

MORE MINING DEALS

Quarter Interest in Sophie Mountain Group Sold for \$10,000.

B.A.C. BUYS THE WHOOP-UP

S. R. Reed and W. J. Robinson Have Purchased the Colonel Sellers From George Williams - The Injunction Against the Centre Star Continued.

Another important mining deal was completed yesterday when a quarter interest in the Copper Wonder group on Sophie mountain was sold for \$10,000, or on the basis of \$40,000 for the property. The seller was Allen G. White, although Ben Finnell was a silent owner in the group, and the buyer was Nicholas Reuter of Tacoma. The claims, which adjoin the Velvet group, comprise the Copper Chief, the Copper Wonder, the Princess, the Lottie and the Duke. Mr. Reuter has not announced what he intends to do with his holdings.

Mr. Finnell, who was interested in the property, left yesterday for Little Rock, Ark., to visit his old mother, whom he has not seen for 17 years.

Colonel Sellers Sold. S. R. Reed and W. J. Robinson yesterday purchased the Colonel Sellers, on the east side of Christina lake, from Geo. Williams. The Colonel Sellers is a direct extension of the Elmora, and was located by Mr. Williams, who was a partner of Frank Hutchinson, who staked the Elmora. The same lead trap verses both properties. There was some little competition for the Colonel Sellers, and the deal for the purchase was closed by Messrs. Reed and Robinson just a moment before another and considerably higher offer was made by Mr. Williams.

Whoop-Up Bought by the B. A. C. The Whoop-Up, adjoining the Velvet on Sophie mountain, has passed into the control of Hon. C. H. Mackintosh. The price paid was \$10,000. The property was originally owned by Thomas Coffey, now on the Klondike, and the sale was made through Olaus Jeldness. The Whoop-Up adjoins the Velvet on the side, and the latter's ledge dips into the Whoop-Up's ground.

The Injunction Continued. The supreme court at Victoria has temporarily continued the injunction secured by the Iron Mask restraining the Centre Star from working the shaft on the disputed ledge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 26. EDITOR MINER:—Did you publish any article on the recorder's report on Rossland mines for 1897? If you did or shall publish the report, how can I get a copy? Very truly yours, JOHN F. BYERS.

Mr. Byers doubtless refers to the report of the provincial mineralogist, which will appear in about a month. A synopsis of that portion relating to the Trail Creek camp will be published in THE MINER when the report is issued. Mr. Byers can be assured of seeing the report by subscribing for either the DAILY or WEEKLY MINER.—Ed.]

The Edgar.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 27. EDITOR MINER:—A friend in New York city writes me for information concerning the Edgar & Esmeralda Gold Mining & Smelting company of Rossland, which has as president Felix Brown; Geo. H. Green and Edgar A. Green being vice-president and secretary. How is the company financially situated? How much is treasury stock worth? Are they doing any development work? Any information about the above company will be thankfully appreciated through the columns of your valuable paper.

RICHARD MCLEAIN.

[The inquiry doubtless refers to the Edgar Gold Mining & Smelting company, whose officers are the same as those mentioned in the letter. The company is incorporated for \$1,500,000, in \$1 shares, of which 400,000 have been placed in the treasury. None of this treasury stock has been sold, but a few thousand shares of the promoters' stock were disposed of at seven cents. The company owns the Esmeralda and the Edgar fractions, adjoining the Deer Park. A shaft has been sunk 25 feet on the former, and another for 14 feet on the latter. Some ore has been met and the footwall was encountered in the Esmeralda shaft. Work was suspended some time ago. The Modena, an adjoining property, has been developed by a shaft down 45 feet and a crosscut of 20 feet, which show a well defined ledge. No assays are obtainable. It is proposed to consolidate the Modena with the Edgar group. There being no shares on the local market, no price has been set upon.—Ed.]

The Iron Mask.

ST. JOHNS, Jan. 17. EDITOR MINER:—Sir: You would oblige if in an early number of THE MINER you would give some information about the Iron Mask;—the company's address, capitalization, number of shares, the company's financial standing and the prospects of shipments.

Thanking you in advance, I am, very truly yours, JOHN NOBLE.

[The Iron Mask Gold Mining company limited, is incorporated in Washington, and its head office is at Spokane, Wash. It also has a Rossland office. The agent here is Samuel F. Hall, who is also the superintendent of the mine. The capitalization of the company is \$600,000, in \$1 shares, which are assessable, but no assessment has ever been laid, and there is but little probability in the ordinary course of events that any will be levied. The mine lies just north of the Centre Star, and it is being developed under about 30 men. It has been explored by a tunnel reaching almost the entire length of the claim and also by shafts, one of which is down 175 feet. Shipments of about 60 tons per week are being made and the ore sold pays for the development of the mine. The ore runs very high, and is among the richest in the camp. Just now the company is involved in a suit with the Centre Star, involving title to a ledge, but otherwise the property is in excellent shape.—Ed.]

The Ajax Group.

SANDON, Jan. 29. EDITOR MINER:—Sir: The WEEKLY MINER of the 27th inst. contains a communication asking for information concerning the Ajax group, owned by the Ontario Gold Fields company of Toronto. In reply you state nothing is being done on the Ajax group. This is not true. Since the above company bought the Ajax group, July 10th, 1897, an average force of nine men have been continuously employed in development work. We have shipped three cars of high grade ore and have another car ready for shipment. We intend to increase the working force soon.

Yours truly, J. K. CLARK, Mgr. [THE MINER is very glad to make this correction, and it regrets that through a misapprehension it should have done the Ontario Gold Fields an injustice.—Ed.]

The San Francisco.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 27. EDITOR MINER:—Sir: As you furnish inquiries information from week to week regarding the mines and the prospects of the camp, will you kindly oblige stockholders here by giving your opinion of the value and the prospects of the San Francisco mine, next to the White Bear. What work has been done? Is it being operated at present?

Yours truly, F. C. K. [The San Francisco company became involved in litigation last year and operations on the property were suspended in April, 1897, but since then the legal entanglements have been clearing away, and the officers of the company say that they expect everything to be satisfactorily settled in the near future. The work done on the property includes a crosscut tunnel, in about 150 feet, but the ledge has not yet been tapped. Some surface work has also been done to open up the vein. The surface indications are said to be very encouraging, and Smith Curtis, the company's local agent, says that work may be resumed this spring. E. E. Lightcap of Winnipeg is the secretary of the company.—Ed.]

The Eureka Consolidated.

BRANTFORD, Ont., Jan. 5. EDITOR MINER:—Sir: As a shareholder of the Eureka Consolidated I would be glad if you would tell me through the columns of your valuable paper the exact position of this company. Stock was sold in Ontario more than 12 months ago and up to the present no money appears to have been made by the company.

Yours truly, GEORGE S. WALLIS. [The company claims the Eureka and the Evening, on Red and O. K. mountains, but the title is in litigation and the company is doing nothing.—Ed.]

WANT MAIL SERVICE.

NELSON DESIRES COMMUNICATION WITH THE TOWN OF FORT STEELE.

NELSON, Jan. 31.—[Special.]—At the regular meeting of the Nelson city council held this afternoon Mayor Houston was instructed to correspond with the postoffice department and Hewitt Boslock, M. P., regarding the establishment of a weekly mail service between Nelson and Fort Steele. The mayor pointed out that such a service would greatly increase the business done by the people of Nelson, not only with Fort Steele but with the towns which are springing up along the route. The merchants of Fort Steele now do their banking business with Calgary and Vancouver banks, and would be glad if a mail service were established to transfer their accounts to Nelson banks. An offer to buy weekly mail service was made by the Nelson board of directors, but this was of little benefit to the people of East Kootenay. At present there are over 1,000 men scattered along the route of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and in the spring. Although all the supplies for construction now go in by way of Nelson, these men have great difficulty in getting their mail over the Golden route. The Nelson board of directors will take the matter up and second the efforts of the city council.

The city council is endeavoring to purchase back some of the city debentures which were sold to the British Columbia corporation last year. An offer to buy back \$2,000 worth at par has been refused by that company, and the mayor has been instructed to find out at what rate they can be bought. The city has at present \$2,000 towards the sinking fund lying in the Bank of Montreal, drawing 3 per cent interest, and the council will save 2 per cent per year if it can buy back the debentures at par.

The big blast furnace at the smelter, which is used exclusively for the ore from the Silver King mine, has been closed down for a week, in order that sufficient ore may be got out to keep it running continuously when it starts up again.

A shipment of ore made last week from the Howard Fraction in the Slovan division, of which the British Canadian Gold Fields company has control, to the Nelson smelter, gave returns of 173.5 ounces in silver, 1.14 ounces in gold, at an average value of \$118.93 per ton at the present price of silver. The shipment consisted of 32 tons, which gave returns of \$2,704.65.

A new body of ore has been disclosed in the Silver King mine and the drills have penetrated a distance of 60 feet without reaching the end of it.

IN THE LOOKUP.

John Layeux, a Frenchman, Arrested on a Serious Charge.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 31.—[Special.]—Provincial Constable Dinsmore yesterday arrested John Layeux, or better known as "Johnny Come Lately," a Frenchman, on a charge of being one E. Duford, a fellow countryman, in the and. It seems that Layeux and Duford got into a rough-and-tumble fight some few weeks ago, when Layeux beat himself in biting Duford's hand. Since that time Duford has been under the treatment of Dr. Jacques of Green work. It is understood that Layeux will be given a preliminary hearing on Monday.

The Price of Silver.

New York, Jan. 31.—Bar silver, 56 1/2c per ounce; Mexican dollars, 45 1/2c; silver certificates, 56 1/2c. New York, Feb. 1.—Bar silver, 56 3/4c; Mexican dollars, 45 1/2c; silver certificates, 56 3/4c. New York, Feb. 2.—Bar silver, 56 3/4c; Mexican dollars, 45 1/2c; silver certificates, 56 3/4c.

The Victory-Triumph.

D. B. Bogle, the manager of the Victory-Triumph, is busily engaged arranging for the resumption of work on the property. He expects to commence operations next week, with a crew of six men, working in two shifts. Work will be resumed in the tunnel.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers. JANUARY 22. Cutter Fraction, Gold King, J. F. Rodgers to Mrs. S. L. Turner. JANUARY 24. Pearl 1/4, H. E. Lavy to W. L. Lavy. Melbourne, Shelbourne, Alex. Wilson and Frank Empey to D. D. Birk. JANUARY 25. Luella M. Albert Wiser to Wilson McKinnon and A. Schroeder, \$65. Wiser, Alber Wiser to W. H. Bell, \$5,000. JANUARY 28. Helena No. 3 1/4, Wm. Finn to John Robinson. Orphan Roy 1/4, Oliver T. Haines and Ed. McLesion to J. Graveland, H. O. McElymont and F. M. McLeod, \$150. JANUARY 29. Sunk to Rise 1/4, D. C. McLaughlin to W. E. Judd. Lorraine 1/4, L. G. Comstock to Wm. Vidson. Diamond Dust and Sunday, Frank Watson to C. Baldwin. JANUARY 31. Copper World 1/4, Australia 1/4, Boston 1/4, Wm. Whoo-up, Thos. F. Coffey to Alex. Dick. FEBRUARY 2. Copper Chief 1/4, Copper Wonder 1/4, Princess 1/4, Leticia 1/4, Duke 1/4, Allen G. White to Nicholas Reuter, \$10,000. Certificates of Work. January 25—No. 1 Le Blanc, No. 2 Le Blanc, No. 3 Le Blanc, Northern Light, Drill, Ethel, Top, Bannock, Fool Hen. January 27—Vienna, Three Hundred, Badger, Red Fox. Jan. 29—Grand Ferry No. 2, Neptune. Feb. 1—Evening Star Fraction. Proof of an Attorney. Margaret Murray to James Lawler. Certificates of Improvements. Daylight. Jan. 31—Primrose fr. Feb. 1—14th May. The Northern Belle Gold Mining Co. of British Columbia, Limited. The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held in Toronto, on Monday, the 21st day of February next, at 1 o'clock p. m. THOS. LONG, President. 2-3-31

Certificates of Improvements.

Spitzer mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, where located: On the west boundary of Rossland township. Take notice that I, J. A. Webb of Rossland, July 12, 1897, free miner's certificate No. 3359, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 24th day of January, 1898. J. A. WEBB. 2-3-31

Certificates of Improvements.

Mormon Girl mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, where located: At the head of Champion creek and about three-quarters of a mile north of the Pen d' Oreille river and to miles east of its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for G. D. Monk, free miner's certificate No. 2250 and C. F. Wiegner, free miner's certificate No. 2314, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 24th day of January, 1898. F. A. WILKIN. 2-3-31

Certificates of Improvements.

Black Hawk No. 2 mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, where located: On the east side of Champion creek about four miles from its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for A. B. Ralston, free miner's certificate No. 7928, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 22nd day of February, 1898. F. A. WILKIN. 2-3-31

Certificates of Improvements.

Penobscus mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, where located: Near the source of Stony Creek, northeast of Rossland. Take notice that I, William Bauer, acting as agent for Charles Nelson, certificate No. 16,334, certificate No. 20,754, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 27th day of January, 1898. W. BAUER. 2-3-31

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Mines. Stocks.

We are dealing in the following stocks, among others: Colonsa, Monte Cristo, Virginia, Iron Mask, Deer Park, Great Western, War Eagle. If you want to buy or sell, correspond with us. We have some sound investments in Rossland real estate, some of which are in mining. We superintend development work. Mining reports a specialty.

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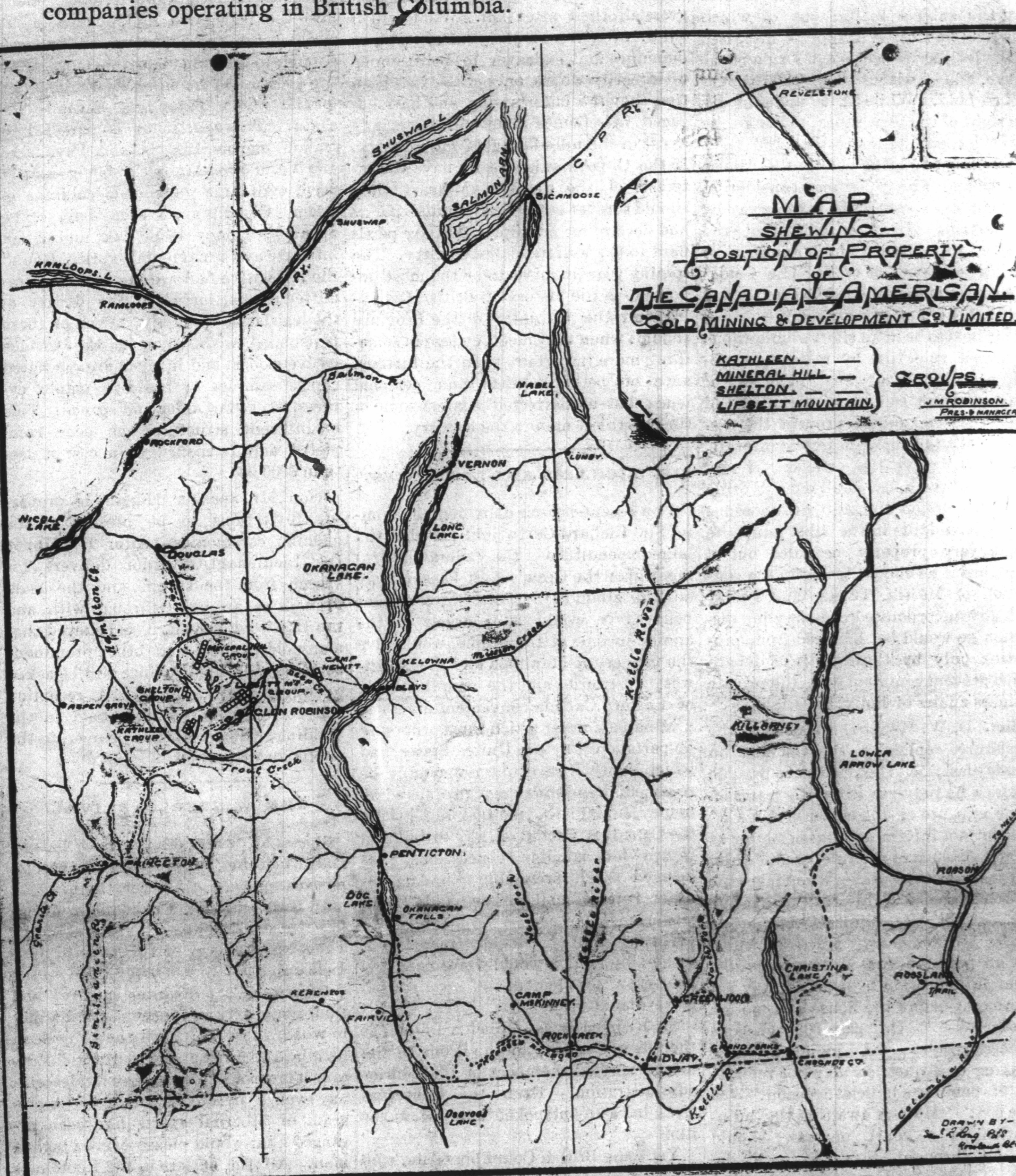
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KEEP YOUR EYE ON GLEN ROBINSON

THE NEW FREE GOLD MINING CAMP, 12 MILES WEST OF OKANAGAN LAKE, IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. THE TOWNSITE OF 960 ACRES IS OWNED BY

The Canadian-American Gold Mining and Development Company.

The town is to be governed on a semi-cooperative basis. Civic government by commission and civic insurance. The "Guttenberg" system of handling the liquor traffic, etc., is to be tried. This company also owns THIRTY-SEVEN mineral claims, or nearly 1,800 acres of mineral land. Twenty-five of these are free gold properties, eight refractory ore gold and 4 silver-lead. It also owns 620,000 shares of the capital stock of five other mining companies operating in British Columbia.



Following are the names of the claims owned by this company:

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The company is mining continuously, night and day shifts, on the Josie group and the Alma Mater group. There is a tunnel in 120 feet on the Alma Mater which is situated close to the company's townsite. This tunnel is running through highly mineralized rock, and it is the intention to crosscut the lead when the tunnel is in 200 feet. Mr. Watkins, a man of 25 years' experience in mining says: "I am satisfied that a large body of paying ore exists here." He had started to crosscut the ledge where it is expected that a large body of ore will be found.

THE TOWNSITE—At present a gang of men are at work putting up houses, stock warehouses, etc.; a large pack train has been put on to get in supplies and will run until a wagon road from the lake is made, a petition for which is being sent to the government to have the road built at once.

This company gives every promise of being the wealthiest and most influential mining concern on the American continent. Its foundations have been securely laid on the strictest of business principles, and it has reached that stage where failure is well nigh impossible. It has good properties—plenty of them—\$20,000 in cash in the treasury and upwards of 300,000 shares of unsold Treasury stock, with which to carry on its mining operations.

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