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OUR LONDON LETTER

A Busy Time Expected There in B. C. Affairs.

ROSSLANDERS ABROAD

A List of the Companies That Have Recently Been Formed to Operate in This Section and the Klondike Region—Prices of Local Shares.

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LONDON, Jan. 28.—There has been very little in the way of developments in regard to British Columbia since my last letter, but for all this we are looking for a very busy spring, and as the particulars I send you below show, the promoter is making active preparations for the coming campaign. Kennedy and Parker are both busy, and they have this week taken an office in Broad street avenue as a London domicile for the companies in which they are interested. P. R. Ritchie has left for British Columbia, en route for Klondike, in the interests of the companies in which he is an active spirit.

I have this week seen the prospectus of a company called the Golden Territories of British Columbia, which, with a capital of £100,000, proposes to acquire the Orphan Boy and several other claims on Copper creek, Lillooet district, for £100,000. Mr. Ritchie acted as the medium between the buyers and sellers in this case, but the company will not be brought out until the market is in a healthier condition than it is now.

I send you a report of the proceedings of the Dawson City (Klondike) & Dominion Trading company—one of the Turner-Pooley group—by which you will have seen the efforts that were made to explain the connection of these two gentlemen with this and other companies.

Canning Combine Comes to Naught.

I am sorry to say that the proposals to form a great canning combine have come to naught. I am afraid there is little prospect of their being reopened.

This week the prospectus of the Irish Proprietary Oilfields of Gaspe (Canada), limited, has been introduced by an Irish firm. The capital is £100,000; but if all I hear be true, the promoters are experiencing difficulty in obtaining the capital they are asking for.

A. L. Pearse is, of course, still here, but it is noteworthy that since his return the shares of the B. C. Development company have been steadily declining.

I called in at the office of the Canadian Pacific Exploration, limited, the other day and was shown the splendid specimen of ore taken from the Porto Rico mine No. 2 tunnel which was exhibited for some time in the window of the Rossland office of THE MINER. This is one of the finest pieces of British Columbia ore which I have yet seen in London.

The outlook is fairly cheerful and promising but the developments in the far east and the anti-semitic crisis in Paris, generated by the Dreyfus scandal, have kept new business in subjection and have made investors a little nervous. The following is a list of some of the latest British Columbia and Klondike companies formed, and which will, in addition to a crew of others whose prospectuses are already in type, be issued to the public at a convenient season. They are taken from the Somerset House register:

B. C. and Klondike Companies.

Klondike Champs d'Or syndicate, limited; registered by L. Lambert, 3 Broad street buildings, E. C., with a capital of £2,000 in £1 shares; table A mainly applies.

British Columbia Steamship Trading & Agency company, limited; registered by Dawson & Co., 9 and 10 Pancras Lane, E. C.; table A mainly applies. Not to be seriously regarded.

The Klondike Bonanza, limited; capital £150,000 in £1 shares, to carry on the business of explorers, etc.; already launched.

The Dominion Fairview & Klondike syndicate, limited; capital £130,000 in £1 shares, to carry on the business of financiers, etc; been severely criticized.

The Klondike Cooperative Transport association, limited; capital £6,000 in £1 shares, to carry on the business of shipowners, merchants, etc.; I hear this has fallen through.

The London & Klondike Gold Mining agency, limited; capital £5,000 in £1 shares.

The Canadian Estates, limited; capital £150,000 in £1 shares; objects to secure openings for the employment of capital in Canada and elsewhere.

The British Columbia & Northwest Territories Exploration syndicate, limited; capital £30,000 in £1 shares; object of formation to acquire properties situated near Greenwood City in the district of Kettle River Mining division, British Columbia.

The Rossland and Boundary Creek syndicate, limited, capital £30,000 in £1 shares.

The Stickeen River, Teslin Lake and Yukon Transport and Trading company, limited, capital £1,000 in £1 shares.

Great interest is still taken in the railway question here, and the announcement that the Canadian government has made arrangements for a Canadian route to Yukon was widely commented upon in the various financial journals. The feature of January has been the wonderful advance in the prices of all Canadian railway securities, owing partly to their excellent traffic receipts, but largely to the belief that they would materially benefit from the rush to Klondike which is expected to commence in a month or so.

Quotations on Rossland Properties.

We hear nothing about the Le Roi deal, and the premium on British America corporation shares is a very nominal one. Dundees are quoted at 1s 19d, and the price at which the dealers are prepared to buy or sell War Eagles on this market is 3s 9d to 5s. Among other British Columbia registered companies dealt in in this market I may mention the Gold & Silver Mines Development company, which are quoted at 6d to 1s 1d, and, I am sorry to add, Alf Gold, which are priced in one of our leading broker's investment lists at 2s 9d. Turner's companies have been well supported, and on the news that Waverley is now shipping, the price has been put up to £1 5s.

Grant Govan is now staying at Tunbridge Wells.

Hedley Chapman of the Georgia is still here, but has been very ill.

Rollo C. Maclachlan, who is coming out to Rossland, is an Edinburgh man, and a son of the late General Maclachlan of the Royal Horse Artillery.

Prices on Change.

Following are the quotations for British Columbia and Klondike shares for January 28:

Alaska Goldfields	⅞	—	1 prem
British America Corporation	2-5	—	3 prem
B. C. Devels	1⅛	—	1 ⅜
B. C. Development Ass	17-16	—	1 9-16
British Columbia Financ'l Trust	½dis	—	par
" " Founders	4½	—	5½
British Columbia and New Find Goldfields Corporation	11-16	—	13-16
Canadian Pacific Exploration	¼	—	½ prem
Kootenay Goldfields Syndicate	1	—	1 ⅛
London & B. C. Goldfields	¼	—	⅜ prem
" " " deferred	15	—	17
New Goldfields of B. C.	⅝	—	¾ prem
Recordia Exploration Co.	1-16 dis	—	1-16 pm
Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration	1¾	—	2¼ pm
Fairview	15-16	—	17-16
Galena	3-3	—	3-9
Hall Mines (dividend for 1897 10 per cent.)	1½	—	1⅝
Lillooet & Fraser River	½	—	⅝
New Golden Twins	par	—	⅛ prem
Waverley	par	—	¼ pm
"	1⅛	—	1⅜
Dawson City (Klondike) Dominion Trading Co.	1-16	—	3-16 pm
Klondyke-Columbian Goldfields (last dividend 20 per cent)	1¼	—	1⅜
Klondyke-Columbian Goldfields deferred	4	—	6
Klondyde Bonanza	par	—	⅛ pm
Klondyke Min'g Trad. & Tran.	¼	—	⅛ dis
Klondyke & N. W. Territories	13-6	—	14-6
Klondike Yukon and Stewart Pioneer	1¾	—	2¼
Ontario Government Gold Concessions	1¼	—	1⅜
Ontario Limited 5s shares	1-6	—	2-6
Alf Gold Mining company	2-7⅛	—	2-10⅛
Dundee Gold Mining company	1-6	—	1-9
Gold & Silver Mines Developing company	6d	—	1s
War Eagle Con.	3-16	—	¼

From the Gazette.

The last issue of the British Columbia Gazette contained the announcements of the following appointments:

George Ingram Wilson, and Arthur Edwin Shelton, of Vancouver, to be members of the licensing board for the city.

T. S. Annandale, and Richard McBride, barristers-at-law, to be members of the licensing board for the city of New Westminster.

William Henry Lilly, of Sandon, S. M., to be police magistrate for the said city.

H. H. Pitts, of Sandon, to be a member of the licensing board for that city.

Evelyn Montagu Sandilands, J. P., of Sandon, to be a member of the board of police commissioners.

An order-in-council has been passed giving an extension of time for six months, to date from November 10, 1897, within which to perform the annual assessment work for the year 1897, in respect to the mineral claims known as the Texada, Leonard, Europe, Gladys C., Great Copper Chief and Volunteer, on Texada Island.

The minister of agriculture authorizes the organization of a Farmers' Institute in the district of Alberni, and adjacant islands, and the mainland contiguous. The first meeting, for the purpose of organization, is to be held on February 19.

N. F. Hagel gives notice of application to be called to the British Columbia bar.

A Surprise Party.

The young ladies' Bible class of the Methodist church Sabbath school, of which B. F. Casselman is teacher, accompanied by a few of the teachers and officers of the school, called at his home on Tuesday evening well prepared in every particular for an enjoyable time. During the course of the evening a handsome clock was presented to Mr. Casselman as a small token of the appreciation of his efforts as a teacher. The evening was spent very pleasantly and after the delicacies prepared by the ladies were partaken of the gathering broke up, all feeling well satisfied with the pleasant evening.

PERSONAL.

Edward Cronyn was in Trail yesterday on legal business.

Hermann Luekmann is back from a mining trip on Sophie mountain.

J. F. Hoskins went to Vancouver via the C. P. R. last evening.

Charles Harrington left yesterday for Spokane, en route for Klondike.

J. D. Rogers of the Ingersoll-Sargeant Drill company has gone to Montreal on a business trip.

Frank Hanna, one of the original owners of the Trail townsite, was in the city yesterday.

Elling Johnson returned yesterday from an extended visit to Portland and coast points.

Frank Mendenhall, the agent of the Canadian Rand Drill company, returned yesterday from a trip to Spokane.

E. J. Grant, the secretary of the Young Men's Liberal club, left last evening for the coast.

Attorney Albert Allen of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway is in the city from Spokane on business connected with his railway.

Andrew Jeldness of Portland has joined his brother Olaus, and will participate in the coming ski races at the winter carnival.

J. O. MacLeod, superintendent of the railway mail service, with headquarters at Vancouver, B. C., is in the city on official business.

Miss Belle Rogers of Missoula arrived via the Red Mountain train yesterday to join Emile Dreyfous' orchestra. Miss Rogers has had long experience as a teacher of instrumental and vocal music, and at the dance in Dominion hall tomorrow night she will enliven the program with a number of songs.

MINES AND MINING

A Strike of Rich Ore Has Been Made on the Lone Star.

ON SOPHIE MOUNTAIN

Work to Be Resumed on the Victory-Triumph, After a Shut-Down of Several Months—Licenses for Extra-Provincial Companies—Notes.

Charles Connell and R. Lee were in from Sophie mountain Monday, and report that there has been a rich strike on the Lone Star, which is on the east side of Sophie mountain. At a depth of 38 feet an ore body has been encountered that assays $52.60 in gold and 10 per cent copper to the ton. The Lone Star is owned by Robert C. MacDonald and others. Messrs. Connell and Lee report that the Sultana group and other properties in which they are interested are looking first rate. They, however, regard the strike on the Lone Star as the most important that has yet been made on the east slope of the mountain. They say that there is metal on the north, east, south and west slopes of Sophie mountain, and that in the Velvet Sir Charles Tupper and his associates have a mine of undoubted merit, as is shown both by the recent development and the large returns that have been obtained from ore that was lately sent to the smelter.

Work Resumed on Victory-Triumph.

A force of seven men left Monday for the Victory-Triump to commence operations on that property. The group includes the Victory and the Triumph on Sophie mountain near the Velvet and close to the Boundary line. Operations will be continued in the tunnel, which has already been driven about 190 feet.

Licenses For Extra Provincial Companies.

According to the British Columbia Gazette, licenses have been granted to the following extra provincial companies lately:

The African-British Columbia corporation, limited. The head office is located at No. 39 Bishopgate street in the city of London, and the office in the province is at No. 34 Fort street, Victoria, and Hirschell Cohen is the attorney. The capital stock is £200,300. The object is to carry on a general mining business in Africa and on the continent of North America.

The Canada Permanent Loan & Savings company, with a capital stock of £5,000,000. The object of the corporation is to encourage the accumulation of capital by furnishing safe and remunerative investment to its shareholders, depositors and debenture holders, and to carry on a general financial business in all its branches. The head office of the company is in Vancouver, and Cæsar J. Marani is the attorney and general agent of the company.

The Montreal & Kootenay Mining company, limited, with a capital stock of $20,000. The object of the corporation is to carry on a general mining business. The head office of the company in the province is situated at the Tam O'Shanter mine, West Kootenay district, and Richard Irwin is its attorney.

The new incorporations are as follows:

The Teslin Transportation company, limited, with a capital stock of $50,000, and the head office is in Victoria. The object is to carry on a general transportation business in British Columbia and in the Northwest Territories, and particularly on Lake Teslin and the Yukon river.

The Victoria Wharf & Warehouse company, limited, with a capital stock of $500,000. The head office is in Victoria and the objects of the incorporation are to erect and maintain wharves and warehouses at Victoria.

The Yukon-Hootalinkwa Navigation company, limited, with a capital stock of $50,000. The object is to navigate the Yukon and Hootalinkwa rivers and to carry on a general transportation and steamboat business. The head office of the company is in Victoria.

Among the recent appointment of attorneys were the following:

E. M. Sandilands to be attorney for the Miller Creek Mining company (foreign.)

E. M. Sandilands to be attorney for the Wonderful Group Mining company (foreign.)

P. Porter as attorney for the Washington Mining and Leasing company (foreign.)

The Sunset Is Looking Well.

The Sunset No. 2 is improving. The north and south crosscuts that are being made on the vein of quartz are both looking well and there is good looking ore showing up in both. The last shots in the shaft late Tuesday afternoon showed that the ore body is steadily improving. Tuesday was pay day with the Canadian Goldfields and the sum of $5,000 was paid out for labor and supplies for the month of January. About 30 men are now employed on the property and good progress is being made in all the different workings. The management feel very hopeful that it will not be long before a good body of high grade ore will be encountered.

The Maccabees Dance.

The Maccabees had a very pleasant dance at Dominion hall Monday evening. The attendance was large, and as the committees had done their work most thoroughly, the ball was unusually enjoyable. A large number of people from Trail was in attendance.

The only thing to mar the pleasure of the evening was the fact that the installation of officers could not occur, as owing to the delays in the arrival of the trains the authority to institute them had not arrived. The lodge here is in a very prosperous condition and its membership is constantly increasing.

MINING NOTES.

Certificates of improvements have lately been granted the Ida May, the Grand Prize, the Pearl and the Fairford.

C. J. Kelly has sold his interest in the old Olivett, near the Legal Tender, to W. J. Clark.

A quarter interest in the Consolation, north of town, has been sold by W. McCulloch to A. C. Fraser for $500.

Ralph White has sold a third interest in the British Chief, between Beaver and Bear creeks, to E. S. Topping.

J. J. Rodgers has bought from H. L. Turner a half interes in the Velvetine and the Silver King, on Sophie mountain.

F. Aug. Heinze has bought a third interest in the Harrisburg, near the Rhoderic Dhu, on Deer Park mountain, from J. F. Reddy.

The Nick-of-Time, lying between the Black Bear and the Legal Tender, has been sold by Paul Gaston to F. P. Gutelius of Trail.

J. H. Jones of Sarnia, Ontario, has bought a sixth interest in the Bullion fraction, on Deer Park mountain, from Andrew Hackett.

A half interest in the Diamond Dust and the Noonday, lying just east of town near the Commander, has been bought by Edward Baillie from C. A. Baldwin.

Wilson McKinnon has secured a quarter interest in the Maggie and the Ajax, on the west slope of Sophie mountain, from James Derby.

The British Columbia Smelting & Refining company has secured the Morning Star No. 1, on Lookout mountain, about a mile south of Trail, from J. W. Kimball.

The Abe Lincoln is installing a gallows frame in its shaft house, and is replacing the former rope with a half-inch wire cable, to be operated by horse power.

W. H. Bell has bought from W. McCulloch a quarter interest in the Consolation, on Murphy creek, and the Lucky Jeff and the Star of India, on Lake mountain.

The Little Bess Gold Mining company has negotiated a loan of $1,500 with Reuben Stevens of Stoutville. Ont., with which to pay the indebtedness on its property, the Little Bess, on Lake mountain.

A quarter interest in the Sink-to-Rise, on Sophie mountain, about a mile from the Northport wagon road, has been sold to Nellie Kelly by A. C. Fraser, for $1,000. Mr. Fraser has also sold a quarter interest in the same property to W. H. Bell.

The Ida Queen Gold Mining company is in financial straits, and its claims, the Ida on Lookout mountain, and the Copper Cliff on China creek, have been seized by the sheriff to satisfy judgments of $338.73 against the company.

Reddin & Jackson have received a telegram from Ottawa to the effect that all of the treasury stock of the Twin mine near Ainsworth, had been sold in one block for 25 cents per share. This property is said to be one of the most promising in the Ainsworth district.

Victor Monnier has purchased from Alexander Wilson and J. J. Henager a three-eighths interest in the Wardner fraction, lying near the Paris Belle. A quarter interest in the same has been bought by D. C. Coakley from John K. Eacho.

The Baltic fraction, a small claim lying between the Surprise, the You Know and the Gertrude, has been secured from General Charles S. Warren by Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh. The Baltic fraction was staked recently by John G. Bell.

The Helen M., on Deer Park mountain, near the Lone Jack, has been sold by Geo. Ellis to F. S. Hobbs and J. H. Jones for $2,000. Mr. Jones has also secured a half interest in the Parrot on Revenue mountain, from D. W. Maloney for $300.

A meeting of the Diamond Dust company has been called for Monday, Feb. 28, at the office of Edward Baillie, to discuss plans for the reorganization of the company. The Diamond Dust lies just east of the city and adjoining the Commander.

Two shifts of men set out yesterday to commence operations on the Lone Star on the east slope of Sophie mountain, on which a strike was recently made, returning an assay of $53.

In the window of THE MINER is a fine block of ore weighing close to 50 pounds, from the Christina, owned by the Kettle River Mining & Development company, and located near Christina lake. Recent tests show that it will probably concentrate on a practical scale 10 to 1, and the tailings will be suitable for chlorination.

A crown grant has been received for the Silver Bear claim. This property is on the south fork of Kaslo creek and is on the same lead as the Silver Bell. Sixty tons were recently shipped from the Silver Bell and the ore went $225 to the ton. Reddin & Jackson of this city own a large interest in the Silver Bell.

Otto Jonson has given a $30,000 option on four claims which are located about two miles south of the Staples cabin on the west side of Sheep creek, and not very far from the international boundary. On one of these, the Sadie, there is a 22-foot quartz lead, giving assay values as high as $28 in gold and an average surface assay of $8. The Eastern Star, another of this group, is said to be a promising claim.

The Winnipeg & Eureka Mining company has just received word from the men employed on the new claim on Forty Mile creek that the tunnel is now in a distance of 50 feet. Work on this tunnel was begun on January 20. This is quick work, when it is considered that the formation is hard, the force not large, and the work is being done by hand. The tunnel is being run a distance of 200 feet in order to tap the ledge at a depth of 250 feet below the surface, so as to give plenty of ground for stoping.

Curling Matches in Toronto.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 16.—The final matches for the Ontario silver trophy for curling began this morning after a week's postponement on account of the lack of ice.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

A Body of Rich Ore Found in the Arlington.

TARIFF A LIKELY MINE

Rathmullen Group in Boundary Country Has Been Sold to an English Syndicate — Properties Near Fort Steele Will Soon Ship Ore.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

The Lucky Jim mine has closed down by laying off a force of 30 or 35 men. The suspension of operations is ascribed to the necessity of altering the mill in order to more successfully handle the zinc contents of the ore. It is said that operations will be resumed again with the early spring.

The Howard Fraction mine yields 137½ ounces of silver and 1.14 ounces of gold to the ton, a total of $101.17.

Wm. Copelen, Geo. Sioll and Blair Carter took an outfit to the Skylark and Ranger last week and will work on the last named property. They will work on the Ranger ground and will start in taking out shipping ore. These are among the most promising properties in the Slocan City section lying close to the Chapleau, and the progress of work on the ground will be watched with interest.

Work was started last week on the Rainbow, owned by H. A. Hicks and C. Barber. The Rainbow is about half a mile northeast of the I. X. L. and has exceptionally fine surface showings. A complete outfit has been taken up, and it is understood that as soon as everything is in shape additional men will be put to work.

Although not much advertising has been done, Rosebery townsite, at the head of Slocan lake, has been steadily coming to the front for the last three months.

A settlement has been reached and the suit withdrawn in the matter of G. B. D. Turner vs. West Kootenay (B. C.) Exploring company, in which the Wakefield and other properties were tied up. Now that those properties are free from litigation it is the intention to commence work on them in the near future.

Work is to be commenced on the Ivanhoe in April. A three-drill compressor will be put in and a shaft sunk several hundred feet.

A. B. Docksteader of Cody has purchased the mineral claims Cinderella and Medford, situated near Three Forks, $2,800 being the price paid.

A body of very rich ore has been met in the new workings of the Arlington. The chute is six inches wide and is largely composed of native silver.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The Charleston has made a shipment from its new strike.

The Tariff mine near Ainsworth will most likely supply the smelter at Pilot Bay with ore.

Ferguson and Caldwell report that an option has been given on the Carbonates in Jackson basin for $75,000 to Chicago parties, who will soon erect a $40,000 concentrator.

Whitewater and its surroundings are attracting much attention lately. The recent strike in the Charleston, and fine developments in the Elkhorn and Hillside, are drawing many people to the town.

NELSON DIVISION.

An important strike has been made on the Golden Dale on Toad mountain. The full face of the tunnel is now in good ore, carrying gold, silver and copper. Assays are now being made of the new strike, and high values in all three metals are expected.

The tunnel on the Annie Rooney, near Salmo, is showing up a good body of ore, assaying from $16 to $25. The tunnel is in 32 feet, and two shifts are in constant work.

The largest order for wire rope ever given in Canada was placed last week by the Hall Mines at Nelson for 10 miles of cable. The shipment will come in six sections.

REVELSTOKE AND TROUT LAKE.

The Waverley Mine, limited, which at present has quarters at Revelstoke in a temporary office in the Cowan block, intends to put up a building in the summer containing offices for the engineer and manager and a board room.

Arrangements have been concluded by which the Great Western, limited, have acquired the Nettie L. claim in the well known Pool group, 1½ miles from Ferguson. The claim has a great showing of galena and carbonates, rich both in gold and silver, and very similar in character to the Silver Cup ore. In fact, the Pool group is considered by miners as being on the same lead as the Silver Cup group. The promoters of the company have purchased the property for the benefit of the company, which now possess in the Great Western and Nettie L. both a silver and a gold proposition. Active work will be started on both as soon as the season opens. Holders of treasury stock get the full advantage of the new purchase.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Extensive work on the Knob Hill has been planned for the coming summer by the company owning the property.

The Winnipeg has made a trial shipment of ore to the smelter.

A. Connors is doing assessment work on the Summit claim, Summit camp, and has a good showing of peacock copper.

Two carloads of ore from the Republic mine, Eureka camp, passed through Grand Forks last week en route for Marcus for shipment. The Clark brothers, not being satisfied as to the best mode of treating the ore from the Republic, decided to send 10 tons each to Denver, Salt Lake City, and Butte for treatment. As the process in each instance is entirely different, it is expected by this means to be able to ascertain which manner of treatment will give the best results, thereby deciding the character of the mill to be erected on this property. The result of this test will be eagerly watched for by all interested in Eureka, as there exists a wide difference of opinion as to the best method to be employed in the treatment of the ore of this camp.

The Rathmullen group of mineral claims, consisting of 11 claims situated in Summit camp, is about to be transferred to an English company now being incorporated in London. As soon as the deal has been completed development work will be prosecuted on the property. This company has £100,000 in the treasury, £5,000 of which has been subscribed. The vendor company will receive stock in this new company, which will net them 20 cents per share on the amount of their present holdings. This will be distributed among the shareholders of the Rathmullen company as a dividend.

A crosscut has been run at the 50-foot level on the B. C. property, and as yet the width of the ore body has not been ascertained.

EAST KOOTENAY.

At a recent meeting of the shareholders of the Channe Mining company of Vancouver, G. W. Willis was elected president and managing director. The directors' report gives a detailed description of the various properties owned by the company in East Kootenay and shows a good balance on the right side of the ledger.

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bald Mountain Mining & Development company was held at Golden on the 8th inst. Messrs. W. H. Lee, W. H. Kinnisten, J. A. McAllister, G. B. McDermot, and William McNeish were re-elected as directors for another year. The usual reports of officers were received showing the company to be clear of all liabilities and in sound condition.

On the Coranado the tunnel is now in 22 feet, and the showing of grey copper is much better than was found on the surface. The owners intend to fully develop this property next summer.

On the Dodo group a large machinery plant will be placed as soon as possible. The owners are now in the east purchasing air compressors and other machinery necessary to the successful development of the property.

The Colossal tunnel is now in 80 feet, and it is reported that there is a good showing of grey copper in the face of the tunnel. Work will be continued on this property until the main lead is encountered.

The Shakespeare claim is situated on Perry creek and has several large leads that run through the property. It is the intention of the owners to work the large 30-foot lead this summer. It is a free gold proposition and considerable development work has been done. A thorough test will be made of the ore, as a prospecting mill is on the property.

The Carbonate and Robin claims discovered on Lake creek, show a four-foot lead of galena assaying 40 ozs. in silver and 72 per cent lead. Work on the property has developed the fact that as depth is obtained the formation changes. Considerable quartz is now encountered carrying copper and gold, which assays $13 in gold to the ton.

Donald McKay on Monday last started for Lewis creek with a number of men, who will run a 100-foot tunnel. If the showing at the completion of this work warrants it, a 20-stamp mill will be placed on the property.

A new strike of copper ore has been made on the Peacock group of mines. These claims are situate on Dibble creek, and the group consists of five claims. They are owned by W. A. Wells and J. Farnsworth. The ore assays $18 in gold and 22 per cent copper.

The owners of the Dibble will commence work at an early day and have ore ready for shipment as soon as transportation is afforded. The North Star has 3,000 tons at the landing, and can furnish more than 100 tons per day. The St. Eugene has 15,000 tons on the dump awaiting shipment.

Within a radius of 12 miles of Fort Steele, says the Fort Steele Prospector, there are at least seven claims that will become shippers during the coming summer.

A Klondike Party.

A novel and original idea in progressive whist, called a Klondike party, was given on Saturday evening by Mesdames McDonald and Eardley to the Thimble club and their husbands and a few invited friends in honor of Lincoln's birthday. Their respective homes, being close together, were profusely decorated with bunting and flags, and were both used for the occasion. Six tables were prepared, named respectively Rossland, Spokane, Seattle, Dyea, Chilkoot pass and Klondike. Twenty-four little silk sacks, bearing an appropriate design, held the little gilt nuggets that were gained or lost by the players as they journeyed from one station to another. Mrs. W. S. Haskins received first prize for the ladies, and Robert Hunter gained the first prize for the gentlemen on a tie with E. W. Liljegran. At 11:30 the guests repaired to the home of Mrs. Eardley, where they did justice to the lunch of sandwiches, ices, fruits and coffee there awaiting them. All seemed to enjoy themselves, and voted long life to the Thimble club, of which the ladies are very fond.

The Price of Silver.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Bar Silver—56⅛c per ounce.

Copper—Firm; brokers' price, $11⅛; exchange price, $11.25@$11.30.

Lead—Dull; brokers' price, $3.60; exchange price, $3.80@$3.85.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Bar silver, 56⅛c per ounce; Mexican dollars, 45¼c; silver certificates, 56⅛c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Bar silver, 56⅜ cents; Mexican dollars, 45¼ cents; silver certificates, 56⅛@57⅞ cents.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Bar silver, 56¼c. per ounce; Mexican dollars, 45¼c.; silver certificates, 56⅛c. to 57⅛c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Bar silver, 55⅞c per ounce; Mexican dollars, 45¼c.; silver certificates, 56¼@56¾c.