

MINING NEWS.

Rossland, B.C., May 28.

Work continues steadily on a number of properties that have not yet reached the shipping stage. Among these are the Virginia, Iron Colt, Columbia, Iron Horse, Homestake, Deer Park, Southern Belle, Snowshoe, Mascot, Gertrude, No. 1, Josie, Nickel Plate, Great Western, Velvet, Leiter, Wallingford, Sunset, No. 2, Douglas, White Bear, Evening Star, Kootenay, and others. Some of these properties are getting into the productive stage. The Velvet is in a position to ship, as it has large reserves of ore. The Douglas, it is claimed, has a vein opened 30 feet in width of ore of a shipping quality. The Velvet and Douglas, unfortunately, are out of range of transportation until a spur of road seven miles in length is constructed to them from the Red Mountain Railway. Another property that is in a condition to ship (and this one is nearer home) is the Evening Star. This property has now reached a stage in its development which should entitle it to be designated as a mine. It has a large chute of pay ore in a condition for shipping. Its management, however, desire to develop it still further before adding it to the list of regular shippers. It will, however, market the ore on its dumps and that taken out in the course of its development. The Columbia and Kootenay and the No. 1 are also in a condition to market their ores, and it should not be long now before they commence to do so.

The ore shipments, owing to the unfortunate accident in the War Eagle mine last week, have fallen off again; but there is every indication that during the coming week there will be a marked increase. For the week just ended the Le Roi shipped to the Northport smelter 1,184 tons. The drop in the total shipments, however, is caused by the decrease in the War Eagle output. The mine only sent 463 tons to Trail, in place of 1,887 tons shipped the previous week.

It must be remembered that the mine was closed down for three days during the week on account of the fatal accident in the main shaft on the 20th. The Centre Star made a fair shipment of 130 tons to Trail, and the Iron Mask sent 37 tons to the same point. In the case of the Iron Mask the improvements noted last week in progress, and during the month of June shipments from this mine will steadily increase.

The ore shipments from Rossland for the week ending May 27th, and for the year to date are as follows:

	Tons for week	Tons for year.
Le Roi.....	1,824	31,859
War Eagle.....	463	14,777
Iron Mask.....	37	941
Evening Star.....	36
Deer Park.....	18
Centre Star.....	130	143
Total.....	11,454	299,536

Vancouver, B.C., May 28.

Some people and papers have been industriously attempting to stir up strife between the Slocan mine owners and miners over the eight-hour law. That the market takes

no notice of the agitators is shown from the fact that Slocan stocks are more in demand than any others. It is believed that the question of wages under the new law will be satisfactorily settled in a day or two. Meanwhile, the "Silver-Lead" stocks are active.

Slocan ore shipments for the week ending May 19th were 317 tons, of which the Payne mine sent 261 tons to Omaira, the Last Chance 40 tons to the same place, and the Gibson shipped 10 tons to Kaslo.

The Duncan Mines, Limited, is getting in new machinery. It has just installed a new two ton skip in the Drummond shaft on the Granite, and a big new double cylinder steam hoist. The hoist, which was supplied by the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., is capable of raising 4,500 pounds from a depth of 500 feet.

A novel system, that of the Kootenay Air Power Co., will soon be in use at Coffee Creek, Ainsworth. The system, which is almost entirely new, consists in pouring water down a shaft 20 feet square and 200 feet deep, and confining the air carried down by the water, thereby creating a pressure, under which it will be distributed. It is expected to develop 505 horse power, available for the supply of mines within a radius of three miles.

Sunset No. 2—Work is steadily progressing on both the shafts. The main shaft is now down to a depth of a little over 400 feet, and both the ore and vein are reported to be steadily widening. The management says the vein is now seven feet in width, and the ore body in it is between three and four feet in width. Lumber is being got out for the gallows frame for the hoist at the new shaft, which will be in operation next month. The management expresses itself as being pleased with the outlook.

Iron Colt—Work continues on the drift from the main tunnel, which is now in a distance of 200 feet. The vein that is being drifted on is looking fairly well. There were no new developments during the past week.

Homestake—Crosscutting south from the main drift on the 200-foot level. There were no new developments to note.

Evening Star—Jerome Drumbheller, the managing director of the company, made an inspection of the property recently. Mr. Drumbheller reports that the upraise from the upper to the lower tunnel is finished. Its length is 80 feet. There is about four and a half feet of ore, which it is claimed will run \$28 to the ton in this upraise. Mr. Drumbheller says he is greatly pleased with the condition of the property.

White Bear—The work of pumping the water out of the workings was commenced on Friday, the 19th inst., and is now finished. The intention is to sink the shaft to the 400-foot level. The shaft is now down to a depth of 250 feet. The intention is to explore for mineral at depth. The company has ample funds with which to carry on the explorations.

Jumbo—The work of extending the lower tunnel 100 feet is in progress. The tunnel had been driven for a distance of 235 feet when the contract was let.

BIG THREE.

MASCOT—W. Y. Williams, the superintendent of the Mascot, has been absent during the past few days in the Boundary Creek country. Work is being pushed with the usual vigor on the Mascot. The latest reports from the mine give the following measurements: No. 3 tunnel was advanced 37 feet and is now in 646 feet. They expect to be under the winze with this tunnel some time this week, when the upraise will be started. The crosscut in No. 2 tunnel has been advanced 11 feet and is now in 79 feet. The last round of shots broke into ore similar to that in the winze, but operations had to be suspended temporarily on account of surface water coming in. No. 2 tunnel has been extended 6 feet and is now in 661 feet, and the winze No. 2 has been extended 8 feet and is now in 127 feet.

Southern Belle and Snowshoe—Work in the winze is still shut down on account of the inflow of surface water. The crosscut, which is being driven from the face of the tunnel, is now in for a distance of 70 feet. It will have to be driven 30 feet more, it is expected, before the ledge will be tapped.

WORK ON THE DEER PARK.

Work is being pushed energetically on the Deer Park. When work was recently resumed on this property, a crosscut towards the east was commenced from the bottom of the shaft on the 300-foot level. This crosscut was run through the country rock for a distance of 17 feet, and now the ledge has been met. The vein has just been broken into and is strongly mineralized. This the management regard as important, for the reason that it proves the ledge, which was found in the 150-foot level, to be continuous to a depth of 300 feet. The ledge will at once be crosscut, and when its width is ascertained it will be drifted upon. The ore found so far is simply the outside of the ledge, and so no assays have so far been made.

ORO DENORO.

The machinery for the Oro Denoro property, operated by the King Mining Co., was shipped from Rossland on May 22nd to the Boundary Country. It consists of a five-drill compressor plant, hoist and pump.

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