

Mining Throughout British Columbia

Receipts at Trail—Dividends for First Quarter—Recent Bonds—Greenwood Smelter Developments—Copper Market Improves—Tonnage at Trail—Sylvester—Interior.

The following is a list of the ore received at the Trail Smelter during the week ending April 7th, 1919:

Mine	Location	Gross Tons
Buster.....	Beaverdell, B. C.	8
Centre Star.....	Rossland, B. C.	1908
Duncan.....	Beaverdell, B. C.	15
Emma.....	Coltern, B. C.	179
Galena Farm.....	Silverton, B. C.	20
Iron Mask.....	Kamloops, B. C.	92
Josie.....	Rossland, B. C.	307
Lightning Peak.....	Edgewood, B. C.	6
Molly Hughes.....	Molly Hughes Landing, B.C....	20
North Star.....	Kimberley, B. C.	78
Paradise.....	Athalmer, B. C.	37
Rambler Cariboo.....	Rambler, B. C.	29
Sullivan (zinc).....	Kimberley, B. C.	3762
Sullivan (lead).....	Kimberley, B. C.	550
Total		7011

North-west mining dividends have fallen off nearly 50 per cent. in the first quarter of 1919 in comparison with a corresponding period in 1918.

Dividends for the first quarter of 1919 reached but \$1,484,711, compared with \$2,629,307 for the first quarter of 1918. The decrease is largely due to the fact that Hercules, the big Coeur d'Alene profit-payer, has been closed down since late in 1918, thus cutting off \$750,000 from the quarter's results. The Hercules management gives out no information and it is possible part of the cash surplus has been distributed during the last quarter.

The Coeur d'Alenes contributed \$750,150, compared with \$1,857,202 for the same period in 1918; four companies figuring in the list as follows: Bunker Hill, \$327,000; Caledonia, \$78,150; Federal, preferred, \$210,000, and Hecla, \$150,000.

British Columbia mines contributed \$695,711, compared with \$772,105 for the same quarter in 1918.

Granby led with \$374,962; Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company was second, with \$261,936; Hedley, third, with \$24,000; Rambler-Cariboo, fourth, with \$17,500, and Florence Silver, which enters the dividend column for the first time, with \$17,373.

Washington's contribution was \$23,790, from Electric Point. Last year the state paid no dividends in the first quarter.

A forecast of dividends by Sidney Norman, editor of North-west Mining Truth, for the present year is approximately \$7,000,000, compared with \$9,985,206 for 1918. The greatest loser will be the Coeur d'Alene district, with British Columbia holding well up to results of last year.

Smelter returns from Tacoma on ore sent from the Premier mines on Salmon River in Northern British Columbia have been received and are stated to be more than satisfactory. The gross value from 204 3-4 tons was \$67,483.55. Another shipment will be brought down within a few weeks. The Premier was formerly known as the Bush property, and is owned by R. K. Neill, of Spokane, and Messrs. Woods and Trites of Fernie. Work on the property has progressed all winter and it is reported that some ore of exceptional richness was encountered recently.

Several important mining deals have taken place in the Salmon River district in the past few days and the belief is generally expressed that the mining convention held in Vancouver in March had much to do with encouragement of recent transactions. Among the larger deals reported

was the purchase by New York men of a considerable interest in the Bush mines. The Forty-nine and Yellowstone groups have been bonded to Mr. C. F. Caldwell for \$125,000. Mr. Caldwell is operating the Utica at Kaslo. The Silver Creek group, adjoining the Joker, has been bought by Mr. O. B. Bush, of Vancouver, for \$100,000.

All of the properties referred to will be operated this summer according to present plans. This will make work for a large number of men. There will also be road building and the construction of a new wharf in the district, giving opportunity for employment of returned soldiers at outdoor work in an excellent climate. The wharf, which will be built by the Dominion department, will cost approximately \$34,000 and will be an extension of the present wharf at Stewart. The work in the district is expected to commence in July.

The mining properties now working in the Salmon River district are the Premier, Mineral Hill and Joker. Work will commence about July 1 on the Big Missouri, recently bonded to Sir Donald Mann, the Yellowstone, Bush Mines, Forty-nine and Silver Creek. The district has been quite thoroughly prospected and a large number of prospectors are heading that way for their summer's work.

The Pittsburg group of free gold claims in the Hope district has been bonded to a syndicate of eastern capitalists by Mr. John O'Connell. The group adjoins the Emancipation group which is producing some good ore. Work has been progressing for some time on the Pittsburg, and some excellent ore is disclosed in the tunnel. It is reported in mining circles to-day that Mr. Charles Cartwright, of North Vancouver, has bonded his Lead Queen group in the Windermere district.

Efforts designed to restore the Greenwood smelter to activity are proceeding, according to Oscar Lachmund, metallurgical engineer, who, with a committee of Greenwood citizens discussed the subject recently with A. H. Rogers, consulting engineer for the Canada Copper corporation, owner of the plant.

"The meeting will probably result in the Canada Copper corporation setting a price for the purchase of its holdings in the district, including the smelter and mines," said Mr. Lachmund.

Greenwood flourished from the operation of the smelter and mines, engaged in for many years until the owners of the properties completed the development of its Copper Mountain mine, near Princeton. It has other plans for the disposal of its copper concentrates, sending them probably to the Consolidated smelter at Trail, which makes the use of the smelter unnecessary.

"There is much to encourage the prospector in the country about Greenwood and in the Slocan division," said Mr. Lachmund. "These fields are likely to become attractive to those boys from overseas that prefer work in the open to work underground. Its attractions will be increased if the Government becomes favorable to the establishment of sampling works in the several districts to which the producer could ship and get his money in a few days.

"The success that may be achieved in operations on a small scale is illustrated by the performance of Duncan McIntosh, who removed \$100,000 in high-grade ore from the Bell Mine of the Beaverdell district, on Wallace Mountain, in two years, out of which he took up a bond of \$26,000 on the mine and a profit besides.

"Lessees are at work on various claims in this district. The veins are narrow, but they persist into depth, evidence of which is found in the Carmi, which represents a geological level 1,000 feet deeper than the Wallace Mountain claims."