

British Columbia.

VELLA COOLA.
Bella Coola, Oct. 7.—The weather has not changed into rain, and we have plenty of it.
Mr. Hamlin, from Victoria, arrived here on September 24th and is to take charge of building of a wharf here, which has been badly needed since the settlement commenced. Some road work is also to be done.
Miss Martha Christensen is going on a visit to her relatives and friends in Minnesota. She is coming back next spring. The chief reason why she is going away is to consult some doctor about her ears which have been affected ever since she came here. It is a pity that no doctor is stationed at or near Bella Coola.

On the 30th of October the second anniversary of the settlement will be celebrated. A good programme will be arranged. Everybody welcome.

PORT SIMPSON.

Port Simpson, Oct. 13.—Mr. P. Brentzen, who resigned as clerk of the Hudson's Bay Co., has started up a very fine trading establishment opposite the Salvation Army barracks, known as the Port Simpson Trading Company. It is doing a very rushing business at present.

Messrs. J. Kirby and R. and C. Johnson arrived here on the 2nd in a small boat from Port Essington. They remained till the 6th and then left by the steamer Vigilant. They many friends were exceedingly glad to see them, but sorry their visit had not been longer.

Fritz Brentzen and Peter Jones are finishing the road between here and Georgetown.

Mr. D. Robertson returned on the 7th inst., from his trip on the Skeena. Yesterday morning the Rita left here for Work Channel with a party of hunters on board, who hope to remain away for a week's sport.

The only came as far as the Skeena for a load of salmon. The Boscovitz arrived here last night at 9:30 p.m., remained for a short time and then went on her way to Naas river. Miss Lockery and nephew were the only passengers for here.

NEW DENVER.

The Idaho has just paid a dividend of \$18,000, making about \$50,000 in all. It is being worked through the Alamo ground, and is daily shipping about 35 tons of 70-ounce ore to the concentrator.

The Silver Band on Eight Mile creek is owned principally by sealing men in Victoria who have just organized a company with a capital of \$250,000 in 25 cent shares. Work will be commenced this fall.

S. S. Bailey has sold his interest in the Payne, Mountain Chief No. 2, Two Jacks and Maid of Erin to A. W. McCann, of Salt Lake City, for \$50,000 cash. The Payne was the first claim located in the Slokan, and Bailey paid \$2,000 for it in 1891. It is a splendid property, and the showing on it is a pleasant sight to the California miners. A wagon road will be built from the Payne to Sandon and the output will be heavy this winter.

Six men are working on the California under charge of J. McDonald. The ledge is 154 feet in depth of 144 feet from the incline. In three weeks, last summer, McDonald, without assistance, took out \$3,000 worth of 300 ounce ore from an upper outcrop on another portion of the claim.

The ledge, where exposed, is 100 feet in length and a half foot of solid ore on one wall, and eighteen inches on the other. Eleven hundred feet away from the ledge shows up in a strong manner. Last week the mine was surveyed, when it was found that all the work done for the Phoenix, an adjoining claim, was on the ground of the former. McDonald and his partners were offered, on Sunday morning, a \$50,000 bond to the California, but it was refused. The tunnel now driving is expected to tap an immense chert of ore, which will result in a much larger force being employed.

REVELSTOCK.

An option on the Poole group, consisting of the claims Maybe, Nettie L. Ajar, Columbia, Raven, Bay and C. X. has been secured by A. St. G. Hamerly, of Vancouver, for some big company. The option is good for 30 days from October 15, and provides the following terms if taken up, \$5,000 down, \$15,000 in three months, \$15,000 in six months and \$15,000 in nine months, making a total of \$60,000. The property is situated about six miles from Trout Lake City, between the North and South Forks of the Lardeau river. It is a most promising and accessible group and the bond will most likely be taken up.

Gennelle & Co. are about to begin building a large mill at Arrowhead that will have a capacity of from 75,000 to 100,000 feet per day. They will also add a wash and dry factory next summer.

On Wednesday night J. Graham, car checker at Arrowhead, was robbed of \$100. It appears that Graham was flashing the contents of his purse about in the presence of, amongst others, a man giving the name of Daly. In the course of the evening Graham met Daly several times and shortly after dark the latter proposed that should take a walk along the railroad track towards Revelstoke. They went and when about two miles out Graham felt the other man's hand in his pocket, he grappled with Daly at once who broke away for the bush, with Graham in hot pursuit. Daly turned and hit his pursuer a blow on the head which felled him senseless for a while. When he regained consciousness he was minus his money and his erstwhile acquaintance had fled. The robber has not yet been captured.

ILLECILLEWAT.

The Waverly is being worked by seven men, who have put in a cut of 30 feet long with 17 foot face, showing about 11 feet of ore on the hanging wall side. The ledge is about 30 to 40 feet wide, but has not yet been cross-cut. There are also two other workings on this property, one of which shows 19 inches of solid gray copper.

Campbell McCallum and A. G. Heywood have secured an option on the Gracie, an extension of the Revelstoke owned by L. L. Graham, from J. Leslie.

The option holds for 21 days from the 7th inst., and the purchase price is \$4,000.
J. D. Graham, on Monday, removed the record books from Illecillewast office on account of the resignation of the recorder and the non-appointment of a new one.

Walter Scott has made a big strike on Fish Creek, going 3,000 ounces.

FORT STEELE.

Fort Steele Prospector.

During the month of August there were 31 certificates of work recorded, and 38 mining licenses issued.
Col. Ridpath and Mr. J. Cronan arrived from Spokane by way of the Moyea. We understand that Col. Ridpath has employed a number of men to work on the Sullivan mine this winter.
A new strike has been made called the Hidden Secret, located by Wellington, Kinney and Tom Cyr. Assays average \$200 in gold and silver, on the summit of the new St. Mary's trail to Pilot Bay. The ledge is 20 inches wide and can be traced for some distance.

OREMANS.

Cheminatus, Oct. 20.—The citizens are erecting a fine hall, the lower part for public entertainments and the upper part for lodge room, reading room and smoking room. They expect to open it with a concert and dance in about three weeks.
The Methodist church is nearing completion, when that denomination will have a very comfortable place in which to worship.

Mr. Allan, A. Howe, Jas. Crozier, D. Gallant, Peter Williams and J. A. Wilson are also erecting private residences.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Willey and Mrs. Fuller, of Ashland, Wis., who have been spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Palmer, returned home last week.

Mr. P. J. Pearson and party left here a few days ago on a prospecting trip; they expect to find plenty of gold before they return.

A large boom of logs, in tow of the tug Discovery, came in to-day from the American side.

The bark Colorado is loading lumber for Melbourne; she will complete her cargo in a few days.

Mr. Lenz, of Lenz & Leiser, was here on Saturday last.

Mr. McDonald, ship carpenter, is here making a main mast for the Colorado.

Mr. Thomas Elliott is making good progress with his building contracts.

The B. & N. railway company have put in a switch at this station, and have the steam shovel at work getting out ballast for their road.

Miss Mabel Palmer returned to St. Paul, Minn., to continue her studies.

BIG BEND.

Kootenay Mail.
Negotiations are being conducted for the bonding of the Seattle company's claims and those controlled by J. W. Haskins in the Ground Hog Basin, by a strong English company. The Seattle people's claims are the Mammoth, Beaver, Bennett, Holt, Magnet, Seattle and Little Lake, and the Haskins properties the Eric, Golden Curry, Rose, Bella, Silver King and Pearl. The amount of the bond for the first group is said to be \$23,000 and for the second \$15,000. It is thought the syndicate will purchase other properties in the Ground Hog so as to secure a sufficiently strong interest to control the values and operate a railway, etc. This syndicate, by this deal, secures control of 13 properties at the small price of \$38,000 with no deposit down and eighteen months for testing the value of the claims.

W. McBean is now in about 20 feet on his Carnes creek claim. He got \$2 in gold from the surface assays, but now has \$28 with a small but strong vein.

George Laforme brought down from the Last Chance \$25 worth of gold, the result of three days' work on the rim.

The Consolidation placer is doing well, having taken out \$32 in two and a half days.

Colonel Longfere and Major Lawrence, of Chicago, who went up to look at the Little Falls, Consolation, Last Chance and North Star placers, returned this week. They are going into Cariboo to look at properties there and will look all around them before investing.

J. W. Haskins has now seven men working on the Orphan Boy quartz claim in Ground Hog Basin. He says it is opening up splendidly.
Some arrangement should be made for winter mails in the Big Bend. There will be thirty men in the camp this winter, who will no doubt assist in remunerating the mail carrier for his monthly trip. Last year the postal department allowed but \$20 for the service which covers a distance of 104 miles. Some increase should be given the carrier and the matter pressed upon the department.

ROSSLAND.

Rosland Miner.
The number of new buildings which are constantly going up in Rosland is truly astonishing. A hasty round of the city on Wednesday brings us to the conclusion that there are over \$100,000 worth of buildings now in course of erection. This total does not take into account the Hotel Allan.

The strike reported last week on the Mabel is even better than anticipated, an assay made of the ore thrown out by the first shift yielding \$9.50 in gold, silver and copper. The fact that the copper values predominate makes the ore most desirable for the smelters.

After a long wait the Monte Cristo mine, on Monte Cristo hill, is at last in full working order, and now we may expect to hear important news from there at almost any time. The company ordered a compressor plant about the 1st of July and the drills were set going last Wednesday at noon. The plant is in some respects the most complete and best equipped in the camp. It is situated on the Eddie J. ground in the upper part of Centre Star gulch, being just across from the Cliff compressor. It is the furthest north of the five compressor plants now in Centre Star gulch. One of the most interesting features of the great showing of ore on the Monte Cristo is the new ledge just being uncovered on the east end of the claim. Several days ago Superintendent Fred Oliver commenced some prospecting work near the Evening Star line and soon found a ledge running northeast from the course of the Monte Cristo ledge. The work already done shows a lot of fine looking surface ore.

some of it being fine grained and rich looking with a good percentage of copper. A sample assayed showed \$11 in gold, which is regarded as very satisfactory.

J. C. Drewry, who has been representing the Toronto Globe in Rosland, returned from a trip through the Nelson mining division on Tuesday. He is one of the trustees of the newly incorporated Exchequer Gold Mining Company, which owns two claims on Toad mountain, half way between Nelson and the Hall mines. These claims are known as the Exchequer and Cleopatra.

The shaft of the Eric is now all in ore. It is quite different in character from the one got nearer the surface and carries very little copper. Its gold values are, however, reported to be very satisfactory.
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The crosscut tunnel on the Novelty is continuing very rapidly. The pipe which it is being driven to tap, it is no longer in country rock. The whole face is a fine grained diorite full of iron in very fine particles. There is some quartz too, and it is expected that the whole face will be in solid ore.

As we go to press we learn that ore in the drift from the main shaft on the Josie is now averaging \$75 per ton. The full face is in ore. A body of that width was such a novelty, never before opened up in the camp. The San Francisco Gold Mining Co., which is controlled by Joe Martin and Jos. Harris, of Winnipeg, on Wednesday made the third payment under its bond on the San Francisco. The bond was originally \$25,000, and the payment in question consisted of \$11,750. The fourth and final payment is not due for some time yet.

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In no instance has a body of ore in this camp been followed down as far as 15 feet without coming to a stop. In this particular no truer camp has ever been discovered, and it is this very feature which inspires such confidence in the mines here. The Red Mountain company is so well assured of success that it has ordered a seven-drill compressor plant.

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The Derby, which adjoins the Alice on the west, and covers a portion of the townsite of Rosland, a shaft is being sunk just above the Northport wagon road. It is now down 25 feet and the bottom is all ore and vein matter. A noteworthy characteristic of the ore is the large amount of molybdenum it contains.

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built up to the Colonna, and preparations are being made for extensive development work on this attractive property. The showing in the new shaft continues to be iron, these. The pipe for the machinery for the big Le Roi compressor plant has arrived. The boilers are now in place and the concrete foundations are ready.

Work is being pushed on the Boulder, which lies three miles east of town, adjoining the South Bend. A strong vein of the nasal iron-copper ore is already opened up.

The Crown Point compressor plant is nearly completed and the drills will be set to work in the crosscut tunnel in a few days.

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gushed gentlemen and that leading citizens irrespective of politics be invited. It is hoped that Messrs. Davies and Tarré will be willing to address a public meeting.

A large issue of bogus Canadian half dollars have found their way into circulation here. They were accepted indiscriminately until they reached a bank, when they were thrown out. They are supposed to have been coined in China. They are an almost perfect imitation, bearing the date of 1894, are made of silver, and are a shade whiter, heavier and larger than the original.

ANAIMO.

All the evidence in the police case was taken on Monday night, and yesterday morning Mr. Kane for the defence and Rev. P. A. McRae for the prosecution addressed the commissioners, who reserved judgment.

Hugh McDonald was engaged between the school house and the railway "Y" cutting wood, but as there were several parties practising with a rifle in that vicinity, he deemed it prudent to quit work. While returning home along a trail through the rather thick woods a stray bullet struck him just above the wrist and ranged along the bone, lodging near the elbow. Drs. Eberts and Wasson probed for the bullet but did not find it last evening. The bullet is thought to be of very small calibre.

The police commissioners met on Monday to take up the inquiry into the charges against Chief Crossan and Constable Thompson. Mr. D. G. Macdonnell, of Vancouver, represented the prosecution and Mr. G. F. Kane appeared for the defendants. Magistrate Simpson wanted the inquiry to be held in private, but he was overruled. The Bates, proprietor of the stand was H. I. Bates, who wanted to be paid \$3 for each time he had attended the meetings of the commissioners. When he refused to answer questions Mr. Macdonnell asked that he be compelled to do so, whereupon he capitulated.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Taylor took place Sunday afternoon at the Central place. The Rev. Canon Good was officiating clergyman and the pallbearers were Messrs. Jas. Harper, L. Page, W. Blank, C. Bartlett, W. Cowie, J. Hughes.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

Boundary Creek Times.
It is understood that Mr. Garland has purchased an interest in the Balar at Kimberly.

C. J. McArthur brought down last week some pretty specimens of quartz, carrying free gold from the Denero Grande.

Representatives of an English syndicate now staying in Spokane are negotiating for the purchase of the Golden Crown, in Wellington camp.

The men working on the Mother Lode broke into very fine ore on Monday morning.

It is vouched for on good authority that the Big Copper mine is about to be sold to a large English company, whose expert will come in shortly from New York.

The ledge of the Ballarat, in Kimberly camp, is now proved to be seven feet wide. The ground has been stripped for 30 feet, and an open cut of eight feet has been run.

White's camp is coming well to the front, the City of Paris and Lincoln being developed by Mr. Henegau. Both claims are producing some fine ore and bid fair to become some great mines.

Prospectors are crowding into Kimberly camp, and the whole country there is practically staked. A party of six men came in on Monday from Rosland and started up Boundary creek.

Dr. Bell-Irving, of Vancouver, arrived in Greenwood last Sunday, and visited several of the camps under the guidance of Mr. Holbrook. The doctor is already interested in mining property at Rosland, and intends now to make investments in Boundary creek prospects.

The Old Ironsides company recently purchased the Knoll Hill, one of the best claims, judging from the surface showings, in the camp. Meanwhile the company will push work on the Old Ironsides, and upon Mr. White's return from Spokane a contract to continue the present 50-foot shaft down for another 50 feet will be let.

Count Eberhart Schweinitz left for Rosland last week. He, however, intends returning to Boundary shortly to complete the negotiations for the purchase of mining property in which he has become interested.

Word was received this week from the secretary of the Everett & Spokane Mining Company, of Spokane, to the effect that six or eight men will be put to work on the Rambler claim on Paul creek, and that development work will be continued all winter.

Negotiations are on foot for the sale of the Helen claim, which adjoins the Greenwood townsite and which shipped a year ago averaging \$51 smelter returns. The intending purchasers propose to develop and ship.

Work will probably be commenced on the Morison this week. The company advertised for tenders on a contract to sink a shaft, but all the figures sent in were considered too high, and none were accepted. The company have it is understood, decided to undertake the work by day labor.

KASLO.

The Kootenay.
The Whitewater has shipped four cars of ore from the big carbonate showing recently uncovered.

The Goodenough ore house is almost full of ore, which is being held for the raving season. A car of carbonate will probably be shipped before snow falls.

Kaslo has rejected the proposal of Alexander & Retallack to put in an electric light system, the by-law submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, having failed to receive the necessary three-fifths vote to give it passage.

Kootenay now has a direct daily mail to and from all Eastern Canada points. The new arrangement, which is the result of Mr. Hewitt Bostock's work at Ottawa, took effect on Monday, and the service is secured by connection with U. S. mail trains at Spokane, just as Victoria mail comes, and goes. With a daily service to Spokane, the coast and Eastern Canada, Kootenay has little to complain of except the local arrangements, which will doubtless be readjusted in due time. A daily service between Kaslo, Sandon, New Denver and Revel-

stoke is now needed, and needed badly too.

H. B. Ingram, who with his family has lived in Kaslo several years, has come into a small fortune in the form of a 150-acre farm at Penderville, Ont., about 30 miles from Ottawa. Alex. Smith, manager of the Surprise mine, was asked yesterday regarding the report that the mine had caved badly, which has floated about the effect that nothing of the sort had happened, nor was likely to happen.

Engineer Cummings expects the cement for the reservoir this week and will finish up that part of the work as soon thereafter as possible. The pipes are now in transit, but the trenches will not be opened up until the pipe arrives. Now that the money is in hand, Mr. Cummings expects to push every part of the work with all possible speed to "carry out" his first proposal to complete the system by Jan. 1.

Mayor Green went to Nelson Thursday with John L. Retallack, who throughout has acted as Hewitt Bostock's agent in the farm at Penderville, to receive the money and deliver the debentures. The amount turned over to the city was \$22,650. Mr. Retallack withdrew all claims for attorney's fee, etc., about which there was considerable correspondence some little time back.

A crazy man has been at work with his pencil here in Kaslo, and his handiwork is the sensation of the town. About ten days ago there came address to D. McArthur, M. B. Bonnard and J. D. Moore, a letter from the deputy provincial secretary acknowledging receipt of a petition signed by himself and others making charges against and asking for the removal of Mining Recorder John Kane. Knowing nothing of the matter, they were dumbfounded and at once wrote to the official, asking for a copy of the charges. The copy has since been furnished, and the signatures are found to be forgeries. Mr. Kane's conduct in the office needs no defence here. He is regarded as the best man in the country for the position he occupies, and it is a matter of local pride that patrons of this office receive no courtesy and consideration at the hands of the recorder than at any other office in the country.

ROSSLAND.

(Rosland Record.)
J. T. O'Leary, T. O'Leary, W. Blanchfield, S. Weeks and A. Parks got a gentle hint that on Sixteen Mile creek at the head of the Gold Horse, lay a rich deposit of gold-bearing quartz. This they went to discover and after ten days of diligent prospecting were rewarded by locating a group of seven claims which they named the Flora McDonald, and from assays made to-day the returns were 6 oz. in silver \$175 in gold and 2 per cent.

While workmen were excavating for the annex to the Trail brewery a fine ledge of iron was uncovered that was pronounced by several mining men to be as good a showing as many a prospector has sold for a good many dollars. While the workmen were discussing the chances of making a fortune by setting a discovery post some one dropped over the hill in front of them and planted his discovery post, much to the chagrin of the workmen who had uncovered the mine.

Mr. Heinze has purchased from the Canadian General Electric Company of Peterboro, an alternating dynamo capable of furnishing 1,000 lights of 16 candle power each, and an engine that will supply 25 lights. These are the lights will be used at the smelter to the number of eight or ten, and at the docks the railroad will have the use of three or four, while the remainder will be for the use of the city. Thus the city of Trail will glow like the north star. The plant was ordered by the city 23 days ago and should reach here by the