

**BE BRAVE, GO ON.**

Of silent solitude the king  
 And lord, the savage grizzly bear;  
 Ho hears the northwind shriek and stung,  
 And trembles in his lonely lair  
 And yet you miners onward go;  
 With packs and sleds, lo! one by one.  
 They struggle through the blinding snow.  
 God bless you, boys, be brave; go on!

It is not true that out of eyes  
 Is out of mind—it is not true!  
 We think of you, our prayers rise,  
 Forevermore, dear boys, for you.  
 With you we are, for you we cope.  
 Until your victory is won;  
 Let through the blizzard guide your hope;  
 God bless you, boys, go on; go on.

Take heart, let falter not your feet;  
 And if it be with tottering knees.  
 Go on and on through hail and sleet;  
 At last this snowstorm, too, must cease.  
 Let over matter be your mind  
 The matter, and my word upon  
 You will, you shall, your destiny find,  
 Be brave; go on; go on; go on!

Heed not the hill or rugged pass;  
 We want you to return once more,  
 Oh, joy! when every lad his lass  
 Finds waiting at her cottage door.  
 Come what there may, dear boys, be bold;  
 You'll find yet, every mother's son,  
 The longing of your life, the gold,  
 Go on; go on; go on; go on!

**MINING NOTES.**

In doing the assessment on the Royal George, which lies east and south of the Copper Jack, of the Columbia and Kootenay group, a ledge showing copper pyrites has been found. It looks so well that a shaft will be sunk on it at once.

Two men have been ground-sluting on the Florence, which adjoins the R. E. Lee on the north. The ledge has been exposed in places for a distance of 400 feet, and the iron capping seems to be about 150 feet wide, the ledge apparently being 15 to 18 feet wide.

The Ida May Company is doing some work on its property, the Ida May, adjoining the Cliff on the north. After some surface prospecting the ledge was found on June 20, and now a crosscut has been run showing five feet of very fair looking mineral. It is the intention now to sink a shaft on this showing.—Rossland Miner.

**A GOOD MONTH'S BUSINESS.**

June was not in any sense a dull month in the Trail Creek district in so far as locating and development of claims was concerned. According to the Miner of that place, certificates of work to the number of 390 were recorded, representing as a minimum \$38,000 worth of work done on these particular claims. The list of locations show 299 were made during the month. The payment of licenses under the new Companies act was the feature of the month's business, however, at the recorder's office. One hundred and seventy-five companies have paid up. Of this number all but

**THE ATHABASKA,**

The recently issued report of this well known mine of the Nelson district gives the following statement of the Company's operations:

"On the 13th day of May last the British-Canadian Gold Field Company commenced active work, when it was found necessary that a great deal of preliminary work should be done, such as building cabins, erecting platforms, making roads and trails, etc. Since that time we have built two large sized cabins (one used as a boarding house and the other as a bunk house), a four foot skid road, one and a half miles long, from the mine to the Hall mines tramway, where we have built an elevated platform or loading station from which the sacked ore is loaded on to the tramway and sent to the Hall mines smelter at Nelson, and at the mine at a point one hundred feet from the mouth of the main tunnel we have put up a large incline upraise to the surface, a distance of thirty feet, on about the same angle as the ledge, for the purpose of ventilation and blocking out ore. From the upraise, back towards the mouth of the tunnel about 50 feet, we have stoped six and ten feet of the ore in height. At a point fifty feet from the mouth of the main tunnel a winze has been sunk to a distance of seven feet, on which we stoped work temporarily on account of surface water and the inconvenience to the stopers above. There are, however, now four miners at work in this winze sinking day and night.

At the old shaft near the top of the little ridge, the ledge dips at a low angle and is somewhat broken. This ledge is being stripped and some very rich ore is being extracted.

One hundred and eighty feet from the old shaft, south, crossing a little draw, there is a stripping of forty feet, exposing the same character of rich ore, trending nearly the same as the main tunnel, where we intend to at once sink a shaft following the vein.

The first shipment of ore from the mine was sampled and settled for on the 28th day of June. From this shipment of 33,268 pounds, after the usual reductions for freight and treatment amounting to \$12.00 were made, netted the Company \$1,003.12. There are 300 sacks of ore ready for shipment, which has been taken from two stopes—one hundred and fifty sacks from the tunnel and one hundred and fifty sacks from the upper or shaft workings. This will be shipped in two lots of twenty tons each. The first lot from the shaft workings will be completed within two weeks. It is very high grade and, I think, will give returns of over \$100 per ton. The other shipment from the lot from the lower tunnel will follow at once, as that is being completed at the same time.

ore on the dump and carrying on a progressive system of development work.

There are eighteen men at work at present and this force will be increased to at least twenty-five.

**THE ORPHAN BOY INVESTIGATION.**

It is to be hoped that this investigation will, whatever else it affects, throw a clean searchlight on the whole circumstances of the Orphan Boy fiasco. This is none the less likely, because the magisterial proceedings happen to be less than usually marked by technical formalities, though legal men accustomed to very strict adherence to rules of evidence and procedure, chafe a little over the present method of investigation by magistrates who do not happen to be trained men of the law. In this exceptional case no harm will be done to public interests, even though the inquiry has resulted in interim questionings of a "fishing" nature. Civic proceedings are easily compromised and in this case the permanent welfare of our mining industry is more or less involved in a policy of "no compromise." Interesting facts are already in evidence that should be very useful in the civil proceedings pending.

**CONCENTRATES.**

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe, speaking of the Yukon, says: "It takes a year to get a man into the country and back again." How long, Lord! how long, will such sublime ignorance prevail in high places. A year to get in and out again. Oh what monstrous stuff.

The Nelson Tribune sneers at the construction of the railway from Penticton to Boundary Creek as simply a scheme for the "out-door" relief of Victorian laboring men. The petty spirit would ruin the country if the men who exhibit it had any influence.

With Victoria-Texada yielding \$300 the ton, not including concentrates, the Alberni Consolidated \$100 to the ton, what's the matter with having a little excitement nearer home than the Klondike?

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