

company, and stocked the mine for \$1,000,000. There is none of the stock on the market, and it will probably pay its owners more than any kind of investment. The company intends putting in a concentrator.

The value of the ore, bullion, and matte shipments from Southern Kootenay aggregates \$2,437,508. For the corresponding period last year the value was \$1,607,250.

M. Tebo and John Collinson returned to Nelson the other day after a lengthy prospecting trip, bringing with them specimens of rock somewhat resembling talc. The rock was from a ledge located by them at the head of Sproule Creek and there was nothing in the rock to indicate that it carried gold, but an assay was made out of curiosity. The first assay by W. F. McCulloch, went \$628 in gold. It created considerable excitement and several parties left for the scene of the find at once.

The Idaho mines have paid another \$20,000 dividend, and the announcement is made that regular monthly dividends of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 may be expected. These mines have paid over \$60,000 in dividends heretofore.

An important strike has been made on the Bluebird mine in the Slocan. This strike is on a new vein, which is from two to four feet wide, and assays from the ore run as high as 270 ounces in silver and fifty per cent lead.

NEW DENVER

The Reco will put in a \$50,000 concentrator and tramway.

Recent assays from ore taken from across the face of the pay streak on the Skylark show 460 ounces in silver and \$10 in gold. It is a honey-combed rock, and shows native gold and black metal quite freely.

Ten tons from the Reed and Robertson, and four tons from the Currie, were shipped to the Tacoma smelter this week. It is a trial shipment and expected to return 125 ounces in silver.

ROSSLAND

Some of the first carload of ore from the Evening Star taken to the Trail smelter assayed eight ounces in gold.

W. Lane has made a splendid strike on the Iron Cliff, situated on the North Fork of the Salmon River, near the Ben Hassan. After running a tunnel of twenty-six feet, a fine body of ore was struck which ran from \$60 to over \$100 to the ton.

All late reports from Christian Lake testify to that country containing strong ledges of very rich ore.

Messrs. John Moynahan and W. A. Campbell have let a contract for a seventy-foot tunnel to be driven on the Northern Belle.

The main ledge on the Young British America has been discovered and stripped for about 300 feet, in which it shows a width varying from ten inches to six feet, assaying as high as \$15 in gold and five per cent. copper.

The contract on No. 2 shaft, which is now down thirty feet on the Phoenix is finished. The shaft is situated about 300 feet from No. 1 shaft, to the westward, on the same ledge. Rather better ore has been obtained here than in No. 1 shaft, assays taken from the bottom showing \$39 in gold.

The most recent strike of note is that made on the Red Mountain claim, which property joins the City of Spokane, the Cliff and the Pilgrim. The original lead was only twelve inches wide, but it has now widened, after about 200 feet of stripping, to five feet. The best assay from this lead shows \$42 in gold, thirty-two ounces silver, and eleven per cent. copper.

A good body of ore has been struck on the Iron Queen, the eastern extension of the Empress.

On Monday some rock was taken out of the Evening Star tunnel which gave an assay of \$1,600 to the ton.

SALMON RIVER

S. Charles Davis and J. C. Cox returned lately from a prospecting trip through the Salmon River country. They went first to Waterloo, and from there travelled over the divide down the west fork of Salmon River to Craig's camp. They found snow on the mountain tops. Continuing southward they crossed the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway at the north fork, then went four miles through a syenite country, having slate in the lower levels. About four miles from the railway they located a three-foot vein of decomposed quartz in a granite formation carrying free gold. This vein crops out for the full 1,500 feet of the claim which they located. Mr. Davis thinks this is a good mineral country, which has been explored very little this year or last. There is a great deal of good iron capping in that part, and surface indications would lead one to believe that much valuable mineral will be found there.

SANDON

Ore has been struck in the lower tunnel of the new workings on the Surprise.

The Queen Bess has shipped sixty tons of ore to Tacoma. No more will be shipped from this mine until it can be rawhided and then shipped in bulk instead of in sacks as in the past.

The Mountain Chief will start shipping ore next month. There is at present about 300 tons of ore on the dump, most of which will find its way to the smelter.

TEXADA ISLAND

The steamer *Joan* brought down the encouraging news that the output of gold bearing ore steadily continues at the Van Anda mine on Texada Island.

TRAIL

Trail smelter is undergoing some repairs, and although two blast furnaces are shut down, about 200 tons a day are being put through. When in full swing again, which will be after only a few days, about 400 tons a day will be treated.

VERNON

A very promising mineral claim has been located at the head of B X Creek by Messrs. O'Keefe, Fuller, Ethier and McMullen. The rock carries heavy galena in large quantities, and looks equal to anything we have yet seen in this district.

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