

## From the Mining Camps

### FORT STEELE.

The shaft on the Copper Crown is now down 60 feet. The bottom of the shaft is solid ore.

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Development work is being pushed on the Dardanelles claims by the owners. The tunnel is being run on the ledge. The ore is free-milling gold quartz.

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Two thousand Crow's Nest coal shares were sold at Fort Steele last week for \$52 per share, or a total value of \$104,000. These shares were purchased eight years ago for the sum of \$4,000.

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The Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Company is sending its manager, Mr. Wood, up to the Oro Fino mines to superintend the erection of the mill and to let the contract for hauling in the machinery.

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Little is being said about the Big Chief property, but the mine is looking better every day, and a large amount of ore is in sight. The mine is being developed as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

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The main tunnel of the Estella is now in over 750 feet, and the up-raise from the tunnel is about 60 feet in length. It is reported that from present indications the ore body will soon be reached. It is possible that the Estella will soon become a shipper.

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The mines in the vicinity of Fort Steele are showing up in excellent condition. A large amount of work is being done, and with development the value of the properties is being made more apparent. It is not improbable that the mines now being operated on Wild Horse Creek and its tributaries will rival many of the now famous mines in other districts of the province.

### GREENWOOD.

"Greenwood Miner" says: Old Ironsides and Knob Hill are the richest properties in Greenwood which have been developed to any large extent. They were visited on Tuesday by a party of representative gentlemen from Columbia. They were evidently much pleased with the result of their brief inspection of these wonderful properties, judging from the very complimentary write-up given the trip by the "Columbia Review." The immense compressor plant, furnishing power to both mines, the new 90-horse power boiler and many other recent improvements, were sources of satisfaction to our visitors.

The "Review" reports work on the first shaft of the Ironsides having been accomplished to the 200-foot level, and an air shaft now being sunk to meet a cross-cut of 275 feet from the main shaft at the 200-foot level, and has now reached a depth of 160 feet. In this cross-cut has been found a lead of over 83 feet of solid ore assaying from

\$15 to \$50, besides heavy mineralized matter, making the total width of the ledge over 230 feet.

The Knob Hill seemed to take our neighbors' eye with its vast mineral deposits plainly in sight, a 435-foot tunnel having been driven into the mountain, cutting through 360 feet of solid ore. This ledge is some 225 feet in width and carries high values. A drift has been run from the tunnel along the ledge 235 feet, all in first-class ore, and a shaft is being run to the surface from end of drift. About 7,500 tons of ore are in the Knob Hill bins.

The monthly pay roll now amounts to over \$5,000 on this property and will be greatly increased when the winter has dropped into the past.

### KAMLOOPS.

Quite a few properties are working in this camp, amongst them the Kimberly Group. The tunnel is nearly 200 feet in.

Hecla shaft sunk on lead 40 feet wide, composed of copper pyrites and carbonates.

Catneau Bearer—Shaft 58 feet.

Pothopk—It is rumored that machinery for deep mining is being placed on the ground.

Delaney Fraction—20 feet of highly mineralised copper gangue has been struck.

Copper King Group—Shaft 50 feet; ore carrying bornite and chalcopryite.

Homestake Group—Shows a good deposit of mineralized quartz, carrying fair values in gold and copper.

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A new company has been registered with a capital of \$125,000, in \$1 shares, to acquire claims in the Kamloops camp and two in Harrison Lake camp. The title of the Company is "The Copper Mines, Limited, of British Columbia."

### LARDEAU.

We understand that the C. P. R. are working on the Arrowhead extension in this district.

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Nine inches of grey copper and steel galena of high grade have been struck on the "Nettie L."

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Ore is being shipped out over the ice on the South Arm of Arrow Lake. The Silver Cup, we hear, being one of the shippers.

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Work on the "I. X. L." is progressing very satisfactorily. The tunnel is in some 40 feet. The Superintendent reports the vein to be most encouraging, being both strong and heavily mineralised with high-grade sulphides. In fact this property is supporting its character every foot driven.

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Mr. James Dixon has bonded the Silver Queen in the Lardeau camp. He reports very active operations there, says that the Lardeau camp has an assured future. Mr. Dixon is one of

the most experienced mining men that section, and has located some of the most valuable properties there.

### LYTTON.

Although mining appears to be a little slow around Lytton just at present, those who hold claims still possess unbounded confidence in them, which is not at all surprising considering the outlook. Besides the already famous placer claims on Kanaka Bar, there are several gold quartz and copper propositions in this vicinity. H. Steffens, one of Lytton's enterprising merchants, possesses two claims on the north side of the Thompson River, about five miles east from the town, called the Royal Sovereign and the Golden Queen. There is a tunnel of about 28 feet running right into an immense mass of copper-gold ore as saying \$28 in the latter mineral. The vein trends northwest, but no properly defined walls have been found at present.

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On the Kanaka bar T. Gilles and A. F. Hanlier own four placer claims, which are proving veritable bonanzas. They are streaked with gold right from the surface, but the real pay streak lies about 15 feet down and averages over 15 cents to the pan. The gold is fine quality and of a flaky nature. Messrs. Gillis and Hanlier do not intend to go to Klondike or any other country—Lytton is good enough for them.

A large quantity of machinery has been purchased for dredging between Kanaka Bar and Lillooet and will arrive shortly.

Over \$7,000 has been taken out of Kanaka Bar alone this season.

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On the Fraser river between Yale and Lillooet some \$60,000 was taken out in the last few months. No one knows what the Chinamen panned out, but probably as much more.

### NELSON.

The Nelson people have expected a visit from Mr. R. Marpole, Superintendent of the Pacific Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to attend to the matter of selecting a site for the sampling works of the Slocan Ore Purchasing Company. The railway officials say that there will be no difficulty in satisfying the sampler Company with respect to a site, and the Manager for the sampler Company says that so soon as the matter of the site is settled work will be commenced at once.

An important strike has been made on the Noonday, close to the line of the Galena Mines, and ore is being sacked for shipment that runs about 150 ounces silver to the ton. This streak of ore is about 20 inches wide, and alongside of this streak is a small one about four inches wide that is full of native silver. The Noonday is being worked under lease and already after only ten days' work the parties are paying all expenses and making a good profit.