THE MINING REVIEW

A Very Quiet Mining Week in Rossland Camp.

BETTER TIMES LOOKED FOR NOW

The Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star Are Expected to Resume Development Work This Week—Ore Shipments Merely Nominal—A Steadying Factor in the Camp.

In mining circles the last week has been the quietest one that Rossland has witnessed for many a long day. The Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star were all practically closed down. The two last named entirely and at the Le Roi only about 20 men are at work. The shipments of ore remain nominal, only some 124 tons being sent out. In closing down the three big mines mentioned the managers stated that the step was necessary for repairs and that by the middle of the month they would be working away as usual with a combined force of about 400 men. The situation has been accepted, so far as the men are concerned, and the camp generally is quietly awaiting developments. It is hoped that this coming week will show a better state of affairs. Meantime the looked for machinery is arriving and a great deal of surface improvements are being gone on with. At the close of the week the Giant property on Red Mountain was closed down and all the men paid off. The superintendent merely states that the close down is the result of orders received from the company's headquarters in Spokane. It is stated that nothing further will be done at the Giant until the 1st of next month, when work will be resumed, but no further explanation is forthcoming from the company.

The concluding portions of the retiring president's address, read at the annual meeting of the Rossland Board of Trade on Wednesday evening last, in which Mr. Fraser draws attention to the fact that there are over 35 working properties in Rossland camp at the present time and expresses "my profound conviction that when the present cloud on our prosperity passes away, as it soon will, our mines will employ more men than ever, the output of ore will be vastly greater, and the community will be on a better and more solid foundation than heretofore," should have a steadying effect at the present time not only on the mercantile community, both in the camp and out of it but on every one interested in mining, and who are watching with some alarm the progress of events. The statement cannot fail to carry great weight, coming as it does from the manager here of an institution like the Bank of Montreal, which has already shown its faith in the future permanence of Rossland by the expenditure of a large sum of money in the erection of the finest bank premises in the interior of the province.

The full published account of the recent annual meeting of the War Eagle company is not yet to hand, and, as statements so far received only give extracts from the reports made to the meeting by Mr. J. B. Hastings, the resident director of the company, and Mr. Wayne Darlington, the mining expert, further comment on the situation in the War Eagle mine than that which has already appeared in these columns is naturally deferred for the present. In a fair and not altogether unfavorable criticism of Mr. Kirby's report, which appears in the March number of the Mining Record, the writer says: "There is one point of great importance to the camp of Rossland in the information contained in this valuable report. It is that the occurrence of pay ore is of so variable a character that every body of mineral in the camp is well worth development and exploration."

Without disputing just now some of the other conclusions arrived at by the writer in the article referred to, it may be as well to await the full text of the other reports which in many ways differ from the views expressed by Mr. Kirby.

As pointed out in last week's review, there are at present over 35 working properties in the district directly tributary to Rossland, and while there is little or no change in the mining situation for the moment the indications point to a steady revival on a permanent basis in the immediate future.

The Output.

The ore shipments from Rossland for the week ending March 10th remain nominal, only 1,245 tons being sent out. The Iron Mask sent three cars to Trail, and the Evening Star a carload to Northport.

In the figures given hereunder, the tonnage for the Le Roi, Evening Star, I. X. L. and the Giant are the exact weights taken from the corrected smelter returns. Those from the War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask and Monte Christo while very closely correct, are approximations.

The ore shipments for the week ending March 10 and year to date, are given in detail as follows:

	Week. Tons.	Year. Tons.
Le Roi	——	12,443.5
War Eagle	——	10,603
Centre Star	——	7,017.5
Iron Mask	94.5	1,434.5
Evening Star	30	159
I. X. L.	——	153.5
Monte Christo	——	273
Giant	——	42
Total tons	124.5	32,126

California.—One car load of the machinery of the 10-drill compressor plant arrived yesterday, and a portion of it was hauled to the property. Another car load is en route, and is expected to come to hand in a few days. This machinery was ordered in September last, and was built to order, and will be one of the most complete plants ever turned out by the Jenckes Machine company. It is thought it will be running in about three weeks from date. It is a compound compressor. The cylinders are 22 inches for the low pressure and 14 inches for the high pressure, and the stroke is 22 inches. It is provided with Corliss air valves, and all the latest improvements for plants of this kind. It is to be driven by a 150 horse power electric motor furnished by the Canadian General Electric company. This motor has already been installed. There is a 25 horse power motor, which is to be used to drive the hoist on the way, but it has not yet arrived. When all this machinery starts there will be a large number of men employed on the California, as the intention of the management is to push the development on a comprehensive scale. At present the work is confined to the tunnel, which is being extended.

Le Roi.—The necessary repairs to the hoisting gear on the main shaft are nearly completed. It is expected that by the 15th instant work will be resumed, and a force of about 200 men will be employed. At the close of the week only about twenty men were at work, principally in the Black Bear ground. Work on the foundations of the new boiler house has been progressing all week. The foundations for the compressor plant are all ready for the new machinery, but the latter has not yet arrived.

Evening Star.—Drifting is in progress on the lower level; in fact, 160 feet of drifting has been done since Dec. 18. The showing of ore is increasing. A car load of ore is sent to the smelter each week. This is taken out in the course of the development work. The ore, according to the smelter returns, goes $24 to the ton. Manager Chamberlain is pleased with the way the mine is developing, and is certain that when more work has been done that it will be capable of producing a large tonnage of pay ore.

The Centre Star.—In order to make necessary changes in the machinery, the Centre Star was closed down during the past week, but it is expected that work will be resumed again as usual this coming week. Work on the compressor building, which is now roofed in, and on the gallows frame for the hoist, has been in progress all week.

War Eagle.—The War Eagle has been closed down all week. The electrical compressor has been taken apart preparatory to being tightened up, and the hoisting apparatus in the station at the 250-foot level is being overhauled. It is expected that the mine will resume development work during the week.

Jumbo.—Superintendent Stickney, of the Jumbo, reports that the property is looking well. The tunnel on the 450-foot level is in for a distance of 450 feet, and the ledge has been drifted on for a distance of 250 feet. There is a good showing of ore on this level.

Cascade.—The tunnel on the Cascade has been driven in for a distance of 100 feet. There is a three foot shoot of free milling ore in the tunnel which averages $20 to the ton. The intention is to keep up the operations on this property.

I. X. L.—Drifting on the lower level along the vein continues. There is a good showing of ore. Two car loads of ore are being loaded, and will be forwarded to Northport during the early part of the week.

Nickel Plate.—The main shaft at the Nickel Plate is now down 75 feet below the 400-foot level, and further sinking is in progress. The new house for the hoisting engine is nearly complete, and the machinery is expected to arrive this week.

Columbia-Kootenay.—Sinking from the station in the No. 6 tunnel of the Columbia-Kootenay is in progress, and the shaft is now down nearly 100 feet. Upraising from No. 6 tunnel to the higher levels is also in progress.

Norway Mountain.—Work continues in the shaft which has reached a depth of 5 feet. There is a showing of four feet of ore in the shaft which averages $24 to the ton. The ore is free milling.

Green Mountain—Work continues on the shaft, which has reached a depth of about 310 feet. There continues to be a good showing of ore in the shaft.

White Bear.—Crosscutting to the north on the 350 foot level continues. The crosscut is now in 100 feet from the shaft. Nice looking bunches of ore continue to be met.

Douglas-Hunter.—Drifting along the vein on the lower level is in progress. The ore continues solid and carries about the same values as last week.

Iron Colt.—Work on the shaft in the station in the tunnel continues, and a depth of 21 feet has been reached.

Sunset No. 2.—Work on No. 3 vein continues. There were no developments of note during the past week.

Big Four.—Work on the tunnel No 3 continues with encouraging results.

No. 1.—Development work on the No. 1 is being continued as usual.

Arthur.—The tunnel is now in for a distance of 56 feet.

O. K.—The work of extending tunnel No. 12 continues.

Evening.—Work on the tunnel continues.

WILL GO TO VANCOUVER.

President of the Board of Trade ... Try and Get Insurance Rates Reduced.

Mr. C. O. Lalonde, the new president of the board of trade, will probably go to Vancouver early in the week to try and induce the Board of Fire Underwriters to reduce the exorbitant insurance rates now in force in Rossland.

When the city council meets on Tuesday night they will be asked to send a representative with Mr. Lalonde to make it clear to the underwriters board that Rossland is determined to have a reduction made forthwith.

The city council has already sent in a written protest to Vancouver, but beyond acknowledging the receipt of the communication the fire insurance board has taken no action in the matter. Meantime the high rates complained of continue to be enforced.

Mr. Lalonde, as chairman of last year's fire, water and light committee in the city council, is well posted as to the city's proper qualifications for fire insurance ratings, and it is possible that he and the city's nominee may be able to obtain something like justice from the board.

The recommendation to send Mr. Lalonde to Vancouver is one of the results of the first meeting of the new council of the board of trade. The adjourned meeting of the board will be held on Wednesday evening next, when the matter referred to will come up for approval.

Miners' Union Elect Officers.

The following officers of the Miners' Union were elected to office for the ensuing year during the past week: President, A. L. Houston; vice-president, Arthur Pendray; financial secretary, James Devine; recording secretary, William Willan; treasurer, Walter Preston; conductor, Charles Miller; warden, Cass Davis; trustees, James Devine, A. L. Houston, H. E. Abell, Chris Foley and Edward King.

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MEYERS CREEK CAMP

Development of Its Properties Being Rapidly Pushed.

A FIND IN THE NICKLE PLATE

A Body of High Grade Ore Found on the 400-Foot Level—It is the Most Important That Has Yet Been Made in the Property—Other Notes.

Messrs. R. E. McEntire and George B. Mechem are in the city en route for Myer's creek. They have just returned from Spokane, where they have been in the interest of properties in which they are interested on Myer's creek. Mr. McEntire reports that while in Spokane a meeting of the Review Gold Mining company of Myer's creek, was held, and the following officers elected: Mr. James Fitzpatrick, president; Mr. George D. Lawson, vice-president; Mr. R. E. McEntire, treasurer and general manager; Mr. Patrick Shine, secretary; Messrs. Peter Larson and Patrick Welch, together with the above-named officers, constitute the board of directors. At the meeting it was reported that five tons of the ore was being treated for the purpose of ascertaining what process is best for its reduction, and it was decided that just as soon as the best method was ascertained to immediately construct a mill, the kind of mill to be determined by the experiments which are now in progress.

The Review Gold Mining company owns two claims, the Bird and the Review, on Myer's creek, in Okanogan county, a short distance south of Greenwood. The property has been developed by 800 feet of work. The lowest depth is something over 200 feet. The ledge has been drifted on for a length of something over 460 feet, and it averages 2 1-2 feet in width. The ore averages $15 to the ton, and is a milling type. From this it will be seen that the company has an ore body that is 400 feet long, 200 feet in depth and with an average width of 2 1-2 feet. Mr. McEntire is returning with instructions to push the work and to bring the property to a producing stage at as early a time as possible.

Mr. Meacham is operating the Poland China property, which was recently bonded in Montreal. Three shifts are now engaged in sinking the shaft, which has reached a depth of 90 feet. The shaft was started on the footwall and is now dipping into the vein, which is 70 feet in width. The ore so far encountered runs from $3 to $7 to the ton. The ore is of the milling kind, and it is hoped that it will increase in richness with depth. Mr. Mecham reports that the Crystal Butte in thesame camp, is being operated with a full force of men and is a property of promise. The War Eagle is being energetically developed. The Wisconsin, which is being developed by a Spokane company, is looking well. A large fund for the development of this property has just been arranged for, and from now on it will be opened with greater energy than ever. Mr. Mechem says that there are no labor troubles in the Myer's Creek camp. The pay there is $3.50 per day, and everything is running along smoothly. The properties in that vicinity, Mr. Mecham says, are of great promise, and he is certain that a number of exceptional merit will be developed there. They are nearly all shaft propositions, and so far there has been very little trouble with water. There is considerable Spokane money going in there. Loomis and other mining centers are also financially interested in the camp, and it is anticipated that there will be considerable more activity there in a few weeks than even that which exists at present.

FIND IN NICKEL PLATE.

A Promising Ore Shoot Located on the 400 Foot Level.

One of the most dubious propositions of the B. A. C. properties was the Nickle Plate, belonging to hee East Le Roi mining company, which is now being floated in London. But this selection of Mackintosh has been proved by the event of the last few hours to have been an eminently judicious one. On Sunday night near the shaft at the 500-foot level, was struck a rich ledge, carrying very good values in gold and copper. The ore is now to be seen upon the dump and it will probably assay anything from $30 to $100 to the ton. The ledge has not yet been touched upon and its width is not yet known, but there certainly seems to be sufficient there to place the Nickle Plate on the list of shippers as soon as sufficient development work has been done.

The strike thus made is the very best that has been made upon the property and is simply the fulfillment of the promise which the narrow stringers of high grade ore which were encountered in the higher levels in times past have given to the management.

A Strike on the Pontifex Group.

Parties interested in the Pontifex group of mines on Huckleberry mountain have known for some time that work which has been steadily prosecuted all winter on the claim known as the Phoenix, has been in a great body of rich ore, says the Cascade Record.

Assays recently made show that the average values run up to something over $30 per ton.

The management propose now to continue the development work with an increased force till the mine has been exploited to the fullest extent. The lead at the 84-foot level is over 30 feet wide, and it is expected it will be necessary to drive at least 60 feet more to cut through it. The main shaft is down 91 feet.

WHO WAS HE?

War Eagle Shareholders Sent a Mining Expert Here—His Report.

The Toronto Globe of recent date says: "Three weeks ago certain shareholders in the War Eagle mine despatched an expert in mining matters to British Columbia to inquire into the fact surrounding the closing down of operations. This gentleman has returned East, and has rendered a report, in which he exonerates Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock, to whom his mission was unknown, from any suspicion of inadequate judgment. He says that the condition of the labor market had a great deal to do with the cessation of work, and prophesies that it will not be long before operations are resumed."

A CHURCH SOCIAL.

Successful Entertainment at the Baptist Parsonage Last Night.

There was a very successful social held last evening by the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church, in the parsonage. The rooms were crowded and all the guests enjoyed themselves immensely. The first part of the evening's entertainment was a guessing contest. Each one of the guests was adorned with an emblem representing the name of a city, town or state, and the guests were called upon to guess what each emblem represented. For instance, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Stackhouse, was adorned with a string of little wooden horses, sheep, etc., strung across the reverend gentleman's chest, after the fashion of a lord mayor's chain, and he was supposed to represent Wood-stock. Mr. Anthony won the first prize, making the largest number of correct guesses, and Mr. Green was awarded the "booby" prize for the least number. After the contest was over, music, recitations and light refreshments were indulged in, and a very enjoyable evening was concluded by all present joining heartily in singing the national anthem, and giving three rousing cheers for Victoria the Good.

British Fortifications.

Washington, March 12.—Representative Sulzer of New York, today introduced the following resolution: Resolved, that the secretary of war is hereby directed to inform the house of representatives as early as possible what fortifications Great Britain is erecting, constructing and completing along the line north of the frontier of the United States, especially at Puget Sound and other places on the Pacific ocean contiguous to the state of Washington and the district of Alaska.

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MINING NOTES.

Mr. Alexander Dick, M. E., has returned from a visit to Ainsworth. He reports that he heard of a notable strike which has been made on the Highland, which is owned by Mr. C. Scott McDonald, one of the former owners of the Payne, and Mr. Carter, of Spokane. A long tunnel has been driven and crosscuts made in different places struck valuable ore bodies.

A meeting of the stockholders of the King mining company will be held on April 5th for the purpose of authorising a loan of $15,000 and another meeting is to be held on April 23rd to confirm the resolution adopted at the first meeting. The money is to be used in the purchase of either a five or a seven-drill compressor for the Oro Denoro, which is being operated by the King company. The property is now provided with a two-drill compressor, which is not sufficiently large for economical development and Mr. Niel Cochrane, the superintendant, has so reported to the company. The property has large ore bodies and a good sized plant is absolutely necessary for its further development.

Women's Christian Temperance Union.

On Tuesday last the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance union held a very enjoyable and profitable parlor meeting and social at the home of Mrs. Edward E. Schofield, on Kootenay avenue. About 60 were present. After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Humphrey (president of the union), an interesting musical and literary programme was rendered, followed by addresses. Rev. W. G. Stackhouse gave an interesting talk, choosing for his subject the Women's Christian Temperance union pledge. Mr. Murray spoke of the necessity of organization for temperance work in Rossland. Pledges were circulated and several signatures obtained. One gratifying feature of the gathering was the large number of young ladies and gentlemen present. At about 11 p. m. refreshments were served, after which the guests departed for their several homes, having spent a very pleasant evening.

The ladies of the union will hold meetings of a similar character, from time to time, to which all are cordially invited.

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