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### MINING NOTES.

The Homestake workings have been pumped out, the new plant is ready for work and within a day or two the work of development will be in full swing.

Advices from Toronto tend to show that while the rush for stocks has lessened, there is no diminution in the amount of interest taken in British Columbia gold fields in general, and Trail Creek in particular, and a great influx of Torontonians is to be looked for in the spring.

A thousand shares of Le Roi were sold during the week at \$7.50.

Mr. A. W. McDougald, formerly of Toronto, but now a broker in Chicago, left today for the latter city after his second visit to Rossland. Mr. McDougald secured one or two first-class properties while in the camp.

M. Du Marais, the expert sent by the French government to report on Trail Creek, must be pleased with our mines. He invested the other day in several stocks.

Mr. J. M. Burke has returned from a flying business trip to Toronto and the east. He says people in the other end of the country are beginning to appreciate Rossland and its mines.

The regulation "English syndicate" is again credited by popular rumor with a desire to secure a number of partially developed claims on Red Mountain and in its vicinity. From facts which have come to the notice of THE REVIEW, it seems that there is a foundation for the report.

Messrs. A. W. Ross & Co., the pioneer Ross' and mining-brokers in Toronto, have opened an office in Montreal at 154 St. James street.

Some really remarkable assays have been obtained from ore taken from the surface showings of the Red Eagle this week.

While interest in Toronto is undiminished, the eastern metropolis is apparently fully alive to the opportunities of the hour, and transactions there are already heavy enough to occasion the establishment of offices in Montreal by several well-known firms.

The Toronto World has published, in a special edition, an exhaustive "write-up" of Ontario's mines, from the pen of Mr. Wallace Maclean, who recently visited and described in the World the mines of this district.

Not a little attention is being given to the mineral lands of Ontario at the present time, and Hamilton, Ont., is said to have been a very large buyer of shares in the mining companies recently incorporated for the exploitation of the prospects and mines of that province.

P. Clark has sailed from Liverpool on his return journey. This fact makes the conjecture probable that nothing has been done on the War Eagle sale. He has been in London too short a time. To make a deal in London the patience of Job is one of the first necessities.

F. A. Heinze is making arrangements to increase the capacity of the Trail smelter to 750 tons a day. He is also about to install a refining plant at Trail which will be the first refining plant established in Canada.

As soon as smelting and refining are industries established in Canada a movement should be set on foot to establish a mint in Canada. It would probably not pay just at first but it would keep our gold in the country. And every Canadian gold coin circulating throughout the world would give tone to our commercial nationality. This mining revival is going to give our new government lots of opportunities.

Ore from the 500-foot level in the Le Roi beats anything which has come from the mine. The copper is of that peculiar fine-cubed, streaky description which is an almost infallible indication of richness.

It is reported and on good authority that Heinze has been stimulated to increase his plant, put in a refinery and build a railway by the significant fact that the matte now produced at Trail contains 50 per cent. more gold than it did when the reduction works were first put in operation.

F. A. Heinze and Monsieur Du Marais have both been in the market as purchasers of Trail Creek property within the last two weeks. These two gentlemen are doubtless among those who have been induced by false reports to invest their savings in Trail Creek, and are so pathetically referred to in the outside press.

F. W. Rok and D. M. Linard returned yesterday from the east. Both gentlemen have made successful business trips.

The Bank of British Columbia has established a branch at Sandon, in the Slocan.

Hamilton Smith, the great mining expert, is in North America, making his annual inspection of the Anaconda Copper company's properties. It is not unlikely that he may make a flying trip into West Kootenay before he returns to London.

The additions to the Hall mines smelter at Nelson are rapidly approaching completion. The ore is reported to have improved lately in average grade.

It is difficult to understand the apathy of the English market towards Hall mines stock, unless it is that investors are afraid that the stock is not being handled in the interests of the shareholders. It certainly looks at present as though the stock was being "beared" from interested motives.

### A GOOD ONE.

The following is from the Toronto World:—  
"The World was informed yesterday of a deal, which if it transpires, will prove one of the biggest things ever recorded in the annals of Canadian mining. The statement was to the effect that Barney Barnato, the "Kafir King" of the Transvaal, has two agents in Ontario quietly buying up mining locations in the Lake of the Woods, Rainy River and Seine River districts. The names of those gentlemen are J. D. Warner and J. Cohen, who came quietly to the city a few days ago, and, to avoid publicity put up at private lodgings. Mr. Warner is still in town, while it is understood Mr. Cohen has left for the mining region.

It is said their instructions are to secure control of about 50 free-milling gold properties in Northwestern Ontario, which are to be consolidated and placed upon the London, Eng., market about the first of the new year. It is stated besides, that Mr. Barnato has chosen the Bank of Montreal as the channel through which the purchase moneys are paid over."

Consider this. In the first place there are not five mines in Ontario sufficiently developed to warrant consolidation and flotation on the London market. In the second place, to pick out fifty prospects in the middle of winter in Western Ontario worth development would be a quite impossible task to put any mining man. In the third place, even if there were no snow on the ground it would take months to select fifty claims. This is a canard on the face of it. Doubtless Barnato and other people will invest in Western Ontario, which seems to have a brilliant future before it. But they will not invest in the manner described. It would be too ideal a snap for the owners of fifty snow covered prospects.

### "IN OR NEAR WASHINGTON."

Four years of dull times, which have made it impossible to do business in many lines that people were accustomed to do, has driven a steadily increasing number in all the Western States to seek and find a new occupation in mining. The wonderful promise of the Trail Creek, Boundary Creek and the Slocan countries, and other regions in or near Washington, has tempted more people from this State to seek this new field of enterprise than from any other.—Tacoma Daily Ledger.