

Finch & Campbell.

Operative reports, Dec. 1, that he met one, Jno. Peterson, a Swede on Nov. 30th, and was introduced to him by Dick Lovett. Peterson (x) is at present working at the lower Mammoth tunnel. Both Lovett and Lenard told operative that Peterson was a Union man, an old-timer up there and an all right fellow. Lenard (xxx) and Dean (xxxx), who are both out of employment now, are still loafing around the saloon, up at Mace, and doing a good deal of talking and agitating. Dean, Lenard, Nelson and Lovett form a sort of combination up there and spend nearly all their time around the Mace saloon, drinking and agitating Union affairs. A.P. McDonald also does his share of the agitating. He lost his work at the Standard, a few weeks ago, for drinking, but still has his permit. Mc. Donald is a Union man, and he told operative that his partner Harry Reese, who is working at the Hecla mine under the name of Tom Walker, was an old-timer and a strong Union man.

Dick Lovett, who belongs to the Union and also to the Redmen's Lodge told operative that he believed more than ever that the Redmen's Lodge at Burke was an organization of the old-timers, and told one or two things which looked as if the Redmen's Lodge and the Burke Union were working together, and composed of the same gang.

Operative reports that he met in Wallace, a man by the name of Lamb (x), who told him that he and Barney Smith, a former secretary of the Burke Union, had been working on the Charles Dickens prospect, but had quit it for the winter. Lamb is also an old-timer, a member of the Burke Union and very rank in his views on Unionism. He said he would try to get a job at the new Employment office which has been opened at Wallace.

Operative went to Wallace with Joe Higgins (x), who told him that he understood that Tom Jay was coming back to the Frisco mine as foreman or Supt. He said Jay was an old Union man, and one of the old timers who refused to take out a permit, when the permit system was first introduced. He had also heard that Jay was going on at the Tiger mine as foreman, and Ernburg, the present foreman, was going to the Frisco. Ernburg, he said, was one of the best Union men in the country but kept quiet about it.

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Higgins used to room with H. Forties, who recently lost his permit and got it back again, and he told operative that Forties was already a Union man and also a member of the Plasterers Union.

Operative reports that Will Dewitt (xB), formerly shift boss at the Standard mine, is now working in Erie, B.C., and Cleary, who recently lost his permit at the Standard mine, has gone to Rossland, B.C.

Cleary told operative that Eastman, formerly shift boss at the Standard, wished him to propose his name for the Burke Union.

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