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THE CENTURY MARK PASSED

Rossland's Ore Shipments For 1903 Over 100,000 Tons.

Among the Mines-Week's Record of Mining Industry Here.

The aggregate ore shipments from the Rossland camp for the year to date now runs into six figures, the century mark being passed with last week's tonnage.

The principal event of the past week in the local mining industry was the development on the 800 level of the Centre Star mine already referred to in the Miner with the qualification by the general manager of the property.

Last week's ore shipments were substantially in advance of the previous week's record. The Le Roi shipped about 500 tons more than in the preceding week, while the Centre Star and War Eagle's combined output was some 100 tons greater.

Table with columns: Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending April 11th and for the year to date as follows. Includes rows for Le Roi, Centre Star, War Eagle, Velvet, Kootenay, Le Roi No. 2, Homestake, and Totals.

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI.—The affairs of the Le Roi mine are naturally much to the fore at the present time for obvious reasons. The new ore body on the 1050-foot level is being opened up steadily, and the entire breast of the drift is in ore.

KOOTENAY.—Operations at the mine have been continued actively throughout the week. Beyond a slight increase in the crew there has been no alteration in the plan of working—breaking ore in the stopes and preparing the ore bodies for extraction on a large scale.

CENTRE STAR.—The operations in the mine have continued steadily all week along conventional lines, varied somewhat by the encountering of the ore body on the 600 level. The nature of this incident has already been outlined, with the qualifications detailed by the general manager. The Centre Star mine is being drained into the 400 level of the Le Roi and the water pumped therefrom.

WAR EAGLE.—The usual program of work has been followed steadily in common with the Centre Star, the mine is commencing to ship second class ore to the Trail smelter again, the resumption of operations there permitting of this, though on a small scale as yet.

WHITE BEAR.—The 900 level has been carried ahead steadily, with no developments of special interest reported saving the intimation that shipping

operations will be inaugurated, when the road is in shape for teaming from the mine to the railroad.

CASCADE.—The company expects to place a few men in the mine at an early date for the purpose of attending to the preliminary work necessary to put the property in shape for extensive operations as outlined in The Miner during the week.

SPITZEE.—The weather conditions are rapidly getting to the point where the program of improvements and construction at the Spitzee can be undertaken. It is expected that work will be commenced in the course of the forthcoming fortnight, and that operations will be pushed ahead as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

LE ROI NO. 2.—The usual work has been carried ahead in the Josie and No. 1 mines, a total of about 95 men being employed. In both properties exploration and stopping is being pushed ahead on the lower levels with satisfactory results.

ST. JOSEPH.—No intelligence of special interest has come to hand from the St. Joseph mine on Murphy creek during the week. It is understood that the drifting in the tunnel at the creek level is still under way and making good progress.

HUNGRY MAN.—The task of placing the machinery on the site of the buildings at the mine has not yet been completed, but is progressing without interruption. The work has proved to be an exceptionally heavy undertaking in view of the heavy snowfall and natural obstacles to be overcome.

CONTACT.—The report of the week's work at the Contact mine is as usual that good progress has been made with the main drift but that no rapid special change will be made in the company's plans pending the settlement of the much-debated wagon road question.

VELVET.—The Velvet mine is not shipping ore in quantities at the present time owing to the bad roads, but stopping is being continued and the ore held in reserve pending the resumption of shipping operations as soon as the roads are in shape for teaming. In the lower levels development work is proceeding steadily, and the report is that the ore bodies are showing up in the most satisfactory manner.

GIANT.—The new contract on the lower level is proceeding an excellent advance are reported. Meantime the company is arranging to resume shipping to the Trail smelter, this being rendered feasible by the resumption at the reduction works.

BIG FOUR.—The management of the Big Four states that operations will be resumed at the property about the end of the present month.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

Ore shipments from the mines of the Boundary district were at a low ebb last week as the Granby smelter was closed for the week and neither of the other two smelters have yet resumed the reduction of ores.

The following shipments were made by the different mines: Granby mines to Granby smelter 2649 tons.

Table with columns: Mines, Week, Total. Includes rows for Granby, Mother Lode, Snowshoe, B. C., Emma, Sunset, Providence, and Totals.

C. P. R. CHANGES.

Richard W. Drew, station agent for the Canadian Pacific here, has been promoted to the office of chief clerk to the assistant general freight agent at Nelson, and will remove to the Queen City as soon as his predecessor arrives to relieve him of his duties in Rossland.

Mr. Drew succeeded Harry Cannon, who goes to Vancouver as wharfinger on the Canadian Pacific docks.

Mr. Drew has resided in Rossland for the past year, and has gained numerous friends. These will join The Miner in congratulations on his well merited promotion. The new Rossland agent has not been named yet, but is expected to report here in the course of a few days.

WHERE THE MONEY IS

Herr Albert Klockmann, who is in the city for a couple of days from Butte, gives some interesting information as to the whereabouts of certain monies alleged to have been collected from Rossland gamblers in the "wide-open" days and to have been withheld from the city treasury.

KOOTENAY TO SHIP

Active Operations at Mine All Point to Active Shipping.

About Rossland's Next Addition to List of Producers.

The next Rossland mine to figure prominently in the producing list will undoubtedly be the Kootenay. The extensive operations now under way at the mine are preliminary to shipping operations either to works to be established by the company or to one of the reduction plants of the district, probably Trail. The company has under advisement the establishment of reduction works, with the alternative of shipping to the Trail smelter, and it is by no means improbable that even if the home reduction works are decided upon the mine may ship largely to Trail while the plant is under way.

At the present time from 60 to 75 tons of ore is broken down daily and placed on the ore dumps, where it will be easily available when required. The reduction works scheme is in the hands of the directors, while the weather is rapidly changing for the better and in a short time the company can commence shipping to Trail. If it is decided to send the product of the mine to Trail, a switch may be constructed from the main line of the Canadian Pacific to a point on the lower works of the country would permit of this being done at a comparatively lower cost than a tramway from the mine to the railroad.

It was stated last winter that the Kootenay ore would be treated in Trail at \$2.50 per ton or better, and that the mining costs under the plan adopted for the operation of the property would not exceed \$1.50 per ton at the outside. It will thus be seen that ore much below pay grade in other mines of the camp can, if shipped from the Kootenay, be marketed at a handsome profit.

The announcement by the management as to the future policy of the Kootenay is backed up at the present time by the operations at the property. The work has been increased to about 45, and the machines are at work continuously breaking ore. This certainly spells shipments at an early date. Indications point to the Kootenay becoming one of Rossland's important producers in the near future, and the conditions seem to have resolved themselves into a solved problem, the net result of which is to present a good margin of profit on every ton of ore broken down and shipped.

An important aspect of the situation in the Columbia-Kootenay mountain range is the probability of the successful operation of the Kootenay mine on a large scale having the effect of adding adjacent properties to the working list. In the case of the Mascoot, for example, the likelihood is that the Mascoot people would take advantage of the Kootenay's example to place the property on the working list again at an early date. The Mascoot is controlled by the same circle that is actively interested in the California and Granby properties. Their time has been absorbed to a large extent by the rapid growth of their Boundary interests, but these will shortly reach a point where further anxiety will be unnecessary, and then the Rossland properties are certain to receive attention. The Mascoot's characteristics are said to be almost identical with the Kootenay's, which it adjoins, and if success is attained in one instance the other has many problems solved before commencing operations.

WANTS LACROSSE GAME.

Nelson Anxious to Arrange Match with New Lacrosse Club Here.

The Nelson lacrosse club is anxious to arrange a game with Rossland's new team at once, or as early as possible. It will, of course, be impossible for Rossland to place a team in the field for some weeks, inasmuch as a complete outfit of sticks requires to be secured and some practice had before anything resembling a team is produced. The indications are that ample material will be available from which to select a twelve for matched games.

A change has been made in the personnel of the club officers. Wallace Fraser declined to take the secretary-treasurership, and the executive committee has appointed Charles Summers pro tem.

CHINA'S OUTLOOK.

Captain Stockton Does Not Expect an Outbreak in Near Future.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Captain Stockton, late commander of the battleship Kentucky, arrived from China on his way to London, where he will act as U. S. naval attaché to the U. S. embassy.

Speaking of conditions in China, Captain Stockton says he does not expect an outbreak in the near future, but that when it comes southern China will be the seat of the disturbance. The southern Chinese are the only Chinese who really love fighting for their own sake. He does not look for serious trouble with the Boxers.

LE ROI TO INCREASE

Managing Director Says Output Is to Be Enhanced.

The Larger Scale to Take Effect a Month Hence.

(From Sunday's Daily.) "It is the intention of the Le Roi company to increase the output of the mine just as soon as we can get increased supplies of coke, which will probably be within a month or so. This is all I can say today, but before leaving Rossland I may be able to tell you something more."

The foregoing interesting and important statement emanates from A. J. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi Mining Company, Ltd., and also of the Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, Ltd., of London, England, who arrived in the city on Friday night from London, having been absent from the city since October last. Whilst in London he attended the annual meetings of the companies with which he is connected, and at the Le Roi meeting made a very full statement in regard to the affairs of the company, which put the shareholders in possession of more complete information than they had hitherto received.

Speaking to a representative of The Miner yesterday, Mr. McMillan discussed freely such matters as are of public interest. He said that Mr. Parrish having been appointed general manager of the Le Roi mine and Northport smelter since he went to London, there were many questions of importance to discuss, and it was difficult to say much until he had been here a few days. The statement quoted in opening was then made.

"What is the feeling in London in regard to British Columbia?" "It is not at present very favorable, and the same may be said of the feeling in New York, Montreal and Toronto. In these financial centres the unsettled conditions in regard to labor in British Columbia are well understood, as also is the unstable nature of the local government in this province. As a result capital has ceased to flow into this country, and I do not look for much improvement until the conditions referred to are changed for the better. These are matters the people of the interior themselves largely control, and can alter if they will."

Asked for an opinion as to what could be done to improve matters, Mr. McMillan said: "This is too large a question to deal with in an interview. It is, however, believed that it ought to be possible to bridge over the difficulties between capital and labor, and to my mind it is absolutely wicked that any two or three men on either side in such disputes should have it in their power, at a moment's notice, to precipitate a labor war, thus paralyzing the industry of the whole community, and bringing anxiety, if not ruin, to thousands of honest, hardworking citizens. In making these statements I do not refer to any particular strike, but speak in general terms. The constantly recurring labor troubles in British Columbia have brought about a state of affairs here the extreme gravity of which is not properly appreciated by those in authority. When in Ottawa the other day I had several lengthy interviews with Sir William Mulock, minister of labor, Senator Templeman, our British Columbia representative in the cabinet, Ralph Smith, M. P., and others, when I urged the government to appoint a small but strong commission to investigate the whole labor question in British Columbia. Sir William promised to bring the matter before the cabinet at an early date. Since leaving Ottawa I notice there has been a debate in the house of commons on this subject, and that the government has promised, within a short time, to decide upon the question of a commission. I spent a little time at Fernie on my way through, and all parties there seemed to think that the settlement of the coal strike is upon a permanent basis. With settled labor conditions there would be a greatly improved state of affairs in Southern British Columbia during the next two or three years."

In discussing the future of Rossland, Mr. McMillan said: "It is hoped that new and cheaper methods of treating ore will enable the vast low grade ore bodies of the camp to be successfully handled. This question is somewhat in the experimental stage yet, but should the experiments prove commercially successful, Rossland will witness a degree of prosperity it has never yet known. Public confidence in the richness of the mineral resources of British Columbia is still strong, but it must not be forgotten that the ores of this country are in the main low grade, and their development must be carried on under the most favorable conditions in every respect."

Asked if there was anything to be said in regard to the Snowshoe mine, Mr. McMillan stated that they were pushing development ahead there, and that everything was in preparation to ship a large quantity of ore to the smelters. The Boundary smelters, to which the Snowshoe ore goes, expect shortly to receive regular supplies of coke, thus enabling them to take larger supplies of ore. Within the next few weeks it is intended to

\$50,000 FOR THE CASCADE

Eastern People Will Invest This in the Property.

Their Expert Passes Favorably on the Mine.

(From Friday's Daily.) "We have \$50,000 to spend on the Cascade mine during the next eighteen months and propose to push the development of the property as rapidly as possible," said J. F. Graeber yesterday. Mr. Graeber is a mining engineer from Shamokin, Pa., who has just returned from St. Thomas mountain after inspecting the Cascade property.

His statement as to the company's affairs is that a large amount of Cascade shares are held in the Shamokin district and in New York, the holders being interested in Pennsylvania coal properties as well. These shareholders sent him to Rossland to examine the property and determine whether or not the venture merited further expenditure. After looking over the property carefully Mr. Graeber has concluded that the Cascade is a meritorious proposition, and he will recommend his principals to put in the funds required to thoroughly demonstrate the value of the mine. He advocates deep workings, expressing disapproval of surface operations that do not tend to permanency, and says that his recommendation to the Cascade people will be to sink at once and to a considerable depth. At the same time he will recommend the continuance of the present main level and the driving of two new crosscuts.

The first steps in connection with the proposed program of activity will be undertaken in a few weeks hence, when a few men will be placed at work cleaning out the tunnel, now partially filled with ice, and attending to other preliminaries incident to the resumption in the main level. The matter of sinking will be settled shortly and instructions wired from New York.

The Cascade is to be equipped with a milling plant. Mr. Graeber states that he finds enough ore on the dumps and in sight to keep a mill running for some time, and that this low grade ore can be converted into an asset of considerable importance. The higher grade material can be opened up and extracted at the same time, thus securing an excellent grade of concentrates.

Mr. Graeber leaves tomorrow or Sunday for the east, and proposes to return to Rossland not later than July. He is interested in mining at Lasadargus, state of Chihuahua, near the town of Jemanes, Mexico, and at Lordsburg, New Mexico, 145 miles west of El Paso, Texas.

HAS BRIGHT FUTURE.

The announcement that the treasury of the Cascade company is to be strengthened to enable it to exploit the property on a substantial scale will be learned with gratification in the Rossland district. The property, as is generally known, is located on St. Thomas mountain, seven and a half miles west of the Columbia & Western railroad, with which it is connected by an excellent wagon road recently constructed by the government at a cost approximately \$10,000. The vein is strong, and the average value of the ton cars of ore shipped last year was \$14.35. The shipments netted the company \$4000, which is approximately the amount expended in development up to the present time. It has always been regarded as exceptionally promising, the drawback being the financial weakness of the proprietary concern. Now that this disability has been removed, the Cascade is certain to come to the front as a producer of ore on a profitable and considerable basis.

SPLENDID ECONOMY.

Sheriff Robinson's Management of the Spring Estate.

Sheriff Robinson was engaged yesterday distributing substantial checks to the creditors of the Spring estate, and receiving the congratulations of these on the admirable manner in which the matter was handled by him. The Spring assignment was made on May 14, 1902, and the business, up to a few days ago, when it passed into the hands of Mr. Challoner, has been in charge of the sheriff as assignee. The estate was indebted in the sum of \$3741.96 when taken over by the sheriff, and despite the quietness prevailing in all lines of business the creditors have received 92 cents on the dollar, which establishes a new record for British Columbia.

RETURN TO CASTLE LOO.

THE HAGUE, April 14.—As the strike situation is removed and the chances of disturbance are removed, Queen Wilhelmina and the prince consort return tomorrow to Castle Loo, to celebrate the latter's birthday on April 19th.

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

As foreshadowed in yesterday's Miner, the tax sale of crown granted mineral claims has been postponed. Yesterday John Kirkup, government agent, received instructions by wire from Hon. J. D. Prentice, minister of finance, to postpone the sale indefinitely.

Accordingly when the hour of the sale at the court house this morning is reached the government agent will make the foregoing announcement.

hall of Vancouver is in the new days. He is manager of the program of improvements and construction at the Spitzee...

OF TARA.—Interest lady readers to learn which won by Jessie MacLachlan reproduction of the famous Tara, reckoned one of the finest of Celtic art known, and led to her by the Scotsman last year.

ERS' ASSOCIATION.—Annual Ratepayers' Association regular weekly meeting in the lock last evening. There was attendance, but little business transacted. Some new members joined. The association now has membership of 62.

MR PAT.—Anderson, of Vancouver, has in a decision to the effect that the United Brotherhood of employees who left the Canada employ without giving notice entitled to recover the same. Similar actions are in progress in this district.

SUMES.—The first fruits of the settlement from the local mine will commence to the Trail smelter as the wagon road is in condition. Meantime the usual development will be pursued.

RAILS.—The government agent, has a decision to the effect that the steps are being taken to heavy flow of surface water destroying the roadbed. No work has been made as yet on repairs to the trails in June no plans are discarded.

PROPERTY.—The principal event of the past week in the local mining industry was the development on the 800 level of the Centre Star mine already referred to in the Miner with the qualification by the general manager of the property.

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