

Records—Kettle River Mining Division:—

	1898	1899	1900
Free miners' certificates ..	700	1,407	1,260
“ “ “ (special) . . .	..	12	8
Location records, mineral..	581	791	854
“ “ “ placer ..	..	..	27
Certificates of work.	542	712	1,268
Conveyances and agree- ments.	403	497	446
Certificates of improvem'ts	44	57	68
Abandonments	57	50	20
Water grants.	5	15	6
Permits to re-locate.	3	..	..

Records—Grand Forks Mining Division:—

	1899	1900
Free miners' certificates.	892	804
“ “ “ special . . . . .	..	10
Location records	847	570
Certificates of work	970	974
Conveyances and agreements.	637	340
Certificates of improvements	55	65
Abandonments	22	8
Water grants.	2	5
Permits to re-locate	3	1
Filings.	275	227

Cash Receipts—Kettle River Division:—

	1899	1900
For free miners' certificates	\$6,963 98	\$7,048 09
Other mining receipts.	7,276 45	8,067 40
Total	\$14,240 43	\$15,115 49

Grand Forks Division:—

For free miners' certificates	\$5,987 00	\$5,260 30
Other mining receipts	7,513 15	6,088 30
Total.	\$13,500 15	\$11,357 60
Total mining receipts.	\$27,740 58	\$26,473 09

REVELSTOKE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

It is a pleasure to record the fact that a strong Philadelphia company has decided to lease the Blue Jay placer claim in the Big Bend; one payment has been made, and arrangements are being perfected to operate on an extensive scale in the spring. The waggon road from Revelstoke to that district, which was commenced in the fall and suddenly abandoned after a few yards had been constructed (as usual, with Government money, alas!) will, we hope, have some more work done on it this year; we must be thankful for every yard, even if it does cost \$1,000. We shall get there in time, and taxes can always be increased. Still, the Big Bend is luckily not the only mining district which has vast mineral deposits of the greatest value, though it is nearly inaccessible at present. The Lardeau is yet alive and likely to attract much more attention, though it is getting to be pretty well understood now that that is the coming camp. Our old friend, the Nettie L., is working a full force of men, and while the sleighing is good, is shipping out all the ore extracted in the course of development that will bear "freight and treatment." So far scarcely any stoping has been done, as the directors wisely consider it best to make it into a mine first,

rather than ruin it by "picking the eyes out" as has been so frequently done in other cases which your readers will doubtless remember. However, she has passed the infantile stage now.

YMIK.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A large force of men are employed at the Ymir, Tamarac, Wilcox and Dundee mines. These mines are the backbone of this section.

The Riblet continuous tramway that is being installed at the Taramac mine is nearly completed; the cables have been placed in position and at the present work is being pushed in erecting ore bins and running a siding from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railroad track. It is to be hoped that immediately upon the completion of the tramway that a large force of men be put to work and that ore shipments continue regularly.

The Ymir Gold Mines, Limited, continue to turn out bricks valued at \$40,000 per month. All these bricks are shipped to the United States, either to the United States Assay Office, Helena, or to the Selby Co., San Francisco. The long tunnel that is being run on the property, and which will tap the Ymir lead at an estimated depth of about 1,700 feet is being rapidly run, and by this time next year, all the ore from the stopes will be brought to the mill via this tunnel.

It is again rumored that the Dundee mine has been sold. A new lead has been struck on the property, and it is certainly a true fissure; the width of the lead is five feet with clearly defined walls, and the mineral will average \$24 in all values. A force of men is working this new find.

The Wilcox mine is shipping ore, and average smelter tests give values to the extent of \$53. It is the intention of the management to continue shipping during the winter.

The Arlington mine has a crew of 40 men at work, and some splendid mineral is being opened out. It is thought that a mill will be erected this spring by the management, as they have considerable ore in sight and ready for treatment.

On the Keystone that adjoins the Arlington and which is bonded to Messrs. Finch and Campbell, Spokane, a crew of ten men are working. Here again a splendid showing is to be seen. At present a crosscut tunnel is being run which will tap the shaft lead at a depth of about 300 feet.

The second Relief mine management intend to erect a mill this spring, and they are preparing to take a saw mill in on the snow.

KAMLOOPS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The new year finds mining in this district in a satisfactory and progressive state. During the past year a number of properties have passed into good hands and the affairs of others have been straightened out. It has been the misfortune of this camp that all its banner prospects have for various reasons been shut down for considerable periods.

A further payment of \$11,000 was made by the B. C. Exploring Syndicate on the Iron Mask. Cross-cutting at the 110-foot level has shown the rich bands of ore on the foot wall to be fully as wide as in the