

# Mining Throughout British Columbia

## Receipts at Trail Smelter—Government Grubstaking Soldiers for Prospecting—Mining Developments—Possibilities of Grand Forks District Development.

The following is a list of the ore received at the Trail Smelter during the week ending May 21st, 1920:—

Mine.	Location.	Gross Tons.
Bluebell—Riondel	.....	180
Electric Point—Boundary, Wash.	.....	196
Florence—Princess Creek	.....	67
Josie—Rossland	.....	170
Krao—Ainsworth	.....	35
North Star—Kimberley	.....	181
Tam O'Shanter—Riondel	.....	56
Company Mines	.....	5,947
		6,832
Lime Rock	.....	1,499

Under the government scheme of grubstaking returned men as prospectors, a number of men have already been enrolled and are preparing to go to the hills. A report from Revelstoke states that A. G. Langley, resident engineer for that district, has arranged to send out three pairs of men, each with an experienced prospector.

Briefly, the proposal is as follows: The government will provide camp equipment consisting of tent, ground-sheet, blankets, cooking utensils, and tools and incidentals, which at the end of the contract will become the property of the prospectors, or in lieu of such equipment the government will contribute \$50 towards the purchase of same; the prospectors to supply their own personal equipment.

Further, the government to make allowance, uniform for all the province, of \$1.50 for food and other expenses, etc., to each man for each day in the field, payable monthly, or as might be arranged. At the end of the season men who have served the full term of their contract undertaking, properly attested to, will be allowed, to the experienced prospector, the sum of \$125, and to the inexperienced man \$100.

Those selected will have to have a doctor's certificate as to physical fitness for the work. They should be vouched for as to character and willingness to work, by responsible parties, and if possible should be recommended by one of the returned soldiers' organizations.

Applicants will be required to sign up for a definite period covering the duration of the prospecting season as may be decided upon by the Department of Mines.

Twenty-five pairs of men are to be sent out in the various districts of the province.

A Rossland despatch states: The old Velvet mine, a few miles west of this camp, is being reopened by H. E. Innis of Sandon. Mr. Innis went up with a crew of men this week.

It will be remembered that the mine was taken over some months ago by the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, and the property was unwatered and worked for a time, but the company later on decided to quit the place.

The mine is fully equipped with expensive machinery and has everything to carry on active operations.

Just who, if anyone, is associated with Mr. Innis in the undertaking is not known.

Two proprietors some time ago realized quite a neat sum, it is said, from ore they secured from the dump and sent to the smelter at Trail.

Rossland would be benefited considerably should the mine develop to the point where operations would be carried on extensively, which it is hoped will be the outcome of the new turn in its history.

A Princeton report says: Trains are again running between Princeton and Allenby on the Copper Mountain

branch of the Kettle Valley. The sawmill of the Summerland Lumber Company at the latter place is again running after a close-down of a month or two, and the shipping of lumber will be resumed. The output of the mill is about a carload a day.

H. R. Van Wagenen, general manager of the Canada Copper Corporation, has returned from Denver, where he spent the winter, and is again on the job directing the big work planned this season. Van H. Smith has also returned from Butte, where he has been for some time. The mill is practically completed and is now only awaiting the power to run it. A large brick power station has been built near the mill and everything is in readiness for connecting up when the high power line now building from the boundary is completed. If all goes as expected the mine and mill will be ready for operation by September or October.

The Ivanhoe property at Sandon, operated by the Roseberry-Surprise Mining Company, resumed operations.

The Bosun property, operated by the same company, is working full strength.

At Three Forks, the McAllister is in the list of active operators.

Foley, Welch & Stewart are to make another effort to develop the Eureka mine on Silver Creek near Hope. Machinery and supplies are now at Hope ready to be sent up to the mine as soon as snow conditions on the road permit.

Three hundred tons of high-grade ore are sacked and ready for removal from the Utica mine in the Slocan. This ore was removed from old stopes which the lessees carried up after the company quit. Poyntz & McClelland are the lessees, and it is reported that they will take a bond and lease on a property adjoining the Utica when their lease on the Utica expires in June.

The recent strike of copper ore made on Skookumchuck River, about 30 miles from Cranbrook, by Messrs. Pete Bull and L. Carmichiel, has developed into great proportions, according to the latest reports from the scene of the discovery. Some time ago, when the surface indications were encountered, it was thought there was a fair showing, but since development work has gone on to a depth of about 40 feet, native copper, running at about \$150 per ton in values, has been encountered, and it is reported the mine is showing up richer as work progresses. Dan McIntosh, a well-known mining man, recently bonded the property for \$15,000 and is actively at work developing it.

With water plentiful, and the season rapidly advancing, the mining properties on Kootenay Lake are getting under way for the season, one after the other, and as the snow recedes, the area of active operation will constantly enlarge.

The Florence mine at Princess Creek is running its mill two shifts, and is working a big mine crew to provide the ore.

At Riondel, the Blue Bell has also got under way, and will soon be operating full force.

It is understood the Cork-Province, on Kaslo Creek, is preparing to start up about June 1.

A season's work on the Panama, which H. Giegerich has under development, will also commence about the same date.—Nelson News.

Preparations for an active summer campaign on the Lardeau and Sandon properties of the Nelson Mining and Development Company have been made. The Whitewater and Comstock groups on Cascade Creek, in the Lardeau, are to be developed. A wagon road nine miles long is to be built. As soon as the road is completed shipments will be made.

There is a good mill site on the Comstock leases and proposals to erect a mill are under consideration.

The Zineton property, near Sandon, is in rich silver-lead, latent assays running up to 600 ounces silves, while in addition to these high values a considerable quantity of good milling ore is exposed.