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## FROM OTHER CAMPS

Preparations for the Work of the Coming Summer.

## THE PROSPECTOR PREPARING

Record Run at the Greenwood Smelter—Some Good Strikes in the Boundary—Good Reports From East Kootenay, the Lardeau and the Slocan.

With the opening of spring there is a revival of interest in all the camps of the interior in the work of the coming season. Prospectors are getting together their kits and awaiting the disappearance of the snows from the hills to get out in the search for claims, and there is evidence everywhere of largely increased development on the properties which have already shown promise. The general rule both in East and West Kootenay is that the coming summer will be far the most gratifying one from a mining standpoint which the province has yet known. Already this year there has been a considerable accession to the population and in the main the new settlers are men with some money with which to establish themselves at once as citizens. The smelters are all running at full blast, and before the close of the summer there will certainly be a clamor for additional facilities in this respect. Below will be found a summary of the outlook in the various parts of the district.

### THE BOUNDARY.

Work Being Pushed on a Large Number of Properties.

The Atholstan is shipping two cars daily to the Standard smelter. Contractor Gillies began work Wednesday, March 27th, on a second shaft on the Rawhide.

On the week ending Saturday, March 30th, the B. C. mine, in Summit camp, shipped 800 tons of ore.

The Midway Advance states that work has been resumed on the Bruce, a promising property near that town.

The shaft on the Marguerite, in Deadwood camp, is down 120 feet. Some drifting will probably be done shortly.

The O. K., in Brown's camp, has been bonded to Julius Ehrlich of Greenwood. The mine has shipped 224 tons of ore.

The running as high as \$1700 to the ton is reported being sacked at the Morning Glory, Republic, for shipment to the Granby smelter.

The crosscut from the 100-foot level on the Rambler, Summit camp, is in a distance of 153 feet and good ore is being taken out.

At the 250-foot level of the Brooklyn drifting on the ore is still being continued south to connect with the Idaho. At present the workings are about under the wagon road.

This far 650 tons of ore have been shipped from the Emma, in Summit camp, to the Standard smelter. A tunnel is now being driven, which is so far in 75 feet, largely in ore.

A recent shipment of 36 sacks of ore from the Blue Bell, Summit camp, to the Granby smelter, gave net returns of \$14.85 per ton. The main shaft is now down about 100 feet.

The blowing in of the Standard pyritic smelter, at Boundary Falls, has been postponed until some changes and additions to the machinery can be made and a large ore supply obtained.

For the week ending last Wednesday 134 cars of ore were shipped by the Mineral-Graves syndicate from Phoenix. This is ten cars short of the regular weekly quota. In round numbers the tonnage was 4,000 tons.

The new compressor at the Brooklyn will probably be ready to furnish air to the Idaho in three or four days. The pipe line has been connected up and the smokestack is in place. About 30 men are now on the payroll of the Dominion Copper company.

Thomas Benan and partners have been doing development work on the Dewey group of claims, near Eholt, for the past six months. The claims are situated on Delamar mountain, about half a mile from the railway station at Eholt. A tunnel has been run 60 feet, and is now in a good body of ore.

J. W. Nelson returned to Greenwood from the west fork Saturday, where he had been looking over the Rambler claim, in which he is interested. There is a 22-inch ledge on the property, an assay from which by Guesse Bros., of average samples, gave returns of \$5.23 in gold and 133 ounces in silver. It is the intention of Mr. Nelson and his partners to put a force of men at work on the claim about the middle of April, and ship ore as soon as development is sufficiently advanced. The Rambler lies east of the Sallie.

The Greenwood smelter on Monday, says the Greenwood Times of March 28, broke the world's record. In the 24 hours 381 tons of ore was treated in the furnace. The capacity of the furnace is supposed to be 225 tons a day, but owing to the self-fluxing character of the ore and the merits of the smelter itself, this remarkable run—one which has never been beaten by any other smelter in the world—was within the 24 hours. The run is all the more remarkable since the smelter has been running but a short time and new smelters are generally supposed to run less smoothly than others.

While not making much of a splurge about it, the Quilp mine at Republic has been steadily shipping small lots of nice ore to the Granby smelter, here until the figures are rather surprising to one who has not been keeping close tab on the property. Shipments have been made entirely by wagon and have been limited by the condition of the roads and the difficulty of securing teamsters, yet the mine has already sent down 194 tons of ore with an approximate value of \$6,254. The average value of the ore shipped was run very close in the neighborhood of \$38

per ton, so in spite of the 35-mile wagon haul there has been a net profit of close to 50 per cent. The Morning Glory mine, in the same camp, is also shipping steadily and is making the same kind of a showing as the Quilp, although to date it has not shipped so much ore.

From the north fork of the Kettle river comes word of a new and important strike upon the English and French group, where five feet of fine looking copper-gold ore has been found in the tunnel on the Napoleon claim at a distance of 90 feet in the tunnel. The working, which has been driven to cut the lead at an angle, found the ledge some time since and finding no values of particular note turned and followed the strike of the vein for several feet, when the face of the tunnel broke into the ore body above mentioned.

### EAST KOOTENAY.

Prospectors Taking Up Land Along Line of Crow's Nest Southern.

A large number of prospective settlers have recently arrived in the country and have taken up land. The land taken up is along the proposed route of the Crow's Nest Southern railway.

At the Plains, on Philipps creek, there are immense showings of copper ore. A number of properties have been worked during the past winter.

The mining camps of the Fort Steele division will speak in no uncertain sound when sufficient transportation is afforded to the output of ore, for mines situated in the main range of the Rocky Mountains, says the Fort Steele Prospector.

During the past year the owners of 1,110 mineral claims recorded their assessment work.

A promising group, the De Mornac, Emma de Rose, Lady Hortense, La Belle, and Cement, form a very promising group of claims that are situated on Maus creek, three miles from Fort Steele.

The Try Again mineral claim, situated on Six Mile creek, has a fine showing, the ore carrying gold, silver and copper. The surface assays show a value of \$23 to the ton.

Some 15 or 20 very promising claims are located on the south fork of Elk river. The ore on all of these properties carry copper in more or less quantities.

The Spirit claim, in the first quartz claim located in the Fort Steele district. A large amount of development work has been performed. The ore is galena.

The deal on the Hidden Hand group was closed up recently.

A considerable amount of development work is now going ahead on a number of properties on Tracy creek.

The showing on the Approach claim close to Fort Steele, continues to be

The owners of the Carbonate King group, report that property is improving with every foot that the tunnel is drove.

A fine body of galena was struck in the Aurora claim recently.

It is reported that the B. C. Gold Fields company have purchased a large interest in the Estella mine.

On the Approach claim, which is situated within three miles of Fort Steele, development work continues. No. 1 tunnel is now in 30 feet. No. 2 tunnel is in 42 feet. The No. 2 tunnel is run to tap the vein at a considerable lower depth, and the indications are that the vein will be encountered at an early date.

The town of Windermere is situated on the east side of Windermere lake, about 70 miles north of Fort Steele. The population numbers about 200. There are two general supply stores, two hotels and a number of private residences. Many ranchers are located at this point. As a mining district Windermere is rapidly coming to the front, many promising claims having been located, and during the past year a large amount of development work has been done. The Paradise mine has been added to the shipping mines of the province. Among the mines now under development are the Paradise group, Alps group, Iron Queen, Cracker-jack, Ruth, Massie, Hot Punch, Lion Cap, Delphine, and the Silver Belt and a hundred others all under various stages of development. The principal properties are situated on Horse Thief Tobeys, McDonald, Boulder and Law creek.

The North Star is working a full force taking out and shipping about 70 tons.

The Mount Sicker company have closed down for a short time.

The Sullivan are now engaged in running a tunnel to tap the ore body at a depth of 120 feet.

R. O. Jennings has been engaged in developing the Morning fraction.

### LARDEAU DIVISION.

The Metropolitan Group Undoubtedly Has Rich Ore.

Rev. C. W. McCrossan of Minneapolis, who purchased the Metropolitan group of mining claims up the north fork of Lardeau creek, has just summed up the ore from the different veins thoroughly tested, the ore being \$1,478.2 to the ton.

Andrew Rosenberg of Nelson, returned to Trout lake recently from paying the men at the Eva mine. He made the trip in A. H. Gracey's place on account of the latter's illness. Mr. Rosenberg brought down some very fine samples of ore from the property containing free gold in large quantities. Some of the samples being the finest of this variety of ore we have ever seen. The syndicate has acquired a millsite and water right on Pool creek contiguous to the property and will probably install a stamp mill when development has reached a stage to justify it.

The working force consists of fourteen men who are making excellent progress with the work of development.

One of the richest strikes ever made in the Lardeau was made on the Nettie L. The strike was made in the slope next to the bottom of the winze and consists of 18 inches of solid grey copper which will run fully \$1,000 in silver to the ton. In one shot 23 sacks of this ore was knocked down, which means that the

man working in this slope in a few hours put into the hands of the Nettie L. people over \$1,000 in gold cash. Those who have seen the stuff stacked believe nothing like it has ever occurred in the Lardeau since it became known to the mining world.

Work on the St. Elmo, a promising property located on Great Northern mountain near Trout lake, is progressing very favorably. The tunnel was driven 97 feet before the first ledge was encountered. Crosscutting has been suspended for the time being and the men are employed drifting along the vein both ways. They have now driven about 32 feet, but the lead is still inclined to be tight. Wherever it has opened up a little the quartz has carried a lot of galena and the chances are that before much further has been driven a body of ore will be encountered. About 200 feet more of crosscut will cut the lead beneath the big showing. This will be done this summer, it is very likely.

Messrs. King and Thompson, mining men of Northport, were in Trout Lake on Wednesday last, to look over the property. They appear to have been much pleased with what they had seen, and said they would return immediately the snow was off the ground.

### FROM THE SLOCAN.

The Fisher Maiden Has Been Bonded by a Spokane Syndicate.

The Fisher Maiden, which has been tied up by litigation for the last three years, has been bonded by the Bank of Montreal to a Spokane syndicate and will be operated this season under the management of J. K. Clark. The Fisher Maiden, which is situated about eight miles up the creek, is a dry ore proposition lying in the granite formation. At one time it bid fair to become one of our biggest producers, but the company operating it became involved in financial difficulties which caused the mine to close down. Work is to be commenced upon the property at once and a few miners will be sent up within the next few days.

The Condor is a silver-lead proposition that was acquired by W. H. Sandford for an English syndicate and considerable work has been done upon it. It is the intention of the company to fully develop the property this season and to begin fully upon another shipping mine here before next fall.

Work on the Old Maid tunnel has been suspended for a time owing to the large amount of surface water being encountered, caused by the melting snow. The tunnel is now in 140 feet and the whole drift is in ore that ranges in value from 15 to 40 ounces in silver and from \$5 to \$8 in gold to the ton. The Old Maid is a big low grade proposition and gives promise of making a mine.

The Sunset, at Jackson Basin, shipped 20 tons from Whitewater last week.

The Northwest Mining company have resumed work again on the Condor group.

California capitalists have taken hold of the Speculator and will commence operations shortly.

The Miller Creek company are applying for a crown grant on some claims adjoining the Miller creek mine.

W. W. Warner will resume operations on the Wonderful again at once. He has also taken a lease on the Ruby Silver in the McGowan Basin.

At the Vancouver mine the drift being driven on the vein from the big crosscut is now in 30 feet and there is about 350 feet yet to drive before the drift will be into the big Vancouver ore chute and under the old workings.

The Star expects to start up with its staff of over 100 men about April 2nd. Two millwrights from Nelson are busy putting the machinery in good shape for concentrating and shipping. It is expected the coming season will be one of the best in the history of the mine.

The Hewitt mine is one of the most promising properties in the Silvertown camp. It has been shipping steadily since September last, and as the product is a dry ore, ranging in value from 35 to 125 ounces of silver, its product, earns outlays has not been interfered with by recent fluctuations in the lead markets. An average of three cars of ore have been shipped weekly, and the mine is to continue on this basis for an indefinite period. Thirty men are employed at present.

The following shipments of ore were sent from Sandon last week:

Payne	60
American Boy	60
Last Chance	60
Ivanhoe	41
Reco	22
Total	243

At a meeting of the directors of the Payne Consolidated Mining company, held at their head office in Montreal on Thursday, the 21st ult., it was decided in the interests of conservative management to withhold the quarterly dividend, which has been distributed at the rate of three per cent or 12 per cent per annum. The funds are to be utilized for the purpose of carrying on development. The directors will shortly issue the following circular to its shareholders: "In view of unexpected delays in the development of No. 8 tunnel, and the necessity of keeping a good cash reserve on hand, which at present amounts to \$135,000, the directors have decided to pass the dividend for the present quarter."

Jack Aitchison has secured a lease on the Slocan Chief, at the head of Ten Mile creek, and owned by the Warner Miller syndicate. Last week four men went up to commence operations. The mine is well stocked with provisions, and has comfortable buildings. The ledge is eight feet wide and has been opened up by two tunnels, one in 143 feet and the other, below, in 130 feet. The ore is galena, carrying considerable ruby silver which contains high values, while the poorest of the ore shipped assayed 258 ounces in silver.

For the Easter holidays all Canadian Pacific railway agents will sell round trip tickets at a fare and one-third, good going April 4 and 5 and return April 8.

### EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Schools to Close Thursday Night and Open Again on the 9th.

School will close for the Easter holidays on Thursday, 4th inst., and will re-open on Tuesday, April 9th.

The second annual convention of the Kootenay Teachers' Institute will be held at Nelson on Monday and Tuesday, the 8th and 9th inst., when the following programme will be carried out.

Several teachers from this city will attend and will return to resume work on Thursday, April 11th, while those who do not attend will re-open their divisions on Tuesday, April 9th.

Monday, April 8th—First session, 10 a.m.—President's address; enrollment of members; election of officers; "The Ethical Element in Education," Rev. P. Wright, D.D. (Second session, 2 p.m.)—Solo, G. L. Lennox; "Methods in Geography," J. S. Brandon, B.A.; piano solo, Mrs. Rouse; "School Decorations," Miss Kate Scanlan; solo, Mrs. J. E. Anable; history, J. D. MacLean.

Tuesday, April 9th—(Third session, 10 a.m.)—Reading, S. B. Clements; "Spelling for Intermediate Classes," Miss Edw. Wickham, B.A.; solo, Miss Edw. Wickham; primary reading, G. H. Knowlton, B.A.; resolutions. (Fourth session, 2 p.m.)—Piano solo, J. H. Wallace; "Our Course in English," H. J. Clark, M.A.; recitation, Peter D. McLavish; "Methods in Arithmetic," Miss E. Thom; solo, Miss Jessie Lillie; "Obstacles to Education in the Kootenays," W. L. Tompkins (Evening, 8 p.m.)—Reception to visiting teachers by the Nelson staff.

Below will be found a list of the pupils leading their classes in the Rossland public schools during the month of March: Division I, Senior IV Reader—1, Annie Kerris; 2, Selma Demuth; 3, Olive Hobbs. Division II, 3rd class—1, Margaret McCraney; 2, Hanna Helgason; 3, Alice Nicholson.

Senior Second Class—1, Walter Blockberger; 2, Herman Nicholson; 3, Margaret Jackson.

Junior Second Class—1, Lillian Gray; 2, Yanna Helgason; 3, Eleanor, McHae. Division III, Junior Fourth—1, Fay Thomas; 2, Willie Kinnear; 3, C. Villeneuve.

Third Reader—1, Blanche Raymer; 2, Charles Griffith; 3, Alma Beverley. Division IV, Junior Third Reader—1, Robert Guesner; 2, Marcella Escalot; 3, Hilda Denison.

First Reader—1, Mamie Martin; 2, Celestino Albo; 3, George Isaacson. Division V, Primer Class A—1, Nellie Stark; 2, Olga Mrechison; 3, Lizzie McLaughlin.

Class C—1, Chester Campbell; 2, Luther MacCullough; 3, Pearl Stanton. Division VI, Senior Second Reader—1, Margaret Floyd; 2, Ina Myers; 3, Clarence Rees.

Junior Second Reader—1, Hubert Pollet; 2, Katie Leary; 3, Frank Cosgriff. Division VII, Junior Second Reader—1, Clara Stanton; 2, Lulu Putnam; 3, Hilda Lundquist.

Second Primer Class—1, Olive Juleff; 2, Robert Kenning; 3, Martha Demuth. Division VIII, First Reader—1, Glen Tees; 2, Armin Uelman; 3, Myrtle Robinson.

Primer Class B—1, Alice Murray and Madge MacCaighley; 2, Ethel Coombs; 3, Bruce Angus.

Division IX, Senior Second Primer—1, Emma Lenzie; 2, Margaret Sullivan; 3, Winnifred Courbaron.

Junior Second Primer—1, Douglas Lawler; 2, Ida Jay; 3, Vilet Herrick. Division X, First Reader—1, Winnifred Piggy; 2, Erisocella Baxendale.

Senior Second Primer—1, Dolly Owens; 2, Ruth MacDonald. Junior Second Primer—1, Violet Ogle; 2, Leonard Boulthée.

Division XI—No report of standing of classes issued owing to illness of teachers. The attendance at the public schools during the month of March has been 57, while the average attendance has been 45—large less than last month—probably owing to the prevalence of mumps in the city.

### MUSICAL RECITAL.

Artistic Vocal and Instrumental Music given at the McCoy Concert.

The musical recital given last evening in Miners' Union hall by Miss Cecile McCoy, assisted by local talent, was successful in every way. The audience was large and appreciative and the efforts of Miss McCoy and those who assisted her met with a full measure of appreciation.

The opening number, "My All," one of Bohm's gems, was well rendered by Miss McCoy, and won her warm applause. Miss McCoy has a strong soprano voice. Mr. W. H. McCharg, who recently returned from South Africa, was given an enthusiastic reception, and he showed by his spirited rendition of "The Arrow and the Song" and "Dawn" that his campaigning had not in any way detracted from his power as a vocalist. "Summer," by Chaminade, was one of the best executed numbers by Miss McCoy. "The Spanish Gypsy" was given with good effect by Miss Cecile O'Reilly. "Stride le Vamps," from "Il Trovatore," Miss McCoy sang to advantage, but she brought down the house with her Scotch songs, "Callie Herrin" and "Charlie Is My Darling." In the duet "May Morning," with Mr. Hart-McGraw, in "Kathleen Mavourneen," and in "Good Bye," Miss McCoy won new laurels and established herself here more firmly than ever as a popular vocalist. This young lady has a future before her in the musical world. Miss Jean Robinson showed herself to be a pianist of more than average skill on the piano, and her rendition of "Rhapsodie Hongroise" revealed that she has a superb touch, considerable technical skill, and that she knows how to bring forth the harmony from a most difficult composition. Miss E. M. Kunz acted as accompanist in her usual thorough and artistic manner.

The remainder of the numbers were well rendered. Miss McCoy is a resident of Vernon, and is a graduate of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and should she give another musical recital here is certain of a warm welcome.

### SALVATION ARMY SOCIAL WORK

THE SCARLET WOMAN AND HER REFORMATION.

Interesting Lectures By Lieut.-Col. Mrs. Read—A Review of the Social Work Now Being Conducted in Canada.

A large and appreciative audience filled the Salvation Army hall last evening to hear a lecture by Lieut.-Col. Mrs. Read on the social work of the Salvation Army in Canada. Mrs. Read has charge of this feature, or branch of the army's activities, making her headquarters in Toronto. Recently she has been making a tour of the west. Mrs. Read is a very representative type of the Salvation worker. Forceful, sympathetic, sincere—at times positively eloquent, she related the scope of efforts more especially directed towards regenerating a sinful and fallen humanity. It was a sad story in some of its details, withal it has its bright and hopeful sidelights. According to Mrs. Read, the army is doing a beneficent and helpful work; the array of figures she submitted was sufficient to impress even the most skeptical that the army accomplishes results with classes that do not seem to be reached by the churches.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, who presided, delivered a brief address in which he bore testimony to the efficacious work done by the Salvation Army, whose rise and progress was a dominant fact in Christian sociology.

Mrs. Read at the outset said the flag of salvation now flew in forty different lands, while it possessed not less than 15,000 officers who had consecrated their lives to the service. All this had flown from the inspiration of one grand old man whose heart had been moved at the spectacle of such misery. His mission, proclaimed in an early period in his history the truth was realized that the labor, to be effective, must be conducted on lines of philanthropic Christianity. Now the army had over 400 institutions, devoted to men's shelters, rescue homes for women, prison reformatory, and a host of other institutions, more than the state or the gospel. Their permanent reformation