

NEWS OF THE MINES.

WHAT MR. LABEREE THINKS OF
THE PROSPECT OF MINING IN
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. O. G. Laberee, formerly of the Eastern Townships, but of late years a well known mining man of Spokane, arrived at the Windsor yesterday, accompanied by his family. Speaking of Rossland, Mr. Laberee says that there are less wildcat schemes in the camp than ever before, and most of the properties that are being worked bid fair to develop into mines. Rossland, he adds, is a very expensive camp, the most expensive, perhaps, in British Columbia. The rock is harder, and it takes longer to develop a property than in some other sections, yet there can be no possible doubt as to the stability of the Rossland district. The LeRoi and War Eagle are making regular shipments, and the Centre Star, also owned by the War Eagle people, has a great amount of ore in reserve; but, as he observed, development is slow. He says that the Velvet, Sir Charles Tupper's property, is getting ready to ship, and those who have seen the mine say the baronet has got a great property. The Big Three, of which Mr. Gault is president, has a large force on all of the three properties, the Mascot, the Southern Belle and Snowshoe. On the Mascot, Mr. Laberee says a 200-foot crosscut tunnel is being run, and it is expected to cut the ledge at a depth of 400 in about thirty days' time, and as they expect to find ore there as good as at the upper levels, they will then be ready for shippers. The Big Three was the first to work electricity in the camp. The example is being followed all over. The B. A. Corporation is working eight or ten of the properties, including LeRoi, and the camp has a most flourishing aspect.

Being asked about the Boundary, Mr. Laberee said that the day before he left Spokane he attended a meeting of the Old Ironides shareholders, and Mr. W. Y. Williams, the superintendent, reported that they had crosscut on the 200-foot level some 80 feet of solid ore, which would average \$23 a ton.

Being told that a feeling prevailed in the East that the Knob Hill was the better mine of the two, Mr. Laberee said this was a matter the future alone could answer. He said the railway would reach the Boundary by the 1st of August, and this would reduce the cost of development nearly 50 per cent. There would consequently be double the amount of work done in the camp.

"Is not the Boundary ore of a lower grade than Rossland?" Mr. Laberee was asked.

"I think not," he replied. At the depths attained obtained during the past six months, I think I am safe in saying that the grade of ore is equal to that of Rossland."

"On the whole," concluded the Westerner, "the mining interest of British Columbia was never so prosperous as it is today."

Vancouver, B.C., June 11.

One good, but unintended effect of eight hour law is reported. In important mines Sunday work has been stopped.

A Nelson report states that there has been no reduction of wages of the Silver King mine through the enforcement of the eight hour law. The same rate of wages is paid for eight hours. The only change at the mine is that Sunday work has been stopped. The men now work six days a week.

Nelson is to have a Street Railway. The Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., of Bessemer, Colorado, was the successful bidder for the contract to supply about two miles of rails for the first line of the Nelson Electric Railway Company, Limited.

Montreal has added another to the rapidly growing list of big mining companies that are floated to develop Boundary Creek properties. The Sunset group in Deadwood camp comprising the Sunset, Crown, Silver and C.O.D. have been acquired by the Montreal Boundary Creek Mining Company. The Sunset group was owned by Mr. W. L. Hogg, of Montreal.

LAST WEEK'S WORK.

Rossland, June 10.—Twelve feet of ore was encountered last week in the Queen Bees, of the Slocan.

Two years' ore is in sight on the Slocan Star. The concentrator commenced operations last week.

The Noble Five mill will be started June 15. There is ore in sight for several month's working.

The ore shipments over the Kaslo and Slocan Railway for the week ending June 3 amounting to 283½ tons, being made by the following properties: Payne, 104 tons; Last Chance, 65 tons; Whitewater, 114½ tons.

It is estimated that no less than five stamp mills will be erected in Camp McKinney this year.

ROSSLAND MINES.

Rossland, B. C., June 10.

The following are the shipments in detail for the week ending June 10, and the year to date:

	Tons for week.	Tons for year.
Le Roi.....	2,240	36,019
War Eagle.....	1,165	17,661
Iron Mask.....	55	1,070
Evening Star.....	36
Deer Park.....	18
Centre Star.....	233	556
Total.....	3,683	55,360

YUKON CLAIMS.

The department of the Interior is calling for tenders, to be received up to the 1st September, for place claims and fractions of claims on Dominion Creek reserved for the Crown, under the Yukon regulations. In all 38 claims are offered. Each tender shall specify the numbers of the claims and fractions tendered for, and also the amount of bonus offered for each claim and fraction. The tender may be for the whole lot or any one or more of the claims and fractions.

NOTES.

The ore shipments from the Slocan from January 1st to May 19 were 13,448 tons. Rossland people want a trail to Burnt Basin, where some excellent showings are reported.

Caribo continues to yield gold. The Horseshy Gold Mining Company has just shipped \$10,000 from its hydraulic claim.

At Sandon the Madison group, consisting of four claims, has been sold to a Montreal syndicate for \$20,000 cash. The name of the purchasing party is The Slocan Sovereign Mining Company. The property is considered an excellent prospect, and under recent development has shown extensive bodies of high grade ore. No 3 tunnel shows ten inches of grey copper assaying \$3000. A contract has been let for 100 feet of tunnel in No 4, and 400 feet in No 5.

E. L. Sawyer of Toronto has concluded arrangements this week for the resumption of work on the St. Elmo on the south slope of Red Mountain. The company owning the property will at once install a ton drill compressor plant and development will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

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