

Creek claims, situated on Sable Creek, a tributary of Fish Creek, and were found by three colored men named Alex. Clark, Jackson Radcliff, and D. Washington. Eight claims are now staked on this lead. Also in 1893 were filed the notices of the well known claims "Silver Bow," and "Seattle," situated on Lexington Creek and located by A. E. Kincard and T. Mitchell; "Trapper and Hunter" claims situated on Pool Creek, located by Bros. and Paterson; the "Black Bear," Fish Creek, by L. Arthur; and the famous Glengarry group on Boyd Creek by J. McDonald, (Lardeau Jack.) Seven claims are now staked on Glengarry lead.

In 1894, owing to the low and unsettled price of silver and the extremely high water and severe storms in the month of June, very little prospecting was done in the division. Bridges having been washed away and trails filled with fallen timber, the claim holders were unable to get to their claims to do assessment work and permission was granted them by the Gold Commissioner to restake, so that mining matters in this division, as had been said, were practically at a standstill in 1894.

The year 1895 has seen a more active state of operations begun, and the numbers of claims recorded that year were 33, some of which have good surface showings and will, no doubt, be heard from next year. Development, however, is backward in the division, consequent upon the absence of proper roads and trails, which are sadly needed, as the assessments of 1895 showed some of the claims to be number one properties.

The Gladstone, Hunter and Black Bear groups on Poole Creek all show good bodies of ore (galena), and when further developed, will no doubt become better. The Lexington group, though rather low grade, has one of the largest surface showings in the country and is particularly easy of access. With a wagon road up Fish Creek, this group would be a very large producer. Again, the Glengarry group is pronounced by all who have seen it, to be one of the best prospects in West Kootenay. The assessment work on this group shows the lode to average two feet of solid ore of very high grade, but unfortunately, as in the other cases there is no road or trail to the mine, else it would 'ere this have been a "shipper" or producer.

Two claims of the Sable Creek group, now owned by the Kootenay Gold, Silver and Copper Mining Company show some splendid ore, the richness of which may be told by noting the results of three recent assays.

ASSAY No.	GOLD.		SILVER.		COPPER.
	oz.	dwt.	grs.	oz.	oz.
No. 1.	—	12	3.	59 14-16	Did not try.
" 2.	1	7.	19.	94 1-16	15-4.
" 3.	1	6.	10.	65 5-9	18.

Other claims on this ledge have good showings and will be worked extensively in the spring of 1896.

The Silver Bow group are showing up some very high class ore, recent assays going over 1,000 ounces to the ton, while ore taken from the Black Bear, on Fish Creek, goes 760 ounces to the ton.

The most recent "finds" (discoveries) in the Lardeau division are the Enterprise group, situated about five miles from Lardeau, and some fine iron ore carrying gold, on Fish Creek. The Mammoth and some other claims situated on Upper Arrow Lake are other good prospects lately located.

In conclusion, it may be said that prospects for the year 1896 are most encouraging, and if the Government will only appropriate some money to be used in building roads, and some of the claims secured by men with capital, the Lardeau mining division will come to the front as one of the richest divisions of West Kootenay.

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