

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is a poor impression about Rossland in London. The English brokers have an idea that there is an unhealthy boom in Trail Creek and that prices are too high. If they are prepared to wait till prices fall from their present level they are likely to wait a long time.

The mining industry of British Columbia is as yet completely unorganized. There is no method of focussing progress and results. Something has been done by means of the government's bureau of mines, but much more still requires to be done. The movement in favor of a Stock Exchange, a Board of Trade and a Bureau of Information, which has been started in Rossland, is a step in the right direction and should have the support of every one interested in mining in British Columbia.

As regards the industrial resources of Canada mining should be put in the forefront. Not a little of the present revival of hope and confidence so marked all over the Dominion has been directly due to the interest awakened by the British Columbia and particularly the Trail Creek mines. Nothing attracts like gold, nothing stimulates enterprise and arouses enthusiasm like the promise of gold. And when that gold is not to be wrested by greed from the pockets of the people, but to be won fresh from nature's treasury itself, it vivifies and arouses the best energies of a people. It is besides the natural forerunner of general prosperity. Given a great and increasing output of gold and land values will rise all over the Dominion. Manufactures will flourish and the people will prosper. Therefore the gold mining industry should be put to the front. It is Canada's mainstay and brightest hope at present.

Much of the misapprehension and criticism about Trail Creek and Trail Creek stocks which appears in the press from time to time is due to want of accurate information about the country. A story is current here of a Nelson man who met a Rossland man on a railway train and said to him cheerfully, "Well, I suppose Rossland is bigger than Nelson now." If a remark like that could be made by a man living so close as Nelson, it is not surprising that people further away should think Rossland people crazy. Great events do not sink into the popular mind very easily. The growth of Trail Creek is the most important event which has happened in Canada since Confederation. People in general do not realize it yet, and sometimes they give vent to incredulous remarks and unjust criticism. The only way to bring it home is by sedulously disseminating accurate and reliable information about the country.

A GOOD SALE.

It is not always necessary to go to Toronto or Montreal to make a sale of mining property in Trail Creek. Seven sixty-fourths in the Southern Cross and Wolverine Consolidated was yesterday transferred by A. L. McClaine to Wm. M. Hennessy for \$7,000 cash. Bill Hennessy, who is one of the locators of the Noble Five group in the Slocan and one of the pioneers of that section, paid his first visit to Trail Creek last week. He is an old friend of Thomas Smirl, president of the Southern Cross and Wolverine, having worked with him in Virginia City, Nevada, and in Bode, California. No sooner did he set eyes on the Southern Cross and Wolverine than he was ready to pay up his last dollar to get into it. There were certain interests he could not buy at almost any price, but he was successful in securing A. L. McClaine's holding, which is seven sixty-fourths of the whole. Negotiations have been pending for some time for the transfer of the Southern Cross and Wolverine to an eastern syndicate at a big figure. The property has been examined and re-examined by experts whose reports it is said have been very favorable.

COPPER IN JAPAN.

According to a recent British consular report the production of copper in Japan is steadily increasing. The total exports in 1895 were 6,500 long tons, against 7,100 in 1894, and 7,000 tons in 1893. The decrease in exports in 1895 was partly due to the smaller shipments to China, and partly to the large demand at home, chiefly for use in manufacturing war material.

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TRAIL CREEK'S BONANZA.

Gradually and slowly, but, nevertheless, surely, it has been forced upon the management of the Deer Park that they control the great bonanza mine of Trail Creek. Of course the length and breadth of their pay chute has still to be tested, but if surface indications, coupled with the developments in the shaft, go for anything, the Deer Park is a greater mine than the Le Roi, this without disparagement to the Le Roi. A forward movement has been adopted. A four-drill compressor, steam pump and hoist have been ordered for the property and will be installed as soon as a road can be got in to haul the machinery over.

A crosscut has been started at the 100-foot level to look for a wall on either side, and it is altogether likely that this crosscut will disclose one of the greatest bodies of rich ore ever mined. Before winter is over the Deer Park should be a steady shipper. Its first dividend is looked for about April of next year.

THE TRILBY.

A strong company is being organized to develop the Trilby, which was bought some time ago by John McMartin from the owners, M. O'Neill, P. C. McMillan and N. Walters. With Mr. McMartin his brother-in-law, A. W. McDougald, of Chicago, is interested in promoting this company. The president of the company will be Sir W. P. Howland, of Toronto, and Mayor R. H. Fleming, of Toronto, is also one of the directors.

Mr. McDougald left for his home in Chicago to-day where he means to be an apostle of the greatness of British Columbia as a mining country.

The Trilby is in the South Belt and adjoins the Last Chance on the south and the Celtic Queen on the east. It has a good showing of ore on the surface on which the present owners have been industriously sinking since they acquired possession of the property. They are satisfied that in the Trilby they have the makings of a mine.

LUCIUM NON LUCIDUM.

As a result of his researches on monazite sand, M. Barnere has discovered, according to the Chemical News, a new elementary body which can be utilized for the production of incandescent gas-light; and he has given it the name of "Lucium." Investigation has shown that while the salts of cerium, lanthanum and didymium form with sodium sulphate insoluble double salts, lucium does not, nor does it, like thorium and zirconium, form these salts with sulphate of potassium. Spectroscopic examination of lucium reveals the fact that its lines slightly approximate those of erbium; but it differs from those in several respects.

PETROLEUM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Petroleum as an industrial venture in the Transvaal is not being ignored, says the South African Mining Journal. The Clocolaan Petroleum Syndicate, a Johannesburg corporation for prospecting in the Orange Free State, has ordered out a first-class cable drill from America, and looks to hear of its arrival at a Cape port in charge of an experienced man in a short time. The drill is designed to reach 3,000 feet. Mr. C. M. Pielsticker, a well-known exploiter of rock-oil in Europe and America, is preparing to look for petroleum between Rustenburg and Malmani, and there seems every promise of speedy beginning to his operations.

Several of the stocks recently marketed have been readily bought in Chicago, and it is likely that more than a little of that city's ready cash will be sent here to assist in the opening up of our mines.

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Arrives at Trail ..	7:45 a. m.
No. 6, PASSENGER, Sunday only—	
Leaves Rossland ..	8:30 a. m.
Arrives at Trail ..	9:15 a. m.
No. 4, PASSENGER, Daily—	
Leaves Rossland ..	3:00 p. m.
Arrives at Trail ..	4:00 p. m.
No. 3, PASSENGER, Daily except Sunday—	
Leaves Trail ..	10:30 a. m.
Arrives at Rossland ..	11:20 a. m.
No. 1, PASSENGER, Daily—	
Leaves Trail ..	5:00 p. m.
Arrives at Rossland ..	5:45 p. m.
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