

Mining Throughout British Columbia

Receipts at Trail—Financial Plan for Operation of Dolly Varden Property—Coal Prospecting at Chemainus—Granby June Production—Salmon River District—Notes.

The following is a list of the ore received at the TRAIL SMELTER, during the week ending July 21st, 1919:—

Mine	Location	Gross Tons
Centre Star,	Rossland	1120
Cork Province,	Zwicky	36
Emma,	Coltern	167
Iron Mask,	Kamloops	44
Josie,	Rossland	78
Mandy,	The Pas	284
Molly Gibson,	Kitto Landing	89
North Star,	Kimberley	289
North Star,	Greenwood	2
Rambler,	Rambler	66
Silver Bell,	Adamant	35
San Poil,	Republic	183
Sullivan (Zinc),	Kimberley	3942
Sullivan (Lead),	Kimberley	284
TOTAL		6619

The renewed operations of the Dolly Varden Mine on Alice Arm and the legislation enacted at the last session of the Provincial Legislature has called attention to the financing of these developments and the continued building of the railway to the Dolly Varden and Wolf groups of mineral claims. The Taylor Mining Company, Limited has been incorporated with an authorized capital of \$1,500,000 of which \$1,350,000 are paid up. The directors of this Company are Mr. R. P. Butchart of Victoria, Mr. Hall Chiene, vice-president; Mr. C. M. Rolston, treasurer, Mr. J. F. Tener, Mr. Walter Leek and Mr. A. J. T. Taylor, president, all of Vancouver. The Taylor Mining Company has undertaken to advance \$750,000 to the Taylor Engineering Company which assigned last summer when work was suspended and act in advisory capacity to the Engineering Company and for this becomes the owners of the mine. Of this amount the Taylor Engineering Company has received \$350,000 to pay obligations and operate the mine and railway. Against the mine and railway properties there are obligations totalling \$1,275,000 made up of the Taylor Engineering Company, \$462,000, the Dolly Varden Mining Company, \$613,000, floating charge of mortgage and interest, \$175,000 and balance of purchase price \$25,000. All these charges are payable out of net profit proceeds. Since a recent valuation of the property and the railway was estimated at between \$2,500,000 and \$2,750,000 it seems likely that all creditors will be paid off in due course. The Dolly Varden Mine Company, composed of Chicago people had the opportunity of continuing in ownership of its properties by paying off the claims against its properties. This it did not see fit to do and by legislative enactment providing for this contingency the property becomes the possession of the Taylor interest as noted above. It is expected that shipments from the Dolly Varden property by the end of the month.

Some interest is being manifested by Vancouver mining men in coal developments in the neighborhood of Oyster Bay, following the publication of ten notices of application to prospect in The British Columbia Gazette of last week by Mr. Harry Whitney Treat, of Seattle. This Seattle capitalist has taken the lead in the coal prospecting in that neighborhood in the past year or two and is now reported to have run through coal at Chemainus in two drilling positions, while it is recalled that on the Granby property on the north end of the harbor a seam averaging ten feet in thickness was proved up by Mr. Treat and sold to the Granby Consolidated Company. This coal is from what is called the Upper Douglas seam, and is being sold in Vancouver at present,

the waste being coked for use at the Granby smelter at Anyox.

A. W. McCune, a mine owner and operator of New York, and Salt Lake City, has gone into the Sheep Creek to spend some two months in recreation and business. Mr. McCune is spending \$100,000 in the advance of a tunnel into the Queen mine on Sheep Creek with the object of reaching a large body of free milling gold ore.

Mr. McCune is associated with Mr. Henry C. Frick as the largest holders of stock in the Cerro del Pasco mine of South America. For many years he has been interested in mining, lumbering and contracting in the northwest.

The Queen mine is equipped with a small mill and has been operated in the past.

The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power company produced approximately 2,000,000 pounds of copper at its Anyox, B. C., smelter in June, according to an unofficial report. This is comparable with 1,267,688 pounds in May, 707,301 in April and 90,682 pounds in March, according to New York reports. The production in July is expected to attain the 3,000,000 mark, according to a report from Anyox. This increase is made possible by the use of the full equipment of four furnaces instead of two, and sometimes three, in recent months. The operation of the smelter at capacity is facilitated by insurance of a sufficient quantity of coke.

After more than two years' work in preparation the coke ovens of the Granby at Anyox began to produce coke and by-products and the big plant, the only one of its kind on the Pacific coast, is in full operation, says the Anyox report.

Continued operation is expected and the grade of coke being produced is said to be excellent. Thirty-two ovens are in operation. Coal for the ovens is supplied from the Granby's properties at Cassidy, Vancouver Island, from which steady shipments have been made to the smelter town for several weeks past.

Mr. Charles F. Caldwell is thus quoted in the following enthusiastic fashion:

That the Salmon River country in the Stewart district at the head of the Portland Canal is fabulously rich in gold and silver and that Vancouver should participate in the greatest mining development in the history of Canada is the opinion of Charles F. Caldwell of Kaslo, who is heavily interested in the Salmon River discoveries. Mr. Caldwell is proceeding to the east to arrange with his associates for transportation facilities in the northern country that should solve all the difficulties with which the mine owners in the district have to contend.

"There are many Vancouver men interested in this district who will take fortunes out of that country within a few years," said Mr. Caldwell. "With transportation facilities the mines that now have only small camps and only employ small numbers of men will have camps with from one to four thousand men, which will mean the building of several towns and the influx of a large population into that wonderful district.

"The question of transportation is one of the demands of the mine owners for some means to get their ore to the coast and has been brought more prominently before the owners by the recent realization of the immense wealth of the district. The famous Comstock, Goldfield and Cripple Creek discoveries cannot compare with this British Columbia camp, which will bring more wealth into this country than has been thought of by anyone. The fabulous wealth of some of the big mines there are no hallucination. Mining experts declare that there are hundreds of millions of dollars worth of gold and silver in the ore body and I have seen enough to know that it is wealthy almost beyond belief. The mineral zone is about eight miles wide and twenty miles in length, with ore bodies outcropping everywhere, except where the heavy soil and the timber has hidden them.