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A PROMISING GROUP

Atlantic Cable Properties Are Being Quietly Developed.

A VEIN FIFTY FEET WIDE

Ore Assays as High as $20, With the Principal Value in Gold—A Steam Plant Is to Be Installed Shortly—The Victory-Triumph.

A good property about which very little is generally known, although it has been under active development for two years, is the Atlantic Cable, on the east side of Spokane mountain, west of the Flossie L. and south of the Jumbo. The group, which includes three claims, the Atlantic Cable, the Atlantic Cable fraction and the Sterling fraction, is owned by William Caldwell, the wealthy timberman of Toronto, who also has extensive iron interests in Ontario, besides some properties in the Slocan. Mr. Caldwell has never sought for publicity in connection with the Cable, which doubtless accounts for the general ignorance regarding it, but nevertheless he has been carrying work steadily along, and intends to continue doing so until the property is thoroughly proven.

The shaft is now down 238 feet on the ledge, while some 221 feet of crosscutting has been done, exclusive of 111 feet of surface work. The vein at the surface has a fine showing of decomposed capping between seven and eight feet wide, but the crosscut at the 100-foot level in the shaft showed it to be 50 feet wide, while at the 200-foot level the width is 60 feet. Fine walls have been disclosed in each place.

In the bottom of the shaft, which is now down 238 feet, considerable water has been met, and active mining has been suspended pending the installation of a steam hoist and a pump capable of operating the property. Meanwhile, work is in progress straightening and timbering the shaft which, when these improvements are completed, will be in splendid shape. The force at present comprises five men but the ordinary crew is seven or eight men, under the superintendence of K. McCaskill, to whom much credit is due for the thorough manner in which the work has been carried on.

The shaft has been going down in mineral all the way, and assays as high as $20, almost entirely in gold, have been secured. The ore is a smooth iron sulphide and a dark quartz, but in the lower levels of the shaft much white quartz has been met, which, it is expected, will prove free milling. Some little galena has been met in the white quartz, but not in any considerable quantities.

The property is in excellent shape for economical mining and besides a comfortable cabin the plant includes a good shaft house and a powerful horse whim used in operating the bucket. This equipment, however, is getting too small for the property, and as mentioned above, a new steam plant is to be installed shortly.

THE WAFFER BEING SURVEYED.

S. L. Myers Tells of the Development Around Erie.

S. L. Myers, president and manager of the Lucky Boy Mining company, has just returned from the company's property, the Waffer claim, on the north fork of Salmon river, where he has been having the claim surveyed for a crown grant. It contains over 50 acres, as the location line was only short 19 inches of the legal 1,500 feet. The work done on the Waffer iht he past winter includes a tunnel 120 feet long and a 40-foot winze. A crosscut 80 feet in from the mouth of the tunnel shows the ledge there 15 feet wide and no hanging wall yet. For 50 feet the tunnel has been in decomposed quartz. The ledge is much broken and mixed with gangue, inc uding considerable calcite., No assays have been had of this decomposed quartz, but it is highly mineralized. In the winze the ledge is a bluish quartz. It is a gold-copper proposition and though values have not been high, running from $7 to $18 in all. It will concentrate about four to one.

From the present showing Mr. Myers thinks he has a fair promise of a big mine. He thinks that all it lacks of being a mine is money to develop it. About 475,000 shares of stock are still in the treasury, and it was decided at the stockholders meeting held lately to place a block of this on the market to get means to push development. The Second Relief company is pushing work on the adjoining property with a force of 26 men, which is to be increased as soon as the trail is passable so supplies can be gotten in. The Relief company now has surveyors at work on its claims. The surveyor in charge will soon begin the survey from Erie to the Relief of a wagon road which the Relief company will build if the government allows an appropriation equal to one half of the cost. The Relief company has several thousand tons of ore ready to ship as soon as a road is completed and many others have smaller amounts which would be rapidly increased.

The Sampling Works.

J. B. Jenson, who was in town arranging for the erection of a sampling plant here, left last evening for Trail to look over the field there. Mr. Jenson is much pleased with the desirability of Rossland as a sight for the proposed works, and he expects that this town will be settled upon as the point for its erection. He says he received no little encouragement from the mine owners with whom he conferred yesterday.

The Southern Belle.

The tunnel in the Southern Belle is showing some very handsome copper ore, including chalcopyrites and copper glance. About two and one half feet has been disclosed in the face of the tunnel.

PAY ORE (B. C.) MINES.

A New Company That Is Now Being Successfully Floated.

The Pay Ore (B. C.) Mines, limited, is now being formed to take over the Pay Ore, (formerly known as the Brady) property on the North Fork of Kettle river, 12 miles above the city of Grand Forks. Messrs. Smith Curtis and S. Thornton Langley commenced a couple of days ago to solicit subscriptions for the (promoting) shares and report the result of their canvass, to be over 400,000 shares sold. This is certainly a successful inauguration of the new company and a strong indorsation of public confidence in it, especially when the stringency of the money market is considered. This success may be largely attributed to two factors—the excellent property secured and the belief that it will be honestly and economically managed by the board of directors. The fact that there is pay ore in quantity on the surface of the 30-foot vein on the Pay Ore is a most attractive card, since with persistency of rich ore a dividend-paying mine should be developed within a 12-month.

The directorate is to be composed of Messrs. Anthony J. McMillan) late British agent of the Manitoba government and a director of the British Columbia Mining company of London, Eng.), who has permanently taken up his resident in Rossland; John A. Manly, of the city of Grand Forks and lately its mayor; A. C. Sinclair, physician; W. Hart-McHarg and Smith Curtis, barristers; all of Rossland. It is understood that Mr. McMillan is to be president and Mr. Curtis secretary-treasurer of the company.

The circular issued by the promoters gives in pithy and convincing form an excellent idea of the company's objects and property. The ore body is a concentrating quartz with a pay streak at least five feet wide. Assays in gold, mostly with some silver and copper show $76.59, $85.10, $68.60, $10.85 and $64 to the ton.

It is estimated that the pay streak will average not less than $20 and will concentrate five into one with 80 per cent of values saved in the concentrates, and figures are given showing that each ton of such ore will average $10 net profit.

Messrs. S. Thornton Langley & Co. have secured a large block of shares for sale to eastern clienta and correspondents, and negotiations are now being carried on for the sale of the 200,000 pooled treasury shares.

The capitalization of the company is $250,000 in 2,500,000 shares, par value 10 cents each. One million of these shares have been set aside for treasury purposes and 200,000 of these treasury shares are pooled along with the $1,500,000 individual shares. The plan is very similar to that so successfully carried out by Messrs. Curtis & Langley in the Lardeau-Goldsmith Mines, limited, which shares in three months have quadrupled their value.

The inception of the Pay Ore company is a most auspicious one, and as its property appears to be a mine-maker, Rossland people who know what a good property is, will reap large benefits by investment.

HEIGHTS OF THE HILLS.

Altitudes of the Mountains Right Around Rossland.

J. H. D. Ferguson, the compiler of THE MINER'S map of the Rossland camp, has just finished measuring the altitudes of the hills around the city. He used as his basis the official measurement of the city's altitude, which, at the sill of the east door of the postoffice, has been established as being 3,404.42 feet above the level of the sea. This figure is believed to be absolutely reliable. In computing the heights of the surrounding hills Mr. Ferguson used an aneroid, which, although not entirely exact, is believed to be very nearly so, and the figures thus obtained are not likely to be more than 25 feet off.

Mr. Ferguson's figures are as follows: Columbia mountain, altitude, 4,089 feet; height above Rossland, 685 feet. Monte Christo mountain, altitude, 4,144 feet; height above Rossland, 740 feet. Red mountain, altitude, 4,954 feet; height above Rossland, 1,550 feet. Deer Park mountain, altitude, 4,229 feet; height above Rossland, 825 feet. Of the four hills thus measured, Red mountain is highest, with Deer Park second, Columbia third and Monte Christo last.

The Silver Bell.

Three men have been put to work to do some surface prospecting on this property. The main ledge is said to be 28 feet wide, and in excavating for the shaft house several stringers of carbonate and galena ores with high values were exposed. One of the stringers was six to eight inches wide and some tons of high grade ore were taken from it and sacked for shipment. The shaft was sunk 90 feet on the hanging wall, but as the crosscut was made it is not known what ore bodies may be encountered at depth. This ledge will be crosscut from wall to wall about 180 feet east of the shaft house, and if a favorable showing is made it is intended to have a thorough examination and an engineer's report on the property with a view of resuming work.

Visited the Victory-Triumph.

A party comprising Mayor Wallace, Daniel Dickinson, Walter L. Orde, A. R. Macdonald, D. B. Bogle and Messrs. McMillan of London and Bain of Halifax visited the Victory-Triumph Saturday. They were agreeably surprised at the showing. Seven men are at work. The tunnel on the main Victory ledge is in 400 feet but the width of the vein at the face has not yet been determined. A small force is at work prospecting the east vein with a view to sinking a shaft.

A Wagon Road Round Red Mountain.

H. B. Smith, C. E., acting under instructions from the provincial government, has commenced the survey and location of a wagon road passing round the north side of Red mountain and connecting the Jumbo and Blue's sawmill roads. Mr. Smith will prepare all necessary plans and superintend the work of construction.

BIG DEAL IN VIRGINIA

The Mackay Syndicate Buys the Corbin Block of 122,595 Shares.

OVER $43,000 CASH PAID

One of the Biggest Deals Ever Put Through in British Columbia—Another Big Investment on the Part of the Purchasers.

One of the biggest stock deals in the history of the camp was consummated Tuesday, when the Corbin block of Virginia stock was sold to the Mackay syndicate, which now holds the control of the property. The sale included 122,595 shares, and as the price was a trifle over 35 cents per share the purchase involved the expenditure of over $43,000. The sale was on a cash basis, and the money was turned over on the delivery of the stock.

The sellers were D. C. Corbin, Austin Corbin 2nd, E. J. Roberts and J. F. Herrick, who were among the original promoters of the company, and accordingly secured the stock at a modicum of cost. The Mackay syndicate, which now holds control, secured its first holdings in the company last winter at a cost of 16 cents per share. Since then assessments of 8 cents per share have been levied, which makes the total cost to them of their first block 24 cents per share. The price paid yesterday for the stock, nearly 36 cents, indicates an advance in value of just 50 per cent during the short time that the property has been under development.

Nothing is given out regarding the showing on the Virginia, and the public is scrupulously barred from admission to the workings. The property is being developed by a vertical shaft, which is now down 300 feet, and it is claimed that the ledge has not yet been met.

The Virginia adjoins the Iron Mask directly to the east, and it has been suggested that perhaps the recent unparalleled advance in Iron Mask has been caused by developments in that property which influence the Virginia advantageously.

The Mackay syndicate, which is now in control of the property, also holds the control in the Monte Christo Consolidated, and the investment yesterday of some $43,000 is in accord with the faith it has always shown in the camp.

ROBSON-MIDWAY ROAD.

Work to Begin as Soon as the Wet Spell Is Over.

"The contractors on the Robson-Midway road are making active preparations for the task they have before them," said John G. Sullivan, the principal assistant engineer in charge of the company's interests, who was in town yesterday.

"A little town, Brooklyn, has sprung up at the mouth of Dog creek, on Lower Arrow lake, just across the river from Deer Park, and a force of men is now engaged there building a wagon road from the lake up the pass to the summit of the divide. As soon as the wagon road wlil permit grading will be actively commenced all along the line.

"The engineering department is now engaged in sending out construction parties to cross section the route over which the road will run. These parties comprise about eight or nine men each, and in all there will probably be about 15 of them employed along the line.

"Just now I am hunting camp cooks to send out with these construction parties.

"The work of actual grading would have commenced today had it not been for the rain, which delayed the inauguration of operations for a day or so."

British Columbia Is Prospering.

The Montreal correspondent of the Toronto World says: Dr. Kramer, president of the Hamilton Powder company, who returned yesterday from the coast, states that no province in the Dominion is now enjoying the same degree of prosperity as British Columbia, and adds that the people hope that the aid of the local legislature, together with the moral support of the Dominion government, will ensure the construction of the railway from Alice Arm to Teslin Lake.

En Route to the Boundary.

R. T. Wilgress, of the C. P. R. service, Vancouver, and F. W. Russell, of the land department, Winnipeg, were at Rossland today on their way to the Boundary country, to arrange townsite and right of way matters in connection with the Columbia & Western road from Robson. The first point they will make for will be Cascade City and from there they will follow the location of the railway through to Midway.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mike Shick is back from the Burnt Basin country, where he was developing the properties in which he is interested. Mr. Shick says that his claims, which are six in number, are traversed by three parallel veins, carrying respectively free gold, galena and copper. The ledges are carried in porphyry.

Rolt & Grogan have been commissioned agents for the Caledonian Fire Insurance company, one of the oldest assurance organizations in Great Britain, which has been in existence over a century. It is one of the most conservative companies in the country, and it is a pleasing sign that it has decided to do business here.

There was a pleasant marriage Tuesday evening when Charles Rose and Miss Lizzie Wilkes were wedded by Rev. J. H. Best at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. William A. Braden, on St. Paul street. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by about 30 friends of the couple's, the party enjoyed a fine wedding supper. A number of handsome presents were received by the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Rose leave this morning for Northport, where they will make their home.

MINING NOTES.

Messrs. Benn & Co. report considerable activity in stocks. Within the past two days the firm has sold two large blocks of Monte Christo and Good Hope at the top prices of the market.

The New York-Kootenay Mining company has decided to apply for a crown grant of its properties, the Jumbo No. 3 and the Jumbo No. 3 fraction, on Deer Park mountain, opposite the O. K.

Friday Allen G. White and Nicholas Reuter sent a force of men to Sophie mountain to work on the Copper Wondes and the Copper Chief. The intention is to do considerable work on the Copper Wonder and assessment work on the Copper Chief. Both of these properties are highly spoken of.

Edward C. Finch, general manager of the Silver Queen Mining company, limited, returned a day or two since from Cariboo creek, where the properties of the company are located. It is antipated that the drill and compressor plant of the Silver Queen company will soon be in position and then the process of development will make rapid strides. Further on a matting plant will be installed.

From a gentleman who returned Saturday from the Burnt Basin region to the east of Christina lake, it was learned that there are several properties there which have ore chutes. One of these is the Innismore. This property has a three-foot vein of galena that goes $42 in silver and 53 per cent in lead to the ton. The gangue matter is a malachite copper.

An assay made from the gray copper ore received on Wednesday from the Lardeau-Goldsmith property gave 22.4 per cent copper, 585 ounces of silver and 1.08 ounces gold or a total value of $395. Mr. Smith Curtis left last evening to visit the property and will let a contract for 50 feet of tunnel while he is away. As the vein cuts across the mountain at right angles, the tunnel will be in ore all the way.

Good news was received Saturday by Dr. Edwin Bowes from the Fannie Woodward and Zola M. mineral claims. One assays gave 1,700 ounces in silver and $105 in gold; another gave 300 ounces in silver and $20 in gold. The ore body is five feet in width. These claims are located on the Colville Indian reservation some 12 miles northeast of Republic. They are owned by Ross Thompson, E. S. Topping and Dr. Bowes.

In the window of THE MINER office is some fine looking ore that was brought in by D. C. Beach. It came from the Victoria group of claims in which he is interested. They are located on the east shore of Christina lake. An assay shows that the ore carries near the surface $19.77 and at a depth of four feet $25.30. The values are copper and gold. The property will soon be near the market as it is located only about a mile and a half from the survey line of the Canadian Pacific railway.

A. Edgecombe, assayer, has removed to more central premises next to Messrs. Rolt & Grogan, 34 Columbia avenue. Mr. Edgecombe says it has been stated many times that there were discrepancies made between local assay work and samples sent elsewhere so that he has decided to keep all pulp on hand for a period of six months, samples of which may be obtained at any time during that period for check assay. This is only fair to the mine owner and prospector; it also exonerates the local assayer from blame should no fault lie with his work. The correct result of assays is of vital importance in all cases and it is a good thing to have a check system whereby any cavilling at, or doubts of the accuracy of may be determined satisfactorily without having recourse to foreign assayers.

NO DECREASE IN IRON

The Character of War Eagle Ores in the Lower Levels.

Depth Seems to Have Little Effect Upon the Percentages of Iron and Silica.

The mooted question as to whether or not Rossland ores become with depth more silicious and consequently harder to smelt seems to have been answered in the negative by the tests of War Eagle rock recently made at the Trail smelter. The analyses indicate that while of course individual lots vary widely in the proportionate amount of iron and silica, yet on the whole there is practically no difference in the silicious percentage whether the sample comes from the grass roots or from the 625-foot level, which at present is the deepest working in the mine.

The recent tests indicate that the average proportion of iron and silica all over the mine is almost precisely equal, or to be exact, each ordinarily runs about 28 per cent. As is needless to point out, this makes an admirable smelting ore, although in the case of the War Eagle the excess of iron or silica is just now of no great importance as it has a flat rate for the treatment of its ores at Trail, whether the iron runs in excess or in the minority.

In pursuing the tests as to the character of the ore, a sample was taken at the 625-foot level, across the full width of the vein, which at that time measured six and one-half feet, although it has since gained a foot in width. This sample returned the following results: Gold, .98 ounce; silver, 2.9 ounces; copper, 4.3 per cent; iron, 34.5 per cent; silica, 22.5 per cent. The remaindar of the ore was made up of sulphur and iron carbonates. This sample, showing as it does an excess of 12 per cent in iron, might be taken as indicating that the iron proportion increase with depth, but J. B. Hastings, the manager of the mine, recalls the fact that a recent shipment of ore from the very grass roots gave an iron excess of 24 per cent, so that he does not place any particular faith in the high excess obtained from the recent sample taken from the 625-foot level, which at present is the deepest working in the property, and he inclines to the belief that the question of depth will be of no importance with reference to the silicious nature of the ores of the camp.

IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

Royal Banner Claim Has Been Bonded for $30,000.

MANY EXPERTS AT YMIR

McKenzie & Mann Have Purchased the Big Patch Claim at Ymir for $45,000—Shipments of the Payne Curtailed by an Accident.

The news from the outside camps shows more than the usual activity. In the Boundary country there is a stir all along the line which promises to produce great results in that country. Those who are in a position to know claim that the Boundary will be one of the greatest mining sections of the Kootenays as soon as it is favored with the promised transportation. That section of the Nelson division around Ymir is being prospected by a large number of prospectors, and there are many experts there looking for an opportunity to purchase promising mines and mineral claims. Slocan and Ainsworth are also the theatres of a great deal of activity. The advance in the price of silver has turned attention in that direction to a considerable extent of late. With this activity prevailing everywhere in the Kootenays the output this year promises to be large. Appended is a summary of the week's news:

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Joe Kelly was in Pass creek recently, where he has been working on the Big Four. A rich strike has been made on the claim, assays from the ledge running $20 in gold.

Geo. Henderson and Robert Murray are working on the Kimberly and Copper Chief on Pass creek, about 50 feet of a tunnel having been run on the property.

Over 100 men are working in Greenwood and Wellington camps at the present time, the Winnipeg boarding house alone feeding 25 men.

It is reported that the Royal Banner mineral claim in Summit camp has been bonded to an English syndicate for $30,000. Of this amount $1,000 has been paid in cash and the balance is to be paid before March of next year. The Royal Banner is owned by Joe Young, Al Rodgers and John Ashfield.

Dan Stewart was recently in South Deadwood, where he had been working on the Emerald. Two shafts have been sunk on the property, one 25 and the other 12 feet. The ledge has been struck in the 25-foot shaft.

It is estimated that there are now 200 men prospecting around Christina lake. They have confined their attention mostly to the east side of the lake, but some are going to try the west.

The machinery on the Athelstane in Wellington camp is in place and running smoothly. Two shifts are at work in the shaft, under the foremanship of James Hatch of Rossland, who took charge of the work on the property a couple of weeks ago. Fred Oliver of Spokane, one of the owners, visited the mine the past week.

M. McLean, foreman of the Stemwinder and Brooklyn in Greenwood camp, was in Grand Forks recently. The machinery is all in for these properties and will be put in place as soon as possible. It consists of a boiler and hoisting machinery for each claim. On the Stemwinder work is being carried on in both the shaft and tunnel.

G. W. Rumberger has struck another ledge on the Idaho in Greenwood camp. In doing some open work he uncovered a strong lead, similar in character to that on the Knob Hill.

On the Bruce near Midway the tunnel is in about 145 feet. In the last 15 feet, the character of the rock has changed considerably, showing more copper stains, and it is probable that the ledge will be struck before 20 feet more has been run.

J. M. Lynch is working on the Newhall, a claim on the Kettle river, near the mouth of Toroda creek.

Good ore is being taken out of the Apex, in Greenwood camp, a claim owned by Dermody and Sullivan.

On the St. Peter group of claims on Toroda creek, owned by S. Bennerman and others, about 50 feet of work has been done. The ledge is 12 feet in width and runs high in gold.

W. Y. Williams, general manager for the Old Ironsides company, is busy putting in the compressor plant on the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill in Greenwood camp.

A rich strike is reported on the Myrtle, in Greenwood camp, a claim owned by A. McIntosh, Joseph Sterritt and Adolph Seren. The ledge is about 10 feet wide, carrying a high per centage in copper, and is considered one of the best showings yet discovered in the camp.

Jack Farrell is developing the Girl of the Period, in Wellington camp.

T. Murray and A. G. Davis have been in Canyon creek. They had an outfit of 20 pack animals, taking in supplies for the company which recently bonded the Silver Dollar.

F. W. McLaine and R. H. Bergman are doing assessment on the Manchester in Long Lake camp. The claim adjoins the Silent Friend, and there are two quartz leads on the property. The work now being done consists of open cuts, with the object of thoroughly prospecting the ground before actual development is commenced.

Jas. Sutherland has recently been in Canyon creek, where he had been inspecting some properties purchased in the camp last winter. Mr. Sutherland is highly pleased with the properties and believes that Canyon creek will be one of the best camps in the Kettle river country. He also states that there is some excellent ranch and timber lands up the main river.

NELSON DIVISION.

Tom Flynn and Sam Coulter have a force of men at work on the Monarch group, consisting of the Monarch, Beatrice, Moyea, Barnes and Echo, situate at the head of Keno creek and close to Hall siding. They will sink a 100-foot shaft, and are now down at present about 30 feet. The work being done at present is on the Monarch, which has a well defined ledge which can be traced 4,000 feet, and the ore runs high in gold and copper. A fine specimen of ore from this property was shown the other day in which free gold could be plainly seen with the naked eye.

There are a great many mining experts in Ymir at present looking up mining investments. An opportunity was had on different occasions during the the past week of conversing with mining men, and in every instance they are well pleased with the outlook of the camps.

It is only a question of a short time until Ymir will be one of the greatest mining centers in the Kootenays, as the development now going on in this district is opening up new ledges pretty nearly every day.

Work is being rapidly pushed forward on the Gold Queen and Mulligan claims, which adjoin the Jubilee, near Ymir. The lead on the Gold Queen can be traced for 1,000 yards and is five feet wide between two well defined walls of granite and slate. The pay streak, which is now about nine inches wide, is getting wider as the work advances. It is the intention of the owners, Swan Nelson and Joseph Astley, to increase their staff of workmen as soon as possible.

McKenzie & Mann have bought the Big Patch at Ymir, a free gold proposition, the price being $45,000.

Arthur Campbell sold a one-half interest in the Jubilee fraction to Marcus Moses of Rossland for $300 cash.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

The machinery for the compressor plant for the Noble Five is expected to arrive during the next few days and will be installed at once. Air pipe is being sent up the gulch for the pipe line from the concentrator to the mine.

Tom Hickey started work on the Ivanhoe last week with a small force. Phil Hickey is expected to arrive shortly and will put on a large force. Extensive operations will be carried on during the summer.

A force of five men was put on at the Canadian group this week. Mr. Brandon went to Slocan City recently and on his return a large force will be put on and work pushed vigorously on the property.

The Payne shipments have been curtailed during the last 10 days on account of an accident on the tram. What ore has come down went to the C. P. R.

REVELSTOKE AND LARDEAU.

D. G. Eaton returned recently to Nelson from San Francisco, where he went last month with a shipment of ore from the Silver Cup mine. The shipment consisted of 350 tons and was consigned to the Selby smelter. The returns were favorable, the ore averaging 200 ounces of silver and $12 in gold to the ton. The Silver Cup is being operated by the Sunshine Mining company, commonly called the Horne-Payne syndicate. Since last September about 800 tons of ore have been mined and sacked, but only 350 tons of this was shipped, as it all had to be hauled by teams or rawhided 24 miles to Thompson's Landing, on the Arrow lakes.

A gang of men has been put to work on the Lullus company's property.

The tunnel on the Tenderfoot is in 17 feet.

The Silver Bell shows a lead 10 feet wide assaying $41 in gold and 30 ounces silver.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

Bids have been called to run an 80-foot tunnel on the Albion Mining company's property at Ainsworth. The company is desirous of proceeding with the development of their property and prefer to let the work by contract. The successful bidder will in all likelihood have an opportunity to obtain more work if the lead, when encountered, has as good a hsowing in the tunnel as it does on the surface.

J. A. Otto has uncovered on enormous ore body on one of his claims on the Nowater or Midge, two claims adjoining the Ruthie Bell on Hamill creek. The ore body is said to be 12 feet in width. The lead runs into the Ruthie Bell.

On Thursday afternoon last a brush fire got so near to the new boarding house and bunk houses, etc., being constructed and nearly completed near the mouth of the Whitewater Deep mine, that they caught fire through loose shavings and were completely destroyed. The company will immediately rebuild. The loss is supposed to be in the neighborhood of $1,000.

It is reported that the Sky Line mine, seven miles from Ainsworth, will begin operations shortly. As this rich silver property has been idle upwards of two years. This news, if it proves true, will be welcomed by the people of Hot Springs camp.

W. A. Davies visited the Ibex last week. He reports from 10 to 20 feet of snow there; cabins and works completely buried up.

Working on the Whippoorwill.

Work on the Beach group on Baker creek, on the east side of Christina lake, has been interrupted by water in the shafts, and the men have been put to work on the Whippoorwill group at the head of the lake. The Beach is owned by a half dozen Rossland people, including Eli Lavalley, A. R. Macdonald, J. S. Hicks, D. C. Beach, W. H. Morrison and R. O. Cramer. Two shafts have been sunk on the Beach and in one of them a depth of 27 feet has been reached. The showing when work stopped was very satisfactory. The ore is a pyrrhotite carried in black quartz and the values are largely gold.

PERSONAL.

B. T. Rogers, the sugar refiner of Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Rogers and Miss Rogers, and D. F. Argus of Montreal together with Miss Argus, are visitors in town. While on their way back to the coast they expect to spend some little time in old Cariboo.