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MINING NOTES.

It is good news that John Taylor, of London, is sending a representative to British Columbia. His firm is easily the first firm of mining financiers in London. It does not belong to the mushroom growth stimulated by unhealthy activity in the Rand and Western Australia, but to the most conservative element of the greatest mining center on earth.

Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock are on their way back to Canada, if they have not already arrived home. Whether their visit to London was connected with their mining interests in British Columbia has not yet transpired.

Brokers in Toronto and Montreal all complain of the exceeding dullness of the mining market. Those who are connected with good companies will have no reason to complain long, and those who are connected with bad companies require and deserve a good firm rap over the knuckles.

Mr. Grant Govan has been working the paid interview business in London. Horne Payne and Grant Govan should go into partnership. What a daisy team they would make.

Every year the value of a Trail Creek prospect increases and the grade of ore necessary to give it value diminishes—a good guarantee of a solid camp.

Homestake stock is being absorbed by inside parties, which looks as though its flotation in London was progressing favorably.

The Alberta comes to the front with a great strike of mineral. The mine has been ably developed, and the successful outcome gives more confidence than ever to the productive capacity of Monte Cristo and C. & K. mountains.

The payroll on the Kootenay mine is being increased and every place round the mine is blocked up with ore. The marvelous showing in the tunnel is the wonder of everyone who sees it.

There is no older favorite in Rossland than the Great Western, the first property in Trail Creek tackled by J. M. Burke. From present appearances it looks as though immense bodies of pay ore would be opened up on the property.

The pile of rich ore accumulating on the dump of the Nickel Plate mine is a sight for sore eyes.

The Consolidated War Eagle Company intends to put up a mill. They are only waiting till the railway situation becomes more distinct.

Before the end of this year Rossland will be connected by allrail communication with Slocan City.

A Slocan paper publishes the news that the Rossland tinhorn mining men have invaded the Slocan. Doubtless they will buy Slocan properties for cash, as they did Rossland ones, and proceed to make mines of them.

The Ibex tunnel is now in 140 feet, and although the lead has not been struck some fine looking rock has been taken out.

Buck & Bouillon have issued a map of the Boundary and Kettle River camps, showing a large number of claims.

Three shifts are working on the Gold Bar, twelve men having been sent out on Thursday.

Frank Watson was in the camp yesterday.

The new machinery on the Red Eagle has been turned over by the contractor, and everything is running smoothly. The machinery consists of a complete hoisting, pumping and power drill plant with a guaranteed capacity to sink 500 feet.

Work on the Cromwell claim, owned by the Cromwell Mining and Development Company, will be pushed on a more extensive scale as soon as the snow will permit.

An interesting commission case was up before the present session of the county court. The plaintiff

(Dean) sued the owners of the Trilby and Prince of Wales for a commission on the sale of the property, on the ground that he had obtained a twenty-four-hour option on the strength of a telegram from possible purchasers in Victoria, and during the continuance of the option had talked about the property to the man who afterwards did buy it through another party. The case was dismissed with costs.

KAMLOOPS CAMP.

The Toronto World has a very fair description of the gold-copper prospects discovered last summer near Kamloops and now in course of development.

"Inasmuch as fully 99 per cent. of British Columbia mineralized areas are yet unexplored, the expectation all along has been that a greater Rossland might be discovered any day, and there are those who say that such a region has already been come upon near Kamloops. That extraordinarily rich ores should exist in unrivalled quantities, within three or four miles of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in one of the best settled and, from the rancher's standpoint, one of the best known as it is one of the most accessible districts, seems at first sight strange, but it is easily explained. The whole section, even to the tops of the mountains, from 3000 to 4000 feet high, is covered with soil and bunchgrass. Herds of cattle and wild horses feed the year round, and whoever thought of looking in a pasture field for mines? No one. Hence no mines were found.

"In company with Mr. Thomas Newman, a World correspondent spent several days in driving (think of that, ye miners in Rat Portage and the Kootenay) in a buggy behind a spanking team, from one claim to another.

"During the trip the World correspondent passed through or close by more than fifty promising claims, and saw enough to satisfy him that the rush to Kamloops will not be in vain. This camp is more of a temptation 'to stay awhile and enjoy life' than any other we have visited, and prospects of undoubted value are still plentiful, more records being made every week than elsewhere, the camp being only little more than six months old. Mr. Newman says he was the first mining man to take hold here, and that he came only in August last, which perhaps accounts for his securing the Iron Mask."

CHINESE PLACER MINERS.

The amount of gold taken out of British Columbia in the past by the Chinese is hinted at in the annual report for 1896 of the minister of mines. Referring to one section alone where the Chinese were at work, the report says: "In December, 1887, A. W. Smith reported his purchase of gold for that year at \$65,696, a large proportion of which was from the Chinese claims on Cayoosh creek. In 1888 his purchase amounted to close on \$60,000, seven-eighths of which was estimated to be from Cayoosh creek. In 1889 the amount bought by Mr. Smith dropped to \$39,000, with the exception of about \$100 worth, all bought from the Chinese miners. Summed up, the Chinese were the discoverers of gold in Cayoosh creek. From Mr. Smith's accurate returns we find that he bought from them in three years gold amounting to, in round figures, say \$103,000. To be well within the mark, allow one-half of that amount as carried away with them, and we have a total of \$154,500 for the three years. The whole of this was taken from, say, five miles of the creek."

THE CANADA MUTUAL.

With the opening of spring many properties not worked during the winter will resume development work. Among the prominent companies to which this applies is the Canada Mutual Mining and Development Company, which is about to begin operations on the Minnie, a promising Red Mountain prospect. This company is also about to establish camps on the Little Giant group on Lookout Mountain, and on the Beaconsfield on Deer Park Mountain. All these properties were acquired recently by this company, which is well officered.

"THE PROVINCE" ON RAILWAY POLICY.

BIRTH.—At the Legislative Assembly, Victoria, B.C., on the 1st April, 1897, the Mongolian Ministry of British Columbia of a railway policy (still-born).

Parturient montes nascetur ridiculus mus.

No better date could possibly have been selected by the government for presentation to parliament of this most marvelous heir of their invention. Mr Rithet, no doubt, is sponsor to the infant, and we can only sympathize with him on its want of vitality.

This is what we have waited and pined for so long: this is the "People's Railway":

There is hereby granted for and in aid of the construction of the following railways, and to be paid out of the moneys raised under this act, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars for each mile of railway of the uniform gauge of four feet and one-half inches, viz.:

(1) For a railway from Penticton to the Boundary Creek district, approximately one hundred miles in length.

(b) For a railway from Batte Inlet to Quesnelle, approximately two hundred and thirty miles in length.

(c) For a railway, from the coast to Chulliwack, approximately sixty miles in length.

Railway (a) plays right into the hands of the C.P.R. Railway (b) plays right into the hands of Mr. "B. P." Rithet. Railway (c)—We reserve our opinion about Railway (c), for this is the first we've heard of it, and must for the nonce surmise that it is intended to induce healthy competition with existing river traffic on the Fraser. The bill enables the government to raise \$2,500,000, "from time to time in such amounts and at such times as may be deemed expedient" (by the lieutenant-governor in council); the total mileage to be subsidized is 399 miles, at not more than \$4000 per mile. Reckon it at the maximum, and you have \$1,360,000, thus leaving, roughly, a million dollars in the government hands to be "appropriated in such amounts and in such manner as the legislature may from time to time authorize towards the construction of roads and public means of communication and transport and other public works."

This simply means that the government have not made up their minds exactly what ought to be done with the extra million, or in what direction it should be expended, but they have made up their minds that they will be short of funds for running the country, and consequently seek this ingenious way of providing themselves with a substantial balance on hand, which shall be of a rather more tangible nature than the premier's estimated surplus of \$280,000 on 30th June next.

ENGLISH INTEREST.

"There is more mining activity in the Dominion at the present moment than ever before. Finer actual results," says a writer in the London Journal of Commerce, "have been realized in the past season than the most sanguine miners dared to hope for. In half a dozen widely-separated districts—the Seine river, the Lake of the Woods, the Cariboo, the Yukon river, and above all, in the Kootenay—mining has been carried beyond the experimental stage. Each of these districts has its bonanza mine, properties of indisputable value, making large and regular returns to their owners. Any one of them may be safely capitalized for the London market at millions of dollars. I am not recommending them for that purpose, and have no idea of such thing being contemplated, but if it were, they could, I believe, show as good a record as the original dividend-payers on the Rand."

ELECTION RETURNS.

The municipal election resulted as follows:

FOR MAYOR.	
Robert Scott	586
C. O. Lalonde.....	471
Majority for Scott..... 115	
FOR ALDERMEN.	
G. A. Fraser.....	695
Hector McPherson.....	654
J. E. Johnson.....	648
H. I. Raymer.....	592
W. A. Campbell.....	491
H. S. Wallace.....	393
W. H. Bell.....	383
T. W. Stack.....	369
W. S. Weeks.....	345
C. O'Brien Reddin.....	221

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Arrives at Trail.....	8:00 a. m.
No. 4, PASSENGER, Daily, except Sunday—	
Leaves Rossland	4:00 p. m.
Arrives at Trail	5:00 p. m.
No. 3, PASSENGER, Daily except Sunday—	
Leaves Trail	8:45 a. m.
Arrives at Rossland	10:00 a. m.
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Leaves Trail	5:45 p. m.
Arrive at Rossland	7:00 p. m.

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THE COMPANIES' ACT.

The Companies' Act proposed by the government of British Columbia has been killed, the Nelson Miner and its support notwithstanding. That paper has the following to say about it:

"The provincial government has discarded the bill for the revision of the Joint Stock Companies' Act, and has decided to draft another measure upon the suggestions that may be offered by the sharebrokers of Rossland.

"It is safe to say that 99 per cent. of those peregrinating peddlers of pyrrhoute stocks have no financial interest in dividend-paying mines, but, of course, their industry must be protected in true McKinley fashion, and as it is impossible for the wisecracks at Victoria to intellectually grasp the true situation so far as Kootenay is concerned, miners and the investing public will have to take a back seat.

"The Miner supported the bill that has been cast aside because it made some provision for the protection of outside capital and would have checked, to a considerable extent, the reckless and pernicious practice of faking and wild-catting that now prevails.

"It will be interesting to notice to what lengths the one-cent, tinhorn element of Rossland will go in this matter. Perhaps the Rossland Miner, which makes a practice of publishing the opinions of others because it has none of its own, will be kind enough to print a leader on the subject from the prolific pen of that uncrowned king of Coxeyites, Mr. Demosthenes Blatherskite Bogle."

The said Demosthenes Blatherskite has never written any editorials for the Miner newspaper since he ceased to own it. He is, however, making an elaborate collection of the nicknames that have been applied to him at various times and is indebted to an unexpected quarter for something new and original. It is the only new and original thing he has seen in the Nelson Miner for a long time.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The following are the customs returns for the port of Nelson during the month of March. The value of ore and matte exported during March was \$677,681.00.

	IMPORTS.		
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Dutiable.....	\$111,456 00	\$ 93,000 00	\$118,026 00
Free.....	28,652 00	26,138 00	25,860 00
Total imports..	\$140,108 00	\$119,138 00	\$143,886 00
Duty collected..	\$ 31,971 47	\$ 25,874 43	\$ 32,386 62
Other revenues.	80 18	4 10	60,96
Total revenue..	\$ 32,060 65	\$ 25,874 52	\$ 32,448 58
Gold dust.....			
Ore.....	\$258,779 00	\$301,452 00	\$323,082 00
Matte.....	416,727 00	261,401 00	354,509 00
Total, mine....	\$575,506 00	\$562,853 00	\$677,681 00
Animals.....	\$ 4,894 00	\$ 73 00	\$ 320 00

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Miscellaneous..
Total.....	\$686,655 00	\$566,620 00	\$679,815 00

DUTY COLLECTED.

Rossland.....	\$ 11,057 22	\$ 10,070 38	\$ 10,530 72
Trail.....	10,261 80	5,223 57	7,332 10
Kaslo.....	6,061 56	4,899 67	6,294 48
Nelson.....	3,710 94	4,653 62	6,880 42
Waneta.....	839 05	1,023 19	2,348 90
Rykert's.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 31,971 47	\$ 25,870 43	\$ 32,386 62

The ore exported weighed 5,084 tons and the matte 738 tons.

For the month of March, 1896, the imports amounted to \$43,446 and the duty collected to \$13,256. The exports for the same month were \$247,557.

To the value of ore and matte exported from Nelson must be added \$34,641 representing the Revelstoke exports, making a total of \$722,322. This is high water mark in the history of the country.

MINING A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

The prejudice against mining, like a hereditary taint, still clings to the ultra-conservative, the timid and the less ambitious. Such notions and ideas on mining, well intentioned, are based upon the theory that some one lost money either in mining proper or mining stock speculation. Millions are sunk yearly in corn, wheat or pork speculation, and yet no one condemns such anomalies except, perhaps, the agriculturist or the suffering poor.

The estimated average dividends on the nominal capitalization of all mining companies exceed 13 per cent., being equal to about 40 per cent. a year, on the actual capital invested. There is yearly as much money invested in mining as there is in banking, but judging from the present financial depression due to the contraction of currency (speculation) and the

periodical panics, banking does not prove as safe or as profitable as mining. In a time of prosperity the average banking dividends seldom exceed 8 per cent. a year.

The railways for the year ending with June, 1892, on their stupendous capitalization of \$10,226,784,134, produced a net earning of \$397,403,377, or about 33 3/4 per cent., a very small portion of which was distributed among shareholders.

That the number of dividend-paying mining companies are larger than all other combined industries, is fully substantiated by statistics. That mining produces quicker and greater profits than any other industrial pursuit is evidenced by the scores of the multi-millionaires. That there are risks in mining as well as other pursuits, is well known to all reasonable minds, but that the immense fortunes of the Mackeys, the Fairs, the Floods, the Sharons, the Stanfords, the Jones, the Stewarts, the Baldwins, and hundreds of others, are due to mining, cannot be denied.—Denver Mining World.

COPPER IN CUBA.

In Cuba, while gold and silver have not been found in paying quantities, copper was mined at Cabre by the natives before Columbus discovered the island. Early in this century English capitalists purchased mines near Santiago, and the books of the consulate show that from 1828 to 1840 an average of from two to three million dollars' worth of copper was shipped annually to the United States from these mines. They continued in successful operation until 1867, when a combination of circumstances, and not the poverty of the mines, closed them up, and the various shafts, from 900 to 1200 feet deep filled with water, all save 300 feet being below the level of the sea. In later years considerable copper was taken from these mines by pumping the water from shafts to tanks into which iron scraps were thrown.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Dominion government has never heard any complaints about the British Columbia Southern charter. When 1500 men assembled in pursuit of a hotly contested election, adjourn all business to listen eagerly to speeches on an entirely different subject to that which called them there, and pass unanimously a very strong resolution, surely that is a tolerably strong complaint.

THE election is over. And the specters of controversy, which did duty for real live issues, have disappeared like mists before the rising sun. It is a pity the sun has risen on Mr. Scott and not on Mr. Lalonde, so at least think the supporters of Mr. Lalonde. But the supporters of Mr. Scott think differently. Mr. Scott has his opponents in the late contest at a serious disadvantage—a disadvantage which as good citizens of the town they can only hope he will push to the uttermost limit. He has been successful at the polls. Let him, by the capable and honest administrator of his office, win a victory through the reason over the sympathies of his opponents and he will have recorded the only triumph worth possessing.

THE new council is made up of thoroughly good men for the position. Rossland possesses a board of aldermen who will be swayed neither hither nor thither in the execution of their duty, and who can be relied on to further the best interests of the city. Out of the ten candidates four could not be elected. That is merely mathematics. All the candidates received a large vote. Some worked harder than others. Some, perhaps, had a larger circle of friends. But none of them have any reason to regret that they stood among the ten picked men of Rossland, even if they did not find a place in the choicer lot of six.

EITHER the parliamentary reports of the proceedings at Victoria are very neagre, indeed, or else the opposition is a very feeble body. Is it possible that with the record of the Turner government to attack the only point on which to found a vote of censure was the absence of additional taxation on mines? It is strongly to be suspected, however, that what the opposition was hammering at was the exemption of coal mines on the island from taxation.

THE railway bill of the provincial government is simply a bill to raise \$2,500,000 of a corruption fund for the purposes of the next election. It provides for the expenditure of about one million and a half on three railways. The other million is provided for on the same principle that a man who owes a debt of \$350 borrows \$500 from a bank to pay it. He is left with a balance of \$150 to his credit. It is on this principle that the treasury balances of British Columbia have always been constructed. The money is to be expended in the old way on a ruinous public work expenditure on the eve of an election. But the people of this province have been bought with their own money for the last time.

BEFORE the next provincial election a redistribution bill must be brought in which will relieve the

mining districts from their practical disfranchisement. J. M. Kellie does not represent, and makes no pretence to represent, Trail Creek. Representation we must have. And no gerrymandering will be allowed to save a single West Kootenay constituency for the government.

In a letter to the Rossland Miner J. W. Haskins makes a point in connection with the Orphan Boy swindle. He says in effect that Whitney swindled the company as much as the public, or more. The company, we learn from its president, is financially stranded on account of its secretary's nefarious operations, and the development work has been largely paid for by the president's private means. If Haskins could only state a business proposition without mixing up with it a lot of irrelevant matter, more or less personally abusive, he would better serve his own interests. Nobody is pressing the Orphan Boy company for money. In order, however, to restore their credit they should make good the fraudulent stock and also acknowledge the advertising debts incurred by the company through their secretary. The company owes THE REVIEW a debt of this kind. This debt, when presented for payment, was not repudiated by the company. The company is in a peck of troubles. But if it has a good property it will get out of them. And Mr. Haskins would have the sympathy and support of the public under the swindle that has been put upon him if he would only act like a man of common sense.

LOST MINES.

It might be thought that a silver mine was altogether too considerable an item to be mislaid or lost, but experience has show that such losses have not only been of frequent occurrence, but the missing mines have often been found again—picked up, as it were, by fortunate passers-by. For hundreds of years the silver mines of Mexico were worked at great profit by rude methods, and many of the richest of these mines were lost or abandoned by the Mexicans on account of the frequent raids of the Apache Indians. Many years frequently elapsed before the owners dared to return to look after their property, and when they did they often found all traces of them obliterated either by earthquakes, cloudbursts or some other natural cause.

Local tradition records that over one hundred years ago two deserters from the Mexican army, upon being followed and brought back to their regiment, presented their captain with a very large piece of solid silver, found by them in the mountains. He relieved them of all punishment upon their showing him the place where it was found. The entire regiment was sent to work to dig native silver, which was found in pieces varying in weight from 2½ to 150 pounds. As usual the Apaches bounded down upon them and killed nearly all, and although the records of the government were as precise as possible as to location, it has never yet been found.

Another famous mine, the Tumacescovi, which the records of the church show produced millions in silver bullion, has never been found, although the search has been kept up almost steadily for the past fifty years. The ore was brought from the mine by the friendly Indians who were employed by the Jesuit fathers to the Tumacescovi mission in the Santa Cruz valley, where it was rudely worked. The Apaches were very troublesome, and upon several occasions murdered the entire force at the mine. Orders were given by the fathers to fill up the shaft ten feet below the surface. This was done by placing logs at that distance below the ground level and filling up with refuse. This lost mine will prove a find for some lucky prospector some day.—Argus.

W. H. Lancaster has just returned from the Slocan where there is great activity and the promise of more during the summer. Snowslides have been frequent and lives have been lost this spring.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the expiration of thirty days from date hereof the undersigned intends applying to the stipendiary magistrate for West Kootenay District for a license to sell liquor by retail, on the premises known as Barney's ranch, at Barney, situated at the intersection of the Dewdney trail and the Northport wagon road, five miles from the town of Rossland.
Dated this 20th day of March, 1897. B. O'BRIEN*

MARKET REPORT.

COMPANIES.	CAPITALIZATION.	PAR VALUE	MARKET PRICE.
Alberta.....	\$1,000,000	1 00	t 15
Alamo.....	500,000	1 00	*
Butte Gold Copper.....	1,000,000	1 00	03½
Beaver.....	750,000	1 00	10
Big Chief.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Brit.-Canadian Goldfields.....	2,500,000	1 00	40
B. C. Gold King.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Bluebird.....	600,000	1 00	8
Bruce.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Big Three.....	3,500,000	1 00	10
Caledonia Con.....	500,000		
California.....	2,500,000	1 00	7½
Cambridge.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 08
C & C.....	500,000	1 00	*
Centre Star.....	500,000	1 00	*
Celtic Queen.....	750,000	1 00	04½
Commander.....	500,000	1 00	20
Crown Point.....	1,000,000	1 00	47
Colonna.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
Cariboo.....	800,000	1 00	49
Cumberland.....	500,000	1 00	*
Deer Park.....	1,000,000	1 00	18
Delacola.....	1,000,000	1 00	04½
Eastern Star.....	500,000	1 00	20
Eric.....	1,000,000	1 00	2
Elise.....	1,000,000	1 00	5½
Enterprise.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Eureka.....	500,000	1 00	t 05
Evening Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	11
Georgia.....	1,000,000	1 00	16
Gertrude.....	500,000	1 00	8½
Giant.....	500,000	1 00	15
Good Hope.....	500,000	1 00	8
Golden Drip.....	500,000	1 00	11½
Golden Queen.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Great Western.....	1,000,000	1 00	16½
Grey Eagle.....	750,000	1 00	
High Ore.....	500,000	1 00	4½
Homestake.....	1,000,000	1 00	19
Hall Mines.....	£300,000	£1	7 00
Hilltop.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 10
Hattie Brown.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Helen.....	600,000	1 00	3
Imperial.....	1,000,000	1 00	5
I N L.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Idaho.....	500,000	1 00	*
Iron Colt.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 20
Iron Horse.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Iron Mask.....	500,000	1 00	43
Ivanhoe.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 10
Josie.....	700,000	1 00	47
Jumbo.....	500,000	1 00	59
Juliet.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 15
Kohinoor.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 10
Kootenay-Columbia.....	250,000	100 00	*
Kootenay London.....	1,000,000	1 00	12½
Le Roi.....	2,500,000	5 00	7 50*
Lily May.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Mayflower.....	1,000,000	1 00	12½
Monte Cristo.....	1,000,000	1 00	13½
Montezuma.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 4½
Mugwump.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Monita.....	750,000	1 00	19
Minnesota.....	1,000,000	1 00	*
Morning Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	8
Northern Belle.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 15
Noble Five Con.....	1,200,000	1 00	58½
Nest Egg Firefly.....	1,000,000	1 00	8
Novelty.....	1,000,000	1 00	8½
Old Ironsides.....	1,000,000	1 00	06½
O. K.....	1,000,000	1 00	25½
Palo Alto.....	1,000,000	1 00	6½
Pure Gold.....	1,000,000	1 00	5
Phoenix.....	500,000	1 00	8½
Poorman.....	500,000	1 00	6
Red Mountain View.....	1,000,000	1 00	8
Rossland, Red Mt.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Rambler Con.....	1,000,000	1 00	51
R. E. Lee.....	2,000,000	1 00	15
Rochester.....	500,000	1 00	
Rossland Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	15
St. Elmo.....	1,000,000	1 00	07
Silver Bell.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Silverine.....	500,000	1 00	7½
Southern Cross & W Con.....	500,000	1 00	20
St. Paul.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Slocan Star.....	500,000	50	2 55
Sunshine.....	500,000	10 00	*
Trail Mining Co.....	250,000	100 00	*
Union.....	600,000	1 00	*
Victory-Triumph.....	1,000,000	1 00	t 15
Virginia.....	500,000	1 00	11
War Eagle Con.....	500,000	1 00	
West Le Roi.....	500,000	1 00	
Waneta and Trail Creek.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
White Bear.....	500,000	1 00	18
Young British America.....	1,000,000	1 00	6½
Wonderful.....	1,000,000	1 00	09½
Zilora.....	1,000,000	1 00	15

Dividend paying properties appear in italics. An asterisk denotes that there is no stock on the market. t denotes treasury stock.

Results Talk.

The management of the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, Limited, now have over 150 feet of underground development to their credit in the rich Sunset No. 2. From the beginning there has been no "let up" in the exploration and development of this fine property. The work is to be pushed more vigorously, if possible, until the Sunset is a regular producer of pay ore in quantity. With pay or in quantity comes increased share values and dividends. As an investment, therefore, the fully-paid, absolutely non-assessable shares of The Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, Limited, at 10 cents per share, appeal most forcibly to every intelligent investor.

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THE ORPHAN BOY SWINDLE.

The following letter, published in the Miner over the signature of the president of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, is evidently deemed by that gentleman a full explanation of the company's dealings with F. C. Whitney, its late secretary, who, though charged with forgery, is in the full enjoyment of his liberty:

"VANCOUVER, March 24.

"EDITOR MINER—Sir: Patience is no longer a virtue in regard to the statement made by the Editor of the "Rossland Miner" I would say that this man H. W. C. Jackson, Editor and Manager of that famous paper has in his issue of the 16th of March 1897 a small article intitled "Swindle of the Public":—that the Orphan Boy Company is responsible for the stock issued by F. C. Whitney. Now let me ask that "Leading Light" if he holds any shares in that Company, and if so how did he get them? and on what date were they issued and also how much did that gentleman pay for same, and if he knows it there was any Orphan Boy Company on that date, but seeing that this would-be "Leader of B.C.," knows nothing whatever about that Company I shall try and enlighten him on that subject. Now he claims that the Company must make good all monies received from such shares—Was only \$140 according to Whitney's own story, and the 40,000 they were F. C. Whitney's own shares and was taken out of this allotment and the Company had nothing to do with them and Company never received one cent of money. Now it will not take a very smart man to figure out what this Jackson paid for said 4,000 shares that he holds and besides he was not satisfied in getting them for one cent per share, but he put in a bill for \$20.00 for a small ad in paper for one month. Now let me ask any sane man if he could expect to get sound stock at the price of one cent per share in any Company in B. C. Now this ad in the Rossland Miner did more harm than good, as I believe that this leading paper known as the Rossland Miner has a circulation of about 1800 in B. C. and perhaps not that, and further more he goes on and asks for an investigation of this so-called swindle. Now I may say I am only too ready to meet that gentleman anywhere on the Coast

either in Vancouver or Victoria where the public can have a chance to decide on the merits of this accusation made by the Rossland Miner and then all will be cleared up and then this Jackson will find that he knows nothing whatever about the O. B. Co. and moreover that people have not been swindled as he says, but on the other hand I may say that there has not been enough shares sold to pay for the supplies that it took to carry on the working of the said claim, as the Treasury has 175,000 shares left nevertheless it is a mine today and it is my money that has made it one, but since such men as Jackson is in Orphan Boy Company, now I must have my money at once as I have stood this thing long enough, and it will be well for B. C. when all such men as Whitney and some of Rossland's Lights are either buried under the sod or putting in their time in New Westminster and further more I may state that all those people that heid forged certificates were asked to send them in to Head Office for inspection some months ago and there was not one came in and for the benefit of said Editor I may say that there was no Orphan Boy Company until after the 16th day of October 1896 and all shares

held in Rossland were issued on the 12th and 15th day of October with the exception of a few, and as soon as said Orphan Boy Co. was in possession of proof of F. C. Whitney's doings that we at once commenced to investigate things and if the people of Rossland want to investigate there will be some other investigations made as well, and I am only too ready for this kind of a show-down, and then perhaps we may lose some of our surplus population that we will be well rid of and furthermore I can give this Rossland Miner man to understand that I nor Mr. Wedkind never signed those certificates issued at Rossland on Oct. 12, and 15th and 19th, and that F. C. Whitney forged my name to all and issued them before there was any Orphan Boy except those on 19th and without any order from that body of trustees and before there had been a meeting of said directors, and no one knew anything of his doings and it was 3 or 4 month afterwards before anything was found out, as being wrong. Yours respectfully,

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TELLURIDES.

Telluride ore is the general term applied by miners to a series of minerals into the composition of which the rare element tellurium enters in considerable proportion. Tellurium, itself, presents many analogies to sulphur, and forms with many of the metal compounds known as tellurides, strictly analogous to the sulphides. There is, however, this curious fact about tellurium—that it is the only known mineraliser of gold—that is to say, that native compounds of gold and tellurium exist, although gold is not found in nature combined with any other element. We are quite aware that certain authorities consider that gold occurs in combination with sulphur, but the evidence in favor of such a compound is far from clear, and upon the whole it seems more probable that there is not a native sulphide of gold than that there is. On the matter of tellurides there is, however, no doubt possible. We have, for instance, the mineral sylvanite, also known as graphic or graphic tellurium, tin white to steel gray, brittle mineral, consisting of gold and tellurium only in its purest form, though it contains at times small or large quantities of silver and lead. The other telluride minerals are.

Calaverite—A yellow grey brittle telluride of gold.
Nagyagite—A soft blackish grey mineral, consisting chiefly of tellurium lead and gold and some sulphur.
Hessite—A telluride of silver, with some gold.
Petzite—A telluride of silver with much gold.—
Black Hill Mining Review.

DEFINITIONS OF ASSAYS.

The assayer usually expects to be called on to answer an unlimited number of questions, says the Engineering and Mining Journal, but in one case at least we find that he has taken a step in advance by putting in type answers to some which are likely to be asked him. Messrs. Jones & Jones, assayers and chemists, of Denver, have issued a slip giving the following definitions of a specimen assay, a control assay and an umpire, which are convenient for readers:

A *Specimen Assay* is made to determine whether a piece of rock, mineral or other material contains gold, silver, etc. No sale of ore is made on the assay, and it is therefore unnecessary to make a number of check assays.

Control Assays are made on samples prepared from and representing a lot of ore which is for sale, and are usually either checks on the assay made by the assayers of sampling works, smelters or mills. Four checks are always run, and if the sample is not perfectly homogeneous, often many more; also, as not infrequently happens, if a repeat is required, because assays do not agree, no extra charge is made.

Umpires are assays made to settle differences between other assayers, as often thousands of dollars depend on the result. Often eight to ten checks must be made, as the trouble is frequently due to coarse gold or non-homogeneity of sample.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

The time to invest in a gold mine is now.

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The farmer, the manufacturer and the coal miner live in constant dread of over-production; but not so with the gold miner. As long as civilization endures, his product will be in demand.—Mining News.

GOLD IN THE LAURENTIANS.

The most recent news of gold in Canada is that the precious metal has been found in the Laurentian mountains in the Province of Quebec. This is startling news, as it has been considered to be a geological impossibility for gold to be found in the Laurentian range. But geological impossibilities are more rare than they used to be and the veriest scientist today hesitates to use the word "impossible." We hope that the report may prove true and that the northern side of the province may prove another gold-bearing district.—Mining News.

The great results promised from the gold mines of the British South Africa Company's territory—generally known as Rhodesia—have so far failed to materialize. A recent statement compiled at Salisbury, the chief town of the territory, and published by the Rhodesian Times, which has every reason to present the best possible showing, gives the total production from 1890, when the country was first opened, up to the end of 1896, at 7,047 crude ounces only, probably about 6,000 fine ounces. The returns of ore mined and crushed are not complete, but the average result seems to have been not far from 0.67 ounce per ton.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

According to l'Echo des Mines, of Paris, small veins carrying platinum have recently been found in syenitic rocks in Hungary. Platinum has also been found in veins of maganese ore existing in altered or decomposed syenites near Santa Rosa de Usos in Colombia.

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THE B. C. SOUTHERN CHARTER.

From its first granting down to the present the history of the British Columbia Southern charter is one of barefaced dishonesty and theft; theft not committed by struggling clerks nor starving men, nor against the private purses of individuals, but theft committed in the full light of day by the trustees of the people against the interests committed to their care. There are two classes of criminals dangerous to the community. One, the shortsighted criminal class, who steal what is nearest to their hand and what can be most readily applied to the gratification of immediate desires. For them we build penitentiaries and maintain a force of judges and policemen. The other class contains longsighted criminals, men who lay their plans a long way ahead; and who, in order that they may plunder with impunity, first acquire control of the lawmaking machine. For such men we build lordly halls to concoct their schemes in, and we decorate them with titles. They are infinitely the more dangerous class of the two. They flourish like a green bay tree. For the first class of criminals there is stern repression and condign punishment, which has a deterrent influence upon the rest of the community likely to err in the same way; but the second class, being objects of honor and admiration, sap the virtue and blind the moral judgment of the people. It is true that men, notably one, supposed to represent the eternal justice, have predicted peculiarly fitting and lasting tortures for this class of criminals. But it is unsatisfactory, even if the punishment be commensurate with the crime, that for the loss and misery inflicted upon the generations to come by Colonel Baker and his associates, we should merely be able to imagine them roasting in the fires of an unextinguishable, unlimited and everlasting Tophet. These gentlemen have appropriated to themselves thirty-nine thousand million dollars worth of coal, besides other things. Not one single dollar's worth of consideration, direct or indirect, has the province received. Thomas Carlyle was very much fretted by the persistent optimism of his friend Emerson. He took him round London one day and showed him a side view of criminal class number one, and then asked him: "Do you believe in a devil now?" "Oh, no,"

said Emerson. He then drove him to Westminster hall and showed him the legislature in full session. Turning upon him triumphantly he said: "Don't you believe in a devil now?" "No," said Emerson; "these people appear to me to be simply carrying out their share in the scheme of things, and doing it very nicely." Carlyle gave him up in despair. He need not have done so. He might have borrowed the magic carpet of the Arabian Nights, transported him to British Columbia, and showed him the legislature of British Columbia.

A PANEGYRIC.

The Wall Street Reporter of New York has an illustrated edition on Trail Creek. Several good photographs of scenes around Rossland are accompanied by the following:

"There is no doubt that Rossland is the greatest gold field that has yet been disclosed to the world: Three years ago the site of Rossland was as remote from civilization as any spot on the globe. Miners have paid as high as a dollar for getting a letter in or out. Standing on the main street of Rossland today, and seeing the bustle and hurry of its 5,000 inhabitants, and the smoking and steaming works of the mines in operation, hearing the whistle of the engine bearing carloads of gold ore to the smelter at Trail, its various fairly good hotels, its opera house and other signs of energetic and quick action, one is inclined to associate the town with some fairy tale. Standing on the main street of the town, one is surrounded by everlasting hills, and it would be a bold man who would assert which of them is the richer in precious metals.

"Away from railroads, away from commercial centres, turned down by experts and capital, a mere handful of hardy, determined miners, stood loyally behind their conviction that where Rossland now is great bodies of ore, rich in gold, silver and copper, would be developed, smelters would be built, railways would be constructed and a great business centre, with schools, churches and all the appointments of civilized life would be built up and many individual fortunes would be made. These hardy men have shown to the world that their convictions were correct. The humble and often hunger-bitten prospector

with pick on his shoulder, a stone bruise on his heel and rocks in saddle bags is the hero of British Columbia.

"Eminent mining engineers, representing London and Paris capital, are authority for the statement that within a radius of a dozen miles of Rossland nature has deposited more golden store than in any similar area on the globe.

"Five years ago it was asserted that gold mining in Rossland would not pay. The cost of mining was too great, the ore was too refractory and the cost of treating too high. What is the actual fact today? The cost of mining has been reduced by new machinery, the refractory ores have been, after several trials, successfully treated and the cost of treating is becoming less every day, and mines in Rossland are paying dividends even before they have commenced actual mining, as most of the ore has been taken out in developing work.

"There are dividend-paying mines in Rossland today that have hundreds of thousands of tons of ore on the dump that it does not pay to ship, because the cost of treatment and freight amounts to \$12 or \$14 per ton."

CONCERNING CRIPPLE CREEK.

The London Mining Journal says:

"It is possible, and most probable, that English investors will have an altogether erroneous idea of the size and wealth of Cripple Creek, and it is thus necessary to publish a solemn warning to prevent misconceptions. The gold-bearing area is practically limited to a tract of ground measuring about six miles north and south by four miles east and west, comprising a group of rolling hills on which the mines are located. Outside this 'golden circle' the ground is staked in claims for miles in every direction, and it is on this outside ground that the worthless or bogus company is floated. It is a fact, and one which should be profitably heeded, that practically no shipping mine has been developed outside this circle. Inside it the ground is, of course, limited in extent, and for years past inflated and prohibitive prices have prevailed and done much to damage legitimate mining. They have also tended to check the flow of capital, the lack of which has naturally kept down the gold output."

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2 That every foot of work done is bringing more ore in sight than on any mine in British Columbia at the same stage of development.

3 That as an early dividend payer the Victory compares favorably with any property in process of development.

4 That the SURFACE CROPPING ahead of the tunnel gives every reason for supposing that within the next two months a wonderful chute of ore will be opened up at a depth of over TWO HUNDRED FEET.

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