THE MINING REVIEW

Two Big Mining Deals Closed During the Past Week.

MR. CARLYLE IS COMING

The Black Bear Tunnel Will Connect With The Le Roi Shaft—The Possibilities of Underground Connections—Minor Mining News.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The past week has been marked by two of the most important mining deals closed recently in the camp—one the purchase of the Columbia & Kootenay group by the British America corporation, and the other the acquirement of a control in the Good Friday by a foreign syndicate on the basis of $150,000.

W. A. Carlyle, the present provincial mineralogist, who will resign his position to accept the mining superintendency of the British America corporation, is expected in camp in about a month or six weeks; on his advent work will be commenced on the company's properties.

The Le Roi has decided to connect the Black Bear tunnel with the main workings of the mine for the double purpose of ventilating the mine and providing adequate means of escape for the men in case of an underground accident. The connection will probably be made at the 350-foot level in the shaft.

The present workings of the properties in the neighborhood of the Le Roi, would, if slightly modified, form an unrivalled system of escapes. At present the Le Roi's east drift almost reaches the Centre Star's main tunnel, and it would require but a few feet of work to make the connection. The Centre Star's tunnels, besides having two exits of their own, connect with the Iron Mask tunnel, which communicates with the surface and also connects with the War Eagle workings which have half a dozen means of exit. The War Eagle workings are also within a short distance of the Poorman's drifts, and a connection between the two has already been discussed. If communication between the two were thus established it would be possible to pass on from the War Eagle through the Poorman and out through the Josie which already is connected with the Poorman.

All that is needed to complete this system is a connection between the Le Roi and the Centre Star, and another between the Poorman and the War Eagle. If these two were made, when the present Black Bear tunnel is completed, it would be possible to start in on the Black Bear ground, traverse that claim, go on through the Le Roi, thence throughout the Centre Star, from there through the Iron Mask, then into the War Eagle's workings, from there into the Poorman and finally into the Josie tunnel and so to the surface. The system would include close to three miles of underground workings, and would afford between 15 and 20 different opportunities of reaching the surface and escaping in case of a possible accident. Besides that the ventilation which the system would give would be nearly perfect.

Work has been revived on several Lookout mountain properties, and it is expected that operations will be vigorously pushed.

The ore shipments for the week ending February 12, were as follows: Le Roi, 1,280; War Eagle, 15; Iron Mask, 80; total, 1,375. The shipments for the same period last year aggregated 962 tons. The total shipments since January 1, 1898, amount to 8,371 tons; from January 1, 1897, 81,211 tons.

The Josie.

John M. Long, superintendent of the Josie, is still busily engaged straightening the main shaft of the property, which is down 300 feet. Arrangements will be made so that a skipway can be installed if thought desirable. Mr. Long is getting the property in thorough shape for steady and systematic development when operations on a liberal scale are commenced by the British America corporation. Until the present overhauling of the property is completed, no development work of any consequence will be undertaken. W. A. Carlyle, the general superintendent of the company, is expected here about the middle of next month or the first of May, to remain permanently, but he may be here on a short business trip in the next few days. Mr. Carlyle will lay out the work for the company's properties, and until his arrival only preparatory work will be carried on.

The Le Roi.

The Black Bear tunnel, which has its mouth near the compressor, will be extended to connect with the main shaft on the Le Roi. The connection will be made at the 350-foot level in the mine. The new workings will be not only to furnish ventilation to the mine, but to provide a means of escape for the men in case of accident. It is expected that it will be about six months before the connection is made between the tunnel and the present mine workings, for the distance is a considerable one.

The main shaft is down 675 feet, and good progress is being made. Some unusually fine ore has lately been met in the lower workings of the property. Masses of solid mineral are being raised, which for beauty and richness are rarely surpassed.

Shipments last week amounted to 1,280 tons.

The Cliff.

Stoping is in progress in the ore chute to the front of the upper tunnel, and the quality of the ore extracted continues very satisfactorily. Owing to the deep snow, no shipments have been made for the past fortnight. In the rear of the upper tunnel an upraise is in progress to connect with the fine body of ore discovered recently on the surface. The workings at this point, which are pushed upward on a uniform angle, regardless of the trend of the vein, are coming into some good ore. The showing continues very satisfactory.

The Syphon.

Surface operations on the Syphon Fraction, between the Big Trout and the Blue Elephant, near Blue's sawmill, on the north slope of Red mountain, are showing a promising ledge, carrying considerable oxide of iron, from which an assay as high as $712 has been obtained. The ledge has been stripped for a width of about 30 feet, The Blue Elephant, the neighboring property, on which work has been temporarily suspended, is showing well also, and Roy Clarke, who has charge of the property, is well satified with the showing.

The Sunset No. 2.

Work has been progressing steadily at the Sunset No. 2 all week, with excellent results. Ore is being encountered both in the north and south crosscuts, especially in the latter. In this crosscut the quartz vein, which cuts the No. 1 lead at right angles, is steadily widening as work progresses. The shaft on No. 1 vein is also materially improving in width and appearance with depth. The prospects of the property were never brighter than at the present time.

The Sovereign.

Two shifts of men are working on the Sovereign, which is one of the leading properties on Lookout mountain. The force is working on No. 2 shaft and the work is to be continued all winter. There is three feet of ore that averages $37.50 to the ton in the shaft and this is improving as depth is attained.

The Golden Burley.

The Mackintosh syndicate is credited with having secured a working bond on the Golden Burley, and will sink a 100 foot shaft. The property lies near the Sovereign, the most developed property on Lookout mountain. It is owned largely by Gen. Chas. S. Warren and Mr. Miller.

The Velvet.

The ore being shipped gives very satisfactory returns. Some ore is being sacked in the mine, without sorting. The shaft is deepening, and work is continuing in the drifts. About 30 men are at work.

The Good Friday.

Twenty-five men are at work on the Good Friday, which has been sold to a syndicate represented by Emil F. Voigt. The present tunnel is being extended to catch the vein, and considerable surface prospecting is taking place.

The Victory-Triumph.

D. B. Bogle, the manager of the Victory-Triumph group, has arranged to commence operations tomorrow upon the property with a double shift of seven men. Work will be resumed in the main tunnel, which is in about 190 feet.

The Evening Star.

A control in the Evening Star has passed into the hands of the Drumheller interests. All of the remaining treasury stock, amounting to about 240,000 shares was sold for 2½c. a share.

The Great Western.

Superintendent Moynahan is still busily engaged straightening the shaft on the property, and the task will take some time yet. No development work is in progress.

The Coxey.

Operations are being continued in the main tunnel, which is getting into a body of quartz, and is believed to be very near the ledge, although there has been no recent development.

The Red Point.

The tunnel on the Red Point on Lookout mountain has now attained a depth of 396 feet. Colonel Topping has let a contract for 50 additional feet, which will be driven at once.

The Iron Mask.

The Iron Mask continues to output its usual quota of 80 tons per week. Work continues in the drifts from the main shaft, and in the big ore chute in the main tunnel.

The Poorman.

The development of the property is being continued along the regular lines, and some little ore is being knocked down.

The Abe Lincoln.

The shaft is being deepened, and the formation remains about the same as previously.

The Deer Park.

Drifting from the 200-foot level in the shaft continues to show up a good body of ore.

The Lily May.

Development is continuing in the new shaft. Some promising ore continues to be met.

The Good Hope.

The shaft is down a little more than 40 feet, and the indications continue promising.

The Jumbo.

The lower tunnel is continuing in a large body of low grade ore.

The Crown Point.

Operations are continuing in the ledge from the main tunnel level.

PRODUCTS OF OKANAGAN.

A Representation of the Farmers Trying to Build Up a Market Here.

S. S. Ray of Kelowna, on Okanagan lake, who has been in the city for several days in the interest of the Shippers' union of Okanagan county, left last Saturday for his home via the C. P. R. The Shippers' union is made up of the farmers of the Okanagan valley and Mr. Ray's mission here was to endeavor to obtain a market for the products of that region. The farmers there raise hay, potatoes, fruits, beets, turnips and other farm products. The rate from Kelowna to Rossland is 38 cents per 100 pounds and from Vernon and other points on the Shuswaup and Okanagan railway is 35 cents per 100 pounds. The reason for the three cents difference is because the Kelowna is on Okanagan lake and hence the freight from there has to be carried by boat to Vernon before it can be placed on board the cars. Mr. Ray reports that considerable of the products of the Okanagan country have already found their way to Rossland and he hopes, as a result of his visit, the quantity will be considerably augmented. It is one of the nearest points at which agricultural products of Canadian growth can be obtained and he thinks that a trade of much larger magnitude than at present is in existence can be built up.

A FIVE-MILE TUNNEL

One May Be Constructed From Columbia River to Rossland.

A CHARTER IS ASKED FOR

The Company That Asks For the Privilege Expects to Get Its Profit From the Mine Owners Benefitted, in the Shape of Royalties on the Ore.

Notice has been given that application will be made to the legislative assembly of the province, which is now in session, for an act to incorporate a company with power to run, construct and excavate a tunnel through and under Red mountain from a point on the Columbia river, between the town of Trail and Murphy creek to near the California mineral claim. Besides this, the company desires to carry on a general mining, smelting and water power business. This is a stupendous undertaking, as the distance between the Columbia river, at the point mentioned, and the California mineral claim, which is located west of the Annie, is five miles. The Columbia river in the vicinity of where the tunnel is to be started, is about 1,100 feet above sea level. The California claim is 3,000 feet above sea level, and so the tunnel, when it reached that point, would be 1,900 feet beneath the level of the claim. There are places along the line where the tunnel would be below the surface of the ground over 2,500 feet, as it passes under Columbia and Monte Cristo mountains. It would tap either directly or by lateral tunnels all the mines of importance in the North belt. In case water in considerable quantities is encountered in the North belt the tunnel would drain them down to a level with its bottom, which would be built on a slope sufficient to carry off the water. It is certain that in boring a distance of five miles in a country so full of mineral as this is, some fine veins of ore, for which possibly there may not be surface showings, would be encountered.

Tunnels of a similar character to this have been constructed in other mining districts by virtue of charters obtained from the governments of the country in which they are located. In some instances the tunnel companies were given a royalty on every ton of ore that was taken from the mines which they were a benefit to. In the present instance the matter of compensation of the tunnel company is to be fixed by a private agreement between the parties at interest. If a mining company does not desire to participate in the advantages that will accrue to its property, there is no compulsion in the matter. It is further claimed that the company that purposes boring this tunnel does not even ask for the privilege of owning any mineral that may be found when it is engaged in excavating its tunnel. The main tunnel, with its lateral branches, will cost an enormous sum, but the projectors, so it is claimed by those who are supposed to know its ends and aims, expect to get back their money and a fair profit by the payments that will be made to them under agreements and the privileges that they will secure by opening the property that is now lying idle along the path that will be taken It is anticipated that many of the mines that will be opened by this tunnel will ship their ores through its mouth and that exit and ingress to them will be made by this means. It is thought that quite a village will be located at the mouth of the tunnel if it is constructed. The scheme is certainly a big one.

Press Gang Elects Officers.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 12.—The annual meeting of the parliament press gallery was held today. Thomas Cole of Ea Patrie, was elected president; S. Wallis of the Mail and Empire, vice-president, and G. H. Brown of the Free Press, secretary.

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DOWN WITH A CRASH.

J. F. Travers Hardware Store Wrecked by a Snow Slide.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

J. F. Travers' hardware store, on west Columbia avenue, was completely wrecked at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a snowslide from the roof of the Record building, the adjoining structure. Mr. and Mrs. Travers, who were in the store at the time, barely escaped with their lives. The building is a total loss. It was valued at $800, and of course no ordinary insurance would cover an accident of the kind. The damage to the stock can hardly be estimated as yet. The shelf goods, the most valuable part of the stock, were most affected, and the loss on them will hardly be less than $1,000.

The Travers building was a frame structure, a story and a half high. The ground floor was occupied by the hardware stock, which was valued between $5,000 and $6,000. The shelf goods, including the fine cutlery, builders' trimmings and the like, were kept on the west side of the store room, while on the east side were the stoves and the other heavy hardware. The upper story had been occupied as sleeping quarters by the clerk until about a week ago, when he left it for other apartments, and it was unoccupied at the time of the accident yesterday.

The adjoining structure, the Record, three stories high, quite overtowers the Travers' building. The soft weather of yesterday evidently softened the snow on the Record roof, for at about 10 minutes to 5 a huge section of it slid off and landed upon the hardware building beneath. There was heavy groaning of timbers, and the building slowly commenced to collapse.

Mr. and Mrs. Travers, who were in the store, heard the noise, and realizing their danger ran to the back door to escape. The collapse of the building so wedged the doorway that it was with difficulty that the two succeeded in opening it wide enough to get out. They barely succeeded in doing so when the whole structure came down with a great crash.

The firemen quickly turned out under Chief McKinnon and Assistant Chief Squires, and although some trouble was experienced with live electric light wires they succeeded in pulling down all the menancing portions of the structure that remained standing.

The collapse of the building was so complete that it will be necessary to clear away nearly the whole of the debris before it will be possible to discover how much damage has been done. The shelf goods on the west side of the store, adjoining the Record building, were most seriously damaged, but such portions as could be reached last night were carried into one of the neighboring store rooms for temporary keeping.

A Few of Nelson's Wants.

NELSON, Feb. 9.—[Special.]—A meeting of the South Kootenay board of trade was held yesterday afternoon, at which there was a large and representative gathering of the business men of the city. A committee, consisting of Mayor Houston, Secretary Thompson and A. R. Sherwood, was appointed to draft a memorial to the minister of public works regarding the erection of a government building to be used as a customs house and postoffice. The same committee was also instructed to draft a memorial to the postmaster-general, urging that a mail service be established between Nelson and Fort Steele. These memorials will be submitted to a meeting of the board to be held on Friday afternoon. The secretary was also instructed to write Mr. Cawthorn of Montreal, requesting him to represent the South Kootenay board of trade at the business men's convention to be held in Montreal this month, to consider the proposed Insolvency bill, which will be introduced at the present session of the Dominion parliament. The question of improving the trails and wagon roads leading to Nelson was also taken up and resolutions passed urging the government to grant assistance toward improving the Crawford creek, Lemon creek and Ymir wagon roads.

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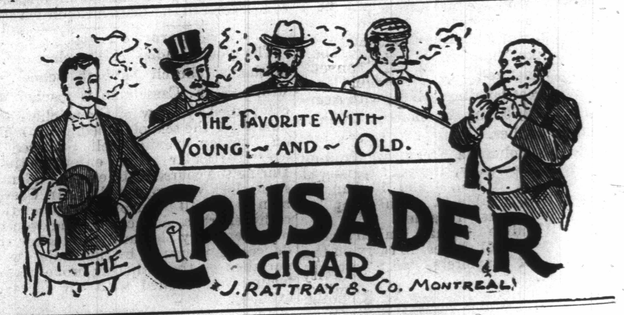

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