

the installation and equipment this year.

"Results achieved have been up to expectation in the operation of our 60-ton experimental mill, which is running 24 hours a day. We hope to exceed an extraction of 90 per cent. in this plant.

"New York and Boston engineering talent confirm our reports as to the tonnage and the grade of the ore, giving us 10,000,000 tons of assured ore, and 5,000,000 tons of probable ore, with an excellent possibility of increased tonnage. The ore contains 1.75 per cent. copper and 20 cents in recoverable gold and silver to the ton."

It is reported that the Granby people have taken an option on a large block of claims locally known as the Cotton-belt, situated at the head of Seymour Arm of Shuswap Lake, north of Sicamous. The ore deposits are principally galena, and the lessees will prospect the property this summer with a diamond drill. It is also said that the owners of a mining property located on the east side of Shuswap Lake, about five miles north of Sicamous, are contemplating renewal of development work. At this point some seven years ago a group of Chicago capitalists carried out extensive exploration work, and these same interests, who also have large holdings in the vicinity of Golden, which they contemplate developing this summer, still retain the claims. If this activity would prove an actual fact, Sicamous should be a lively point this summer, as all ore taken out will have to be brought there on scows and transferred to cars for shipment to the smelter.

A meeting of the old Bannockburn Mining Company was to have been held at Kaslo recently, but had to be postponed until later. It is stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of ratifying the sale of the Bannockburn mine, in the Upper Duncan, to the St. Paul interests that made a start upon development of the property last fall.

Development work is going forward speedily at the Skyline and Crow Fledgling, properties near Ainsworth which are being operated by the McCune interests, according to the statement of A. W. McCune, Jr.

On the Skyline a crosscut has been driven for a distance of about 700 feet to tap the ore body below the old shaft. When completed it will be 1,100 feet in length. Mr. McCune stated that there was still eight feet of snow on the level at the property, which is at a considerably higher altitude than the Crow Fledgling, where a tunnel has been driven on the vein for over 1,000 feet and a number of crosscuts made, with indications of greater values being found further in. A crew of 20 men is at work on each property.

The following transfers of mineral claims in the Nelson mining division have been registered at the office of the mining recorder, Nelson:—

W. H. Rhomberg to Aron Stolpe, a one-sixth interest in the Second Chance, on Whisky Creek.

Thomas Wilkinson to Daniel Needham, a one-half interest in the Black Diamond and Lost and Found, on Wild Horse Creek.

John G. Devlin to David J. Elmer, a one-third interest in Golden Glow, Jack Devlin, Mascot and Fortuna, on the north slope of Wilson Creek.

George R. Devlin to David J. Elmer, a one-third interest in the Surprise, on the south slope of Wilson Creek.

Henry Skonis to Daniel M. Mowat, all his right and title to the Jumbo No. 1 and Gladstone, on Nevada Mountain, Lost Creek.

J. E. Miller to George A. Hunt, a full interest in the Payroll, on Iron Mountain.

Activity at the Blue Grouse mine, Cowichan Lake, is reported by W. A. Lewthwaite, of Victoria, who has just returned from the property. The yield of the last shipment smelted at Ladysmith went: Silver, 1 oz.; copper, 9.9 per cent.

There is sufficient ore in sight to continue a face working for some months ahead, the chalcopryite ore being undoubtedly high grade, after which operations will be resumed in the tunnel cross-cutting the ledge.

The development has now reached the stage to justify the installation of suitable transportation facilities, to assure the profitable shipment of the ore, the operators having just completed a 335-foot ore shoot to the bottom of the hill. There are about 22 men engaged at the workings now, the majority of whom are hastening the construction of the wagon road from the lake shore to the mine, one and one-eighth miles, in order to facilitate the handling of the ore.

Ultimately, Mr. Lewthwaite looks for transshipment of the ore at the water's edge, and again at Cowichan Lake station to be saved by operating a car ferry on the lake on which the cars could be brought to the end of the wagon road. That, of course, depends on the amount of ore assuring continuous operation, of which he is very confident. The wagon road is expected to be completed in about 15 days.

The owners look to handle two to three cars a week this summer. From the point of view of smelting, the results are stated to be very satisfactory, the ore yielding to treatment readily.

STATEMENT OF COAL AND COKE TONNAGE—RETURNS FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1917.

Name of Company	Mine	Coal Tonnage		Coke Tonnage	
		February	March	February	March
Canadian Collieries, Ltd.	Comox	25,996	30,448	Nil	2,327
Canadian Collieries, Ltd.	Wellington	18,017	17,804	"	Nil
Western Fuel Company	Nanaimo	48,010	53,932	"	"
Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Ltd.	South Wellington	6,808	10,435	"	"
Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Mining Co.	East Wellington	5,355	5,397	"	"
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.	Michel	2,198	4,347	4,255	9,102
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.	Coal Creek	22,945	25,036	8,283	9,907
Corbin Coal & Coke Co.	Corbin	5,007	6,560	Nil	Nil
Middlesboro Collieries	Middlesboro	3,268	4,624	"	"
Inland Coal & Coke Co.	Merritt	2,478	1,490	"	"
Princeton Coal & Land Co.	Princeton	3,388	3,423	"	"
		143,470	163,496	12,538	19,009

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