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MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

During the past year the North Star Mining Company, Rossland, has paid three dividends, aggregating 12 per cent on the capital stock.

The Payne mine at Sandon made a net profit during the last quarter of 1900 of \$113,000, of which sum \$74,000 was paid to the shareholders in dividends.

The Rockland group of mines on Eight Mile Creek, Slovan district, will be developed by the Miner-Graves syndicate this year and fully equipped with machinery.

The concentrator at the Highland mine, Ainsworth, is now installed and ready for operation. One hundred tons of ore per day will be handled. Regular shipments will commence Feb. 1.

The Slovan ore shipments for the week ending January 19th are as follows: Mine—Payne, 60 tons; Hewett, 100; Arlington, 10, Bosun, 40; Trade Dollar, 21; Sovereign, 11; Hartney, 20; Black Prince 20; total, 231.—Rossland Miner.

The compressor plant on the Nickel Plate, in Twenty-Mile camp, Fairview district, is being installed. P. Scott's group of claims has been bonded to Montreal parties for \$150,000, and work is progressing.

The Second Relief mine, Whiskey Creek district, near Nelson, is to commence producing shortly. This mine is owned by the Finch-Campbell syndicate. Over \$100,000 has been spent in opening up this mine and it is expected to pay when operations start.

It is stated on good authority that the output of ore from the Le Roi mine, Rossland, is to be increased. The intention is to send to the smelter during February about 35,000 tons and thereafter to maintain a minimum monthly shipment of about 30,000 tons.

The net returns from ore shipments at the American Boy mine, Sandon district, not including the cost of mining or packing, to date have been \$19,731.31. The total money handled by the management in 17 months has been \$26,153. The manager estimates that there is \$100,000 worth of ore blocked out.

Preparations are being made for sinking another 100 feet at the Iron Mask. Drifting and crosscutting at the 150-foot level has proved the vein to be of the same width and the ore somewhat better in quality than at the old workings at the 50-foot level. When the next 100 feet is reached the Iron Mask will be a developed mine and capable of maintaining a large production of ore.—Rossland Miner.

The cyanide plant at the Athabasca mine is practically completed. Yesterday the steam heating apparatus for the cyanide building arrived here, and to-day the first installment of the pipe and fixtures went up the hill. Mr. Fell, manager of the Athabasca, informs the Miner that the addition of the heating apparatus will complete the work on the building. The inference is that the dyantide plant will be in operation shortly, and the Athabasca will then have one of the few complete reduction works in the Kootenay.—Nelson Miner.

A company organized in Chicago in November under the name of the British Columbia and Lake Shore Development Company, obtained a working bond on two mineral claims in the Boundary district. One of these, the Blue Bell, situated in Summit Camp, in the neighborhood of the well-known B. C. mine a prospecting shaft is going down in some very nice-looking gold-copper ore, which gives promise of developing into a body of ore that it will pay to work. As, however, the shaft is not yet down 50 feet, it is rather early to take it for granted that in this another shipping mine will be added to those already contributing materially to the ore output from the district.

The sampling mill at the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood commenced operations on Jan. 10, on which date the work of crushing ore from the Mother Lode mine was begun. The furnace at this smelter is ready to be blown in and between 6,000 and 7,000 tons of ore are on hand awaiting treatment, but there is uncertainty about a sufficient supply of coke being yet obtainable to keep the furnace running continuously, so the management is not disposed to take the chances of a possible shut-

down soon after starting the furnace. As a consequence no smelting will be done until all doubt as to a supply of coke being regularly kept up shall have been set at rest.

A commencement was made about the middle of January to haul ore from the Carni mine, situated on the West Fork of Kettle River and distant about 60 miles northwest of Greenwood. Seventeen four-horse teams are now on the road and an effort will be made to fulfill a contract to deliver 1,500 tons of ore to the Standard Pyritic smelter at Boundary Falls before the snow disappears in the spring. The ore has to be hauled on sleighs some distance over a newly-made winter road, and thence over a good wagon road to Midway, where it is loaded on railway cars and taken the remaining five miles to the smelter. It must carry high values to leave any margin of profit over the cost of mining and of freight for nearly 60 miles.

During the year 1900 the Eugene mine at Moyle shipped over 17,000 tons of ore, of a total value of over one million dollars. The pay roll into the town during the year averaged nearly \$30,000 per month, or \$360,000 for the twelve months. The St. Eugene is the principal mine in the Moyle camp. The property now stands as one of the largest silver-lead mines on the American continent. The St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Co.'s holdings consist of nine full claims and five large fractions. They begin at the shore of Moyle lake and extend back a distance of over a mile and a half, and cover nearly the entire mountain immediately to the rear of the town. The property is well developed. The concentrator, which has a capacity of 400 tons per day, is running steadily and regular shipments of concentrates to both the smelters of the United States and Chili are being made. The company has now 270 men employed.

Announcement has been made that an arrangement was entered into between Gooderham and Blackstock, of Toronto, and the Fairview Corporation, Ltd., owning large real estate and mining interests at Fairview, British Columbia, under which the former were to advance the latter \$30,000 to pay off pressing liabilities, has lately been carried into effect. One of the conditions of the deal is that Gooderham and Blackstock have a time option to buy at an agreed price a controlling interest in the stock of the corporation and meanwhile are to further develop by their own expense the Sternwinder mine at Fairview. This mine has, it is asserted, a large showing of free-milling gold quartz ore. There does not appear to be any doubt that there is an enormous quantity of ore, but it is generally of such low grade as to make the question of its treatment at a profit a difficult one to solve. The prospective new owners have already commenced work in the mine and it is their intention to sink a shaft 200 feet and then prospect the ore body at that depth. The success or failure of this venture is of much importance to the town of Fairview, in which the Fairview Corporation three or four years ago erected one of the largest hotels to be found in the southeastern portion of the province.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

D. F. Burk, of Port Arthur, reports a big find of gold near Sturgeon Lake, in the Thunder Bay district.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The annual report of the Republic Consolidated Gold Mining Company, of Republic, Washington, for the year ending August 31 last, has been issued. The financial statement shows a credit to the profit and loss account of \$16,623. The total assets amount to \$3,770,367.71, made up as follows: Cash in banks, \$12,182.42, mine's compressor, \$3,000,000, mine boarding house, \$5,000, supplies on hand, \$14,794.50; timber claims, \$1,393.95; mine development, \$3,097.20; stock of other companies, \$633,785; mine permanent improvements, \$2,307.61; sundry accounts receivable, \$7,727. The total liabilities amount to \$3,753,742.05, made up as follows: Capital stock, \$3,402,677; loan on dumps, \$250,000; B. R. mines account, Quip stock, \$12,030; bills payable, \$50,000; sundry accounts payable (not due), \$39,037.05. Since Sept 1 stock in other companies to the amount of \$150,000 has been disposed of, reducing the liability that much.