

Present work is being confined to the development of the *Elsmere* group. The ore is galena, carrying values in silver, and occurs replacing the limestone near and along the contact between the limestone and the schist. The development-work, which has been steadily carried on during the year, will be continued during the winter months. A new trail was built to the mine from Circle City; permanent camp buildings have been erected; a small compressor plant has been purchased, and is on the ground.

Eight to ten men are working at the mine. The management reports that it is the purpose of the company to purchase a concentrating plant and aerial tramway this winter, with a view of making the installation as early as possible next spring.

Old Gold Group.—This property is owned by Conway & Birch and is situated on the Duncan River slope at a distance of six miles from Circle City. A considerable amount of development-work has been done on this property, and some high-grade silver-lead ore was packed out last fall. The ore has to be packed over a divide and down to Ferguson, a distance of about thirteen miles. The formation consists of slates and graphitic schists, with intermittent bands of limestone. The ore occurs in the graphitic schists along the contact of and replacing the limestone. The mine is now closed down, being inaccessible in winter. Eight to ten men were working during the season.

True fissure.—This mine is situated near Ferguson. Active mining and development work was carried on during the year under the management of A. Huston. It is reported that the mine is now closed down. I understand that ten to twelve men were working steadily during the season.

Trinne.—Mr. Batty has been carrying out the development of this property, but I have no information as to the number of men employed or the nature of the work.

The *Copper Chief*, near Trout lake, was operated for a short time by Mr. Featherstonhugh.

Arrow Lake Mining Division.

The *Millie Mack*, near Burton City, is the only property in this vicinity on which any work will be done this winter. Two men are working and expect to rawhide out 30 tons. The ore is an argentiferous galena.

Lardeau Mining Division.

Multiplier Mining, Milling, and Power Co., Ltd., of Revelstoke.—This company, of which O. T. Bibb is president and F. G. Wrightson is secretary, reports that progress is being made with the development-work, which is giving satisfactory results. They are contemplating the erection next spring of a concentrator, which will also treat customs ore. The property is situated on Poole creek, at a distance of one mile and three-quarters from Cumbourne, and is easily accessible. Eleven men are working at the mine.

Winnipeg Group.—This property is situated near the end of the Cumbourne wagon-road, and has been operated by Arthur Evans, who is reported to have about 20 tons of high-grade silver-lead ore ready for shipment.

Goldfuch Group.—Three men are reported to be working at this property, the work at present being confined to development.

Trail Creek Mining Division.

ROSSLAND CAMP.

The production of the Rossland mines for the year 1917 is far below normal owing to labour troubles at the mines, combined with smelter troubles, caused by a shortage of coke during the Fernie strike, and latterly by the smeltermen going on strike, which forced the closing-down of the works at Trail for a little over a month; the result being that no shipments were made from the Rossland mines during five months in the year.

It may be of interest to point out that during the previous four years the average annual gold production of the camp is nearly 60 per cent. of the total annual gold production of British Columbia.