

A recent attempt at dredging for gold in the northern Similkameen appears to have been a failure. The *Similkameen Star* says: "The Weeks-Adams gold dredger at Granite creek has closed down after a few days' run. The machinery has been housed on the bank of the creek ready to be removed or disposed of as the proprietors see fit. Various causes have contributed to the necessity for stopping the dredger, chief of which was the lack of values in the placer. High water in the creek was also an important factor, for if the water had been low a better quality of ground would have been reached. It is not probable that bedrock was touched or better results would have been obtained."

In his report to the directors of the North Star Mining Company, Mr. N. McL. Curran, manager of the North Star mine, says, among other things, that during the year just past work has mostly been confined to the mining of ore in and adjoining the old works. A good deal of prospecting has been done and several bunches of good shipping ore have been discovered. Three holes 534 ft. deep have been sunk by means of diamond drill. One of these holes is very encouraging and further drilling will be prosecuted. The mine has shipped 4,000 tons of ore during the year at a profit. On the whole, remarks the *Cranbrook Prospector*, Mr. Curran's report is most encouraging as to the future of the North Star.

The Hon. the Premier, who is also Minister of Mines for British Columbia, with other members of the Provincial Government has been making a tour of Yale and Kootenay districts. At Greenwood, Boundary, the members of the party were shown through the British Columbia Copper Company's modern smelting works by the manager, Mr. J. E. McAllister, and his assistant, Mr. E. G. Warren. At Grand Forks, Mr. A. B. W. Hodges, and his assistant, Mr. W. A. Williams, showed similar attention to the visitors, who were greatly interested in the numerous improvements and additions being made to the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company's big copper reduction works at this place.

A press despatch from Phoenix gives the following information: The shipments of ore from the Granby mines, in this camp, for the month of May totalled 93,316 tons, and with the exception of that of last March was the biggest monthly tonnage ever sent out from the mines. In March all the furnaces at the company's smelter were running at full capacity, while during May two furnaces were out of commission for a considerable length of time, in connection with the improvements now going on there; accordingly less ore was treated. The shipments for the first five months of 1908 were 294,317, over a third greater than for the same period last year. The shipments for the first five months of 1907 were 206,073 tons.

From the *Whitehorse Star* it is learned that at the close of June the water in the river at that place was slowly but surely rising and from then on trouble on the bars at the head of Lake LeBarge was not anticipated. However, the Selkirk which left there late in the month was 48 hours on the bar near the head of the lake and the Casca which left eight hours later was detained until the Selkirk was freed, for the reason that the latter was blocking the channel. The Watson River which empties into Lake Bennett, a tributary of the river there, was then bank full and all the little streams running from the summit of White Pass toward Whitehorse had never been known to have more water at this season of the year than at present.

The following details of production at the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood, Boundary District, during the company's last fiscal year, ended November 30, 1907, have lately been made public:

	Product.	Amount Realized.
Refined copper (lb.)	8,643,133	\$1,579,967
Silver (oz.)	101,114	67,274
Gold (oz.)	24,967	512,233
Total		\$2,159,414

The company received an average price of 17.52 cents per lb. for its copper, which, under a three-year contract, is sold through the L. Vogelstein agency.

In its "Mining Market" column the *London Mining Journal* on June 20 made the following comment: "Le Roi No. 2 have been £1 15s. during the week, on the starting of smelting by the Queensland Exploration Company, but the shares have fallen back in spite of the declaration of a dividend of 2s. Ymir's have been a feature. We mentioned a fortnight ago that the manager had apparently found the vein which he has for some time been seeking. It is now announced that the large holders of debentures have agreed to exchange their bonds for shares at par, the mortgage indebtedness of the company being now reduced from £40,000 to some £4,000. The share capital will be increased by 200,000 shares in order to effect the exchange and leave a balance over for working capital. Ymir's have been 4s. 9d., but are lower again."

During the last week of the month smelting operations were resumed by the Dominion Copper Company at its smelting works at Boundary Falls. Mr. M. M. Johnson, of Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., the company's consulting engineer, who lately paid another visit to its mines and smelter in the Boundary, is reported to have said: "Everything is ready for the big new furnace to operate. This portion of the plant is equipped with the latest appliances for smelting copper ores, including electric feed, and has a