

ON FRIDAY CREEK

There are a Number of Valuable Properties There.

GLADSTONE CARRIES RICH ORE

A Big Station is Being Made in the Iron Coll in Which a Shaft Will be Sunk—James Breen Sells His Interests in the Northport Smelter.

Mr. Kennedy, who is in the city from the Similkameen country, in speaking about that section yesterday, said: "Friday Creek is one of the most promising mining camps in the Similkameen country. It is located 16 miles south of Princeton, and empties into the Similkameen river from the west bank. About a mile from its mouth is the Gladstone, which has, perhaps, the richest copper ore of any known property in the Similkameen country. It was originally located 11 years since by Messrs. Wheeler and Spath of Spokane, but was relocated two years since for the same parties. This was done in order that they might get the 1,500 feet square allowed under the new law. The old law only allowed 1,500 feet in length by 600 feet in breadth. There are two shafts of 50 feet depth each on the Gladstone, and in the bottom of these there is a fine showing of bornite ore. In order to tap this ore at depth, a tunnel has been run in for a distance of 200 feet, and then a crosscut made for 50 feet, and the ore body encountered. The ore runs about \$200 to the ton in copper and gold, but in my opinion they are not in the main body that shows in the shafts. I think that they are as yet 50 feet away from it. Mr. Wheeler said last fall that he intended to go east for the purpose of floating a company to develop the Gladstone, and when he returned he intended to do some extensive development work. When he left for the east he took with him 500 pounds of the ore for a smelter test.

"South of the Gladstone, and adjoining it, is the Muldoon, which was purchased by a California company last summer. They have already shipped in tools and will begin development work on the 1st of March. No work has been done on this claim so far, but it has a very fine surface showing, which is about five feet wide.

"South of the Muldoon is the Friday Queen. It has two tons of ore on the dump ready for shipment in the spring. This claim has a shaft which has reached a depth of 12 feet. This was sunk in order to do one year's assessment. The ore in this claim is a bornite and lies between granite walls.

"Another claim on Friday Creek is owned by Mr. Hugh Henderson, the brewer, and Mr. Ed Watson of the Strand, both of this city. There is a really fine showing on this property.

"Dr. McKennie and Mr. T. R. Morrow of this city, have two claims on the opposite side of the mountain from Friday Creek. The ore from this claim runs high in copper and gold. Adjoining these claims are two others which have been crown granted for 12 years. They are owned by ex-Governor Dewdney and Hon. Mr. Vernon.

A Big Station.

On the lower tunnel in the Iron Coll, at a point 600 feet from the portal, a station is being cut out. Its dimensions are 50 feet in length and 30 feet in width. The ceiling is 28 feet high. In this will be installed a hoist for the shaft, which is to be sunk to explore the property at depth. It is thought that the sinking of the shaft will be commenced some time during the coming week, as the station is almost completed.

Breen Sells His Interests.

News come from Northport to the effect that James Breen has disposed of his interest in the smelter, which interest consisted of a quarter, to the British American corporation. The new manager to succeed Mr. Breen is A. W. Hudson. He is on the ground and has taken charge. The smelter has restarted, and is supposed will run continuously, only closing one blast at a time when necessary to repair. The price paid Mr. Breen is not known.

TWO LARGE PLANTS.

They Have Arrived at Greenwood For Mining Companies Near There.

Two mining plants have just arrived in Greenwood. One is for the B. C. Mines and Summit camp, and consists of one-half of a 20-horse compressor, a 12 1/2 hp. hoist, three 10-horse power boilers and two Ingersoll-Sergeant drills. The other plant is for the Sunset in Deadwood camp, which is being operated by the Montreal & Boundary Creek Mining company. This plant is a duplicate of the one for the B. C. Mine. Captain Johns, the superintendent for the Boundary Creek company, has the foundation and setting for the plant in readiness for the immediate installation of the machinery, and will, therefore, have it in full operation within a very short time. These two compressors were furnished by the Ingersoll-Sergeant company.

GOLD REEF COMPANY.

The Adverse Has Been Lifted and it is Going Ahead Again.

The second ordinary general meeting of the Gold Reef Mining & Stilling company, limited, non-personal liability, was held at the offices of the company Monday last. In the absence of Mr. Wm. B. Townsend, president, the chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Patterson. Five directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year, the following gentlemen being chosen: Messrs. W. H. Patterson, Daniel Riley, M. C. Mahon, L. Levy and W. H. Denby. The meeting was well attended (over 600,000 shares represented) and lasted two hours, during which time the status of the company was thoroughly explained, showing that everything was in a very satisfactory condition indeed, both as regards finances, and prospects of the mine. In respect to the present state of work on the Rainy Day, it was mentioned that a force of

men was working, the intention being to continue sinking the shaft in the tunnel all through the winter. Shelter has been provided for the men, and supplies both for operation and sustenance packed in, sufficient to last until June next, when the force will be augmented so as to push rapidly the development. The work to date consists of sinking about 50 feet, tunneling 20 feet and drifting on lead from face of tunnel to working shaft, which is down some 15 feet, giving a depth from the surface of about 40 feet. It was found necessary in order to prosecute winter work, that a tunnel be run in, and then a drift to the north along the lead for some 10 feet and sinking, so as to have shelter for the shaft, as during the present season it is difficult to construct a shaft house. As soon as winter breaks up, however, the property will be visited by the directors and shareholders, who will examine and determine the nature of buildings required for permanent operations.

The ore being extracted is on the average all paying ore, and some 10 or 12 tons are now on the dumps ready for raw-hiding.

A meeting of directors was held after the general meeting had dissolved and the following officers were appointed to conduct the business of the company for the next 12 months: Mr. W. L. Patterson, president; Mr. L. Levy, vice-president, and Mr. W. H. Denby, secretary-treasurer. The secretary reported that all the work done had been achieved from the sale of promoters' stock, the whole 100,000 having been taken up readily by merchants in Rossland, Ymir and Nelson. In September the company had received notice of the Rainy Day being advertised to the extent of about three acres. This necessarily demanded the withdrawal of treasury stock from the market just when the outlook was very promising. However, it had to be done, to protect the status of the company's stock. Still, to avoid the work being stopped, and closing down the mine, it was mutually agreed by the stockholders to personally supply funds for continuing development, notwithstanding the adverse. This magnanimous action on their part has enabled the work to continue all winter as stated, with the result that the property has been systematically worked and is now in good shape to produce shipping ore. The adverse has been lifted, the advertisers withdrawing their claims upon receiving full satisfaction. Thus all is amicably settled and crown grants to the Rainy Day and Rainy Day No. 2 will be issued without further delay. The title is absolutely perfect, and work advanced sufficiently to warrant treasury stock being once again offered to the public. All vendors' and promoters' stock is pooled until the mine is self-sustaining. The work now being done is on vein No. 2, where the high average values obtained. There are three leads on the Rainy Day, all of which give average values sufficient to guarantee that the Gold Reef Mining & Stilling company has one of the most promising properties in the whole of the Ymir district.

ST. EUGENE LOOKING WELL.

Concentrator is eing Increased o a Capacity of 400 Tons.

Mr. J. C. Drewry, managing director of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, limited, and Mr. W. H. Jeffrey, the mining engineer of the company returned Monday from East Kootenay, where they were examining some mining properties.

Monday Mr. Drewry sad to a Miner representative that the properties at Moyie was looking magnificent. Fifteen different workings were being pushed vigorously on the Lake Shore, Moyie and St. Eugene and there was ore in every working and the finest he had ever seen in his life. Men had been set at work on Saturday framing the timbers for the big addition to the compressor. It is to be increased from a capacity of 150 tons daily to 400 tons daily. The 10-drill compressor plant is also being installed in the St. Eugene and will start Wednesday or Thursday and a considerable addition to the force will be put on. It is intended to start the concentrator about the 20th of March and the mine will then be run at its full capacity.

WORK IS RESUMED.

A Force of Men Renew Operations in the Morrison Property.

Mr. F. A. Oliver arrived back from Deadwood camp Monday night and is staying at the Windsor. He reports that while he was there he put a force of 10 men to work on the Morrison. Work on this property was shut down on December 10th. There is ample work for some time to come. The stock has been made assessable to the extent of 10 cents per share and when the 500,000 shares of treasury have been exhausted it is probable that assessments will be levied. It is thought, however, before a great while the property will be on a paying basis and there may be no necessity of levying assessments.

SLOCAN LABOR TROUBLES.

It is Said That an Agreement Has Been Reached.

A prominent gentleman who arrived in town Monday evening from the Slocan reports that the labor troubles in the Slocan are virtually settled. Several conferences have been held between the mine managers and the men and he said he was certain that the following agreement had been reached: The miners will resume work on the following terms: Miners, \$3.25 per day; muckers and carmen, \$3 per day of eight hours.

The Oro Denoro.

The Oro Denoro is being rapidly developed and has a good showing of ore. As soon as the spur is completed to the mine the intention is to ship 50 tons of ore per day. It is thought the spur will be finished by the 1st of March at the farthest.

McLEOD'S DELIGHT.

Rheumatism Made Miserly—South American Rheumatic Cure brought a Welcome Relief.

Mr. McLeod of Leith, Ont., walked into the store of a local druggist in Owen Sound at which he has purchased South American Rheumatic Cure, and said: "I am so perfectly delighted with the results obtained from the use of this grand remedy that I came unsolicited to offer you the use of my name in recommending it to others who may be as great sufferers from rheumatism as I was. Sold by Goodhue Bros.

SHIPMENTS CEASE

La Roi Company Will Not Market its Ore For the Present.

ABOUT 200 MEN ARE RETAINED

A Heavier Plant is Now Required for Economical Working—Some 150 Miners Laid Off—The Smelters Must Close Down For Want of Ore.

Instructions were received here to stop all shipments for the present from Rossland's premier mine, the Le Roi, and yesterday some 150 men were laid off and the output has ceased. About 200 men are retained on the payroll of the mine, and development work will be pushed along until the new 40-drill compressor ordered last October is installed and in working order, when it is presumed shipments will recommence. Just how long it will take it is impossible at the present time to say, and yesterday Mr. Bernard MacDonald declined to name any definite period. On Thursday night about 11 o'clock, the steam hoist broke down, and this may have hastened matters, but it is evident that the London office has decided on the move in question in any case.

Mr. MacDonald, the general manager of the B. A. C., had but little to say yesterday. "All shipments will at once cease at the Le Roi," he said, "and I cannot tell you just when the output will commence again. Up to the present time we have been working with a plant that was adapted only for shallow depths, and this has proved inadequate for the Le Roi in its present stage of development. We will accordingly require to install the new 40-drill compressor which was ordered in October last, and place the other heavy machinery in order before the work can recommence. I cannot say at present how long this will take. In the meantime a force of about 200 men will be retained on the payroll of the mine, and development will be pushed as rapidly as the circumstances will permit."

"Yes, the Le Roi company, or the B. A. C., as you have it now, owns the Northport smelter entirely," added the manager, "and for the present the concern will be obliged to close down until the Le Roi starts up again.

"No, I don't know that any of the other B. A. C. properties will be affected, or that there will be any reduction in the staff employed on them."

The practical effect of the latest move will be to nearly stop all shipments from the camp, and the closing down of both the local smelters when the ore on hand is exhausted until the output is once more started.

THE ROYAL GOLD.

An Ironcap Ledge Found in an Unexpected Place.

Mr. A. H. Stiles came in from the Royal Gold property Friday night. The group adjoins the boundary line, the Great Republic and Double Standard on the east. He reports that the work is going on very satisfactory in the shape of sinking a prospecting and developing shaft and which will be large enough to take out ore and prospect the property to a depth of 300 or 400 feet. This shaft was started 70 feet up the hill and above the apex of the ledge. The hill has an angle of 28 degrees. In clearing away to start sinking, after clearing off about six feet of earth, to Mr. Stiles' surprise the formation was found to be an iron capping, which was highly mineralized, carrying more sulphides of iron than the ordinary capping in that vicinity. It was expected that the diorite formation would be encountered instead.

From all indications there must be two bodies of ore, one on each side of the diorite formation. The dip of these formations is about 35 degrees, and the shaft will dip at about 80 degrees and will in course of time pass through this capping into the diorite, and will then be driven to tap the lower ledge as there seems to be more copper pyrites in it. The shaft is situated directly over the large showing, which is about 20 feet in width and will tap this ledge at about 100 feet in depth. The diorite will form the hanging wall and has a strike of about 30 degrees north and east of south. From the fact of finding this capping over the diorite and being so well mineralized it is very likely that ore will be found in this ledge as well as the one the shaft is being sunk to develop. There have been several crosscuts and prospect holes sunk on the ledge, for a distance of over 200 feet in length; and from the work done the company is well pleased with the showing and believe that it is one of the best properties in that locality. The management does not intend to give up operations on this property until it is thoroughly tested, the ore being of a grade that can be treated cheaply at Northport, and the property being only 3,000 feet from the railroad track a very low grade ore can be handled. From the surface indications there must be large bodies of ore below.

THE CARNIVAL PRIZES.

Change in the Character of Those to Be Distributed.

The carnival committee, finding that the public was not taking much interest in either the parade or in the contest for the best decorated building, the prizes offered for those features of the program have been withdrawn, and the committee has used the money thus left on hand to substitute better prizes for the senior and junior hockey contests. The prizes for the senior team will be gold lockets, each worth \$15 each, at the factory, and on each will be engraved the name of the event for which it was given and the individual winner. The silver match boxes originally intended for the seniors will be given to the junior champions in place of the scarf pins.

Chronicle's New Editor.

Halifax, Feb. 12.—E. W. McLennan, who at one time was editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, and more recently has been inspector of schools for Pictou county in this province, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the Halifax Chronicle.

WAR EAGLE-CENTRE STAR.

Mr. George Gooderham Speaks About the Situation—Who Gave the Tip.

Mr. George Gooderham, the president of the War Eagle company and of the Centre Star company, was seen last week by a Globe reporter to whom he gave the following interview.

"I only heard of the close down on Friday," said he. "That was when we got a telegram from Manager Kirby that it was necessary to close down until new machinery was in and the development improved. We knew that the work had not been proceeding satisfactorily, but we hoped to have the trouble bridged over until we got the new plant in. These troubles with the machinery were apparent some time ago, but we expected that our manager would overcome them. We could not foresee anything of this kind. There was the possibility of a close down, as there is in every mine, but we did not expect it.

Did Not Know.

"To say that we knew that the close-down must come for the last week or two is not correct," continued Mr. Gooderham emphatically, turning and looking at his interviewer. "That such a serious state of things existed we did not know until Friday evening, when we got a telegram from the Rossland management. A meeting of the directors was held on Saturday afternoon and the recommendation of the manager adopted. On Saturday night I wired to Rossland by the C. P. R. to pay off all the hands tonight. How the information got out to those who unloaded on the market I do not know.

Two Months At Least.

"It will take, perhaps, two months at least before the mines are started. We are putting in steam plants in place of the electric ones on both of the properties. The boilers are now pretty well in, but it will be between two and three months, I should say, before the plant will be installed and in working order. It has been ordered for some time. That the War Eagle will start shipments as soon as the plant is installed, I cannot say. The mine is behind in development and shipments will not start until the manager is satisfied that the development is well ahead."

"I want to say," said Mr. Gooderham, "that the public have a wrong impression when they think we deal in the stock market. We have never bought or sold one share on the market. That is one thing we have avoided. We will make the best we can of the mine. The stock can take care of itself. We have never received any benefit from high-priced stock ourselves, with one exception, and that was when we sold one block for \$2.60 or \$2.70 a share. It was treasury stock and the shareholders got the benefit."

Mr. Gooderham expressed his personal unbounded confidence in both mines. The break in War Eagle stock and consequently in Centre Star was received as a rude shock in Montreal. The news was not received there until after the stock exchange closed yesterday, and in the meantime some 20,000 shares were unloaded here by Toronto parties. The loss will

be largely distributed as War Eagle has been a favorite with the speculators. Brokers got a margin of 50c, which is wiped out, and another margin of from \$1 to \$1.50 will be called for at once. The banks which have been lending on War Eagle will also be calling on the brokers for further margins as the amount of their loan, \$1.50 per share, is in danger. It is natural to suppose that a good many holders will be unable to put up a dollar margin or more, so that the brokers will be confronted with the problem of having to take a loss if they market the shares thus thrown on their hands. War Eagle was one of the few mining stocks upon which the banks would loan, and as a consequence a great deal of stock is held on margins throughout the city.

The governing committee of the Montreal Stock exchange today discussed the action of the War Eagle and Centre Star directors, and though nothing was done it is probable that, unless satisfactory explanations are forthcoming, the stocks will be struck off the exchange lists.

Another despatch from Montreal states that on being asked for an explanation by the stock exchange, Mr. Gooderham stated that they had only received word from the West on Friday, the 2nd, the directors met on Saturday and decided on the action which was subsequently taken and on the same day the circulars containing Mr. Kirby's letters and the directors' statement were in the printer's hands. On the Monday evening following the circulars were handed to the city press and posted to all shareholders. Mr. Gooderham adds that he has no idea how the news got out in advance and suggests that it came from the West.

The dispatch adds that the committee of the Montreal Stock exchange on receiving Mr. Gooderham's explanation declared that it was "entirely unsatisfactory," and Mr. Gooderham was so informed, meantime the stock of both companies will remain on the official list.

A Valentine Social.

The valentine social, given under the auspices of the Ladies' aid of the Methodist church last evening, was in every way an unqualified success. While there was a short musical and literary program, the items of which were all excellent and well received, the most of the evening was devoted to social converse and the promotion of cordial friendliness among the people. Every gentleman received a valentine of home manufacture, while every lady received a sweetheart in the form of a heart-shaped candy. These different articles were numbered to correspond, and it devolved upon the gentleman to find the sweetheart corresponding to his valentine. This arrangement greatly added to the evening's enjoyment, and performed wonders in promoting friendliness and good fellowship. The "Jack Horner Pie" was the source of a great deal of amusement. The refreshments were choice and plentiful and were partaken of in a manner that proved that they were appreciated. There was also a candy stall, which did a thriving business. Taken together, this was one of the most successful entertainments yet held in the church. The proceeds will add about \$80 to the fund for seating the church.

IMPORTANT LEGAL BUSINESS

DAVEY WILL PRESS HIS SUIT AGAINST THE INLAND CO.

The City of Spokane Is to Be Mandamused to Compel It to Grant a Telephone Franchise.

Mr. W. B. Davey of Grand Forks is in the city. He is the president of the Columbia Telephone and Telegraph company. The latter company owns a line which runs from the international boundary line to Spokane and Republic and other places. Mr. Davey is en route to Spokane, where he has some important legal business to attend to. One of the objects of his trip is to mandamus the city of Spokane to compel the city council to give the Spokane and B. C. company the right to erect, maintain and operate a telephonic exchange in that city. He holds that the city is not vested with the power to grant any company a monopoly in the telephone or any other business. Another object of his trip is to push the suit which his company has against the Inland company for \$205,000 damages, an alleged breach of contract in refusing to deliver messages. This was done by the Inland company in June, 1897.

Mr. Davey reports that Mr. J. B. King for the purpose of securing a franchise from the provincial legislature under which the lines of his company will be extended from Camp Ackinney to Vancouver. This will enable the people of the Boundary country and of Rossland to have direct and quick communication with the coast. This will be of immense advantage to them and will increase the business relations between the two sections of the province.

Mr. Davey says a strong effort will be made to secure the passage of the Kettle River Valley railway charter at this session of the Dominion parliament, and it is this done it will be of great benefit to the entire Boundary Creek country, as it will give that section a competing line. The mining men of Republic regard Grand Forks as the natural smelting point for them and would ship their ore thither provided there was a railway. Another smelter is shortly to be erected in Grand Forks by Mr. Harry Gager and others. The machinery for this smelter is manufactured and a site for it has been secured alongside the smelter of the Granby Smelting company. It is expected that the Gager smelter will be ready for operation by the end of July at the furthest.

There is considerable building in progress in Grand Forks. The Grand Forks Mercantile company, of which Mr. Davey is president, has just completed the erection of a commodious two story hotel. It is provided with all the modern conveniences, has been leased to Messrs. Hubbert & Stark and is to be run as a strictly first-class house.

The Rossland City Council Band will meet at 7 sharp Wednesday evening, at the bandmaster's office. Full uniform. The ladies of the Scotch club will give a social on Friday evening next.

CITY TO MAINTAIN

THE RECENT ACT LOCAL LEGISLATION

What Income Will Be of the Per Capita Tax imposed Yesterday.

Mr. C. O. Lalonde, of school board, was so Thursday to receive in of a bill amending the Act. Apparently the act and is now in force here was ever advised amendments were before most important effect put upon the municipal one of which is the entire expense of maintenance increased the per capita where the actual daily or exceeds 500 pupils \$10 to \$15. The school formerly vested in the cities and towns monthly So far as Rossland is capita grant made by amount to \$9,000 per. It has always been the government tax of is annually collected from in the city, would sumed the maintenance turned over to the is nothing, however, in question, and Mr. Lal doubt last evening who per capita grant was get to support the scho in question would als In the latter case, the at about \$9,000, total capita grant would em to the rapidly increasing of the city.

For capital, account ent expenditure was p erment last fall, of a to construct four more street school. Mr. E. structed to prepare pla but when the govern for the plans in a hu quite finished and w state to the minister school board had no specting the plans pr sent away, and when they wanted several a matter so stands. Un provision is made in the toria during the presen will be called upon to put up the building. estimated, will be req building in question, a dition will shortly be account if the city inc in the near future as Should the government out its promise and cor and at the same time referred to, the city w ry on the schools fairl however, is taken by s ter, and it was not th tion would be taken th the municipalities were ter footing to start w

The Peare furnace, which cost the govern install, has failed this building satisfactorily. said yesterday that so had been consumed in the 9th of December he had been only poorly he visited the school s found the following t eight rooms: Upstairs Downstairs, 48, 58, 50 many of the younger been recently vaccin four classes being dis sent in a formal comp to Victoria last night.

THE GREAT

Aftermath of the Pa The City D There was a feeling of satisfaction everywhere Thursday over the greing of the previous agreed that in no cit times larger than Ros magnificent and succe have been held. The short notice, no att boom it, yet the tone the speeches delivered in which the fine and ering appreciated and terances, was beyond. A full account of the resolutions adopted w city promptly, and M wired the fourth res Dominion government to the speaker at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier a per. Speaker Bain p the following pleasing

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IN A DECLINE.

Mrs. W. Goodwin, Argyle Sound, N.S., says:—"After the birth of my first child I was in poor health and unable to recover my strength. I had a severe pain in my left side and lung, which almost made it impossible for me to breathe. I had a bad cough day and night, and was troubled with night sweats, and on awakening found myself very weak. My complexion was yellow, and my appetite entirely gone. All my friends believed me to be in a decline. Our family physician attended me for a long time but I got no better. Then a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Acting on this advice I bought a supply, and continued their use for a couple of months, when my health was fully restored. I am sincere in saying that I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life."

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