

# ROSSLAND.

As Seen by a Salemite.

No Great Boom But a Very Bright Future.

ROSSLAND B. C. May 8—I have been some time at Rossland, and as many of my friends are thinking of coming here, and want some information about the place, I thought it better to give it through the columns of THE JOURNAL.

It is a hard matter to describe this place, what has been done and the outlook for the future.

The articles I have seen in the press have been in the main true. But not all of the truth consequently very misleading. The term hundreds of buildings going up just now, leads one to think it is booming, when the reverse is a truer state of affairs.

There are at this writing about ten buildings in course of erection, that will average 20x60 and two stories high, but do not amount to much as far as work is concerned, eight or ten men will finish one in two weeks.

Then there are about thirty buildings whose average will be 12x16 one story high, what are known as box and rough, three men will build one of these in three days.

There are at a rough estimate about twenty-five hundred buildings, twenty hundred of these will not average more than 12x20, one story, box. During the winter these shanties went up like mushrooms, and carpenters and laborers kept rushing in and are still coming, while the mushroom business has ceased.

The result is apparent to anyone. More idle than busy men. This is the worst place for working people to come to in America just now for work, as a man is lucky, indeed, if he strikes work, and expenses are very high, \$6 a month for one room cabin, unfurnished, and it will perhaps cost you \$3 per week for food. But if you want anything like a home spot, everyone calling himself a man is entitled to, it will cost you just \$7.75 per week, with 5c tea extra for table and 10c extra for eggs with fresh meat order. I was told at Salem that Brown was making from \$5 to \$10 per day on sash and doors, and that another man from Scotts Mills was working every day for \$3 per day. This last man, I found working for his board and Brown and Shipp, of Salem, not doing even that well, neither having work.

The true state of affairs given me ten days ago would have saved me some money, but bought experience is the best, and this is all my own and paid for.

As for Rossland and its future I have but one opinion. That is the future looks even brighter than now, (of course to mining men). There are a good many mines working and shipping ore. Many working and piling up ore for future use, and new mines dot the hill sides everywhere, in all stages of development. Had I money for investment I would buy stock here in preference to any other. The provincial government have new mining laws before its committees now, with a view to securing greater safety to investors of mining stock. There are today shares being sold on mines that do not exist. But there is no need of any one loosing. It is a small matter to find out whether a certain mine exists or not and its stage of development, prospects, etc. The Le Roy mine probably shows the very best development so far (although the War Eagle is not far behind.) They have some of the very best machinery. The drills are worked with air compressors, 350 (h.p.) with fly wheel weighing fifteen tons, and the mine is some 600 feet deep. The expenses of shipping ore are thousands of dollars. They expect to build a smelter for this and other mines, near the international boundary, in the near future.

Five cents invested in this mine a few years ago would be worth \$750 now. Don't some of you McKinley men wish you had bought a thousand shares? Well, you didn't and now with a four story tariff your golden opportunity is gone. There is more confidence today in the LeRoy mine stockholders than the people of the

United States have in the ability of the government to restore prosperity with such a tariff. But time will tell. Well, all good people, stay where you are, if you can. The mechanical and business part of Rossland has simply got ahead of the mines. The mines will soon catch up, then for another boom.

The cars contain machinery for new mines every day. Spokane furnishes some, but the east gets the plants.

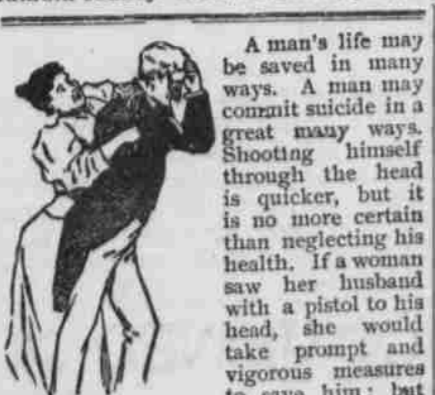
Below find listed stocks as given by a Rossland miner.

LISTED STOCKS		Bid.	Ask.
Alberta	.....	15	15
Big Chief	.....	10	10
Big Three	.....	10	10
Butte	.....	34	34
Bluebird	.....	7	7
Bruce	.....	10	10
Deer Park	.....	17	17
Dawson	.....	12	12
Dardanelles	.....	25	25
Eric	.....	5	5
Giant	.....	15	15
Golden Drip	.....	10	10
Great West'n	.....	15	15
High Ore	.....	4	4
Imperial	.....	5	5
Ilex	.....	6	6
Le Roy	.....	75	75
Lily May	.....	20	20
Mayflower	.....	11	11
Monita	.....	184	184
Monte Cristo	.....	8	10+
N. Belle	.....	10	10
Novelly	.....	4	4
Phoenix	.....	10	10
Red Point	.....	10	10
R. Lion	.....	7	7
Red'k Dhu	.....	10	10
Red Eagle	.....	7	7
Rambler Con	.....	52	52
St. Elmo	.....	64	7
Silverine	.....	9	9
Silver Bell	.....	6	6
Union	.....	6	6
Virginia	.....	10+	10+
White Bear	.....	14	14
Yale	.....	14	14

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In the mandamus suits against Secretary Kincaid the attorneys for the petitioners will it is said endeavor to have the supreme court advance them on the calendar for argument. This movement the attorneys for the secretary will resist as there is no occasion for taking their cases up for argument out of their regular order. They claim there is no private or public exigency to entitle their cases to the right of way. While they admit that it is a great wrong to keep tied up in the treasury half a million of dollars of the people's money for the next two years, yet they say no judgment of the supreme court could unlock the vaults of the treasury. That can only be done by the legislature and they can only be commenced for that purpose by the governor. He is the officer who might if he would send the creditors of the state to the treasurer for their money, instead of to the bankers. The appeal for relief should be made to the executive and not to the judiciary. That is the position we understand, of the secretary and his attorneys.

Court is in session at St. Helens, Columbia county. T. A. McBride, judge.



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