

**ANOTHER "BOOMED" COMPANY.**

In the Boston Traveller appear an advertisement and summarized prospectus, which are as glowing in their prophecies of certain wealth to investors, as almost any of the most notorious of the many Klondike "fake" companies recently organized in London, England, where the proportion of respectably promoted and possibly profit earning Klondike enterprises is only about one in every five of the Yukon organizations registered. The Boston concern is called the Boston and British Columbia Gold Mining Company. It claims the possession of 200 acres of placer ground in the hitherto sadly disappointing country of Granite creek and the Tulameen river. The company's promoters, however, boldly advertise that their ground contains over \$10,000,000 in gold, and assert that the plant now being installed will produce \$2,000 net per diem by a remarkable appliance which is called the famous Coleman Mining Process. Treasury stock is being offered at \$1 a share, but neither the capital nor the officers of the company are stated in the advertisement which emanates from the offices of the company in Boston, U. S. A. Everything about the undertaking suggests that the Boston and British Columbia Gold Mining Company is one which the ordinary investor had better avoid, especially considering the fate of previous Tulameen district enterprises, none of which has yet shown that district to be profitably workable ground for a company of big capital. To prove that the Boston and British Columbia Gold Mining Company's property is valuable, there are quoted in the abridged prospectus some broadly general remarks of Dr. Dawson, F. R. G. S., to the effect that "gold abounds in every valley of British Columbia and every stream that enters it to it"—a most dangerously delusive passage, taken apart from a context which probably largely qualifies it, or certainly should do so in Dr. Dawson's report. The quoted passage is, of course, absolutely worthless, as an attempted proof of the richness of the Boston and British Columbia Gold Mining Company's properties, but seems to show how very careful eminent geologists should be in their general references to the mineral wealth of a precious metal country.

**THE KLONDIKE ROUTES.**

There will soon be a big block on the Dyea route, for there is even now stated to be more stuff piled up at Sheep camp than can be got over the Chilkoot pass in two months. The tramways, about which so many lying telegrams have been sent east and to England from American sources, are not working, nor likely to be for an indefinite period of the future. Again, between Skagway and the summit some 5,000 people are encamped, with the trail so broken that in all probability only 1,000 of them will get over the pass. The others will likely either return home or try the Stickine route. The Stickine route is also badly blocked just now by half-melted snow and slush, but the river should be open by the first week in May, when it is believed that the Stickine-Teslin road will become the favored route to the Yukon. As the situation now reveals itself, not a moment is to be gained; but trouble, difficulty and expense on the other hand will necessarily be entailed by immediate departure for any of the Alaskan ports of entry. Very little progress will be made by anybody before the beginning of May, and those who can so arrange will certainly be wise to remain either in Vancouver, New Westminster or Victoria for at least another fortnight. In the meantime it may now be taken for granted that hundreds will give up the attempt to make for the Klondike. Few expect that more than a small minority of English tenderfeet now making north, will ever get further than a

few miles beyond Dyea, Skagway, or Wrangell, with highly colored accounts of the state of things at which places, a host of "returned empties" will regale their friends in snug club and country house billiard and smoke rooms, when the leaves again begin to fall in early autumn. They won't, it is true, have reached the Yukon nor got within hundreds of miles of that country, but a little imagination will make amends for this, and the Alaskan coast cities will seem to the returned travelers quite sufficiently like earthly infernos.

**THE WAR EAGLE AND THE LE ROI.**

At the War Eagle big preparations are being made for stoping, and, with the addition of new machinery, it is hoped shortly to make the output 200 tons a day. Whilst the bulk of the ore will naturally be shipped to Trail, two carloads were recently sent to Nelson for use as fluxes in the Hall mines smelter. The Le Roi shaft is now down over 725 feet with the result of a splendid showing of ore in the 600-foot west drift. The mine offices and other buildings are about to be lit by electricity, but electricity will not be used in mine working for some time yet, the present system being a complete one, to change which would involve large expenditure.

**SILVER AT ROSSLAND.**

A strike at the Deer Park mine, if proved by subsequent working to have revealed a substantial new ore body at all like that shown by first indications, suggests that Rossland's metal output may in due course include important silver shipments. It is stated that high-grade ore, lately struck at the 150-foot level of the Deer Park, assayed for selected specimens \$270 in gold and 250 ounces in silver, plus a large percentage of copper to the ton. If even a fifth or sixth only of this value per ton in gold, silver and copper be found to mark the new ore body on the Deer Park, and the body itself be found substantial in bulk, there are good prospects before this and other mines and claims in the South Belt of Rossland.

**BADLY NEEDED WORK.**

A petition to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works pleads for a moderate Provincial expenditure on the repairs of the wagon road from Silverton to Four-Mile creek in the Slocan, without which reparation the further development and profitable working of the productive properties of the Vancouver Group Mining Company, the Comstock Mines, Limited, and other neighboring mines will be greatly impeded.

**London & B.C. Alliance Syndicate****Want Valuable Mining Property.**

Owners wishing to dispose of valuable mining claims are requested to send full particulars to Mr. J. C. Fergusson, M. Inst. C. E., the consulting engineer of the Syndicate, who is prepared to examine and report upon the same.

All communications considered confidential.

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