

## OUR WORKING MINES

Active Development of Many of Rossland's Properties.

### THE B. A. C. OPERATIONS

The War Eagle Getting Ready for Shipment of Ore—Work Resumed on the City of Spokane—A Week of Progress.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The British America corporation has been the chief topic of interest this week in mining circles, and its plans and operations, as outlined by Edwin Durant, the office manager, has had a most stimulating effect, not only upon stocks and mining operations, but upon all lines of business in the camp.

Mr. Durant's statement that British Columbia as a mining country is, in the minds of English capitalists, the most likely one in which to invest money, is encouraging, indeed, and as much so is the fact that his company is prepared to spend \$3,000,000 in the acquisition and development of properties here. They have spent more than \$1,250,000 already for properties, and as Mr. Durant says, a policy of vigorous development will be immediately proceeded with. This policy has already been inaugurated. The Great Western, Josie and Poorman are being developed, and other properties are being prospected. The shaft on the Great Western has been straightened, and sinking is now in progress. The Poorman will resume shipments this week, and work is still in progress on the Josie shaft. Four men have been put to work on the Black Bear prospecting, and plans for other operations will be outlined within the next few days.

At the War Eagle mine there is great activity, and preparations are being made for the shipment of ore to the Trail smelter, a contract for the treatment of 100,000 tons having been entered into. With this good news also comes advice that the company contracted for the operation of its property by electricity, and it is fair to assume that before the summer is over a majority of the mines of Rossland will be receiving power of the same kind. As it is apparent to everybody that cheaper power means more extensive development, and renders possible the treatment of low grade ores, so it is also clear that these two are fundamental factors in the progress of the camp.

Many other events have made the past week a notable one, among which is the sale of the Big Three, comprising the Southern Bell, Snowflake and Masoot. As is known this deal was consummated by O. G. Laberee and Jay P. Graves in Montreal, at a consideration of six figures, and there is plenty of capital for development. Work has been resumed on the City of Spokane, and this particular case has been a matter of comment, for the reason that the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields company, limited, which owns the Spokane, stopped work last year in order to give attention to their properties in the north, but they have deemed it wise to return to their operations in Rossland. And now, with all these encouraging conditions is the pledge of the government that Rossland is to have \$20,000 for the building of roads and trails, and it is to have a court house and more money for schools. On all sides the same spirit of progress and prosperity is evident. Buildings, churches and houses are being erected, and mining companies, business men and others are possessed of a spirit of determination which indicates that Rossland will be in the midst of prosperity when Klondike shall have passed into history.

**The City of Spokane.**  
E. A. Bennett, managing director for the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields company, limited, which owns the City of Spokane property on the east slope of Monte Cristo mountain and west slope of Red mountain, has been in the city for several days for the purpose of arranging for the resumption of work upon that property. Yesterday Lars Pearson and a force of six men started to work on the property. There is a 50-horse-power boiler, a four-drill compressor and three sluggers on the City of Spokane. There has been no work since May, 1897, when the company ceased operations for the purpose of paying more attention to the mining claims that it owned in the north country. The reason that operations has been resumed is because of the encouraging showing that has been made in the adjoining property. The Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields company, since E. A. Bennett was appointed managing director in the place of F. S. Barnard. The tunnel on the City of Spokane had been driven a distance of 300 feet when work was abandoned.

**The Good Hope.**  
Work has been impeded in the shaft during the past week by water. A pump is to be installed early this week and then the task of extending the shaft will be resumed. The shaft is now down a depth of 60 feet. There is a good showing of ore in the shaft, although the vein has not yet been tapped. The shaft that is being sunk is perpendicular and not inclined. When a depth of 150 feet has been reached the intention is to run a tunnel to tap the vein.

**The Sunset No. 2.**  
The shaft which is being sunk from the tunnel had attained a depth last evening of within a few inches of 100 feet. When the bottom of the shaft is cleared off, as it will be some time tomorrow, the intention is to run a drift in the expectation of tapping an ore body. The indications in the bottom of the shaft are that a body of ore is not very far away.

**The Big Four.**  
The force at work on the Big Four made excellent progress during the week and the intention is to send a shipment of a couple of tons to the smelter next week. The pay chute has increased to a width of 18 inches, and the assays show that the ore goes as high as \$700 to the ton.

**The Coxey.**  
It is thought that about 200 feet more of tunnelling are necessary to reach the main ledge. The Giant ledge has been

passed and the ore looks much better than at any time yet. The last assay showed aggregate values of \$15.

**The Iron Mask.**  
The usual progress is being made in drifting and tunnelling. There were no shipments the past week, but heavy shipments are expected. This year 465 tons have been sent to the smelter.

**The Le Roi.**  
The shaft in the Le Roi is down 713 feet, and drifting on the 600-foot west drift continues in as fine a body of ore as has been found yet. The shipment for the past week amounted to 1,111 tons.

**The Red Point.**  
On the Red Point two shifts are at work and are in 427 feet. Two small stringers of ore, a heavy pyrrhotite, and indications are that the ledge is quite close.

**The War Eagle.**  
Extensive preparations are being made for the shipment of ore. There is now over a mile of underground work. Two places are ready for stopping, and four others will soon be ready.

**The Victory-Triumph.**  
Work has continued on the tunnel during the past week, and tracks have been laid. The face of the tunnel shows good ore.

**The Velvet.**  
A large force of men is at work and much progress is being made. The ore continues to improve, and shipments will be regular so soon as the road can be improved.

**The Great Western.**  
The shaft has been straightened and sinking is now in progress. From now on the property will be actively developed.

**The Josie.**  
Work is devoted entirely to straightening the shaft. This is one of the B. A. C. properties, and extensive development is being planned.

**The Cliff.**  
Stopping has been in progress the past week and there is considerable ore ready for shipment, which is delayed because of bad roads.

**The Good Friday.**  
Two additional tunnels are being run on this property, making six in all. There is an excellent showing and work is continuous.

**The Abe Lincoln.**  
The work of sinking was continued the past week with no notable change in the condition of the shaft, the bottom which is well mineralized.

**Zio Bedesto.**  
The force has been increased to two shifts, which are now at work on the extension of the tunnel.

**The Sovereign.**  
Four men are engaged in sinking, and the shaft is full of very fine appearing ore.

**The Poorman.**  
There were no ore shipments the past week although there is a quantity ready, which will be shipped within a few days.

**The Crown Point.**  
The usual development work is in progress. The property is owned by the War Eagle company.

**The Mountain View.**  
Work continues on the tunnel with an improvement in the quality of the ore.

**The Deer Park.**  
Drifting and crosscutting continues from the 200-foot level.

**MINING TRANSFERS.**  
A number of properties have changed hands recently.

A number of transfers have been recorded during the past few days, including which are a number of properties in the immediate vicinity of Rossland. They appear on the records as follows:

W. S. Bonner and M. W. Taylor to Robert Bond a one-third interest in the Utopia, Friday, Venango, Mesana, Alleghany, Merrimac, Monitor and Mohawk, located on the east side of the north fork of Sheep creek.

J. Schmitt and L. Levy to A. B. Elliott of Lucknow, Ont., the Early Morn mineral claim, on the south slope of Green mountain, between Rock and Murphy creeks.

Frank Watson to J. H. Harris, the Timber mineral claim on Red mountain, adjoining the Good Friday.

C. M. Miller to W. H. Morrison, one-half interest in the Last Chance, on the west slope of Sophia mountain.

Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields company to Nels Pearson, all its interest in the Anderson Fraction on Iron creek.

George H. Green to Redmond Hand, the Tin-Dipper Fraction, three-quarters of a mile east of Rossland.

R. E. Darrow to Victor Monnier, the Miami, Havana, Cuba and Making mineral claims, on the east slope of Sophia mountain.

H. A. Phillips to Victor Monnier, the Tangent mineral claim near Sullivan creek.

Phil A. Silverstone to Victor Monnier, the Mid-Night Fraction, northeast of Rossland.

John McGree to C. E. Horde, the Noble Fraction, about three miles east of Rossland.

Arthur Gowing to Henry Woody, the Harry mineral claim, near Barney's ranch.

**Certificates of Work.**  
The Alice, by W. J. Hughes.

The Nelson, by C. B. Lord.

The Australia, by A. Wilson.

The Copper World, by J. J. Henager.

The Rubenstein, by W. G. Merryweather.

The Hecla, by John McGree.

The Montreal, by Kenneth L. Burnet.

The Townsick, by Kenneth L. Burnet.

The Cruiser, by M. A. Graves.

The Atlantic Cable Fraction, by Kenneth McCaskell.

The Mountain Queen, by Gus Foreberg.

The Pickup, by Martin Salmon.

The Frank H., by F. E. Haley.

The Preston, Blair, Acme and Walter, by A. M. Symons.

The Golden Cash, by C. C. McGrath.

Certificates of Improvements.

To Jonathan Walter Cruthers, for the Contact mineral claim.

The Wanders & Trail Creek Gold Mining company for the Copper, the Copper Chance and the Copper Bell mineral claims.

Andrew P. Provand for the O. K. Fraction.

Richard A. Power the Modena mineral claim.

**Splendid Looking Ore.**  
A very handsome specimen of ore, weighing about 200 pounds, is on exhibition in the windows of the Bank of Montreal. It was shipped from the Arlington mine, in the Slovan, by Frank Watson, who was recently elected manager of the property. Mr. Watson is now at the mine and has put a force of men at work building roads and making other preparations for the shipping of ore. Mr. Watson expects wonderful results from the Arlington.

## WORK WELL DONE

Government Has Promised West Kootenay Over \$100,000.

### THIS IS NOT AT ALL BAD

There Is to Be Appropriations For a Courthouse, Hospital, Trails and Roads—District to Have a Member. Disposition of Sewage.

H. S. Wallace, mayor, and Dr. Edward Bowes, the first two members of the Rossland delegation to return from Victoria, Saturday furnished THE MINER with the following account of the result of the visit of themselves and their conferees to Victoria and of their conferences with the government:

"To explain the result of our mission clearly to the minds of our citizens we must state that our first interview with the government proved to us most conclusively that the needs of the Trail Creek district had not received the consideration at their hands that the situation demanded. So much was this the case that all our demands met with amiable replies, and the attitude we had to assume from the outset was one of aggressiveness and firm insistence on our rights. Our second interview resulted in no better results, though it was evident that our arguments had begun to carry weight, as the erection of a court house and a grant for the fire department were promised to us. It was not, however, until our third and final interview that the attitude of the ministers became one of consideration and genuine satisfaction. On this occasion they agreed to give us \$20,000 for roads and trails in the immediate vicinity of Rossland. A wagon road is to be constructed around Red mountain, another around the South Belt, a trail to be cut from Murphy creek to connect with trails to Sheep lake, and also improvement of the road to Sophie mountain. An engineer is to be sent at an early date to report upon roads and outline the work to be done under government agent.

**A Court House for Rossland.**

"An appropriation was placed in the estimates for the construction of a court house, to cost not less than \$5,000. An appropriation was made for the completion of schools. It was stated that if this was not sufficient just as soon as the government was notified that more accommodation was necessary special warrants would be drawn and money obtained in a week's notice for improvements required. The claim was advanced by the local board that there would be 600 children on the school roll by May. Colonel Baker brought down the report showing that only 268 were in daily attendance. We had to explain away the discrepancy in numbers by pointing out that some children were sick and others are sent to Spokane, and appealed to them on the grounds of patriotism to keep them at home and educate them here. These arguments finally prevailed. The fire department also secured \$500 appropriation.

"The hospital question was found to be a very delicate one, as the district hospital was considered a denominational one and they feared the opposition from other quarters. They finally consented to grant several thousand dollars for hospital purposes and the government is to communicate immediately with the Sisters."

**Land Registry Office.**

"The local land registry office is still in statu quo. We were informed that the delegation which went down to Victoria last year on incorporation, had agreed to let the registry office go to Nelson. We used all the arguments we could to have it located here, pointing out the large number of claims, the volume of business, the amount of revenue contributed, our central location, etc. They granted the force of our claim but were not prepared to act at present as delegations from Nelson, Kaslo and other points are presenting their claims. They agreed to let the delegation work very assiduously and has camped upon the government trail and intends to stay several weeks longer in Victoria."

**Trail Creek to Have a Member.**

"The question of representation was taken up and the government conceded that Trail Creek should have a member. We also, in conjunction with other delegates from Nelson and Kaslo, urged increased representation for the rest of Kootenay, and finally the government agreed to reduce the district from six to four members. This enables Kootenay at least five, and perhaps six, members. You can understand that other districts oppose increased representation for Kootenay, fearing its influence in the next house. The government agreed to appropriate over \$100,000 for the improvements in West Kootenay district, so on the whole we feel satisfied concerning the outcome of our mission."

**The Sewage Question.**

"The sewage question was also taken up and discussed thoroughly by Dr. Bowes and the provincial board of health. On the suggestion of Dr. Bowes the government has decided to appoint a sanitary engineer on the provincial board of health, who will visit the different localities and report upon and assist in the introduction of a system of sewage that will meet the requirements of the district and prevent any possible conflict with the provincial board of health. The purifying tank system, which was first introduced in Exeter, England, is considered the cheapest and best process known. It has been introduced in the government buildings at Victoria and is very satisfactory. Its introduction here would mean a saving of several thousand dollars over the method of carrying it to the Columbia river and would remove the possibility of litigation with Trail or other points on the river, who might state that Rossland was contaminating their water supply."

**The Process Is Very Cheap.**

"This process is very cheap and is automatic, thus not needing the hiring of a caretaker, etc. It is a process of filtration and purification by bacteria. The present sewage system will empty

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Subject to ratification by the Court.

The property known as the O. K. Mine and the buildings belonging to the said company. Also the entire mining and milling plant of said company, the whole situated on the south slope of O. K. Mountain, in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia. The claim is surveyed and crown granted and known as the O. K. fraction mineral claim, official number 678. The property is about two and one-half miles west of the city of Rossland and close to the main wagon road and Red Mountain Railroad, both leading from the city of Rossland to Northport in the State of Washington.

The O. K. ore was at first largely free-milling, and to work it the first stamp mill in the district was erected. That mill, a five stamp one, has now been sold, being superseded by the new ten-stamp mill. The O. K. mine has been operated since 1893 and was a producer from the start. From January 14th to June 19th, 1897, 2472 tons of O. K. ore were milled, exclusive of several hundred tons of custom work for adjoining mines. The O. K. property is favorably situated for every mining purpose and for the development of a large custom trade for the mill. The new ten-stamp mill is thoroughly equipped for the economical handling of ore. It is connected with the mine by a 600-foot gravity surface tramway, with 20 wire rope carrying rollers, etc., complete, the elevation of the workings being 200 feet above the mill, one 3-wheel brake, with 650 feet 3/4-inch steel wire rope, two self-dumping ore cars 18-inch gauge. The mill contains two 50-horse-power Standard tubular boilers, each containing 54 12-foot tubes, an 85-horse power Corliss engine, one 10-stamp mill, one No. 6 Blake crusher, one grizzly 4 x 10, 3 x 3/4 iron, two Challenge automatic feeders, one overhead Crawl with iron track, one 1-ton Weston differential pulley block, one gold retort, with cover, wedges and condenser pipe, one Rand straight line, class C, 12 x 18 air compressor, capable of running four drills, one 28-inch x 8 feet air receiver, one No. 7 Miller duplex pump, three 6-foot Fraser & Chalmers' Frue vanners, plain belts, one 4-cone hydrometric sizer, one Woodbury concentrator, one bumping table, extra amalgamating plates following concentrating table, and one Fraser & Chalmers' ore sample grinder, etc.

**BUILDINGS.**—The principal buildings include the following: The new mill building, containing 10-stamp mill, but designed and built to accommodate 25-stamps, engine and boiler house, office building, mess room, cook house and store room, manager's residence, etc.

The development consists of three main tunnels, with one winze and numerous drifts, one shaft down 15 feet, altogether aggregating over 1,500 feet of work, which is entirely confined to one corner of the property, at least two-thirds of the claim being as yet unprospected.

Tenders are now invited for the sale of the property as a whole, including the new 10-stamp mill, the mine, four machine drills and entire plant, machinery and all buildings connected therewith. The liquidator reserves the right to accept or decline any tender, and to withdraw the property from sale at any time, and the further right to fix a reserve price upon the property and to make such other conditions as may meet with the sanction of the court.

The property is open to inspection, but an order for that purpose must be obtained at the office of the liquidator, 3 Imperial Block, Rossland, B. C., where an inventory can be seen and any further information obtained from the undersigned.

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