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Lt. Col. Henshaw telegraphed from British Columbia yesterday that the prospects for the resumption of work on the mine are very good and the property is in good shape.

WORK ON THE GIANT.

(Rossland Miner, Nov. 7.)

Colonel W. M. Ridpath and Mr. E. D. Saunders of the old Le Roi company, are in the city. They, together with Senator George Turner, have secured an option for six months on 1,270,000 shares out of a total of 2,000,000. These shares constitute the control of the property, which was held by Mr. A. D. Coplen, and associates. Colonel Ridpath and Mr. Saunders examined the Giant yesterday and seemed to be much pleased with the result of their examination. They reported that while they were there Mr. Nick Tregear, who has been placed in charge of the operations on the property, put in a couple of shots and this loosened about four tons of ore, which carries considerable copper. The ledge at the point where the shots were put in is apparently about ten feet in width. The ledge runs a little west of south. The point where this discovery has been made is 30 feet to the north of the shaft and the ledge can be traced for a distance of over 300 feet. This find has been made since Mr. Tregear took charge. Another ledge which carries white iron and which is four feet in width has been met. This vein runs east and west. Mr. Saunders sampled some of the ore from the open cut and got an assay of \$91.60 to the ton in gold and silver. In short, five leads have been found on the property.

In telling about the intention of the bonders Colonel Ridpath said: "Senator Turner, Mr. Saunders and myself have secured the bond and no one else is interested in the property with us. We intend to do some legitimate mining and development work. A small force of six or seven men will be worked for a couple of weeks and these will be increased when there is need for them. When the work has made some progress it is probable that a three-drill compressor will be installed. As to the minority shareholders we have no intention whatever of freezing them out. We intend to do what is right with them. As to the matter of reorganization, it has not been thought of. We have secured the control on a bond and intend to do some legitimate mining. The matter of reorganization, if it comes up at all, will be something for future consideration. For the present we will have our hands full in developing the mine."

Colonel Ridpath and Mr. Saunders leave for Spokane today, but will return occasionally for the purpose of seeing how the development work is progressing.

SILVER LEAD DISTRICT OF THE SLOCAN IS QUIET.

Cause is the Labor Trouble.

(From the Rossland Miner, Nov. 3.)

Rossland, B.C., Nov. 3.

Mr. James D. Sword, M.E., has just returned from the Slocan district, and in reply to queries put to him by a miner reporter, stated that the whole of the silver-lead district of the Slocan is quieter now than it has been for four years. All the big mines are practically closed down, and but little work other than a small amount of development is being carried on. It is a great pity that an amicable arrangement cannot be arrived at between masters and men so as to re-establish the yearly increasing activity of this district. As the outgoing public regard the mineral statistics of side public regard the mineral statistics of British Columbia as a criterion of its promise as a country for mining investment, the falling off of the production of silver

and lead will cause a considerable shrinkage in the aggregate mineral production of the province and lessen the confidence of outside investors, who will not always investigate the cause, and will only look at the result. It was predicted, judging from the appearance of the larger mines of the Slocan, that the output for 1899 would largely exceed that of previous years, and that it would be probably double as great as last year. It would strike the observer as a strange fact that these mines, which, owing to the uniform richness of the ore, are better able to adopt the eight-hour system with the old rate of wages, than the mines of this and the Boundary Creek district, where the ores are so much lower in value, should be closed down, while the mines of the latter districts should be working at their full capacity.

The mines, without an exception, never looked better than at the present moment, and as nothing but development work is being done they should be in a position to produce an enormous quantity of silver-lead immediately after they commence active operation. The Slocan Star mine, which at one time was the largest ore producer in the district, now promises to regain its supremacy, as the development has disclosed large bodies of ore. The Ivanhoe should come to the front very shortly as a big producer, which will be as soon as they commence shipping in earnest. On the Ruth the 100-ton concentrator, aerial tramway and a seven-drill compressor plant have been erected and are ready to run. The Noble Five development is rapidly proving that the large concentrating mill, although built prematurely, will have all the ore it can handle before long. The foregoing mines, together with the Payne, Last Chance, Idaho, Monitor, Reco, Whitewater Deeps and several others, which are all dividend payers and now merely doing a small amount of development work, are ready to jump into the front as producers as soon as a settlement has been reached between the two parties at issue in the labor trouble.

THE ORO DENORO.

Mr. Cochrane Tells of the Work Done in This Mine.

(Rossland Miner, Nov. 8.)

Mr. Neil Cochrane, superintendent of the Oro Denoro, which is the property of the King Gold Mining Co., is in the city from the mine, and is here for the purpose of making final arrangements for shipping. In speaking about the Oro Denoro yesterday Mr. Cochrane said that he expected to commence shipments of ore from the mine early next week. The railway was constructed to the dump of the Oro Denoro yesterday. It runs through the property. If the cars can be secured the first shipment will consist of 100 tons and this ore will net something to the company, as it runs between \$40 and \$50 to the ton. The ore will be sent to the Trail smelter, as a fairly advantageous rate for freight and treatment has been given by the smelter.

Mr. Cochrane reported on the property for the King Mining Co. in May 1898, and his expectations as outlined in the report have been fully verified. The property has been opened by a shaft 200 feet in depth and from this a drift has been run in ore for a distance of 140 feet. On the surface the railway graders exposed a body of shipping ore 40 feet wide. The drift has crosscut an ore body six feet in width, at a point 85 feet from the shaft. A carefully taken sample went \$94 to the ton. The drift will have to be run about 50 feet before it will tap the ledge which was uncovered by the railway cutting on the surface. It is expected that 10 days more work will accomplish this. It must be understood that the entire drift is in ore of a fair grade with

shoots here and there of especially high class ore. Mining men all over the Boundary Creek section speak in the highest terms of the Oro Denoro as they regard it as one of the best showings, for the amount of work done, in that section.

In connection with the early history of the Oro Denoro Mr. Cochrane stated that he brought a Scotch capitalist from Glasgow, in May, 1898 to look at the property, but he refused to take hold of it. In 1897, he had a prominent capitalist from Edinburgh here to look at the Velvet, but he also refused to take hold. Mr. Cochrane thinks that both of these gentlemen are now sorry that they did not purchase what was offered to them, when it is considered that these properties could have been purchased at that time for a merely nominal sum compared with their present value.

Mr. Cochrane leaves today for the Oro Denoro. His intention is to push the development work all winter and to ship such ore as is taken out in the course of the development work.

SPECIAL FROM VANCOUVER

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 15.—Major Collins, of the British America Corporation, who is on his way from London, is expected this week. Mr. W. A. Carlyle, the chief engineer, will leave at once for the East, on his way to the Rio Tintos mines in Spain, of which he will assume charge. He will probably get away November 20. It is not yet made public who will succeed him. Work has been closed down for the season on very many of the Cariboo mines, and the season of 1899 has been on the whole a successful one.

Many properties worked on a small scale have repaid the outlay, and with the beginning of next season, work in a larger way will be begun on many properties that so far only prospecting work has been done on.

STRIKE IN RATHMULLEN.

In the main shaft of the Rathmullen, in Summit camp, at a depth of 177 feet, the ledge has been again encountered. While the management did not expect to strike the ledge until the 200-foot level was reached the probability of doing so earlier was very well understood. It will take a few days yet to do sufficient development work before the extent of the present discovery is ascertained, but the fact that the ledge has come in again at the depth mentioned has been demonstrated beyond all doubt.

THE GRANBY SMELTER.

A despatch from Columbia, B. C., says 150 men are at work on the Granby smelter, and excellent progress is being made. The sampler frame is almost built and the brickwork of the flues, dust chamber and stack is well on towards completion. The spur track by which the ores will be carried to the smelter, leaves the main line of the C.P.R. from Robson, a little to the west of Columbia, and crosses the north fork of the Kettle river at a point near the dam. The ore cars will dump their contents 20 feet above the sampler bins, which are the highest points in the smelter.

THE CALIFORNIA.

The following information is at hand from the California property, Rossland:—The mine is looking very well. The whole face of the tunnel is mineralized, carrying gold and copper values and looking as if a good ore body might be broken into at any time. The new residence for the manager, Mr. J. W. Spalding, has been completed, while work on the different sheds and the addition to the offices is fairly under way. All the material is on the ground for the shaft house, while the foundation bolts for the compressor have been delivered, as well as the rock for all the foundations. The work of construction has been given to Mr. Charles Mills, who carried out similar work for the War Eagle last winter.