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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Grading for a railway line from Grand Forks up the North Fork of Kettle River towards Franklin camp is in active progress.

The machinery in the concentrating mill of the Le Roi No. 2 at Rossland is driven exclusively by Canadian Westinghouse induction motors.

A press despatch states that late in July some copper ore was sent to a smelter from Aspen Grove camp, Nicola district. It is described as ore that from its appearance should net a large return per ton.

An ore-sorting plant is to be installed at the Centre Star mine, Rossland, this to include a large Jenckes-Farrel crusher and a Link-Belt Co's picking belt, the latter to be about 150 ft. between centres.

A third centrifugal fire pump, having a capacity of 900 to 1,000 gal. per min. and equal to delivering four or five streams at 100 lb. pressure, has been ordered for installation at the Trail smelter.

It is stated that Mr. Geo. H. Aylard, who has been working the Standard mine, near Silverton, in the Slocan Lake district, has developed a body of ore sufficiently large to induce him to take up his bond on the property.

Official figures give the production of the Le Roi mine at Rossland for six months ended June 30 last, as 61,052 tons of ore, the metal contents of which were as follows: Gold, 24,827 oz.; silver, 36,878 oz.; copper, 1,419,256 lb.

The McKee Amalgamated Hydraulic Mining Co., Atlin, has already recovered 1,193 oz. of gold this season, valued at \$19,000. It is probable that its total results this year will constitute a record year for the company.

It has been suggested in England that the £5 shares of the Le Roi No. 2, Ltd., should be divided into £1 shares. The company's authorised capital is £600,000, in 120,000 shares of £5 each. All have been issued and are fully paid.