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THE COXEY STRIKE

Work in the West Drift Is Disclosing Some Good Ore.

A VERY FINE SHOWING

In the East Drift There is a Solid Ore Body, Which Returns Values of \$19 Per Ton, Which Assures a Liberal Profit.

On the Coxeys, where the recent important strike was made, development work is steadily continuing, and in the west drift some good ore is met. As work is being carried on by hand, progress is of necessity slow, but it is expected that within the next few days the broken formation in the neighborhood of the crosscourse will have been left behind and the solid ore body met. Some splendid specimens of copper ore continue to be met in the development of the property, and no better samples of chalcocyanide have been produced in the camp than some that is found in the Coxeys. Much of it will carry almost as high as 25 per cent copper, which is close to the maximum percentage that chalcocyanide can contain.

The recent strike continues to attract much attention among mining men, not only on account of the importance of it from a financial standpoint, but also because of the peculiar manner in which it was disclosed. There are two veins on the Coxeys, with an apparent trend of nearly east and west. Of these, the more northerly one has been prospected by a surface cut, a pit and a shaft down about 50 feet, which have shown excellent copper and iron ore. A tunnel was started two or three years ago to develop the lead, but the results were far from satisfactory. The ledge itself was not met at the point where it was expected, and although drifts were run, the work did not reveal anything of importance. Work there was accordingly suspended and a long tunnel was started lower down the hill with the intention of opening the ledge at a depth of about 250 feet or more. The lower tunnel is now being continued. Some time ago the manager of the property, R. G. Edwards Leckie, decided to do some prospecting in the upper tunnel with the view of locating the missing ledge. He had an idea that the tunnel had been driven in a crosscourse that passed through the vein.

On each side of the tunnel was a layer of gongee and Mr. Leckie put a force of men at work breaking through the gongee. In a short time a splendid body of ore about 12 feet wide was met on the east side of the tunnel. An average assay of it returned values in the neighborhood of \$19, equivalent to smelter values of \$16, which assures a liberal profit in shipping the ore. Development is now being continued in the lower tunnel, and will disclose the ore body there, and as told above, mixed ore is already being met, while it is expected that the main ledge will be met in its solid state within a short distance. Meanwhile work is continuing in the upper tunnel, for the purpose of exposing the lead there at depth.

The Coxeys is nearly a full claim, containing 44 acres in all, and is situated on the west side of Red Mountain. To the north of it are the Nevada and the Mountain View; east is the Golden Queen; the Nevada and the Giant lie south, and on the west side only a small fraction separates the property from the Jumbo and the Gold King. The property is crown granted. It is owned by the Montreal Goldfields of Montreal.

MINES AND MINING.

Properties of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines to be Extensively Developed. Paul Langhammer, M. E., will start in a day or two for the properties of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, which are located a short distance south of Camp McKinney. Mr. Langhammer will be general manager for the company and promises that it will not be long before the stockholders will hear from him to their advantage. The intention is to erect a cyaniding plant with which to reduce the ore that is already in the dumps and that which has been uncovered and can easily be extracted. As the properties of the company are of such a promising character and as the company has plenty of funds in the treasury for all needed purposes it has been decided to raise the price of the shares to 7 1/2 cents after the 15th of the present month. The properties of the company are to be developed on an extensive scale.

THE STAMP MILL RUNNING.

Ten Stamps Are Industiously Dropping on the Porto Rico. A letter received yesterday from A. B. Irwin, the manager of the Porto Rico, owned by the Canadian Pacific Exploration, limited, and situated near Hall's Siding, north of Ymir, announced that the new 10-stamp mill was started yesterday and is running without a flaw. The Porto Rico's splendid new equipment is now in complete running order. The concentrator and mill are in operation, while the tramway is also finished, and the compressor and air connections are all in shape. Active development will be pushed, and it is confidently expected that with the immense ore bodies already opened in the property, it will soon become the payer of substantial and regular dividends.

Rich Copper Ore.

John Stussi is back from the Mountain Creek group, on Ball Dog mountain, back of Lower Arrow lake, where he was looking after the development of the property. Mr. Stussi says that the work of packing out ore has already commenced, and that 140 sacks are already down at Dog creek on the lake,

waiting to be transported by steamer and rail to the Trail smelter for treatment. An open cut on the property shows ore running 20 per cent in copper and 15 ounces in silver. Eight feet of it carries shipping values.

OBE FROM THE DUDEE.

A Series of Assays Show That It Is of High Grade. J. L. Parker, M. E., who returned yesterday from a visit to Ymir, is much pleased with a series of assays that were made from ore taken from the crosscut at the face of the west drift in the 200-foot level of the Dundee. The first assay went \$60 in gold and \$3.60 in silver, a total of \$63.60; the second, \$52 in gold and \$2.40 in silver, total \$54.40; the third, \$16 in gold and \$1.20 in silver, total \$17.20. This gives an average of \$45.06. This is very satisfactory. Half of the machinery for the Dundee concentrator is on the site and the work of putting it together is already in progress. An ore bin is also in process of construction. It is thought the concentrator will be ready for operation by the first of the year if no accident causes a delay. Even then it will be in running order early in January.

In a few days a whim will be installed on the Evening Star, which is being operated by the Fairmont company. The inclined shaft on the Evening Star is now down a distance of 42 feet. The buildings under erection for the Tamarac are almost completed. The hoist and the galloways frame are in position. The pump is at the mine and in a day or two will be installed, and when operations will be resumed on the shaft. The work was suspended a short time since owing to an influx of water.

A Contract Let.

A contract has been let for sinking a 50-foot shaft on the Bryan mineral claim at Waterloo, and men are already at work in camp erecting a bunk house and getting in supplies. W. de V. Le Maistre announces that working bond on this property has been taken by private party from England. The Bryan last year had a smelter return on three tons of choice ore running five ounces in gold and 20 ounces in silver.

CROW'S NEST EXCURSION.

Rossland Delegation Leaves in Charge of the B. C. O. The Rossland delegation which will take part in the excursion given by the Canadian Pacific railway over the Crow's Nest Pass line left Monday for Nelson under the guidance of Archie B. Mackenzie, the city ticket agent for the company. About 20 Rossland people in the party. Among them were Aldermen Lalonde and Goodvee, Gold Commissioner Kirkup, City Assessor Harp, Dr. G. S. Armstrong, J. B. Johnson, W. B. Townsend, J. L. R. Marsh, James Macdonald, A. E. Macdonald, the Toronto Wild, Waldemar Wallace, James Hunter, Alfred McMillan and Archie B. Mackenzie, who will be the guide, philosopher and friend of the savants during their tour. The party will leave this morning for Kootenay Landing, on the trial trip of the C. P. R.'s new steel steamer Moyie. From there the visitors will go to the coal fields in East Kootenay and will look over the country there. They will be back to Rossland Friday night.

Program From Nelson.

Nelson, Dec. 6.—There will be nearly 100 excursionists there tomorrow morning on the initial trip of the steamer Moyie and on over the Crow's Nest Pass railway as the guests of the Canadian Pacific railway. The party will be in charge of F. W. Peters, district traffic agent, and with him will be the following C. P. R. officials: Captain J. W. Troup, superintendent of steamboats; F. P. Gutelins, superintendent of Rossland branch; W. F. Anderson, traveling passenger agent; H. E. Beasley, superintendent of Kootenay branches, and A. B. Mackenzie, agent, Rossland.

The program as outlined tonight is: The party leave tomorrow morning after breakfast, 8 a.m., on the Moyie, reaching Kootenay Landing about noon. The boat will connect at Pilot Bay with the contingent from Kaslo and Slooan points. Lunch will be served on board. At the landing, the guests will be transferred to a special train of three sleeping cars and will leave there at 10 o'clock, arriving at Cranbrook at 18. At Cranbrook they will be entertained at dinner by the club and will be joined by a delegation from Fort Steele. The night will be spent on board the cars. They will leave Thursday morning for Fernie, after breakfast, arriving there at 11 a.m. Here the party will visit the coal mines and coking ovens, and be entertained at lunch by the management of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company. Will return to Cranbrook the same afternoon, arriving at 16 o'clock, and visiting Fort Steele the same evening, there to be dinied by its board of trade. Driving back to Cranbrook Friday morning the train will then proceed to Moyie City where a chance will be given to see the St. Eugene and other mines. Arriving at the landing at 16 o'clock, the Moyie will be ready to take them home. On board an elaborate dinner will be served and Nelson reached at 18.30.

NEWS FROM COMAPLIX.

The Camp Is Looking Very Promising.—A Surprise Party.—(Special.)—Work has been stopped on the Brunswick mine for the winter. It is expected the mine will be a slusher next year. W. G. Girard and Geo. Bongoire commenced work this week on the Gold Dust, which they located two months ago, and are showing some very promising specimens. Their claim is only 15 minutes' walk from the center of the camp. Other mines are also looking well. A pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Green last night. The weather has been fine, and some prospectors have gone back to the hills to make the good things they saw in the summer.

SHARES TAKEN UP IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

London Swallows the Le Roi Stocks and Wants More.

ONE MILLION A YEAR

The Allotment to be Made Today—Annies and Buckingham Promise to be As Rich as the Le Roi—Special Cable From London.

Some of the Eastern Canadian papers have been laboring under the impression that the flotation of the Le Roi Mining company, limited, on the London market had been accomplished a week ago. This is quite incorrect as the prospectus of the company was only mailed on Saturday last in London, England. The following special cable from London fully explains the matter. "The long looked for Le Roi mine is at last before London investors. The London and Globe Finance corporation and the British America corporation today invite subscriptions of 200,000 shares of 25 each in the Le Roi Mining company, limited. The purchase price is \$500,000, payable in cash or fully paid shares, leaving \$50,000 for working capital. The directors are the Marquis of Dufferin, Lord Loch, Whitaker Wright and H. Andrews of Sheffield. The first three named are directors of the British America corporation. Great things are hoped in the way of a British Columbia mining boom here."

The interest that has been manifested by the public in the gradual absorption of the famous Le Roi mine has become historic. If Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, resident director of the B. C. O., ever makes public the history of the great fight made by him to obtain the control and entire ownership of the Le Roi mine for the B. C. O., people will realize how stupendous a task and how important a task he has undertaken on behalf of the British shareholders.

Be that as it may, the great corporation now controls a number of the great mining properties of Red Mountain. There is no doubt now that with increased capital the Le Roi will become one of the greatest producing mines of the continent, and the outlook is for a regular profit of a million dollars being paid out in dividends every year, or a profit on the investment of 20 per cent per annum on the present flotation. In this connection it may be authoritatively stated that the whole of the million pounds sterling or \$5,000,000 of capital in the new company has already been subscribed by the shareholders of the British America corporation and the London and Globe Finance corporation, who were given the preference on the subscription list. The allotment of shares will be made today. The subscription list far exceeds the amount called for.

Other properties of the B. C. O. are also being floated, and one of the best indications of the value of the Red Mountain properties is that a splendid ore chute has just been discovered on the West Le Roi, formerly known as the Annie & Rockingham. The developments show all the main and secondary ledges are proper in its early days. Some of the samples show a large percentage of copper, which, with the gold, represent a value of from \$34 to \$52 per ton. These facts go to prove the old repeated assertion that Rossland is destined to become one of the great mining camps of the world.

Supreme Court Sittings.

A. O. Galt, barrister, who is just back from Nelson, where he was attending the sittings of the supreme court, brings word that Justice Irving has promised to use his influence to secure another sitting of the supreme court in Rossland some time next month. In expectation that a sittings could be arranged for here, the justice adjourned the hearing of the case of Adams vs. the Bank of Montreal until that time. The famous Centre Star-Iron Mask case, which has been dragging in the courts for more than a year, may also be heard on its merits at that time. The Centre Star has filed an affidavit that it will not be ready for appearing in the case until the snow gets off the ground next spring, and as a consequence it is possible that the hearing may not take place at the sittings next month. The sittings of the full bench of the supreme court will be held in Victoria on the 19th of the month, when the appeal in the Centre Star case will be argued, and the Iron Mask will be heard. A. H. MacNeill, representing the Iron Mask, leaves next week to be present at the hearing of the appeals.

ANSWERS TO INQUIRES.

The Shakespear. GEORGE DERRIN, Berlin, Ont.: The Shakespear Gold Mining company holds the Spruce Cordis and Blockberg, two claims on the north slope of Monte Christo mountain. Some work has been done on them and surface assays showed good values. For detailed information you might write to Fred Blockberger, or Fred Schofield, Rossland, B. C. They are interested in the company. The construction of the road to Pentiction has already commenced. It will not touch any properties on Green Mountain.

Grand Bazaar and Fancy Fair.

The fair organized by the St. George's Ladies' Aid society will be held in the Miners' Union hall and opened by the Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh on the 18th day of December and following day. The booths will be as follows and presided over by the following ladies: Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Drott, Old Glory; Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Falding, Japanese; Mrs. R. and Mrs. Falding, British Columbia; Mrs. J. V. Bohn and Mrs. Gowan, Gypsy Tent; Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Frank Oliver, Ye Papeterie; Mrs. Mackintosh, Mrs. Benbridge, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Stevenson, Marie Stuart; Mrs. Deufferfeld, Shooting Gallery; Mrs. Frank Oliver, Fairie Well and Toyeries.

RECO WILL SHIP THIS WINTER VIA THE K. & S. RAILWAY.

Messrs. Burns and Wilson Complete the Purchase of the California—The Property Has Cost Them \$15,000. Fort Steele Locations.

THE JOKER'S PAYSTREAK

The summary of news from other camps this week reveals that the Slooan mines will rawhide considerable ore this winter. The outlook is that the output from this section this winter will show an increase over that of last. Messrs. Burns and Wilson have completed the purchase of the California property near New Denver. This property has shipped some ore already and as the new owners have the necessary capital it will not be long before the California will become a regular shipper. Appended is the summary for the week:

SLOOAN DIVISION.

Carl Hand of Butte, is now manager of the Payne. The Last Chance tramway will be completed in a few days. E. M. Covington has a \$3,000 contract at the head of Kaslo creek. W. J. Gospel is acting gold commissioner in place of O. G. Patis. The Rambler-Orinoo is making preparations for its winter's shipments. At the Vancouver 200 tons of high grade galena is sacked and ready for the sleighs. A concentrator is to be built at Sandon by the Ruth. The mine and mill will be connected by tramway. The Reco has made arrangements to ship the winter's output by way of the Kaslo & Slooan, rawhiding it down to the Odeg branch. Close to 600 tons of ore has been sacked at the Wakefield ready for shipment as soon as the snow on the lower levels permits of hauling.

A contract has been let for 100 feet of tunneling on the Wonderful, continuing one of the great producing mines of the ledge will be tapped. Superintendent Fraser of the Galena Farm mine, has resigned his position and departed for South Africa, where he has secured a lucrative position. An English company, with E. Mansfield as manager, is working the Joker group of South Kaslo. There is a three-foot paystreak, giving returns of 375 in gold. Another tunnel is being run in the Mill Creek, 120 feet below the present workings. It is to crosscut the ledge to the hanging wall. There are 120 tons of concentrates on the dump.

The British Columbia Goldfields is working a large force of men on the Golden Wedge property at the junction of the main and second north fork of Lemon creek. It is a gold proposition, and a crosscut tunnel 180 feet long has cut the ledge at 175 feet depth, proving it to be 13 feet wide, with 10 feet of quartz, assaying as high as \$80 in gold, and averaging \$17 or \$18 across the ledge. The mine has about 47 men at work. A sawmill is running full blast.

Electric dynamo, to be used in the Comstock concentrator, have been received at the wharf. The machinery for the mill has arrived at Nakusp and is expected in a few days. As soon as the concentrator is in working order, a large force of men will be put to work in the mine. Last winter more than 60 men were employed at the mine, and double this force will be employed this winter. This week several loads of their clean ore were sleighed into town. It is understood that 100 tons will be shipped before Christmas.

At the Vancouver mine 180 tons of ore are sacked and ready for shipment. The steady fall of snow will be coming down this week will make rawhiding possible, so that next week the Vancouver will make a shipment. This company expects to ship about 350 tons this winter, although that amount may be largely exceeded. At any rate, this amount is equal in value to a shipment of 700 tons from almost any other mine in the Slooan, rich as they all are. Over \$2,000 was the amount of the smelter check received from the last carload shipped.

Water in the mine from which the ore for shipment from the Fisher Maiden was being taken, has caused a suspension of work at that property. About six tons of ore had been taken out prior to the shut-down and this has been rawhided down and will be shipped this week. The new ore body lately uncovered at the mine, consists of a considerable body of concentrating ore, in which the mine has been sunk, with a streak of clean ore a foot wide in the bottom of the main and second north fork of Lemon creek. This ore body must be tapped from below and a tunnel will accordingly be driven in, lower down the mountain. Ore is being sacked daily at the Emily Edith mine and is fast accumulating in the ore house. Shipments will be made from this mine this winter. P. Burns and "Blake" Wilson this week completed the purchase of a three-thirds interest in the California, paying over the sum of \$13,000, which makes \$15,000 in all that the interest has cost them, aside from the amount spent upon the property in development. The California is located on Silver mountain, near New Denver. Close upon \$7,000 has been spent in development, resulting in something like 500 feet of work. During the past summer the California shipped 40 tons of high grade ore.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Development work on the North Star mine is proceeding at a most gratifying rate. The new double-compartment shaft is down close upon 100 feet. It is said that crosscutting will commence as soon as a depth of 300 feet is obtained. The new hoisting machinery will soon be in operation. During the summer of 1897, 1,700 quartz locations were recorded in Fort Steele. This was a most remarkable showing for a new district. During the past year 652 new locations were made, which, though only 33 per cent of the amount of 1897, yet is a very flattering showing of new mineral prospects. A large number of these new locations are situated in the main range of the Rocky mountains, within a few miles of Fort Steele.

E. C. Smith, manager of the Sullivan group, says that a large body of rich carbonates was struck at a point south and east of the main workings. A shaft was sunk through the carbonates 12 feet, but it will have to be timbered before it can be sunk any deeper. A portion of the machinery ordered from the east has reached Cranbrook, and will be forwarded to the mine as soon as possible. The Kootenay King group consists of the Kootenay King, Wedge and Watson. The development work consists of two tunnels. No. 1 tunnel is in 52 feet and No. 2 tunnel is in 100 feet. The ledge is 14 feet in width. The ore is a galena, carrying some gold. Assay returns are as follows: Silver values, \$64; gold, \$8. The Kootenay King has the honor of being the first quartz claim located in the district.

The Knob Hill claim situated in Beaver camp, bids fair to give its big namesake in Greenwood camp a close chase. The surface showing on this property is said to be very large, the width of the ledge being 52 feet between walls, which are plainly defined. The Podunk and Grey Eagle, situated in Central camp, have been bonded by Messrs. H. Johnson and Buchanan of Rossland, who represent eastern capital. The price stipulated in the bond is \$10,000, ten per cent of which was paid down on the execution of the bond. Work will soon be resumed on the Hecla claim in Oro Fino camp at Rock creek. A 47-foot tunnel was recently bored on this property. An assay was made on ore taken from the surface of the vein, just before work was suspended, and it gave returns of nine per cent copper, and \$2.50 gold, making \$20 in all values. There was an unconfirmed rumor this week to the effect that the Big Copper mine in Copper camp had been bonded for \$70,000. The Big Copper has an enormous ledge of high grade ore. The property has not been worked for years. The Brooklyn mine machinery now installed, is expected to be kept running all winter. Work on the Stemwinder, also in Greenwood camp, will be continued uninterrupted. Smith Curtis has let a contract to H. C. Toronto for a 40-foot tunnel on the Pay Ore fraction on Faithfinder mountain. Considerable activity is noticeable on many good claims in that vicinity.

NELSON DIVISION.

The Porto Rico mill has commenced running under the superintendency of Professor J. C. Gault. Work on the Morning Star (Fairmont Gold) which is now below the 400-foot level, is being proceeded with. There is some trading in White Bears at from 6 1/2 to 7 cents. Jumbos are selling at 39/40 cents. M. E. Galusha, the manager of the Jumbo mine, is in Toronto arranging, it is thought, for the reorganization of the company. There was considerable sale for the Republic group of stocks. Lone Pines were the freest movers and sold at from 20 to 21 cents. Black Tails were sought after and sold at 20 cents. There was some movement in Jim Blaines at 50 cents. When the ore bodies are encountered on the Jim Blaine property there should be a sharp uprise in the price of shares. Fairmonts are moving at 10 cents. Monarchs are in demand at 7 cents. There is a demand for Sarah Lees at 7 cents. Crosscutting in the Abe Lincoln. Crosscutting was commenced yesterday at the 200-foot level in the Abe Lincoln. The drive is directed to the south, and will be continued until the foot wall is met. The shaft continues to show a good sized body of mineral. Numerous stringers of ore dipping to the south have been met in the vertical shaft on the property and it is expected that the crosscut may expose a considerable body of ore in that direction. In the Grand Prize, says W. T. McDonald, the shaft is steadily improving and the bottom of the workings is now all in mineral. Everything is in shape for the continuance of operations all winter. Work to be Resumed. It is possible that by the first of the year or after work will be started again on the Iron Col. P. Burns, one of the largest shareholders in the company, who was in the city Tuesday night, held an informal meeting with the resident directors of the company, when it was agreed that there should be no difficulty in arranging for the revival of operations about the first of the year. The property is all in shape for the continuance of work, and when development is continued it will probably be centered in sinking a mine on the big showing exposed in the main tunnel. The New Church in Nelson. The Rev. Ardenhead Pentreath will leave Rossland this evening for Nelson and Kaslo and will be in Nelson this day week to open the new St. Arion's church. This is the first stone church in the Kootenays, and the second stone church on the mainland of British Columbia. Frank Oliver, one of the best musicians in Rossland, who has been heard here on several occasions in concerts, will be present at the opening of the church and will sing from Handel's oratorio, "Judas Macabees," "Arm, Arm Ye Brave," with the recitative, "I Feel the Deity Within." W. D. McFadden returned yesterday from a trip through the Boundary country.

THE STOCK MARKET

Brokers Report a Very Good Week's Business.

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There was a general movement in the stock market during the week ending last evening. In fact, business has been lively, and a large number of shares changed hands. Iron Masks were in increased demand and the price of these shares advanced from 72 to 77 cents. The demand for these shares is so large that it is thought by shrewd brokers that either the Corbin syndicate, which has the control, is endeavoring to purchase more of the stock, or that the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate is trying to pick up as many of the shares as it can with a view to the final purchase of the control. The fact that most of the purchasers are made through a Spokane brokerage firm would lead to the inference that the Corbin syndicate was behind the purchasing of the shares. Iron Masks were firm last evening at 77 cents. There has been more movement during the week in Novelty than in any other on the local list. It is estimated that between 75,000 and 100,000 shares changed hands during the week. The price ranged from 3 1/2 to 4 cents. The showing on the Novelty continues to improve. There were a number of transactions in Monte Christo and the prices ranged from 12 1/2 to 13 cents. They were firm at 12 1/2 cents last evening. Iron Horses sold freely during the week at from 16 to 16 1/2 cents. Two blocks of 6,000 shares each sold yesterday. One block went to Toronto and the other to Montreal. The machinery for the Iron Horse is partly in place and it is expected that it will be in running order in 10 days. Then the work of deepening the double-compartment shaft will be resumed. Gertrudes were in good demand at 10 cents. The work of developing this property is making good progress and the supposition is that it has the No. 1 vein.

There was plenty of trading in Deer Parks and last evening they were firm at 19 1/2 cents. Last week they were as high as 20 1/2 cents. The principal trading during the week was at 20 cents. Virginias are advancing some and are firm at 45 cents. This is with the assessment paid. The assessment of 5 cents per share is due on the 20th instant and some holders have already sent in the sums that are due on their holdings. It is thought that after the assessment is paid the price will go up some. Work continues in the shaft of the Virginia, which is now below the 400-foot level. There is some trading in White Bears at from 6 1/2 to 7 cents. Jumbos are selling at 39/40 cents. M. E. Galusha, the manager of the Jumbo mine, is in Toronto arranging, it is thought, for the reorganization of the company. There was considerable sale for the Republic group of stocks. Lone Pines were the freest movers and sold at from 20 to 21 cents. Black Tails were sought after and sold at 20 cents. There was some movement in Jim Blaines at 50 cents. When the ore bodies are encountered on the Jim Blaine property there should be a sharp uprise in the price of shares. Fairmonts are moving at 10 cents. Monarchs are in demand at 7 cents. There is a demand for Sarah Lees at 7 cents. Crosscutting in the Abe Lincoln. Crosscutting was commenced yesterday at the 200-foot level in the Abe Lincoln. The drive is directed to the south, and will be continued until the foot wall is met. The shaft continues to show a good sized body of mineral. Numerous stringers of ore dipping to the south have been met in the vertical shaft on the property and it is expected that the crosscut may expose a considerable body of ore in that direction. In the Grand Prize, says W. T. McDonald, the shaft is steadily improving and the bottom of the workings is now all in mineral. Everything is in shape for the continuance of operations all winter. Work to be Resumed. It is possible that by the first of the year or after work will be started again on the Iron Col. P. Burns, one of the largest shareholders in the company, who was in the city Tuesday night, held an informal meeting with the resident directors of the company, when it was agreed that there should be no difficulty in arranging for the revival of operations about the first of the year. The property is all in shape for the continuance of work, and when development is continued it will probably be centered in sinking a mine on the big showing exposed in the main tunnel. The New Church in Nelson. The Rev. Ardenhead Pentreath will leave Rossland this evening for Nelson and Kaslo and will be in Nelson this day week to open the new St. Arion's church. This is the first stone church in the Kootenays, and the second stone church on the mainland of British Columbia. Frank Oliver, one of the best musicians in Rossland, who has been heard here on several occasions in concerts, will be present at the opening of the church and will sing from Handel's oratorio, "Judas Macabees," "Arm, Arm Ye Brave," with the recitative, "I Feel the Deity Within." W. D. McFadden returned yesterday from a trip through the Boundary country.

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There was a general movement in the stock market during the week ending last evening. In fact, business has been lively, and a large number of shares changed hands. Iron Masks were in increased demand and the price of these shares advanced from 72 to 77 cents. The demand for these shares is so large that it is thought by shrewd brokers that either the Corbin syndicate, which has the control, is endeavoring to purchase more of the stock, or that the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate is trying to pick up as many of the shares as it can with a view to the final purchase of the control. The fact that most of the purchasers are made through a Spokane brokerage firm would lead to the inference that the Corbin syndicate was behind the purchasing of the shares. Iron Masks were firm last evening at 77 cents. There has been more movement during the week in Novelty than in any other on the local list. It is estimated that between 75,000 and 100,000 shares changed hands during the week. The price ranged from 3 1/2 to 4 cents. The showing on the Novelty continues to improve. There were a number of transactions in Monte Christo and the prices ranged from 12 1/2 to 13 cents. They were firm at 12 1/2 cents last evening. Iron Horses sold freely during the week at from 16 to 16 1/2 cents. Two blocks of 6,000 shares each sold yesterday. One block went to Toronto and the other to Montreal. The machinery for the Iron Horse is partly in place and it is expected that it will be in running order in 10 days. Then the work of deepening the double-compartment shaft will be resumed. Gertrudes were in good demand at 10 cents. The work of developing this property is making good progress and the supposition is that it has the No. 1 vein.

There was plenty of trading in Deer Parks and last evening they were firm at 19 1/2 cents. Last week they were as high as 20 1/2 cents. The principal trading during the week was at 20 cents. Virginias are advancing some and are firm at 45 cents. This is with the assessment paid. The assessment of 5 cents per share is due on the 20th instant and some holders have already sent in the sums that are due on their holdings. It is thought that after the assessment is paid the price will go up some. Work continues in the shaft of the Virginia, which is now below the 400-foot level. There is some trading in White Bears at from 6 1/2 to 7 cents. Jumbos are selling at 39/40 cents. M. E. Galusha, the manager of the Jumbo mine, is in Toronto arranging, it is thought, for the reorganization of the company. There was considerable sale for the Republic group of stocks. Lone Pines were the freest movers and sold at from 20 to 21 cents. Black Tails were sought after and sold at 20 cents. There was some movement in Jim Blaines at 50 cents. When the ore bodies are encountered on the Jim Blaine property there should be a sharp uprise in the price of shares. Fairmonts are moving at 10 cents. Monarchs are in demand at 7 cents. There is a demand for Sarah Lees at 7 cents. Crosscutting in the Abe Lincoln. Crosscutting was commenced yesterday at the 200-foot level in the Abe Lincoln. The drive is directed to the south, and will be continued until the foot wall is met. The shaft continues to show a good sized body of mineral. Numerous stringers of ore dipping to the south have been met in the vertical shaft on the property and it is expected that the crosscut may expose a considerable body of ore in that direction. In the Grand Prize, says W. T. McDonald, the shaft is steadily improving and the bottom of the workings is now all in mineral. Everything is in shape for the continuance of operations all winter. Work to be Resumed. It is possible that by the first of the year or after work will be started again on the Iron Col. P. Burns, one of the largest shareholders in the company, who was in the city Tuesday night, held an informal meeting with the resident directors of the company, when it was agreed that there should be no difficulty in arranging for the revival of operations about the first of the year. The property is all in shape for the continuance of work, and when development is continued it will probably be centered in sinking a mine on the big showing exposed in the main tunnel. The New Church in Nelson. The Rev. Ardenhead Pentreath will leave Rossland this evening for Nelson and Kaslo and will be in Nelson this day week to open the new St. Arion's church. This is the first stone church in the Kootenays, and the second stone church on the mainland of British Columbia. Frank Oliver, one of the best musicians in Rossland, who has been heard here on several occasions in concerts, will be present at the opening of the church and will sing from Handel's oratorio, "Judas Macabees," "Arm, Arm Ye Brave," with the recitative, "I Feel the Deity Within." W. D. McFadden returned yesterday from a trip through the Boundary country.

The Knob Hill claim situated in Beaver camp, bids fair to give its big namesake in Greenwood camp a close chase. The surface showing on this property is said to be very large, the width of the ledge being 52 feet between walls, which are plainly defined. The Podunk and Grey Eagle, situated in Central camp, have been bonded by Messrs. H. Johnson and Buchanan of Rossland, who represent eastern capital. The price stipulated in the bond is \$10,000, ten per cent of which was paid down on the execution of the bond. Work will soon be resumed on the Hecla claim in Oro Fino camp at Rock creek. A 47-foot tunnel was recently bored on this property. An assay was made on ore taken from the surface of the vein, just before work was suspended, and it gave returns of nine per cent copper, and \$2.50 gold, making \$20 in all values. There was an unconfirmed rumor this week to the effect that the Big Copper mine in Copper camp had been bonded for \$70,000. The Big Copper has an enormous ledge of high grade ore. The property has not been worked for years. The Brooklyn mine machinery now installed, is expected to be kept running all winter. Work on the Stemwinder, also in Greenwood camp, will be continued uninterrupted. Smith Curtis has let a contract to H. C. Toronto for a 40-foot tunnel on the Pay Ore fraction on Faithfinder mountain. Considerable activity is noticeable on many good claims in that vicinity.

The British Columbia Goldfields is working a large force of men on the Golden Wedge property at the junction of the main and second north fork of Lemon creek. It is a gold proposition, and a crosscut tunnel 180 feet long has cut the ledge at 175 feet depth, proving it to be 13 feet wide, with 10 feet of quartz, assaying as high as \$80 in gold, and averaging \$17 or \$18 across the ledge. The mine has about 47 men at work. A sawmill is running full blast.

Electric dynamo, to be used in the Comstock concentrator, have been received at the wharf. The machinery for the mill has arrived at Nakusp and is expected in a few days. As soon as the concentrator is in working order, a large force of men will be put to work in the mine. Last winter more than 60 men were employed at the mine, and double this force will be employed this winter. This week several loads of their clean ore were sleighed into town. It is understood that 100 tons will be shipped before Christmas.

At the Vancouver mine 180 tons of ore are sacked and ready for shipment. The steady fall of snow will be coming down this week will make rawhiding possible, so that next week the Vancouver will make a shipment. This company expects to ship about 350 tons this winter, although that amount may be largely exceeded. At any rate, this amount is equal in value to a shipment of 700 tons from almost any other mine in the Slooan, rich as they all are. Over \$2,000 was the amount of the smelter check received from the last carload shipped.

Water in the mine from which the ore for shipment from the Fisher Maiden was being taken, has caused a suspension of work at that property. About six tons of ore had been taken out prior to the shut-down and this has been rawhided down and will be shipped this week. The new ore body lately uncovered at the mine, consists of a considerable body of concentrating ore, in which the mine has been sunk, with a streak of clean ore a foot wide in the bottom of the main and second north fork of Lemon creek. This ore body must be tapped from below and a tunnel will accordingly be driven in, lower down the mountain. Ore is being sacked daily at the Emily Edith mine and is fast accumulating in the ore house. Shipments will be made from this mine this winter. P. Burns and "Blake" Wilson this week completed the purchase of a three-thirds interest in the California, paying over the sum of \$13,000, which makes \$15,000 in all that the interest has cost them, aside from the amount spent upon the property in development. The California is located on Silver mountain, near New Denver. Close upon \$7,000 has been spent in development, resulting in something like 500 feet of work. During the past summer the California shipped 40 tons of high grade ore.

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The Porto Rico mill has commenced running under the superintendency of Professor J. C. Gault. Work on the Morning Star (Fairmont Gold) which is now below the 400-foot level, is being proceeded with. There is some trading in White Bears