

WEEK'S ORE SHIPMENTS

Fernie Coal Strike Has Not as Yet Seriously Affected Output

Noteworthy Feature of Past Week Was the Addition of Four Slocan Mines to the Shipping List

There is little or no change in the strike situation from that of last week and as far as is apparent upon the surface there seems to be no immediate likelihood of the strike being settled. However, the only place at all seriously affected seems to be Rossland, where the Trail smelter has taken advantage of the situation to close down the plant altogether, pending an entire renovation of the whole system which, of course, can be better done when there is no work actively in progress in the reduction of a. This renovation, while a part of the policy of the management, a policy which has been decided upon for many months past and which has been agreed upon in the past summer, is said to be prompted in some degree by the action taken by the American Smelter Trust, which has an agent in the country and seems to be once more inclined to purchase ores here. This is said to be partly due to the high price of lead and partly to the rapid rise of Trail lead on the Oriental market and the shipment of silver to the far east from that smelter, thereby cutting into the American market there. Not long ago the lead and silver markets of the far east were almost reckoned as a preserve of the American Smelter Trust. It is thought that if the Trail smelter, which supposition of course includes the Nelson plant, is forced to reduce its rates for smelting, it will no longer afford to place silver and lead on the Oriental market against the powerful rivalry of the smelters to the south, with a large capital and with up to date plants of considerable size and an assured supply of ore. To meet this competition, long ago foreseen, a heavy outlay has been incurred by Trail, and, in a lesser degree, by the Hall Mines and the other companies. It is expected that when Trail reopens, which will probably be within a comparatively short interval, it will be in a position to meet the American smelter trust on any ground that the latter may choose to take up.

The Hall Mines smelter, as in the case with every other smelter in the Kootenay, is still heavily operating. The arrangements with the West Canadian Coalfields for an adequate supply of fuel, there seems to be no danger of its closing down unless the strike in the Cross West spreads, of which there does not appear to be any serious indication, and then not unless there can be no arrangement made for a supply of coke from the east or from the coast.

The chief copper smelter, the Granby, which reduced its battery of furnaces from eight to six is now increasing again up to its full capacity, having made arrangements to secure the necessary fuel supply from the east and from the coast. Copper is now at its highest, far higher than it was a few years ago when during a strike at Fernie the Granby and other smelters imported from the coast and Duluth.

There is, therefore, no necessity for the assumption of any pessimistic attitude in the situation according to the views expressed by several of the principal mining and smelting men lately. It may be noted in this connection that in the lead districts during the past week four new mines have been added to the shipping list and that in the copper districts several of the smaller shippers have been increasing their output.

The output of the various mines and the receipts at the several smelters for the past week and year to date in detail, are appended:

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS			
	Week	Year	
Granby	13,205	674,862	
Brooklyn	2,871	117,749	
Mother Lode	1,850	90,282	
Sunnet	1,775	84,286	
Rawhide	1,353	17,890	
Emma	130	12,124	
Mountain Rose	188	2,340	
Skyhawk	20	596	
Strathmore	24	144	
Other mines	21	16,424	
Total	20,227	856,719	

ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS			
	Week	Year	
Centre Star	265	110,079	
Le Roi	2,550	106,441	
Other mines	2	47,280	
Total	2,817	263,780	

SLOCAN-KOOTENAY SHIPMENTS			
	Week	Year	
St. Eugene	600	21,320	
Ymir	22	866	
Ymir, mill	630	14,070	
La Plata	20	8,425	
Ymir, mill	230	9,640	
Arlington	69	1,212	
Second Relief	46	628	
Arlington	22	341	
Le Roi	17	126	
No. 1	8	104	
Nellie M.	29	80	
Corinth	29	29	
Canadian Group	21	21	
Other mines	22	22,588	
Total	2,854	106,640	

GRANBY RECEIPTS			
	Week	Year	
Granby	13,205	674,862	
Emma	130	12,124	
Other mines	20	340	
Total	13,355	687,326	

B. C. COPPER CO.'S RECEIPTS			
	Week	Year	
Mother Lode	1,850	90,282	
Emma	130	12,124	
Other mines	20	340	
Total	2,000	102,746	

DOMINION COPPER CO.'S RECEIPTS			
	Week	Year	
Brooklyn	2,871	117,749	
Sunnet	1,775	84,286	
Rawhide	1,353	17,890	
Mountain Rose	188	2,340	
Other mines	24	5,644	
Total	4,996	175,601	

TRAIL SMELTER RECEIPTS			
	Week	Year	
Centre Star	265	110,079	
Le Roi	2,550	106,441	
St. Eugene	600	21,320	
Iron Mask	33	4,028	
Nellie M.	29	80	
Corinth	29	29	
Other mines	22	22,588	
Total	1,655	274,555	

HALL MINES SMELTER RECEIPTS			
	Week	Year	
La Plata	20	8,425	
Arlington	69	1,212	
Ymir	22	866	
Second Relief	46	628	
Whitewater Deep	17	126	
No. 1	8	104	
Canadian Group	21	21	
Other mines	22	22,588	
Total	234	30,484	

MARYSVILLE S.M. RECEIPTS			
	Week	Year	
Sullivan	400	21,320	
Other mines	22	22,588	
Total	422	43,908	

Rossland, Oct. 26.—Owing to the closing down of the furnaces at Trail, shipments were again small this week. The Le Roi continues to ship its ore to Northport but the ore is stored pending the time when a supply of coke can be procured. The mines here continue to work with the force of men, only a few miners and trimmers having been dispensed with. There will be plenty of work for employees for a month or two yet and by that time it is thought that the strike will have come to an end.

(Special to The Daily News)
Phonix, Oct. 26.—Two carloads of machinery containing the first consignment of the new furnace for the Dominion Copper company's Boundary Falls smelter, are expected to arrive at the works any day having been delayed some time since from the works at Allentown, Pa. The Granby company's: the fashion of making blast furnaces larger than ordinarily in the past, followed by the B. C. Copper company, which company has one giant furnace in blast and will blow in another early next week, probably to be followed by the other two. But the most interesting feature of the new furnace is larger than either of the others, in fact, one of the largest, if not the largest, in Canada. The Dominion Copper company also received a consignment of parts of the new air compressor to be installed as a central power plant at the company's mines in this camp, the machinery coming from the same source as the one followed by the balance of the order.

KOOTENAY ZINC MINERS

TIME TO BE PREPARING CASE FOR PRESENTATION AT OTTAWA

IF ANYTHING IS TO BE DONE IT SHOULD BE DONE AT ONCE

"I do not think," said G. O. Buchanan, who is just now making his regular round of the smelters in the province, to a representative of The Daily News last night, "that the time has come when the zinc miners, which I understand is ready, is likely to be sent out for public distribution until parliament has met and the matter has been submitted to the house. I do this, however, that those interested locally in the zinc situation should meet together at some convenient season and discuss that report and make some kind of representation to the dominion government."

"There is no doubt that the success which has attended the distribution of the lead bounty will make a valuable precedent for the zinc situation. The zinc miners, there are various complications in the mining of zinc which will have to be considered and all such things should be well thought out before any representation or memorial is made to the federal officials. So far we have not even reached the stage, speaking under correction, where we actually know what the freight and the interest rate on zinc ore. Buyers have been in the country both for Canadian and foreign reduction works. They have set an arbitrary price and the seller has only parted with his zinc when he thought the price sufficient. The basis of negotiation has been rather the net return to the mine owner than some fixed freight and treatment rate."

Then again the question of reduction is far from being settled. At present the chief method of reduction is that of gas heat. But experiments are being made with electric heat and it is at the coast where the basis is electricity. Not that the latter has been carried out on a commercial basis. Far from it. The best that can be said is that it is a laboratory success. For this cannot be said at present although, I understand, that an attempt will be made in the near future, some of the zinc ore in the province is to be reduced by electricity. Of course this will depend on the supply of power just as under the present system in vogue reduction depends upon a near and cheap supply of bituminous coal from which the necessary gas is derived.

"As to whether the bounty should be paid to the mine owner or to the smelter I cannot say. It does not make much difference anyway for you may rest assured it certainly is not the intention of the dominion government to give a bounty to the smelter in such a manner that the mine owner can get the benefit. It is here that a knowledge of freight and treatment rates would be of infinite value to the government if any action is to be taken. It seems to me that all

those interested should meet together, see wherein the report of the zinc commission is to be presented by further facts and figures, decide what they want and go at the matter through their local boards of trade. Thus when the Associated Boards of Trade meet next Tuesday or February there should be delegates from one or more boards of trade present conversant with the whole situation, ready with the facts wanted and I have no doubt, under such circumstances that the Associated Boards will be willing enough to take action. And I have no doubt, also, that if the Associated Boards do take such action that they will be recognized by the dominion government. As I said before the precedent of the lead bounty is a valuable one. A new industry can be built up by the federal authorities at a cost of a few hundred thousand dollars which will bring many more settlers into the country, will be the cause of many more properties being opened and will prove a source of revenue to the government. But it is not for me to take any action; that is reserved for the zinc men themselves. But it appears just now when the zinc commission is presenting its report, that the zinc men, who are the ones who are not so far distant from the situation, when the lead bounty is showing such splendid results and when such a magnificent opportunity is presented as that afforded by the not far distant meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade, that the zinc men should begin to form that combination without which they are not likely to go far."

SEPTEMBER LEAD RECEIPTS

The following are the lead receipts at the Hall Mines smelter for the month of September, in pounds:			
Mine	Ore	Lead	
Arlington	103,620	11,827	
Arlington	26,756	10,994	
Lorna	4,808	1,109	
Canadian assay office	1,588	2,739	
Whitewater Deep	155,427	96,852	
Dandy	134,061	18,581	
Le Roi	1,077	1,577	
Five Metals	1,312	1,312	
Keystone	238,799	13,889	
La Plata	658,885	78,437	
Little Donald	64,746	22,308	
Lucy Boy	5,808	214	
Monter-Ajax	126,387	76,644	
Native Silver Bell	5,507	3,067	
Neepawa	35,971	32,334	
R. E. Lee (assayed)	2,821	2,821	
St. Eugene	1,734,127	93,746	
Silver Cup Dump	15,432	4,522	
Skyhawk	42,197	1,704	
Vancouver (Le Roi No. 2)	126,104	27,852	
Whitewater Deep	42,449	22,620	
Whitewater Deep	30,515	31,015	
Ymir	79,296	7,222	
Total	4,101,246	1,478,821	

The receipts at the Trail smelter for the month of September, in pounds:			
Mine	Ore	Lead	
Black Diamond	41,469	26,982	
Hartney	8,404	1,827	
Lone Bachelor	27,698	1,704	
Providence	343,095	3,283	
Paradise	46,754	38,338	
St. Eugene	1,124,777	1,062,019	
Ymir	27,094	25,144	
Dandy	113,563	14,836	
Total	2,947,423	1,234,221	

PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

(Special to The Daily News)
Phoenix, Oct. 26.—A new institution in Phoenix and one that is meeting with the success that it deserves, is the Phoenix public library and reading room, which was opened last night. The library is a fine building, and the reading room is a comfortable place for the public. For some months members of the labor unions of this place have been agitating for the establishment of a public library, and the effort has been a successful one. The library is a fine building, and the reading room is a comfortable place for the public. For some months members of the labor unions of this place have been agitating for the establishment of a public library, and the effort has been a successful one. The library is a fine building, and the reading room is a comfortable place for the public. For some months members of the labor unions of this place have been agitating for the establishment of a public library, and the effort has been a successful one. 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