

### THE ROMANCE OF SILVER.

A silent battle is being waged between those who require silver and those who represent the producers. Such is the opinion of interests in close touch with the precious metal situation. The white metal having once more been placed on a solid footing and the price being regulated by the law of supply and demand, the consumer is apparently withholding bids until the last possible moment in an endeavor to induce the producer to throw his product on the market at going prices. Likewise, the producer appears to be waiting competition on the part of those desiring to purchase, with the result that a silent test of endurance, so to speak, is taking place. The present peculiar situation adds still further to "the romance of silver." Like the mystery that surrounds the screen at the close of each episode of serial photoplays so hangs the element of mystery about the white metal. What will be the next move in the quotations for commercial bar silver?

#### Boston Creek.

One of the most interesting developments in the gold districts is the development of a high grade orebody measuring upwards of sixteen feet in width at the Miller Independence. The ore is exceedingly rich in gold tellurides and has caused much enthusiasm in the Boston Creek district. In a general way, both in the proven gold mining districts and in the prospective field, activity is increasing steadily and the former anticipation of one of the busiest summers on record in this part of Northern Ontario is already being realized.

#### PERSONALS.

Mr. T. R. Jones, superintendent of the Buffalo Mines, together with his family, are taking up residence in New Wilmington, Pa. Mr. Jones will continue general superintendent of the Buffalo, and will pay a visit to the mine at regular intervals.

Mr. Frank Loring has returned to Toronto after examining properties at Boston Creek.

Mr. W. R. Rogers is at Kirkland Lake, making a topographical map of the area.

Mr. A. G. Burrows and Mr. P. E. Hopkins are making geological examinations at Boston Creek.

Mr. J. B. Tyrrell is at Kirkland Lake.

Mr. Geo. Rogers has returned to Toronto from Wasapika.

Mr. Harwood, who has been recently in Los Angeles, is again at the Schumacher Mine. Mr. Harwood was in charge of the La Rose Mine for several years.

Mr. A. R. Whitman has been examining properties in the West Shining Tree gold area.

Mr. H. C. Crow, President of Cartright Gold Fields, Limited, is leaving the west on a combined business and pleasure trip to England and the Continent. He is being accompanied by Mrs. Crow.

#### The Carmi Mine.

Seattle and San Francisco interests are said to have an option and bond on the Carmi Lode Mine, Carmi, B.C. A compressor will be installed at once and considerable work done this summer. A new mill may be erected. As the ores of this mines have a copper base the starting of the Greenwood smelter would stimulate the development of the Carmi and other mines of the vicinity.

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