

Two Dollars a Year.

ROSSLAND, B. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1897.

Second Year, Number 45.

WANETA & TRAIL CREEK Gold Mining Company, Ltd.

Capital Stock 1,000,000 Shares. Par Value \$1.00 Each.
Development Stock 400,000 Shares.

OFFICERS.

C. O. LALONDE, President; A. S. GOODEVE, Vice-President; ROBT. DIXON, Treasurer; D. D. BIRKS, Secretary; WALTER C. ARCHER, Manager; CHAS. BATES and A. H. MACNEILL, Directors; Rossland, B. C.

Solicitors.

HARRIS MACNEILL & DEACON,
Of Rossland and Vancouver.

Bankers.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
Rossland.

The Company's Property.

The company's property, known as the "COPPER GROUP" comprises three claims of about 50 acres each, which are prior locations situate about three miles northwest of Waneta, about two miles from Grouse Mountain and about seven miles equally from Rossland and Trail.

Promoters' Shares.

Are pooled until August, 1897, so it will be impossible for original holders to offer their stocks on the market at any price.

Development Stock.

The first issue of 50,000 shares has been taken up during the past few days almost entirely by local buyers, which is a guarantee of the estimation in which this property is held in the immediate locality. The directors have ordered a further issue of 50,000 shares to be placed on the market at

10 Cents Per Share.

(Price subject to change without notice.)

Description of Property.

The claims have a well defined and strong ledge running through the whole length and cropping out about 20 feet wide at the surface.

Work is now being actively prosecuted, seven men being employed in a shaft down 15 feet and crosscutting. In the shaft is a vein of solid ore carrying gold, copper, silver and lead values assaying as follows:

No. 1, from surface, total value... \$ 10.36
No. 2, from shaft 15 feet, total value... 29.20

All arrangements are completed for winter work suitable boarding houses, etc., having been erected during the past month. It is confidently expected the company will have a quantity of ore ready for shipment in the spring.

Further information can be obtained on application to

D. D. BIRKS, Secretary.

Head Office, Lalonde & Rodier Blk., Rossland.

Iron Colt Gold Mining Company, Ltd.

Capital Stock 1,000,000 Shares. Par Value \$1.00 Each.
Treasury Stock 300,000 Shares.
FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE.

Head Office, Rossland, B. C.

OFFICERS. W. A. CAMPBELL, President, Rossland. P. BURNS, Vice-President, Rossland. JOHN F. McCRAE, Secretary-Treasurer, Montreal, Quebec.

DIRECTORS. WM. MCKENZIE, Toronto, Ont. GEO. H. CAMPBELL, Winnipeg, Man. JOHN R. REAVIS. W. A. CAMPBELL. JOHN F. McCRAE. WM. D. SMITH. JOHN J. MOYNAHAN.
Manager, JOHN J. MOYNAHAN.

The Iron Colt Mine.

The Iron Colt is the first west extension of the great Columbia-Kootenay ledge. It is a full claim 600 by 1500 feet and has been surveyed for a crown grant. There is no adverse upon the title.

Shareholders Protected.

A special provision in the by-laws of this company is that no debt shall be incurred beyond the amount of money actually in the treasury. Any further liability incurred becomes a personal liability of the trustees.

25,000 Shares of Treasury Stock,

The fourth installment, are now offered to the public

At 20 Cents a Share.

MOYNAHAN & CAMPBELL, Agents,
ROSSLAND, B. C.

ONE MORE DIVIDEND

Whitewater Mine Wound Up the Year by Distributing \$24,000.

\$36,000 PAID THIS YEAR.

Only Development Work Has Been Done So Far—Receipts of Ore at Kaslo Last Week Were 551 Tons—Persons and Brevities.

KASLO, Jan. 2.—[Special.]—While not quite up to the returns of last week the ore receipts at the Kaslo station of the Kaslo & Slocan railway, for the week ending Dec. 24th, were well in advance of previous averages. They were as follows:

	POUNDS.
Whitewater	50,000
Surprise	50,000
Last Chance	50,000
Rambler	50,000
Wonderful	50,000
Reco	50,000
Antoine	50,000
Jackson Group	50,000

These amount to 551 tons in all. Shipments from the Kaslo, Whitewater, Surprise, Last Chance and Rambler go to the Puget Sound Reduction works, at Everett. The Payne group and Wonderful send their ore to Pueblo, Colorado, the Reco to Denver, the Antoine to Tacoma, while the Jackson group goes to the Kootenay Ore company's sampler at Kaslo. Several other carloads from different mines were run through the sampler before being forwarded to their destination.

The Whitewater mine declared a dividend of \$24,000 on the last day of the year, which will doubtless prove a very acceptable New Year's gift to its fortunate owners. This, with a previous dividend, will make \$36,000 as the net profits of the mines for the season's work. As only development work has thus far been attempted the return must be considered as eminently satisfactory. During the year just closed about 1,400 feet of tunnels and 400 feet of connections have been run. The present force employed is as large as the accommodations at the mine will permit, but in the early spring the management proposes to erect new buildings. When these are completed the force will be largely increased and stoping begun.

The output will thus be much greater, so that it will be safe to predict that the Whitewater will be a shipper during 1897 to the extent of considerably over a half million dollars. During the month of December just closed fifteen carloads of ore have been sent out from the mine. In the winter which has been sunk from the upper tunnel, about 65 feet and a raise of 30 feet from the same point, there is a solid vein of high grade ore from 2 to 4 feet thick. Shipments from this have netted a profit of \$135 per ton. The fortunate gentlemen who own this property are J. C. Eaton, John L. Retallack and Major Montgomery. The manager is J. C. Eaton, to whose care and energy much of this satisfactory showing is due.

The stock of Slocan mining properties is being eagerly sought in various markets. The Dardanelles company's treasury shares are nearly all placed, and local investors find it difficult to secure even a small block. Those of the Ilex Mining and Development company are eagerly sought and rising according to recent reports. The Washington Mining company offers only a small portion of its shares to the public, and inquiries are numerous.

A Hesper, the prisoner charged with uttering the worthless cheque on the Bank of Montreal at Nelson, was on Tuesday sent up for trial to a higher court of competent jurisdiction. The evidence showed that he drew the cheque and had it cashed, while Mr. Finnucane, accountant of the bank, testified that he had no funds or account at the institution. He will be committed to jail at Nelson.

The generating and distributing systems of the electric light works are now complete. The dynamos were tested on Thursday night and worked in an entirely satisfactory manner. On Friday night the current was turned on to the lights of the power house and proved all that was hoped for. Workmen have been wiring houses and business places during the week. All that is wanting now to light up the city, are the arc lights which have been unaccountably delayed in transmission.

O. T. Stone, of this city, has been awarded a contract by the postoffice department for the conveyance of the mails daily to and from Kaslo and Shidon. He will also exchange the mails between the postoffice and railway stations. His courier will connect with and exchange mails at Sandon with the courier from New Denver so that a through trip will be performed between Kaslo and New Denver—both ways—daily except Sunday.

A large number of Kaslo's dancing contingent watched the old year out while engaged in their favorite pastime. At midnight a sumptuous supper was served by the hotel management, during which many pleasant greetings were exchanged.

The steamer Alberta of the International Trading and Navigation company's fleet, after undergoing repairs, has been put into service again as a sort of tramp freight steamer, owing to the pressure of ore shipments. She left for Five Mile Point on Friday morning with five car loads of ore for shipment by the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway.

J. C. Eaton, of the Whitewater, returned to Kaslo on Thursday evening, after a visit to friends and relatives in California. He was part of a pleasant family reunion at East Oakland on Christmas day.

Hugh Sutherland, prominently connected with the Hudson Bay railway, was in Kaslo on Wednesday, and left to visit some valuable properties on Slocan lake in which he is largely interested.

Alexander Smith, manager of the Surprise, is another mining man who returned to Kaslo on Thursday after a pleasant visit to the Sound cities. While absent he took in the reduction works at Everett, to which he is a shipper.

THE KOOTENAY COUNTRY.

A London Journal's Views on Nelson, Slocan and Rossland.

London, Eng., Observer, [Dec. 18.] Although of late the interest of the outside world has been almost altogether centered on the Trail Creek camp, the Slocan district has hitherto been the greater producer. The Silver King was discovered nine years ago, and from 1886 to 1893 the Nelson district developed very fast. Towns and villages sprang up, steamboats were placed on the lakes, and the "Silver Slocan" attracted thousands of miners, until the fall in silver cast a blight upon the camps. Early in 1894 the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway was built to Kootenay lake, and the Elbow Bay smelter was commenced, and completed early in 1895, at a cost—including the purchase of the Blue Bell mine—of \$750,000. Of all the Slocan mines, the Slocan Star, owned in Chicago, is and has hitherto been the chief producer, and has paid up to date nearly \$300,000 in dividends. The ore from this mine averages \$90 per ton, containing 85 ounces of silver and 60 per cent of lead. Some of the Slocan properties carry from 200 to 300 ounces to the ton, and shipping ore of high value has in many cases been obtained from the outset with so little preliminary development that the Slocan is known as the "poor man's camp." Little or no development work was done on the Trail Creek properties until 1894, and owing to the refractory nature of these ores, those mines, which today are considered shipper and regular dividend-payers, have passed through many vicissitudes, and in nearly every case have changed hands several times. In that year about 1,000 tons of ore were shipped from Trail; but next year this output rose to nearly 25,000 tons, and Rossland grew from a hamlet of half a dozen cabins to a town of some 4,000 inhabitants, with electric light, etc. The pyrrhotite ores found on Red Mountain, which seems to be an entire mass of minerals, average about \$40 to the ton, and carry on an average two ounces of gold, three ounces of silver and five per cent copper. These ores are highly refractory, but are found in immense bodies many ledges are 40 feet wide, and not only do they grow wider as they increase in depth, but the ore also becomes richer, some ledges assaying seven ounces to the ton in gold at a depth of 450 feet, which near the surface carried but two ounces. The estimated value of the output of minerals—not including coal—for 1895 was \$5,000,000, of which West Kootenay contributed \$3,700,000. During the first six months of this year 27,085 tons of ore were smelted from Trail Creek alone, which contained 45,234 ounces of gold, 57,736 ounces of silver and 1,265,302 pounds of copper.

The Kootenay tunnel is now in 325 feet and the face is 200 feet below the surface and 145 feet below the Columbia tunnel. The Kootenay tunnel is just coming into a new body of ore which shows ten inches of quartz all through it. Nearly the entire face is in this handsome ore. An assay made from a single piece of this ore last Thursday showed only \$11 in gold. It is expected there will be an improvement in the grade as the ore body is more deeply penetrated.

JUMBO STARTS SHIPPING

The Ore Will Go to the Everett Smelter at Present.

Five Carloads Are Ready—Shipments Will Average Two Cars a Week—Will Be Wagoned Two Miles.

Mr. Galusha, manager of the Jumbo, says he now has five carloads of ore ready for shipment. He will ship to the Everett smelter for the present. The ore will be hauled to the Black Bear siding on the Red Mountain railway, the distance being about two miles.

The first carload will go out in a few days and Mr. Galusha says the shipments will be continued every week at the rate for the time being of about two carloads a week. Of course only the high grade ore can be handled in this way, or until the Northport smelter is ready.

FROM LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

Plenty of Ore in the Stemwinder—High Assays From Imperial.

J. L. Parker, the mining engineer, went down to Lookout mountain yesterday to see the progress of development on the Imperial and Stemwinder. He brought back a large lot of samples of ore taken from both properties. There are two shafts on the Stemwinder, one down 12 feet and the other down 18 feet. Mr. Parker brought ore from both shafts. Part of it is a massive pyrrhotite and part a sort of quartz carrying a good deal of iron. He reports an excellent showing in both shafts. Assays will be made today and the value of the ore determined.

Mr. Parker brought good news from the Imperial. The last assay made from ore taken from an open cut 12 feet deep showed \$70 in gold. Other assays from the same cut made previously showed \$32 and \$45 in gold.

SAWMILL FOR ROBSON.

Seattle Firm Will Put One In With 25,000 Feet Daily Capacity.

NELSON, Jan. 2.—[Special.]—Messrs. Ruelle and Halleck, formerly of Seattle, Washington, have established a firm to be known as the Robson Milling company, and have secured a mill site one mile east of Robson. The machinery has been ordered and is now on the way, and a mill will be constructed which will have a daily capacity of 25,000 feet of lumber.

It is expected that the mill will be in full operation within six weeks, and owing to its advantageous location it is expected to run to its fullest capacity. Good material to work upon can be easily and cheaply secured by floating it down from Arrow lake, and the shipping outlet for the finished product will be to Nelson, and to Slocan and Rossland as soon as the projected roads are completed.

ONE MORE SHIPPER

Kootenay and Columbia Starts the New Year as a Producer.

STOPPING HAS BEEN BEGUN

The Ore Body Being Worked Out Is Opened for 40 Feet With an Average Width of Three Feet and a Value of \$45 Per Ton.

Martin King, manager of the Kootenay and Columbia mines, authorizes the statement that he will begin regular shipments of ore with the new year. There are 100 tons already on the dump and stoping has been begun on a nice chute of ore opened when the tunnel now being run was in about 150 feet. This chute was opened for about 40 feet and is from two to four feet wide. It runs off on the footwall side and its real extent has not yet been determined.

Manager King says he took a careful sample for assay from across four feet of this chute last Thursday and he obtained \$49 in gold. He believes the average value of the entire body is not far from \$45 per ton. He will for the present ship either to Tacoma or Everett and will load at least two cars a week. This is to start with. He proposes to increase the size of the shipments just as soon as he can get his stopes better opened.

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A SMALL SMELTER.

Leases of the Spokane Belle Mine Equip It With Reduction Works.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1.—[Special.]—Spokane county is at last to have a real, genuine smelter operated within its borders. True the smelter will be a baby in size as compared with the general run of smelters, but then it is a smelter, and besides the prospects are that in a not very distant future it will grow into a respectable sized plant. All the machinery and necessary material for the smelter is now at the Northern Pacific yards in this city awaiting transfer to its destination beside the Spokane Belle Mining company's property situated on the boundary line dividing Spokane and Stevens counties, and within four miles of the Spokane & Northern railway.

Three weeks ago A. Anderson and Andrew Prather of this city obtained a two years' lease on the Spokane Belle mine. They at once purchased of a Kansas City firm machinery for a smelter of five tons a day capacity. This plant arrived a week ago, and but for the present serious illness of Mr. Prather the erection of the smelter would now have been well under way.

Mr. Prather has been employed in the development of the Spokane Belle mine for about six months past, and is a practical miner. So well satisfied was he with the showing made that, upon receiving the lease, he, with Anderson, had no hesitancy in going to the expense of erecting a smelter on the ground. They expect to make a good profit on the venture in their two years' lease of the property.

SNOWSHOE MAKES A STRIKE.

A Solid Body of Clean Ore Opened Up Yesterday Morning.

A strike was reported about 6 o'clock last evening on the Snowshoe, one of the claims owned by the Big Three company. Foreman McGrath brought a sack of the ore down to the Big Three company's office. Some time ago Superintendent Williams, of the company, started a crosscut tunnel on a ledge which appeared to be running from from southeast to northwest. The ledge was cut and the tunnel run altogether 89 feet, but nothing of consequence was found.

A drift was then started north on the hanging wall of the vein and run 15 feet. There was a little decomposed iron next to the wall all the time. Yesterday it widened a good deal and the last shot in the afternoon opened a body of solid clean ore.

No assays have yet been made. There is a fair percentage of copper, which is apparent to the eye. It is reasonably certain the ore will carry good gold value, for it has a very lively appearance. The extent and character of the ore will be known by Monday.

NELSON BREVITIES.

Quick Time Made by the C. P. R.—Two Christmas Marriages.

NELSON, Jan. 2.—[Special.]—The Canadian Pacific railway made very good time on a shipment of poultry from Centralia, Ont., just before Christmas, reaching Nelson in nine days and Rossland and Kaslo in 10, including a one day tie up at Donald.

The Methodist minister, the Rev. Geo. H. Morrison, on Christmas eve united in marriage Stewart McEachern, of Kaslo, and Miss Annie Erolant, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. On the day after Christmas he performed the same service for Chas. H. Ink and Miss Sophie Johnson, both of Nelson.

It is reported that the C. P. R. has resumed work on the new boat at Nakusp and expects to have it in the water by next February.