

B. C. IS COMING TO THE FRONT

A CHAT WITH MR. J. R. STRATTON OF ONTARIO.

What He Had to Say Concerning the Resources and Possibilities of the Province in Which We Live.

Grand Forks, B.C., July 14.—(Special.) Hon. J. R. Stratton and T. P. Coffey Toronto, are paying their first visit to Grand Forks. They leave tomorrow for the coast.

Mr. Stratton is equally well known as a politician and business man. As Provincial Secretary of Ontario he fills one of the most important positions in the Ross administration and enjoys the reputation of being a leader in the council of his party. Mr. Stratton is president of the Dominion Permanent Loan Co and the Trusts & Guarantee Co., whose operations extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Last, but not least, he is editor of the "Metropolitan Examiner," one of the strongest exponents of Liberal principles in Eastern Canada. This is his third transcontinental trip; withal he frankly admitted that he was only beginning to form a true estimate of the great future which lies before the Columbia. His fellow-traveller, Mr. Coffey, shares the same enthusiastic belief. Coffey is prominent in Toronto financial circles. He is general manager of the Trusts & Guarantee Co. as well as vice-president of the Dominion Permanent Loan Co. A man of affairs glib with keen business acumen, his simple observation that his companies were more than satisfied with their results in Columbia investments speaks volumes for the high financial standing of the province in the outside world. Before reaching Grand Forks they visited Nelson, Sandon and Rossland.

"Each succeeding trip gives me a new revelation of the possibilities of British Columbia," said Mr. Stratton to your correspondent today. "The theme could not be exhausted in a fortnight. This month is certain to be the stay of the only beginning to grasp an idea of your enormous undeveloped resources. What with its forests, minerals, fertile valleys and fishery wealth, British Columbia, at the present rate of progress, will soon rank next to Ontario as the most productive province in the Dominion. A few years hence will see the Oriental trade assuming vast proportions, and Vancouver and Victoria rivaling Montreal in the volume of their tonnage.

"The interior, it is apparent, is forging ahead by leaps and bounds. I was profoundly impressed with the fact that last year's mineral output reached upwards of twelve million dollars and that the gold production totalled \$4,200,000; yet the mining industry is only in its infancy. When the score or more of boundary mines become steady producers the output will be one at which every Canadian should feel a strong national pride.

"In looking over the returns the other day I was surprised to learn that the assessed value of real estate in the province amounted to \$30,000,000 with five millions of exemptions, or a total of \$44,000,000. The area is twice that of Ontario, which we consider to be an Empire in itself. If your mountains were only levelled the area of 400,000 square miles would be much larger. Easterners formerly worried about the cost of building railways across these mountains, but now they would not object to own a few of these same mountains, many of which are worth as much as a German principality. British Columbia seems to be richer in lumber than any other equal area in the world. Time is only needed to develop an enormous industry. I read recently that half a million feet were taken off a single acre and that the quantity standing in the province exceeded one hundred billion feet. These reserves, if protected from fire and cut under proper restrictions, will be enough to supply the Pacific coast for all time to come. Not one-third of the known timber land is under lease. I also observe that exports of lumber from British Columbia increased from \$214,377 in 1871 to \$527,000 in 1898 notwithstanding the closing of the American market, which formerly took nearly all the British Columbia cut. The quantity of lumber cut in 1898, according to the official report, was 124,047,000 feet, from which the province derived a revenue of \$10,000,000. With proper care, and by offering the limits for a limited time, the forests would soon become a great source of wealth. These safeguards have been adopted with advantage and profit in Ontario. I see that the total production of gold in British Columbia from the pioneer days to the present amounts to \$123,417,000. With a yearly production of over one million tons of coal, two and one half million dollars worth of silver and lead, a lion share of lead and copper per annum, who shall say that the province is not coming to the front? The recent discoveries of anthracite on Queen Charlotte and other islands promise to be of prime importance. The great deposits of coal in the mountains and on the coast are mighty factors in your prosperity. They will indirectly strengthen Imperial sentiment. It almost seems a providential arrangement that nature had placed coal beds at the two extremities of Canada—on the Atlantic and Pacific—ensuring a never-failing supply for the cruisers of the navy. The pressing want just now is population.

"I should judge that the government could not adopt a better policy than to expend money judiciously and liberally in building new trails in order to open up the country. The Provincial revenue has increased from \$327,000 in 1872 to \$1,420,000 in 1898, a record of expansion that no other province can show; besides the export trade has increased eight-fold since Confederation.

"Naturally, the Boundary is attracting more attention than any other district in the province. Every visitor who returns east seems to have become a missionary for spreading the tidings of its agricultural resources and gold-copper ledges. I was scarcely prepared to find such an El Dorado as the Kettle River valley, nesting among the mountains. The drive to Carleton and return, passing fertile farms and fruit orchards will long live in my memory. Many of the ranches

FROM THE OLD IRONSIDES MINE

ITS FIRST SHIPMENT OF ORE SENT TO THE GRANBY SMELTER.

It Consists of 300 Tons, and the Grand Forks People Joyously Celebrated the Event.

Grand Forks, B. C., July 12.—(Special.)—An experimental shipment of 16 tons of ore from the Golden Eagle, north fork of Kettle river, to the Trail smelter gave a return per ton after paying freight and treatment charges of \$32. The showing is considered good in view of the fact that the shipment only comprised half a car load, and the company had to pay freight for an entire car load.

There is a strong belief throughout the Boundary country that the Rossland riding, in the event of an early redistribution measure, is entitled, on the basis of voting strength as evidenced at the last election, and population, to at least three members. The matter will be represented to the government at an early date. Smith Curtis, M. P., during his stay here, was asked to secure better schools for Grand Forks, to obtain a grant for wagon roads from this city to Franklin camp and to Summit and Wellington camps via Newby's, a short and direct route. He was also requested to give his support to any measure which purposed giving Grand Forks a railway connection with a point on the international boundary near Nelson, Wash. The proposed railway, it is intended, shall connect with a railway from Nelson to Republic.

Yesterday will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the annals of Grand Forks. The occasion was the arrival of the first ore-laden train from Phoenix at the Granby smelter. The shipment consisted of 16 car loads or 300 tons in all. This came from the Old Ironsides mine, controlled by the Miner-Graves syndicate. Today's arrivals represented a similar shipment from the Knob Hill mine, also owned by the same syndicate. Henceforth the shipments from Phoenix will be continuous. As soon as the C. P. R. supplies additional ore cars the ore receipts at the smelter will approximate 600 tons daily. The ore from the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Victoria contain 8,000 tons, and there is an equal amount in the stocks awaiting removal to the surface. The Phoenix ore do not require any preliminary roasting in heaps. This will save from 25 to 50 cents a ton in handling charges.

There was an impromptu celebration when the first ore train rolled into the smelter. The employees turned out and gave the hearty cheer mingled with the tooting of steam whistles and music of a scratch band hastily organized by Clyde M. Graves, son of Jay P. Graves. Among those in attendance were S. H. C. Miner of Granby, Que., president of the various companies comprised in the Miner-Graves syndicate; A. C. Fummeleit, assistant general manager; Jay P. Graves, general manager, and A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the smelter.

The work on the dam across the north fork of Kettle river has so progressed that water will be let into the big power flume before the end of next week. In view of the commencement of shipments allowing of the emptying of the ore bins, and the removal of the ore from the stopes and tunnels, mining operations in the Knob Hill, Old Ironsides and Victoria mines was resumed yesterday by a full force of men.

Jay P. Graves is coming in for many congratulations. Yesterday's event was one he had looked patiently forward to for years, as he began mining operations on the Old Ironsides in 1883.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

Issue of Debentures—Shipments to the Smelter. Grand Forks, July 13.—A civic issue of \$50,000 worth of debentures were today sold at par to the Trusts Guarantee company of Toronto. The proceeds will be utilized in completing the waterworks and electric light systems, improving the first department and constructing a new city hall. Hon. J. R. Stratton and T. P. Coffey, president and general manager respectively of the Guarantee company, closed the deal today with Mayor Manly before leaving for Vancouver.

On Monday the Lone Star-Washington mine on Colville reservation, will commence shipping ore to the Grand Forks smelter. The ore will be hauled here in wagons at the rate of 500 tons per month. Ore receipts to date at the smelter (1000 lbs Knob Hill and Old Ironsides aggregate 900 tons.

VICTORIA NEWS.

Victoria, B. C., July 12.—The Chilean training ship General Baquedana arrived at Esquimalt this afternoon to spend a few days. She was 80 days coming up the coast. She goes to San Francisco from here. H. M. S. Arethusa left for China today. The Orangemen of the province had a big celebration here today. The usual patriotic resolutions were passed.

The Sealing Season.

Victoria, July 17.—H. M. S. Pheasant and Icarus left this afternoon to patrol the Bering Sea during the sealing season. Gold and Smallpox at Nome. Port Townsend, Wash., July 17.—The steamship Caroune has arrived here. She has about \$75,000 in gold dust from Cape Nome and nine boxes of 250 pounds each from Dawson. The Caroune brought 300 passengers from Nome who report great excitement over the smallpox epidemic.

Cariboo Hydraulic Mines.

New York, July 17.—A cone-shaped lump of gold weighing 7,897 ounces and worth \$135,275, was received in this city today at the local branch of the Bank of Montreal. It comes from the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic mines at Queenelle Forks, B. C., and represents 60 days' clearances of that mine. The gold was in the form of a cone.

Is Ray, of Rossland, Meant?

Ottawa, Ont., July 16.—Private Kay, of Vancouver, who arrived on the Marianne at Quebec on Saturday, came to Ottawa last night and left by the O. P. R. yesterday for home.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

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Phillips, is proving to be what its owner calls it. Work on the Howe group on the opposite side of the lake is going ahead and the property is improving all of the time.

The Hastings syndicate are developing their group of claims. There is a good showing on the Eureka, where it joins the Quantrell claims. Extensive development is going on at the Bellevue mineral claim, owned by Poits & McLennan. The prospect is showing up beyond expectations.

The claims of McFarlane and Woods, near the Howe group, are looking well. There are a large number of claims in the vicinity of the lake, all showing greater or less amount of development. C. M. Keep left for the Windermere country on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Keep is interested in some mining property adjacent to the Paradise group. Late reports from the claims are to the effect that it is showing up well.

Harry Hughes has returned to town, having completed the assessment work on the Gracie, on the south fork of Horse Thief creek. Before coming down he spent a day prospecting and discovered three feet of iron capping heavily impregnated with galena about 1,000 feet from the Gracie. He brought down several fine samples, which have not as yet been assayed.

A. S. McKinstry came down from Kimberley on Saturday. He says the shaft on the Big Dipper is now down 70 feet and it is the intention to continue this shaft to the 100-foot level. While the ore body has not yet been encountered the indications lead to the belief that it may be struck at any time.

John Curran came down from St. Mary's lake a few days ago and brings sound reports from that section. He says all of the claims are looking well and improving as work progresses. On his own claim on the north side of the lake, there is a ledge from four to eight feet in width and in the shaft there is eight feet of ore, and he is much encouraged with the outlook.

The Silver Belt mineral claim adjoins the Paradise on the southwest and runs southeast. The ledge can be traced its full length. At the discovery point, an open cut has been made which shows two feet of carbonates and clean galena from which seven average assays gave \$85 in all values. About 250 feet from the discovery post an open cut shows the ledge eight feet wide with about five feet of black sulphides and gray copper ore. Assay returns from this opening have not been received yet.

Messrs. Washburn and Fraser have returned from the Royal Crown, where they have been doing considerable development work. They have a tunnel in some 25 feet and have a showing of six inches of clean ore in the face. They gave us a fine specimen of the ore. The ledge is widening out. The hanging wall is quartz and lime and they have not as yet reached the other wall. The ledge is traceable for 150 feet. They left on Tuesday to do work on the Marion, at the junction of Jason and Toby creeks. The lead on this claim is 18 inches wide in copper pyrites and galena.

Parties who visited the Big Chief recently express themselves as much pleased with the appearance of the property. One gentleman remarked that there was a large body of ore on the property, something over 28 feet between walls, and should this ore carry value it will be one of the big things in East Kootenay. The work is now being done in the number two tunnel, work on the lower tunnel having for the time being been discontinued.

The Silver Crown adjoins the Silver Belt on the south, and is on the same lead. About 300 feet from the No. 1 post a tunnel has been started which will strike the ledge in about 30 feet. When this tunnel has been driven 200 feet a depth of 250 feet will have been acquired. An open cut on the north side of the mountain shows six feet of ore. The ledge is now being developed further, all through the entire plain showing, which is about 20 feet. On the south side an open cut shows carbonates. About 150 feet from this lead a parallel vein also runs through this property, which is about three feet wide and is well defined, showing clean galena ore from 12 to 18 inches. Assays from this lead gave 68 per cent lead and 85 ounces of silver.

Strange as it may seem it is a fact nevertheless that the St. Eugene concentrator is turning out more concentrates daily than any mill in the Sloon, or even in the Coeur d'Alene country in Idaho, says the Moyie Leader. It is simply a marvel and astonishing to its owners. Of course the quality of the ore has much to do with this, as the percentage of waste is very small, but the mill itself is a record breaker just the same. During the month of June the amount of ore run through the mill reached nearly 9,000 tons, and the amount of concentrates turned out reached 1,937 tons. It is said that when the new addition is finished the capacity of the mill will be easily 400 tons per day.

THE SLOON.

Ore Shipments from the Sloon—A Big Find on Silver Mountain. A winze has been sunk on the Surprise. The Enterprise shipped 30 tons last week. The Bosun, at New Denver, shipped 140 tons of ore in June. The output of the mines of Kootenay for June was worth \$600,000. The Payne will divide \$78,000 amongst its stockholders on the 15th. The St. Lawrence near the Wakefield, will be worked this summer. During May 80 tons of galena shipped from the Bosun gave returns of \$4,008. Work has been resumed on the Silver Band, under the management of E. F. Smith. The Young Bear, near the Bondhold, is being ground shited to find the lead. Last week the Whitewater shipped 124 tons. The mill grinds a carload of concentrates daily. A foot of high-grade ore has been touched in the Iron Horse, near the Enterprise, Ten Mile.

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The lengthy tunnel on the Ivanhoe is in over 1,400 feet. The Ivanhoe mill will be completed in September. In June the Ruta shipped 152 tons; Payne, 450; Last Chance, 260; Sloon Star, 480; American Boy, 20; Argana, 20; Queen Bee, 402.

From 4 to 18 inches of ore has come into the tunnel on the Storm, next to the Noodye. There is a nice showing on the Frank F., an adjoining claim. The Galena Farm is shortly to have a concentrator. It has very large bodies of concentrating ore embracing zinc, galena and other values.

The crosscut tunnel on the Ajax has tapped the lead at a distance of 400 feet. There are 15 inches of ore in sight and drifting on the vein will be commenced immediately. The Vancouver has let the contract for a 700-foot crosscut tunnel, the longest on the lake shore. It will be the main artery of the property. There are zinc values in the mine, and the idea of this lower tunnel is to strike galena below the zinc.

Allan & Corey bring encouraging reports from their property on Silver mountain, above the California. They have several good showings of ore and the ledge exposed for several hundred feet on the surface. Ore is showing in the face of all their tunnels. Goat mountain properties continue to improve as work is pushed upon them. The showings of rich gold-silver ore there encountered are not dimmed by the rich galena strikes that have been made on Silver mountain.

The Ruby ledge was sampled last week from the tunnel at the face of the drift with very satisfactory results. Every assay made from the ledge matter gave gold returns, and the ore itself showed an average value of over \$200 to the ton. The Wakefield recently built a fine mill, and now the report comes that the grade of ore will not pay. This does not seem reasonable, as few companies build expensive works without an assurance that they will pay. The Wakefield better look again for richer ore.

The most encouraging reports are brought down from the Hartney. The lower tunnel, which taps the ledge at a depth of 400 feet, has come into the ore shoot encountered in all the workings above. The ore shoot was encountered only a few days ago and is proving better as work proceeds on it. It is steel galena, and there is plenty of it. The Northern Light is a claim below the glacier across the lake from New Denver, owned by Harry Hower and partners. It has an immense iron-capped ledge, from which slight values in gold, silver and copper have been obtained. The owners have built a camp and will drive 50 feet of tunnel this summer.

The Emily Edith has a vein of concentrating ore 55 feet wide, which is supposed to be the widest in the Sloon. That of the Ivanhoe runs from 10 to 20 feet. During the past three years, the Silverthorne says, one mile of underground workings have been made. The property has some of the best buildings in the country. The new company are likely to erect a mill and work the property on an extensive scale.

river mining division is in need of better trails. Nelson people should look into the matter as the development of that section will benefit their city. They should urge the government to complete the trail commencing two years ago and running up Goat river from the Crow's Nest railroad. The trail at present is of no use to anyone. Ernest Mansfield is largely interested in the district, and will commence work upon his properties early in August.

The south fork of Kaslo river is one of the most promising districts in the whole mining region. The Excelsior company, the Pactolus company and Mr. Mansfield have spent quite a large aggregate sum up there and now one hears of renewed activity. The companies named are busily at work while the Bismarck has just re-started. McAnn & Mackay, O. Sampson and other local parties are interested.

Mr. Hicks returned from the South Fork yesterday, where he is working on a group of claims adjoining that at one time much talked of Gibson mine. Mr. Hicks has done some fast work on his group. He only located the claims with partners a fortnight ago and already he has a 20-foot shaft sunk. He believes he has got a good thing. At the bottom of the shaft there is a well mineralized vein.

The Whitewater and the Last Chance have been the biggest shippers so far this month via Kaslo. All their ore came to the smelter there. The full shipments from July 1st to July 9th were as follows:

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Perhaps the best strike since the Fidelity find was made recently by Messrs. Thompson on their Silver mountain claim, situated southwest of the Mountain Chief. They have spent many months prospecting the property and have done a great amount of sluicing, but nothing of consequence was unearthed until last Thursday, when by mere chance Russ Thompson stumbled upon a very fine looking ledge. This was explored further with the result that one of the finest surface showings of galena ever shown in the camp was uncovered. It is from 6 to 18 inches across and chunks of ore weighing hundreds of pounds can be taken out with a pick. This property is owned entirely by Amos Thompson and sons. Three claims are embraced in the group, the Sini, Atwood and World. They are situated close to the Mountain Chief, and the lead found is believed to be what is known as the Mountain Chief lead. Its course is northeast with a southern dip, and is traceable for several hundred feet across the properties.

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FROM OTHER EAST KOOTENAY DEVELOPMENT

Nothing of any importance gleaned this week from either loops or the Ymir mining district. The Lardean, on the contrary, news which strongly shows that interest is now being taken in developed mining region. The boys are recording good progress, addition much good prospect being undertaken. The average road, which will not be longer delayed, will do nothing point of view in open meritorious district thoroughly from East Kootenay there very like an exhaustive mining properties and claims vision. Moyie, with the St. E. quite largely in the eye of its and not at all unjustifiably than in any other mining new districts being week and news of times are of a currency.

With the close of the last week the shipments are vast, and with the vastness of this section it should for the miners that region make up for any time that wasted. In the Boundary, for the its history, have the local it worth while to start an a daily exports of ore. Neither present in East, but the the elements preceding the blowing will consume but a little lot of good strikes are received City of Paris in Deadwood of the Sunset mine in there are other strikes, per importance, reported by visitors. There are rumored two of the well developed this district by the O. P. R. Standard Oil company, but been so far nothing to justify of the same.

THE LARDEAN.

The Pedro and Ruby Silver Nettie L. and Silver Cup, never looked better. The Old Good and Frank are improving with development. Tenderfoot creek is diverts and owners at work on the Climax, a property. Claims on Canyon creek worked by their owners, and samples are brought down. Work is being pushed by Match group and Early B. Jack group at the head of Eight R. Jack Radey and Ben Ramer early last week to look over early located in Johnson Basin. Work on the Monitor or near Circle City, is suspended but work is likely to be early date.

Messrs. Gillette and Snyder Wednesday to the Silverton where they are engaged doing assays. Two prospectors at work half a mile from Trout Lake discovered a massive ledge, spersed with galena. Messrs. Hayes and Schoning with very gratifying report work on the Maid of Erin claims creek. W. Gleason and F. Jacobson from Tendon creek, were engaged doing work of foot group. The work done on the Kootenay present is very satisfactory, resulting in exposing a better fair grade of ore.

The Virginia group, Lunell and other claims on the ridge being operated vigorously. These properties are very interesting, the shipment taken down from the Tri-nedney week. The property in value with every shot in net. Andrew Abrahamson, and Messrs. Noble and M. M. men from Rossland and F. on T-e-day last from local American.

Messrs. Smith and Murray commencing the work on the on Haskins creek, and they have uncovered a fine zinc galena and iron. Messrs. Thomas and W. down to Tenderfoot creek week to do assessment work rock, a claim located on between Tenderfoot and Carleton. A. J. Gordon returned from up Tenderfoot creek. The secured additional supplies, did assessment work on the Cooper Mask, and will the Index. Ed. Andreen is hard at Columbia group, another property of great promise, the Pedro group. The to the present has resulted factually.

Orlifer T. Porter of Spokane in the camp in a few months work on the famous upon which a great deal of done, exposing a large body