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## UP ANOTHER NOTCH

### THE OUTPUT FOR THE PAST WEEK AGAIN SHOWS AN INCREASE.

### WORK PROCEEDS STEADILY ON THE BIG MINES AND OTHERS.

The mining review for the week will be of interest to every reader of the Miner who welcomes signs of prosperity in the camp. From start to finish it is a record of revival with all the mines, from the Le Roi to the smaller properties that are working in a small way. The activity evidenced at this time is a happy augury of a winter second to none in the history of the camp in point of prosperity.

The ore shipments from the Rossland camp continue to grow in the most satisfactory manner. This week the record up to last night is 4,830 tons shipped from the Le Roi mines, an increase of 700 tons over the previous week's record. Of the amount credited to the Le Roi mine in the appended table 1,700 tons was from the second class dump for shipment to the Trail smelter, while the balance was mined in the regular way to ship to Northport. The assurance is given that the weekly tonnage will grow from week to week until the original output of six or seven thousand tons is reached or passed. Everything in connection with the mines is moving along steadily.

### THE OUTPUT.

The output for the week ending October 19th and for the year to date is as follows:

	Week.	Year.
Le Roi No. 1	4000	121,550
Le Roi No. 2	900	26,920
Centre Star	400	54,648
War Eagle	20,100	8,486
Rossland G. W.	8,486	3,733
Iron Mask	20	230
Homestake	30	200
I. X. L.	30	363
Spitzee	20	20
Velvet	20	52
Monte Cristo	20	24
Evening Star	20	24
Giant	20	24
Portland	20	24

Totals 4830 236,728

As a side issue to the weekly statement of the output it is of considerable interest to note once more the manner in which the shipments have grown since the mines resumed work. At that time it was predicted that the output would grow steadily, and in view of the figures it cannot be said that the prediction has not been verified in the most complete manner. The appended figures are for the last week prior to the resumption and for each week since.

August 31st	480
September 7th	1520
September 14th	1670
September 21st	1740
September 28th	2480
October 5th	3070
October 12th	4130
October 19th	4830

The operations at the Le Roi during the week have been confined almost exclusively to stopping. All matters pertaining to the mine have progressed smoothly, so much so that little has transpired out of the ordinary course of affairs.

Le Roi No. 2.—In this property the same facts mentioned in the foregoing apply. The lease has been getting out a glance at the shipping list. The unwatering of the No. 1 was completed last week and operations underground have been commenced. With the No. 1 contributing to the quota of ore produced the week's aggregate will be substantially swelled.

Rossland Great Western.—At this property the work of unwatering the main shaft is well under way. The plan adopted for this purpose has already been described in the Miner, consisting of big buckets equipped with automatic apertures and working on the cage. With this the unwatering of the mine is making rapid progress. The Nickel Plate compressor has been started up to compress air for the Le Roi workings.

Abe Lincoln.—At the Abe Lincoln the week has been well spent in the work of straightening and retimbering the shaft. The matter of straightening the workings has proved to be somewhat lengthy, otherwise the work would make more rapid progress, the timbering not being a difficult problem to solve. The management of the company has decided to install an electric hoist, and the order for the machinery will be placed at once. The West Kootenay Power & Light company has completed the construction of a pole line to the mine, over which the current for the operation of the mining machinery will also be lighted with electricity.

New St. Elmo.—A small crew, four men, is employed on surface work at the mine, and during the week the strip and crosscutting of the ledge at the west end of the property has been continued. The ore body, as was stated last week, is no less than 53 feet in width, and in several places excellent values have been found, while the ore carries values all across.

I. X. L.—The management of the mine have not as yet announced the date of resuming operations at the mine, but their decision will doubtless be known at an early date. Mr. Clarke has returned to Spokane.

Big Four.—The usual development has been carried on at the property during the week. The contracts in the No. 1 and 2 tunnels were finished, and new contracts of 50 feet respectively in both levels will be started this week. The

office of the company has been moved to the Nickel Plate flat, next to the B. C. clubhouse, on the Red Mountain railroad track.

Spitzee.—Everything is running along smoothly at the Spitzee, and the week has passed without incident of special interest. The west drift on the 100-foot level is making good progress and the showing continues to be excellent. A shipment of 30 tons was made to the Trail smelter during the week, the ore for this purpose being taken out in the course of the development work now under way.

Green Mountain.—The development of the Green Mountain property is proceeding rapidly and under favorable auspices. For a couple of weeks active underground operations were discontinued to permit of certain changes in the machinery being made to meet the amended conditions encountered as depth was secured in the mine. These have been completed, and for over a week the underground development has been making excellent progress. The drift from the 100 foot station on the shaft toward the ore bodies has been advanced 40 feet, and about as much more requires to be drilled to reach the point where it has been estimated the ore should be encountered. Already excellent pieces of ore have been encountered in the face of the drift, and it is by no means improbable that the ore body may be encountered sooner than was expected.

## SEIZED BY RUSSIA

### MISADVENTURE OF SEALING SCHOONERS AT THE COPPER ISLANDS.

### FIVE THOUSAND SEALSKINS SENT FROM VICTORIA TO LONDON.

VICTORIA, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—News was received by the schooner Casca that three Japanese schooners sealing off Copper Islands have been seized by the Russians. One is named the Josephine, the names of the other two not being recalled. In addition the Russians seized the boats of a fourth Japanese schooner on Robbin island, one of the hunters in this boat was Charlie Dimond, formerly a hunter on the Ida Etta and other schooners from this port. He will now languish in the Russian prison at Vladivostok for a year. His home is now in Hakodate, where he married a Jap woman. Dime time's boat had 350 pelts in her when captured.

Fahery Commissioner Babcock went over to Harrison Hot Springs last night. After a few days there he will proceed to the Fraser and undertake the study of the salmon and its habits. The Victoria sealing company has already shipped to London five thousand skins taken by its schooners this season. The only arrival yesterday was the Viva, 250 skins. This leaves sixteen of the Behring Sea fleet and one of the Asiatic fleet still out. In the latter fleet there were 11 schooners, and placing the catch of the vessel still out at 700 (she was reported some time ago with 460) the catch of the fleet which hunts off the California coast and then crosses the ocean will total 7,068. One schooner, the City of San Diego, took 1,038. Unless the rest of the Behring Sea fleet take more than those already in the catch on the whole of that fleet will be a short one.

### FAREWELL TO CANADA.

The Duke and Duchess Leave—Theft on the Ophir.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 22.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York left Canada yesterday in the presence of hundreds of cheering spectators. A heavy snowstorm commenced shortly before the Ophir steamed away.

Prince Alexander of Teck was the victim of a robbery yesterday, a gold watch, an heirloom which had been in the family for generations, and a purse with sovereigns, having been taken from his cabin on the Ophir.

The Duke of Cornwall and York has sent a farewell address to the Earl of Minto, the governor general of Canada, in which he says he is anxious to make known through him with what regret the Duchess and himself bid farewell to people "who by their warm heartedness and cordially have made us feel at home amongst them from the first moment of our arrival on their shores."

The Duke praises the Northwest mounted police and militia. The thanks of the Duke and Duchess are extended to the Dominion and provincial governments, to the railroad companies, to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier, and finally to Lady Minto and the governor general for the unfailing kindness and genuine hospitality they extended.

YANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 22.—A special train from Halifax, N. S., says: A sensation has been caused here by the discovery of the robbery of the Duke of Teck that was perpetrated yesterday on board the royal yacht Ophir. The best detectives in Canada have been working for the past 24 hours on what is proving to be a very puzzling case.

In addition to the officers and crew of the Ophir, there were comparatively few on the royal party. On the invitation of the Duke of Cornwall and York a number of officers, who had manned the train conveying the royal party at Halifax, dined on board the Ophir. The Duke's guests included Sir Wilfrid Laurier and several of the federal ministers. The theft was not discovered until some time after the guests had left the ship.

Not the slightest clue has been obtained to the identity of the thief.

## CLOSED THEIR MINE THE WESTERN BELT

### DOMINION COPPER COMPANY A TRIP THROUGH NORWAY MOUNTAIN AND BURNT BASIN DISTRICTS.

### WORK ON THE DIFFERENT MINES —THE NEW WAGON ROAD.

PHOENIX, Oct. 18.—On Tuesday of this week J. L. Parker, superintendent of the Dominion Copper Company, limited, received a wire from the head office, Toronto, to close down the only working mine of this company, the Brooklyn, and only keep the pumps going. Your correspondent has been unable to find out any reason for this step, as the local officials of this company have always been very reticent in regard to giving any information whatever.

Last December James Breen, of Northport smelter fame, took charge of all the mines of this company, and for some time pushed work vigorously on the Rawhide, Stomwinder, Idaho and Brooklyn, spending on an average about \$15,000 a month. At that time it was rumored that he had an agreement with the company whereby he was to spend about \$125,000 and build a smelter of five hundred tons a day capacity, in return for which he was to secure control of the capital stock of the company. Matters ran along very smoothly for some time, but then rumors were current that differences had arisen between Mr. Breen and the directors as to the location of the smelter and that Breen was out of it. Be that as it may, for some months past the money for the pay roll and working of the mine has been supplied from Toronto. The fact that the pumps are to be kept working and the accountant kept on may indicate that the near future may see these valuable properties once more working to their full capacity.

Thomas Conner, the well known local contractor, secured the contract for the Congregational church. Work will be started immediately.

W. P. Tierney, head of the large railroad contracting firm of W. P. Tierney & Co., is in town inspecting the work his firm is doing here.

H. E. Gillis, the general inspector of the Canadian Birkbeck company, has arrived in town.

### THE REPUBLIC MINE.

Robert Jaffray of Toronto, who, with Attorney D. E. Thomson, also of Toronto, is en route to Republic to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Republic Consolidated Mining company, was asked as to the future development of the property said: "We expect to start work on the Republic mine, and that soon, but can give no certain date. I know nothing as to the number of men that will be employed. The mine will send ore to the smelter, and if it is found that its treatment is more profitable by this method it will be continued. I am told there are several different kinds of ore in the Republic camp, and I believe that with transportation facilities ores can be found that can be successfully treated in the Republic mill. The scheme of development of the Republic mine will depend largely on the development of the camp and can not be told at this time."

"The building of a railroad will undoubtedly give a decided impetus to mining in the Republic camp. I know nothing as to the personnel of the stockholders of the Republic & Grand Forks Railway company. Mr. Thomson and myself represent a majority of the stock of the Republic mine, which is owned in Toronto and Montreal. We will attend the annual meeting which is to be held at Republic Tuesday, October 22nd. I make no pretensions of being an expert in mining and milling matters, and further than this I have nothing to say."

### QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.

VICTORIA, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Many residents of the province remember the story of an old California miner named Moly, who early in the sixties with a partner found a very rich silver lead on the Queen Charlotte islands. A sample brought out assayed \$600 to the ton. Moly returned repeatedly and attempted to relocate the rich ledge, but always without success. This summer, however, he went east and had a week's conference with his old partner, and together they picked out on a chart the place where they thought the world find the mine. Moly returned to the coast, and taking canoes, lumber, etc., started down from Skidegate towards the southern end of the island, where the ledge was supposed to be located. Herbert Carmichael, provincial assayer, met him on his way up from Skinentlet inlet, and loaned him one of his Indians and a chart. He had an outfit worth about \$700, and evidently intended to stay about a year there.

Mr. Carmichael was charged by the government to study the geology of the southern portion of Queen Charlotte, and spent a month in coasting the shore line in canoes, with Indians, going as far south from Skidegate as the inlet mentioned. He says he believes the island will well repay a search for gold and silver, the northern end being taken up with coal. He met the railway survey party coming in from Kitimat, just making connection with the Skeena. They had come in along the valley of the Lakelse river, but he understood from the surveyors that the line could not follow the river, but would follow the south and east side of Lakelse lake. The Singlehurst and other properties are waiting for a railroad eagerly, and Mr. Carmichael was glad to learn from the party that the survey had been entirely satisfactory and a good route had been

found for his old home in Belleville, via the C. P. He will spend the winter in the east.

### BOURASSA ONCE MORE.

### He Aairs His Eccentric Views at a Montreal Gathering.

MONTREAL, Oct. 21.—Mr. Bourassa, M.P. for Labelle, whose attitude on the South African contingents gained him much notoriety, was the principal speaker at a meeting here tonight held to celebrate the anniversary of the pioneer newspaper. There was a large attendance. J. A. Chicoine, M.L.A. for Wolfe, presided.

Mr. Bourassa's subject was Great Britain and Canada. He took occasion to make a violent attack on Great Britain for her action in South Africa, said it was unjustifiable and due to Mr. Chamberlain and a few others. He ridiculed Mr. Chamberlain and the royal family and said the war had shown how weak Great Britain really was. The English army was worthless, and it was not known what the navy was worth, as it had not been tried. No nation was now afraid of Great Britain.

He denounced the acceptance of titles by Canadians, and said the constitution should be amended so as to prevent a Canadian accepting imperial honors. He believed connection should be maintained between Canada and Great Britain, and did not believe in independence or annexation, as the latter would be death to the French race.

## THE MOLLY GIBSON

### PLANS OF THE COMPANY FOR ITS MORE EXTENSIVE WORKING.

### PROGRESS MADE WITH SULLIVAN SMELTER PREPARATIONS.

The Molly Gibson mine on Kokanee creek, 12 miles west of Kootenay lake in the Nelson division, will be an extensive shipper during the approaching winter. Colonel S. W. Ray of Port Arthur, who is spending a few days in Rossland renewing old friendships, is one of the largest shareholders in the mine, and is president of the company. He states that work is going ahead steadily at the property and that extensive advances have been made since operations were resumed in the treatment of the ore is now to the fore, and when it has been disposed of the arrangements for shipping will be concluded. In event of a large scale, otherwise only the highest grade ore will be sent to the smelter this winter.

At a recent date the workings in the lower tunnel of the mine ran into the level. The vein proved to be strong and the ore of splendid quality. Work is now under way on a still lower level, and when this taps the vein a vertical depth of 1000 feet will have been secured. The fifth level was driven to test the width of the ore shoot, and it was demonstrated that the ore body was at least 100 feet long. Further work will doubtless show it to be considerably wider.

The company has several ambitious plans for the Molly Gibson, and when these are carried out the property will be among the best equipped mines in the Northwest. Colonel Ray favors the construction of a smelter on the ground to handle the output of the property. His idea is that the company should erect a smelting plant of not less than 75 tons per day and capable of expansion should there be any demand for custom work. If thorough examination of the figures governing the cost of smelting should demonstrate that a smelting plant was not advisable the company will proceed with the construction of a concentrator. A 120-ton tramway is already in operation between the mine and the head of the wagon road. Another proposition which Colonel Ray states is in contemplation is that of an electric tramway connecting the lower terminal of the tramway with the landing at Kootenay lake. The power for the road could be generated with ease at the head of Kokanee creek, which furnishes a magnificent water power. These matters, however, are likely to remain in abeyance until next year.

### IN EAST KOOTENAY.

Marysville, the point at which the Sullivan smelter will be constructed, is the scene of considerable activity just now. Within the past few days the Sullivan people let a contract for 1,000,000 feet of lumber to be used in the construction of the plant. At the company's brickyard an average of 20,000 bricks is being manufactured daily, and within a short time the drying sheds will be erected to permit of brick-making operations to continue without cessation all winter. The Canadian Pacific location party now at work in the St. Mary's river valley under the direction of Chief Engineer Lumsden is making good progress. Toward the end of the week they had almost reached the foot of St. Mary's lake 12 miles from Marysville.

### NEWFOUNDLANDERS WAITING.

### A Hearty Welcome Waiting for the Royal Pair.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Oct. 22.—The British yacht Ophir and her consort are expected to arrive here tomorrow morning with the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. Elaborate preparations have been made for the reception. More than 500 fishing vessels are to take part in the festivities.

Mrs. E. C. Laird of Toronto is the guest of her son, R. A. Laird, Earl street.

## TO WORK IN MINES

### A PARTY OF SIXTY-FIVE ARRIVED BY C. P. R. LAST EVENING.

### SAVED FROM ALL ANNOYANCE ON THE PART OF AGITATORS.

A special train arrived in Rossland last night with 65 men engaged in the east to work in the Le Roi mines. The men were engaged at various points east of the Rockies on Canadian soil, and were as fine a looking party of Canadians as ever came into the Golden City. They had a pleasant trip, the Canadian Pacific railroad officials in charge of the train doing their utmost to prevent the travellers from being annoyed by agitators, a task in which they were completely successful.

The news of the expected arrival of the train was reported about the city last night, and a party of agitators left on the evening train for Robson, intending to repeat the offensive tactics they adopted on the occasion of the last party of men coming through from the east. The pickets had their pains for nothing. At Robson, the ferry unloaded the men at Material yard, and a special train of an engine and two cars was in waiting to carry the party through without delay. The agitators were in waiting at Robson proper, and did not discover the move until the special was well on its way to Rossland, and they were left kicking their heels to take the regular train, half an hour later. At Material yard a half dozen or so union men who had joined the party with the intention of alienating the men, in which they were entirely unsuccessful, left and joined the disgruntled delegation at Robson.

Arriving at Rossland the train pulled west Union avenue and the water tank at full speed and took the high line at the switch without coming into the station at all. A disgruntled crowd of agitators had gathered at the depot prepared to repeat the disorderly incident of a fortnight ago, but they were completely disappointed. When the fact was made known to them that their pains had gone for nothing several incendiary speeches were made, of which more may be heard later.

The men who came into the city last night were a lot of sturdy Canadians who value free speech and action above the fetich of agitation. They will make creditable citizens and will be first-class mine-workers in a comparatively short period.

### TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

### The Suicide of Nicholas Flood Davin at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 18.—Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, of Regina, Western Canada's well-known parliamentary and journalist, committed suicide by shooting here, this afternoon. The crime of self-destruction was committed about 4 o'clock.

Mr. Davin, who had been in the city for nearly a week, was a guest at the Clarendon hotel, and had been somewhat irregular in his habits. He left the hotel shortly after noon today and going to a hardware store, purchased a revolver and cartridges, saying that it was wanted for a friend in the west. Later he returned and said that the revolver would not work. The weapon was taken from Mr. Davin's hands, and noticing his nervous condition, the manager of the store refused to return it, refunding the money paid therefor.

Mr. Davin then went to another store and purchased a small bull-dog revolver, saying that he wanted it to kill troublesome cats. He returned to the hotel in a cab, told the clerk that he intended leaving the city for Regina on the 4:30 train, and went to his room to prepare his luggage. A few minutes later a loud report was heard from Mr. Davin's room. An investigation was made, and Mr. Davin's was found lying on his bed with a smoking revolver in his right hand. The muzzle had been placed in his mouth, and the ball had passed through the back of his head, causing instant death.

A coroner was summoned, and the body removed to an undertaker's. No cause for the crime can be given, as the deceased had been in a very cheerful mood since coming to the city.

Mr. Davin was aged 38 years, and was born in Limerick County, Ireland. He is survived by Mrs. Davin.

The body will be taken to Regina for burial.

Mr. Davin, up to the last general election, was the Conservative representative at Ottawa for West Assiniboia. The deceased was well known throughout Canada. Born in Ireland, he received his education there and was afterwards called to the English bar, and was also engaged in newspaper work. He was war correspondent of the Irish Times and the London Standard in the Franco-German war. Later he removed to Canada, where he engaged in journalism and practice of the law at different times, being for some time on the staff of the Toronto Globe. In the "boom" time of the Northwest he founded the Leader newspaper at Regina. In 1891 and 1896 he was elected to represent West Assiniboia in the house of commons, in the Conservative interest. Old timers in British Columbia remember Mr. Davin personally as the secretary of the Chinese investigating commission of 1884.

Miss Jean Robinson leaves this morning for the Boundary, in company with Miss McCoy of Vernon. They will give an entertainment at Phoenix, to be followed with a recital in Rossland at a later date.