

MINING ACTIVITY IN WESTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. W. M. Brewer, Resident Mining Engineer for the Western District of British Columbia, speaks most enthusiastically regarding present conditions in regard to the mining industry in this section of the province. He says that in over twenty years he has never seen the prospect more encouraging. Some of the activities that have come to his attention are thus summarized: The Phelps-Dodge interests have taken bonds on the Fraser Group (East Sooke); the Ladysmith Smelting Corporation has bonded the Willow Grouse, Cowichan Lake; the Ralph Properties are under charge of Mr. Aldrich, New York, ex-manager of the Trail Smelter; and the Sunlock Mines, Jordan River, are being run by Mr. Pat. Stewart for an all-Vancouver Company. In the Alberni Canal region Mr. Samuel Ryder, of St. Albans, England, has installed new bunkers and a compressor plant at the old Monitor mine, which was sold three years ago for taxes. It is reported that a large body of ore has been blocked out. At Quatsino Sound, also Vancouver Island, the Coast Copper Co. is working the Old Sport Group on Elk Lake and plans are said to be under way for a sixteen-mile railroad from the mines to the coast. At Sidney Inlet, the Tidewater Copper Co., of New York, is working on the Indian Chief Group, a former Dwedney holding, and at Knights Inlet the Princess and Union Groups are being operated. Work is proceeding on the Texada Island properties and prospecting forces are working everywhere, particularly on Hervis Inlet.

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