

Provincial News.

GOLDEN.

The court house and government buildings under the supervision of Mr. James Henderson are assuming large proportions, and which completed will be quite an addition to the town.

CRANBROOK.

The cottage of Mrs. Donahue, of Cranbrook, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The house was unoccupied, and it is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

TRAIL.

The new St. Andrew's church will be opened Sunday, November 5. Improvements are steadily going on at the smelter. Several new ore bins are ready for use.

PETERBOROUGH.

Buildings are springing up like magic at Peterborough City. The townsite company are building a wagon road from the town to connect with the wagon road up Toby Creek.

REVELSTOCK.

An interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. J. W. McCullum, on Second street, when Rev. S. J. Thompson united in the bonds of matrimony Mr. Ivan Arthur Edson, the clerk at the Hotel Revelstoke, and Miss Annie McCullum, Mr. McCullum's eldest daughter.

GREENWOOD.

Last Monday a man named Larson received a painful wound, a candle stick being run into his side about four inches. It occurred on one of the bathmills near the town of Greenwood.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance at the meeting of the carpenters and joiners of the city, held on Thursday evening. A local union was formed, and it was decided that up to \$4 per day of the present ten hours, but on and after the first of November nine hours is to constitute a day's labor and \$4 the compensation.

FERNIE.

A man named McDougal, logging foreman for the Fernie Lumber Co., met with a very serious accident last week which will lay him up for a couple of months at least. He was engaged getting out logs and was standing near a skidway while two teams of heavy horses were pulling a 32-foot log.

On Friday, October 6th, three men were fishing on Elk river, near Hosmer, when they found the remains of a man on the north side of the river, lying on a sand bar about fifteen feet from the water, where they had evidently been killed by the high water of last spring.

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Hon. Sidney Fisher, M.P., Minister of Agriculture, opened the exhibition on Wednesday afternoon. His address was brief, but of an eminently practical nature. He spoke as a farmer to farmers, and congratulated them upon the excellence of the displays he had seen in every division. The fruits and vegetables had impressed him strongly. In fact he had to admit that he had learned a great deal that was entirely new to him concerning the capabilities of the soil in the interior of British Columbia.

The annual general meeting of the Kamloops Agricultural Association took place on Thursday. All present expressed themselves as being highly pleased with this year's exhibition. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. T. Rorer (re-elected); 1st vice-president, J. P. Shaw (re-elected); 2nd vice-president, A. Noble; hon. secretary, F. J. Deane (re-elected); treasurer, J. R. Hull (re-elected); directors, Kamloops, M. F. Gordon, James W. Foster, S. W. Wood, J. R. Mitchell, G. T. Malley, J. M. Harper, M. Pettie, Nicola, Thos. Bulman; Douglas Lake, J. B. Greaves; North Thompson, W. W. Shaw; Shuswap, T. W. Graham; Grand Prairie, A. Duck; Trail, W. M. Adams; Salmon Arm, P. O'Brien; Douglas, F. J. Callaway.

Frank Allison in jumping off the train last Friday night in the neighborhood of the Cosmopolitan Hotel had the misfortune to miss his footing and received several severe cuts and bruises in consequence.

J. F. Smith returned with his party from the Tete Jaune Cache mica mine last Saturday, bringing down a fine consignment of mica, which will be forwarded to Samuel Winters, of Monckton, N.B., thence to the Paris Exposition. Mr. Smith reports having had fine weather on the trip both ways. The mica he brought down is far better than any ever obtained up there before, the blocks being of exceptional size.

A committee composed of Capt. J. B. Nicars, E. A. Nash, J. M. Harper, F. J. Deane, J. M. Hopkins, M. S. Wade and E. T. W. Pearce, waited upon Major-General Hutton, during his recent visit to Kamloops, to discuss with him the possibility of organizing a corps of mounted rifles in the interior, with headquarters at Kamloops. The general heartily approved the idea and hoped in the near future to see something of the sort done, but he declined for the moment to move in the matter. He pointed out that the work already undertaken in the matter of re-organizing the militia of Canada must first be satisfactorily accomplished before taking up new schemes. Later on, when plans now under way had been perfected, he hoped to see a mounted regiment established in British Columbia.

A petition is being circulated protesting against the granting of a music hall license. The by-law which is objected to will come up for reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the council, one week from Monday evening.

Westworth Wood, of Kamloops, arrived in Nelson on Thursday night. He had taken a carload of ore from the Pot-hook mine to the Trail smelter. The ore averaged 15 per cent copper. Mr. Wood is now making arrangements for a shipment to the Hall Mine smelter.

Work is being rushed on the Bank of Montreal, London & British Columbia Goldfields, Hudson Bay Company, Madden, Turner, Beaton & Co., Malone & Tregillus, and Dr. Hall buildings, and it is expected that they will only continue for thirty days. At the present time they will be under cover and some of them completed.

The Rev. Mr. Lang, Presbyterian missionary to the mines of Nelson district, has arrived to take the place of Mr. Robertson, who will hold a series of services in Lardo before leaving the Kootenays.

John F. Stevens, chief engineer of the Great Northern railway, will be in Nelson a few days, on an inspection trip. He was one time interested in mines at Ainsworth.

On Saturday Judge Forin gave William Kelly a sentence of a year in the provincial jail for stealing a small sum of money from George Templeman of Robson, a freight conductor on the Columbia & Western railway.

The gas company has 30 men at work laying mains and would put on more could they get them. Pipes have been laid on Stanley street as far as Observatory street, and are now being laid on Latimer street. Where there is no rock work the work is proceeding at the rate of from 600 to 700 feet a day.

VANCOUVER.

Mr. D. McKinnon, one of the leading stone masons of this city, is confined to his home by a somewhat serious illness. The pet dog belonging to the firemen of No. 1 fire hall has been added to the park zoo. The "pet" has indulged in several somewhat too playful freaks lately, that caused the police to insist upon its being placed under restraint. One of its escapades was jumping into a car and making its exit through a front window, leaving two broken window frames and a dumfounded officer behind.

The Rev. J. C. Antie entered upon his ministrations as incumbent of Holy Trinity parish, Fairview, on Sunday evening last.

Fred. Kline, the originator of the scene in the Vancouver opera house on Saturday night, was fined \$5 and costs by the police magistrate yesterday for carrying concealed weapons and his revolver ordered to be destroyed.

A Japanese prisoner, named T. Fuzuki, was brought down by the Comox on Monday night by Messrs. W. Breede and Squarbriggs, of the Squamish. Fuzuki and a partner broke into the shack owned by Mr. Breede and stole a quantity of valuable tools, clothing, etc., amounting to over \$100. They were caught, however, with some of the stolen property in their boot. To detain his prisoners till the steamer arrived Mr. Breede roped them together round a tree and left a boy on guard, but just prior to the vessel's arrival one of the Japs made his escape, and broke away into the woods. The man got away, however, and has not since been seen.

Early on Sunday morning a special palace car left the depot on the road of the fast outward freight. The car had been specially placed at the disposal of Commander Jakobson, of the visiting German cruiser, and his officers, to enable them to take a trip through the Coast range and Selkirk to see some of the magnificent scenery found on the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific railway.

Mining News.

Silverton Notes.

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The Essex group, which lies below the Wakefield mine, has closed down for the winter. This was made necessary by the near approach of winter and the lack of accommodations for the men. Some of the ore has been lately being made in this property.

The Drummond group on the head of the creek and above the Comstock mines is one of Silverton's coming mines. On this property a ledge over eight feet wide has been traced and dug upon, for a distance of 1,000 feet. The footwall of this ledge is a paystreak of from three to five inches of clean ore that will run 160 ounces in silver and 40 per cent lead to the ton. John Carahar, the owner, has just completed a 50-foot crosscut tunnel, which has cut the ledge 90 feet deep. At the point where the ledge is nine feet wide, there are being two feet of concentrating, and five inches of clean ore the balance of the ledge being filled with ledge matter.

The crosscut tunnel being driven on the Rockland claim on Red Mountain has cut the ledge 90 feet deep. The rock so far encountered is fully up to the expectations of the management. Specimens brought into town show a large amount of iron and copper sulphides and should assay well in gold. The Rockland claim is being worked by the W. A. group, who claim, but a big gold-copper ledge showing on the surface, and the tunnel now being driven into the ledge cuts it at a depth of over 75 feet. This company has just completed the erection of buildings at the mine that will accommodate a large force of miners.

F. L. Byron, under whose supervision the work is being done on the A. E. claim on Red Mountain, was in town last Wednesday. He reports the tunnel now being driven as being in over 50 feet and that it is expected that the lower edge of the ledge will be encountered in a few feet further. After the vein is struck it will take over 100 feet of tunnel to crosscut it, as it shows on the surface to be fully that wide. The A. E. is a big gold-copper proposition, and the value of the ore being obtained from the A. E. rests on the outcome of the tunnel now being driven.

The tunnel being driven on the L. H. vein, is now in 50 feet, and the quartz is similar to that exposed in the upper tunnel. The L. H. is known to be the biggest body of ore in the quartz veins discovered in the Slocan country. The upper tunnel which crosscut the ledge shows the vein to be 110 feet wide and with average values of \$15 in gold. In this big ledge are streaks varying from a few inches to several feet in width that give values in gold ranging from \$20 to \$150.—The Silvertonian.

BRIDGE RIVER MINES.

Since the last clean-up of the Ben d'O'r stamp mill, considerable work has been done in the vicinity of the mine, and the ore treated up to the end of last week was mainly from the new ledge struck a short time ago. Fifteen days' work on this rock has produced better results than were obtained from the old ledge during a much longer mill run, showing that with depth the quality of the rock improves. At present there are about 20 men engaged in the mine, and more will be put to work in the course of a few days. The base ore has been encountered, and as the rock is improving with depth, the owners have every reason to be satisfied with their property.

During the past week Messrs. Hamilton and Robertson were at the mine to witness the clean-up and, at the same time, inspect some mining properties on which they hold a bond. That they are well pleased with their investigations is evidenced by the fact that they have declined to take up these bonds at once.

About 1,000 feet of tunnel work is now open on the Little Joe, and with each week's work the body of ore is showing up better than ever. A steady dividend from this mine is now assured, and when the Ben d'O'r people secure the adjoining properties, as is their intention, and erect a second mill, then the era of quartz mining on Bridge river will have just begun, for in the vicinity of these claims there are other properties equally rich and as easy of access.

Messrs. Hamilton and Robertson left the Ben d'O'r mine on Sunday, and reached here Monday afternoon, with Joe Russell as bullion escort. The exact amount of the clean-up we did not ascertain, but it was considerably in excess of the September yield.

On the Lorne mine the arrastra is still humming. Even since the old arrastra was put in mine the revenue from this mine has been from \$600 to \$800 per week for five men's labor. A stamp mill on this property will clean up a fortune in short order. This mine is in better shape than ever, and it is to be hoped some of the best rock ever found in this part of the district. It is a great property—a veritable bank to its owners.

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We have every reason to believe that work on the Brett mine will be resumed in the course of a few days. A stamp mill will soon be on the mine property, and McGilvray creek will then be heard from in a favorable manner.—Lillooet Prospector.

SHOWN LAKE ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipment of ore from Slocan lake has been up and running the present week from Jan. 1, 1899.

Table with columns: Tons, and rows for various mines like Comstock, Enterprise, etc.

ROSSLAND CAMP.

The Rossland Miner, in its weekly mining review, which appeared in the issue of the 15th, says: Beyond the ordinary development work of the camp there has not been much news of importance to note during the week just ended.

The mine is said to be the reason for stopping work. It is stated that a rearrangement of the company is expected, and a resumption of work is looked for in the near future.

Joe and Number One.—The new 1,000-foot tramway for bringing the ore of the Joe and Number One down to the Great Northern railway level for shipping purposes, is being rapidly constructed, and it is expected that it will be completed and in running order in about six weeks' time. It may be taken for granted that both the properties mentioned will be found among the camp's shippers before the close of the year.

California.—Pending the arrival of the machinery and plant ordered some time ago for the California, a small staff of men have commenced development work on the property.

St. Elmo Consolidated.—The work of installing the new compressor plant at the New St. Elmo has been in progress all week. Mainline work on the crosscut from the tunnel has been continued. Sunset No. 2.—Work is progressing along the usual lines with two machine drills in operation and 27 men. Work is now at the 100-foot level in the new shaft.

Deer Park.—Steady work has been in progress all week in the Deer Park, and the showing in the new shaft continues to be of an encouraging nature.

Honestake.—The work of drifting is continued on the 200-foot level, and prospecting has been going on extremely good ore. The work of crosscutting for the big body of ore visible on the surface is being actively continued. The management is thoroughly satisfied with the showing.

Coxey.—Men have been busy all week sorting ore on the Coxey and getting the first shipment ready.

Mountain Trail.—The work of getting the concentrating plant into working order is being proceeded with actively. One of the shafts is now down 110 feet, and pay ore is met with.

Jumbo.—Work on the lower tunnel in the Jumbo has been in progress all week.

Week. Tons.

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Total.

4,228 123,037.5

WAR EAGLE AND CENTRE STAR.

The determination of the management of the Centre Star mine to purchase a large quantity of ore has been officially announced. The order has been given to the Webster Camp and Lane Company of Co. Owing to the immense amount of work on hand, the new hoist will not be installed probably for three months.

After a great deal of trouble and delay, the five small compressor plants that have been hurriedly got together to supply power temporarily to both properties, are now nearly complete.

The machinery of four of these plants was on the ground yesterday, and the fifth will be in place this week. It must be clearly understood that the erection of the plant is only a temporary measure, carried out to prevent any further delay in either mine. In the War Eagle the temporary hoists in the station at the 250-foot level are still awaiting the arrival of the skips. In the meantime one side of the big electric hoist is being worked hard to get out the ore. One side of the new compressor has been in use during the past week, but an effort will be made this week to run both sides continuously.

I.X.L.—On Wednesday of last week Mr. John S. Baxter, of Tacoma, paid a hurried visit to the I.X.L., and inspected the progress made to date. Mr. Baker holds the controlling interest in the property, and during his visit he stated that work on the mine would be promptly pushed. The company, Mr. Baker stated, had now over \$20,000 in the treasury available for development, and whenever more funds were required the money would be promptly forthcoming. No. 1 tunnel is now in 150 feet, number two 240 feet and number three over 300 feet, all in round numbers, but sufficiently close to be accurate approximately. At a point 300 feet from the shaft of the mine in number three tunnel, crosscutting to strike the vein about the face of No. 2 is now in progress. This crosscut is now driven about 60 feet, and within the next 30 or 40 days at the furthest, the superintendent expects to strike the ledge. The ledge was encountered. Its width is not yet known, but the foot wall has not yet been reached, but it has already been demonstrated that the strike is a valuable one. The rock is a fine grade of quartz, and the shaft of the Cannonball group on Christina lake, is now down 70 feet, and the bottom is looking fine. Assays recently made are quite satisfactory. Al. Stewart is now foreman of the Cannonball, where the force was recently worked. Two shafts are now being worked—Cascade

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