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A Multitude of Christina Lake Pro- jects Being Developed.

THE TOWNSITE BOOMER

Just Now He Is Very Much in Evi- dence at the Several Future Great Towns Along the Line of Extension of the C. & W. Railway.

CHRISTINA CITY, B. C., August 10.— Refreshing lake zephyrs mitigated the intense heat of last week along the shores of Christina lake, but prospectors doing surface work on the surrounding mountains suffered acutely from the effects of the high temperature. The exhilarating effect of actual railway construction upon mining is very much in evidence now throughout the district, and once confidence is restored in the money markets of the world a large amount of development capital is sure to flow into the rich mineral belts adjacent to the line of the Columbia & Western railway extension between Brooklyn and Christina lake. In some way or other a report was circulated in Rossland early this summer to the effect that the Christina Lake district was staked, even to fractions, and consequently there have been comparatively few additions to the fraternity from Kootenay's metropolis. This was an erroneous report, and circulated with a view of injuring the district. Seeing this, believing, and anyone taking stock in such a fallacy should take a trip out this way. They will find it a district rich in resources and of such magnificent distances that the numerous rich claims already re- corded would, in a birdseye view pic- ture, scarcely more than compare to a handful of shot scattered over the length and breadth of Columbia avenue. But this report, which worked to the Rossland prospectors' loss, had no effect upon the "knights of the axe and pick" from the Bounding country in the west and Brooklyn in the east.

New Arrivals Every Day. Every day brings a contingent to the Burnt Basin, via the Brooklyn route, mostly from the Slocan, and the arrivals from Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway report that the name, Burnt Basin, is getting to be a household word out there, even among the ranchers.

A number of those who were among the early arrivals in the district, and who have by diligent work this spring and summer shown up some fine high grade ore bodies, claim they have a grievance against certain Rossland brokers. The prospectors put it this way: "Last year we had but little work done and the Rossland brokers, when approached, would naively remark that as soon as we had ore on the dumps, or in the shafts, they would fly as it were to the scene and examine the properties. Now, we have the ore and are finding it equally as impossible to induce these brokers to come out to look at it as it was to get them out to see surface show- ings last year. Of course these prospectors do not all realize that the broker must be governed more or less by the condition of the money market, and that the railway will not afford shipping facilities for another year, but in a measure there is justice in their complaints. Some of these fine days when the district gets advertised more outside, some enterpris- ing syndicate or corporation will quietly scoop in the prize properties of the district, and then the Rossland brokers and promoters will be wondering how it all came about."

Townsite Boomers. The townsite artists, who invariably precede railway construction and exten- sive mining development in a new district have arrived in full force. The woods are full of 'em, and from now on the investing public will be in the lookout for snags. Of course, each in- dividual townsite man holds the gate- way to the best mining prospects, has the best facilities for obtaining pure water, the only smelter site in the district, the place where the greatest num- ber of railway construction men will slake their thirst to the tune of 15 cents a drink, the ideal spot for a great metrop- olis and summer resort combined, once the road is completed, and other advan- tages too numerous to mention, but they won't all make Rosslands, any more than the prospectors will all make mines. As those familiar with the townsite policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway company know, that corporation invariably holds the winning cards when there are deals of prospective impor- tance on the tapis along any of its lines, and any agreement or reported arrange- ment between townsite companies or individuals, and the railway folk gen- erally holds the lot market to a finish. This accounts for the sharp advance in Cascade City property, when a few days ago it was reported that the C. P. R. had joined "drives" with the townsite promoters. There are opposite qualities game for the indefatigable townsite rustler in this neighborhood. There is the Hardy, or as it is now known the McMynn ranch, lying between the foot of Chris- tina lake and Cascade; the Moody ranch also adjoining the lake and extending to the Cascade property; the Thompson ranch just across the Kettle river from Cascade; the Graham ranch at Edwards ferry; Eli Lavalley's beautifully located point, two miles up the lake and just below the railway; the Charlie Dundee property adjoining Lavalley's English Point ranch at the mouth of McRea creek, owned by Angus Stuart and Reg- inald Sandler, on which there is a fine water power; several ranches up McRea creek, and the property pre-empted last autumn on Canyon creek near the bend of McRea creek and about 10 miles from where the railway survey reaches Christina lake. All these properties and no doubt twice as many more are likely to figure in the townsite race.

No doubt there will be several up-to- date mining camps between Christina lake and Brooklyn in the not distant future. Railway Construction. W. F. Tye, chief engineer of the C. & W., is a very busy man this summer. Although Mr. Tye's headquarters are at Trail he spends a good portion of his time traveling along the line, giving in- structions to the divisional engineers

and examining the maps and profiles. The survey is in reality completed, but the work of cross-sectioning the line be- tween English Point bay on the lake shore and Midway has not been com- menced, the surveyors being now busy staking out the bridges. Divisional En- gineer Rice has charge of the surveying work between Midway and Grand Forks, while Oscar England superin- tends the work between Grand Forks and English Point bay. On Engineer Fair's division, east of the McRea creek summit, grading has been commenced, but it is not expected that grading will begin on the Midway end of the line for at least a month. At Cascade City the line crosses the Kettle river twice. The bridge below the town will be 1,500 feet long and 80 feet high, but the other, which crosses the gorge above the falls, will be only about 150 feet in length. Altogether there will be 12 bridges from the Kettle river falls to English Point bay, a distance of about nine miles. The nature of the work will necessitate the use of an enormous quantity of timber, the contract for which, it is un- derstood, has been awarded to F. Genelle, the veteran sawmill operator. Sawmills will be placed at different points along the line to supply the de- mands, good timber being plentiful in the district around the head of Christina lake and along the McRea creek valley. Odds and Ends.

Mr. Galt, the Rossland barrister, took a flying trip through the Burnt Basin recently with Thomas Keller, who owns the Ennismore claim, which is giving excellent assays in gold, silver and cop- per. Mr. Galt expressed himself as agreeably surprised with what he saw in the Burnt basin, but regretted that time would not permit him to take a run over Shamrock mountain after he returned to Christina. Besides the wagon road from Brooklyn will reach Gladstone this week. As soon as the wagon road is completed work will be commenced on the 700-foot tunnel near Gladstone, the contractors having already erected their cabins. A sawmill will be started near Gladstone as soon as the toll road will permit the hauling in of the necessary machinery.

A. P. Hunter and H. C. Sharp of Rossland have been over here for a week now examining their properties in the Burnt basin and other parts of the dis- trict. Two of their claims, the Pleas- ure of Hope and Jackstraw, located in Burnt basin and adjoining the Mother Lode, Tammany and Lewiston, are very promising. On the Jackstraw Mr. Har- ter recently found a free gold ledge very similar in appearance to the one which has made Michael Shick's Mother Lode famous, and the Pleasures of Hope is traversed by a galena lead. Mr. Hunter visited a number of Burnt basin prop- erties with an enthusiastic over- the prospectus up there.

Bob Oramer and Billy Morrison have bought out D. C. Beach's (one of their partners) interest in the Beach claim on Shamrock mountain and are continuing development work. It goes without saying that the Beach is a very prom- ising claim, and along with the Highland, Old Missouri and Velvet, helps to make one of the interesting groups of the dis- trict. The ore body is distinct and in one of the crosscuts it has been demonstrated to extend from the hanging wall for 12 feet towards the foot wall, which has not yet been encountered. Surface assays give from \$5 to \$18 in gold, with a considerable showing in copper. Like the other properties on Shamrock moun- tain the Beach is an iron cap propo- sition, and promises splendid results once depth is attained.

Later in the season development work will be commenced on the Shamrock, Thistle and Rose, three Shamrock moun- tain claims with very fair surface show- ings and the property of John McKane, R. Dalby Morrill, jr., S. C. Wallis and D. C. Beach. George Sutherland has been working on Drumlummon No. 2. Baker, the Baker creek pioneer, has completed this year's assessment on the Christina, and reports considerable cop- per. The Elmore, on Shamrock mountain, is not being worked this summer, much to the chagrin of those interested in the neighborhood. It really seems singu- larly unfortunate that 60 feet of solid surface mineral should be allowed to pass into the control of a company backed by apparently enterprising men. Of course there are "wheels within wheels," and the Elmore, although massive as a New Hampshire granite quarry, is a compar- atively low grade proposition, so it may be that its present owners contemplate waiting for the smelting facilities which are assured for the immediate vicinity. The latest sensation on Shamrock mountain was the uncovering of the big ledge on the Alphonse by the owners Al- Peon and Bob Gay. If from 15 to 20 feet of solid iron on the surface counts for anything then Messrs. Peon and Gay have a bonanza. Mr. Peon also owns the Broken Hill, on the same mountain, and is getting encouraging copper values from one of the shafts.

J. E. Mills and S. Garnham of Ross- land are interested in a group of fine claims that will probably be heard of a little later this season. These claims adjoin the Elmore property and the Beach. Dave Good will resume operations on the Yellowstone soon. This claim lies not far from the Alphonse and Beach and near the Lady Franklin, and has the earmarks of a mine. Good Luck of the Beach Brothers. D. O. and P. H. Beach are meeting with their usual good luck this summer. Their Shamrock mountain properties are looking fine. On the Victoria they have been getting \$25 values in gold and copper. On the Cracker Jack they have made even a greater strike than was made last season, and the Granite Butte is also producing some fine looking ore, while on the Messenger, a big copper lead, was encountered at a depth of only three feet.

From the Cannon Ball, at the foot of Shamrock mountain, assay returns of \$41 in gold, silver and copper have been obtained. J. E. D'Arcy and A. J. Stewart have done a lot of work on the Mohawk this season and have taken some fine looking rock into Rossland. J. Kelly keeps pegging away on the Tennessee and associate claims, on Suth- erland creek, and the showings continue to improve. A. J. Miller, representing the B. A. C., is working a force of 10 men on the Algonquin group. This group lies on Castle mountain, and as this is the first work of any account ever undertaken in that portion of the district, the results

CENTRE STAR SOLD

The Big Property Dis- posed of for the Sum of \$2,000,000.

IT IS A CASH DEAL

Gooderham - Blackstock Syndicate of Toronto the Purchasers.

HALF A YEAR IN PROGRESS

It Was Engineered by Volney D. William- son, Who Yesterday Took Possession of the Mine and Discharged the Employees—The Intention of the New Owners Is to Develop Their Purchase on an Extensive Scale—The Mine Is in Splendid Condition and With a Proper Plant Could Be Made to Yield Many Hundreds of Tons Per Day—The Sale a Good Thing for the Camp, as the Mine Falls Into the Hands of Those Who Are Financially Able to Work It to the Greatest Advantage.

The great Centre Star mine was Sat- urday sold, and it brought the largest price ever paid for a mining property in the Kootenays. The price was \$2,000,000, and it is a cash transaction. The purchasers are the Gooderham-Black- stock syndicate of Toronto, which owns the controlling interest in the War Eagle Consolidated Mining & Develop- ment company. The deal for the acquir- ing of the Centre Star has been in pro- gress for half a year, and in the interests of the parties who purchased it the prop- erty has been carefully examined by some of the most eminent mining ex- perts in the country. Among these were Captain James Morrish, the superintendent of the Velvet, and Mr. Parker of California. The reports of these experts were unanimously favorable, as they all told the same story of the great extent and permanence of the ore deposits, and the large quantities of pay ore in the mine.

Williamson Engineered the Deal. In the deal Volney D. Williamson, who sold the War Eagle to Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock, acted on behalf of the purchasers and brought it to a successful culmination. On the part of the Centre Star company Oliver Durant, the general manager of the com- pany, and J. B. McArthur carried on the negotiations. They were protracted, and many points of disagreement as to price arose during the progress of the deal. The deal reached a climax Sat- urday when Volney D. Williamson on be- half of his principals went to the Centre Star mine, took formal possession and discharged Foreman Joyce and all the employees. It is stated on behalf of the new owners of the property that the de- velopment work will be immediately resumed on a large scale and that a large power plant will be installed and many men as can be accommodated will be put to work. It is stated that on the start 200 men will be employed. The mine is in such excellent condition, the ore being ready to stop, that it is thought that a very short time will see the biggest mine in the camp. The sale is on the basis of \$4 per share, or four times the par value, as the capital stock was only \$500,000. The property is the oldest location in the camp.

The First Location. The Lily May ground was the first claim located, but it was abandoned and afterwards re-located. The Centre Star was located in 1890 and was not abandoned. The property was purchased by Mr. Durant for \$25,000 and since then he has developed it by some 6,000 feet of workings until now he has more ore in sight than any mine in the Kootenays. In this development it is said that about \$200,000 has been spent. This money was obtained by the sale of stock. From first to last Mr. Durant has had the greatest faith in the Centre Star and now his faith is amply rewarded. Of the 500,000 shares of the capital stock Oliver Durant of the city, and Alex. Tarbet of Salt Lake City, Utah, own 300,000 shares; Sir Charles Ross, bart., owns 40,000 and the P. A. Large estate of Butte, Montana, owns of the remaining 100,000 shares, a few scattered shares being held here and there.

It is stated that Mr. Williamson has invested \$100,000 of his own money with the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate. Mr. Williamson is a thorough judge of a mining property and the fact that he has put his money into the deal speaks for the value of the property. It is stated that a new company will be formed by the purchasers with a cap- ital stock of \$3,000,000 or perhaps more. It will be a separate and distinct corpo- ration from the War Eagle company except that it will practically be owned by the same parties. Advantageous to the Camp. The deal is a good thing for Rossland for the reason that the Centre Star has fallen into the hands of a syndicate with plenty of means at its command and therefore it will be worked for all there is in it. It is confidently expected that it will soon be turning out as much, if not more, ore, than and of the present producing properties, and will add greatly to the importance of Rossland as a mining center. Mr. Durant is the owner of the Idaho, which adjoins the Centre Star on the east, and the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate endeavored to pur- chase this also from him. He refused

Robert E. Lee Reorganized.

The Robert E. Lee Mining company held a meeting Saturday and decided to change from a foreign to a provincial company. Over two-thirds of the shares were represented and the meeting was harmonious throughout. The capital stock, which was previously \$500,000, divided into 500,000 shares at \$1 each, was changed to 2,000,000. It was decided to make the shares assessable to the extent of five cents each. The assessments will be distributed over a period of two and a half years, and when they have all been levied will give the company a capital for development purposes to the extent of \$100,000. The old company was organized on June 28, 1895, and soon after it was formed it began operations on its two claims, which are located in the south belt. It put in a compressor and seven drills and a complete power plant. Considerable work has been done on the properties. One carload of ore was shipped to the smelter, which gave re- turns of \$38.75 to the ton. The inten- tion of the company is to begin oper- ations within the next few weeks. The first operation will be to sink a shaft to the 200-foot level. If the indications at that point are encouraging the shaft will be pushed to a still greater depth. The properties of the company are considered among the best in the south belt.

May Reach an Agreement.

A well defined rumor is in circula- tion yesterday to the effect that the B. A. C. and the Turner interests had come to an amicable understanding regarding the management of the Le Roi. Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, the resident director of the B. A. C., when sent last evening by a Minx reporter, affirmed that he knew nothing about the matter. "As you can well understand, it is altogether probable, however, that two such strong corporations as the B. A. C. and the Le Roi company might settle their differences amicably, and to the best interests of the camp," added Mr. Mackintosh.

The White Bear Officers.

At the meeting of the White Bear company in Spokane, John V. Cole was elected president and general manager, while at the same time the shareholders tendered him a vote of thanks for the skillful manner in which he has operated the property. Judge MacDougall of Toronto, was elected managing director, and the Rev. J. H. Starr of Toronto, was made secretary and treasurer.

M. W. W. Simpson is back from a trip to the Lardeau on mining business.

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point blank to accept any offer that was made for the reason that, though it was undeveloped, he considered that it will be quite as valuable as the Centre Star when it is developed to the same extent. The sale is on a cash basis. On Monday a half a million dollars will be paid by the purchasers and the remainder as soon as the telegraphing for the balance and the necessary replies can be received. (From Saturday's Daily.)

The long standing deal for the sale of the Centre Star to the Gooderham-Blackstock interests seems to have been very nearly completed. Indeed, it was asserted Friday evening by mining men in close touch with the principals to the deal that the sale was completed at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The price was said to be \$2,000,000. The story could not be confirmed, but the opinion is general among well informed men that the deal is very nearly consummated. Interest in the matter was revived with unusual vigor Friday morning by the arrival of D. Coulson, manager of the Bank of Toronto, which is the institution backed by the Gooderham, who have been carrying on negotiations for the Centre Star during the past several months. Mr. Coulson was accom- panied by W. B. Smith, manager of the Bank of Ontario, and additional interest in the deal was created by the presence of Mr. Smith, for it was conjectured very naturally that the financial interests behind the Bank of Ontario were allied with the syndicate which is after the great mine.

Mr. Coulson was very wary regarding the sale when he was sent Friday evening at the Allan by a Minx reporter. "I am here purely on a business trip," said he, "and it has been three weeks since I left Toronto. We came out via the Great Northern, and spent some time on the coast. Now we are going back home and stopped over at Rossland to see the camp. Saturday we shall visit some of the properties here, including the Centre Star, and until then, as you can see, I shall be in no position to ex- press any views regarding the mines of the camp. According to our present plans, we shall start for the east Sun- day."

"What is the position of the deal for the purchase of the Centre Star by the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, Mr. Coulson," he was asked. "Having been away from Toronto for these weeks, I cannot say how matters stand at present, was the reply. "I can only say that when I left the east negotiations were going actively ahead." That was all Mr. Coulson would say regarding the matter, but his terse reply was a momentous one, for it was the first time that the admission had been made that a deal for the purchase of the mine was under way. While it has been common knowledge that the sale was being actively pushed forward, yet the principals had vigorously denied that any negotiations were under way, and therefore Mr. Coulson's admission that it was going actively ahead was a most important one. Oliver Durant, the manager of the mine, was also seen Friday evening by a Minx reporter.

"It is not true that the sale of the Centre Star has been completed," said he rigorously, "and it is uncertain when it will be. It may be a long time yet before the deal is closed." That was all Mr. Durant would say regarding the progress of negotiations, but his admission that the deal is under way is of importance equal to Mr. Coulson's statement, for prior to last evening Mr. Durant had denied that any deal was under way. Taken together the statements of the two men are equivalent to a confession of the fact that the sale has progressed far along towards completion. A man in intimate touch with the parties to the transaction who is the authority for the statement that the sale was completed yesterday, and that the mine will pass into the hands of the new owners at once, is also authority for the statement that the price paid was \$2,000,000.

"There was some delay," he added, "over the figure at which the property should be sold. The company wanted \$2,000,000, while the prospective buyers would give only a million and three quarters. The difficulty was at last smoothed over, and the sale was consummated at the price asked by Mr. Durant." If, as seems certain, the Centre Star is now in the hands of the interests that have brought the War Eagle to the front in such magnificent shape, the im- portance of the deal to the camp can hardly be overestimated. The company owning the mine in the past has pursued a steady policy of careful develop- ment, but the shipments have been al- most nothing. Indeed, up to the present year, it was a fully developed property from which not a pound of ore had been shipped except for mill tests. The mine is in shape to ship almost any amount of ore as soon as the necessary machin- ery is installed. Indeed, the proper equipment, the property could ship nearly 1,000 tons a day. With the mine, therefore, in the hands of new owners, who would carry out development vigor- ously, the output of the camp would be tremendously increased, and the num- ber of men employed and the pay roll of the city would go forward at a correspond- ing rate.

One of the issues of the transaction which does not seem to be clearly settled in the way in which the ownership of it will be vested. It has been suggested that the Gooderham-Blackstock interest would consolidate the mine with the War Eagle, and float the mammoth new property as one corporation. On the other hand it is argued that the War Eagle will remain a separate property as at present, while the Centre Star will be incorporated separately. Both of these theories, however, are mere hypotheses; nothing definite is made public. One of the most important features of the deal is the fact, seemingly demon- strated by the presence here of Mr. Smith, that the influences behind the Bank of Ontario are interested in the Centre Star on the camp, and will be represented in the syndicate purchasing the Centre Star. Heretofore all the Toronto money spent here on an extensive scale has been by the Gooderham-Blackstock interests and it is a notable addition to the list of investors to have new banking interests taking a hand in the acquisition of Rossland properties.

The contract for publishing the Ross- land souvenir has been awarded to the Grip company of Toronto. H. W. O. Jackson, who is in charge of the publi- cation of the work, will leave for the east early next week to supervise the issu- ance of the book.

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