

Kootenays. The annual report, just issued, shows that the gross receipts from the sale of ore for the year ending May 31st were \$205,996.68, the margin over operating expenses being \$14,358.83. It is pointed out that this latter showing may not appear to be adequate but its comparative meagreness is explained by the necessity "to spend large sums for timber, raising and opening up various stopes in order that the ore could be economically mined." Perhaps the most significant statement is that "it is estimated that sufficient stoping ground has been developed to last seven years at the present rate of production."

Kaslo, B. C.

On his return from a tour of the Kaslo District, R. done preparatory to a thorough examination of the conditions are improving. George H. Aylard and Associates have taken a bond on the old Wellington Mine and the tunnels are being cleaned out and other work done preparatory to a through examination of the property. On the South Fork of Kaslo Creek the Silver Bear is being opened up by a small crew of men. Not only is development being carried out underground but a considerable amount of surface work is being done. Some ore is being taken out at intervals and at present a car load is sacked and ready for shipment. The Index, Revenue and Liberty Hill Groups also are receiving attention. The Cork-Province at present is idle but it is understood that the owners expect to be able to complete financial arrangements shortly for the resumption of operations.

R. A. Grimes, manager of the McAllister Mine, Three Forks, is responsible for the statement that the labor trouble which has been interfering with mining activity in the Slocan and other parts of the Kootenay is being overcome. Illustrating the improved conditions he points out that a considerable force is engaged on the Noble Five; that the same is true of the Queen Bess; that the Rambler-Cariboo again is the scene of real work; and that the Rosebery-Surprise is operating. He has been able also to increase his crew on the McAllister and the threatened walk-out at the Blue Bell, Riondel, is said to have been averted. There is as a result, Mr. Grimes asserts, a feeling of renewed confidence and optimism among the operators.

Trail, B.C.

Ore receipts at the Trail Smelter of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. for the final 10 days of the month of July were the greatest for any similar period this year. They totalled 12,862 tons, bringing the aggregate for the year to date up to 181,157 tons.

Nelson, B.C.

The Provincial Prospectors' Protective Association continues to gather strength. Local organizations representing the Grand Forks and Smithers Districts have made applications to the central body for copies of the constitution, and there is every reason to believe that they will become affiliated. It has been decided that the Provincial Attorney General shall be asked what action will be taken to protect prospectors' cabins and caches from the depredations of thieves. It appears that members of the Association have been put to expense and annoyance in many instances by finding their headquarters in the hills rifled on returning from their periodical trips.

The Perrier Gold Mines, Ltd., of Nelson, recently incorporated with a capitalization of \$250,000, announces that the development of the Perrier, situated on Cottonwood Creek, will be proceeded with. The property has been opened up to the extent of two shafts, one being 120 feet deep with a northerly drift 200 feet in length from the bottom. There are two feet of good milling ore in the shaft and a similar width in the face of the drift. The smaller shaft, 40 feet deep, has been sunk in four feet of milling ore. The latter is said to be similar to the product of the Athabasca and the Granite-Poorman, from 60 to 70 per cent of the gold being free milling. While there is a considerable body of ore blocked out, no stoping has been done as yet, the ore shipped having been taken out in the course of development. The present equipment includes a 150-ton milling plant, a compressor, a friction hoist and an hydraulic pump, this being operated by water power brought through a 2,500-foot eight-inch wooden pipe.

Stewart, B.C.

Word from the Salmon River Section, Portland Canal, indicates that a fresh body of ore has been uncovered at the Premier Mine. The strike has been made in No. 2 Tunnel at a depth of about 600 feet and assures the active operation of the mine for an indefinite period. It is believed that this development is responsible for the recently announced decision to install a cyanide plant on the property. There now are more than 150 men employed in and about the mine, and good headway is being made with the concentrator foundations and the pipe line.

One of the two diamond drills on the Big Missouri has been closed down, that at work on the E. Pluribus Claim being continued. This is the claim on which high-grade ore is being opened up.

The Northern Light and Spider Groups on Salmon River and the Fitzgerald Group on the Bear River are being thoroughly explored by the Algonic Development Co., whose operations are the most extensive of any other one concern interested in the district, with the exception of the Premier Mining Co.

Vancouver, B.C.

John Hopp, well-known as an hydraulic placer operator in the Cariboo, states that, while British Columbians interested in this phase of mining appreciate the Provincial Government's action in relieving them partially from taxation and the payment of royalty, they still are seriously handicapped. With camp supplies, fuel and wages doubled in cost, the gold mining companies are hard hit at being compelled to market their product at an arbitrary figure. "We miners," he said, "only wish that gold would be left free to have its price fixed by the law of supply and demand. The arbitrary price of \$20.27 an ounce for fine gold hits us very hard. Only the best conducted plants can afford to operate, and many placer men are just holding on and not operating." Dealing with the season's conditions he stated that the water has been late this year, and that to make it worse there is a very rapid run-off which probably would limit the season to 90 days. Usually he gets his plant in operation by May 12, but this year work did not begin until June 1.

Victoria, B.C.

The Geological Survey of Canada has issued its an-