

British Columbia Letter

Stewart, B. C.

R. K. Neil, part owner of the Premier Mine, Salmon River, Portland Canal District, in discussing operation on that property, stated that cyanide plant, with a capacity of 60 tons a day, is being installed and would be ready for use early next year.

There are some 100 claims staked in the Marmot River section of Portland Canal and on many development work is in progress. George Clothier, government mining engineer, recently made a tour of inspection through the district with a view to ascertaining the extent of the necessary road and trail improvements. The B. C. Exploration Company is heavily interested in this section and Dr. W. L. Uglow, geologist for the Company, has completed an examination and is preparing a report, together with maps, describing his investigations and giving his conclusions. P. D. I. Honeyman, for the same Company, has a small crew of men at work on the Salmon River Lode Mining Co's property, situated near the Big Missouri Group.

Among the properties under development in the Bear River Valley, Portland Canal, are the Bayview, situated just back of Stewart, from which a trial shipment is to be made soon; the Lakeview, which is being worked by Al. Harris on behalf of P. Welch and associates; the Fitzgerald Group, which is to be explored by diamond drill by the Algonquin Development Co.; and the Nabob and Redtop Groups.

Alice Arm, B. C.

The Dolly Varden Mine is shipping an average of 150 tons of ore a day and preparations are being made for the extension of the railway to the Wolf Group of the Claims situated a short distance north of the mine. The Toric, Tiger, Musk, Silver Horde, Climax and other prospects are being opened up. Surface stripping is taking place on the La Rose Group with satisfactory results and good showings are reported on the Wild Cat, North Star and Royal Groups.

Hazelton, B. C.

John D. Galloway, resident engineer at Hazelton, B. C., has left on a tour of inspection of various mining properties in the Cariboo District. He is engaged incidentally, in the collection of an exhibit of the minerals of northern sections of the Province which is to form a part of a large British Columbia mineral display in England.

There is considerable placer mining work in progress in the Dease Lake, McDame's Creek, Thebert Creek, and Telegraph Creek districts of Northern British Columbia this season. On Thebert Creek George Adams, a well known hydraulic operator of the Atlin Camp, has been at work since early in the year. A. St. Clair Brindle, a mining engineer, has returned after accompanying a party representing the Princess May Mining Co., of Vancouver, to McDames Creek. They took in an hydraulic outfit.

Quesnel, B. C.

Once again R. T. Ward, of the Bullion Placer Leases, Cariboo, has been heard of in connection with litigation. Having won his long drawn out suit with John Hopp it was thought that the operation of the

long disused property would follow without delay. Some or Mr. Ward's associates, however, challenged his right to retain control or the management of the project. For a time it looked as though there might be another sustained fight through the courts. However it now appears that a settlement, said to be generally satisfactory, has been reached and that the famous property soon will be put on an operating basis.

Prince George:

Good reports have been received concerning the showings obtained on a property situated near Prince George and known as the Hole-in-the-Wall. Samples have been brought in containing values in gold, silver and copper and it is said that the two outcrops from which these were taken have been uncovered by stripping. The property is to be inspected by a competent engineer.

Nelson, B. C.

Considerable development is taking place on mining properties situated on Lightning Peak and the Provincial Government is having a road surveyed from Deep Creek to the Peak. It is likely that a trail will be constructed and prospectors and operators interested are confident that it will not be long before the mineral resources of the section are sufficiently well proven to justify the building of a wagon road.

The possibilities of the development of gold mining on a considerably larger scale than at present in British Columbia was the subject of an address by Dr. Edwin T. Hodge, formerly professor of geology in the University in British Columbia, delivered recently at Nelson. To a number of interested mining men he explained that there was a belt in this Province similar to that of California extending from Bridge River in the north southwards across the Fraser River into the Skagit basin in the State of Washington. It is cut by numerous dykes and in places quartz veins have been prospected and shown to contain gold. Only in a few places have been mined to any extent. One of these places is in the Coronation and Pioneer Mines on Bridge River and another in the International Group on the boundary line. Dr. Hodge, however was of the opinion that the richest showings were in the central portion and in this connection he mentioned the Emancipation Mine, which was bounded recently and is to be developed. The British Columbia Belt was described as similar to the Motherlode Belt of California and "whether considered in a generalized way or considered from the standpoint of the minute and detailed study of the individual deposits there are a good many reasons to believe that within the Province a series of gold mines will be developed which will rival those of California.

Among the properties under development on Lemon Creek, Slocan, is the Barnett, where a force is engaged in stripping the vein and driving a tunnel. There are two of these, that on which work is in progress, being in a distance of 80 feet and the other 70 feet. Both are in ore which carries values in gold and silver, chiefly the former.

The Silversmith Mine, formerly the Slocan Star, promises to be one of the heaviest producers of the