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There seems as yet to be little doing in the north although gold dredging at Kamloops is now going on. There is every probability of a busy season after the enforced idleness of the present winter. With a railway open there will be a greater incentive to work during the winter to come and it is probable that the winter season just finishing will be the slackest in the history of the camp. The Paradise has finished shipping in Windermere camp and the management will now go in for development work. Other properties are also being entered upon in this promising region. In South-east Kootenay from one cause and another there is little doing at the present moment, but it is expected that work will start up brisker than ever within a few weeks and that the season to come will be the record for this part of the Kootenays. In the Slocan there is still trouble over the smelter combine and apparently the only way out of the impasse is the establishment of a smelter. This will probably be accomplished, but take time to realize. In the Boundary, there is active and steady work going on and the air is simply full of smelter talk. When it is not smelters it is railroads and both together are going to do wonderful things for this district, which will in a very short time support a large and legitimate population of hardworking citizens engaged in the development of the wonderful mineral wealth of the region.

In the Similkameen there seems to be some probability of an important deal going through on Twenty Mile creek. All that the Similkameen mines is a railway and just as soon as that is built with an outlet to the south and to the tidewater there will be a great change in the appearance of this country.

KAMLOOPS.

To Start the Dredge at Big Bar This Week.

J. G. Collins reports everything ready to start the gold dredge at Big Bar on the river is clear of ice, says the Sentinel. For the last six or eight weeks he, with his partners in the enterprise, have been working hard overhauling the dredge generally and replacing the gold saving arrangements with the DeKeyser system of sluices and other appliances, specially made after many tests, for the saving of fine gold. It is claimed for this system that it is an impossibility for any gold to escape. Gold dredging men will watch with interest the result of this system of saving gold. Mr. Collins will return to the dredge, which is now about a mile above Big Bar, and operations may be expected to begin this week.

LARDEAU.

The Carbonate Chief and the Metropolitan Looking Well.

Fred Kilpatrick, writing from the Eva on Fish Creek, where he has been working for the past five months, says it is a wonderful property, the quartz being full of free gold.

No. 3 tunnel on the Standard is now in 364 feet. The tunnel cuts the lead at a flat angle in order to gain depth and is running through a large dyke of vein matter heavily impregnated with copper and iron ore, but has not yet cut the main chute.

The Loebie Eagle company of Revelstok intend resuming work shortly on the Maybe claim adjoining the Nettie L. This is a very promising property showing much the same ore and characteristics as the Nettie L. and from \$10,000 to \$12,000 has been spent in development work by way of sinking shaft and tunnelling. The company will also start work on the Moscow on Pool creek, near the Imperial and Eva at an early date. It is not the intention of the company to do much with the property which it holds on Carnes and Laforme creeks in the Big Bend for another year.

Johnny Morgan and George Spinks are in from Galena Pass where they have been engaged for some time past driving a tunnel on the White Eagle. The tunnel is now in something over 40 feet and has encountered a body of carbonates several inches in thickness. The indications are becoming more encouraging every day, and it is expected that when the tunnel has been driven under the surface showing a body of ore will be exposed. Should this property turn out a shipper a three mile trail will connect the claim with the head of navigation at Thompson's Landing.

Messrs. Reumanns, Wilcox and McGillivray came in from Standard Basin on Wednesday last week, says the Mail. They report the Standard property looking well. During the last two months No. 2 tunnel has been driven 70 feet and is now in 294 feet. At 275 feet a dyke of intrusive diorite was struck, and the driving is still in this dyke, which is mineralized all through, with copper and iron. This tunnel gives a vertical depth of 110 feet on the vein, which dips at an angle of 45 degrees. The dyke is understood to be 25 feet in width, with the pay chute, which was struck on the upper workings, expected to come in on the foot all of the dyke. At No. 2 tunnel, which is 600 feet north-west of No. 3, development work has exposed a nice body of copper ore 3 1/2 feet thick at a depth of 75 feet.

Rev. Charles W. McCrossan of Minneapolis, Minn., who, while in Ferguson early last fall, purchased the Metropolitan group, located a few miles up the north fork, has had a small shipment of ore taken from the various veins and sent to him, samples of which he has had thoroughly tested by well known authorities. Some of the results are as follows: R. B. Green, chemist, of Two Harbors, Minnesota, made two tests: Copper, 6.70 per cent; lead, 49.25 per cent; silver, 918 ounces; gold, \$8; total, \$667.59 to the ton. Copper, 19.96 per cent; lead, 28.99 per cent; silver, 2,125 ounces; gold, \$16; total value, \$1,478.29 1/2 per ton. Then Messrs. Pantou and White, the leading business firm of the city of Duluth, Minn., sent some of this ore to R. H. Officer & Co. of Salt Lake City, and had it assayed. Result Gold, 70 ounces; silver, 900.4 ounces; lead, 66.6 per cent; copper, 7.2 per cent; total value per ton, \$684.78.

Among the numerous Big Bend properties of which little is heard at present, but which with proper means of communication will very rapidly come to the front is the Carbonate Chief, a gold proposition, situated on Keystone mountain, about three or four miles back from the river as the crow flies, says the Herald. The proprietors, J. C. Reumanns, H. P. Smith and W. H. Wilcox did considerable work on this property in the winter of '98 and ran a tunnel over 130 feet and over 60 feet altogether of a crosscut from the end of and at right angles to the tunnel. The ore is believed by the owners to be a gold sulphide and is so soft that it has to be worked by pick and shovel. There is an immense body of it as the whole of the 130 odd feet of the tunnel and crosscut is in this ore and the wall has not yet been struck. The ore goes from \$3 a ton in gold as it comes out of the mine in rough condition, which an expert reported could be done for 25 cents a ton. The values are very uniform throughout the whole workings. When concentrated it could be treated, it is believed by either the chlorination or cyanide process on the spot.

WINDERMERE.

The Paradise Mine, World's Fair and Man-toba.

The men engaged on the Phoenix and World's Fair group of mines, situated on the south fork of Horse Thief creek, came down the hill last week as they had run out of certain supplies. Owing to the soft snow they had a hard trip down the trail and will not return for three or four weeks, when it is hoped the snow will have settled sufficiently to enable them to pack up the necessary supplies. The 200-foot crosscut tunnel is nearly completed and it was expected that they might strike the ledge at any time. There has been considerable high grade copper ore encountered for over 80 feet, but as the rock is exceptionally hard progress is necessarily slow.

Wm. Hamilton and H. O'Donoghue have already accomplished considerable development work on the Manitoba group situated in the Tepee Pole pass on the divide between Law and Boulder creeks, and intend working it extensively this season. This group consists of the Manitoba, Northwest and Elb mineral claims, to be worked by the Ontario Copper Company. A lead of about six feet has been discovered with galena float. On the Manitoba an outlet cut has been made of about 10 feet and a shaft sunk. The owners have discovered what they believe to be a white talc very similar to the curious talc-like ore found on the Paradise and also have the same sand carbonates as found on the Paradise. When Mr. Hamilton made this discovery he went over to the Paradise to examine the ore there and says that he followed the lead all the way back to the Manitoba group, which lies almost directly one mile north. After a very careful examination he says there is no doubt whatever in his mind as to its being the same ore and lead.

On account of a snow slide on Toby creek last Thursday all of the men and teams hauling ore from the Paradise were laid off, but on Monday the road was cleared and seven teams sent up. The rawhides are steadily bringing down the ore and will soon have the 1,000 tons down Spring Creek. Captain Armstrong is working hard to get the ore down the mountain as far as possible while the snow lasts. There being many rumors afloat about the mine closing down the Outcrop called upon Manager R. R. Rice, who said that as they had now accomplished their object and sacked 1,000 tons of ore he had decided to spend some time in developing the mine and the men had nearly all been laid off, but work would again start in a very short time. The development will be done by contract. He said, "We have all the ore out that can be rawhided down the hill at present as there will be danger of snow slides. There are few mines that have been accomplished as much as has been at the Paradise in the same time. We started last June to develop and today we have 800 tons of ore in the sheds at the river and practically the balance of 1,000 tons on the way down the road. Judging from last year and the mild weather now navigation may be expected to open about the first of April and we will ship ore on the first boat to the smelter."

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY.

The Sullivan, North Star, St. Eugene and Other Properties.

R. O. Jennings has completed the assessment work on the Morning fraction. The shaft is down some 20 feet. Reports from the Carbonate King are to the effect that the tunnel is now in 110 feet, crosscutting the lead, which is 50 or 60 feet in width. The North Star is working a full force at the mine, the tramway is also in good shape, and the mine is shipping from 70 to 80 tons of ore daily. Hank Elder is working a property on Mark creek. The tunnel is in 80 feet, following an overflow of galena. When the solid formation is encountered, it is expected to find the vein. The Mount Slicker company are working on the Quattrill; a tunnel has been run on the vein; sinking has commenced on a winze in No. 1 tunnel, which is now to 18 inches, gradually widening as depth is obtained. The ore is of a good quality. For the past week the weather has been quite warm, and a good portion of the time there has been a drizzling rain. The St. Eugene concentrator started up last Thursday and has been running up its full capacity ever since. It is not likely that another shut down for the lack of water will be necessary—Moyle Leader.

Mr. W. de R. Rose, now of New Denver, is in the city for a few days, the Bosun mine, on which he has been working, having closed down. We do not, as a fact, know the reason for the closing, but imagine it is the smelter difficulty, as the mine is in excellent shape. We imagine Mr. Sandiford made every enquiry as to the best smelting arrangements he could make, and the owners in England considered them unsatisfactory and ordered the close.—Mining Review.

During the week another carload of ore was sent out to the smelter from the Hewitt mine of this place, which brings the total shipped for the year up to 470 tons. A. P. McDonald, who has the contract for freighting the Hewitt ore from the mine to the wharf, is bringing down over ten tons of ore per day and piling it up just above town at the snowline, from where it will be brought down to the dock for shipment as soon as the road is passable for agents. The Hewitt mine is now our biggest property and has a body of shipping ore thirteen feet wide tapped at over four hundred feet deep.—Silvertonian.

The past week things have come through the refusal of the American smelters to treat Canadian ore was demonstrated by Mr. J. C. Drewry, manager of the Canadian Gold Fields, limited, one of the strongest corporations working in the country, who yesterday informed the Kootenayan that the whole force of men employed at the Sunset mine, except five, who were retained for development work, had been laid off.—For the reason that under the existing conditions we cannot be expected to put money into it when we see no way of getting it out. The smelter situation puts things into such bad shape that it is mere foolhardiness to continue to spend a large amount of money in operating. We will wait until we see what is going to happen."

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 35,000 tons. Since January 1st to March 2nd, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

Week.	Total.
Payne	117
Last Chance	35
Slocan Star	40
Ruth	64
Bosun	100
Hewitt	30
American Boy	21
Ivanhoe	61
Trade Dollar	84
Sovereign	108
Wonderful	4
Arlington	60
Two Friends	40
Enterprise	40
Hartney	80
Black Pine	20
Goodenough	70
Miller Creek	20
Reco	21
Sunset	28
Queen Bees	24
Monitor	40
Corinth	20
Bondholder	40
Rambler	150
Surprise	20
Kaalo Group	10
Chapleau	15
Speculator	10
Total tons	515

THE BOUNDARY.

The Dominion Copper Company and the B. C. Mine.

Last Monday was pay day at the B. C. mine, in Summit camp, about \$10,000 being distributed among the 100 men employed at that steadily shipping property.

Last Wednesday the first shipment of copper matte from the British Columbia Copper smelter at Greenwood consisted of two carloads, thirty tons each, being part of the first two weeks run.

Up to March 1st the Granby smelter had treated over 100,000 tons of Phoenix ore. It is expected that the capacity will be doubled to 1,200 tons daily in July, at which time also the new matte converter will be installed.

John Holms, who is developing a couple of claims on Hardy mountain, was in Grand Forks this week and brought down some fine specimens of bromide of copper some running as high as 60 per cent. copper.

John Turner, who is now living on his ranch near Curlew, has taken a contract for building a road to the Brimstone. This is the first result of the strike made last week, the company expecting to be shipping this spring.

Development has been actively in progress on the Pathfinder since the election of new officers a short time since, and the mine is now almost in shape to go on the shipping list. Only a small force is being worked at present, but the company expects to increase the working force very shortly and begin sending ore to the pyritic smelter at Boundary.

On the Blue Bell and J. S. claims, in Summit camp, the showing is reported constantly improving and the property bids fair to make a big mine in the not far distant future. The lead is getting larger with every foot of depth and the increase in value is something surprising. It is the intention of the company owing to the property to put in a machinery plant immediately and operate the claims on a large scale. Shipments will soon be in order and the Blue Bell and J. S. are expected to do much for the upbuilding of Summit camp.

S. F. Parrish, manager of the B. C. mine, Summit camp, was seen by a Pioneer this week. He states that the shipments continue to average about 100 tons per day. During January about 3,000 tons of ore were shipped to the Trail smelter, and the February output was the same in round numbers. About 100 men are constantly employed at the mine in various capacities. The main shaft of the B. C. has reached a depth of 422 feet, and crosscutting is being done at the 400-foot level. The mine is looking well in every way, and the owners, the B. C. Chartered company, a close corporation, doubtless have a comfortable dividend occasionally.

Nothing is given out on this point. This week the Dominion Copper company began the work of developing the Idaho claim, which has been idle over a year. A new double compartment shaft has been started 200 feet west of the old shaft, sunk 50 feet by Frank Robbins. It is understood to be the intention to vigorously develop the Idaho, and place it on a shipping basis, like the Brooklyn and Stenwinder, as soon as possible, and to this end it will probably be equipped with a small machinery plant for temporary use. The development on the Stenwinder, to date, is understood to have been exceedingly satisfactory. The work has largely been drifting at the 114-foot level, and the several hundred feet done by hand drilling have shown up excellent bodies of ore. This having been proved to the satisfaction of the management, most of the men were laid off this week until an air compressor is installed. Excavations near the shaft house has been made for the temporary five-drill compressor, but the plans have been changed somewhat, and it is not yet known whether the plants on hand will be used till the large plant, recently ordered, arrives. It is the policy of the management, however, to lose no time in uncovering the ore bodies on the various properties, and prepare for shipments as soon as it can be done.—Pioneer.

THE SIMILKAMEEN.

Twenty Mile Camp—The Rolla and Kingston Groups.

The indications are that the bond on the claims at Twenty-Mile, mentioned in last week's Star, will be paid up shortly, when the payment becomes due. A responsible party from that camp, in conversation with a Star reporter, stated that prospects for the camp were beginning to look very bright, and that indications pointed to a busy season. A Mr. Patrick had arrived at the camp a few days ago, on behalf of the eastern parties who have an option on the Rolla and Kingston group, owned by Pete Scott and others. As the option had about run out, Mr. Patrick came in to look over the property and to decide whether it would be advisable to take up the bond. As the value of the claims are so well known it is hardly possible that an adverse decision will be given. It is reported, however, that Mr. Patrick has made the statement to the effect that even if the parties whom he now represents did not care to take up the bond, he knew of another party, whom he was almost positive would be willing to take up the bond as it now stood. However, if the property proved to be anywhere near its reported value, he had no hesitation in making the statement that the payment due would be paid by the present holders, as the money was now in the bank waiting for his decision.

TRAIL SMELTER.

Following are the ore shipments received at the Trail smelter from the different shipping mines for the week ending March 9th, according to the News:

Tons.	Total.
Centre Star	2263 1/2
War Eagle	526 3/4
Iron Mask	113
B. C. Co.	1249 1/4
Sullivan	374
Ivanhoe	79 3/4
Payne	106
Goodenough	26 3/4
Monitor	39 1/4
Arlington	22 1/2
Total	4738 3/4

The matte shipped from the Trail smelter was 188 tons. The bullion amounted to 165 1/4 tons.

SQUIRES TO BE HONORED.

A smoker will be given this evening by the Eagles to Mr. Joseph Squires. The latter is a member of the Eagles, and has just returned from South Africa after a year's service in the second Canadian contingent, and the members of the Eagles order thought they would show their appreciation of the patriotism which he has displayed by giving a smoker and make him the guest of the evening. A full attendance is requested.

Appointed Manager of the Arlington.

Mr. H. E. T. Haultain, the consulting engineer for the Hastings (British Columbia) Exploration syndicate, has been appointed manager of the Arlington mine of Erie, B. C., succeeding the late C. D. McKenzie. Mr. Frank McEwen, who has been on the staff of the Hall Mining & Smelting company, joins Mr. Haultain in the business management.

Returned From the East.

Mr. George Pfunder has just returned from Elmira, Ont., whither he went with the body of his late wife. Interment was made in the cemetery at Elmira in the same place with the father of the deceased. On his return trip Mr. Pfunder says he met Mr. Robert Scott, formerly mayor of Rossland, on the train, near Barrie. Mr. Scott is enjoying good health and prosperity, and wished to be remembered to his many Rossland friends. Mr. Pfunder will leave in a few days for Miss Mont., whither he goes on mining business.

John Treglow's Funeral.

The funeral of John Treglow took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the Odd Fellows' hall. The local members of the Odd Fellows' lodge turned out en masse, over 80 being in attendance. Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, assisted by Chaplain Wilson of the Odd Fellows' lodge, held services in the hall. At the grave the Odd Fellows held the burial service of the order, including the singing of a hymn. The service concluded with a prayer by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse.

W. F. McKay, mining operator of Curlew, Wash., is at the Allan, en route for home after an enjoyable visit to Spokane.

WINDING UP OF THE B. A. C.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY ROSSLAND GREAT WESTERN.

All the Old Officials Have Received Formal Notices to Quit—Are Re-engaged by the Subsidiary Company.

The officials of the British America corporation have been served with formal notices that their services will not be required after the end of this month. Next month they will all be re-engaged as officials of the Rossland Great Western. The change has come about by the voluntary winding up of the British America corporation in London. This corporation owed its existence to the mines which have been floated by it, the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, Rossland Great Western and Kootenay Mines. The properties possessed by these companies formed the holdings of the B.A.C. Now that each and all are standing on their own merits there no longer exists any reason for the continuance of the parent company, which is therefore going out of existence.

As far as the officials resident in Rossland are concerned there will be no change actually, though all in name are formally dismissed and as formally taken on again. Those thus affected are General Manager Bernard Macdonald, Office Manager Hussey, Stenographer Nietert, Chief Clerk Currie and his assistants, Messrs. Armstrong and Nietert, Chief Storekeeper Brun and Assistant McDowell, Surveyor Stewart and the assistant draughtsmen, McLennan, Turnbull and Simpson. All of these officials are at present officials of the B.A.C. but after April 1 they will be officials of the Rossland Great Western.

It is not to be understood that the services of these gentlemen will be charged to the Rossland Great Western mine. Up to the present the B.A.C. has drawn cheques monthly in payment of the salaries, but in future this cheque drawing will be done by the Rossland Great Western. Heretofore the money thus paid has been apportioned between each of the several mines, and this practice will be continued. Instead of a B. A.C. account being kept open, there will have to be a general account kept by the Rossland Great Western, as well as the particular account of the mine. Thus it will be seen that the change is purely formal and nothing more. There is no saving effected as the present system is about as economical a method as could be devised. Each of the mines gets the services of an experienced manager and a thoroughly organized staff, while the great expense of this is borne by four companies instead of having to be shouldered by merely one.

The reason why the Rossland Great Western was settled upon as the one out of the four mines which was to bear the general name was that it was the most centrally located of the four, and because the buildings of the general offices of the British America corporation, together with the dwelling houses of its officials, are all located upon the surface property of that company.

CALIFORNIA PLEASED HIM.

Mr. Hobbes had a nice time in the Orange Groves.

Mr. R. A. C. Hobbes, secretary of the Dandee and Indian Chief (Sputee) mining companies, returned on Sunday after an absence of six weeks in California. He went as far south as Santa Catalina islands and visited Pasadena, Santa Monica, Lone Beach, Redondo, San Francisco and other places. Mr. Hobbes returns full of admiration for California and its products. At Pasadena he picked oranges from the trees, and at other places he picked lemons. The roses and the violets are in full bloom, and the hills were carpeted with green grass and many-colored flowers. "It is a delightful place in which to pass a vacation," said Mr. Hobbes, "and I enjoyed myself very much. The orange trees at Pasadena and other places are so loaded with fruit that props have to be placed under them. In fact, the orange and lemon crops are so large that considerable of the fruit is spoiling owing to a shortage of cars. The change from the mountain scenery, with its climate of Southern California, with its orange and lemon groves, where the very air is scented with the odor of orange blossoms and roses, was one which I greatly appreciated and enjoyed. I intend to go to California again and, if possible, to make even a longer stay than I did on the present occasion."

ANOTHER FUNERAL.

The Remains of John Hall Will Be Taken to the Grave on Friday Afternoon.

The funeral of John Hall will take place on Friday afternoon from Beattie's undertaking parlors, at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. J. A. Mackay will officiate, as the late John Hall was a Presbyterian. The deceased was a native of the old country, coming from the border town of Berwick, which was created a free city centuries ago by one of the early Edwards. As a freeman of that city he enjoyed a small revenue coming from lands granted to the ancient burgesses, his ancestors, amounting to £35 a year. Beyond this he does not seem to have had any other money. He owned a claim adjoining the Wallingford, on Record mountain, but it is not certain whether this even had not lapsed. John Hall had many friends and was popular in his own circle. It is probable that there will be quite a large turnout to his funeral.

War Eagle Tramway.

The tramway is now practically completed and the management are merely awaiting the arrival of some cars from the east in order to be able to begin shipping ore over the new road.