IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

A Strike of Sulphide Ore Made on the Meadow Lark.

A RICH BOUNDARY FIND

Another Payment of $28,000 Has Been Paid on the Bond on the B. C. Group—The Speculator on Springer Creek Is a Mammoth Proposition.

News from the several mining divisions of the Kootenays this week reveals that the work of developing is going steadily on and that satisfactory results are being attained. The Ymir section is very active and the shipments from that vicinity promise to be large before the present year is ended. The Boundary country is also active. Good reports come from East Kootenay, Revelstoke and Trout Lake. Appended is a summary of the news of the several divisions:

NELSON DIVISION.

The Duncan Mines company, limited, will do considerable development work during the summer on the Little George, situate on Wild Horse creek. This same company owns the Wren mine, from which quite a large sample shipment of ore was made to London recently. The Wren has had several hundred feet of development work done on it, and the company is well pleased at the way the property is showing up at present. The Duncan syndicate also owns some valuable property in the Slocan country.

Five feet of heavy sulphide has been found on the Meadow Lark in the face of the drift. One shipment of ore taken from this property ran $92 in gold. The three last samples taken from different places run $34, $20 and $36 in gold per ton. The Meadow Lark is on Wild Horse creek.

J. M. Castello has been doing considerable development on his property, the Castle group, consisting of the Castle, Clinton, Big Six, Basin and Nellie Mack, situate about one-fourth of a mile southeast of the Porto Rico mine. A shaft has been sunk 45 feet on the Castle, and three shafts 12, 18 and 19 feet each have been sunk on the Clinton. The shaft on the Castle will be sunk to the depth of 100 feet. The ledge on these two claims are each about five feet wide, with a good showing of high grade ore.

Edward Cole is at present doing development work on his claims, the Gray Mouse and Widow, situate about 2,000 feet from the Porto Rico mill site. The ledge on the Gray Mouse is about five feet wide and the ore is of a fine grade of peacock copper. Mr. Cole will continue work on these properties during the summer and fall.

There are at present about 30 men employed at the Porto Rico mine repairing the road and clearing the site for the 10-stamp mill, which will be placed at an early date. Sufficient ore is in sight to keep this mill busy for a long time. The number of men employed after the mill is erected will probably be 60 or 75. Work on the 2,500-foot aerial tramway will commence probably the latter part of this week or the first of next. The contract for the building of the tramway has already been let.

Messrs. Hughes and Baker are at present doing development work on the Violet, situate on the south fork of Porcupine creek, and adjoining the Union Jack. There is a four-foot ledge on this property with two feet of solid ore, carrying iron and copper.

Al Hughes has done considerable development work on the Silver Lake, situate on the south fork of the Porcupine, adjoining the Union Jack on the south. Over 60 feet of tunnel work has been done of this property. The Silver Lake has a well defined ledge, five feet wide, with fine galena ore in sight.

Ten men are at present working on the Tamarac mine. On account of surface water work was shut down on this property early in the spring. This property belongs to the Kenneth Mining company, and they are preparing to put in a 10-stamp mill right away, as the ore is free milling. Mr. Hanlan brought a large piece of oxidized ore in last Saturday, taken from a depth of 120 feet, in which one could plainly see free gold with the naked eye.

Frank Davey reports a good showing on the Blye, and says work is progressing rapidly on this property. He will also start a force of men to work on the Blackcock at once. These properties are situate on Wild Horse creek, and were recently purchased by the Howard C. Walters company.

BOUNDARY CREEK COUNTRY.

Development work is being pushed on the Brooklyn and Stemwinder.

The compressor plant of the Old Ironsides is being put in place under the superintendence of Mr. Aldridge. A new building has been erected for the plant, adjoining the shaft and boiler house. The foundation is of rock and cement. The compressor plant is a 10-drill one.

Thirty men are employed on the Ironsides at present. About 100 feet has been run in the new tunnel, 80 feet of which is in ore. A new blacksmith and machine shop, 30 x 30 feet, has been built near the shaft house. A trench is being dug from the shaft house to the tunnel and on to the Knob Hill. In this pipes will be laid from the compressor.

One of the richest finds recently reported has been made on the Rob Roy claim on Goat mountain, near Carter creek. The property was only staked out last March and no work has yet been done on it beyond a little surface prospecting, but that little has resulted in the discovery of the richest rock ever seen in the district. As far as has been ascertained, the property contains a lead of quartz five or six feet in width, but the extent of the paystreak has not yet been determined. Should it, however, be only a few inches and the rock continue anywhere as rich as the sample shown, the property will be one of the most valuable yet discovered in the district, as there can be no doubt as to the ore running many thousands of dollars to the ton, and good wages could be made crushing it by hand and washing it out in a pan.

More than 50 properties up the North Fork are having assessment work done on them.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

Martin Isaacson was down at Slocan City from the Exchange group the first of the week and brought with him some fine looking samples of ore from the Skookum claim, the ledge of which measures six feet in width.

On the California, owned principally by A. J. Marks and P. Burns, of Nelson, and situated close to New Denver, a foot of clean shipping ore was struck last week. A shipment is now being made to the Nelson smelter, which will be more in the nature of a test. It is expected to return 150 ounces in silver.

R. C. Campbell-Johnson, of Nelson, is preparing to crown grant the Bondholder group, on Ten Mile creek. In a short time a representative of English capital will examine the group, with a view to purchase. The Britishers have half a million available for development purposes.

On the Ohio, situated on the summit above the Enterprise and owned by F. Wells and R. I. Kirkwood, there is one of the largest showings of ore in the comp. Three veins are exposed, mostly by sluicing. The Enterprise lead shows up well on the claim, as does also the Nepawa lead, both with good high grade ore. The main vein, supposed to be the Arlington lead, has a width of 30 feet, with ore all the way across. It is of a zinc nature and gives an assay of upwards of 100 ounces. It is a most phenomenal showing, and the work now being done is improving it.

R. I. Kirkwood has in the Speculator, on Springer creek, a mammoth proposition. The vein has been proven 33 feet wide, of full concentrating value. Several streaks of clean ore run throught it, which has just given returns of 300 ounces. He lately located on extension and in the two properties has a group unequaled in the locality. They adjoin the Arlington, but surpass it in showing. Few people are aware of the immense deposit exhibited by the Speculator.

EAST KOOTENAY.

T. Farrell and Wm. Hamilton are doing work on the Farrell and Society Girl properties, situated east of the St. Eugene mine.

W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, visited the Sullivan group recently. He then went to the North Star. He was surprised at the magnitude of the showing on the Sullivan.

F. C. Smith is in from the Sullivan group of mines. Mr. Smith says that work will continue, and that F. P. Hogan, general manager of the company, will be in Fort Steele in about 10 days.

H. K. Highby and H. L. Amme are doing assessment work on a gold property on Boulder creek.

On the Swan mineral claim, situated on Tracy creek, they have two and a half feet of ore that runs over $100 to the ton.

Some beautiful specimens of copper pyrites and native copper were brought in from the Goody fraction by Dave Newal.

The Nip & Tuck Placer Mining company, on Wild Horse creek, is running night and day moving a large amount of ground. A rich clean-up is expected.

There has been recorded at the Fort Steele office, this year, 211 new mineral locations, not nearly as many as last year in the same time; this is due to the extreme lateness of the season. Prospectors are now going into the mountains and there is no doubt that a large number will be recorded later on.

REVELSTOKE AND TROUT LAKE.

Never in the history of this district since the early days has there been such activity in mining operations as at present. The French Creek company have a large gang of men at work on their promising placer properties. The Carnes Creek Consolidated Mines company has a large number of men employed, and the showings and prospects of their mine were never better. The Last Chance is in good pay dirt, and will be a surprise to many before the season is over. And, besides these, private companies and individuals are hard at work in goodly numbers making big money. The transportation facilities are inadequate and too expensive, and something should be arranged for at once to give the many in this rich section a better and cheaper communication with its supply point.

Some great strikes have been reported at the foot of Trout lake. The chief among those is the strike reported on the Pedro group. This property is situated up Canyon creek and comprises three claims, the Pedro, Black Jack and Solo. This property has two veins running through it, and as the result of development operations some very fine ore has been exposed, which gave returns, when subjected to a test, of 2,106 ounces in silver, $5 in gold and 17 per cent. copper, giving a total value of $1221.76 per ton. Then there were other assays, one from the upper and the other from the lower vein, which gave returns from the former, 2021.44 ounces silver and the latter, 1233.74 ounces silver.

The other day a big strike was made in the Copper Chief, a property owned by J. Matheson, and situated about three miles from Trout Lake City. The character of the ore appears to be arsenical iron, and although no assays have been made as yet it is expected that it will run pretty well in gold. An area of the ledge, about 40 feet square, has been uncovered and fine specimens of the ore have been taken. Some five claims owned by different parties are staked on this ledge.

Anderson & Craig of Kaslo, owners of the Pawnbroker group, situated on Hope creek, about three miles from the Lardo river, have a six-foot ledge of fine galena and iron ore in quartz in a contact of lime and slate. The ledge is opened up with cuts and stripping for a distance of 1,200 feet and appears to be a strong vein. Their samples are a high grade cube galena.

On the Glacier, about four miles from Trout Lake City, is the claim owned by Moyer & Co. They are running a tunnel which is now in 90 feet. The Klondike group, owned by Thomas Wilson of Trail, Graham Fowler of Rossland and Nathan Lay of Trout Lake, consists of five claims. The work is being done on the Northern Belle. They have a 20-foot shaft and a 12-foot crosscut. The ledge is about 12 inches wide, and the surface assays 760 ounces of silver and about $3 in gold.

Mobile claim, owned by Charles Dillon and J. Bruno of Trout Lake, has a 12-foot shaft on an 18-inch ledge.

The Norway group, on Five Mile creek, has a fine surface showing, a high grade of galena and grey copper. They are running a tunnel, which is now in five feet, to crosscut the lead.

The Bad Shot, on Duncan river, has a 15-foot tunnel on a ledge of fine galena and grey copper. The property has recently been bonded for $100,000, and experts are now examining the claim in the interest of the bondholders.

THE STOCK MARKET

The Movement in Deer Parks Has Been Very Free.

VIRGINIAS ARE GOING UP

Monte Christos Are Recovering From the Late Slump—War Eagles Are Advancing Because Another Dividend Has Been Declared—Etc.

The stock market for the week ending last evening was rather lively, and brokers express themselves as satisfied with the volume of the transactions. The establishment of the stock board at Toronto is said by local brokers to be of benefit to Rossland traders, as it is securing new customers all the time and thus increasing the business, both at Toronto and here. During the past week Deer Parks have been free movers nd have advanced a few points under the impetus given them by the increased demand. Last week they were quoted at from 15½ to 17½, and yesterday the shares were firm at from 18 to 18½. The company refused to sell 50,000 of the treasury shares a few days since for 17 cents. This reveals that the management has confidence in the future of the mine, and thought that by holding its shares for a short time that the offered price could be improved upon. The manager, Mr. Mulholland, announces that he has advertised for tenders for furnishing a seven-drill compressor and a hoisting plant of sufficient capacity to hoist from the 1,000-foot level. This fact and the excellent condition of the mine makes it look as though Deer Parks are good buys at present prices. Local brokers confidentially predict that this stock will considerably advance in price in the next few days.

Virginias have advanced during the week from 42 to 46 cents, and they are firm at that figure. There were large orders for Virginias yesterday from Toronto and other eastern Canadian points, but they could not be filled as they were a shade under the market price.

Monte Christo slumped a little during the early part of the week, but recovered, and last night they were quoted at 29½ and 30½. The slump was partly due to the shutting down of the mine in order to make repairs to the boiler. Work was resumed yesterday, and the shipments to the smelter were immediately continued and will be kept up. The mine is said to be in good condition, and when the new plant that has been contracted for is installed there will be a large increase in the output.

War Eagles, which fell off a few points are recovering. This recovery is due to the fact that another dividend has been declared and of course, there is nothing sends shares up like the prospect of a dividend. War Eagles were yesterday quoted at $2.60 to $2.65.

Iron Masks have fallen off in the estimation of sharebuyers a few points. This is doubtless due to the long continued litigation between the Iron Mask and the Centre Star company. Yesterday these shares were quoted at from 65 to 70 cents.

Le Rois are selling at $6.25 and the prospect now is with the large output of ore that it will not be long before a dividend will be declared by the company.

Good Hopes are selling at from 2½ to 3½ cents, One block of 10,000 shares were sold during the week at the top figure.

Giants were selling at a lively rate during the week and the price of the shares has been raised to 10 cents by the company. The ore on the dump is being sent to the Trail smelter.

Orders for 7,000 shares of Salmo Consolidated were received yesterday from England. The price paid was 15 cents. Advices received from the property of the Salmo Consolidated company is to the effect that that the shaft is still in ore and as depth is attained the grade is higher.

ALL SORTS OF NEWS.

A Complaint as to the Mail Service in the Boundary Country.

Harvesting has commenced in the Kettle river valley.

Grand Forks wants a foundry and machine shop.

Greenwood is organizing a volunteer fire brigade.

Moyie City has formed an athletic club.

There is a well defined rumor in Greenwood that the Bank of British Columbia intends to establish a branch there.

J. A. Thompson, of Victoria, provincial inspector of steamers, has been examining the steamers on the Kootenay lakes of late.

There is a mountain lion in the vicinity of the Black Cock mine near Ymir and Frank Davey, the expert of the Walters company, is after it with a heavy bore Winchester.

Captain Gore is at Nakusp making arrangements for the commencement of construction work on the new steel steamer to be built there as an addition to the Arrow Lake fleet.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has completed arrangements for opening branches at Cranbrook and Fernie, two young towns along the route of the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

The Nelson company of the B. C. Rifles had a benefit last week at Nelson. The entertainment was furnished by the company and netted quite a large sum.

H. W. Simpson & Co. of Nelson, have been awarded the contract of clearing the right of way 100 feet wide from Bonnington to Rossland for the West Kootenay Light & Power company.

The Boundary Creek Times complains that the mail service between Grand Forks and Greenwood is a disgrace to the postoffice department. It is alleged that it sometimes takes letters seven days to traverse the 20 miles that intervene between the two places.

G. R. Muir of Moyie has closed a deal for cutting 20,000 ties for the Crow's Nest road, and has entered upon the work. The filling of the contract will give employment to at least 20 men for a period of two months.

A few days since near Rosebery, while the train was running 15 miles an hour Conductor Brown spied an eagle perched upon a tree. He fired at it with a rifle, and the bullet knocked the bird off its perch. The train hands then captured it.

The Kootenaian of Kaslo is sold to a joint stock company, with D. King remaining as business manager, and the News has abandoned its daily edition.

The managers of the Silver King say that silver will go up to 90 cents before the end of the year. If it does the Slocan will fairly boom.

The violent wind storm of the 10th inst. appears to have been general over the Kootenays. It was especially severe on Slocan lake and at New Denver. Trees were blown out by the roots, fences were scattered about the townsite and several narrow escapes are reported.

The machinery for the new C. P. R. steamer, now in course of construction at the Nelson shipyard, has arrived at that city. The rivetters have about completed their work, and the shipbuilders are expected there within a few days.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company will immediately complete the survey of their line from Bear lake to Whitewater. The survey from Three Forks to Bear lake was finished some months ago. The construction of this road may be looked for at any time.

The spur extending from the Crow's Nest railway to the coal mines is about completed. The siding for the large mill two miles west of Fernie is now under construction. Track laying on the main line is now proceeding at the rate of two and a half to three miles per day.

The surveying party in charge of Mr. England, who has charge of the work between the summit and Grand Forks, has moved its camp from the foot of Christina lake to Mr. Gilpin's place. It is expected to have the line permanently located between the Forks and Cascade City by the 1st of August.

A large forest fire started in the vicinity of Brunell's camp on the Crow's Nest railway recently. McCrimon's and Patten's camps were burned out. The fire was the most extensive that has occurred in that district for many years. The fire started in Brunell's camp and extended to below Patten's, a distance of over four miles. The mill company lost 400,000 feet of logs.

At a meeting of the directors of the Kootenay Lake General hospital, held at Nelson recently, the resignation of A. H. Clements from the offices of treasurer and director was received with regret. Police Magistrate E. A. Crease was appointed to succeed him on the board, and Judge Forin was appointed treasurer.

A meeting of the Nelson Bar association was held recently for the purpose of requesting the government to grant a court vacation during August and September for the Kootenays, on similar conditions to the other portions of the province. A resolution was passed to secure the co-operation of the Rossland association, and a meeting of the latter will be held shortly for the same object.

Messrs. Piper & Co. of Revelstoke have received a contract from the C. P. R. to furnish the company with 100,000 brick for use in the erection of a new machine shop and on the extension of the round house. The sample of brick sent to the company by Messrs. Piper & Co. assayed the highest of any brick put in for competition.

Nelson Gullickson was drowned recently while returning in a boat from Burton City to Byron Burton's ranch, opposite Sand island, where he had been engaged for the past year. He was accompanied by Samuel Homer of Burton City, who, at the time of the accident, was rowing the boat. Gullickson was sitting in the stern of the boat paddling. The paddle suddenly slipped out of his hand, and in turning quickly to grab it he lost his balance and went into the Columbia. A heavy current runs in that particular place and it was impossible for Mr. Homer to render much assistance, and the deceased sank at once. On coming to the surface his dog sprang from the boat into the water, but in an instant the unfortunate man sank again and was seen no more. Gullickson was a native of Norway and 55 years of age.

Fred Carlisle was rudely interrupted in his mining operations on Springer creek, Slocan, last week by a bear described as large as a bovine, wandering into camp, which seemed anxious to engage in battle array. Mr. Carlisle accommodated it by attacking it with a six-shooter, firing two shots into the "critter" and badly wounding it. The infuriated animal then made a charge, and compelled his adversary to climb a tree, but shortly afterwards sought its native haunts in the woods. Bears are quite plentiful in the hills these days.

While Martin Isaacson was sitting in the cabin at the Exchange mine, Slocan, recently an adventursome bear effected an entrance through the window and immediately proceeded to devour a portion of his provisions. Mr. Isaacson retreated to the farthest corner of the building and with an air of deep concern watched the big shaggy fellow eat with apparent relish a strip of bacon and a bag of oatmeal. Bruin knew when he had enough and having finished his meal he leisurely took his departure, grunting his thanks to the hospitable host as he did so. Mr. Isaacson admired the animal's pluck, but deplored his own luck in not having a gun.

A Plant For the Deer Park.

Fred Mulholland, the manager of the Deer Park, is now receiving tenders for a new seven-drill compressor and a hoist to be installed at the property. The hoist will be of a capacity of two tons, and will lift that load 1,000 feet.

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Stock Market.

The market was fairly active and there was a good demand for stock. Virginia remains steady at 45, Deer Park at 18, and Monte Christo at 30. Orders are coming in for Giant and this stock is likely to advance rapidly. The first shipment from the mine was made yesterday to the Trail smelter. Work is being pushed in both the tunnel and shaft and every effort is being made to open up the mine as quickly as possible.

Athabasca	32
Big Three	12
Commander	15½
Deer Park	18
Dundee	75
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Good Hope	3½
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