

Current Mining News.

Contributions from any part of British Columbia and the mining districts of a reliable nature will be published in these columns, and we request that mining men write us about the progress of the mines of their district. We desire to publish all mining news.

ROSSLAND DISTRICT MINE SALES.

The Waverley group of the Rossland district is reported sold for \$15,000 to an English syndicate; and the Wasser, on Sophie mountain, has been bought by W. H. Bell for \$5,000.

THE ATHABASCA.

This mine of the Nelson district continues its carefully gotten modest shipments from Toad mountain to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, the mine's aggregate shipments to date being 260 tons, averaging \$65 each in value.

A FAIRVIEW PURCHASE.

It is stated that Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, of Toronto, have bought a seven-eighths interest in the well-known Stemwinder mine and ordered machinery for its working. The purchase money is stated to be \$100,000.

THE HOWARD FRACTION.

A recent shipment of ore from the Howard Fraction, in the Slocan division, of which the British Canadian Gold Fields Company have control, gave returns of 173.5 ounces in silver, 1.14 ounces in gold, an average value of \$116.93 per ton at the present value of silver. The shipment consisted of 23 tons, which gave returns of \$2,704.65.

THE ARLINGTON MINE.

It is stated that the Arlington, near Slocan City, expects shortly to become a steady shipper to Nelson. The returns on the first carload of 20 tons show the gratifying net sum of \$2,097.10. There are three other cars at the smelter upon which returns have not yet been received. Since the Arlington Company was organized last June, the management has done 550 feet of work in sinking and drifting. This is an average of about 80 feet of development work per month, which is a good showing, considering the force employed. The company now employs 12 men. The property consists of two claims, the Arlington and Burlington, both Crown granted. In order to determine the value of the property at depth, the management has decided to sink to the 300-foot level, and for this purpose additional machinery will be needed, and this will be purchased and installed at an early date.

THE TWO FRIENDS.

A shipment of 22 tons of Two Friends ore has been made to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson. The Two Friends ore is stated as of exceedingly high grade, it averaging all the way from 203 ounces in silver to the ton and upwards, with about 45 per cent. lead. This will make the tenth carload of ore that has been shipped from this property, seven carloads being shipped by the former management and three carloads by the new management. Nine men are now at work on the property, constantly taking out ore and doing considerable dead work on the side. The dead work consists of running a tunnel in on a stringer some distance up the hill from the old workings, where it is believed a large body of ore will be struck.

The bond on the Two Friends was thrown up the early part of last summer, and the property was considered worthless. The title to the mine reverted to the original owners, and they believing it all right, concluded to continue working. As a result three carloads of ore have been shipped by them, and they have plenty of ore in sight. It is said that a handsome spot cash figure has been offered for the property, but the owners are confident that they have a good thing, and are not at all anxious about making the deal.

THE ALBION.

The Albion mine, in Ainsworth camp, is proving its value. In the ore body recently opened up it is reported that there is a large quantity of ore in sight, solid galena. The tunnel in the Albion mine is 420 feet long, and a drift has been run 20 feet to the south and 85 feet to the north. In the north drift, it is reported, there is a pay chute 60 feet in length, varying in width from 16 inches to 3 feet, with a 3-foot vein of ore in the face of the drift. The raise of 375 feet to the surface, which the trustees intend to push as fast as possible, is up about 25 feet, and in such a fine body of ore that two men blew out 25 tons in one day. In the 3-foot vein of ore in the north drift there is a nice streak of galena, which is being sacked, and a carload will be shipped to the smelter. It has been decided to take 200 tons of ore from the bin and run it through the concentrator.

THE LE ROI'S FUTURE.

The London Truth states that the Le Roi mine will probably be brought out shortly in London, England, as a subsidiary company under the parentage of the British America Corporation Company, Limited. Truth adds, that Mr. Whittaker Wright, a leading promoter and director of the Corporation, will shortly visit Rossland in order to note the progress of his company's undertakings in British Columbia.