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MINING NEWS.

Rossland Ships Second Largest Quantity of Ore for any Week in Year.

Rossland, B.C., December 9.—The week closes with the second largest ore shipment of the year, 5,840 tons having been sent to the smelters during the preceding seven days. The Le Roi led easily with the handsome total of 1,560 tons. The Centre Star made the largest shipment of the year, 1,110 tons, and the Monte Cristo joined the list of shippers, sending down 100 tons. Bernard McDonald, the successor to W. A. Carlyle, as general manager of the B. A. C. properties arrives to-night, and Hill at once take charge of the Le Roi and all the other mines of the big corporation.

A meeting of mine owners and mine managers from all over the Kootenay is being held here to-morrow to consider the eight-hour question.

The total ore shipments from the Rossland camp for the week and for the year to date are as follows:

Le Roi	2560	88,577
War Eagle	1,920	60,728
Iron Mask	150	5,256
Evening Star	—	1,088
Deer Park	—	18
Centre Star	1,110	14,155
Columbia Kootenay	111	—
Virginia	—	100
Mountain Trail	—	20
I. X. L.	—	75
Coxey	—	20
Monte Cristo	100	100
Total	5,840	170,248

NEW STRIKES

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 11.—New strikes have been made on Van Anda and Cobeldick's mine at Frederick's Arm, both on the coast near Vancouver. Van Anda is a copper proposition, but at 350 feet level a sample shipment to the smelter has been made, nine tons going \$17 to the ton. Miners are in 15 feet of solid 12 per cent. copper in the Cobeldick property.

MR. CLUTE IS AT WORK.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 11.—Mr. R. C. Clute lost no time in setting to work as the Dominion government commissioner to enquire into the operation of the alien labor act in the Slocan. He has taken much interesting evidence with regard to the eight-hour question. He is sitting at Sandon.

MAY DECIDE ON COMPROMISE.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11.—At a meeting held at Sandon last week the mine officers offered to compromise with the strikers. They offered the men \$3.25. The men asked \$3.50 for an eight-hour day.

AMERICAN-CANADIAN GOLD MINING CO.

Shareholders in the American-Canadian Gold Mining Co., which owns the Alice A mine, in the Selkirk River country, have received a copy of a letter written by Mr. W. Ramsay, expert of the British-Ontario Gold Mining Co., which undertook to develop the Alice A, intimating that work would commence on the property shortly. The letter was to Geo. H. Hillyer, vice-president of the American-Canadian Co., and is as follows: I am writing to you in advance of being sent out to superintend the erection of an extensive plant for the Alice A mine. The directors of the British-Ontario Gold Mining Co. are desirous to push the work forward as quickly as possible and complete the necessary milling plant with a capacity of 200 tons per day of 24 hours.—Rat Portage Miner.

THE HOMESTAKE.

The Homestake mine, consisting of a number of claims, as surveyed by Mr. Chalmers, O.L.S., are located in Deepwater bay some 20 miles westward from Rat Portage, containing an area of over 100 acres, are the joint discoveries of three well known local men, who have, with the assistance of western mining men, succeeded in perfecting arrangements for their early development. These extensive deposits have been thoroughly prospected and reported upon, and as the ore is not only there in enormous quantities, but carries excellent average values besides—Rat Portage Miner.

GOLD BUG.

The carload of ore sent from the Gold Bug, one of the properties of the Boundary Creek Mining & Milling company, in Deadwood Camp, has arrived at the Trail smelter. The ore carries 131 ounces in silver, 2 oz. 2 dwt in gold, 12 p.c. lead, and 11½ p.c. copper. It netted \$110.60 per ton over freight and treatment, or \$2,212 for the carload. Mr. Hector McRae, of this city, is largely interested in this property, and is its managing director.

MONTE CRISTO.

Two carloads of ore from the Monte Cristo were billed at the Columbia and Western railway depot for Trail yesterday. There was about 40 tons of ore in the two cars and they will probably reach the smelter some time to-day. This is the first ore sent from the Monte Cristo mine since the fall of 1898, when 415 tons were shipped from it to the Trail smelter. The freight and treatment rates were higher than they are now and there was not much if any profit in the ore then. Now, however, with a decreased freight and treatment rate the company anticipates that there will be some profit. There are large reserves of low grade ore in the Monte Cristo.

PROGRESS IN MINING DEVELOPMENT IN THE BOUNDARY

Greenwood, Dec. 2.—The C. P. R. track laying machine started work laying the steel on the spur line to the Mother Lode mine, Deadwood camp. It will be pushed as rapidly as possible to completion. The rails have been laid on the spur to within about four miles of Phoenix and it is expected if the weather continues favorable to reach there in three weeks. The track is laid to the B. C. and Oro Denero and will be to the Golden Crown within two weeks.

The Phoenix Waterworks company has been incorporated and J. Corryell, C. E., has taken levels for the water system, which is to be installed. Mr. Rumberger, owner of the Rumberger townsite has secured all the water rights in sight.

Paul Johnson, superintendent of the B.

C. Copper company, has left for New York to meet the directors and discuss with them the purchase of machinery for the smelter. Good progress is being made on the smelter site and a large force of men is at work.

The C. P. R. will undertake the construction of three spur lines to the smelter for bringing in of ore, for delivering coke and coal for the furnaces and one to carry away the products of the smelter to the main line. Carpenter and blacksmith shops and buildings for the workmen are being erected and boiler room, engine room and other necessary buildings for the machinery will be started immediately. Mr. Johnson the superintendent, has perfected a sampling mill, which does away with the objections to smelting men have to mechanical smelters and his invention has been patented by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco. One of these samplers will be in use in the Greenwood smelter.

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