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AN INCREASE AGAIN

LAST WEEK THE OUTPUT WENT UP TO MORE THAN 5,000 TONS.

WORK IN THE MINES PROCEEDS STEADILY AND SATISFACTORILY.

From week to week since the Le Roi mines resumed operations the ore shipments from the Rossland camp have grown steadily and substantially. The week ending last night was no exception to the rule. The output for the period in question aggregated 5650 tons, an increase of 850 tons over the preceding week. Of the week's tonnage 2900 tons was mined in the Le Roi and forwarded to Northport for reduction, while the Le Roi No. 2 produced 850 tons for shipment to Northport. The balance, 1900 tons, was shipped from the No. 2 dump at the Le Roi to Trail.

Since the mines resumed work a total of 523 men have applied for work, and this number represents approximately the crews at present working. Allowing a reasonable number of men for the development work now under way, it must be apparent that to produce the tonnage mined each week the miners engaged in stopping operations must be first class workmen, and that the amount of work accomplished per man is greater than ever before in the Rossland mines. The figures point to no other conclusion.

Another interesting line of thought is suggested by the table of shipments demonstrating the output from week to week since the mines resumed. It will be seen that not only has the production grown steadily, but that the aggregate tonnage since resumption reaches the greatest to date, and compares favorably with the biggest week's production from the mines represented at any period during the present year. The production is certain to grow, particularly as the Nickel Plate will shortly be adding its quota to the whole. It is by no means optimistic to predict that before the first of the next year the Le Roi mines will be working larger crews of picked men and shipping more ore than at any time in their history. The prospect is decidedly pleasant to look forward to, and will afford gratification to every business man and citizen who has the interests of the city at heart.

THE OUTPUT.

The output for the week ending October 26th and for the year to date is as follows:

Week.	Year.
Le Roi.....	126,258
Le Roi No. 2.....	27,870
Centre Star.....	54,648
War Eagle.....	20,100
Rossland G. W.....	8,486
Iron Mask.....	3,738
Home Stake.....	230
I. X. L.....	200
Spitzee.....	563
Velvet.....	20
Monte Oro.....	74
Brenning Star.....	52
Portland.....	24
Totals.....	242,378

Nothing is more significant of the trend of affairs than the appended list of shipments from the Rossland camp since the Le Roi mines resumed work, since the week with the total tonnage sent out together with the figures are: September 7th..... 1520
September 14th..... 1650
September 21st..... 2480
September 28th..... 3070
October 5th..... 4130
October 12th..... 4830
October 19th..... 5650
October 26th..... 5650

Total..... 25,070

Le Roi.—This usual stopping operations have been under way during the past week, with results that are indicated elsewhere in figures. In addition to the development work has been commenced and good progress in the development under way consists of opening sill floors and erecting, while similar operations are well under way on the 800 foot level. Josie.—The Josie now has a full crew, and no more men can be accommodated under existing circumstances. In addition to the stopping under way as usual, considerable development is being done. A contract has been let to run drives east and west on the 700 foot level. On the 500 foot level the development consists of driving west on Annie ground to under-cut the vein, while on the 300 foot level a drive is being run west to cut the vein. These features are going ahead smoothly.

Nickie Plate.—The work of unwatering the workings is making good progress, the shaft being empty to a point below the 330 foot level. From here the work will go ahead more rapidly, as the next workings are some distance below. The management figures that the mine will be entirely completed by November 4.

No. 1.—The mine is being worked steadily, and, with the Josie, makes up the tonnage credited to the Le Roi No. 2.

Spitzee.—Operations during the week have been confined principally to the continuation of the west drift from the 100 foot level. Good progress has been made and the drift is in a distance of some 50 feet. The showing continues excellent.

I. X. L.—The decision of the management as to the reopening of the property has not been announced as yet. At present no work is being done on the property.

may be got under way at an early date. The contractors will likely start work on or about November 1.

O. K.—The small crew employed at the mine has been engaged during the week in driving west from the lower level with a view to prospecting the lime dike that cut off the vein at that point. The drift is in a little over ten feet.

Abe Lincoln.—The work at the mine is going ahead steadily and the property is rapidly being got into shape for underground work. At present operations are confined to the improvements under way in the shaft.

Big Four.—Work on the contracts in both tunnels is well under way and the tunnels are being pushed ahead in good shape. The showing is improving consistently.

ASK FOR EXTENSION

THE HOLDERS OF THE BOND ON BLUE BELL GROUP IN BOUNDARY.

OPERATIONS PROCEED STEADILY ON THE ONONDAGA MINE.

T. Waldo Murphy, a well known Spokane attorney, was in the city last night and left this morning for Eholt on an important mission in connection with the mining industry of the Boundary. He will endeavor to secure from Messrs. Stack, MacDonald and Shaw an extension of the bond which the Lake Shore-British Columbia Copper Mining & Development company holds on the Blue Bell group. The property was bonded in April last at \$49,000. A cash payment of \$2,000 was made when the papers were drawn, another payment of \$500 was made during the summer, and on October 1st a third payment of \$5,000 was made. Another payment of \$10,000 is due on December 1st, and the company desires a 60-day extension on this. Since taking over the Blue Bell, the company has expended \$3,000 cash in development, the principal feature of which has been the sinking of a shaft which is not satisfactory at the present is not satisfactory, and the company will throw up the bond unless they are permitted to carry on the work further. They propose, if the extension is granted, to proceed with development, and if the showing justifies the move, the property will be taken up. The Blue Bell is a gold-copper proposition having a considerable body of low grade ore. Among the men interested in the company is Pat Welsh, the well known railroad contractor.

AT THE ONONDAGA.

Carlyle N. Jones, manager of the Onondaga mine, was in the city yesterday for the purpose of securing several miners to add to the crew already employed on the property. He states that operations are proceeding quietly at the mine, a force of twelve men being employed at mine and mill. The mill is running steadily on Maud S. ore, and the returns secured are satisfactory. In the mine a drift is being run to the left of the main tunnel, while stopping is under way in the drift to the right. Until one of the Messrs. Will arrives from New York no important change will be made in the programme of work. The Will brothers are engaged in making arrangements to replace their two large mills recently destroyed by fire, and at the same time propose to extend their business. They are now busy with the plans for the construction of an immense steam engine factory, and it is possible that neither of the brothers will have time to visit Rossland before the first of the year. In the meantime matters will go ahead as usual at the mine.

A KNOTTY QUESTION.

The Death of a Chinese Merchant Causes a Complication.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Oct. 29.—A custom house over the admission of two minor sons of a Chinese merchant. It will probably be referred to the treasury department. Eng Go, a Chinese merchant of Walla Walla, Wash., with his two minor sons sailed from the port on the steamship Olympia, which arrived here Sunday. Two days before the vessel arrived Eng Go died and yesterday the two sons made application for admission as minor sons of a merchant. The laws says that minor children of resident Chinese merchants can be admitted under the exempt class, but as the father of the two children died while returning Collector Heustis is at a loss to decide as to the status of the deceased father as to being a resident.

DEUTSCHE GIVES MONEY.

Twenty-five Thousand Francs Handed to Santos-Dumont.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—The morning papers publish the correspondence between M. Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, and M. Deutsche. The latter offers and the former accepts 25,000 francs without prejudice to the Deutsche prize for a dirigible balloon, the award of which remains the subject of future decision by the aerostatic commission, which will meet November 4. M. Santos-Dumont will give the 25,000 francs to the prefect of police of Paris for distribution among the poor of the city in his name and that of M. Deutsche.

Recently one day's receipts of cattle in the Chicago market was 32,472 head. This is the largest single day's receipts on record.

FOR THE LAUNDRIES

CHINESE WASH-HOUSES HELD FREE GOLD LEAD STRUCK ON A NORWAY MOUNTAIN PROPERTY.

OTHER MATTERS DEALT WITH AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The Chinese laundries are to be "regulated" again. The residents of Ward 3 are complaining, and very properly, of the existence of a number of wash-houses in their precinct, and desire to have the institutions removed. The laundrymen are not connected with sewers, and dispose of large quantities of waste water by dumping it on the streets, all of which is most objectionable. In addition the complaint is made that several of these wash-houses are located too close to the new school, and that it is anything but pleasant for school children to be compelled to pass these places going and coming from school. At last night's meeting of the city council a lengthy petition was presented from the ratepayers of Ward 3 urging the council to take action in the matter. The suggestion has been made that the proper place for the wash-houses is in Ward 1, where most of the laundries are now located. A sewer runs the full length of St. Paul street, and it is no offense against the provisions of the provincial health act to empty waste water from laundries into the waterway used as the outlet of this sewer. In order to obviate objections from the residents of Ward 1 because of the Chinese colony there being increased, it is proposed to have the in-comers locate lower down on St. Paul street, where the street is not occupied. A would meet all objections, and solve the problem. Notice of motion was given at last night's meeting of the council for the introduction of a by-law to amend the bylaw regulating laundries. The matter requires to be gone into at some length, last night's action being only a move to bring the matter to the attention of the council. The city solicitor, Mr. Abbott, reported to the council that there was no necessity for a by-law to prevent the unloading of coal at such hours as to seriously inconvenience pedestrians on the principal business streets. Bylaw No. 9 of the Consolidated bylaws gives, in sections 25 and 26, the authority necessary to deal with the matter thoroughly. Action will likely be taken on these sections to compel a dealer to abstain from blocking up the streets are used for business.

Major Van Buskirk, city engineer, presented a report dealing with the matter of the quarry on Lincoln street opened up for the purpose of obtaining granite for the postoffice building. He stated that Contractor and Davidson, having been made by David McKenzie to take stone from the quarry, he recommended that the citizens resident in the neighborhood be consulted and that precautions be taken to render the quarry as safe and passable as possible.

Sharp & Co. will supply the winter uniforms for the members of the fire department. Their tender for the uniforms was accepted by the fire, water and light committee and passed by the city council.

The fire, water and light committee decided that the extension of the water service into the White Bear addition must be postponed until the water department is satisfied with the water meters were disseminated any day, it is likely to be probable that the White Bear will not long be without a full supply of aqua pura.

The members of the council present were: Mayor Lalonde, Aldermen Hamilton, Armstrong, Mackenzie and Macdonell. In connection with the report of last week's meeting for which the Mayor desires to tender an apology, Alderman Armstrong's name was not included in the list of those present, whereas he was in attendance and took an active part in the session. Alderman Armstrong has the creditable record of not having missed a single session of the council during the year.

WHOLESALE SWINDLING.

Members of a Boston Firm Charged With Fraud.

BOSTON, Oct. 29.—In connection with what the United States marshal's office declares to be one of the biggest frauds they had to deal with in this city, warrants have been issued for the arrest of members of the firm of J. C. Fisher & Co., brokers, on a charge of using the United States mails in a scheme to defraud. It is alleged that \$1,000,000 has been taken from the public since January 1, 1901. The method of the firm is said by the authorities to have been very simple. People all over the country, it is alleged, were written to and told what excellent chances there were to invest money, and that large returns could be expected. Pools were formed and those desirous of getting rich quickly were invited to remit. After two or three weeks, it is said, investors would be advised that a pool had been formed on some well known stock, and that as the quotations had gone down the margins had been swept away, and that more money was necessary immediately in order to save the stock. After the original amount some investors became suspicious and called the attention of the authorities to the matter.

AMERICAN TOURISTS SPEND \$800,000,000 IN EUROPE EVERY YEAR.

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FINE ORE SAMPLES

FREE GOLD LEAD STRUCK ON A NORWAY MOUNTAIN PROPERTY.

TROUT LAKE SYNDICATE'S OPERATIONS WORK IN ERIE CAMP.

What promises to be an important gold strike has been made on a Norway mountain property, the E. R., owned by Ed Terzick and William Carpenter. The claim, a fraction, is located near the Tomboy and Mammoth, and close to the 2-mile post on the trail. The owners have located a good lead, from which some splendid samples have been procured. Judge Townsend exhibited yesterday a couple of pounds of rock from the ledge, and the samples were literally full of fine free gold. Hand-some specimens have not been seen in Rossland for many months, and it goes without saying that if the E. R. proves to carry much of the same class of ore, the lucky owners have a genuine bonanza.

FROM THE LARDEAU.

Word has been received from S. G. Graham, manager for the Trout Lake Syndicate, a Rossland company operating the Bell View and Lake View groups in the Lardeau, that work has been commenced on the property. A cabin has been erected and a pack trail built from the property to the old Horne-Payne wagon road, a distance of 3-4 mile. During the summer the supervisor of roads and trails put a force of men at work repairing the wagon road to the point where the trail to the claims branches off. This work being completed, active development on the property has been commenced. An important strike is reported, materially affecting the company's holdings in the Lardeau.

WORKING STEADILY.

William Davis, managing director of the Zambesi-Transvaal company, operating in the Erie camp, was in the city over night on a flying visit. Work is proceeding steadily on the company's properties. The Erie camp is quite lively at the present time, the Arlington, Keystone, Second Relief and Royal Canadian mines being in operation in addition to those in which Mr. Davis is interested.

THE STANDARD SMELTER.

E. J. Wilson, superintendent of the Standard smelter at Boundary Falls, was in the city yesterday morning on a business trip. He informed a representative of the Miner that something would be known as to the pending deal for the smelter shortly after the first of next month. If the present negotiations did not come to anything other interests were prepared to go ahead with the institution, and the plant would undoubtedly be blown in within six months, or to quote Mr. Wilson literally, "early next spring at the latest." When Mr. Wilson first came into the Boundary country he was one of those who were somewhat skeptical as to the future of the country, basing his judgment on this point that the average values of the ore were too low to permit of a working profit. Latterly, however, his views on the subject have undergone a material alteration, and he is now enlisted among those who predict a great future for the Boundary.

"The Boundary is all right," is the way Mr. Wilson puts it. He believes that the Standard smelter should be run in conjunction with a mine, the average values of the ores throughout the Boundary not being sufficient to admit of separate profits for mining and smelting. The inference to be drawn from his remarks on this point is that one of the rapidly developing Greenwood properties is figuring on acquiring the smelter.

CHICAGO GAS.

The Consolidation of the Companies Held to be Valid.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Judge Haney in the circuit court declared valid the gas consolidation act of 1897, by which a number of gas companies were merged into the People's Gas, Light & Coke company. The case will be appealed.

The matter before the court was a petition by "the people" and States Attorney Deenan for quo warranto proceedings to compel the People's Gas, Light & Coke company to show by what authority it operated, the consolidation act was invalid. Judge Haney vacated a previous order by Judge Hally allowing the bringing of quo warranto proceedings and dismissed the case. In so doing he said the question was not so much one of the rights of the people as individual rights. Were the consolidation act unconstitutional, the court declared, the people would not be benefited, as the 10 original companies would re-sume business under their old franchises, when the price of gas ranged from \$1.25 to \$3.50 a thousand feet, instead of \$1.10 as at present.

OLD DIPLOMATIST DEAD.

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 29.—Hon. Henry Hall, for 30 consecutive years consul to Cuba and minister to Central America, died at his home in Millbury today aged 81 years.

France raises 100,000,000 oysters every year.

A GERMAN OPINION.

Would Like to Be Able to Say "Hands Off" to the States.

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—During an address at a recent meeting of the Fleet society in Hanover, Captain von Wellheim of the German navy is reported to have said: "German interests in the five republics of Central America, in view of American competition, can only be maintained when we have a fleet strong enough to say to the Americans 'hands off'." This declaration was received with stormy applause. The papers, however, ignore it.

TRUE BLUE TO SHIP

THE KASLO CREEK PROPERTY WILL SOON SEND OUT GOOD ORE.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT—MOLLY GIBSON COMPANY.

The True Blue mine on Kaslo creek will ship during the approaching winter. J. C. Drewry, who is general manager of the company, returned on Thursday night from the mine, and gives some interesting information relating to the condition of affairs at the mine. A number of ten men is at work, and a number of these are engaged in opening up a new rawhide trail, over which the ore will be hauled out for shipment. As soon as the snow flies shipping is to be commenced. The company has twenty tons of high grade ore sacked at the mine, and figures on shipping the grade, during the entire winter. The best ore carries aggregate values of \$46, which will net the company \$40; the medium class ore will net almost \$20.

THE SILVER HILL.

Henry Roy, manager of the London & Richelieu company's mine, the Silver Hill, has returned from a trip to the property, where every energy is being directed toward completing the wagon road from the mine to the wagon road. The work is progressing rapidly, and the tram will be finished within a few days. A small crew is engaged on the underground works at the mine, and this is to be increased when the tramway is finished. The company expects to work at least fifty men as soon as shipping is started in earnest. The rope for the tramway, almost a year ago, has been shipped from the east, and will be delivered at the mine by the time the construction crew is ready for it.

GREEN MOUNTAIN WILL SINK.

The management of the Green Mountain-St. Louis Consolidated has mapped out an extensive programme of development for the consolidated properties, and the first step will be the sinking of the present double compartment shaft 200 feet further down. The work will be done by contract, and tenders are now being asked for the job. The shaft is now down to the 100-foot level, with a 15-foot sump below. From the 100-foot level a drift is being run to tap the ore body, and it is proposed to recommence sinking as soon as the drift is completed, probably about November 1st.

COON CREEK STRIKE.

Archibald Cameron, of the Yellowstone mine, who was in the city yesterday, states that the excitement over the Coon creek discoveries are not entirely justified by the facts. Some of the ore from the showing he has seen and he is prepared to testify that it carries free gold. The country where the strikes have been made is absolutely undeveloped, and it is quite impossible to state what may be expected from it until something is done in the way of prospecting at depth.

MOLLY GIBSON MATTERS.

Colonel Ray of Fort Arthur has returned to Rossland en route east, after visiting Nelson, attending a meeting of the company held there and inspecting the mine, which he had not visited since last spring. The colonel was immensely pleased with the outlook for the property, and believes the company has come to terms so that extensive shipments can be made during the approaching winter. He states that the matter of the bond issue approved by the shareholders at the meeting in Nelson was with a view to securing to the principal stockholders certain considerable sums of time without other security, and to furnish a reserve in the treasury ample to carry out the company's plans as to improvements at the mine when a decision should be arrived at as to the plan for these additions. The choice of the directors lay between a smelter and a concentrator. Personally he favors the smelter plan, on the argument that if there is a profit in smelting the other company might as well reap it as any other company. The directors are divided on the point, however, and it has not been settled, nor will a final decision be arrived at until next spring, when the company will proceed at once to carry out the plan of the courses is finally adopted. The bond issue will guarantee the funds necessary to put the scheme into practice, and valuable time will be saved at a juncture when time will be of prime importance.

FRANCE RAISES 100,000,000 OYSTERS EVERY YEAR.

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READY TO SHIP ORE

CASCADE PRODUCT WILL GO OUT OVER THE NEW WAGON ROAD.

TWO TOWNSHIPS PROJECTED ON THE ROUTE OF THE HIGHWAY.

The St. Thomas mountain wagon road will be completed in ten days. This statement is made on the authority of Sam Hall, superintendent of the work, who was in the city yesterday for the purpose of securing half a dozen hammermen to work on a couple of rock cuts that remain to be done. The grading on the road will be completed on Saturday; by Monday night the bridges and corduroy will be finished, and within ten days at the outside the rock work will also be disposed of. Twenty-six men are employed, and these will be supplemented by those who leave with Mr. Hall this morning.

Two townships have already been applied for as the result of the construction of the wagon road. H. W. C. Jackson has taken up 40 acres of ground, and Messrs. C. A. Coffin and Gus Creelman have applied to purchase a square mile of land. From the sale of these lands the government will realize about \$3500 within six months. The fact is important inasmuch as the lands and works department will receive almost at once more than half the actual cost of the road in moneys that would never have reached the provincial exchequer save as a direct result of the road building. In addition a number of timber limits have been staked, and the stumpage from the timber taken off these will easily pay for the road within a short time. These results are attained in hard cash, quite exclusive of the benefit to the country in general as the outcome of the transportation facilities afforded the St. Thomas and Norway mountain mines—a condition of affairs that rarely exists in connection with the construction of wagon roads.

Mr. Hall gives some interesting information with regard to the Cascade and Bonanza mines, of which he is general manager. At the Cascade the upper part of the tunnel with the shaft is up 20 feet, and some 14 feet requires to be driven before the connection is completed. The work is progressing somewhat slowly at present, owing to the fact that foul air renders it possible to work but one shift daily. When the raise is completed the ventilation will be excellent. It is believed that snow will fall by the time the wagon road is completed, and that shipping can be commenced immediately. The Cascade has 200 tons of ore on the dumps ready for shipping, and the management's plan is to ship ten tons daily all winter. The crew in the mine is also to be increased by the addition of five or six men. The Granby smelter will take the ore, which averages \$25 to \$30 per ton. The Bonanza will also commence shipments at once. The date of commencing operations underground is still undecided, and the point will not be determined until the settlement of a deal involving the purchase of a large block of the stock by eastern parties. The mine has 100 tons of ore on the dump, averaging in value from \$18 to \$20, and this will be sent to the Granby plant as rapidly as it can be taken to the railroad.

On the Bonanza No. 2, recently bonded by E. W. Thomas of Philadelphia, the contract for the sinking of a 35 foot prospect shaft has been completed. There is 20 inches of good looking ore in the bottom of the shaft, and the showing is regarded as good.

THE NOBLE FIVE.

Mr. Dunsmuir's First Step Towards Protecting His Interest.

Premier Dunsmuir began action to protect his interest as mortgagee of the property of the Noble Five Mining & Milling company, by having his solicitor file a lis pendens at the land registry office in Nelson on Wednesday. It has been announced that Mr. Dunsmuir intended to foreclose on the mortgage but not till then was the first step taken. He may not yet carry out what it is feared he would do so, but should he so decide the property cannot be further encumbered until he is settled with the claims covered by the lis pendens are the Maude C. World's Fair, Bonanza King, Knoxville, Noble Five, Loretta and Wild Goose.

A despatch from Victoria says: "Holders of stock in the Noble Five mine here are very disconsolate over the closing down of the work and the foreclosure of the mortgage by Hon. James Dunsmuir. A writ has been entered by him for \$170,000, being a \$150,000 mortgage and the balance interest and advances. The stock, recently rose to 8 and 10 cents on favorable reports as to the ore struck in the Last Chance tunnel, but today it is down to a nominal price of 3 cents and no takers.

"Some trouble was experienced with the owners of the Last Chance in connection with the use of the Last Chance tunnel, which prevented the Noble Five company from continuing development work until the completion of its own long tunnel.

"Mr. Dunsmuir decided to close down the works. The existence of a more or less extensive fire in the underground working of the Dunsmuir mine at Extension, Vancouver island, which has stopped all work, together with the fact that the Dunsmuir colliery at Union has been shut down for some months, and the reason for the foreclosure proceedings being instituted in the Noble Five case."