

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

During September the Sandon mines shipped 1,261 tons of ore. The Granby Co. has ordered a steam shovel for use at the Knox Hill mine.

The Royal Banner group in Summit camp, has been bought by a Minnesota syndicate. The Peerless group, consisting of four claims near Skeena City, has been bought for \$200,000.

For the last week the Granby smelter treated 4,472 tons of ore, making a total of 238,125 tons to date. The North star mine in East Kootenay purpose making an experimental shipment of 100 tons of ore to Antwerp.

The Granby Co. is substituting electric power for steam in the machine shop at its smelter, Grand Forks.

It is reported that a company has been organized for the purpose of buying the Royal Banner group in Summit camp.

The statement of the secretary of the Winnipeg Mines, Limited, shows that the revenue for 1910 was \$448,851 and expenditures \$28,294.66.

It is stated that a company has been formed to be known as the LaSalle Smelting and Refining Co., to build a smelter at Ferguson.

Recent rich placer gold discoveries in Cariboo are giving confirmation from several reliable sources and are creating considerable attention. Work has been commenced upon the smelter to be erected in connection with the Sullivan mine, East Kootenay, and it is hoped to have it ready for operations by next spring.

A lead found recently on the Lavina group in the LaSalle has been opened for for about 400 feet in length and from four to five feet in width, showing fourteen inches of vein ore of a high grade.

The following are the ore shipments from Sandon for last month: Skeena Star, 143 tons; Ivanhoe, 40 tons; Revelo, 30 tons; American Boy, 22 tons; Last Chance, 29 tons; Sunset, 20 tons; total, 275 tons.

A six foot ledge, carrying two pay-streaks of four inches and eight inches, has been struck by the Monterey group, Spindler creek. The smaller streak assays from 410 to 500 ounces in silver to the ton and the larger 80 ounces.

Placer mining on Perry creek, East Kootenay, has paid well this summer and it is now generally conceded that there is an immense deposit of gold in the bed of this creek but that capital is required to work it profitably on a large scale. It is reported that a property on the creek has recently been sold for \$125,000.

The following dividends have been paid by Kootenay mines this year so far: Bonanza, Nevada, \$12,500; Center Star, Rossland, \$105,000; Le Roi No. 2, Rossland, \$144,000; Le Roi Star, East Kootenay, \$117,000; Payne, Sandon, \$78,000; St. Eugene, East Kootenay, \$210,000; Bonanza, Kootenay, \$12,500; Ymir, \$5,000; \$144,000; total, \$822,000. As these Montebello, \$12,500; Ymir, \$5,000; \$144,000; total, \$822,000 thus represent a capital of \$10,000,000 they represent a profit of 8.22 per cent.—Sandon Mining Review.

Ore shipments from the Rossland mines are growing. The Barroes for the week ending Saturday last show as follows: Le Roi, 4,000 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 2,840 tons; St. Eugene, 1,000 tons; Total, 6,840. The Le Roi shipments all went to Northport with the exception of 1,700 tons to Trail. The operations in the mines during the past week have been largely confined to stripping. The No. 1 mine has been watered and mining will be carried on there during the week. The No. 2 mine is now being watered and the pumping operations are progressing rapidly.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Additional machinery has been ordered for the Black Eagle mine. Some promising gold properties are still being located in the Sturgeon Lake country.

The 10-stamp mill for the Big Master mine is nearly completed. It is understood that it will only be started about a month from this coming winter

but will be working steadily next summer.

At the end of the drift on the ninth ledge of the Mikado mine a three-foot ledge of rich ore has been encountered. This bears out the theories of many mining men that with depth splendid and uniform values will be obtained.

The coal brought into East William this summer will be the last in the last shipment to have been introduced, be somewhat over a quarter of a million tons, and will probably be 10,000 tons more than was received at the docks in 1900.

During 1900 SIS colonists took land in Ontario, representing a total amount of 2,292, and the returns for 1901 will show a much larger number. Work on the Manitowish and North shore railway is being pushed ahead and will open up a large tract of country. There is a lot of good farming land still lying idle throughout New Ontario, as well as large areas of timber and rich mineral deposits.

Telegraph Line to the Yukon.

The government telegraph line to Dawson is now completed. Work on the construction of this line was commenced in April, 1898, but owing to the severity of the weather it had to be discontinued during the winter season.

Owing to the wild, unexplored country through which the line passes, the construction has been a most difficult and arduous piece of work. In places the construction party has had to dig snowdrifts six feet deep, and at an altitude of 3,750 feet between 75 and 80 experienced telegraph construction men have been employed on the work besides a large number of packers. With the exception of the section of the line between Ashcroft and Quenest, 225 miles, and the Dawson-Atlin section, 100 miles, the party had to dig their own trail, pack every pound of wire, tools, food, etc. over poles and, in fact, over the most rugged and high telegraph wire through a country practically previously unexplored by man.

It was necessary to build a number of bridges to carry the supplies, etc., across unfavorable streamings of the river and the bridges being 110 feet long, and some of the spans across the river and ravines are very long. The longest bridge is 1,180 feet in length. Telegraph stations and line-men's houses have been built. These houses are forty miles apart, and midway between each is a refuge house, so that in the event of a break-down on any section the men at each end can travel down till they find the break, and spend the night at the half-way refuge.

The line extends from Dawson 163½ miles to the boundary line connecting with the United States telegraph line to St. Michael and Cape Nome. The main line is nearly 2,000 miles in length and in addition to this a spur line has been built from Hazelton to Port Simpson. The distance of 108½ miles of a spur is over a remarkably difficult section of country.

Kansas stockmen are feeling chagrined as to how, and say they find it profitable as a finishing outfit. The total number of failures in Canada in 1910 was 29, the same as the previous week a year ago the total was 31.

St. Christopher Furness while visiting Canada is studying the feasibility of establishing a fast steamship service between Montreal and the coast line by way of the St. Lawrence route.

It is stated that some United States oyster shippers have been making use of various methods to keep oysters from spoiling which is against the pure food laws and accordingly there will be an investigation.

Last week prices were let down on huffs about 1/4c; says Hile and Lester of Chicago, which led to a better demand from the tanners. Eastern markets were slow to get going. The huffs but are now reported steady and tanners more anxious to buy at a price. A further advance in oyster hides this week has been a tonic to the country market. Several thousand hides were let at 1/4c. Some of the dealers are endeavoring to secure an advance, but up to this writing we hear of no sales at any advance.

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