

feet. All this vein matter will pay well to work, as shown by assays.

Just near the boundary line of the claims numbered 33 and 34, on the principal vein, are found two well defined branch veins cropping out for a distance of 350 or 400 feet. One of the veins is nearly flat, and the other nearly vertical, and they unite about 12 feet below the surface. At that point is found a shaft nearly 50 feet deep on the flat vein. After uniting they form a vein about five feet thick, which pinches down to one foot, and again comes in, showing at the bottom of the shaft a width of 40 inches, and still increasing. From that working a large amount of rich ore has been extracted, especially at the junction of the veins. Along the junction of the veins rich stringers and seams of gold were found, and from much of the ore pieces can be found that are specked with free gold and are very rich.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Messrs. Mann & Holt, the well-known firm of railway contractors, are interested, along with other Montreal capitalists, in the "North Star" silver mine, which is situated on the St. Mary's River, East Kootenay, about 45 miles west of Fort Steele. This year the Company have started to operate the mine, and have also built a road to Jennings on the Great Northern Railway, for the purpose of providing a means of getting the ore to a smelter. This road cost the company \$10,000. The first two car loads of ore were shipped to the smelter at Everett, and the gross return per ton amounted to \$68.70. The Company will now proceed to work the mine, and are arranging to put in a winter supply of provisions and a sufficient number of men to deliver on the Kootenay River 3,000 tons of ore. Tenders will also be called shortly for delivering this ore either at Jennings on the Great Northern, or Golden on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Mann has great faith in the future of the "North Star." The work so far done has exposed over 100,000 tons of ore.

WEST KOOTENAY.

The Columbia Mining Co. are putting an air compressor drill plant on their property.

Solid ore was struck recently on the Maid of Erin shaft, near Rossland. It assays \$12 and \$13.

It is understood that negotiations for turning over the Nickel Plate mine to a joint stock company have been completed, and preparations are being made to work the property.

The shipments from the Trail Creek Districts for 1895 are most encouraging. The amount

of gold, silver and copper shipped from there during the fiscal year ending June 30th was as follows. The period of time covered is a year, all the production but a very small fraction having taken place during the past five months:

Gold	-	-	20,510 ounces	-	-	\$400,200 00
Silver	-	-	29,804 ounces	-	-	21,802 30
Copper	-	-	925,693 pounds	-	-	46,372 65

Total value - - - - - \$468,375 25

Some astonishingly high assays have recently been obtained from specimens taken from the west drift of the 350 foot level in the Le Roi mine. One sample gave a return of 24½ oz. of gold per ton.

About half a ton of very strange ore has been taken out of the L. H., a property on Eight-Mile Creek. When put in a frying pan and heated, it will go up in smoke, leaving a small button of silver in the pan. Analysis shows that it contains arsenic, antimony, gold and silver. Mining men who have seen this ore say that it is a mineralogical curiosity, and well worthy of inspection.

Thompson - Whittier - Goodenough syndicate of mine-owners have men at work on the Grey Copper and Goodenough claims in Slocan district, from both of which shipments of ore will be made on the completion of the Kaslo and Slocan Railway. The ore from the Goodenough is the highest grade in Slocan district, averaging, after all expenses are paid, \$500 to the ton.

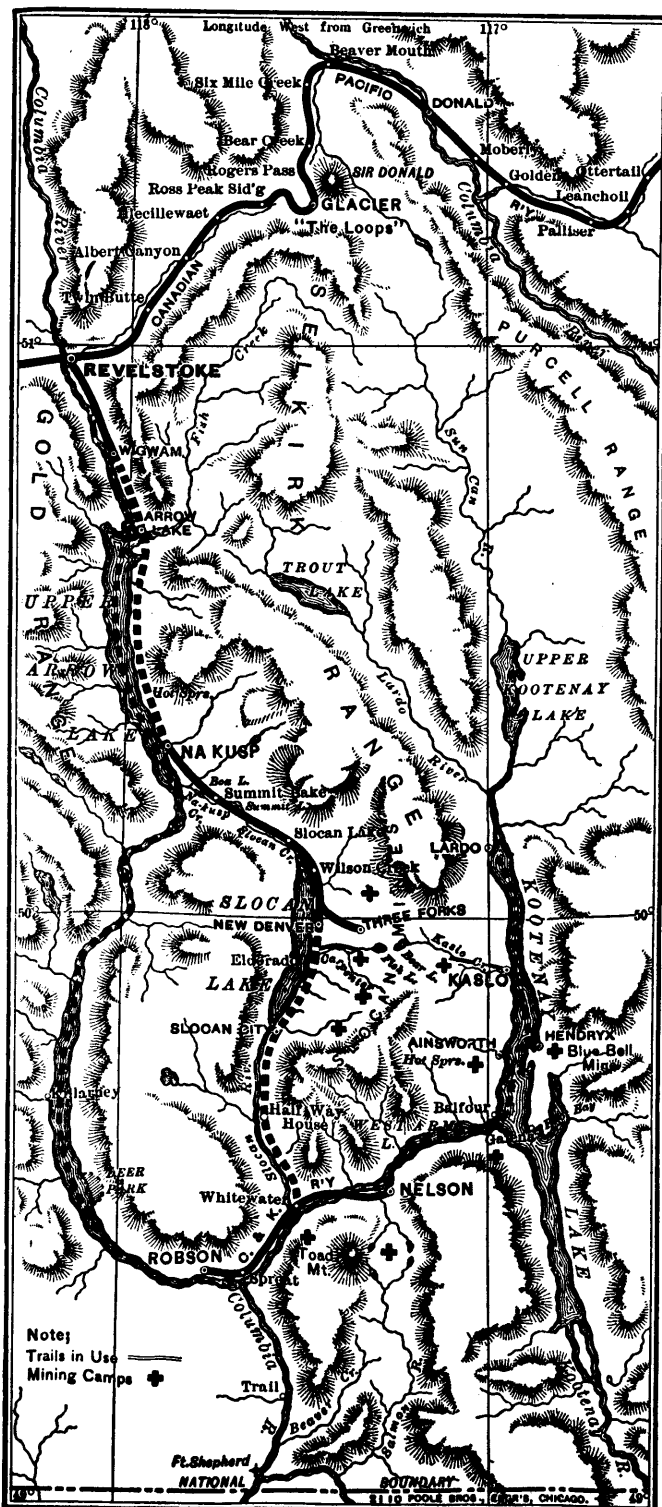
About 75 per cent. of the claims recorded in the New Denver district are staked on Lemon and Springer creeks, and some exceptionally high assays have been obtained from rock coming from these creeks. Undoubtedly many of these claims are staked on the merest suspicion of mineral, but several are liable to turn out valuable properties.

The receipts at the New Denver recording office in one month amounted to over \$2,000. This is positive evidence of the value of the Slocan as a mining district.

One assay on Spring creek rock, from the neighborhood of New Denver, went over 1,000 ounces in silver. Two other assays from the same section showed nearly \$100 each in gold.

The company that own the War Eagle Mine, at Rossland, has declared a dividend of ten cents a share on its 50,000 shares of capital stock.

The owners of the Fern, on Hall creek, twelve miles south of Nelson, lately packed 10 tons of ore from the mine to Hall



Map of West Kootenay.