

These leads parallel each other, showing shoots from one hundred to four hundred feet wide and from fifty feet to three thousand feet in length, with values on the surface from six to fifty dollars to the ton, and at one hundred to three hundred feet in depth assaying from \$60 to \$6000 to the ton. Large specimens of ruby and native silver and silver sulphides comprise much of the entire ore bodies."

Mr. Caldwell states that the new camp will prove to be one of the greatest camps for the small investor ever known in America, owing to the extraordinary richness of the ground and the fact that large fortunes will be taken out of small holdings. The Salmon River country is attracting the attention of some of the largest American capitalists interested in mining, and every boat that goes north contains representatives of very large sums of money who are looking over the field and acquiring some of the richest portions of the ground.

A strike of more than ordinary importance has been made near Merritt on Iron mountain. The find is in the nature of a lead carrying good values in silver, but the extent has not yet been determined. This lead shows barium in considerable quantities in contact with white quartz, the silver values appearing in the barium.

Recently the Florence mill, at Princess creek, put on a second shift, and it was hoped to be able to maintain this steadily, unless something unforeseen happens.

A crew of men is being put to work at Gold Cure mine on the south fork of Kaslo creek. It is the intention of the company to carry on some surface stripping in order to explore the vein on the surface.

John Smallwood, owner of the King George V. mineral claim at Eagle creek is developing the middle of three veins on the property by surface work at a depth of 12 feet on the vein some good ore was found.

The first shipment of fluorspar concentrates from the Consolidated company's mill at Lynch Creek near Grand Forks was made recently. This shipment marks an important milestone in the mining development of the North Fork district.

Development work done at the Silver Glance mine, at Bear Lake, by J. W. Power, has resulted in the phenomenal early day high grade dry ore producer being put in a position whereby a considerable tonnage of ore can be shipped

at any time, but the owner of the property is on the lookout for a buyer.

Work is being rushed at the property of the Bush Mines, Ltd., in the Cassiar district with the object of getting the mine opened as soon as possible. Open cuts are being made on the lead in several places. High grade ore, similar to the adjoining Premier mine was found on the surface and an assay of this ore gave a return of 853 ounces silver and \$51 in gold.

The Index mine, which is being developed by the Index Mining company, has the compressor building nearly finished and in shape to receive the machinery. The plant will be used to operate machine drills for the driving of the long tunnel, which is being put in at a point close to the mine camp, and just below the South Fork wagon road.

The board of the Florence Silver Mining Company, at a meeting held Wednesday, decided it advisable not to declare the quarterly dividend this month, but to defer action for 30 days, in the belief that by that time conditions will have improved sufficiently to warrant a disbursement of earnings, says a circular letter to the stockholders, issued from the office in Spokane.

Some very good looking mixed galena and carbonates is being taken out on the Silver Bear claim, one of the two claims adjoining the Silver Bell, and which was recently bonded by the Green interests from Frank Helme. The ore is being taken from a point close to the surface, so that the Silver Bear appears to be a grass roots proposition from the start. The ore body that is being stopped is about two feet wide.

T. J. Corwin, manager of the Aberdeen Mines Syndicate is at Merritt arranging for the unwatering of the Aberdeen was a steady shipper to the smelter for over a year. During this time several hundred tons of high grade copper ore were taken from the workings during the course of development. In the lower workings near the 220 foot-level there are large bodies of low grade ore.

Resumption of operations on the Gold Cure, adjoining the Gibson, is reported to be a possibility of the immediate future, with Harry Park in charge of the operations. The Gold Cure is one of the most promising properties of the South Fork section, and has been greatly increased in value as the result of developments at the Gibson.

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