897. 5-27-104

Certificate of Improvements. Black Diamond mineral claim situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Between and adjoining the Hattie mineral claim. Take notice that I, M. C. Cowper-Coles, acting as agent for J. M. Fox and W. H. Bewick & Co., free miners' certificates Nos. 7,209 and 7,210, intend, sixty 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.

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Dated this 10th day of April, 1897. 5-20-104

Certificate of Improvements. Kootenay Fractional mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

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Dated this 20th day of May, 1897. 5-20-104

Certificate of Improvements. Venus Fractional mineral claim situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Bounded by the San Joaquin, Sara Lee, Mammoth, etc., mineral claims. Take notice that I, J. M. Fox, acting as agent for J. M. Fox and W. H. Bewick & Co., free miners' certificate No. 7,209, intend, sixty 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.

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IN LONDON'S MARKET

After a fortnight's jubilating the Stock Exchange Turns to Business.

KAFFIR MARKET FIRMER

Situation in the Transvaal Improved—Dewdney on His Fort Steel Investments—Interview With William Thompson of Coolgardie.

LONDON OFFICE OF THE MINER. 108 Bishopsgate Street, W. H. B. C. LONDON, June 30.—[Special Correspondence.]—We are, I am happy to say, at length delivered from the jubilee. For a whole fortnight people have been doing nothing else but jubiling, and although our loyalty is unbounded, one gets just a little bit tired of the steady stream of festive doings which have been proceeding day after day for a fortnight. The markets have been absolutely unable to emancipate themselves from the holiday mood, and although the prices of public securities have remained very firm, and there has been quite a spurt in American and Canadian railway issues, business has been limited in the stock exchange.

One of the most welcome signs, however, of late, has been the revival of interest in the South African market, and people are already looking forward to lively developments ere long in this developing section. It is not that there is any particular rush to buy, but that the public are regaining confidence in this much depressed department. Ever since October, 1895, the South African department has been subjected to jolts and jerks, and even the most optimistic persons cannot but admit that it is nearly time that this market was allowed to have respite from worry and anxiety.

Transvaal Situation Improving. Things in the Transvaal are looking up. President Kruger has signalled the Queen's Jubilee by releasing the two remaining reformers from goal, and it is confidently hoped that he and his advisers will shortly follow this up by concessions to the mining industry. This latter has been making splendid returns of late, and if the Transvaal government can be brought to recognize the importance of conciliating the goose that lays the golden eggs, we should probably witness a modified imitation of that great burst of activity which swept over the mining department of the stock exchange through the greater part of 1894-5.

So far as West Australians are concerned, prices are fairly well maintained, but there is little or no business doing, either in this section or in New Zealand, but Indian and Coppers are well supported.

British Columbia Stocks. In so far as British Columbians are concerned market movements are unimportant, and brokers having orders to execute in these shares still have to apply to those jobs in the miscellaneous mining market who include British Columbia properties in their "market." There is, however, every reason to believe that a revival of activity in the mining market is all that is needed to create a firm market in all the better known and representative British Columbia companies, with shares registered in this country. Whether or no our market will deal in shares in companies locally registered is I think an open question, but no doubt the new Companies Act will help to remove several obstacles that previously blocked the way.

Governor Dewdney's Report. I sent you last week a brief account of the statutory meeting of the British Columbian Financial Trust. A few days later the statutory meeting of the Hastings (British Columbia) Exploration syndicate was held, and at this meeting was announced that the board had accepted the Sullivan and North Star groups, and a long letter was read from Mr. Dewdney regarding these properties. Your lieutenant-governor (who is I understand a good opinion of the properties acquired, and I understand that developments are to be proceeded with vigorously.

The shares in this company have a liability of 10 shillings each, but I understand on good authority that there is no present intention of calling up this balance, but that it is very probable that a new issue will be shortly made in the first place to the shareholders and afterwards to the general public.

Due About This Time. Mr. Abram Kingdon, who has made himself such a reputation in connection with Madagascar, sails in the Teutonic today, and will probably arrive about the same time as my letter. The French have treated him very badly since they obtained control of the island, and although Mr. Kingdon has the highest esteem of the mineral potentialities of Madagascar he could not any longer tolerate French government, and intends to devote his energy and attention to British Columbia. I believe Mr. John Grant, who has been appointed managing director of the Waverly, leaves London on Saturday. [Not John Grant of Victoria.]

I hear of several new companies that are being prepared for flotation in Europe, and also know of several companies who intend to ask for additional capital, but for the moment it is felt that it would be foolish to appeal to the public feeling which has recently overshadowed all else.

Mr. J. A. Stimson, of Messrs. Stimson & Co., of Toronto, who came over here with the Canadian contingent of volunteers, intends, I am told, to stay here for some time. He is very enthusiastic about the prospects of British Columbia, and is rather down on London methods of doing business.

The weather here is sultry, and I am afraid you must not look for very much activity this side of the autumn, or at earliest, mid-September.

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Grand Forks Placers Prospect Well—City and District News.

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H. Andrews left on Thursday for Winnipeg to take a position in connection with the Winnipeg industrial exhibition. He took some fine specimens of ore to place on exhibition, principally from Lemon creek. The Sloan on Thursday evening brought in an outfit for the railroad, including horses and apparatus in connection with the road. Grading is being rapidly pushed through. It is reported a strike has been recently made on the Meteor. It is situated near the Arlington mine. The owners are Messrs. Hoffman and Finch. The dance given under the patronage of the Hicks house on Friday evening was a huge success in every way. Over 50 couples attended.

The damp weather of late has greatly retarded prospecting, consequently the town is crowded with prospectors. Several large buildings under construction are nearing completion. Sloan City is able to boast of having the finest hotel accommodation in the Kootenay.

ON WILD HORSE CREEK.

Claims Near the Black Cook Showing Up Well—Good Assays Obtained. A. Julian and A. Audet, who recently bonded the Black Cook on Wild Horse creek to the Hall Exploration company, are in town again. They have been doing some work on the White Quartz and Last Chance, the former adjoining the Black Cook on the north. They made an open cut on the White Quartz, exposing a strong four-foot ledge from which an average sample went \$21 in gold and nine ounces in silver, and containing besides a good copper percentage.

On the Last Chance they also made an open cut, showing about a three-foot ledge which assayed \$33 in gold. It also carried better values in copper than the ore from the White Quartz. They report that the Hall Exploration company has 10 men at work on the Black Cook, and is driving a tunnel and sinking a shaft on the ledge, the workings being over 600 feet apart, and both showing up good bodies of ore.

Iron Mask Mine.

Supt. S. W. Hall of the Iron Mask Monday put in a crew of miners and a machine on the drift at the bottom of the east shaft, and work at that point will be actively carried on. Both the shaft which is 120 feet deep, and the drift, 60 feet long, were full of water and the task of pumping them out has just been completed. Some prospecting is going on in the tunnel, which has lessened the ore production, but the mine put out 43 tons last week. Twenty-four men are at work on the property.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers.

CERTIFICATES OF WORK.

July 6—Delhi, Addy, Mayflower, Last Chance, Freddie B. and Treasure Box, Richmond, Hildale, Handy, Jack, Senoria.

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CROWN GRANT.

July 6—Cariboo. July 8—Detroit Fraction.

In doing the assessment on the Royal George, which lies east and south of the Copper Jack of the Columbia and Kootenay group, a ledge showing copper pyrites has been found. It looks so well that a shaft will be sunk in it at once.

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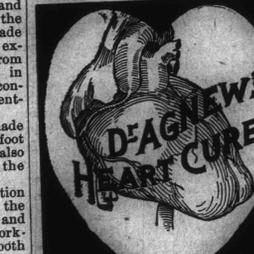
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From the Fredericton Gleaner. Miss Alma Millar, of Upper Southampton, N. B., is a daughter of Mr. Ezra Millar, a wealthy and influential farmer, and the young lady is a general favorite among a wide circle of acquaintances, who have had occasion to congratulate her upon her complete restoration to health, after a severe and trying illness. When a correspondent of the Gleaner called upon her and requested that the facts might be given for publication, the young lady, though not at all anxious for publicity, nevertheless gave her consent in the hope that her experience might prove beneficial to some of the many young girls whose condition of health is very similar to what her's was previous to her cure. Miss Millar stated that when her illness began her mother was unable to look after the affairs of the household and the duties devolved upon her. She felt herself growing weak and easily tired, but felt that she must keep up. She says: "Notwithstanding my efforts I found myself growing worse and worse. My appetite failed, my complexion became sallow and my eyes sunken in my head. I was troubled with dizziness, shortness of breath and palpitation of the heart until at times I felt as though I would suffocate. I was almost constantly troubled with a pain in the side, and severe headaches. When I went up stairs I was obliged to rest. Life had become almost a burden and I was forced to give up and keep my bed. My friends feared I was going into consumption and one remedy after another was tried with no beneficial results until I was induced to give to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. In less than three weeks I was able to leave my bed and go about the house, and the use of the Pink Pills a few weeks longer completely restored my health and strength and drove away all my symptoms and pains which had made my life so miserable. I feel that in bringing this matter before the public I am but doing simple justice to suffering humanity, and I hope that those afflicted as I was will give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. I might also add that other members of our family have used Pink Pills with equally good results."

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Miners of Porcupine Creek Will Bridge the River Themselves—Management of Elise Company Has Run the Property Heavily Into Debt.

Ymir, July 7.—[Special.]—Acting Gold Commissioner Goepel was here yesterday to inquire into sundry representations which have been made to the government as to the necessity of building roads and trails in this vicinity. One result of his visit is the definite promise of a government wagon road from the town to the Ymir mine, a distance of about six miles up Wild Horse Creek. The work is to be commenced within 10 days.

The holders of claims on Porcupine creek have apparently tired of waiting for the government to come to their assistance and have decided to co-operate with one another in building a bridge across the Salmon river from the railway track to the mouth of Porcupine creek. This bridge will fill a long felt want as there are an immense number of claims on both sides of the creek. Two trails serving these claims are already in existence, running on either side of the creek, and as on some of the claims, such as the Porcupine, Guttenberg, Imperial and others, considerable work has been done they have been kept in good repair, in spite of the fact that they were only available for pack horses when the river was sufficiently low to be forded with safety. The prospectors who miners themselves have hitherto had to use the large dam of trees which lies conveniently close to the mouth of the creek. The bridge will, therefore, greatly facilitate the working of all the claims in the district, as it will permit pack horses to reach them at all times. Messrs. Lloyd and Thompson are the originators of the enterprise which will be commenced as soon as the river falls sufficiently after the present heavy rains.

Mines on the Townsite. During the progress of grading Second avenue here a fine ledge of rock showing copper and iron in quantity was exposed. This ledge is in the Pay Roll claim, which is owned by Messrs. Cameron, Capshaw and Gillespie and covers a large portion of the surveyed townsite. It extends backwards from half way between Front street and Second avenue and thus includes some of the best building sites in the town. The property is valuable one, the ledge being 15 to 20 feet wide.

There are two other claims which include portions of the townsite. One of these is the Telegraph, a fraction owned by Sullivan and Chase. This property, which is now under bond, has a ledge showing copper, iron and gold. The assessment work has been done and an 18-foot tunnel driven about 50 yards from the middle of Second avenue. The other claim, which just borders on the townsite is the I. X., situated a couple of hundred yards up Quartz creek. Work is just commencing on this property.

Elise Company's Affairs. A very lamentable state of affairs appears to exist as regards the management of the Elise mine. This property is undoubtedly one of the richest in this vicinity, a statement which appears greatly at variance with the present low price of the stock. It is the management and not the mine itself however which is answerable for the collapse of the stock. The affairs of the company appear to be in a state of inextricable confusion and it is extremely difficult to find out the exact position. Two months ago E. L. Clark, the managing director, departed east to Winnipeg, presumably to sell a large block of the treasury stock. No one seems to know whether he has been successful or not, but certainly the necessary funds to continue work on the mine have not been forthcoming.

The result is that work is for the present discontinued and the company is heavily in debt. The men have received no pay for the last two months and therefore have a claim on the property itself. Besides that, however, debts have been contracted in the town with various merchants and packers. Two of the chief creditors among the business men of the town went to Nelson yesterday with the intention of instituting legal proceedings against the company.

The large buildings which were commenced in the spring and which were completed, are now nearly all finished, and some of them are already doing business. Frank Stanley has a large hardware store in full swing, and the Cosmopolitan hotel opened on Dominion day with a public dance and free supper. Besides these there are three other large hotels on the verge of completion. A fine appearance has been given to this portion of the town by the copious use on all the new buildings and the depot of the same colored paint.

VOLCANIC JUMPING CASE.

Intentions of the Relocators—Interesting Law Points Involved. GRAND FORKS, July 7.—[Special.]—Now that all phases of the relocating of the Volcanic, Iron Cap and Wolverine claims have become public it is generally believed that the plan of Mayor Manly and Charles Cummings, if successful, and which would result in the greatest good to all who are financially interested in the claims. The Chicago members of the Olive Gold Mining company, it is understood, have advanced no funds for the development of the property.

Mayor Manly, it seems, was in a peculiar position. The property was held by him in trust for the Olive Gold Mining company, and had never been transferred to the company. He was told offhand by a prominent attorney of Rossland that under these conditions it would not be necessary for him to take out a license to hold the claims. Later investigation into the law, however, raised a doubt as to this, and the morning of June 30 found him in a quandary. The relocation of the claims appeared to be the natural means of extrication from the middle. By this method the tangle of litigation would be gotten rid of, the additional cost of taking out a company's

license would be avoided, the property be placed at once in such shape that work could proceed upon it, and still be in the hands of those who now control it. The determination to relocate was therefore made, and lest the fact that this action was to be taken should leak out and other parties be on the ground prepared to "declare themselves in on the claims," absolute secrecy was preserved. It would be easy to explain plans after the property was safe in their own hands again.

Charles Cummings carried out his part of the program, staking the Volcanic and Iron Cap, and parties from Evans' camp, where the Wolverine is located, state that George Cummings and Ed Titsworth set stakes on the Wolverine. It has been previously reported that they staked the Morning Star, but miners acquainted with the locality state that the Morning Star and Wolverine are the same claim, it having been relocated in the latter name. So the plans in regard to the relocation of the three claims were carried out.

There is now a question as to whether the license taken out by Dr. Averill for the Olive Gold Mining company, on July 1, will hold, on account of the day's grace not being granted where there are intervening interests. The fact that the claims were relocated the minute after the time ran out on the night of June 30, would, according to a legal opinion given in this city, operate to annul the license which was not issued until several hours after the locations were made.

There is yet another question in connection with this affair which is now being considered. All of the three claims were transferred to the day's Gold Mining company or its trustee Mr. Manly, with the exception of a thirty-second interest, which is held by Judge McCall. If several parties own mining property in partnership and one lets his license run out, his interest reverts to the other owners. The Olive Gold Mining company and Judge McCall together owned the Volcanic, Wolverine and Iron Cap, and as the company let its license expire, there is a question as to whether, under the law, the whole property should not now belong to Judge McCall. It is claimed by some that that gentleman now holds the key to the situation.

COUNCIL FEELS SLIGHTED

Nelson Authorities Protest Against Government's Appointments.

Plans For Water and Sewage Systems Adopted—Rossland Couple Married—Mining Notes.

Nelson, July 7.—[Special.]—The action of the provincial authorities in ignoring the recommendation of the city council in the appointment of a police magistrate was severely criticized by that body tonight and a resolution was passed directing that a protest be forwarded. The resolution read as follows: "Resolved—that the council protest against the appointment of Edward Albert Crease to the office of a police magistrate and William Alexander McDonald to the office of member of the police commission and member of the licensing board, and that the protest be drafted, signed and sent to Premier Turner."

Mayor Houston characterized the action as a direct slap at the city council and no other city in the province had been treated in a similar manner. It all went to show, he said, that the provincial government was made up of very small men. They had appointed men that the city council did not want and he did not think the people of the city of Nelson wanted them. He thought the members of the provincial government could be very mean and petty. All three sets of plans and specifications for water and sewerage systems were adopted and the mayor authorized a call for tenders for pipe, to be in by August 1 and for tenders for building the flume, reservoir, digging trenches and back filling to be in by July 20. No time is to be lost and it is hoped that both systems will be in operation before cold weather sets in.

Leroy F. Morrison, of Rossland, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gerome, of Seattle, were married last Monday by Rev. G. B. Morden.

Good Strike on the Fern.

Satisfactory progress is being made in putting in the new 10-stamp mill at the Fern mine on Hall creek, the timbers of which are now being placed. Some of the machinery has arrived and the balance is now on the road. A seven-foot lead of rich iron and copper ore has been struck in the main tunnel and a great quantity of it has been placed on the dump ready for the new mill. The concentrates will probably be treated at the Nelson smelter.

Two locations have been made by Messrs. Perkins and Duhamel on Mountain side that are said to be the true extensions of the Silver King. They have been given the names of the Hope and the T. P., and the former was located 10 years ago at the same time as the Silver King and then allowed to lapse. There is a 10-foot shaft on it from which some fine looking specimens have been taken. The locators state that it is a 30-foot dyke and are very enthusiastic over their find.

Three Brick Buildings.

There is quite a building boom in Nelson and no less than three brick buildings are in course of construction on the main street and several others projected. Several large frame structures for business purposes are going up on Baker street and it is probable that others will be started before the fire limit ordinance can go into effect. This ordinance was passed finally at the council meeting tonight and will be in effect as soon as it can be published in the British Columbia Gazette. A great many private residences are also in course of construction and the sawmills are taxed to their utmost and still cannot supply the demand for lumber. Business lots are very scarce and although there is no boom, they are being held at high figures.

Wagon Road From Salmo.

Spokane, Wash., July 8.—[Special.]—D. O. Clark, who has the contract for building the bridge across the Salmo fork of the Salmon river, near Salmo, in the city and says that as soon as the bridge is finished, which will be in 10 days, the government will begin the building of a wagon road into the mining district some 10 or 12 miles south of Salmo. This will cost several thousand dollars.

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With Several Adjoining Properties It Is Under Bond to the Canadian Exploration Limited, of London—Nature and Extent of Development.

Mention has been made through the columns of THE MINER of the Porto Rico in the Salmon river country, but there is but a vague idea of the real character of the property. As it is sure to attract much attention, THE MINER has taken the pains to secure some trustworthy information concerning it.

The Porto Rico is under bond to the Canadian Pacific Exploration, limited, of London, England, and is situated on the head waters of Slate creek, four miles west of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad, and about six miles from Salmon river from the west, and now has running along it a bad prospector's trail.

The Porto Rico is but one of a group, the other claims being the Rio, Lizzie B., Republic, Alpha, Sunshine and Barbedale. Deals for most of these have been made by W. H. Corbould, manager of the Canadian Pacific Exploration, during the last few days. The last assay made now has a beautiful particular locality over 500 acres of ground.

A tunnel has been run in on the vein on the Porto Rico 50 feet and has been in ore from the start. The ore has been scattered on either side. Very careful assays on either side from time to time and the average shows fully \$100 in gold per ton. It is unquestionably one of the richest ore bodies yet found in this western country. The last assay made from ore taken from the face of the tunnel gave \$88 in gold. One made of ore taken eight feet back from the face where the width is quite four feet gave \$160 in gold. One made from clean ore taken from the dump, quartz carrying the ore is a beautiful quartz. Some visible gold has been detected and all the gold is believed to be free but in very fine particles.

The best methods of treatment has not yet been determined. It could be done at the Hall Mines smelter at the cost of three or four dollars a ton but it may be found that it can be milled on the ground, and in order to make a test a small prospecting plant is now under consideration by Mr. Corbould. In the meantime the tunnel will be continued on the vein and by running it in 100 feet further a depth of 250 feet will be secured. On the surface the vein has been traced 300 feet. Should the present high values continue through an ore chute 300 feet in length the Porto Rico will rank among the richest mines in the world. The value already placed upon the property by the company is evidenced by the fact that it has obtained every available foot of ground in the vicinity.

Runaway Found in New Denver.

New Denver Ledger. Mrs. Jennie Andrews is having a good time in New Denver while her disconsolate husband is vainly searching for her with the aid of the police. Jennie was but a few months ago Miss Greenup, the modest daughter of Pastor Greenup of the quiet town of Drayton, N. D. She was wooed and wed by another minister, Rev. James Andrews, who two months ago brought his 17-year-old wife to Spokane, where her veneer of rustic modesty and simplicity was quickly removed as is and back flung to be in by July 20. No time is to be lost and it is hoped that both systems will be in operation before cold weather sets in.

THE PENTICTON ROAD.

Premier Turner Still Urging Its Claims on the Dominion Government. VICTORIA, July 9.—[Special.]—Today at the annual meeting of the board of trade the general report expressed regret at the failure of the Dominion government to at least build the Pentiction road. Premier Turner, who was present, said that at the present moment the provincial government was in correspondence with the Dominion government on the very subject, urging strongly that immediate steps be taken to secure the road. This was greeted with applause.

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Mr. J. L. Parker, the mining engineer, in his report on the Keystone group says: "A shaft is sunk thirty-six feet on the Keystone and is in almost solid ore, having a little calcite which is usual in the Trail Creek ores. The foot wall of the vein is granite and as there has been no crosscut made on the hanging wall side it is only a matter of conjecture as to the width of the ore body, but I am prepared to believe that it will be of enormous width, judging from the size of the solid iron capping. "Although the ore at present is of low grade, yet at the foot of the shaft copper pyrites are coming in strongly and the ore will undoubtedly increase in value as depth is attained. This is the experience of Trail Creek ores generally, and I can see no valid reason why this should not do so. The veins are permanent fissures and will carry to unknown depths, and I believe that whoever acquires this property will get one of the most promising mines in the Trail Creek country.

"I reported favorably on the property of the Parker Group, afterwards acquired by the Dundee Gold Mining Company, which assayed only \$2.20 on the surface, and which improved very materially as successive assays of \$13, \$22 and \$49 were got, until at 100 feet assays were obtained showing \$59 ore, which proves that low grade ore improves with depth, and I consider that the Keystone Group, while the ore is of a very different character, is unquestionably the "banner group," as far as surface showings are concerned, of any claims seen by me on which pyrrhotite ore is found, and I make no exceptions whatever of any mines or prospects in and around Rossland or in the Trail Creek mining division.

"I have great confidence in recommending this property to the investing public as being something exceptionally good, and if the necessary amount of capital can be obtained to properly develop this property I look forward to a mine resulting from the company's efforts."

FACTS TO CONSIDER.

All of the promoters' shares have, by agreement been pooled indefinitely and consequently cannot come into competition with treasury shares until the mine is on a paying basis, and none will be sold except treasury stock for development purposes and the putting in of machinery, thus showing that the purchasers are willing to stand or fall on the merits of the property.

The work of opening up and developing the property is going steadily ahead and will be pushed vigorously.

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BURTON CITY NEWS NOTES.

Wagon Road to Mineral City Well Under Way—Personals and Brevities.

BURTON CITY, July 5.—[Special.]—Work on the wagon road from Burton City to Mineral City has commenced and will be pushed to completion by September 1.

John Patterson, manager for Bourne Bros., general merchants, is about to return to his connection with the firm and to his old home in the east, on account of the illness of his father.

J. Jameson came in a few days ago from the head of Cariboo creek and reported having made a location near the Skeena divide, which he expects will assay as high as the best of them.

A. P. Patrick, P. L. S., returned last week from Four Mile Creek, Skeena lake, where he had been engaged in the carryover of a preemption for Mr. Prescott.

A largely signed petition has been forwarded to the government asking that W. W. Stuart be appointed a Justice of the peace. This appointment should be made, as at present there is no officer nearer than Nakusp, who is qualified to subscribe to an affidavit.

R. S. Burton, who is representing A. McLean & Co., of London, England, has secured a number of valuable prospects in the camp for the firm. The prices and particulars are not yet made public. This firm proposes commencing operations on their extensive placer property on Cariboo creek about September 1, and there is no doubt but that with sufficient capital to go at it in the right way, the placer ground in this camp will yield handsome profits.

Mr. McGregor, real estate and mining agent of Rossland, spent a few days in the camp last week. He expressed himself as delighted with the lay of Burton City townsite and predicted a prosperous future for the town.

CATARRH

Mrs. Dobell, of London, Ont., Cured for 25 Cents

Doctors Could Help, but Couldn't Cure—Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure Released the Prisoner, and To-day She is as Well as Ever—She Says It is a Great Remedy

"Yes, I am Mrs. Dobell," said a comely, pleasant-faced woman at her home on Horton street to a News reporter to-day, "and I will very gladly tell you what you want to know. About three years ago my husband was very ill, and I had frequently occasion to rise in the night and go for a doctor or to the drugist. In my hurry I often neglected to properly clothe myself, and contracted several heavy colds, which turned at last to chronic catarrh. I tried doctors, who helped me, but did not cure me, and several special catarrh medicines. I was relieved but not cured. I was suffering intolerably when Mr. Shaft recommended me to try CHASE'S CATARRH CURE, and it began at once to help, and in about two months had entirely cured me. I cannot speak too highly of this remarkable medicine, and cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers from catarrh." The blower included is a great help to sufferers.

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THE IMPERIAL

Belief Expressed That in Sending Much to the Colonies—Late parties and Promote

LONDON OPENS 16th Bishopsgate

LONDON, June 23, (Special).—Since I occurred financially in the great wave of the Columbia, which I surged over this much, I believe, to find a more thoroughly un-Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier received every greatest enthusiasm with genuine friendliness. The happy state of government in connection has greatly strengthened those who have advocated the union of the great efforts are being so tangible result, for the representative in return.

In the honor's list of the greatest enthusiasm, Sir Wilfrid Laurier premier are of course titles or further cannot be regarded with significance as the admiring statements of Great Majesty's private confidant from barren honor, offered only to the honorable of the Queen. It is most fitting, that the greatest spirit of people, a spirit of proximity should manifest the feeling of imperial unity shown itself in the small before the day, it is impossible and prosperity united empire. The lying idle and seeking country will be the enterprises of all K. Columbia will have no that it is difficult to develop her mines.

Where at present, the riches of the Dominion to English ears by a small tradesman or small income, whose interesting others with counts they receive in essentially limited, but with the big man, mand and influence of representative houses are up trade relations (as in their reports to the ties of good investment, out, and to men capital or able to valuable information be acted upon with beneficial to the English investor.

What can I say about this week? Nothing. We gave up but last week and ever a jubilee in public mind jubilee. The passed an address to day, and then said "Queen," with patriotic my life have I seen the gathering under great building, repr of the empire other institution in after there was not and business have been. I feel that it is chatter about British there are a few notice. One of the meeting of the British Trust, which all was interesting for utterances of the gentleman regarding the supply of coal guaranteed Pass railway, his company would ness propositions with searching examination offered. The chair planation regarding and also said that he for the reason why company should be of I never heard of the uncalculated liability.

Two New I have just discovered which have lately to develop British are named the British and the British Finsbury House. Secretary Mr. H. today but found him in a day or two particulars from him panies, which I informed without reference to British assistance. The British Colonies are probably too tend much to be festivities are over her normal condition hear of important Gerson is still he postpone the intru company owing to told that Ernest K his brother's office had not arrived at

Mayor John A. Forks, who is in days, received word placer grounds at showing up remainder respondent stated rocks \$5 in gold from 3 1/2 cubic yard

IN LONDON'S MARKET

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Received Everywhere With Great Enthusiasm.

THE IMPERIAL MOVEMENT

Belief Expressed That It Will Result in Sending Much British Capital to the Colonies—Latest Gossip of Companies and Promoters.

LONDON OFFICE OF THE MINER. 105 Bishopsgate Street, Within, E.C. LONDON, June 23.—[Special Correspondence].—Since I last wrote little has occurred financially as regards British Columbia, which I can chronicle, but the great wave of loyalty which has surged over this kingdom has done much, I believe, to further the cause of a more thoroughly united empire.

It is most fitting, that on this, one of the greatest epochs in the history of a people, a spirit of progress, and greater unity should manifest itself. Should the feeling of imperialism which has so signally shown itself throughout those festivities, bring forth fruit, however small, before the close of the present year, it is impossible to limit the happiness and prosperity which lies before a united empire.

Where at present the merits and riches of the Dominion are mainly sung to English ears by sons of peasantry, small tradesmen or retired officers of small income, whose opportunities of interesting others with the wonderful accounts they receive from their boys are essentially limited, they are not in touch with the big manufacturer, the city magnate, the great financier, or the merchant princes, men who can command and influence capital.

What can I say about stock exchange this week? Nothing! Absolutely nothing. We gave up business at the end of last week and ever since have been celebrating in public and private the diamond jubilee.

I feel that it is idle to attempt to chatter about British Columbia, and yet there are a few points that deserve notice. One of these is the statutory meeting of the British Columbia Financial Trust, which although purely formal was interesting from the enthusiastic utterances of the chairman, Mr. Biggs.

I have just discovered two new companies which have just been formed privately to develop British Columbia. They are named the British Canadian Development and the British Columbian Exploration company.

The British Columbians now in town are probably too busy jubiling to attend much to business, but after the festivities are over and London resumes her normal condition, we shall expect to hear of important developments.

DEER PARK TO REORGANIZE.

New Company Will Be Controlled by the Present Toronto Stockholders. SPOKANE, Wash., July 10.—[Special.]—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Deer Park Mining company held this evening it was unanimously resolved to transfer the mine and all other assets of the company to a company to be organized in Canada with a capital stock of 1,250,000 shares of the par value of \$1 each, 250,000 shares to be placed in the treasury together with 80,000 shares left in the treasury of the old company to be used for development purposes.

SLOCAN CITY NEWS NOTES

Townsite Company Donated Site for Government Buildings After All.

Work Begun on the Trail Up Lemon Creek and Progressing Satisfactorily on the Railway.

SLOCAN CITY, July 6.—[Special.]—The Pioneer and The News of this city have both taken me to task for my report of June 16, of the suspension of work on the Skylark and Ranger, the former taking the opportunity to indulge in some remarks which might lead those who had not seen your paper to believe that the report was incorrect.

Giant powder was the most prominent feature of the Fourth of July celebration here. The fact that the anniversary occurred on Sunday this year interfered to a great extent with jubiliations that might otherwise have taken place.

F. A. Thayer, inspector for the Equitable Savings & Loan Association, of Toronto, was in town yesterday and instituted a local board for his company, to do business here.

A court of the Independent Order of Foresters was instituted here last Tuesday evening by G. L. Lennox, D. S. C. R. of the order, with 24 names on the charter roll.

Work has begun on the trail up Lemon creek. Men have been engaged some days blazing the line for the road. This is welcome news to the mine owners of Lemon creek.

Mr. McGregor is pushing the work on the Mira with all possible haste. It is showing up well both in abundance of ore and richness. It is situated within a mile of the new townsite.

Grading has already begun on the railway within a mile and a half of the town. The work in general is being pushed on rapidly.

The dance given at the Hotel Slocan on Wednesday evening was a very successful affair. Great credit is due to Mr. Williams, the host, for the entertaining manner in which he treated the guests.

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A Few Facts Concerning Mineral City.

The mines on Cariboo Creek in the famous SLOCAN DISTRICT are tributary to Mineral City. A wagon road is now being built by the Provincial government from Arrow Lake to Mineral City.

Mineral City will be to the Cariboo District what Rossland is to the Trail Creek District. See key plan at any agent's office.

A Sample shipment of 60 tons of ore was sent to the Trail smelter which assayed \$60 in gold to the ton.

The conditions in Mineral City are the same as in Rossland when it started. Like Rossland it is in the middle of the mines.

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Recent Developments in the Kootenay & Columbia Are Marvellous.

ORE CHUTE 20 FEET WIDE

Magnificent Showing in the Stopes Just West of the Winze—Mine Will Soon be One of the Biggest Shippers in the Camp.

It now looks as though the Kootenay & Columbia would be a second Le Roi. The developments in the mine recently have simply been marvellous.

The new ore dump and chute are crowded to overflowing. As a consequence, the new ore dump and chute are crowded to overflowing. As a consequence, the new ore dump and chute are crowded to overflowing.

In six months, if all things go well, the Kootenay and Columbia will be one of the great producers of the camp. In the meantime the main tunnel, now over 600 feet, will be pushed on in to Columbia hill, and one of these days will come up against the Iron Colt on the west.

KIDNEY SENSE.

Curse-Alls are Out of the Question in Kidney Disorders—A Liquid Solvent—A Specific Kidney Tonic is the Only Safe Remedy. How Many Discover When It Is Too Late that the kidneys have literally been ground out by the little solid particles which are contained in the blood.

North Fork of Salmon Mines.

Nelson, July 9.—[Special.]—Among the visitors to Nelson this week, was Con Dolan of the North Fork of the Salmon river. He reports that the Menuca, on which he has just completed the annual assessment, has a ledge of ore extending over twelve feet between walls, the character of ore being pyrites of copper, carrying a good value in gold and silver.

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OUTLOOK IS BETTER

Grant-Govan Thinks London Money Will Flow Freely to Kootenay.

PLANS OF HIS COMPANY

It Will Try to Make Dividend Payers of Its Albert Canyon Properties and Then Take Hold of Some Rossland Mines.

Before his departure yesterday Ernest W. Grant-Govan, of the Gold Fields of British Columbia, limited, of London, England, gave a MINER reporter his impressions of the Rossland camp. He said it was, on his opinion, cause for congratulation that the stock fever had burnt itself out as companies organized on the lines of most of the locally registered companies were doomed to failure, as they seldom provided sufficient working capital. He said, however, that the movement had not been an unmixed evil, although it had tended to render investments here unpopular for the time being in the London market. It had resulted in developing mining properties to a point where they were nearly ready to become producers and such properties were now in just the shape that the British capital and added to the dividend paying mines of the province.

"My visit to Rossland at the present time," continued Mr. Grant-Govan, "is not for the purpose of taking up such properties, but it is my intention to come early date and with certain funds which I have at my disposal to take over several valuable properties which can no longer be considered as prospects, and convert them into producing mines with all possible speed. There are several reasons why I am deferring going into this matter at present. For instance, I anticipated that within the next few months some rapid strides will be made as to the reduction of the cost of this camp. At present the reduction facilities leave considerable room for improvement, not only as to the cost, but also as to the mode of reduction.

"There is also another important reason why I must delay making a thorough inspection of the properties in this camp for the purpose of investment. The company of which I am managing director, and which, according to some of the unenlightened newspapers of this province, has been inordinately capitalized, has most valuable interests in the Downie Creek district, some twenty miles north of Albert Canyon. I am assured on all sides that those interests comprise some of the most valuable properties yet discovered in the province. I have reason to believe that with proper management some of those properties may be converted into mines which will rank as the largest producers of high grade ores in the country. If nothing can be more beneficial to the interest of the province in the London market than the establishment of producing and dividend-paying mines, it is my intention during the next few weeks to devote the whole of my time to the development of these properties.

"Mr. Ross, the well-known contractor of Toronto, together with my company's engineers are now surveying and preparing estimates for a wagon road which will be some 25 miles in length. The largest amount of labor will be utilized for the speedy building of this road, and I anticipate it will be completed by the end of September, and that by Christmas we can ship about a thousand tons of ore. It is my belief that this ore will average at least \$100 a ton, and if all my anticipations are realized, such realization will do more to benefit the London market than any other means which could be adopted. There are many other important operations which have to be carried out in and around Albert Canyon, and in the meantime it is premature for me to mention them.

"As soon as things are sufficiently advanced in that locality I shall pay a visit to our numerous properties on the coast and select those which are most promising, so that active mining operations can take place. Thereafter it is my intention to return to Rossland in the hope that I can find properties and arrange terms and conditions with the owners, which will probably establish several shipping mines, within the next twelve months."

FEELS MUCH ENCOURAGED.

Frank Paul Gives His Impressions of Rossland-Power Company Organization.

A meeting of the West Kootenay Light & Power company was held yesterday for the purpose of election of officers. There were present Sir Charles Ross, Frank Paul, of Montreal, Oliver Durrant and J. B. McArthur. Mr. Durrant was elected president, Mr. McArthur secretary, and Mr. Paul treasurer. After organization a large amount of business pertaining to the construction of the electric power plant on Kootenay river, was transacted. We are much encouraged. Rossland and the mines are beyond what I expected to see. You are going to have a great camp. No one can be here long without feeling this. I am now about to leave for Montreal, but I hope to return here soon and shall probably be more or less closely identified with the camp for the future."

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New Discovery on McDonald Creek of High Grade Ore.

John G. Devlin came down from Nakusp last evening and brings news of a big discovery on McDonald creek which flows into the Columbia river about nine miles below Nakusp. The claims are called the Snowflake and Silver Blaze and were located by Byron Burton. Mr. Devlin has bonded them for his Scotch syndicate for \$20,000. The ledge crops on the surface for 2,000 feet and seems to average three and a half feet in width. Samples from the surface went 270 ounces in silver and \$14 in gold.

W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, completed his work here yesterday and left for the Lardeau country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Pug Mine.

WANETA, B. C., July 7.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: For lack of funds to continue development we were obliged to close our mine on Saturday last. A large block of stock was being negotiated for which would have given us plenty of cash for some time, but for some reason, unknown to us at present, the party who was about to buy it backed completely out, and as we had no funds in the treasury we were compelled to take the steps we have taken. We implicitly believed that this deal would go through or we should have closed a month ago.

We trust some arrangement will be made in the near future whereby we can resume operations on the Pug.

Yours truly,
COLUMBIA & OYSTER, M. Co.
J. WHITE, President.

Challenge to Le Roi Miners.

ROSSLAND, July 8.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I would like to say a word in reply to Captain Hall, of the Le Roi mine, in his interview published in your issue of June 29. He says the miners from eastern Canada are inferior to those from Montana, Colorado and Lake Superior. Now, I think Captain Hall's knowledge of eastern miners is very limited from the way he speaks of them. For Captain Hall's information I would like to tell him that there were skilled miners in eastern Canada long years before he knew what a mine was. I would also tell him that the greatest returns of any gold mines in the world, for the money invested, were obtained in eastern Canada, so the skill of both management and workmen will compare favorably with some of the big mines of the west. It is a fact that machine drills are not much used, as the veins are not adapted to their use.

Now, as we hail from eastern Canada and gained our little knowledge of mining there, we hereby challenge any pair of men on the Le Roi mine for a day's work with either tripod, bar, or column, or hammer and drill, or at general mining, for \$100 or \$500, the contest to take place away from the Le Roi mine.

M. A. HARRISON, Red Mt. Mine.
S. CAMPBELL, Monte Cristo Mine.

The Buffalo Company.

PORT FRANK, Ont., June 24.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I received, some time ago, a prospectus of the Buffalo Gold Mining company, which stated that the company owned three claims, viz., Buffalo, Ontario and Great Britain No. 1.

You tell me, is this company still in existence, is its stock pooled and your candid opinion of it?

What is its treasury stock worth?

Yours truly,
I. KOSKORAT.

[The company is in existence, but is doing no work, as it is out of funds, never having succeeded in selling much of its treasury stock. Its property is on the south end of O. K. mountain and has a fairly good showing. We understand that the promoters' stock is all pooled.—Ed.]

Wants Monthly Reports.

ST. BONIFACE, July 2.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: When I made inquiry about Iron Colt, Ibox, Big Three and Silver Bell companies you were good enough to inform me about the progress of the several mines, and we should like to hear continually how they are getting on. You have been very quiet lately, and said nothing about these mines. Certainly when these mining companies issued their prospectus they tried to boom their mines and induce people to subscribe shares, but after we have bought shares they are silent. I think every mining company should inform the shareholders monthly, how they are progressing, and keep them in ignorance. Yours truly,
SUBSCRIBER.

[The four claims named by Subscriber are only four out of over 4,000 in this vicinity. We, therefore, cannot undertake to mention each company in each issue, especially when there is nothing new to chronicle. We agree with him that companies should make periodical reports to their shareholders, and are glad to say that a few of them do. We tried to have such a provision inserted in the new Companies' act, but the legislators thought that they knew more about it than we did, and the amendment was not made.—Ed.]

Silver Bell Company.

EVERETT, Wash., July 7.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I have some stock in the Silver Bell and have heard some ugly rumors about the management of the same. Has anything of importance occurred?

Yours respectfully,
TOS. MIDDLETON.

[We have heard no "ugly rumors" here regarding the Silver Bell company. Work on the property is still suspended pending a stockholders' meeting, which cannot be held until M. O. Tibbitts and some other large shareholders arrive to make a quorum. Manager Pounder informs us that THE MINER or any shareholder in the company is at liberty to make a thorough examination of the company's books. We do not care to undertake this work, but if any absentee shareholder is dissatisfied we would suggest that he come here and spend a day or two inquiring into the company's affairs.] Ed.

That Le Roi Challenge.

ROSSLAND, July 11.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I was quite surprised to see in this morning's MINER that Suther Campbell, of the Monte Cristo mine, says he did not authorize the use of his name in the challenge to the Le Roi miners. He told me personally on July 2 that he would drill with me against any team from the Le Roi mine for one day's work, and subsequently sent word to me through Daniel Church and George McKenna, to publish the challenge. Yours truly,
M. A. HENDERSON,
Red Mountain Mine.

Inquiry From Michigan.

CANTHIA, Mich., July 6.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: If not too much trouble please state what are the prospects of the success of the St. Paul, Northern Bell and Hill Top companies of Rossland, Ibox and Legal Tender companies of Slokan and Kootenay. Grand Cariboo Mining and Investment company.

Yours truly,
CHAS. A. CHANDLER.

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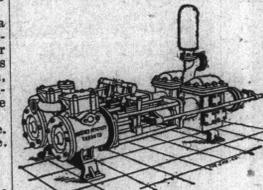
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The last block of stock was placed upon the market at 15 cents per share. Your correspondent can procure such further particulars as he may require upon application to the secretary or the undersigned.

J. H. GOOP, Director.

Good Hope and Mr. Campbell.

VICTORIA, July 12.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I see in your issue of the 9th instant a paragraph in reference to W. A. Campbell's absence from the camp. This I suppose is the same Campbell who was reorganizing the Good Hope company. As it is impossible to get any information in regard to this company I would esteem it in favor if you would let me know if they are doing any work on the claim or has it been abandoned? I understood that the Good Hope under Mr. W. A. Campbell's able management was likely to turn out a promising property—so I read some time ago in your paper. I have been guided to a certain extent by your paper, but it seems you have been taken in as well as your readers by unscrupulous and irresponsible men. Yours truly,
COLIN CAMERON.

[Now that Mr. Cameron has drawn our attention to the Good Hope we shall look it up and find out what has been done. We do not think the claim any less valuable because Mr. Campbell has absented himself from the camp. It adjoins the Good Friday from which very good results are expected.—Ed.]

Fishermen's Strike Ended.

VANCOUVER, July 12.—The fishing season opened last night. The trouble between the cannery and fishermen is practically settled by a compromise at ten cents per fish, instead of 15 cents as demanded by the men and eight offered by the cannery.



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CARIBOO CREEK NEWS.

High Grade Ore Struck in the Tunnel On the Duchess.

BURTON CITY, July 12.—[Special.]—Mr. McMillan, of Rossland, who is interested in the Tryo Group, arrived in town on Sunday morning with a force of men to begin work on the property which is located in Goat canyon, eight miles from Burton City.

R. S. Burton has given a contract to C. Racine of Nakusp for the erection of a handsome building on one of his lots on the Strand.

Messrs. Clark and McGinnis have recently completed a 47-foot tunnel on the Duchess and Chieftain, Tye Gulch, Cariboo Creek. They have struck a good body of ore, which runs on an average about \$150 in gold and silver. This is one of the most promising properties in the camp, and it is rumored that the owners are negotiating a sale for a large sum.

Messrs. Pearce & Sons, the sawmill men, are entitled to the thanks of the citizens of Burton for the erection and equipment of a commodious public bath house.

F. G. Fauquier, government agent, was in town on Saturday and let two sections of additional work on the wagon road. C. Racine and J. R. Jones are the contractors. Work is being pushed all along the line on this road. It will be through to Mineral City by September 1.

YMIR NEWS NOTES.

Forrester Appointed Constable—Another Mineral Discovery.

Ymir, July 11.—[Special.]—Another mineral claim has been located, covering the greater portion of the new part of the town. The initial post is only a few yards from the railway depot, and the claim is being graded. The discovery was made during the grading operations, which disclosed a fine ledge of decomposed quartz, averaging about six feet in width.

W. C. Forrester has been appointed permanent constable for this district. Mr. Forrester, who is an ex-captain of the Royal Canadian infantry, has already demonstrated his determination to look well after drunks and hoboes, and the new jail which he has had made had occupied long before it was completed. Mr. Forrester has supervision of all points between Waneta and Hall Siding, but will make his headquarters here.

WAKEFIELD'S FIRST SHIPMENT.

Thirty Tons of High Grade Ore Being Forwarded—Bridge Contract Let.

SILVERTON, July 14.—[Special.]—The first shipment, consisting of 30 tons of high grade ore, is now being made by the Wakefield silver mine, which is owned by the Bremner (Scotch) syndicate.

The contract for the erection of a handsome bridge to cost \$2,500 has been given by the owners of the townsite of Silvertown.

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