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PRODUCTION INCREASED

The Week's Work at the Mines Shows an Improvement.

Progress Made with the Various New Undertakings.

Last week the mines of the Rossland camp enjoyed freedom, to a large extent, from the drawbacks that have hampered shipping operations recently, with the result that the average output is considerably over 1000 tons per day for the entire week. This figure is attained, too, at a juncture when the smelters are clamoring for coke supplies to keep their works in operation, and the mines naturally curtail their shipments to a greater or less extent. When the juncture arrives where the smelters are in shape to handle all the ore consigned to them, the Rossland mines will increase their output by 25 per cent. This statement is fully borne out by a comparison of existing conditions with those at the same time last year and from time to time since.

The past week has witnessed no unusually important development in connection with the mining industry in Rossland, but the week's record is one of consistent progress. At the Spitzee and Jumbo advances have been made in the direction of placing the properties on a producing basis, and this consummation is now an event of the early date and eventually earn profits regularly. The latter stage will probably await the opening of the second and perhaps the third levels of the mine. At the present time the galloways frame at the winding plant is being constructed, the foundations are being prepared for the hoist and compressor, while a dump is being cut at the 100 foot sinking purpose.

VELVET.—The work at the Velvet mine is being conducted along the lines indicated in yesterday's Miner. On the second level the ore shoots on the Velvet and Velvet fraction south of the Velvet shaft have been explored with satisfactory results, and the work now under way at that level consists of an upraise to connect the Velvet workings with the first level of the Port. The work is controlled by large shareholders in the Velvet. The nature of the work to date has been such as to indicate that the Portland has a promising future as a producer of paying ores, and this will be further demonstrated by the work now undertaken. On the third level of the Velvet the drift has been carried from the main shaft to a point beneath the principal ore shoot on the second level, and is in ore. The management regards the development as of a most satisfactory nature, and this opinion is shared by many employees of the company. The Velvet's principal trouble at this particular juncture is lack of tonnage to haul ore in the quantities which the management would like to market.

NICKEL PLATE.—Pumping has been commenced at the Nickel Plate, although the steam compressor and balling apparatus have been rigged up and tested, so that unwavering might be started on an hour's notice. Action is expected to be inaugurated in the course of the next few days.

I. X. L.—The lessees are operating steadily, and preparing a shipment of ore. It is also understood that negotiations are under way for the use of the O. K. under way for the treatment of ore mined at the I. X. L. The mill plant is conveniently located for delivering the product of the mine, although some time will be required to place the workings in running shape, the heavy snow last winter having broken in the roof, and committed the whole daily tonnage available will be hoisted.

LE ROI TWO.—The greatest interest about the Le Roi Two's Rossland properties has attached to the operations on the concentrator site. This work has been continued actively, and with the letting of the contract for the buildings, for which tenders were submitted on Wednesday, another important stage in the work will have been achieved. In the Josie mine stopping and development are under way to the 500 level. At the 700 level this drift to open up the main ore body as disclosed in the diamond drilling is steadily under way, while on the 900 the diamond drill is running to locate the ore shoot opened in the upper levels. At the No. 1 mine development and exploration on the 500 and intermediate levels are actively under way. The mines are accumulating large tonnages of milling ores in anticipation of the application of milling to the operation of the properties.

CENTRE STAR.—The management states that no changes of importance have eventuated in connection with the mine, nor has any development of special interest transpired in connection with the underground workings. It is understood that the east 600 main is holding strong and that unusually rich ore is being stopped therefrom regularly.

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KOOTENAY.—At the mine work has been confined to the second, fourth and intermediate levels, from which the ore shipped to the Trail smelter has been extracted. Each week sees additions made to the fund of information in the possession of the management relative to the boundaries of the paystreaks in the extensive ore bodies, and this information is regarded as of special value in view of the projected operations in the lower levels. The peculiarity of the Kootenay's ore deposits is that the appearance of the vein matter is relatively the same to the eye, while assay tests indicate that certain zones are substantially richer than the main ore body. The evolution of this condition will be of value to other properties on Columbia-Kootenay mountain, where conditions are practically parallel in respect to ore deposits. It will be noted that the mine has been active in regard to shipments, and it is quietly intimated that the Kootenay is today shipping the highest grade ore sent out of the camp, although, of course, no claim is set forth that this will be maintained when the property commences shipments on a large scale, forwarding its run-of-mine product. Considerable interest centres about the company's plans for the future in the matter of ultimate treatment arrangements. The construction of a tramway to the Canadian Pacific road is in abeyance, although the plans for the structure are completed.

SPITZEE.—The affairs of the Spitzee mine occupy an important place in the estimation of Rosslanders. The company is manifesting most commendable enterprise in pushing ahead construction work at the mine, and the next fortnight or three weeks will see the headworks completed, the new machinery installed and in working order, the resumption of work in the horizontal workings at the 100 level and the start in the main shaft toward the 200 level. About twenty men will be employed when this eventuates, and bright hopes have been formed for the Spitzee. Its record has been such as to justify the belief that with the strengthened treasury and careful management the property will be paying at least a large part of its working expenses at an early date and eventually earn profits regularly. The latter stage will probably await the opening of the second and perhaps the third levels of the mine. At the present time the galloways frame at the winding plant is being constructed, the foundations are being prepared for the hoist and compressor, while a dump is being cut at the 100 foot sinking purpose.

THE OUTPUT.

Week.	Year.
Le Roi.....	3570 78,904
Centre Star.....	1440 36,068
War Eagle.....	1380 24,825
Le Roi No. 2.....	735 11,852
White Bear.....	30 297
Velvet.....	100 2,726
O. K.....	75 25
Giant.....	335
Kootenay.....	800 1,535
Homestake.....	90
Totals.....	7555 156,347

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI.—The operations at the mine during the week have been along the usual lines. In the upper levels development and stopping have been carried ahead consistently, while in the 1350 level exploration is being prosecuted vigorously. No special development is reported by the management. Considerable interest attaches to the work on the Peyton vein to the northwest of the main lead. The ore body, while small as compared with the Le Roi's great main body, is a producer of rich ore, and the management is preparing to reap the full advantage of its existence. A winze has been sunk to a depth of about 130 feet on the Peyton vein, which seems to be a stringer from the main vein that probably consolidates at depth and is the whole daily tonnage available will be hoisted.

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Snowshoe.....	1290 17,490
B. C.....	1290 11,245
Emme.....	540 8,908
Sunset.....	824 4,908
Providence.....	551
Totals.....	11,446 225,517

THE GRANBY MINES

EXTENT OF THEIR ORE BODIES SURPRISED THE EASTERN VISITORS.

MR. STANTON MAKES SOME INTERESTING COMPARISONS OF MINES.

GRAND FORKS, June 5.—A party of prominent Boston and New York capitalists, including several American directors of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power company, has left here for Butte after a three days' visit to the Boundary district. Monday was devoted to the Granby smelter. The day following the visitors left for Phoenix, returning to Grand Forks Wednesday evening.

Below will be found a brief sketch of the various members of the party: John Stanton, of New York, is the father of the American copper industry with which he has been prominently connected for over fifty years. He is connected for over fifty years with the development of the mining industry in North Carolina and Tennessee prior to the civil war. Later he became interested in the Lake Superior district of northern Michigan. He is recognized as the world's authority on the brown metal. Mr. Stanton goes by the sobriquet of "Honest John." He carried the title in recognition of his sterling integrity. As a business man and financier Mr. Stanton has few equals in the United States. Modesty seems to be his most dominant characteristic. Mr. Stanton is the president of the Wolverine, Atlantic, Mohawk, Baltic, Winona and Michigan Copper companies, operating the mines in the Lake Superior district. He is also secretary of the Copper Producers' association and his statistics respecting copper production have been frequently quoted in the official reports of the United States government. Although in his seventy-fourth year, Mr. Stanton carries his years lightly. His mind is as vigorous as ever and his advice and counsel respecting copper investments is still eagerly sought by leading eastern capitalists. Mr. Stanton is a director of the Granby company.

George Martin Luther is general manager of the Nichols Chemical Co., of New York. The enterprise manufactures the Consolidated Co., comprising the Baltic Mining company, the Copper Range Railway company and the Champion Mining company. He is one of the largest copper operators in the United States.

J. B. Francis Herreshoff is vice-president of the Nichols Chemical company. He is also consulting engineer to the General Chemical company. His brother is equally well known to fame as the designer of the American yacht defenders in the international yacht races of recent years. After an inspection of the Granby mines he startled Mr. Stanton by characterizing them as "a magnificent, monotonous mass of homogeneous ore."

Clement S. Houghton, of Boston, is a young capitalist who inherited vast wealth. He recently joined the Granby directorate.

A. L. White, of New York, is also a director of the Granby company. Mr. White has been prominently connected with the company since its inception. He formerly resided in Spokane.

The visitors were accompanied to Phoenix by S. H. C. Miner, president of the Granby company; Jay P. Graves, general manager; A. C. Flumerfelt, assistant to the president; E. M. Geller, a general manager; and A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the Granby smelter.

"There is no question as to the immense quantity of ore in sight in the Granby mines," said Mr. Stanton to your correspondent. "For I am free to admit that I came well prepared to discount a great deal of what I had heard. How deep this deposit extends nobody knows. It is purely conjectural. However, there is every reason to believe that the depth should be commensurate with the length and width of this well defined lode. All the reports I have received respecting the size of the ore body and its self-fluxing character have been confirmed by personal examination. "I was really surprised to see so intelligent and up-to-date a company in operation in your province. I refer especially to the mining methods as well as the organization of the mine. Both Mr. W. Y. and Mr. Hodges have solved the mining and metallurgical problems, respectively, in an eminently satisfactory manner. "The Granby ore body is the largest sulphide ore deposit I have ever examined, and my mining experience has extended to every variety of copper ore. It is analogous to the famous Rio Tinto of Spain. The Granby ore is lower in copper but carries larger values in gold and silver. It is larger than the famous Tennessee deposit. Hitherto sul-

phide ore bodies from forty to eighty feet wide have been considered large, but the one at Phoenix eclipses anything I ever inspected. I don't know of its equal on the continent. The millions of tons of ore in sight and the size of the stopes proved a veritable revelation to me.

"The cheapness with which surface quarrying operations are being conducted also appealed to us as business men. Mining has to be adapted to conditions and in this instance Mr. Williams has certainly gone about it in the right way. Some people may say that the cost of extracting ore is bound to increase after the company shall have quarried out the ore body to a level plane and resorted to deep shaft mining. Well, all I can reply is that this consideration, in view of the enormous tonnage in sight, need not give the management any concern for many decades. The trees over my grave will have attained full size before the Granby company has to undertake to solve any serious or expensive mining problem.

Mr. Stanton then instituted some interesting comparisons between ore extraction in the Boundary and Michigan. "At Phoenix," he continued, "the Granby extracts more tonnage per man per shift than we do in Michigan, because in the former place the ore is more easily mined. For instance, take the Atlantic mine, a Lake Superior proposition. There we have to hoist the ore from a 100-foot vein a distance of at least 2000 feet. We have long levels, encounter a good deal of water and require plenty of timber. On the other hand, we have an advantage in the way of cheaper wages, cheaper fuel and lower railway rates.

"So far as I am concerned the smelter at Grand Forks is up-to-date in every respect. Mr. Hodges is deserving of every credit for the low cost at which he is treating the ore. I am not exactly an authority on this subject and shall defer to Messrs. Luther and Herreshoff, who are recognized as the best experts in that line in the United States.

"British Columbia has hardly yet assumed the position in the mining world to which it is entitled. I hope and believe that the Granby company will be the lever that will attract capital for the development of your enormous mineral resources. My only regret is that time will not permit me to see more of the province. Some people are kind enough to credit me with having a large following which invests upon my opinion and advice. On my return I shall not hesitate to say that the copper-gold ore of the Boundary is among the largest in the world, and that mining is already being conducted at a very handsome profit. As soon as the real state of affairs is appreciated in the east capital will turn this way seeking investment."

Respecting the outlook for copper Mr. Stanton, who is a recognized authority, had this to say:

"Experience has shown that when the price of copper falls consumption increases largely and that new uses for the metal are found. In time consumption tells upon and overtakes production. This tends to establish a balance between supply and demand. The two, with varying differences, run in parallel lines. The producer has had the price of copper fall in January 15 cents, the current price, I don't look for higher prices, but see nothing indicating a decline in the near future, though there may be slight fluctuations. I don't pretend to look farther ahead than any body else. Nobody can predict conditions six months. Copper has advanced from 11.1 cents in January 15 cents, the current price, I don't look for higher prices, but see nothing indicating a decline in the near future, though there may be slight fluctuations. I don't pretend to look farther ahead than any body else. Nobody can predict conditions six months. 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