WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE MINES

Shipments for the Past Week Reached the Total of 9,740 Tons.

There is Great Activity Manifest on the Surface and in the Workings.

In the review of the mining operations of the Rossland camp for the past week there is nothing out of the ordinary to report, as no big strikes were made. The shipments, however, reached a total of nearly 10,000 tons, which is very satisfactory, as it takes a good large number of men to mine such a quantity of ore. Mining is settling down to a firm basis and from now on there should be a steady increase in the number of men employed. This is beause depth is being reachd and there are plenty of levels and more stoping ground for miners to work in, and in addition to this the large plants necessary to carry on operations to a depth of at least 3,000 feet are now provided. There are now five 40-drill compressors on Rd mountain, two at the Black Bear, and one each at the Rossland Great Western, War Eagle and Centre Star mines. It has taken a long time to assemble these plants and to put them in operation. Under the favorable conditions existing the output of ore from now on should, from time to time, be largely increased. Of course, what is now most needed are smelter facilities and these be provided as rapily as possible.

The shipments for the week, while not up to the banner record of last week, were very satisfactory, reaching a total of 9,740. The shutting down of the smelter at Northport for repairs made little difference, as it was unnecessary to force matters in order to keep up the supply. The intention, however, is to pile up a good-sized surplus there for any possible emergency, like the breaking down of machinery at the mines or delay of traffic on the railway. The smelter will resume operations within a few days. During the week the Le Roi shipped 4,640 tons, Centre Star 1,920 tons, War Eagle 900 tons, Le Roi No. 2 1,400 tons. Rossland Great Western 800 tons and Iron Mask 80 tons.

THE OUTPUT.

Appended is a list of the shipments of the past week and year to date, approximated:

	Tons.	
	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	4,640	76,628
Centre Star	1,920	39,288
War Eagle	900	13,830
Le Roi No. 2	1,400	12,872
R. Great Western	800	5,431
Iron Mask	80	1,873
Velvet	....	563
I. X. L.	....	139
Evening Star	....	74
Spitzee	....	60
Giant	....	52
Portland	....	24
	9,740	150,854

Le Roi. The cutting out of the station in the big shaft at the 1050-foot level has been completed and drifts have been started to the east and west along the vein there. The shipments for the week were not as large as for the previous week.

Considerable surface work is in progress. The mine office is being remodeled and refitted.

The old Hall shaft house is being rebuilt. A new and higher gallows frame is being made as the old one is not high enough to accommodate screens and other paraphernalia necessary under the modern method of handling the ore. The engines are being repaired and the old plant is undergoing a general renovation, which has been in progress for a month and a half.

On the south side of the main shaft house an addition has been made, in which are 84 little dressing closets, wherein the miners can change their clothing when going on or coming off shift.

To the west of the main shaft house a space of about an acre has been leveled off, and the intention is to extend this level to the shaft house of the Josie, which is several hundred feet distant. This will give an almost level road between the two shaft houses.

At the Black Bear a powder house has been constructed at a point considerably to the west of the compressor building. A short distance west is a building of galvanized iron in which powder is thawed. From this to the machine shops and storeroom a track is being built to facilitate the handling of powder and supplies. As the storeroom was too small, an addition 70x30 feet is being built on its western end.

As great as is the activity on the surface, the management says it is as nothing to what it is on the lower levels of the mine, where ore is being stoped at the rate of as high as 12 tons per day, and at the same time extensive advance work is in progress.

Rossland Great Western.—All the difficulties consequent upon the running of the new machinery have been overcome and the 40-drill air compressor plant is operating successfully. It has been hitched up to the two forty-drill compressors at the Black Bear, which is 3,200 feet away and does its part in supplying power to the No. 1, which is about a mile away. The plant is a most complete one and Manager Bernard Macdonald, Assistant Manager William Thompson aad the ex-superintendent, D. Desmond, deserve credit for the completeness of the installation.

Underground driving north on the 800-foot level is in progress.

On the 600-foot level crosscutting is in progress in the north stope and the ore body is 25 feet in width and the ore is of a good grade. The full length of the ore shoot here is not known, but it is thought to be of considerable extent. In the west drift on this level driving to the west continues, and a small seam of ore of a high grade has been met. The station for the pump on this level is almost completed.

On the 400-foot level the upraise has broken through to the winze and thus giving connection with the 300-foot level. This will give a better circulation of air through the workings in that vicinity. In the No. 1 east on ths level there is ten feet of ore of an excellent grade and two machines are employed here in taking out the ore. The length of the ore shoot is not known, but it is thought to be extensive.

On the 200 stoping is in progress and this level is looking well.

In the old shaft there is a good showing of ore on the 100-foot level. A hoist has been placed in position and on Monday the stoping of ore will be commenced. Altogether the Rossland Great Western is developing in a very satisfactory manner.

Eight hundred tons of ore were sent to the smelter from this mine during the week and the shipments could be increased.

Le Roi No. 2. The shaft on the No. 1 has reached the 840-foot level and a station is being cut out preparatory to continuing down to the 900-foot level. The shaft on the Josie has reached a depth of 664 feet. Stoping is in progress on the 300 and 400-foot levels.

The official figures for the month of March for the Le Roi No. 2 show that 3400 dry tons were shipped during the month from the No. 1, Josie, Poorman and Annie mines, giving a total gross value of $55,419, made of gold, $30,159, or $9.05 per ton; silver, $2,817, or 84 cents per ton, and copper, $2,442, or $6.72 per ton. The copper amounted to 136,013 pounds, gold to 1,507 ounces, and the silver to 4,695 ounces. The total tonnage shipped from the mine to April 1st amounted to 8,592 dry tons, containing a total gross value of $165,425. Mr. Bernard Macdonald, in concluding his last monthly report to London on Le Roi No. 2, says: "Since the capacity of the Northport smelter was increased to take sufficient ore to allow for the opening of stopes, the result has been extremely satisfactory. The true extent of the ore shoots is just becoming known, and the mines are in fine condition to begin a large continuous production.

Douglass-Hunter.—The lower drift tunnel has been driven in for a distance of 785 feet. Just at present a barren portion of the ledge is being passed through. A short distance back in the tunnel a shoot of ore of a pay grade, 110 feet in length, was passed through, and several pay shoots of varying lengths have been encountered in driving the tunnel 785 feet. A concentrator is talked of by the management when the mine has reached a higher stage of development. If railway transportation were now provided considerable of the ore could be sent to the smelter without concentration.

War Eagle. The tramway is operating satisfactorily and is doing all that the management expected of it when it was installed. The 40-drill electrical compressor has been thoroughly tested and is found to be in perfect condition. Operation in the mine are proceeding on the usual lines, and the management has nothing of special interest to report.

Centre Star. Construction work is about over for the present and the force on this class of work has been reduced considerably. Work is proceeding in the mine and the shipments were about average during the week.

Homestake. The unwatering of the workings down to the 200-foot level is proceeding at a satisfactory rate and the task should be finished in 10 days. A station is completed on the 300-foot level and the work of making an upraise to the 200-foot level is in progress and is being vigorously pushed. This is to be made three compartments wide and will, when finished, form a continuation of the shaft from the 200 to the 300-foot level. When the upraise is finished the lower tunnel will be driven further to the west and the ore bodies there will be opened up.

Velvet. The repairs to the foundation of the compressor plant are still being made. In making some excavations for the foundation a ledge of ore was uncovered a few days since. The ore is of a high grade and is supposed to be a continuation of the ledge which was found several months since when making excavations for a stable. It is thought, too, to be the same ledge which was met on the 300-foot level. Considerable surface work is under way and the development of the mine is making good progress.

Spitzee. Work on the shaft still continues, and it has reached a depth of 75 feet. There is three feet of ore in the bottom of the shaft of a shipping grade, and as fast as this ore is taken out it is piled up for shipment. A siding has been put in, and this will make it easier and less expensive to place the ore on board the cars.

I. X. L.—The find in the lower tunnel which was made several days since, is promising so far as it has been developed. Stoping continues in the upper levels and soon another carload of ore will be ready for shipment to Northport.

Portland.—Work on the 100-foot level is in progress and good headway is being made.

Cascade.—Operations on the Cascade will be resumed just as soon as the trail is in condition for supplies to be taken in over it. The company is in better financial condition than ever before and once work is recommenced it will be carried on continuously until the property is placed on a shipping basis.

New St. Elmo. The south drift is in 430 feet. During the week a crosscut was made to see how wide the vein was, and it was found to be 14 feet in width. The ore is of a fair grade. The crosscut from the north drift is in 15 feet. It is being driven to find the vein.

Rossand Bonanza.—Operations have been suspended for a few days. Mr. Stephen Brailo, who is in charge of the work on this property, leaves in a day or two for the mine for the purpose of resuming operations.

Kootenay Mines. Drifting is in progress on the 1200-foot level. Driving to the north and west is in progress and in the north drift there is a good showing of ore.

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NEWS OF MINING FROM THE MINES

TELLURIDE FOUND IN THE LEDGE IN THE SHAFT OF THE NORWAY MOUNTAIN MINE.

WORK TO BE RESUMED ON THE PROPERTIES OF THE GOLDIE-RENE MINING COMPANY

Mr. F. S. Griswold is in the city from the properties of the Norway Mountain section. He reports that the snow is still six feet deep on the trail most of the way between here and there. Although he made herculean efforts to get in supplies, so that operations could be continued, he has utterly failed to do so on account of the trail being absolutely impassable for pack animals. It is his opinion that it will be almost July 1st before the trail will be in good condition. This will retard development considerably in that section.

Work on the shaft, which had reached a depth of 65 feet, had to be abandoned because provisions ran out. The ledge in the shaft has widened out from four and a half to six feet in the last 12. In the last two or three feet tellurides have come in and are scattered through the ledges in quantities. Mr. Griswold is so pleased with this newly developed feature of the ledge that he is more anixous than ever to resume work, so that the extent of the ledge which carries the tellurides may be determined.

Mr. Griswold stated that he had an interview yesterday with Mr. John Kirkup, gold commissioner, in regard to the road which is to be built from the Columbia and Western Railway into the Norway mountain section and for which $5,000 has been appropriated by the provincial government, and impressed upon him the need of hurry in the matter of construction. Mr. Kirkup informed him that a survey would be made just as soon as the trails are in condition to be traversed, and as quickly after the surveys are completed as possible the making of the highway will be commenced. When this road is finished, Mr. Griswold says, there will be no trouble afterwards in getting in supplies to the properties in which he is interested, because the constant travel going to and coming from the several properties will keep them in good condition.

WILL RESUME OPERATIONS.

Messrs. W. H. Danby, W. B. Townsend, Edgar Charles, B. C. Murray and James Watts leave this morning for Sullivan creek over the C.P.R. for the purpose of examining the properties of the Goldie-Rene Mining company, limited, which consists of two mineral claims. The purpose of the visit is to arrange for a resumption of work. There are a couple of tunnels on the property, one of which has a length of 65 feet, some drifts along the ledge, besides several small shafts and open cuts. The ore is gold-copper and is said to be of a pay grade. This is one of the mining companies which was floated in the boom days of 1897, when the freight and treatment charges were much higher than they are at present, but now that these have been considerably reduced the ore, it is thought, will be made to yield a profit.

A PLANT FOR THE ISLAND.

Mr. W. H. Danby, the local agent for the Lenora Mount Sicker Copper company, limited, yesterday shipped a four-drill compressor plant with accessories to the company. The property of the company is located on Mount Sicker on Vancouver Island, and a large quantity of ore has already been shipped from it. In 1899 5000 tons were shipped to the smelters. The machinery was purchased from the Jenckes Machine agency in this city, and is an addition to the plant which is already installed. Mr. Henry Croft, formerly of this city, is the manager of the mine. The property adjoins a group of mines which was purchased a day or two since by a new York syndicate for 336,000. The ore averages about $25 to the ton in gold, sliver and copper, and is in some respects similar to that which is found in this camp.

GEM AND EMERALD GROUPS.

Today Mr. Charles Lord leaves for the purpose of resuming operations on the Gem and Emerald groups, which are located 18 miles northwest of here in the Sheep lake section. He will go in from Arrow lake over what is known as the Calgary trail. The section has both gold, copper and silver ledges and is one of the promising mineral bearing areas of the Trail creek division. Capital for development and transportation facilities are needed, however, to bring it to the front. Mr. Lord has done considerable development work on the two groups during the past two years. The properties are owned by him and a couple of Rossland men. He will devote the entire summer to development work.

HUMMING BIRD LOOKING WELL.

Mr. E. W. Liljegran, M.E., who arrived in this city from Spokane on Thursday, left yesterday for the Humming Bird mine, of which he is the superintendent. This mine is located 12 miles north of Grand Forks on the west side of the north fork of the Kettle river. It is one of the many shipping mines of the Boundary, and has sent a large tonnage already to the smelter at Greenwood. Mr. Liljegran reports that the mine is looking better than ever.

SOLID ORE ON THE SPITZEE.

The Spitzee shaft, which has reached a depth of over 70 feet, was looking better yesterday than it has since work was first commenced upon it. The entire bottom of the shaft, which is 5x7 feet, was in ore of a pay grade. Hitherto stringers of ore from one and a half to two feet have been met, with barren rock in between them, but the present showing is the solidest and the best that has yet been uncovered in the property. Naturally the management is more satisfied than ever that the Spitzee, with proper development, will make a large producer of ore.

NORTHPORT SMELTER CLOSES DOWN FOR REPAIRS, BUT WILL SOON RESUME OPERATIONS.

WORK HAS BEEN RESUMED ON THE SOLID GOLD GROUP IN THE BURNT BASIN.

For the past two days persistent rumors have been in circulation to the effect that the Northport smelter had been shut down for an indefinite period. On inquiry at the office of the Rossland Great Western yesterday it was learned that the smelter had shut down for the purpose of making some necessary repairs and betterments. It was further stated that, like in any other plant of the same kind, it was usual, periodically, to close down for this purpose, and that this was all there was in the matter. Just as soon as the repairs have been made the works will resume operations.

WORKING THE MYSTERY.

Owing to the snow and the difficulty of getting in supplies work was suspended on the Mystery, located in the Burnt Basin, during the winter. Work, however, has been resumed by a force of men under charge of Mr. John Thompson. Work has been resumed on the tunnel, and Mr. Thompson writes to the secretary of the company in this city, reporting that the property is looking exceedingly well.

SURVEYED THREE CLAIMS.

Mr. Kenneth L. Burnet has just returned from a trip to the Burnt Basin, whither he went for the purpose of surveying the Kitty, Aldeen and Tunnel mineral claims, owned by Mr. W. B. Townsend. Crown grants for these claims will immediately be applied for. Mr. Burnet says they are promising looking properties, as each has a good surface showing. The snow in that section is melting rapidly and will soon be all gone.

WORKING SOLID GOLD GROUP.

Mr. Richard Cooper has resumed work upon the Solid Gold group in the Burnt Basin section, on which operations were suspended last fall. On this group there are splendid showings which promise, with development, to yield good results. Mr. Cooper has sunk about 30 shafts of from five to 18 feet deep on the ledges, and in each and every one of them there is a showing of ore, and in some instances the ore is of a high grade. It is Mr. Cooper's intention to develop the group extensively this summer.

CASCADE IN GOOD SHAPE.

Work on the Cascade group in the Norway mountain section, in the northern part of the Trail Creek division, is to be resumed just as soon as the trail from Gladstone to the mine is in a condition to be traveled over by pack animals, so that supplies can be taken in. The company is in good financial condition, it is free of debt and the properties are crown granted. In addition to this there is money enough in the treasury to carry on the work of development and to place the property on a shipping basis. A large block of the treasury stock was recently placed in New York by Mr. E. N. Ouimette. The first work to be done will be to drift along the ledge, which was recently tapped by a crosscut tunnel.

There is about four carloads of ore on the dump which will be sent to the smelter just as soon as the government wagon road from the Columbia and Western railway is completed to the mine. An appropriation of $5,000 has been made for this purpose. This road is to be constructed during the summer. By the time it is completed it is certain that the Cascade will be in a condition to ship a large tonnage of ore.

AN IMPORTANT FIND.

Big Outcrops Carrying High Grade Ore Found Near Olalla.

Mr. McMillan, the merchant at Olalla, is the owner of two claims, located about three milet north of Olalla, which were considered wild cats and outside of the recognized mineral belt. While doing assessment work on them last week he came upon two large outcrops about 1000 feet apart. These outcrops are over 40 feet wide, and assays have been made of the ore taken from them which run $28, $38 and $42 respectively. The ore contains gold, copper and some silver. This discovery adds very materially to the importance of this place as a supply point for the lower Similkameen.

WILL ASSIST IN THE TREATMENT.

Mr. R. Roberts, engineer of the Tamarac mine, arrived here yesterday from Ymir for the purpose of assisting in the testing of the ore which is now being sent from the mine to the works at Silica. As soon as the present shipment is reduced, if the best method of treatment has not fully determined, another shipment of four or five cars will be made.

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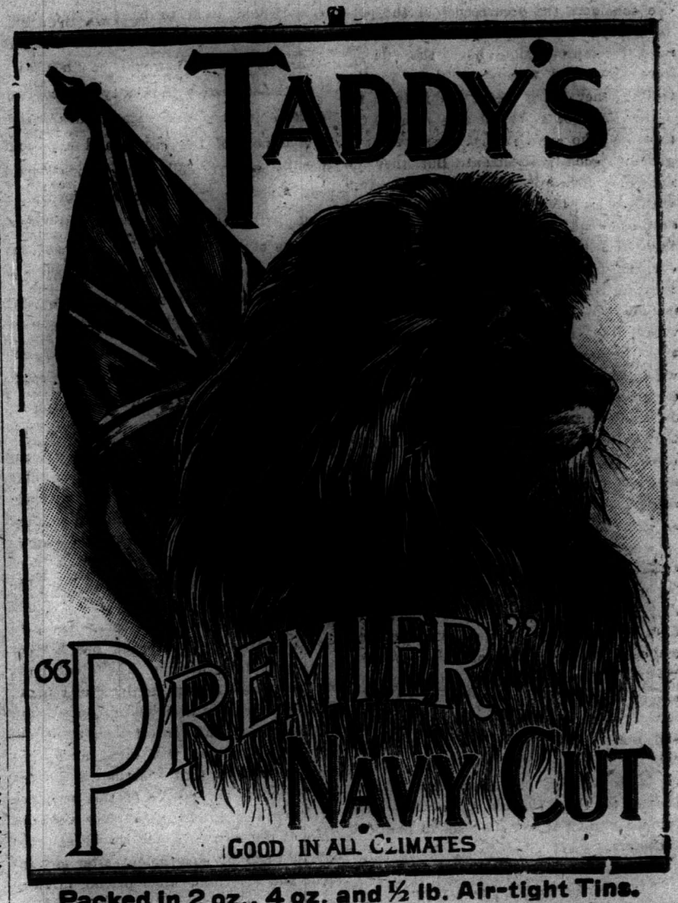

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NEWS OF THE MINES.

Mr. Will, One of the Onondaga Syndicate, Visiting the Mine.

The Onondaga syndicate, which is operating the Maud S. group, on the north fork of Champion creek, will have the ten-stamp mill, which it is installing, in operation by the 20th of May. Twenty-six men are at work in the mine and mill. One of the chief members of the syndicate, owning the group, Mr. Anthony Will of New York, was in the city last week and left for the mine in company with Mr. T. James, the superintendent of the syndicate. Mr. Will will remain at the mine for seeral days and make a thorough examination of its workings and of the mill.

Several of the adjoining properties are to be operated this summer, the owners being encouraged by the good results which have been attained on the Maud S. group. The section is a promising one and there should be some important developments there as a result of the present season's work. It is a free milling belt of considerable extent, the ore carrying good gold values.

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