

Mining Throughout the Province

Trail Shipments and Receipts, in View of Interruption to Mining, Is Progressing—Rossland Mines Ship More in August than Same Month Last Year—Development in Mining in the Skeena District.

The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company at Trail is holding up well in its treatment of ore. For the week ending August 29th it treated 9,535 tons, and the returns for the week ending September 5th, 8,623 tons, were treated.

Since the first of the month ore from the Early Bird and the Ida May properties in the Kootenay were treated for the first time this year.

Results for the week ending September 5th, and the total for the year in shipments to and receipts at Trail, are as follows:

Rossland.		
	Week.	Year.
Le Roi No. 2 milled	325	11,480
Centre Star	4,415	114,272
Le Roi	2,022	50,719
Le Roi No. 2	47	13,373
Other mines		38
Total	6,809	189,882
Nelson.		
Queen, milled	350	12,250
Motherlode, milled	500	11,000
Queen	37	454
Other mines		17,807
Total	850	41,511
Lardeau.		
Other mines		63
East Kootenay.		
Sullivan	1,082	18,941
St. Eugene	67	895
Total	1,149	19,836
Slocan and Ainsworth.		
Highland, milled	350	12,060
Bluebell, milled	1,400	49,000
Standard, milled	1,000	35,000
Van Roi, milled	750	26,300
Bluebell	232	4,679
Other mines		23,675
Total	3,732	150,714
Consolidated Co.'s Receipts Trail, B. C.		
Ben Hur	721	9,473
Centre Star	4,415	114,272
Le Roi	2,022	50,719
Le Roi No. 2	47	13,373
Queen	37	454
Sullivan	1,082	18,941
St. Eugene	67	895
Bluebell	232	4,679
Other mines		42,677
Total	8,623	255,483

—Nelson News.

The Josie mine, owned by the Le Roi No. 2, which reopened September 1st after a fortnight's shut down on account of war, added its shipments to the total out of Rossland to the Trail smelter.

Despite the war, Rossland mines shipped 6,335 tons more in August than for the corresponding month last year.

Coal development work is progressing favorably on the Camp Wilson property on the Yakom River, Graham Island, according to a report from Prof. Milnor Robinson of Washington University, who recently inspected the work done during the past year.

The property involves 20,000 acres, and is in the control of the Metropolitan Trust Company, New York City, trustees for the bond holders of the Western Steel Corporation, who secured the licensees from J. A. Moore of Seattle.

The trust company is making a thorough geologic survey and development work preparatory to turning the property over to a mine operating company.

According to Professor Roberts, the commercial value of the property is undoubted.

Receipts at the Vancouver Assay Office for the month of August and for the fiscal year are as follows:

August, 1914, 22,500 ounces, value \$311,000; August, 1913, 12,000 ounces, value \$161,000—increases, 10,500 ounces, value \$150,000.

April to August 31, 1914, 103,000 ounces, value \$1,385,000; April 1 to August, 1913, 35,700 ounces, value \$529,300—increases, 67,300 ounces, value \$855,700.

Mr. B. R. Jones, of Skeena Crossing, was recently in Vancouver on business. He reported favorably on mining developments in the Skeena District.

"The ores in our district are of so high a grade that they can be marketed at a good profit in spite of the present low price of copper, and the leading smelters have declared a desire to receive them," said Mr. Jones.

"The Montana Continental Development Company, which is operating the Rocher de Boule mine under lease, is employing about seventy-five men and is rushing work in order to begin shipping ore before snow flies. The concern will handle at least 100 tons per day to begin with and will increase the output as fast as the development of the mine will allow of increasing the working force. The Great Ohio, which is being operated by Portland, Ore., capitalists, has been driving a crosscut which will tap their big vein at a depth of 350 feet, and just before I left the Crossing, news came that they had encountered conditions which strongly indicate that they will reach the ore body in a few days. This will give us another heavy shipper.

"The Red Rose group, which is regarded by many as the best undeveloped property in the district, will no doubt soon be taken over by a strong American company which has been trying to make terms with the owners. This is a proposition of great magnitude, and one which will require the expenditure of a large amount of money for its development."

Contrary to general expectations, most of the mines which centre about New Denver as headquarters are in operation, and general development work is progressing.

R. D. Fetherstonhaugh, mining engineer of Vancouver, who represents the Omineca Exploration Syndicate of Edmonton, returned recently from an exploration trip through the Omineca mining district. He has taken up some very promising properties on the Omineca and Peace Rivers for the syndicate, and says active development will be carried on next year. Mr. Fetherstonhaugh went down the Manson River as far as the Finlay, taking the packhorses through with him, and reports no difficulties in the way of making a good trail all the way. Such a trail would be of great service to prospectors and homesteaders. There was a great number of prospecting parties through the district this year, and things begin to look like "something doing" in the near future. Quite a number have taken up homesteads along the Finlay this year and are busy building cabins and preparing to improve their holdings. Nearly all the mining going on at present is in the nature of development work, and large returns cannot be looked for this season.