

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

Grand Forks, B. C., Nov. 22.—The railway spur to the B. C. mine, in Summit camp, was completed on Sunday. A. C. McArthur, lately bridge contractor on the C.P.R., has secured the contract for erecting the ore bins. He has 40 men employed. The B. C. company has ordered a large number of ore cars from Montreal at its own expense.

The possibilities of a railway line between here and Republic in connection with smelter enterprises of Grand Forks, involving the blending of the rich ores of Republic camp with the Boundary ores, is attracting the attention of many capitalists. Clarence J. McCuaig of Montreal, a leading shareholder of the B. C. mine, of Republic, as well as J. P. Graves, of the Granby smelter, and the City of Paris, Knob Hill and Old Ironsides mines, have respectively announced their intention of building the road if Jim Hill, of the Great Northern, who owns the charter, pursues a procrastinating policy. The necessity for providing railway accommodation between the two points is obvious and imperative. Mr. McCuaig, during his recent visit here, said he was prepared not only to make the connecting link, but to establish a matting plant in Grand Forks for the treatment of B. C. and Republic ores.

Mackenzie & Mann, the well known capitalists and railway contractors, who own large mining interests in the Boundary, have also their eyes on the project. Hugh Sutherland, their representative in British Columbia, has just made an inspection of the proposed route. While speaking guardedly, during his recent visit to Republic, he had this to say when discussing the future of that camp. "This prosperity would, of course, come more expeditiously if you had proper transportation facilities, and I can speak with all assurances that if an American railroad is not built into Republic from the south in the near future, a line will be built from the north. Further than this, I am not at liberty to speak on the question."

SIDING FOR THE VIRGINIA.

The Virginia will soon be provided with a siding, so that there will be no necessity for hauling the ore from the new shaft to the railway. The Canadian Pacific has graded the siding to the new shaft, and as soon as the rails come to hand they will be laid. The drift on the 41-foot level is being steadily driven to the west, and is now in for a distance of 75 feet. There is considerable ore on the dump, and the intention from now on is to send about 20 tons of ore per week to the smelter at Northport.

CRIPPLE CREEK NEWS.

MONTH'S CRIPPLE CREEK PRODUCTION.

Two and a Half Millions Is the Record — Local Capitalists Purchase Property — Shipment from the Wolverine.

Cripple Creek, Nov. 25.—Inquiry among the most prominent shippers, railroad men and ore buyers as to the month's output resulted in information which points to a new record. Although two-thirds of the month is wiped off the calendar, all three authorities are agreed that in no like period has so much ore been handled or has there been a heavier tonnage awaiting shipment. The most conservative estimate surpasses October's production and there is little question but that the total for the month will pass the long desired two million and a half mark.

Messrs. Giddings and Lennox, of the Strong mine, have purchased the little Percy claim, five acres, patented, adjoining the Buckhorn claim on Carbonate Hill. The price

paid was \$6,500 cash. The former owners were W. S. Montgomery of Colorado Spring and the Moberly brothers, of Cripple Creek.

Lessee Pinsan has begun breaking ore on his lease on the Yellow Jacket, on Battle mountain. The pay streak is narrow, but the ore unusually rich. Assays as high as 60 ounces have been obtained. The property is owned by the Eclipse Consolidated company.

W. Whelan, who is in charge of the work being prosecuted by the Hoosier Boy company on the Wolverine No. 1, on Tenderfoot hill, is getting promising values on that claim. The entire bottom of the 45-foot shaft is highly mineralized. Twelve inches of the vein assayed today gave values of from \$12.66 to \$21.10. Inasmuch as the values have been steadily improving with every foot of depth gained, Whelan believes he is going down right onto an ore shoot.

DANTE.

The showing at the Dante mine is improving all the time. Several of the lessees are in big ore, and besides the operations of the company direct are meeting with good success. On the recent new finds on the property, the strike made by White and Wolley is one of the best. These lessees are working ground at the 200-foot level. They broke into an ore body six feet wide, which it is stated will average at least three ounces to the ton. The find has now been proved up for a distance of 25 feet. The size and value of the ore body is holding out well.

One shipment comprising 50 tons has been sent out and another amounting to 25 tons is being prepared. The company is producing enough ore from its workings in the sixth level to pay the total working expenses of the mine. A settlement has just been made on a shipment sent out on company account, which gave returns of 2.4 ounces to the ton. The shipment comprised 20 tons. Lessee Clement is producing about five tons a day, the average value of which is one and one-half ounces to the ton. The Rex lease at the 250-foot level is making a production of about 50 tons a month, the value of which is from three to four ounces to the ton.

At the Barrison lease a steam hoist has been installed, and a shipment is now being prepared. The shipment, it is estimated, will return from five to six ounces to the ton. Lessee Mattoon, operating below the electric track, has opened ore at a depth of 125 feet and is preparing to resume shipments.

ISABELLA SHIPMENTS.

It is reliably reported that preparation are now being made for another shipment from the Isabella mine. It is expected that the shipment will be sent out in about five days and will be of the same character of ore as the recent sensational two carloads.

As will be remembered the last shipment of 50 tons ran at the very high rate of \$3,200 per ton, making a total of over \$160,000 for the consignment. According to the best reports, the coming shipment will be of equally high grade, and it is said that the values may be still higher.

The miners are still drifting on the ore body and as far as the drift has extended, it is said the values have not diminished, but rather have increased. An upraise was recently started on the ore body to determine the effect of it, and while no definite information can be learned in regard to it the report is to the effect that the ore gives promise of holding out for some time to come, and the showing in the drift and upraise would indicate that the recent big shipment was not taken from a pocket, but that the same values continue through an ore body of considerable size, the exact extent of which has not yet been determined.

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