NEWS FROM WEST

J. M. Robinson Talks of the Mines of Okanagan.

A FREE MILLING LEDGE

Glen-Robinson Is a Typical Mining Camp—Considerable Development Work in Progress—The Health Resort of Peachland.

J. M. Robinson, the general manager of the Canadian-American Gold Mining company, which is operating in the Okanagan country, was among the arrivals yesterday. To a MINER reporter Mr. Robinson talked most entertainingly last evening at the Allan regarding the mining prospects of the country, where his company's interests are located.

"The company," he said, "is operating two groups, the Alma Mater and the Kathleen. The first named properties are near Glen Robinson, the new mining camp lying about 15 miles back of Peachland on Lake Okanagan. The Kathleen group lies nine miles further to the west, or about 24 miles in all from the lake. We have been carrying on work for some time upon the Alma Mater group, and now have a double shift at work. All our development has shown excellent free milling ore, but the mineral seemed to be considerably broken, and there was no permanency to the ore bodies. A fortnight ago, however, our foreman while prospecting the property further up the hill found an immense free milling ledge of white quartz 40 feet wide between splendidly defined walls. The vein cuts the formation at an acute angle, and it bears every evidence of permanency. We are satisfied that the lead is the mother lode of the group, and that the slides in which we formerly worked were broken away from the surface of the newly-discovered fissure. Accordingly all work is now being concentrated on the new find, and two shifts are driving a tunnel along the foot wall of the ledge. No assays have as yet been received, but as samples from the slides ranged from $1.50 to $27, I see no reason why the present find should not run equally well, if not better.

Free Milling on the Surface.

"The ore is almost entirely free on the surface, and values are exclusively in gold, but in some of the prospecting shafts sunk on the slides some copper was found, and I should not be surprised if with depth the Alma Mater turned into a base proposition. The prospect is not demanding any immediate attention, however, as it will probably be a year before there will be any change in the character of the ore encountered.

"There are altogether about 30 men at work around Glen Robinson, for half a dozen properties are being operated in that neighborhood. Of these some Spokane people are working a refractory proposition across the gulch from the Alma Mater group, and they have had assays ranging around $30.

"On the Kathleen group, nine miles west of Glen Robinson, we are working two shifts of men, who are driving a tunnel in a big body of free milling quartz. It is now in 180 feet and we expect that within 100 feet more we shall encounter a large blowout, towards which the tunnel is being driven. Assays from the Kathleen give fair values, and as the deposit is an immense one, we are much pleased with the showing the property.

"Glen Robinson, which is to be the mining town of that section of the country when the properties there are more thoroughly developed, is at present a collection of only half a dozen cabins. The government has surveyed a wagon road from the place down to Peachland on the lake, but owing to the change in the provincial ministry the road has not yet been started.

Peachland as a Health Resort.

"Peachland now has a population of about 100 people, and more are coming in. There is a store at the place, and a first class school with 20 students in attendance. The people are right up to date, and they are not satisfied with anything but the very best in the way of public improvements. Peachland is primarily a health resort, and on that account it is destined to a promising future, whether or not the mines of the district ever become producers. The climate is delightful, for while the place is 200 miles from the coast, yet it receives the Chinook winds without any of the heavy rains which are such a drawback to life on the sound. In January there is likely to be a slight flurry of snow, but it passes off in a day or so and otherwise the winters are almost perfect. A number of Manitoba people are coming out this way to spend the winter, and it looks as if the resort will grow rapidly."

THE DUNDEE MEETING.

Concentrator to Be Completed and Compressor Plant Purchased.

The first meeting of the Dundee mining company, since the directors returned from England, was held on Wednesday in the office of the company in this city. The following directors were present: W. A. Galliher, Colonel Robert Scott, Ernest Kennedy and J. L. Parker. Charles Dundee, president, was in the chair. The chief business transacted was the arranging for the future development of the mine and the erection of the concentrating mill and the purchasing and installation of a seven-drill compressor plant. The several matters were debated at length and as a result it was decided to complete the concentrator as rapidly as possible, to continue the development of the mine and to at once purchase and install a seven-drill compressor. The matter of purchasing the plant was left to J. L. Parker, the consulting engineer of the company. The report of Frank Robbins, mining engineer, on the condition of the Dundee and its promising outlook was read. It showed that there were some 24,000 tons of ore in sight and dilated on the outlook and said that it was a good mine and might with development become a great one. It corroborated all the previous reports of J. L. Parker, and seemed to greatly please the directorate.

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SERVED WITH PAPERS.

B. A. C. Officers Restrained From Dealing in Le Roi Shares.

An incident in connection with the Le Roi deal occurred at Northport Thursday. Hon. C. H. Mackintosh and General Warren left on the Red Mountain train yesterday for Spokane en route for Vancouver, to attend the wedding of Miss Maude Mackintosh. They were accompanied as far as Northport by Edwin Durant, the local manager of the British America corporation. When the train arrived at Northport the party waited on the station platform for the Spokane train. While thus engaged they were approached by a deputy-sheriff and Messrs. Mackintosh and Durant were served with papers, which proved to be injunctions and restraining orders in connection with the Le Roi suit. The gist of the documents is that the parties served are restrained from dealing in any way in the state of Washington in shares or any business connected with the transfer of interests in the Le Roi company.

Mr. Durant returned to Rossland by the noon train. When interviewed by a reporter of THE MINER he treated the incident with indifference, and expressed the opinion that the papers would in no way interfere with the status of the case.

An amicable settlement of the trouble between the rival interests of the Le Roi company is looked for in the near future.

A Strike in the Tamarac.

J. B. Dabney of Dabney & Parker, returned Thursday from a visit to Ymir whither he was called by a telegram informing him that an important strike had been made on the Tamarac. He brought back with him a 60-pound chunk of ore which came from the find on the Tamarac at a depth of 205 feet. The chunk was placed on exhibitien in the office of the company yesterday afternoon where it attracted the admiring attention of all who stopped to inspect it. The ore body at the point where the point where the strike is made made is four feet in width and for the entire width it is of shipping value. The find is regarded as of such importance that J. B. Parker, the consulting engineer for the company, leaves for Ymir this morning and as soon as he arrives at the mine he will arrange to let contracts to drift on the ore body for a distance of 200 feet to the east and 200 feet to the west from the point where the find was made.

THE EMPRESS OF INDIA.

A Valuable Property Acquired by Kennedy Bros. & Purgold.

An important deal for the acquisition of the Empress of India has just been put through. The property is near Hall's siding, and only a mile and a half from the Porto Rico mine. It is considered one of the best properties in that section. Kennedy Brothers & Purgold have purchased the property from Tuzo & Cousins. The price is withheld, but it is said to be a large sum. The veins are wide and assays reveal that it carries as much as 31 per cent in copper, besides other values. The intention of the purchasers is to form a company and immediately begin the development of the Empress of India.

Legal Tender Litigation.

Edward Haney of Spokane, the locator of the Legal Tender, was among the arrivals in the city Thursday. He will leave today for Nelson to confer with his solicitor regarding the litigation in which the Legal Tender is involved, as against the Olivette location of the same ground. Mr. Haney's title to the ground was recently confirmed by the supreme court, but an appeal was taken by the Olivette people, and it is pending. A fortnight ago Mr. Haney also won the action brought by the claimants to Pack Train location of the same ground. The only litigation now involving the claim is the appeal taken by the Olivette people from the judgment securing the ground to Mr. Haney.

Commonwealth Gold Mining Company.

J. M. Robinson, the general manager of the Commonwealth Gold Mining company, left Friday night for Trout lake to look after the interests of the company. The Commonwealth holds two silver-lead properties on the north fork of Lardeau creek, near the town of Ferguson, and about $5,000 worth of work was done on them last year, while some development has been carried along this season. Mr. Robinson is now seeing to the acquisition by the company of another property in the same neighborhood.

Returned From East Kootenay.

Captain James Morish, the engineer for the Velvet Mines, is back from a trip on professional business through East Kootenay. Captain Morish says that there is some little activity throughout the district, only a few properties are as yet being developed. He rode through on horseback from Goat river to Fort Steele and back. The railway line is now into Moyie City, and will be at the head of Kootenay lake by the last of the month. The grade has already been completed to Kuskanook, and track is being laid at a rapid rate.

The Deer Park.

The cut on the surface of the Deer Park ledge, about 100 feet south of the shaft house, is showing some excellent quartz, and while no assays have been made it will apparently give excellent results. The work has shown the hanging wall of the ledge, which heretofore had never been found, and the discovery may prove of considerable importance in the future development of the property. The cut is about 30 feet long, but the foot wall has not yet been disclosed.

Reiterates the Denial.

T. G. Blackstock reiterates his denial that there is a deal on for the purchase by the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate of the Iron Mask, and further states that there is not likely to be one. It is now stated that this syndicate had an option for the purchase of the property, which expired on Wednesday of this week. There is a rumor extant that parties in Toronto, other than the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, are endeavoring to secure the control of the property.

A. C. Sutton, the city solicitor of Grand Forks, is in the city. Mr. Sutton states that the business conditions in the Boundary Creek country are changing greatly for the better. The work on the construction of the Robson-Penticton railway has given an impetus mining in that section, and many properties have recently changed hands.

JUMBO IS ALL RIGHT

There Is a Marked Improvement in the Showing.

COMING INTO GOOD ORE

Mr. Galusha Says It Will Take Some Time to Demonstrate Its Value But That Its Showing Is Satisfactory—Mining Notes of Interest.

"There has been a very marked improvement lately in the showing on the Jumbo," said M. R. Galusha, the manager of the property, to a MINER reporter last night. "The face of the lower tunnel is now coming into good looking quartz and iron ore. As yet it is too early to say what the extent of the find may be. It will take some time yet fully to demonstrate its value. But the showing is very satisfactory.

"The tunnel where work is now being carried on is a prospecting drift, which has been under way for over a year past. It is being directed towards a large chute of ore which was opened by one of the shafts on the upper side of the hill. As yet the face of the tunnel has not reached the point where it was expected that the chute would be found, but it is very near.

"We are thinking of running a new crosscut tunnel, which would be the main working vent of the property," continued Mr. Galusha. "The site has already been selected and cleared, a few hundred feet south of the entrance to the present workings. The slope of the hill is admirably adapted to running the new tunnel, as a depth of 400 feet would be afforded by a crosscut 350 feet long. We should gain more than foot for foot. I hope that we will be able soon to put in machinery."

A RICH STRIKE.

It Has Been Made on the Waterloo at Camp McKinney.

Some references have been made to the recent rich strike in the Waterloo claim in Camp McKinney, and so little has been said that it may be conjectured that the recent find of much visible gold in the ore was of small moment, and hardly worthy of consideration. This is not the case, however, for apart from the visible gold, a large quantity of which was blown out by a shot which was put into the ledge right on the surface, the claim is an interesting one, from the fact that the ore disclosed in the vein and the tendency of the vein itself, would show that it is an extension of the same ore body from which so much bullion has been taken by the now famous Cariboo company. This can of course the more readily be understood by those familiar with the ground around the Waterloo, and with the fact that no great distance separates the eastern side of the Cariboo property from the western side of the Waterloo, and that all work so far done on the latter, which consists of a 30-foot shaft sunk at a point just west from where the visible gold was found, determines that the quality of ore in the vein, which can be traced the entire width of the claim, is identical with that already met with in the Cariboo. The Waterloo, which is a comparatively recent location, is owned by Messrs. J. Murphy and Thomas Graham and Mrs. Finnigan, all parties residing at Camp McKinney, and this fact makes the new strike more interesting, for they being upon the ground as it were, will, no doubt, see to it that the recent rich strike is followed with an amount of development calculated to establish the Waterloo as one of the permanent gold producers of the camp.

THE LARDEAU COUNTRY.

It Is Great From a Scenic and Mining Standpoint.

W. R. Meyers, one of the pioneer investors of the Lardeau country, is in the city on a visit. Mr. Meyers speaks in enthusiastic terms of the sections both from a scenic and mining standpoint. In speaking of the scenery he said: "The scenery there is to my notion very grand. To be sure it is Alpine in character, but nature's canvasses there are large. There are duge mountains, great glaciers and deep ravines and valleys. The views are Titanic in their greatness. I have had moonlight views of the scenery there, when the snow lay deep and white on the ground that seemed to me to be too beautiful to be real. In the years that are to come I am sure that the Lardeau mountains will become as much a Mecca for sightseers and mountain climbers as Switzerland.

"So far as mines are concerned there is no section, in my opion, that is richer than the Lardeau. There are a large number of properties there that run very high in silver and lead, and there are others that are rich in gold. I know of one property from which the ore sent to the smelter gave returns of $1,000 to the ton. It seems certain that we are going to have railway transportation and then there will be a repitition there of the scenes that have been witnessed in Rossland. I am interested in the Lexington group, which is made up of the Lone Star and Kitsap claims. This group is located only a few miles from the lake and about five miles from Fish river. The ore goes 63 ounces in silver and 72 per cent lead and $4.50 in gold. I am interested in a townsite on Whisky flat of 110 acres. It is beautifully located on the rim of the lake. On Whisky flat I am interested in a claim, the ore of which runs $154 in gold to the ton. It is within 50 feet of the lake and affords a spledid opportunity for shipping. It's a great country and I intend to stay with it till I have made something."

Sydney B. Roach, the manager of the Vernon & Nelson telephone company's office in Rossland, has resigned his position to take a situation as electrician at the Mother Lode mine at Anaconda, B. C. Mr. Roach leaves tomorrow morning to assume his new duties. He is succeeded here by L. B. Hodge, lately of Scotland, and now of Nelson. Mr. Roach has lived in Rossland for two years and a half past, and has any number of friends here who will regret his leaving.

J. C. C. Fraser, the manager of the Bank of Montreal, who is suffering with a severe attack of inflamatory rheumatism, continues to suffer not a little.

MINING NOTES.

The Mugwump Gold Mining company has received a certificate of improvements for the Mugwump on Red mountain, near the War Eagle.

A strike of three feet of ore has been made in the 50-foot level of the Good Hope. The full width of the find has not yet been determined.

Operations have been resumed on the Red Fox property, which adjoins the Buckeye in the south belt. There are three distinct veins on the surface of this property and it is thought a little development will show an ore body.

Work is shortly to be resumed on the Grand Prize. The Reddin-Jackson company has just sold a block of 100,000 of the treasury shares of this company. The proceeds are to be put into development work. The good results being attained in the Deer park have so encouraged the directors and stockholders of the Grand Prize that it was some time since decided to resume operations.

James Goldsmith, who has been acting as foreman on the properties of the Lardeau-Goldsmith Mines, limited, on Fish creek in the Lardeau country, is in the city. He reports that the tunnel on the property is in a distance of 50 feet and that the showing is an excellent one. There is a splendid seam of galena ore that carries gold, and silver is mixed with the copper.

John McKane, secretary of the board of trade, reports that the exhibit of ore intended for the exhibition at New Westminster is growing. The mine owners are commencing to respond and the exhibit promises to be a credit to Trail Creek division, although ores have been received from outside mines. Specimens from the following have been received: Columbia-Kootenay, Velvet, Jumbo, Porto Rico, Homestake, Le Roi, Nickel Plate, Great Western, Giant, Josie, No. 1, London Consolidated and others.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers.

SEPTEMBER 14.

Copy of supreme court order confirming W. G. Merryweather's title to Rubenstein mineral claim, as against P. Aspinwall's Lofty.

SEPTEMBER 15.

Dewey and Tar Heel, on south fork of Stony creek, John Dean to Edgar Charles.

Dewey, Tar Heel, Landslide, Fredericton and American Boy, James H Hayes, Edgar Charles and H H Anderson to S C Fraser.

Certificates of Improvement.

Sept. 7.—Blackberry to Henry B Smith.
Sept. 8.—Mugwump, to Mugwump Gold Mining company.

Water Rights.

Sept. 10.—A G Lang, to 200 inches of water out of McCormick creek for placer purposes on Pend d'Oreille.

Sept. 13.—To city of Rossland, 50 inches out of north fork of Murphy creek, 50 inches out of Murphy creek and 50 inches out of Rock creek.

BACK FROM ENGLAND.

Rossland Operator Makes a Successful Business Visit to Europe.

Harry White, ex-mayor of Seattle, managing director of the Fourteen Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, and a heavy stockholder in the English Canadian company, has returned from a five months' trip to Europe, whither he went on business connected with his interests in this camp.

During his absence he succeeded in organizing the English Canadian company, which has practically arranged to take over the Lily May mine and extensively develop it. A deal was also made for the properties of the Fourteen Consolidated, and the result will probably be that a large sum of money will be spent in opening out the groups in the near future.

Mr. White states that the London mining market is closely watching the development of the Rossland camp, and it is certain that a large amount of English capital will be invested here during the next few years. He heard nothing in London but favorable comment with regard to the Kootenays. The district is looked upon there as the coming mining region of the world.

Mr. White visited Paris, Berlin and Brussels. Rossland is not unknown in these cities and considerable capital may be expected from these sources as soon as the Kootenay boom strikes London.

Mr. White leaves this morning for Montreal and will return in about 30 days.

Has Declared a Dividend.

The Republic mine of Republic, on the reservation, has declared a dividend of $30,000, and the management declares that it will be able to declare dividends every month. Messrs. Robbins & Long of this city, are among the larger shareholders in this company, and are much pleased over the fact that the company has begun to pay dividends.

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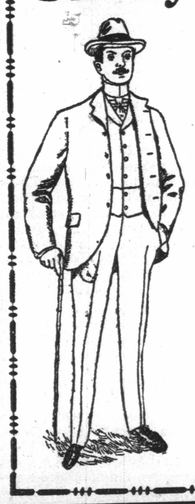

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