

Mining News

Rossland Camp.

In its weekly mining review the Rossland Miner says:

The news of the week is undoubtedly the railway developments on the south-east slopes of Red Mountain and the possibilities which are thereby fore-shadowed. It is inevitable that in order to permit the ores of the camp being marketed near the camp so as to cheapen as far as possible the freight rates for treatment purposes that improvements will be made in the railway service and the probability is that the present little track on Red Mountain is but the precursor of many others which will be added from time to time to subserve the mining industries of this district.

It is also encouraging to note that the results of deep mining have been so favorable that two other mines are about to extend their workings, the Rossland, Great Western and the Le Roi No. 2, down to 800-foot levels. The indications of an increasingly rich mineral country to be found at depth is not confined to the War Eagle or to the Le Roi, but are also found in the Nickel Plate and the results of the Poorman cross-cut show whether this greater mineralization also applies to that mine also.

The output for the past week is again well over the 6,000 ton mark, and the total for the year is better than that for 1899 by 300 tons. This leaves seven weeks and two days to the end of the year which should show an output of between 40,000 and 50,000 tons at the rate of about 5,500 a week, which has been the average of the fall and late summer.

Enclosed is a list of the shipments of the past week and year to date:

	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	4,370	139,445
Centre Star	2,576	27,385
War Eagle	2,267	10,663
Le Roi No. 2	60	1,335
Iron Mask	25	530
L. X. L.	331	414
Giant	273	351
Evening Star	273	273
Monte Christo	20	20
Iron Colt	20	20
Splittee	20	20
Total	6,731	183,367

Le Roi.—Below the extension of the Tregear at the 500-foot level has resulted in crossing a spur of the great Josie dyke, and encountering 75 feet of ore on the dyke itself. The paychute there is about 30 feet in width, and there is a consequence quite a nice little ore body discovered. West of the great dyke it is not the intention of the management at present to go, as they have plenty of ore ready for the market from these bounds. Two hundred feet below this point the vein has been found to be 115 feet in width, with 85 feet of shipping ore. Further down the vein still maintains its width, and the values are even better taken right across the vein. The Poorman crosscut, from the 900-foot level is now in Josie ground. It cuts the north vein of the Le Roi at a distance of 400 feet from the main vein, and is found to be 10 to 20 feet in width of average values.

Spotzee.—Work continues on the shaft. The lead is becoming stronger and the assays are very satisfactory, running from \$25 to \$100 to the ton. The gold values are high, and as high as 2 1/2 to 2 1/2 ounces to the ton is shown in the assays. Another ledge has been found at a point 15 feet south of the one of which the work is being done. It is about five feet wide. It is thought by the management, however, that it is a portion of the ledge on which the shaft is now being sunk, and the impression is that when depth has been gained that which are now apparently two ledges will come together, and form one lead 25 to 35 feet in width. Some of the ore in the middle of the vein looked so much like country rock that it had been put in the waste dump. Some of this was assayed lately, and it went over \$25 to the ton. This ore is now being saved.

Rossland Great Western.—This mine was closed down for a couple of days during the week owing to the regrettable accident which occurred there, and from the necessity of overhauling the compressed and boiler plant of the mine. The pump station has just been finished, and the pumping gear and piping is now all in order and in place. Having completed this it is the intention to proceed sinking another lift, and the shaft will therefore be extended down to the 800-foot level. In the interim the cuts on the 400 and 600-foot levels in order to reach the middle vein or the mine are in progress.

Le Roi No. 2.—The work on the Le Roi No. 2 is at present confined to the pushing of the crosscut from the 500-foot level on the Josie to the Amie joint. The third compartment of the shaft has now nearly reached the surface, and with its completion, the cutting of a sump and the proper construction of the stations at the various levels will be undertaken. Another lift will be sunk, bringing the depth of the mine down to the 800-foot level, which will probably be extended to the 900 in order to connect with the crosscut, which is being driven from the 900-foot level of the Le Roi to intersect the Poorman ore chute at depth.

Homestake.—The long tunnel is in now a distance of 751 feet 153 feet of which is in the Homestake ground. In the south crosscut of 38 feet some nice ore has been encountered. Everything is looking very encouraging, and they expect shortly to get ore in the main tunnel in a ledge which has been located on the surface.

Iron Mask.—Work is going on at the 500-foot level at the east end of the mine, where the crosscuts for the middle vein have intersected the ore body, finding it up to expectation.

Centre Star.—The second lift is being sunk to the fifth level, where a station is being cut anterior to the prosecution of the various drifts opening up the level. The development work on the other parts of the mine is proceeding as usual. The mining is still all being done from the great ledge on the north level.

War Eagle.—Development is proceeding on the seventh and eighth levels of the War Eagle, and some good ore is being found. Indeed, the mine is looking better at this depth than it has done

on the levels immediately above these. Giant.—The workings are full of ore, which has been broken down and is ready for shipment. The crosscut on the 100-foot level is being extended so as to get under the ledge from which the ore is being stoped near the surface.

Douglas Hunter.—Work on the lower drift tunnel is being pushed, and the showing of ore is increasing. The chutes that have been encountered recently are stronger and richer than those which were met nearer to the surface. The management of the Douglas Hunter is now confident that it has a mine.

Evening Star.—The winze is down 240 feet below the level of the lower tunnel, and over 340 feet from the surface. The showing of ore in the winze is of an encouraging nature. As soon as the winze reaches a depth of 300 feet from the floor of the tunnel, drifting both ways from its bottom will be commenced.

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Another Canadian volunteer from South Africa arrived in Nelson on Sunday, in the person of George Holbrook, a former Nelson man who was residing in Greenwood when men were invited to enlist for active service. He went to Kingston and joined C battery, Royal Canadian Artillery. The Canadian artillery saw lots of fighting, and Holbrook was wounded once. Holbrook took on as farrier quartermaster-seventeen, and the first engagement in which his battery participated was the relief of Mafeking.

VANCOUVER.

The board of trade has decided to make a determined effort to bring the much-mooted question of an improved Northern steamship service to a focus. At the regular meeting on Tuesday night a suggestion of the president prevailed, that a public meeting should be called at an early date, probably the latter part of this week, to afford opportunity of a general discussion of the subject, and the formation of some plan whereby the desired object can be obtained. The board also resolved to petition the chief commissioner of lands and works to consider the construction of a road from Minto to Pemberton Meadows, to a suitable shipping place on the Coast. Only two miles of road is necessary, which, it is claimed, can easily be constructed.

Among the passengers on Tuesday's outgoing Canadian Pacific railway express were Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace, of Claxton, Skeena River district. Mr. Wallace is connected with the salmon cannery industry, and recently shipped a large consignment of frozen salmon to New York and the other Eastern market centres. His present trip East is to place the salmon on the markets and closely look into the probable future of the trade which he is endeavoring to work up.

Chairman Wood presided at the meeting of the police committee on Tuesday. Attention was drawn by the chairman to the condition of the city jail. The opinion was unanimous that a new building was badly needed, but in view of financial considerations, it was decided to have a fence erected around the jail to make the premises serviceable until the question of a new structure could be seriously considered. Messrs. Boag and Webster, representing the United Socialist Labor Party, appeared before the committee to ask that some definite understanding be given them as to the rights of the Socialists to hold meetings on the street. The matter was left in the hands of the chief of police to try and arrange with the various organizations which are accustomed to hold street meetings, to discuss themselves in such a manner, and in such localities as not to interfere with traffic.

Rev. I. G. Matthews, pastor of Zion Baptist church, who has been tendered a call by the Baptists of New Westminster, has considered the matter and will give his answer to the board of management of Zion church at a meeting to be held to night. It is stated on the best authority that Mr. Matthews will accept the call and take charge of the Baptist pulpit in the Royal City in the course of a month.

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Jimmy McConnell, a lad of 13 years, appeared in the police court, on Monday, on a charge of housebreaking. The case was dismissed. During the magistrate's questions a deplorable example of darkness amongst light was brought out. The boy's answers showed that he and Heaven were not even names to him, and the Bible, the little lad said, he had never heard of.

Provincial Constable Simmons, of Vernon, arrived in town by Saturday night's train with a batch of prisoners. William and Fred Smithson, half-breeds, were committed for trial at the spring assize, charged with wounding with intent to kill. Two other of the prisoners, Indians, Alex. and Manuel, were brought here to serve one year sentences in Kamloops jail for stealing a horse and saddle at Vernon on October 19th. G. Collins also came before Judge Spinks on Friday charged with house breaking on the west side of Okanagan lake, in September last. However, the major charge of house breaking was reduced, on account of insufficient evidence to convict, to one of having stolen property in his possession. This was easily proved and the prisoner received six months in Kamloops jail. The sixth prisoner is Ah Sam, a Chinaman, who has come to reside at the Hotel de Vickers for six months for having sold whiskey to Indians.

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