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THE WEEK'S PROGRESS

In Rossland's Big Mining Industry—Various Indications of Advancement.

The Shipping Operations and Work at Respective Mines.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The past week saw various developments of interest and importance in connection with Rossland's mining industry. Work was resumed at the Great Western mine, building operations were commenced at the Le Roi Two concentrator, substantial advances were made at the Spitzee mine in connection with the new headworks, and the surface construction at the Jumbo was advanced materially.

The shipments were slightly below those of the previous week, but a daily average of 1000 tons is maintained. A feature of the shipments is the enhanced output from the Le Roi Two mine, which sent out more ore last week than during any one week in the past six months. Coupled with various reports of ore strikes at the big mines, the record is excellent and in keeping with the predicted activity in the mines of the district.

The coke shortage is still a serious drawback to the Rossland mines. It is conceded that shipments will be advanced on a substantial scale when the smelters are in shape to handle the product, which will be just as soon as the reduction plants purchasing Rossland ore are assured of continuous and adequate coke supplies.

A feature of importance in connection with the mining industry is the marked activity in various outlying sections of the district. Burnt Basin, Norway mountain and Champion and Murphy creek camps are displaying a decided revival, and the events of the summer promise to place all these camps much more in the picture than has been the case for several seasons. The greatest desideratum in the outlying sections of the district is improved transportation facilities, and these will undoubtedly be secured when the provincial authorities are satisfied that conditions merit the necessary expenditure.

THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending June 13th and for the year to date are as follows:		
Week.	Year.	
Le Roi.....	3000	81,904
Centre Star.....	1620	37,678
War Eagle.....	1140	25,985
Kootenay.....	340	1,875
Le Roi No. 2.....	910	12,762
Velvet.....	100	2,826
White Bear.....	297	297
O. K.....	385	385
Giant.....	90	90
Homestake.....	90	90
Totals.....	7110	163,757

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI—The mine has been much in the public eye during the past week by reason of the report on what is claimed to be good authority of an important ore strike on the 1350-foot level. The management has made no statement on the subject as yet, but something along the line indicated is expected at an early date. The statements of miners employed at the property are quoted as authority for the rumor as to important and gratifying developments respecting the deep levels of the mine. In other respects the operations at the property have been along the usual lines. No special increase has been made in the daily output, as the coke supply at the smelter is yet considerably below the demand, and insufficient to keep the entire plant in operation.

LE ROI TWO—Much interest also attaches to the operations at the Le Roi Two mines in connection with the progress made on the concentrator. As already stated during the week, the contract for the buildings was let to John Lynch at a figure, it is understood, approximating \$7000. The contractor has already commenced work, and his agreement is to finish the premises in sixty days. The first installment of machinery for the Elmore process section of the plant has been delivered, and further commitments are looked for daily. In the Josie mine the stopping on the 600 and upper levels has been continued, development is proceeding on the 700 and exploration on the 900. In the No. 1 the stopping on the second, third and fifth levels is proceeding. At both properties a considerable tonnage is being added to the dumps regularly in anticipation of the inauguration of concentrating.

GREAT WESTERN—This week saw the resumption of operations at the Great Western mine, owned by the Rossland-Kootenay company. At present surface work only is being performed, and the management is not explicit as to the date of the commencement of pumping. It is estimated, however, that their intention is to unwater the property and thoroughly explore and sample the ore bodies disclosed in the mill or thereabouts of underground workings. When the Great Western suspended operations

almost three years ago it was generally supposed that low grade ore was the reason therefor, but it has eventuated that low grade ore can be operated on a most profitable basis in this camp, the Kootenay mine being the most recent striking evidence of this.

CENTRE STAR—No special development has cropped up in connection with the Centre Star mine. The usual operations are under way on the 600 and intermediate levels without variations of importance. At the company's concentrator at Silica, concentrating is actively under way, and a considerable tonnage of high grade concentrates has been sacked as the result of the work to date.

WAR EAGLE—Continued activity in the levels above the 800 is reported from the mine, without incident of note. Shipments are maintained steadily, and the crew is about the same that has ruled for some months.

SPITZEE—The past week saw work on the Spitzee's new headworks practically completed. The contractor is now erecting the ore bins to the south of the galloways frame. The compressor and winding plant is being installed, together with the electrical line from which power will be drawn. A week or ten days should see this completed and in full running order, with underground operations resumed. The hand work at the 100 level, where a sump is being cut preliminary to sinking operations, has been suspended pending the installation of the machinery and the application of power drills to the work.

WHITE BEAR—Sinking to the 950 level of the mine is now engrossing the attention of the management together with the work on the 850 level. No statement has been issued respecting the proposed important improvements to the company's surface works, but it is expected that an active maintenance of the company's operations will be forthcoming at an early date.

JUMBO—The past week has witnessed the practical completion of the facilities for handling ore from the mine adits to the wagon road, whence it will be handled by teams to the railroads. Instead of the surface gravity tramway originally under advisement by the company, the management has elected to build a foot road from the No. 1 adit to a point on the wagon road where ore bins will be erected that will receive the ore from the No. 2 adit when stopes are opened there. With the chute completed the company can commence shipping as soon as arrangements are made with one or the other of the smelters. Mention is being taken to those who sample the ore body on the first level, and the initial shipment of ore will be for the purpose of securing a smelter test of the product. M. R. Geil, manager of Spitzee, managing director, has been in the city for the past fortnight superintending operations at the mine.

KOOTENAY—No special development of importance has transpired in connection with the mine during the past week, save the announcement that the direct effect of the coke shortage at the smelters has resulted in the temporary trying up of the company's plans for the erection of an aerial tramway for reasons that have already been outlined. In the mine stopping and development is proceeding on the 4th and intermediate levels to the second. The intimation is given that recent shipments have given gratifying returns, and that the position of the Kootenay is entirely altered as the result of the coke shortage.

NICKEL PLATE—The company still defers the commencement of unwatering operations, for which arrangements were completed a fortnight since. Matters are in such shape, however, that the work may be undertaken at a comparatively early date.

VELVET—The report from the Velvet for the week indicates developments of an interesting nature. It is stated that on the third level, where a drift was extended south from the shaft to undercut the high grade body of decomposed quartz opened on the second level, the results were satisfactory, and that the ore body was picked up on Monday or Tuesday last. On the second level the upraise to connect the level with the No. 1 of the Portland is steadily under way. The mine is shipping all the ore that the teams available can handle.

OTHER PROPERTIES.
Operations are conducted steadily at the O. K. and I. X. L. mines just west of the city. The O. K. is preparing to fish another car of ore and the I. X. L. lessees are understood to be arranging to run the O. K. stamp mill.
The Giant is still practically closed down. It is stated that a resumption on a considerable scale is contemplated by the management. During the week there was a strong rally in the price of Giant shares.
The Green Mountain has not resumed work, but a report is to hand that work on a small way is being conducted at the Hungry Man.
In the Burnt Basin and Norway Mountain sections a number of prospectors and minor companies are busily engaged in opening up their properties, but the absence of wagon road facilities into the Burnt Basin militates against the work on the Contact, which is regarded as the most promising property in the camp.
On the Champion creek properties considerable work is being done, including development on the well known Onondaga property.
The St. Joseph's property on Murphy creek is being developed steadily, and good reports are to hand therefrom.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

The Granby smelter this week treated 4808 tons, making a total of 140,139 tons for the year.		
Week.	Total.	
Granby.....	4,012	148,464
Mother Lode.....	8,705	42,274
Snowshoe.....	2,190	19,890
B. C.....	1,200	12,445
Emma.....	300	2,905
Sunset.....	4,205	4,205
Providence.....	551	551
Totals.....	11,818	236,835

THE CROW'S NEST FUEL SITUATION

An Authoritative Statement from an Official of the Collieries.

SOME CORRECTIONS AS TO LABOR

J. J. Hill Does Not Control the Crow's Nest Company—Management Has no Intention to Discriminate Against Canadian Industries.

The Miner is pleased to have the opportunity of publishing an authoritative statement of the Crow's Nest Fuel Coal company as to the actual state of affairs at its collieries at the present time. The statement is from Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K. C., general counsel for the company, and is made to offset the remarks of a Boundary smelter man which appeared in a recent issue of The Miner. In a letter enclosing the following statement of the company's case, Mr. Lindsey points out that the only point to which the Crow's Nest company has for a year shipped any coke over the Great Northern railway or into the United States is Northport, a smelter upon which Rossland depends largely for its smelting. The coke supply to Northport is the responsibility of the Crow's Nest Fuel Coal company, which has not yet received publicity through the press, and an unnamed Boundary smelter manager is quoted as authority for the statement that the coal company has no desire or intention of supplying the smelters of the Kootenays and the Boundary.

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GINGER IS INJECTED

INTO PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT FOR FIRST TIME.

SIGNS OF PASSING OF "STAR CHAMBER" METHODS OF DOING BUSINESS.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
For the first time in the annals of the present city council some animation has been displayed at a meeting of the board. Last night marked the initial breakaway from the "star chamber" method of transacting civic business that has obtained at the city hall for years. The effect in the long run is certain to be that citizens will secure a better grasp of corporation business, even if some feelings about the council board are ruffled from time to time.

Heretofore it has been the rule that sessions of the council proceeded with the smoothness of oil from the reading of the minutes till the motion to adjourn, all differences of opinion and useful discussion being confined to the session of the back offices, where committee work was run through. Last night there were indications that some of the aldermen had not been content with the back office transactions and were determined to have business matters discussed in public, as is the rule elsewhere.

The hall started rolling when the first item of business was taken up. A communication was read from F. C. Gamble agent the city's application to appropriate the section of land covered by the Rock creek flume, and now in dispute with Blue & Deschamps. Mr. Gamble, who is engineer of the lands and works department at Victoria, told the council the city would have to proceed in the matter in question under the Municipal Clauses Act. Mayor Dean remarked that had the matter been taken up earlier, or had longer time been allowed, he would have been able to secure the land for nothing, which might now cost the city some money, depending upon the outcome of the arbitration demanded by Blue & Deschamps. Incidental to this, he stated that he was in receipt of a notice from G. R. Hamilton, attorney for Blue & Deschamps, that they would seek the arbitration to proceed on Saturday and he would like to know if the council wished him to reply in the affirmative.

Alderman Daniel insisted that all members should address the chair when speaking and desist from addressing each other. Matters were straightened out and business proceeded.

The fire, water and light committee recommended the appointment of Fred Lawe as fireman for one month on trial. Alderman Daniel desired to know if Fire Chief Guthrie had been consulted in the appointment. Mayor Dean replied in the affirmative.

One of the items on the finance committee's report was an account for printing from a Nelson print shop, and Alderman Daniel desired to know why civic money was thus spent out of the city. Mayor Dean's reply was that when the work was ordered it was not known that the special style of binding desired could be done locally, and, in fact, he didn't know yet whether the work could have been done at home. He had not inquired, taking it for granted that the job couldn't be handled here.

Alderman Daniel wanted to know what had been done in the matter of badly needed repairs on the road to the Durham addition. Ascertaining that no action had been taken, he moved with Alderman Talbot that the necessary repairs be performed immediately.

An adjournment was taken shortly after 10 o'clock, the session having been decidedly the most animated of the year to date.

CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

American Citizens Resident in Rossland Will Demonstrate.

On Their National Holiday—City Council Approves Proposal.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The loyal citizens of the United States of America resident in Rossland will celebrate July 4, their national holiday. In the undertaking they are acting with the expressed and official approval of the corporation of the city of Rossland as duly passed and signed at a regularly convened meeting of the city council. Rossland's American section has ever been assiduous in promoting the success of Canadian patriotic demonstrations by liberal contributions in hard cash and equally valuable contributions in hard work. Now that the opportunity arises to reciprocate, the Canadians will cooperate warmly.

At last night's session of city council the following petition was laid before the aldermen:
"On behalf of the Americans residing in your city, we beg your favor and the liberty of the city for a local celebration on July 4th. This celebration will consist of a program of sports in the daytime and fireworks in the evening, and such other attractions as time and appropriateness may suggest."
"Although the promoters of this celebration are Americans, we most earnestly desire that a general good feeling and non-partisan spirit may exist throughout."
"We are in a position to state that the Rossland-Kootenay, Centre Star, War Eagle, Giant and Le Roi mines will close on July 4th."
(Signed) J. P. Cosgro, L. H. Sorenson, E. A. Strout, Carl R. Davis, H. Rose, J. B. Johnson, Max Crow, O. H. Baum, A. B. Mackenzie and G. L. Whitney.
Alderman Daniel led the discussion on the subject, remarking that in patriotic celebrations Americans had manifested splendid spirit in contributing funds and assisting personally to win success. In view of this he was pleased to move that the request in the petition be complied with cheerfully.
Mayor Dean remarked that he could see no objection to the request, and that he believed the American citizens should be granted all the privileges that would be conceded to Canadians under similar circumstances.
Alderman Talbot seconded Alderman Daniel's motion, and it was adopted unanimously, all the remaining members of the board expressing their cheerful acquiescence.

HIGH WATER AT NELSON.

The Rising of the Lake Now Causes Some Alarm.
NELSON, June 18.—In the forty-eight hours ending at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon the lake rose ten inches, which rise four and one-half inches took place in the twenty-four hours immediately preceding. While the rise each day is about an inch less than that of the day before, it is still coming up fast enough to cause grave uneasiness to railway officials, as the rise of another foot is liable to cause considerable damage. A large pond of water is forming where the old skating rink stood, between Front and Lake streets, and the floor is now within a few inches of the water of the main building of the Nelson Marble Works. All the shackles whose buildings were not on floats have had to remove.

ACTIVITY AT COAL MINES

Details of Situation at East Kootenay and Alberta Collieries.

Many New Coke Ovens Under Construction—New Mines.

An interesting description in detail of the activity throughout the coal fields of East Kootenay and west Alberta is given by J. S. Wallace, office manager of the Le Roi company, who has just returned from a tour of the coal fields undertaken for the purpose of securing detailed statistics as to conditions affecting the coke supply. As a large consumer of coke at the Northport smelting works, the Le Roi company is vitally interested in the production of coke, hence the assignment of its office manager on the trip in question.

"At Fernie," says Mr. Wallace, "the Crow's Nest Coal company is operating three coal mines and expects to open three additional shortly. The production of coal is about 1100 tons daily, so that in this respect the Fernie mines are about in the same shape as before the strike. The company has 424 coke ovens, of which 144 are not now in use. Twenty Slavs are engaged on the ovens, whereas the full complement would be 45. The wages paid are 75 cents per oven of 5 1-2 tons charge and 85 cents per oven of 7 1-2 tons charge. A man will ordinarily draw three ovens daily, from which the rolling wages can be estimated. The company is drawing 80 ovens daily at present, so that its output of coke is close to 250 tons daily. A charge is supposed to remain in the ovens 72 hours, but under existing circumstances the ovens are not being drawn regularly, sometimes remaining charged four or five days. The full capacity of an oven is 7 1-2 tons of stack coal, yielding 62 per cent coke. Manager Tonkin states that he is short of men at Fernie, and I presume this refers to all classes of labor."

"Complaints have been made lately that the coal sent out by the Crow's Nest Coal company carried an excess of slack, and I found that the reason for this was that a considerable quantity of slack formerly going to the coke ovens was now being delivered to consumers, and charred for as 'screened lump.'"
"At Michel the company has 212 ovens, all in continuous operation, a full crew. The stone bases are laid for 250 additional ovens, and these should be in operation during September. Seven hundred men are employed by the company at Michel, of whom 200 are working underground. The output on June 10th was 1800 tons of coal. The same output received the same wages as at Fernie, and the company experiences no difficulty in securing all the men desired. The reason given for the shortage of men at Fernie, as compared with Michel, is that the Michel ovens are easier to handle and the coal better adapted to coking. This means that a number of good houses for employees and few traces remain of last summer's fire. Three coal seams and two prospects are being operated."

"At Morrissey three seams and two prospects are being operated, with an average output of about 800 tons per diem, all of which is purchased by the Great Northern railway. Five hundred men are employed, 250 working underground. The company has 250 coke ovens almost completed and a large force is pushing work as rapidly as possible."

IN ALBERTA.

"At Blairmore and in its vicinity two mines are operating. The International Coal & Coke company, which is the Granby people, has twenty men at work operating its property and has arranged to build several coke ovens for the purpose of testing the coal, which is of the peacock variety, for its coking qualities. In event of its proving desirable for coking purposes, the company will erect a large number of ovens, possibly 600, on site already selected."
"Eliot & Fishburn are mining about two cars of coal with six or eight men. Their product is bought by the Canadian Pacific."
"In Frank, the Canadian-American Coal & Coke company, under the direction of Superintendent Gebro, is taking out a car of coal daily. Thirty-four men are employed in opening up the old tunnels, and sinking close to the townsite. Arrangements are also being made to open up a ledge about a mile to the northwest of the town. Previous to the recent slide the company was producing about 20,000 tons per month through the Canadian Pacific railway."
"Near Frank a French company under the management of Jules Fleutot is operating extensively. A hundred men are employed and the company has a shipment of fire brick at the coast with a view to build coke ovens."
"Eight miles east of Frank are the Byron Collieries, Limited, owned by the concern floated in London and Paris. The seams were discovered by Byron, who is said to be well known in the Kootenays. A spur has been built to the Canadian Pacific railroad and the company is working thirty men. No machinery is yet in position, but it is predicted that the mines will be equipped with plant and coke ovens shortly."

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SOLE AGENTS

LUMBIA

Bank of British North America, Rossland, B. C., and London, Eng.

Montreal, Rossland, B. C.

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from Wednesday's Daily.)
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place, Idaho, having been summoned by a telegraph message brother was not expected to

Walters left yesterday per Spollls & Northern for Portland. R. Brown left last evening per Pacific for Vancouver.

E. Armstrong has returned business trip to Alberta. Nancy wife of H. W. Vance, a Le Roi shift boss, has returned lengthy visit to Chicago relatives. T. Haultain, E. M., of Nelson city on a business visit. Mr. is registered at the Hotel

omhols, of Berlin, Germany, is at the Hotel Allan. Mr. L. Burnet, P. L. S., and Mr. have returned from a trip to contains at the head of Cariboo

arry Goodeve left last evening adian Pacific for Ontario, where spend five or six weeks in Toomah, Listowel and other Camps.

Morgan, general superintendent Spokane Falls & Northern road, the city for a short time last route to Nelson. He was acted by M. J. Duffy, roadmaster. sor Blochberg has returned business trip to Portland and past points.

ISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
The matter of the estate of Lizzie w. late of the Town of Rossland, the province of British Columbia of George W. Hornshaw, de-

is hereby given pursuant to "33" of Chapter 128, R. S. O., that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said Hornshaw, deceased, who died about the 22nd day of February,

are required to send by post pre-paid, to the undersigned, solicitors for John Moeck, auditor, on or before the 13th day of June, 1903, their christian and sur- names and full addresses with full particulars of their claims and state- ment of their accounts and the nature of the same, and to file with the said auditor a copy of the same, and to take notice that after the said day of June the said administrator need to distribute the said assets to the parties thereto, having re- ly to the claims of which he shall ve notice, and the said adminis- trator will not be liable for the said assets for any part thereof to any persons of whose claim notice has not been received by him.

SCLELLAN & WIER,
Solicitors for said Administrator.
May 12, 1903.

IFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS
IN FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIM.

ite in the Trall Creek Mining of West Kootenay district. is located. About 1 1/2 miles east land, bounded by the Caro, oth, Antelope and Venus min- als.

notice that I, Thomas S. Gil- free miner's certificate No. 37, acting as agent for Andrew vland, London, England, free certificate No. B57,144, intend from the date hereof to apply mining recorder for a certificate improvements for the purpose of ng a crown grant of the above

further take notice that action section 37 must be commenced the issuance of such certificate. the 11th day of May, 1903.

THEOS. S. GILMOUR.