

The Nip and Tuck has been leased by the purchasers to Mr. J. M. Buxton of Vancouver, who is well known in mining circles. Mr. Buxton has associated with him a number of English capitalists. They will put in a new hydraulic mining plant and will push work on the claim during the coming season. This property is situated on Wild Horse Creek and is considered very rich. We heartily wish the gentlemen engaged in the enterprise, success.

At the North Star in running a cross-cut they struck eight feet of solid ore. Twenty-two teams are hauling out ore at the rate of about 30 tons a day to the Kootenay River. A contract has been entered into to ship 5000 tons of ore during the coming summer.

A shipment of five tons from the Last Chance has furnished the following returns: 136 ounces in silver, \$1.75 in gold, and 3½ per cent. copper. Since the shipment was made the property has been bonded to a Montana syndicate.

The Utopia and Quantal are said to have been bonded to Montana parties. The Bard Mountain property is also under bond for \$35,000, and several parties are looking after the Sullivan group. There will be four steamers on the river as soon as navigation opens.

SLOCAN.

A big strike is reported on the Goodenough of fifteen inches of ore, eight inches galena and seven of carbonates on the lower tunnel.

The Noble Five, Goodenough, Last Chance, American Boy, and Deadman are said to be taking out 24 carloads of ore per day between them.

The Star is shipping two carloads of ore a day, one by the K. & S. and one by the C. P. R.

The Fisher Maiden has about 40 tons of ore ready for transport. Work is suspended on the Currie.

The Enterprise on Ten Mile Creek is progressing favorably on the lower tunnel, while the upper tunnel has for the first time pinched out, but work is continued on it with the expectation of shortly striking ore again.

The owners of the Silver King mineral claim, situated at Jackson's Basin, have struck a small vein of solid ore, which is said to be very rich. Development work is being prosecuted, and the outlook is very encouraging.

The Chambers group will soon be added to the list of shippers. It is situated on Carpenter Creek near Cody, and there is a carload of high grade ore ready for shipment. As the ore is estimated to run 150 ounces, the returns should show a handsome profit.

The Canadian Pacific Mining Co. have finished the flume at their property on Woodbury Creek, and will place in position four Burleigh drills that have been lying on the beach for some time past.

At the Skyline four teams are hauling away fifteen tons of ore a day. About 600 tons are piled on the beach owing to the fact that the terms of the Pilot Bay smelter are not satisfactory. The ore in the Skyline is shovelled into chutes after being blasted, and this enables each man to produce a large quantity with less labor than usual.

A well defined rumor, apparently from reliable sources, was current here the other day that Kootenay was to have yet another smelter, which will be built in Kaslo. It will be commenced in the early spring, it is said, and pushed rapidly to completion. The scheme is said to be backed by some wealthy people who have already made investments in the Slocan country.

The owners of the Goodenough, who have been putting in a drift tunnel to tap the ledge at a lower level, struck it rich the other day, the pay streak being fully eight inches in width, and as fine a body of ore as could be wished. It is quite clear that the mines here have not been half exploited, and they will turn out to be far richer than the most sanguine expect. Whenever genuine development work is done good results follow. The only things needed to make this one of the richest camps are capital and labor.

Everything at the Slocan Star Mine is in good shape. The concentrator is practically ready for operation. Byron N. White, the manager, says it has not been decided whether work will be suspended on the stopes until the dump has been run through the concentrator or not. It is estimated that there are between 25,000 and 30,000 tons of ore on the dump, enough to keep the concentrator running for six months. Part of the ore now being shipped goes to Pueblo, Colorado.

The K. & S. is putting in spurs to several of the mines. The Iron Hand, bought by the Hall Mines Co., has developed a lead of silver-lead ore, which will pay the transportation of the iron ore, in which it was found, to the Hall Mines smelter, where it is required as a flux. Near Sardon the Reco Mine has from 30 to 40 men working, and the ore is being rawhided down to the railway. The Ivanhoe is also rawhiding and has 80 tons on the dump. The tunnel is in 400 feet. The Ruth employs 30 men and ships 100 tons a week.

Owing to mud slides at different points, and other difficulties, ore deliveries have not been as numerous at Kaslo lately as during former weeks. The following are the receipts for one week:

	Pounds.
Slocan Star Mine	180,000
Payne group of mines	60,000
Wellington Mine	60,000
Whitewater Mine	60,000
Ruth Mine	60,000
Iron Hand Mine (iron ore)	30,000

A total of 25 tons. The ore from the Slocan Star goes to Pueblo, Colorado, and one car from the Ruth goes to Tacoma. The remainder is about evenly divided between the Everett and Great Falls smelters. The ore from the Iron Hand went to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson.

A shipment was made last week from the Little Phil. This property is rapidly developing into another Blue Bell. A concentrator will probably be put in this summer. At present developing work is going on 250 feet under ground. Drifts are being run and everything is being put in readiness for systematic mining. It is said that two men can stope 1,000 tons of ore a month on the Little Phil. A great part of the ore will concentrate from two to four in one.

Luther Bros. have a contract on the Highland to run a tunnel to the line of the Josephine, and then to rise to the surface, a distance of 200 feet. The Josephine will be much improved in value by this work. The Highland has one of the best bodies of ore in the camp. In addition to a vast amount of concentrating ore it has four feet of the clean stuff. Another tunnel will be run on the property next fall, and it is likely a concentrator will be erected. A tramway along Cedar Creek is talked of. At present the freight on ore to the wharf is \$1 a ton.

TRAIL CREEK.

The ore now being brought up from the bottom levels of the Le Roi Mine is worth three hundred dollars per ton, and about 140 tons a day have been shipped during the week.