

FROM OTHER CAMPS

News of Mines in Kootenay and Yale Districts.

A MARKED ADVANCE IN MINING

Items From East Kootenay, the Slocan, Trou Lake and the Boundary Country—High Assays and Many Good Strikes Reported in All These Districts.

The remarkably wet season that has been encountered this summer has prevented as much prospecting as was looked for. Should the autumn prove finer and later than usual, a good deal of work can yet be done.

Notwithstanding the weather, however, a great deal of prospecting and assay work has been accomplished, and the standard properties have continued to make a marked advance in development. Appended will be found items of interest from many camps.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Power for the Lake Shore—High Assays on the Black Bear and Pay Roll.

Last week the affidavits were sworn by the manager of the Lake Shore mine for water rights on Wilson creek. The water will be carried six and one-half miles to the Lake Shore, and will give 380 inches of water, which means power enough to run a very large concentrator. Work on the ditch and flume will be commenced as soon as the water right is granted.

J. P. Larsen of Butte has purchased the interests of Messrs. Kingsbury, McKay and Calhoun in the Brittle Silver group of eight claims, situated at the head of Sheep creek, the divide from Wild Horse. The consideration is not known. Recently some of the finest ore seen in this section was taken from this property. A general assay of the lead at the bottom of the 40-foot shaft in the Pay Roll showed the following values: Gold, \$3.00; silver, \$18.25; copper, \$3.18; lead, \$60.45; total, \$83.18. In all probability arrangements will be made to ship ore this fall, unless a company is formed to handle the property.

There is considerable active work now being done on the Chickamaug Stone. A new tunnel 100 feet lower down the mountain has been started. The upper tunnel is now in 254 feet, and the winze is down 33 feet. When the new tunnel reaches a point under the winze an upraise will be made to connect. There is more work going on about the mine than on any other property in this vicinity.

Work on the property of the Tracy Creek Mining company is still going on. There are several hundred tons of ore on the dump which will run high in copper and lead. A new building for the accommodation of 20 men is now about completed, and it is an up-to-date bunk and mess house. A fire blast for clearing the workings from smoke is now ready for operation.

A contract for extending the shaft on the Montana 75 feet has been let. The shaft is now down 25 feet. At the 100-foot level a crosscut will be run to ascertain the width of the ledge, which on the surface is from 15 to 25 feet wide. There is a chute of ore four feet in width, which from a 50 pound sample gave a value of \$70 a ton.

The final payment on the Minnie M. and Tiger claims was made last week. J. H. Conklin and J. W. Arthur. The amount paid was \$3,000. The property is now in absolute control of the Lewis Creek Mining company, of which W. M. Ridpath, one of the Le Roi magnates, is president. The property is located on the divide between Lewis and Tracy creeks. It is the intention to continue work on the Minnie M. and Tiger. The development at present consists of two tunnels, the lower one now in 120 feet and the upper one 40 feet. The latter will strike the vein. The upper tunnel will strike the vein inside of 20 feet. In addition to the veins, with three open cuts, all the property, it gives every indication that with further development the owners will have a mine.

The latest development in the Black Bear shows the ore to carry good gold values as greater depth is attained. In sampling the vein at a depth of 12 feet the following assays were obtained: Galena, 80.6 per cent lead, 37 ounces silver, value \$90.97. Galena and iron pyrites, copper 2 per cent, lead 29.3 per cent, silver 32 ounces, gold 0.7 ounces (gold value \$14.47); total value, \$66.40. Quartz, galena and pyrites, copper 2.3 per cent, lead 5.1 per cent, silver 10.6 ounces, gold 0.2 ounces (gold value \$4.13); total value, \$25.40. Chalcopyrite, copper 20 per cent, silver 20.6 ounces, gold 0.25 ounces (gold value \$3.17); total value, \$25.13. Iron pyrites, copper 1.45 per cent, silver 1 ounce, gold 0.6 ounce (gold value \$12.40); total value, \$13.40. The footwall, showing a great deal of mineralization, was assayed and gave: Copper 0.3 per cent, gold 0.3 ounce; total value, \$7.30. The above assay returns make an average value of \$61.06 for the entire vein. The vein is now widening out, and the every appearance of opening out into a large ore chute.

THE SLOCAN.

Work on the Ivanhoe—Dardanelles, Ramble-Cariboo, Marion and Other Mines.

Seven tons of ore were shipped from McGowan last week. The owners have two men at work on the Mollie Hughes.

Work is to be resumed on the Dardanelles mine at once. There are only six men at the Queen Beas now—all on surface work.

The Jewettite group, on Wilson creek, is promising remarkably well. The staff of the Ramble-Cariboo is to be increased and the mine fully worked this winter.

The Toronto syndicate that has the Marion mine at New Denver has bought the Merrimac, along side of it.

The crushing machinery for the Ruth mines has arrived from Chicago, and will be in position at the Ruth concentrator.

Percy Dickenson of Slocan City, for his Montreal company, has bonded the Noonday mine, near Silverton.

Work has been commenced on the long tunnel on the Ivanhoe, which will be run in to tap the ledge at a depth of 1,000 feet from the apex of the vein. The tunnel will be 1,200 feet long. A seven-drill count tunnel is completed to the Ivanhoe which is the best developed mine in the Slocan. Ten men are at work widening the trail between the mine and the junction with the old Ruth trail.

On the Marion, on Silver mountain, New Denver, the force has been increased to 10, and more men will be added as they are needed. The tunnel is being driven to the Merrimac line, and at a distance of 25 feet from the surface a foot of clean ore was encountered. The workmen are sacking a ton of ore a day, which is taken out in the course of development.

The tunnel on the Queen Fraction claim, just below Silverton, is now in on the vein 80 feet. The ledge in the face of the tunnel shows to be over four feet wide, three feet of which is ore, not quite clean, but nearly so. The character of the ore is identical with that first encountered in the Noonday mine, and as the ledge appears to be the same, the owners may be fortunate enough at any time to break into a big rich ore chute. The Queen Fraction is proving itself to be a valuable property, and it appears only a matter of work to make a shipping mine of it.

TROUT LAKE.

Silver Bell Bonded—Strike Near the Lade Group—Other Properties.

The showing in the shaft of the Silver Bell is better now than it has been since the mine was opened up.

The Silver Bell, one of the finest properties on Five-Mile creek was bonded the other day to J. P. Lawson, who represents old country capital. The property will be stocked for 500,000 shares of the par value of \$1, the original owners to get 80,000 shares. It is in the bond that the new company has to expend \$25,000 in development independent of the proceeds of any stock which may be disposed of, and with that end in view tenders are being called for the driving of 250 feet of tunnel and 50 feet of winze.

Ed Bell and John Morgan made a rich strike on recent locations they made near the Lade group. The lead lies parallel with the Lade and Bad Shot leads, and is about 2,000 feet distant from the great lime dyke. The lead where the strike was made is about two and one-half feet wide and is a carbonate ore containing huge nuggets of clean galena ore, which runs 314 ounces silver, 64 per cent lead and \$2 gold. Two claims, the White War and the Snow Flake, are staked on this find, and are owned jointly by Messrs. Ed Bell, Commins and Morgan. This strike is conceded to be one of the best made this summer.

On the Old Gold the tunnel has cut the lead, exposing a large body of fine ore, and it is the plan to drift alongside the lead. Work will be continued on this property all winter. The Imperial is improving with depth, and at present has a very promising showing. It is expected that the lead will be encountered at any time in the Primrose tunnel. Work is proceeding rapidly on this property.

Work has been commenced on the Lardonean Mining company property, located west of the Primrose. This property, one side containing the Primrose lead, one side the richest leads in the country, has two other leads running across it, and two other things are expected from the work of development now going on. The tunnel in the Rob Roy and Highland claim, two claims owned by the Scottish-Canadian Mining company, is in about 30 feet, and tenders are being called for the driving of 200 feet more.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Sale of B. C. Ore—Franklin Camp—Many Good Strikes Reported.

It is estimated that \$100,000 will be spent on the Mother Lode smelter, to be built at Greenwood.

The big compressor plant for the Rathmullen, on the north fork of Kettle river, is being placed in position.

An ore body nine feet wide has recently been encountered on the Pathfinder mine. It runs about \$15 in gold and copper.

The trail smelter is reported to have bought many thousand tons of B. C. minerals at \$27.50 per ton. The contract runs into big figures.

The 35-foot tunnel on the Royal Canadian group, on the north fork of Kettle river, will be extended 65 feet further, when crosscutting will begin.

All the mines about Chesaw are showing up well, and the Crystal Butte concentrator is running at full capacity. Work on the Review has temporarily stopped while the shaft is being timbered.

The Okanagan mine at Pentiction, under the superintendence of C. Vacher, is looking well, and shipments to the Trail smelter are looked for.

The Agitator, near the north-side saw-mill, almost on the Cascade towavite, is being worked with good results. The ledge is 4 feet wide, and assays well.

Mr. Olaus Jeldness, formerly of Rossland, is operating the R. Bell, one of the Keough group in Summit camp. He has 16 men at work.

The shaft on the Boundary Creek Mining and Milling company's property has now reached a depth of 75 feet, and the intention is to go to the 100-foot level before crosscutting is commenced.

A tunnel is to be driven 250 feet on the Bonanza, in Knight's camp, to tap the ledge at 150 feet depth. The assays from the ledge give \$31 in gold and copper.

Randolph Stuart has acquired from W. G. McMynn of Midway his interest in the Calumet-Hecla group, adjoining the Winnipeg, thus obtaining a controlling interest.

On the Mystery, in the Burnt Basin, No. 1 tunnel is in 165 feet; No. 2 is in 116 feet, and work will soon be started on No. 3 tunnel. The property is located at Gladstone's some magnificent samples from the Grizzly Bear claim have been obtained. Chunks of free gold are readily seen in it. The ledge is 18 inches wide.

The new mining camp on the east fork of the north fork of the Kettle river has been named Franklin camp. It is north of Christina lake, and the formation is diorite, porphyry, quartzine and some white granite. All kinds of ore can be found. Frank McFarlane is the

GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

WORK ON THE MINING PROPERTIES IN THE BOUNDARY.

The Tiger Claim Purchased by Mr. W. K. White—Interview With Mr. Alexander Dick.

Grand Forks, Sept. 6.—[Special.]—James H. Hamilton, superintendent of the Lily K. and Twins, north fork of Kettle river, has returned from the Perry creek district, East Kootenay, where he examined a number of properties at the request of Spokane capitalists. The Perry creek is a tributary of the St. Mary's river. It empties into the larger stream 12 miles from Fort Steele.

The claims examined by Mr. Hamilton comprise the Antelope, Roy, Standard, O. K., Smuggler, Center Star, Aspen and the Black Cat fraction. He found them to be good looking free milling gold prospects with small ledges. Further development work he considered probably make them paying properties.

Grand Forks News. Progress of the Crosscut on the Morrison Property.

Grand Forks, B. C., Sept. 14.—[Special.]—News reached the city today that the crosscut in the Morrison mine, in Dead-John camp, at a depth of 220 feet, is 96 feet in ore and has not yet struck the hanging wall.

After the ore body was encountered, 30 days ago, S. M. Johnson, the engineer, examined the property. The contact was taken and it was found that the ore would be reached 18 feet from the main tunnel, which at this time was 30 feet past the upraise. The air being bad in the old workings, the drift was started from the face of the old or main tunnel. The ore as predicted, was found after driving 18 feet, at a depth of 220 feet. Since then the work of crosscutting at right angles on the vein has been prosecuted steadily.

The crosscut is now in 66 feet and is still in ore which will average \$12 in gold per ton and 3 per cent copper. The crosscut has not yet reached the rich ore shoot found in the shaft, owing to the fact that the richest shoot in that working lies next to the hanging wall. It is claimed that it is not necessary to strike ore of any richness in order to make a big mine out of the property, as ore running as this does, is sufficiently rich to pay dividends in the near future. Taking smelter rates as now offered at \$5.50 for freight and treatment, there seems to be little doubt that with this price will be considerably advanced. The railway grade is half a mile from the property, and the survey and cross-sectioning of a spur to the mouth of the tunnel has been completed by the C. P. R. engineers.

Alex. Dick, M. E., the well known Rossland mining operator, is in town.

"I have been looking over Republic in a general way," said he to your correspondent. "The Flag Hill recently came under my control and I have increased the number of men with a view of pushing development work. A new vein six feet wide and four feet of quartz has just been discovered on the property. It gives average assay values of \$38 per ton. As a result of my observations I am of the opinion that there will be a next movement in the camp within a few months. To an outsider, the development there has not been as great as would be expected, considering the length of time that has elapsed since the camp was discovered."

The R. Bell in Summit camp, in which I am interested, is being developed by a force of 16 men. The shaft is now 70 feet and the drifting continues at the same rate. The surface assays 15 to 20 per cent copper, 30 to 40 ounces in silver and small gold veins. The work now being prosecuted is under the direction of Olaus Jeldness. I am also interested in the Greenwood Mines, limited, which own the Pinhook, World's Fair and Missag properties, north of the War Eagle in Summit camp.

W. W. Walker, who is now doing prospecting work, including surface stripping on the properties.

"On my way from Republic I visited the Zala M. in Sheridan camp. It is looking well. The new plant including a compressor will be in operation within ten days. A tunnel is being driven in 320 feet to intersect the ledge at a depth of 380 feet. It has already traversed nearly one third of the distance."

In conclusion Mr. Dick said, that the advent of the railway at Grand Forks, thus affording shipping facilities, will greatly aid Republic.

W. K. White, a well known prospector, has purchased the Tiger claim, which is said to be the first location on the Pathfinder mountain, north of the Kettle river, 12 miles from Grand Forks. The property has several fine surface showings. It is situated northeast of the Pathfinder mine, and it is claimed, possesses the same ledge. The bottom of an 18-foot shaft is in ore. The ledge has been crosscut on the surface in five different places. The later owner was G. W. Walker.

The Agitator purposes sinking to the 100-foot level and then crosscutting. He is the locator of the Phil Sheridan, Chicago, Oregon, New Last Chance, Earthquake, Brooklyn and other well known north fork claims.

The Loyal Canadian group on the west side of the north fork of Kettle river comprises five claims. Four of them are located on the ledge of the famous Seattle. The tunnel which is now in 35 feet will be run 65 feet further to tap the ledge at a depth of 35 feet.

Grand Forks, Sept. 10.—[Special.]—Charles Mullen was today committed for trial on a charge of arson in connection with the destruction of the Hotel Columbia last July.

W. A. McDonald, Q. C., of Nelson, appeared with Messrs. Miller and Morrison for the defense. Mr. McLeod of Midway, acted as crown prosecutor. The defense claim that the sensational disclosures promised by the crown did not materialize. Royce was called for cross-examination. John Watson late bartender at the Yale for cross-examination and Robert Cameron for cross-examination and the examination chief. The case for the crown has not yet been completed. Cameron swore that he had lived in a tent in Grand Forks with one Stubbs. The witness, according to his testimony, paid Stubbs \$100, but that money was never asked for by him. He received \$50 from Mullen, retaining one-half for himself. Stubbs, was in Rossland, Wash., at the time he (the witness) left there recently for Grand Forks.

Royce under cross-examination contradicted many of his previous statements. The matter having been brought up by the defense, the witness was severely reprimanded by the court for a cowardly assault upon Walter Miller, a citizen of Grand Forks on Thursday evening. Royce

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was a prisoner-at-large at the time. The witness swore Charles Mullen gave him \$130 the Friday before the fire. Then he went to Cameron who refused to do the job unless the full amount was paid over. Royce came back and returned the money to Mullen, but explained to the latter that the job would be done that night. Witness added that he and Cameron went to Columbia to look over the ground, never intending, however, to set fire to the hotel. He said he had several conversations with Cameron before the fire. This testimony conflicted with the evidence of Cameron, who declared that the first conversation he had with Royce about the matter occurred on the way to Columbia. On the way back Royce showed him \$250 and offered him \$150 in return for a promise to set the fire. Cameron refused and that was the last time he saw Royce until a few days ago. This contradicts the evidence of Royce, who swore that he saw Cameron the day after the fire. The court strongly denounced the action of the Columbia press bureau for sending misleading reports of the proceedings to the outside press.

Grand Forks, Sept. 12.—[Special.]—Confirmation of the recent strikes on the east fork of the north fork of Kettle river, about 50 miles from this city, has been received. Harry Donogh, Harry McLaren of Carson, B. C., and Thomas returned down Saturday, bringing some fine specimens of gold-copper ore. They made a number of locations in Franklin camp, as the new camp has been named. Three miles south other good strikes have been made. The place has been named in honor of the American president. On their way out they met 20 prospectors, including two men who crossed the ranges from the Cascades, all bound for the new gold fields. The trio returned to Franklin camp today, accompanied by Henry White, the locator of the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides. The prospectors are elated over their discoveries and declare that the surface showings surpass in size the biggest ledges ever found in the Boundary country.

From the end of the wagon road, 15 miles north of Grand Forks, there is a pack trail all the way in with the exception of a rock slide about seven miles long above Lynch creek. The distance is about 55 miles, but if the new road is cut through the Kettle river valley thus avoiding several mountain climbs, the route can be shortened to about 40 miles.

Donogh and Rance located the Big Three, Annex, Doctor and Surprise. The claims form a group and adjoin the Banner and Bullion. They are situated on Franklin mountain, three miles from the east fork and two miles from Franklin camp. The Annex, Doctor and Big Three embrace most of the summit of Spokane, and have been staked on the slope. The Annex has a well mineralized iron cap 60 feet wide. The Doctor has not been prospected. It too has a large ledge lying in a contact between granite and lime. It lies between the Surprise and Big Three. The Big Three has the same ledge as the Annex. The showing on the Surprise consists of a vast iron cap on a different lead. It laps the Bullion and Banner.

The Alpha, located by Harry McLaren, is described as one of the largest copper-gold ledges the return prospectors had ever seen.

It has a copper-quartz ledge 30 feet wide, apparently all in place and carrying gold values. The ledge seems to be very rich. When Henry White saw a few samples brought down he immediately decided to visit the new camp. The Banner, located by Frank Macfarlane two years ago has a lead 40 feet wide with shipping ore on the surface. Two assessments have been done on the property, which has a 20 feet shaft. Surface values, it is claimed, gave values of iron \$12 to \$15 per ton. The ore includes considerable galena. The Bullion, owned by John Meyers, is on the same lead. The bottom of an eight-foot shaft is in ore. Lying west and next to the Banner is the Ajax, owned by James W. Walker and his partner, Vaughan and McInnes, the Carson ranchers. They have made other locations. During their stay there W. Porter, who located the Brandon and Golden Crown, accompanied by his wife, arrived at the camp. Both secured locations. When they arrived there were about 10 prospectors in the camp. During the stay two prospectors arrived and showed some nice ore they claimed to have found 30 miles up the river.

The prospectors state that the mineral belt appears to be three and one-half to four miles wide, with a granite reef on either side. It runs nearly due east and west. On a clear day the Arrow lakes are visible from the summit. They also stated that there is lots of room for prospectors. On their way down they discovered lots of float. James Welcher has made some locations in McKinley camp. Claims have also been secured by George and Pat Wolfe, who are partners with James W. Walker and his partner. There is abundant grass in the valley, and the country is described as heavily timbered. Harry McLaren located a ranch at the mouth of Blue Joint creek, and D. B. Cairnes secured one five miles above, at a point called Desolation. Nearly all the timber along the east fork has just been located by a man named McDougal. Several prospecting parties will start from here this week for the new camp.

John Topp, an English gardener, who started a fruit and vegetable farm near here last spring, reports that his success so far surpassed his expectations. He devoted 20 acres to vegetables and 20 acres to mixed fruits. He found a ready local market for all his vegetables, and will set out this fall a strawberry patch of five acres, besides 2,000 fruit trees. His green house comprises 1,700 feet of glass. He will have charge of the Okanagan fruit exhibit at the New Westminster fair next month, and as a result of his exertions, the Kettle river valley fruit growers will make a fruit exhibit there for the first time.

Work on the Humming Bird, on the north fork of Kettle river, has been re-

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