

British Columbia.

CHILLIWACK.

Messrs. Joseph Gibson, Stanley Everall and Charles Burton were on a prospecting and hunting trip on the mountains last week. They report deer and bear quite numerous on these and cranberries and huckleberries in abundance.

Every day we see and hear of parties going out prospecting, but they appear very reticent about giving any information regarding their objective point, therefore we presume that some of them have great hopes of striking it rich.

WELLINGTON.

It is rumored that the Wellington colliery people intend to drain Diver lake early in the coming year. The intention is to withdraw the water from the pillars of which there are many which are located under this body of water.

VERNON.

The Coldstream ranch sent out their first shipment of this season's hops last week, a carload of about 100 tons, to the market.

ROSSLAND.

Sol Cameron has been given the contract for the erection of the shaft house and compressor plant of the Monita, which has been required to have completed in ten days.

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Two claims are being opened up with drains, which are in about 200 feet in length. These drains will be carried on until bedrock is reached, and if it is not found possible to do so by this means, then shafts will be sunk.

A new strike of rich ore has been made on the Maple Leaf claim in Camp McKimney. Mr. Lynch, the owner, has recently been carrying on development and instead of working in the old shaft he opened up new ground about 300 feet further west.

The Big Windy, on Eholt creek has passed into the hands of New York capitalists, C. L. Thomet and Spencer Beumerman had interests in this claim. The Fremont, in Providence camp, another of Mr. Thomet's claims, and the Highland Chief, in Smith's camp, have also been sold to the same parties.

The cutting for the Red Mountain railway already shows the existence of good veins of several properties. Another mineral claim obtained free prospecting work last week when three ledges were uncovered on the Bryan and Jumbo No. 3, on the hillside opposite the O.K. Of these three, one is a well defined ledge of five feet, highly mineralized throughout.

A report was current in the early part of last week that work was to be discontinued on the Weir properties, but rich strikes having been made on the Mother Lode and No. 7, it is probable that work will be pushed more vigorously than ever.

The Colonsa Gold Mining Company have sold the controlling interest in this property at the rate of 10c per share to a Montreal syndicate. The first payment being made yesterday. This promising property is looking well.

Private cable advices to hand state that the Sovereign and Prince of Wales group was sold yesterday for \$1,000,000. F. Shabuit, who had the properties under bond, refused \$125,000 for them recently in New York.

It is reported that the Giant on Red Mountain was sold to Tacoma parties for one hundred thousand dollars. The deal was closed yesterday.

Quite a rich strike is reported as being made in what is commonly called the West Le Roi this morning. This strike is from a new shaft, which was opened on the ledge about a week ago, and a shot this morning disclosed exceedingly rich-looking ore.

The Josie vein has a magnificent face of ore in its lowest drift. The ore samples \$75 to the ton and the whole face of the drift is in ore.

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The Mugvump is rapidly approaching the surface and should break through in the course of a few days. From the very start the raise has been in from two to three feet of ore heavy in copper, some of it assaying better than \$18 in gold and four ounces of silver per ton.

The little steam hoist placed temporarily on the prospect shaft works splendidly, and as soon as the raise breaks through the hoist will be placed on the working shaft and sinking on the ore vein will be immediately begun.

One of the biggest real estate transactions of Kootenay was closed on Friday last, when Jas. F. Wardner, acting for a Montreal syndicate, among whom are C.P.R. officials, purchased all the unsold lots belonging to the Rossland Townsite Company for \$178,000.

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she was fired of life because she had been divorced from her husband, and she had a baby that she had to look after. She also said that she tried to commit suicide in New York by swallowing glass, but was saved by her friends.

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has recently been stocked for the usual million, and a portion of the stock placed on sale at 75c. The company is advertising their stock and state that with transportation near at hand, the ore should average \$800 to \$1000 per ton.

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bears and other wild animals, which are plentiful in that part of the country, and had been almost wholly devoured by them.

The Stump Lake silver claims, on which a great deal of work was done some years ago, and afterward abandoned, have recently been restaked, together with a good deal more of the ground in the vicinity.

Iron Mountain, in Lower Nicola, is now the scene of a great deal of mining activity. The whole mountain is capped with iron, having an appearance very similar to that of Red Mountain at Rossland.

On Sunday last a representative of The Sentinel accompanied W. Thos. Newman on a trip up the North Thompson some 20 miles to inspect the quartz claim owned by Messrs. Noble, Thompson and McIntyre.

The following special appeared in the Seattle Times of Saturday: Vancouver, Oct. 24.—Sir William Van Horne in an interview yesterday corrected some mistaken impressions, stated some facts, and imparted a few wholesome truths in regard to railway extensions in British Columbia.

The most important bit of news of the week regarding the Coal Hill mining operations is the bonding of James Guerin's fractional claim to John Cobeldeck, who is the representative of a wealthy British mining company.

The work on the shafts being sunk by Mayor Lee is going on steadily, and his worship appears very well satisfied with the reports of progress which he has received.

Work has been resumed at J. H. Russell's claim east of the Iron Mask. The drift is now down about 35 feet, and the lead is so strong and well defined that the most sanguine hopes are indulged of a rich property when sufficient depth is reached.

At the Python claim, the cabin for the miners is finished and winter quarters are being got in readiness.

Last night Jack Hepburn brought in some fine samples of free gold rock, which caused some excitement and sent numbers of prospectors into the hills again this morning.

A party of gentlemen, among whom is a mining expert from the east, will go up to the Homestake on the east, will be reported that several good looking claims have been located during the past few days on Sugar Loaf Hill.

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