



The Daily Times.

KOOTENAY'S MINES.

In a recent issue the Rossland Miner thus refers to the mineral production of West Kootenay district: "This report (for the month of January) shows that the shipments of ore from the district for the month, exclusive of the ore which went out by way of Nakusp, amounted in value to \$257,778. The matte produced at the Nelson and Trail smelters and shipped during the same period amounted in value to \$416,727. The total value of ore and matte amounted to \$674,505. This is at the rate of over \$8,000,000 for the year. A month ago we called attention to the report of Collector Johnston for December. The aggregate shipments of ore and matte for the month amounted in value to \$483,450. Therefore January shows an increase in value of \$192,056. We do not imagine this extraordinary ratio of increase will be kept up through the year, though it may be. . . . The district is but in its infancy. Her smelters, which shipped nearly half a million dollars' worth of copper-matte during January have been in operation hardly one year, and the whole amount of ore mined in the district in 1896 was perhaps not worth \$100,000. Any mining district which can show such development in the same space of three years is certainly worthy of the confidence and respect of the entire mining world." The conclusions drawn by the Miner from the facts quoted are certainly not extravagant. Kootenay's status as a mineral producer is now established by actual results, and there should be no temptation for its most ardent advocate to overstate its resources for the sake of effect. There can be no reason to doubt that Kootenay's development will now go on at a rapid pace, and the province generally as well as the district itself should profit substantially thereby.

The World thinks that Vancouver is "bound to be the centre" for mining districts to the north, and that the trade "comes to Vancouver for much the same reason that water flows down hill, because it is natural for it to do so." Why it should be down-hill to Vancouver and uphill to Victoria from the district in question a geographer would be puzzled to tell. The World "gets down to business" when it speaks of the enterprise of the Union Steamship Co. Enterprise in this, as in other lines, brings its own reward.

The following paragraph appears in a late issue of the London Times: "The British Columbia Gazette shows that 230 companies were organized in the province last year for mining development. Their capital is \$345,000,000. This immense capitalization is regarded as in indication that something is radically wrong with the provincial mining laws."

This and That.

"New brooms sweep clean." In order to verify this proverb the city council is proposing to buy a horse-drawn cart for use in the principal streets. It is to be hoped that this new labor-saving appliance will meet with better success than the old horse-scraper which now rests on its labors. Perhaps the new street committee of the new city council will resurrect this ancient contrivance for keeping our streets clean.

Mayor Reider's idea of borrowing \$100,000 seems likely to bear fruit, at least in the minds of the street committee. There is much to commend it. First, it will save a whole lot of grumbling—a very important item in the making-up of the city's next year's budget. Next, it will put a large number of streets in order; Victoria West, James Bay, Work Estate and the outlying sections of the city need street-making badly. Then it will add to the city's credit, which is not a bad thing to be noted. An addition of \$5,000 per year to the interest and sinking fund will not make much difference anyhow, and further it will give contractors and workmen something to do, which is needed badly these hard times. Lastly, it will make the people of the next generation pay for what we are now doing, like Mayor Heaven's loan for streets, roads, and bridges. So, if the politicians go to work and the fun will begin. It is an excellent scheme.

Who won't the school teachers be satisfied? First one and then another

writes for increase of salary, as if the trustees did not know better than the teachers what the value of their services is. The \$600 limit is a good idea, as it gives a young girl fresh from obtaining her certificate as large a salary as a teacher that may have taught ten or twenty years, and consequently gives a young teacher an excellent idea of teaching and of her own particular value. It adds to the cost a little, no doubt, but what matters; taxpayers will grumble anyhow and the money saved would be spent in other ways.

I like Trustee Hall's motion to charge fees for the High School. Education is too cheap and nearly everybody nowadays is getting educated. "Jack is as good as his master." Would you believe it, that my butcher's boy reciprocated my last month's bill in a beautiful clear handwriting, and handing it to me with a polite bow hung at a Laigle quotation. What the translation was I do not know, but I retained enough presence of mind to pass a little check to him, which so staggered him that he retreated. Oh, yes, education is far too easy and cheap. Not only the high school but the public school should charge fees and gradually the whole system would be self-supporting. This would be hard upon the poorer citizens, but people have no right to be poor in a province like ours. W. T.

THE FARMERS' POSITION.

To the Editor:—It seems that it was inevitable that the two associations, the dairymen's and fruit-growers', which met in convention in Victoria last week, should pass resolutions so conservative regarding the tariff. The farmers of British Columbia are assuredly conservative in their mode of thinking, and perhaps take that worst form of conservatism that reaches its conclusions from a narrow and selfish view, of the conditions of life in our province and Dominion. The remedy proposed for the grievances of the farmers, namely, an increase in protection, reminds one of the sailor's query, who knew what to do with a rope too short, but felt in dire circumstances over one too long. Surely someone was struck with the glaring absurdity of every interest in the Dominion seeking increased protection for themselves "and the devil take the hindmost."

A horse so divided against itself cannot stand, and one feels inclined to believe that a policy so well calculated to respect the confederation from being must have been conceived by the devil himself, especially when we remember it was christened hypocritically The National Policy.

When one reflects on the farmers' position seriously it is readily seen that we would benefit far more by the lowering of the duties on the things we buy than by any advance of duty on the things we sell, or we must perceive that while we have a duty on our products which occasionally protects us, we have to buy in a market that is effectively guarded, not only by higher duties, but by combines and trusts, which not only control prices but control output. And what does that mean? If a uniform duty could be fixed, it would simply be the taking of money out of one pocket and putting it into the other, causing us to have a larger working capital with no increase in interest.

But that the tariff does not work uniformly need not be stated, as we all feel it too well; and that it does not work effectively for the farmer is easily shown, as we live in the Dominion and there being no limitations to the production of farm produce, energetic people soon reached the point when exportation was required to get rid of their surplus produce, and then the price was fixed not by the tariff but by world-wide competition. The enormous increase in the facilities for transportation is fast making the remnants of protection in British Columbia simply a delusion.

The steady increase of farm produce in our own province means also that we will soon glut our own markets at "slaughter" prices at all seasons, as we do it some seasons already. With eggs and butter at 12 and 15 cents there is a remarkably small margin of profit for the Yankee to pay duty and transportation charges. When we think of the Britain of 1800 and again of 1900 and ask ourselves the reason of her position, the fact of her trade policy must strike us in our minds. All the world is laying its riches at her feet, and she gladly accepts them all. Germany supplies her with sugar at 4 cents a pound and charges her own citizens 12 cents. The way she eclipses all the nations in her colonial policy is only explained by her free trade, and how could her merchant fleet and her money go to the ends of the earth to return with their increase if it was not for open ports? Surely it is time now for farmers to look below the crust and seek real reasons for the handicap of our position. We have some of the finest land and an intelligent and energetic people. Is it not a confession of weakness to say that we cannot hold our own with anyone? If the 5 cents a pound is all we are living on, God help our families. If that is all that is keeping out the "Yankees" we are not troubled. Where did we learn the cry? I'm afraid from those who have a purpose in deceiving us and if we are not in the well and the fox out of it, things are not what they appear. Would it not be wiser to adopt co-operation and stand by each other in the buying and selling of our goods, instead of fighting the others for the fattest scrap, like a lot of pigs indifferent to all the rest when they are warm? If we would only try to advance prices, not by keeping others out but by making our products so good that people could not help buying them. A good beginning has been made already with our creameries and associations. If we have in complete against the world, let us lay our necessities in the free market and our raw materials (and with an unrestricted production it will not be out of Canada). Given these conditions, with a northern climate, an energetic people and a free market, I'm not afraid but we will vindicate our selves. WILLIAM HERD, Somers, Feb. 3.

THE TROUBLE IN CRETE.

Rumor That Warships Have Commenced to Bombard Canes.

Athens, Feb. 8.—The Crete squadron is arriving at Canes did not salute the Turkish flag. Official advice says the Mussulmans are preparing a massacre at Retimo. Representatives of some of

Kitchen Emergency.

Wanted in 5 minutes! A cup of Beef Tea. Something to give strength to the Soup. Some rich Gravy for Meat. The housewife is at her wits end unless supplied with Johnston's Fluid Beef 16 oz. Bottle \$1.00

THE CATTLE QUARANTINE. Minister Fisher's Reply to the Inland Association. The following letter has been received by William Walker, vice-president of the Inland Agricultural Association of British Columbia, in response to resolutions passed at a special meeting held at Ashcroft, January 11th, and which was forwarded to Ottawa.

THE TONY FRAMPS. French Journalists on a Queer Globe-Trotting Tour. San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Among the passengers on the City of Peking, which has arrived from the Orient, were two Parisian journalists, L. Leroy and H. Papillon, who are making a tour of the world and meeting their expenses en route by publishing at various places in their travels a journal of their experiences, adventures and observations, which appears under the title En Route.

RUSSIA'S POLICY. The Czar Not Willing to Coerce the Sultan. New York, Feb. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: "Highly interesting are the signs which mark the return of Count Muraviev, showing, as they do, the wisdom of the imperial command which sent him in all haste direct to France at a time when all sorts of intrigues, of which there is now documentary proof, were being used to break the good relations between Russia and France and force Russia's hand in her peaceful policy at Constantinople. A diplomat who is in the best position to know said in conversation: 'Nothing will now come of the deliberations at Constantinople beyond giving Turkey what assistance may be needed to right her.'"

Northern Pacific Railway to Rossland. If you are going to Rossland be sure to travel via the Northern Pacific railway, the all rail route. Ship your express and freight by Northern Pacific, as that line has inaugurated through all rail freight and express service to Rossland as well as to Nelson and other Kootenay points.

Baby's Own Soap IS NOT, as most soaps, made from "soap fat," the refuse of the kitchen or the abattoir. VEGETABLE OILS supply the necessary ingredients—one of the reasons why it should be used in nurseries and for delicate skins. The Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs. Montreal.

BOECKH'S BRUSHES and BROOMS. Always reliable and as represented. CHAS. BOECKH & SON, Manufacturers, Toronto, Ont. . . .

A Good Thing Bears Repetition. The fact that we are still in the Merchant Tailoring business, and continue to uphold the reputation established by a long business career, is a good thing. SEE Our Direct Importations of Fall Woolens Should be inspected by you before you order that Suit or Overcoat. Prices Satisfactory. A. GREGG & SON, MERCHANT TAILORS, YATES STREET

THE EYES OF THE WORLD Are Fixed Upon South American Nervine. Beyond Doubt the Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age. WHEN EVERY OTHER HELPER HAS FAILED IT CURES A Discovery, Based on Scientific Principles, that Renders Failure Impossible. SOUTH AMERICAN NERVINE. In the matter of good health temporary measures, while possibly successful, do not cure the disease. South American Nervine passes by the system and immediately applies its curative powers to the nerve-centres from which the organs of the body receive their supply of nerve fluid. The nerve centres healed, and of necessity the organs which have shown the outward evidence only of derangement is healed. Indigestion, nervousness, impoverished blood, liver complaint, all owe their origin to a derangement of the nerve centres. Thousands bear testimony that they have been cured of these troubles, even when they have become so desperate as to have been pronounced incurable by the most eminent physicians. South American Nervine has gone to headquarters and cured them. The eyes of the world have not been disappointed in the inquiry into the success of South American Nervine. People marvel, it is true, at its wonderful medical qualities, but they know beyond all question that it does everything that is claimed for it. It is a standard of the new great world remedy of the nineteenth century. It should serve as a standard and all other remedies be judged by it.

HUMPHREY'S

Homoeopathic Medicines

May be obtained at BOWEN'S DRUG STORE, 100 Government Street, S.E.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Iron... Lunch 25c at the Oriental... Kotaka at Fleming Bros., Gov. at... Cretones, Demina, Muslin, Serges, Fringes, etc., at Weller Bros.

Lawrence's confectionery establishment and cafe was formally opened at noon today... The Y.M.C.A. popular concert on Saturday evening...

Street Superintendent Wilson is the latest to suffer from the petty thieves who of late are operating in James Bay district... Dr. Montisambert, superintendent of the Dominion quarantine stations...

The funeral of the late Miss Clara Daniels took place this afternoon from her late residence on Quadra street... The funeral of the late Albert Wadman...

The sum of \$222 was telegraphed to Ottawa this afternoon by the Bank of Montreal, the amount of the subscription collected by the bank and \$33 dollars collected by the Times...

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DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE

Our Specialty IN THIS PREPARATION OF JOHN COCHRANE, CHEMIST, N.W. cor. Yates and Douglas streets.

A LEPER ON BOARD Northern Pacific Steamer Pelican Arrives with a Leprous Chinese Fireman.

If any contagious disease passed unnoticed on the board the steamer Pelican, under special charter to the Northern Pacific Co., and which arrived this morning, it was not because she was not thoroughly examined by quarantine officials...

Robert Harold Harrison, physician at the Northern Pacific Steamship Company's Oriental liner Victoria, has commenced suit at Tacoma for divorce...

Two of the sealing fleet, the Penelope, Captain Macaulay, and the Beatrice, Captain Heater, have cleared for the North Pacific Ocean...

Louis Philippe Brodeur, M.P. for Rouville, Que., arrived from the east on Saturday night and is registered at the Driad.

This is the way I long have sought: And mourned because I found it not! has been the poem of joy and satisfaction of many a traveller...

Edward Field, a native of Thorold, Ontario, died yesterday morning at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Jewell, on Blanchard street...

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FROM ROSSLAND, A Good Strike Reported—Mine Owners' Organization.

Roseland, Feb. 6.—A special from Nelson announces a big strike in the Hall mines. The matter is being kept very quiet for some reason, so no particulars can be learned.

Ore receipts at Kaslo for the week ending Feb. 4, were 418 tons; for the month of January, 2,253 tons.

The members of the California Press Association, one of the strongest organizations numerically in the Golden State, and one on the rolls of which are the names of many of San Francisco's prominent citizens, are coming to Victoria in June next on their annual excursion.

The following letter was received by us addressed to "Only Corner Shoe Store, Victoria, B.C.":

There are others A. B. ERSKINE, Corner Government and Johnson Streets.

White Corn Meal, also the Golden Yellow. Fine Oatmeal, Also the Standard. Pettijohn's Breakfast Gem and Germea.

HARDRESS CLARK, Corner Yates and Douglas Streets.

Windsor Salt Insurance That Insures \$40,000. HEISTERMAN & CO., 25 Government Street.

Here's Another Offer



An offer that all gentlemen should take advantage of. We offer a lot of all-wood Men's Tweed Pants, also dark patterns, well made and neatly finished...

CAMERON, The Cash Clothier, 25 Johnson Street.

THE Massey-Harris ...Bicycle... ONLY ONE GRADE and that the Highest. ONLY ONE PRICE \$85.00. E. G. PRIOR & CO'Y. Ltd. Lby.

This Is One of Them

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A. B. ERSKINE, Corner Government and Johnson Streets. White Corn Meal, also the Golden Yellow. Fine Oatmeal, Also the Standard.

Fireworks in Chinatown Fire may work in Chinatown but good goods at the lowest possible prices are what works here.

The Sterling, 88 Yates St., E. W. Pratt, Mgr. FOR SEAGRAM'S WHISKEY

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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. CURE SICK HEADACHE. Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint.

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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are very small and very easy to take. One two pills twice a day.

TWO SINNERS. BY HELEN B. MATHERS. PART I.—CHAPTER I.

The woman had sinned and her husband had taken her back. Side by side they walked up the long, straggling fisher street.

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If she only had looked ashamed, numbered the women, but nature had no such thing as shame in her mind when she made Tammany Fletcher.

And now she and she were sitting opposite each other at the table and between them the little fair heads were bobbing over their mugs of milk and the childish voices were chattering.

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TRANSPORTATION. Going to Chicago or Anywhere East? THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE.

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