

IMMENSE ORE BODY

Drift From the White Bear Shaft Shows 10 Feet of Ore.

TAPPED 100 FEET DOWN

It is a Clean, Fine Grained Pyrrhotite and Looks Rich—The Claim is the Second West Extension of the Le Roi.

The feature of the Trail Creek camp which most astonishes every observant man who comes here is the immense showing of mineral. Another notable discovery in the way of an enormous ore body is to be added to the already long list credited to the camp. This time the honor falls to the White Bear. The Miner has from time to time had notice of the favorable showing in the shaft being put down on the property and now at the depth of 100 feet we have to announce that there is one of the finest bodies of ore exposed ever seen in this or any other camp.

Several days ago the ore began to appear in pretty solid mass on the north and west of the shaft. The shaft was then put down to the 110-foot level and then the drill was brought back to the 100-foot level and started to the north. The first holes were put into solid ore, though much of it was coarse iron and will probably run low in gold. A beautiful fine-grained pyrrhotite, however, began to appear in the drift after the first shots were fired and the second round of holes was in this quality of ore.

No hanging wall has yet been reached. The drift now being run is probably cutting the ore chute diagonally and it may be some time before the true extent of the chute is discovered. Enough is now known to demonstrate the fact that a great ore body has been opened. A representative of THE MINER was in the shaft and took careful observation of the actual situation. The ore body has already been penetrated at least ten feet. Indeed there seems to be nothing but ore on the entire north and west side of the big shaft, which is of double compartment size, and in the drift just started. It is certainly a magnificent showing and leaves no reasonable doubt as to the value of the White Bear property.

It is not a matter of surprise that this discovery was made when it is remembered that there is but one claim between the White Bear and the great Le Roi, and when it is known that one of the Le Roi veins runs directly into the White Bear ground. We expect good news from now on from the White Bear as well as the San Francisco and St. Paul, the claims next adjoining on the southwest.

The Miner must at this time compliment the White Bear people on the thorough manner in which they are doing their work. The shaft is one of the best put down in the camp and every thing about the place betokens the employment of the most careful and best mining methods.

THE NICKEL PLATE.

The Main Shaft Has Now Passed the 200-Foot Level.

Little or nothing has been heard of the Nickel Plate of late, nevertheless active development proceeds with vigor and regularity, and a depth of over 200 feet has been attained in the main shaft.

After the 150-foot level was passed the ledge assumed a very decided dip to the north, but in the last 20 feet of work it has assumed its normal position and is now going down nearly perpendicularly.

During the wood famine of some weeks ago, the mine had virtually to suspend operations, and as a direct consequence work on the No. 2, or east shaft, was never started. It will be remembered that it was the intention of the owners to sink this shaft to a depth of 200 feet and connect shaft No. 1 and No. 2 at this level.

No. 1 shaft is the only work going on at present, but the appearance of a first-class body of ore in this opening gives ground for a belief in the resumption of extensive operations at a very early date.

There never has been any doubt as to the richness of the Nickel Plate ore bodies, but THE MINER is assured that the grade of the ore, which is two feet wide at the bottom of the shaft surpasses anything yet found in the mine.

WORK ON THE FAIRVIEW.

Two Short Tunnels and a Lot of Surface Work Accomplished.

The Fairview Gold Mining company is pushing work on the Fairview claim, which joins the Retaliation, operated by the Montezuma company, on the east, and the Silver Bell group on the west. Tunnel No. 1, on the east side, is in about 40 feet, and tunnel No. 2, on the west side, is in about 13 feet. Both show up well, being in well mineralized rock.

The work done consists, besides the 53 feet of tunnel work, of considerable open cuts uncovering the ledge, which is about 40 feet wide. The No. 2 tunnel is being driven to crosscut this ledge at the depth of 100 feet. All the work on the claim is being paid for by the incorporators, who want to prove the merit of their property before offering any of the treasury stock to the public for investment.

GOLDEN BELL ORGANIZED.

Has Started Work on Its Salmon River Property—The Addie Bell.

The Golden Bell Mining Company of Rossland has purchased the Addie Bell and Blind Tom mineral claims on the north fork of the Salmon, about one mile south of North Fork station. Perry Smith, the president of the company, left yesterday to commence actual development work on the Addie Bell.

The ledge on this claim is from six to eight feet wide on the surface, and occurs between slate and porphyry walls.

The surface of the ledge is an oxidized iron quartzite, assaying from \$5 to \$18 in gold, and a small value of silver, one assay giving four ounces.

The company is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, and at their first meeting held a few days ago the following officers were elected: Perry Smith, president; Harold Harold, vice president; W. D. McFadden, treasurer; Chas. S. Carpenter, secretary, and George M. Noxon, manager.

FINE ORE FROM THE JULIET

A Sample Brought In Which Assayed \$28 in Gold.

Tunnel Is Being Run to Tap the Main Ledge Down 100 Feet—Cross Vein Encountered.

Some very good looking ore has been brought in from the Juliet, on the east side of the Columbia river near Sayward, a station on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad. A crosscut tunnel is being run to cut the ledge and this tunnel is now in 62 feet and is running on a sort of cross ledge in which there is more or less ore. It is the ore in this cross ledge which has been brought over to Rossland. It is a dark pyrrhotite and looks precisely like much of the ore of this camp. An assay of \$28 in gold was had from a picked sample.

The tunnel will have to be driven at least 30 feet further to cut the main ledge where it is expected the true ore body will be found. There will then be secured a depth of 100 feet, which ought to be sufficient to demonstrate something of the real character of the mine. The ore now being taken from the cross vein in the running of the tunnel is probably of the same kind as will be found in the main ledge.

The Juliet belongs to a company known as the English Canadian Gold Mining Company, with J. A. McKee, of Toronto, president; W. J. Edmondson, of Toronto, vice-president, and S. J. Sharp, of Toronto, secretary-treasurer.

The Dominion's Debt Increasing.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 6.—The financial statement to January 31 shows an increase in the debt of \$3,252,471, compared with \$2,397,493 last year. This is accounted for by the \$5,000,000 loan negotiated by Minister Foster falling due this year. There is a small falling off in revenue and an increase in the expenditure on capital account.

Dock Laborers' Strike Ended.

HAMBURG, Feb. 6.—At a meeting of the striking dock laborers today it was voted to resume work on Monday. The leaders have declared the battle lost and the funds exhausted.

LE ROI NOT SOLD

All the Propositions Made Are Merely For Options.

NEGOTIATIONS STILL ON

But Col. Peyton Desires It to Be Understood That Only Offers on a Basis of Cash Down on Delivery Will Be Considered.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 5.—[Special.]—

The Le Roi mine did not change hands from its present ownership today, but is still vested in the Le Roi Mining and Smelting company and will so remain until a bona fide cash offer is made. This offer, too, must be in close proximity to \$5,000,000, if not all of that princely sum. All offers thus far received for the property prove to have been in the nature of options and to such the Le Roi company will not listen. It must be cash down on delivery of mine.

Power to sell the property was given to three of the trustees, Messrs. George Turner, Colonel W. W. Turner and Colonel L. N. Peyton, by 480,000 shares of stock held in this city by ownership in secret conference this morning considering the offers made and at 1 o'clock the mine had not changed hands.

"There has been nothing done towards the sale of the Le Roi mine," Col. Peyton said to THE MINER's correspondent, "nor will there be anything done today. Four or five different parties have asked for options on the property but we will not treat with anything except a cash proposition."

"The options applied for range from five to 30 days, with one offer as high as \$5,500,000 and another at \$5,000,000. Yes, negotiations are still pending."

Montreal Syndicate Wants It.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 5.—[Special.]—At a late hour tonight it is learned for a certainty that the representatives of a Montreal syndicate are here negotiating for the Le Roi.

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Description of the Property.

The company owns the Annie Fraction and the Comet No. 2 mineral claims. The Annie Fraction is situated between the California, San Francisco and Black Bear, the latter of which is the property of the great Le Roi Mining & Smelting company and is the first western extension of the Le Roi mine. The vein of the Le Roi can be traced through the Annie Fraction and men at work on this property have tapped an ore chute at a depth of 40 feet from which assays gave returns of from \$14 to \$20.

The Comet No. 2 is a full claim, 1500 feet square, and lies about three miles north of Rossland. It has two strong well-defined ledges running through it. A prospecting shaft now down 10 feet shows nothing but vein matter the whole mass being well diffused with copper and iron pyrites. Assays averaging \$6 to \$8 have been obtained from this showing.

Shares.

The entire capital stock of the company excepting treasury shares has been pooled. The company now offers 50,000 shares of treasury stock at the low price of

Twelve and One-Half Cents a Share.

The proceeds will be used in purchasing machinery for the Annie Fraction.

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Engineer's Report.

Extract from a report by Harry Gager, mining engineer:

"This group consisting of the Gray Copper, Copper Giant and Blue Copper, all being full claims, fifteen hundred by fifteen hundred feet, are situated on the southeast slope of Lookout Mountain, about ten miles south of Trail, four and one-half miles north of Waneta, on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, three and a half miles west of Paulton's Landing on the Columbia River and one and one-half miles north of the International boundary line, in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, British Columbia, and adjoining the Trail & Waneta Gold and Copper Mining Company's property on the south."

Workings and Outcrop.

"The development so far consists of several open cuts along the center line on the outcrop, and a shaft on the Copper Giant six by ten feet on the surface by eight feet in depth, tapering to about five by eight feet at the bottom, in diorite, which is much broken on north and south sides and the east end. On the bottom and west end it was comparatively solid. The north and east faces of this shaft are cut irregularly with stringers of quartz, varying from one-half

to five inches in width, and giving evidences of having been forced up through the formation.

"These stringers, or quartz seams are highly mineralized, carrying iron and copper pyrites, malachite, galena and chlorides, assaying from samples taken from various places from a trace to \$4 in gold, 1½ to 6½ per cent in copper and from 15 to 49 2-10 ozs. in silver. One assay for lead gave one per cent. The general trend of these quartz seams or stringers is to the east, pitching at an angle of about forty degrees.

"In my opinion these stringers and the broken condition of the formation in which they are would indicate that they came from a large body of mineral lying below and to the east of the outcrop, which could be opened up either by a crosscut tunnel or by running an incline following along the course of these stringers."

Conclusion.

"The showing made on the Copper Giant is in my opinion sufficient to justify the expenditure of both time and money in either crosscutting or following the quartz seams, as there is no doubt in my mind that by doing so a large and valuable ore body will be found."

TREASURY SHARES.

The company is of the belief that there is a fair chance to find a valuable mine in this property and has gone into the enterprise after a careful consideration of all the facts obtainable. The officers and directors are gentlemen of position who would not embark in an undertaking of this kind unless they believed there was a good chance for success. Fifty thousand treasury shares will be offered at 10 cents a share. There are no salaried officers and all the money paid in will go to the development of the property.

50,000 Treasury Shares at 10 Cents per Share.

A. E. TORELLE, Secretary, Rossland.