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## MINES OF THE CAMP

The Week Important for Its Mining Transactions.

### SHIPMENTS, 1,380 TONS

The War Eagle Has Increased Its Force, and Is Now Working 100 Men—The Josie Getting Into Operation From All the Camp.

(From today's file.) Notwithstanding that winter has set in, work proceeds steadily and thoroughly all over the camp. There were never so many men at work as now, and the total number of miners employed is about 100. There has been no strike of several importance to chronicle as the result of the past week's work. The great discovery in the Aho Mine continues to show up well, and good values are being obtained, while the Josie is getting into more good ore. The main line, too, reports the discovery of some promising lead masses.

In the way of facts, first comes the sale of the Josie, for the first time probably elsewhere in this mining district. The negotiations for the purchase of the Great Western, also reported in today's paper, seems to be getting along favorably, and it is likely that the Mackintosh company will get both of them. The sale of the Curlew is also reported to an English syndicate, for \$30,000. The Curlew has a good surface showing and makes an attractive buy.

The ore shipments for the week amount to 1,380 tons, divided as follows: Le Roi, 1,275; Centre Star, 45; War Eagle, 45; Iron Mask, 15. The total was somewhat reduced by the coming of Christmas, which was a holiday in some of the big properties.

The Sunset No. 2.

Good progress is being made with the

to lie near at hand. Stopping is in progress at the 100-foot level, and some good ore is being met. Thirty men are employed in the mine.

#### The Josie.

Work is being continued in the east drift at the 300-foot level, where some good ore is being met, though the body has not yet been penetrated sufficiently to determine its extent. Work in the tunnel has been suspended.

#### The Monte Cristo.

The usual program was made during the week on the Monte Cristo. There are no developments of note to chronicle, with the exception that the workings are being extended, and it will not be a great while before a depth of 500 feet will be reached.

#### The Denmark Group.

Work is progressing steadily in the shaft where the Vancouver Mining company is sinking on the Denmark group on English mountain. The ledge is showing up very well.

#### The Foreman.

Upgrading has been in progress from the main tunnel to connect with the upper stages, and a good body of ore is being met. One of the ore lines burned last week, but the loss was trifling.

#### The Bear Park.

The showing in the Bear Park continues very encouraging. There is a large proportion of quartz in the ore now being met. A new trackway has been completed to the new dump.

#### The Iron Gull.

The force has been somewhat reduced as operations are being confined to the main crosscut tunnel, which is showing up some promising ore in the face.

#### The Lily May.

The east drift from the 100-foot level of the shaft in the Lily May is being continued in a good body of ore. Work is proceeding very vigorously.

#### The Mountain View.

The new tunnel, which is being ad-

## GATHERING THEM IN

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh Will Soon Close the Josie Deal.

## THE GREAT WESTERN SALE

At a Meeting of the Shareholders Monday Evening It Was Practically Decided to Sell the Property to the S. A. C. for the Sum of \$100,000.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, the Canadian director of the British American corporation, is expected in Rossland between the 5th and the 15th of next month, when he will conclude negotiations now pending for the purchase of several Rossland properties for his company.

The British American has secured an option, among others, for the purchase of the Josie. The option, which is for 30 days, will have expired by the 15th of the month. A cash payment of \$15,000 has been made, and the further payments will be practically cash. The price to be paid has not been announced, but it is believed to be just, which is on the basis of a fraction under the per share.

The transaction has been carried on very quietly, and no announcement has been made as to progress of the negotiations.

The mine is reputed to be in a very encouraging condition at present. Some ore has recently been met in the east drift at the 300-foot level.

#### Will Get the Great Western.

It looks now as if Hon. C. H. Mackintosh's company, the British American corporation, will get the Great Western in addition to its other holdings. The Great Western shareholders held a special meeting Monday last, when the Mackintosh proposal came up, and it was favorably received. The meeting, which was held in the office of Daly & Hamilton, was well attended.

## MINING NOTES.

News reached here yesterday of a fine strike of free gold on the Big Patch claim, which is located on Porcupine creek. Specimens of the ore are heavy with free gold, and if there is much as rich as the specimens shown, it will run up into thousands of dollars to the ton.

The Salmo Consolidated has asked for tenders for sinking its present 40-foot shaft 60 feet more, making its total depth 100 feet. The bids will be opened on the 10th of January.

The shaft in the Iron Mask is down 175 feet; the station at the bottom of it has been completed and work will be commenced today drifting along the vein, which is there seven feet wide.

The main tunnel on the Jumbo, which has been churning the ledge for a distance of nearly 700 feet, has been turned so as to crosscut the lead. A good body of low grade quartz and iron has been met, from which small gold values are being obtained.

News has been received from the Arcton on Sprague creek in the Stoen country to the effect that a vein 11 inches wide had been struck which carries ore that is phenomenally rich. The strike was at a depth of 125 feet and the assay returned 1.15 ounces in silver and 45 per cent in lead.

The straggle of quartz and iron which have been encountered for some time past in the Iron Mask shaft, was today apparently a good body of ore, and it is believed that the second ledge, toward which the tunnel was being driven, has been met.

The Dundas property, near Yale, has made another shipment of 20 tons of ore. This was taken out of the property in the sinking of the shaft, which has now attained a depth of 250 feet. No stopping has yet been done, nor will there be until a depth of at least 350 feet has been reached.

John M. Scraftford, foreman of the Silver Queen Mining company, limited, which is the owner of several mining properties located in the Cariboo creek mining camp, Slocan division, was in the city to spend Christmas with his family. Mr. Scraftford gives a most flattering account of the development work on the Silver Queen properties, and says he feels certain that they will be in a very

## THE STOCK MARKET

There Were but Few Sales During the Past Week.

## A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

It Was Lively at the Beginning and Had With a Dull Period Sandwiched Between—Outlook for the Coming Year is of an Encouraging Nature.

The past week has been dull in the stock market owing to the fact that it was Christmas week. This will be the last review of the stock market for the year and a few words on 1897 may not be amiss. When 1897 opened it was during an era of the wildest kind of stock speculation. The wildest was present in the fullest force and shares were being sold on all sides. People who bought shares at that time did not seem to care so much for quality as for quantity and thousands of shares, good, bad and indifferent, were disposed of as fast as they could be gotten rid of. These products of the time, many of which were worth no more than the paper on which they were printed, were not only sold here, but in Eastern and Western Canada and the United States. The public appetite for shares seemed to be insatiable, but along in April and May there came a reaction. The supply of stock became so great that the demand from the public was not equal to the task of absorbing it. Some men found themselves loaded down with enough stock certificates to paper a house, and these for a period of some three months were almost totally valueless so far as the immediate realization of any money was concerned, for everybody seemed to be long on stock and short on cash. Men who thought themselves rich found that they were poor, instead.

About the middle of September the

out. What advantage one man might gain in a round was generally equalled by his opponent in the next and interest in the fight never laxed. From the start neither had a decided advantage, and the most critical spectator could not have predicted the outcome. Every round was full of hard fighting and the gladiators gave themselves no rest, although it was a very good-natured fight, and the two came up smiling after receiving the severest blows.

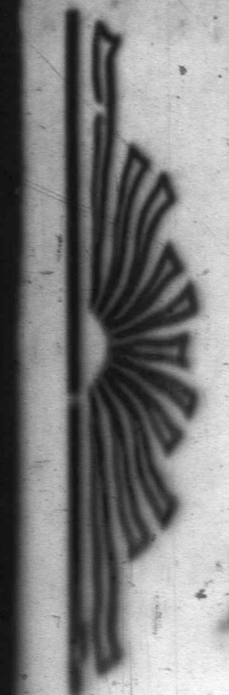
In the sixth round Scott slipped and went down, but in the latter part of the fight he had his opponent floored for a moment several times. He frequently tried his old dodge of getting Ross to hammer the wall, but the latter was wary of this move and always avoided it. In the 19th round Ross, in a break-away, tapped Scott lightly with a pivot, but it was so evidently an accident that no attention was paid to it. The 20th round was one of the liveliest of the mill. Both went as it right and left, and though they were too much played out to do much damage the finish was a lively one. The fight demonstrated that neither can knock the other out, and that one can only battle the other to a stand still.

## DEAL IN GOOD HOPE STOCK

A Block of 500,000 Shares Bought By an English Syndicate.

Operations Are to Be Resumed on the Property at Once Under the Management of G. O. B. Reddin.

There was a meeting of the Good Hope Mining company yesterday in this city to consider a proposition received for the purchase of all its treasury stock, consisting of 500,000 shares at thirty-five cents per share, made through the firm of Reddin & Jackson. There was a disposition on the part of the parties to the transaction to keep secret the name of those for whom the stock was bought, but it is presumably an English syndicate. The offer was formally accepted. By the terms of the sale the parties who have purchased the



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BACK FROM LONDON

H. W. C. JACKSON TELLS OF THE CONDITION OF THE MARKET THERE. MR. MACKINTOSH IN LUCK

He Was Taken Under the Wing of Whittaker Wright, and Had No Trouble in Floating the B. A. C. Dividend Payers Wanted.

H. W. C. JACKSON, together with Mrs. Jackson and their little daughter, returned Friday from a 3 months' visit in England and Scotland. Mr. Jackson talks most entertainingly in regard to the position of British Columbia mines in the London market.

Mr. Mackintosh's new company, is by all odds the biggest concern ever organized to deal in Canadian mines. With a cash capital of \$7,500,000 it is in a position to do what it likes in any venture it may undertake.

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IT WENT UP IN SMOKE.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Coliseum, the great building at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, in which W. J. Bryan was nominated, was totally destroyed by fire tonight. The exhibits of the Illinois Manufacturers' Exposition, which was opened in the building recently, were also totally destroyed.

The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time that the fire originated by the Coliseum electric light wires away and hot brick, not more than 20 minutes passed. The building had been rented for an exhibition of a manufacturers' exposition, and was filled from end to end with goods, all of which were destroyed with the building.

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The Yukon arrangements are not half finished as yet. The government spent the whole afternoon upon the Yukon, and the opinion held here as to the United States' proposition to send in a large quantity of supplies this winter, is that the scheme is altogether impracticable.

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DIVISION OF CHINA

Russia About to Quarter Troops at Port Arthur. THE BRITISH ATTITUDE

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Russia, according to a special dispatch from Shanghai, is preparing temporary headquarters for 10,000 troops at Port Arthur. She obtained a half promise from the grand council at Peking to dismiss Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, and other high customs officials, in addition to the British railway officials and the German officers and instructors.

The morning and evening papers express satisfaction with the award made in the matter of the Manitoba schools and will probably be announced tomorrow.

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Licence Authorising an Extra-Principal Company to Carry on Business.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. No. 1697.

This is to certify that "The British Columbia Bullion Extracting Company Limited" is authorized to carry on business within the province of British Columbia, and to carry on the extraction of bullion from the veins and reefs to which the legislative authority of the legislature of British Columbia extends.

THE WINDING-UP ACT. In the matter of the Winding-up Act and in the matter of the Nelson Sawmill Company.

INVESTMENT. The above parcels are held under a 21 years' lease from government, dated 14th March, 1892, at an annual rental of 10 cents per acre, and rent is paid up to March 14th, 1897.

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Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Four Hundred mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one mile north of O'Brien's ranche.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Sound Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Joins the 400 mineral claim west of O'Brien's.

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N. P. mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one mile northwest of O'Brien's ranche and south of the 400 mineral claim.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Nancy Hanks mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: West of and joins the Amazonian ranche.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Portland mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of Sheep Creek.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Elpico mineral claim, situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About four miles east of Deer Park.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Copper Bell, Copper and Copper Glance mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Bear Creek about six miles east of the Columbia river.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. O. K. Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: West of and joins the O'Brien's ranche and south of the 400 mineral claim.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Nako mineral claim, situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About four and a half miles east of Deer Park.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Amelia mineral claim, situate in Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Rock creek about 1,500 feet northwest of the Highland mineral claim.

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Table with 2 columns: Ore Name and Tons. Includes items like Le Roi, War Eagle, Columbia & Kootenay, Iron Mask, etc.

Unless the C. P. R. decides once more to disregard its promise to commence work on the construction on its Rossland-Robson standard gauge branch line within a specified time, it will have to start operations within the next five days. If the work does not commence in earnest the people of this city will be forced to the conclusion that the big road is simply bluffing the little Columbia & Western.

The declaration of Mayor Scott Monday night that he will seek re-election brings forth a second candidate for the office of mayor of Rossland at the next election. If there are any more aspirants for the same honor they had better announce their intentions without more ado.

Edgar P. Rathborne, late inspector of mines for the Transvaal government, and who recently visited Rossland in order to examine the Le Roi mine, has given out his opinion of this camp since he returned to London.

higher opinion of the mines of British Columbia than those of Western Ontario. Mr. Rathborne's conviction regarding this camp is but an echo of the opinions of all the competent engineers who came here before him, although it is gratifying to have this additional testimony of the great value of our mines from one whose estimate is worth having.

A CRITICAL SITUATION. One of the principal arguments advanced to induce the Dominion government to subsidize the Crow's Nest Pass railway was that extensive smelting and kindred industries might be established in Southern British Columbia and in proximity to the mines of West Kootenay and the Boundary districts.

One would naturally suppose that, with this satisfactory rate and a rapidly increasing ore tonnage, the smelting industry of Kootenay and Boundary would immediately begin to extensively develop. The fact remains, however, that the industry stands as it was at the time of the passage of the Crow's Nest Subsidy act.

Since the granting of the Crow's Nest railway subsidy, the Le Roi company has built works just south of the international boundary which, while probably of sufficient capacity to handle the output of the Le Roi mine, will not, until enlarged to the size of the Trail smelter, be in a condition to do custom work for the numerous other smaller shipping mines of this camp.

There is one thing that it is desirable should be strongly impressed on the Provincial legislature at its approaching session, and that is the great need of better wagon roads and trails in the Trail Creek division. It is to be fervently hoped that the legislature will speedily arrive at an understanding of the genuine wants of the district, and that it will show not the least hesitancy in granting us what is absolutely necessary.

There has been a hitch in the negotiations for the resumption of work on the Silver Bell, and it is impossible to say when operations will be resumed. The company is out of funds, but the officers hope to be able to have work recommenced this winter.

the transaction, which would come to it in the way of increased revenue. Just as soon as the appropriation is made, however, the first thing that should be done would be to begin the work of the construction of the highway to Cascade City.

An innocent looking petition presented at the city council meeting may affect the entire result of the coming municipal elections. The document, which requested the council to abolish the sale of liquors in concert halls and theatres, was signed by all the hotel men in town with the exception of two.

The electoral division of which Rossland forms a part is represented in the Provincial legislature by J. M. Kellie, of Revelstoke. How Mr. Kellie ever rose to the prominent position he now occupies, when there were other men in the district who could qualify for the office, is, and doubtless always will be, a mystery to many of his intelligent constituents.

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The Farmer mineral claim, which is located between Lost and Sheep creeks and seven miles from Salmon siding on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, has been bonded to a London syndicate for \$15,000, pending an examination by an expert who is to be sent from London for the purpose.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—M. Carvallo, director of the opera comique, is dead. He became director in 1856. His management was marked by the great fire of May 15, 1888, when about 131 persons were lost.

last spring. But for the disreputable methods of the freebooters who compose the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern company, the Columbia & Western would now be constructed and in operation to the heart of the Boundary district, where there is an abundance of ore that is better adapted for the smelting process in use at Trail than is the product of the Le Roi mine.

EDITOR MINER:—Sir: In today's issue of THE MINER I notice a reference to the Elise Gold Mining company, in which it is stated that there is a cent per share, which the shareholders of that company are paying in order to obtain stock in the new company which will own the mine after December 31, (1) an assessment and (2) to be used in development work.

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FROM THE RECORDS. Transfers: Wolf 9-10, Drake 9-10, Albert 9-10, Nelson 9-10, etc. Certificates of Work: December 22—Columbia, St. George, Pen d'Orellie, New Year, Snowshoe, Eya, etc.

Rossland Mining Stocks. [Corrected by the Reddin-Jackson Company Limited, 108 Columbia Avenue, P.O. Box 496, Telephone 18. Cable address, "Reddin." Codes Clough and Lieber.]

MARKET FEATURES. Josie is a seller in small blocks yesterday. Poorman and Great Western were the favorites and about 10,000 shares of each changed hands.

Snaps for Today. We offer today subject to sale the following snaps: 2,000 silverline, 7 1/2; 2,000 West Le Roi, 12 1/2; 10,000 Phoenix, 10; 10,000 Palo Alto, 12 1/2; etc.

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WANT IT. The Liquor Men of International. APPEAL TO THE. A Bylaw to Allow Delinquents to Vote—Engineers on the City's Water—ed: An Auditor.

The meeting of the city council was enlivened by the liquor men of the town of the council to prohibit the in music halls and variety Scott was disposed to look with little favor.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Rossland, request that you body pass a bylaw abolishing liquor in concert halls or the female help is employed, satisfied that the same cannot be forced unless the sale of liquor ished outside of the bar corner any resort of this nature.

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The question of salaries also up and Alderman Fraser promotion instructing the city clerk the Aldermen and the mayor of Rossland to request the Payment of the balance due that was to be deferred, pending the the injunction secured against by Ross Thompson, restraining the of the salary credited to the Mr. Wallace opposed the motion had been informed by attorney a bylaw would be necessary to the payment of salaries to the He wanted a bylaw to be prepared, and no action on Mr. motion was taken.

E. J. Weston, representing architects who prepared plan city hall competition, requested council divide equally among contestants the sum of \$200 off prize. As it appeared that he has already accepted bills to the of \$1,180 and has only \$7,000 to meet them, the Aldermen of \$1,180 and has only \$7,000 to meet them, the Aldermen requested, resolution presented by Mr. Council attested the correctness of architect's claim, and recommended administration to liquidate S. L. Long, who had been delinquent in the name of the city, ed as follows on the different streets: 875 feet; North Fork of creek, 375 feet; Rock creek, South Fork of Murphy creek, Present available capacities: creek, 468.75 gallons per minute; creek, 937.50 gallons per minute; Fork of Murphy creek, 500 gallons.

Alderman Fraser gave notice motion to allow all citizens, qualified but deficient in their vote at the coming election, council adjourned until Thursday when it will act on the motion.

How Messrs. Conway and Hatt pose Making Money in Alaska. Michael Conway has received from his partner, Dave Hatfield, cently left for the east for the obtaining a number of dogs with to make the trip from Skagway son. Mr. Hatfield writes that unable to obtain the number that he desired in Winnipeg, to Selkirk. He has some dogs that are known as "masters," are fine, large animals, that set two and one-half to three high, and are a cross of the large dog and a dog wolf. Mr. Hatfield saw some of these hybrids that are able 800 pounds of freight 40 miles over the snow and through country. It is the intention of field to go to Arnold, a Hudson's Bay company station, 100 miles north of Selkirk, where are plenty of these dogs. There to purchase 50 of them. The taken to Skagway, where a bound for arrival they will be sent to









COMING B. C. BOOM

Business in London Quiet During the Holidays.

CAPITAL OF THE B. A. C.

It Has a Capital of £1,000,000 and Will Absorb the Alaska Commercial Company—Hall Mines Meeting—Christmas Issues Devoted to B. C.

London Office, ROSSLAND MINER, 108 Bishopsgate Street (Within).

LONDON, Dec. 11.—[Special.]—As we approach Christmas, business becomes beautifully less, and even that stalwart young member of the stock exchange, the British Columbia market, attracts but a small amount of attention just at the present moment. This week, no doubt, the issue of the long-expected prospectus of the British American corporation—the Whitaker Wright-Mackintosh concern—may infuse a little interest into the market, while evidence that promoters are not by any means lazy is proved by the fact that young Turner's company, which held its statutory meeting last Thursday, is about to become a parent. I also hear that that much-be-puffed and be-gedged concern, the Recordia syndicate, is about to be transformed into a more imposing concern. I also hear of companies being in course of formation in other directions, whose objects are closely identified with either British Columbia, the Yukon, or Ontario. So far Ontario has not been in the running with its two powerful rivals, but this province has many friends in the city, who swear by it and characterize the condemnation of those who have so severely criticized it of late as being purely dominated by malevolence.

Capital of the B. A. C. It seems that the British American corporation is to have a capital of £1,000,000. Its board I have already acquainted you with in previous letters. I understand that the prospectus will be published on Saturday morning next, and there is no doubt that the skillful way in which the curiosity of the public has been whetted will be rewarded by considerable subscriptions, especially as the issue is limited to the existing shareholders in the London & Globe Finance Corporation, and understood from very good authority, that the new company will come to an arrangement with the Alaska Commercial company, and, no doubt this is a good move on the part of the promoters of the Whitaker Wright-Mackintosh corporation.

An Influential Syndicate. An influential syndicate is being projected with the object of acquiring and working certain properties in the Lillooet and Fairview districts. By the way the annual meeting of the Lillooet & Fraser river company will be held on December 16th. I was looking up the other night the speech of Mr. Horns-Payne, delivered at the meeting held in December last. It will be interesting to see how this enthusiastic supporter of British Columbia mines will be able to explain the decision in the prospects of his company which has taken place in the twelve months just ended, and which is so markedly punctuated by a fall of £1 in the price of the shares.

The Hall Mines Meeting. The Hall Mines meeting will be held on Wednesday next, the 15th of December. Last year the feature of the meeting was the arrangement of the local management by Mr. McKenzie, representing the half-breed who discovered the property, and who still, I believe, retains a large interest in it. Backed up by the substantial dividends declared and recommended, I suppose the directors, instead of being criticized, will be complimented. The report and the dividend has had no effect on the price of the shares, but together these will prove of material assistance to those who are constantly singing the praises of your province, for I need not point out to you that the dividend is worth a dozen promises in the opinion of the market.

Changes in Prices Unimportant. There is very little news to tell you at the present moment. Changes in prices are quite unimportant, and the few meetings which take place from time to time, although characterized by extreme and pleasant optimism, yet not sufficiently important for me to bother you with verbatim reports of them. Of course, I shall take care to send you reports of such meetings as that of the Hall Mines and the Lillooet & Fraser River gatherings. I am busy this week compiling a list of the various Canadian mines introduced during the year now ending, and hope to be able to send you this in time for your last issue in the old year, as I think it will convince you more than all the year pictures that one can draw of the marvelous growth of interest in the mining affairs of the Dominion during the past 12 months.

A Wonderful Christmas Issue. I ought perhaps to give a pat on the back to your London contemporary The Road. This enterprising journal has brought out a wonderful Christmas number in which it tells a great many things about Yukon and British Columbia which will come as news to the aristocratic crowd who read its pages. It is tastefully got up and will undoubtedly attract a great deal of attention. It is the first serious attempt that has been made to give a detailed account of the new B.C. mine, and is, therefore, doubly welcome. Quite a number of journals now devote a large amount of space to Canadian mining matters, and believe that this week or next the old Saturday Review will publish a special supplement dealing with British Columbia. I must not forget to say a line about McMillan's lecture on the mineral resources of British Columbia and Yukon at the Imperial Institute. This was largely attended by a deeply interested audience. The chief point Mr. McMillan made was the great comparison he drew between the governing methods in Canada and in the Transvaal, a point which was vociferously applauded by the patriotic crowd that had gathered to hear McMillan talk about the northern gold fields.

LOCAL BRIEFINGS

Fire Friday destroyed one of the ore bins at the Poorman mine. The loss was small.

Married, December 22, at Roseland, by the Rev. H. Irwin, W. G. Perkins of Bristol, England, and Miss E. Keed of Quebec.

The court of revision to overhaul the voters' list convened Tuesday before Magistrate Jordan, but adjourned until Thursday.

A slide on the main line of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway delayed the Red Mountain train Thursday. It did not arrive until 5:45 o'clock.

The O. P. R. is running the steamer Nelson from the town of the same name to Goat river, to carry freight into the East Kootenay country.

The license commissioners held their adjourned statutory meeting Thursday afternoon and wound up their business for the year. A number of liquor licenses were transferred.

All of Aaron L. Jaffes's holdings, amounting to 750,000 shares, in the Anaconda Mining company, have been attached in a suit brought to recover wages due some of his old employees.

Jas. Reeder, a Christmas celebrant, who in a moment of exuberance incident to the festivities smashed the Tom and Jerry layout at the International, was fined \$10 by Magistrate Jordan Tuesday. He was also required to pay for the broken crockery, valued at \$10.

James Breen, the manager of the Le Roi smelter at Northport, was among the arrivals Tuesday evening. Mr. Breen says that the smelter is complete and will be ready to commence operations as soon as the shipments from the mine are received. He expects the first charge to go through about Jan. 10.

Early in the week Frederick Mansfield was before the police magistrate on a charge of being cruel to an old and decrepit horse that he drove. Sentence was suspended on condition that Mansfield kill the animal. Friday he appeared before the magistrate and informed him that he had killed the horse.

Mayor Scott has changed the location of his campaign headquarters from the former Japanese restaurant on First avenue to the room recently vacated by Escalante, the restaurateur, on Columbia avenue, next door to the Vendome. This is much more central than was the place on First avenue. It is the intention to have a grand rally of the supporters of Mr. Scott on Thursday evening next. The warm breath of the chinook that prevailed for the past two days has melted the snow off so that nearly two feet of it has disappeared. If the thaw had continued for a day or two longer the snow would have entirely disappeared. Last night, however, it turned colder, and this prevented a further disappearance of the snow, which is now probably destined to remain until at least the latter part of March.

The Catholic church was crowned on Sunday night, the occasion of midnight mass. The rendition of the mass by a choir of 15 voices was grand and impressive, and the services were of an interesting character. A second mass was said at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning. The children of the Roman Catholic Sunday school had a pleasant Christmas tree and entertainment Sunday afternoon in the church.

The management of the Hotel Allan is already preparing the menu for the supper to be given at the dance on New Year's eve. It will probably be the finest spread ever given in the city. Mrs. King is sparing no pains to surpass even the hotel's already famous standard in the matter of entertainments. The entire ground floor of the house will be given over to the guests, and the dancers will have full sway.

Martin Geo, proprietor of the Leland restaurant, incensed by the unbecoming language of Arthur O. Lake, reproved Mr. Lake by punching him in the jaw. Thinking that this constituted an assault, Mr. Lake had Sigmor Oo arrested, but when Magistrate Jordan heard of the language that Lake had used he released Sigmor Oo and let his assailant go.

Frank Mansfield was up before Magistrate Jordan Thursday for beating a miserable, broken down hack which he had been driving. The complaint was made by S. A. Hartman, who was present as a witness, as was John R. Reavis, who also saw Mansfield's brutal assault. The magistrate gave Mansfield a severe reprimand, but sentence was suspended on his promise to destroy the animal which is so old and decrepit as to be unfit for use.

Archie B. Mackenzie returned Friday morning from a trip to the east. He brought with him two fine young fox terriers, with a pedigree reaching back almost from the creation, which he acquired from Geo. H. Gooderham at the Norfolk kennels in Toronto. Mr. Mackenzie says that although interest has been temporarily diverted from British Columbia to the Klondike, yet the people in the east have come to accept this camp as having solid, substantial merit, which is bound to make it one of the greatest gold camps in the world.

Alderman Johnson stated yesterday that a man is to be placed in charge of the fire department headquarters immediately to take care of the apparatus and keep it in readiness for use. At the very earliest possible moment, too, horses will be procured to haul the apparatus. The fireplugs, during the cold spell, need looking after so that they may not be frozen and so rendered useless, perhaps, at the very time that they are most needed. The man who is to be placed in charge of the headquarters should look after these plugs, inspecting them each day. It would not be a bad plan to have them boxed up to prevent the frost from getting into them. In the event of a conflagration, the boxing could be removed in a few seconds.

A joint meeting of the Roseland and Victoria hockey clubs was held in the office of Edwin Campbell & Co. on Wednesday evening, with Le Baron De Veble in the chair. The meeting was almost entirely informal, and the evening was spent in a discussion of hockey matters and in laying out plans for the winter. It was agreed that while the two hockey clubs should be rivals at home they should be as brothers when it came to playing outside clubs. In the event of a match game with a team from Nelson, Sandon or Kaslo the very best material in both teams should be selected, so that the outsiders might be defeated. It was decided that the Roseland Hockey club should practice in the Palace skating rink on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and that the Victoria

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club should do its training on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Archie E. Smith, who is better known as 'Coolgardie' Smith, left on Monday night's train via the Vail for Vancouver to go from Vancouver to the Klondike region, and will make the trip overland. It is his opinion that he can make the trip within the next 30 days. He is in fine form through the training that he went through for the fight with 'Billy' Scott, and he feels certain that if anyone can get through he can. He will take a sled and dogs from Skagway across the pass and from thence will follow the frozen lakes and rivers wherever practicable to Dawson City. He laughs with scorn at the idea advanced by a friend that he would not be able to get through until about the first of March. 'If I will be very much disappointed," he said, "if I do not get through before the first of February. Once I get started it will be a mighty cold day that will stop me."

They Will Form a Union to Protect Themselves Against Cheap Labor. The carpenters of the city had a meeting last evening in Beatty's hall to organize a local trades union. The meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Trades and Labor council, was attended by about 75 carpenters, and it is expected that when the union gets in running order this number will be considerably increased. Further meetings will be held subject to the call of the committee appointed at last night's meeting. The necessity for a local union among the carpenters arose from an attempt recently made by one of the employing contractors to import men from Spokane to work on one of the buildings now under way. These were to be paid at the rate of 25c an hour, a cut of 5c under the present minimum rate. The carpenters are all opposed to such a cut.

THAT O. P. R. EXTENSION. An Announcement Again Made That Work Will Commence Soon. E. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the O. P. R., and C. E. Perry, superintendent of construction in Kootenay for the road, came down from the north last evening and are quartered at the Allan. Their mission, it was announced, had to do with the "immediate construction of the Canadian Pacific into Roseland." How soon work would be commenced, however, was not given out. No more definite answer was vouchsafed than that the work would be undertaken "soon." Mr. Marpole, it will be remembered, arrived in Roseland for the last time on Dec. 2, when he affirmed that ground would be broken on the road's line "in a fortnight." The fortnight has expired, but still the virgin soil around Roseland has not been impregnated by pick or shovel in the interests of the O. P. R. Some days ago it was given out that work would be started by January 1, and the declaration was officially sanctioned by the officers of the road, but the new year is almost here and still nothing has been done towards commencing operations. The conclusion is, that in the sight of the O. P. R., as in the sight of the Lord, a day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day; which, being translated, means that day operations on the road into Roseland will commence in the fall of the year 1897.

Death of a Banker. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Charles Manning Foster, a well known banker and broker, died last night, aged 44. With Henry Clews he founded 20 years ago the firm of Henry Clews & Co.

TO HELP THE MINERS. Canada Will Co-operate With the United States. NOT BE TIED BY RED TAPE. The Americans Can Use Troops in Carrying Out the Measures for the Relief of the Klondikers Who Are Said to Be Out of Provisions. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—From the advice of the Canadians it is likely that Skagway will be chosen instead of Dyea as the terminal point of the relief expeditions. The reason for this choice is said to be the fact that Skagway has wharves at which ships can discharge cargoes directly, while at Dyea there are no wharves but lighters to land the goods. Hon. Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, said tonight that he hoped to conclude his visit within the next two days, and that there was no doubt the two governments could make arrangements which would be mutually beneficial in extending relief to the Klondikers. The minister's attention was called to reports that Canada might not be willing to co-operate in the use of the military arrangements of the United States government, as provided by the bill which recently became a law. He said, however, that he apprehended no difficulty in that direction, as the only purpose of the two governments was to effect the relief in the most feasible way possible. There appears to be no desire on the part of the Canadian officials to interpose any technical obstacles to the execution of the relief measures, and for this reason it is expected a satisfactory arrangement will be reached within the next two days.

TO Help the Klondikers. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The expected conference between Secretary Alger and Hon. Clifford Sifton, did not take place today. Secretary Alger had overestimated his strength and found that he was not sufficiently recovered to undertake the work of arranging the details for the relief expeditions. The Canadian visitor is to remain in Washington for a few days, however, so that the conference is merely postponed for a short time. Capt. Brainard has been authorized to issue advertisements for the supplies that are to be carried by the relief expeditions.

Data as to Hudson's Bay. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—Dr. Wakeham, who had charge of the Hudson's bay expedition last summer, has just returned from a sojourn among the whalers of New Bedford, Mass., where he gathered much information to supplement his report upon the navigability of Hudson's bay and straits. Some of these men have been going into these waters for the last 30 years, and although the industry is not as profitable as it used to be at least two whalers winter there right along. They confirm what has already been said by Wakeham as to the season when these waters open. Dr. Wakeham was also assured by the men, who have been all over these waters, that there are two straits running right through the big island known as Baffin's island, and the whalers have been in them. The charts and maps do not show these passages.

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