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THE PILOT BAY SMELTER.

It is stated that the Bank of Montreal will shortly foreclose on the Pilot Bay smelter property, in respect of which moreover three judgments of \$25,000 each have been filed at Kaslo. It is expected that the Bank will ultimately close a deal with Broden Bros., for the sale of the smelter, after which its works will begin again under new auspices.

ROSSLAND'S OUTPUT.

Rossland's 1897 output, up to the end of last week, amounted to 36,561 tons. The week's addition was again good, though rather less than the record one last previously recorded. It amounted to 2,085 tons, of which the Le Roi mine's output came to 1440 tons. The War Eagle slightly increased its yield, making it 265 tons for the week and the Columbia and Kootenay also advanced, shipping 180 tons, as did the Iron Mask with 90 tons and the Cliff with 60. The Centre Star, however, made a reduced shipment of 50 tons, though it will soon become one of the big shippers of the camp. The shipping mines of last week were, therefore, the usual half-dozen.

THE GOLDEN EARS MINE.

The development work on the Rocket belonging to the Golden Ears Mining Company, Limited, is progressing satisfactorily. A tunnel crosscutting the léad is being run; the cut, which is about 40 feet below the top of Hog's Back Mountain, is in 23 feet, and has cut into a very rich paystreak 4 feet 6 inches on the floor of the tunnel, showing a very fine body of ore, widening as it goes down from 2 feet at top of the cut to 4 feet 6 inches, with every indication of a larger and richer body of ore ahead of the cut. There is sufficient ore on the dump to pay for all expenses so far incurred. The management confidently predict that this property will pay from the grass roots. The Provincial Government is building a road from the shore of the lake to the mine, which will be completed in about four weeks time, which will enable the Company to commence shipping ore to the smelter. Offers have been made for the property, which the Company have refused. This is another Ceast undertaking largely in

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