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MARKET

TRADING IN

THE LOCAL

RANGE.

MAIN FIRM, BUT

FEW EX-

CTIONS.

Business in stocks for a long time, reaching 104,000 shares, noted that the market to a great extent, many actively after a long time. The demand has fortunate extent, many an interest who have for a year or so. The feature of the settlement in Republic is no doubt largely approach of railway western Republic and public mine shares took up, going from 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 in two days. Since back to a lower point, at 9-1/2 asked contain Lion, Morning and Black Tail have advanced, but have all the first named selling the last day. Previously active stocks has best held its place, a period of reaction if at 85, or near the high-

After showing a considerable strength, fell off rapidly, apparently because of the fact that shipments are expected immediately. The day was 43, closing at 40 bid. War Eagle dropped 1-1/2 and 9-1-2 being 40 bid. At the beginning of the week, but has declined a few transactions have been re-

Mask, Sullivan and but without any marking being indicated. The week were as follows:

Stock	Price
War Eagle	43
Lion	40
Morning	40
Black Tail	40
Republic	104,000

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SALES. 500, 85c; Centre Star, 1000, 1.00, 7-1/2c; 2000, 7-5/8c; 3000, 7-1/2c; 4000, 7-1/2c; 5000, 7-1/2c. Total 14,500.

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WORK IN THE MINES

THE WEEK'S OUTPUT INTERFERED WITH BY POWER SUSPENSION.

LE ROI INCREASES ITS PRODUCTION IN A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE.

The output of the Rossland camp for the week ending Saturday night was greater than for the previous week, and this is somewhat remarkable in view of the fact that the Le Roi mine was the only property to send out ore and that it was handicapped by the necessity of working night shifts because of the stoppage of electric power during the day almost all week. Extra efforts were made to keep up the average shipments, and the figures given in the appended table demonstrate how well the Le Roi succeeded in accomplishing this end. At the Le Roi No. 2 the stoppage of electric power necessitated the laying off of all the men employed in breaking, handling and raising ore, so that the property is absent from the shipping list for the week. Next week will see a substantial increase in the shipments. It is the intention of the Le Roi management to ship 800 tons for next week at least. The Le Roi No. 2's output will be up to or beyond the 1500 ton mark. On this basis the camp's output for the first two months of the year will be close to 50,000 tons.

THE OUTPUT.

The output of ore for the week ending February 15 and for the year to date is as follows:

Mine	Week	Year
Le Roi	5565	28,765
Le Roi No. 2		6,650
Cascade		150
Bonanza		60
Total	5565	35,625

The Le Roi operations at the Le Roi mine have been marked during the past week by a change in the ordinary course of events consequent upon the shutting off of the electrical current used in supplying power at various sections of the plant and property. This led to a night shift being substituted for the ordinary day work, but the output of the mine was maintained and increased over the record of recent weeks, a fact that is a tribute to the energy displayed under the unfortunate circumstances. The power is now turned on again, however, and the work at the mine will proceed along the usual lines. The management makes the important statement that for the immediate future at least the daily output of the Le Roi is to be increased to 800 tons per diem and maintained steadily at that figure. The next feature of interest in connection with the property will be the commencement of work on the contracts for sinking below the 1050 level and the drifts at that level. The contractors are now in a position to start the drifting, and all the work under this heading is to be got under way during the present week.

Le Roi No. 2. The mine was shut down four days of last week through inability to secure the electric power necessary to operate the compressor plant, but a portion of the crew employed on development was retained, sufficient power being generated by the available steam plant to keep the work up. Work has now been resumed along the usual lines. At the Jessie the drifts are being extended into the Annie ground and steady, and good progress is being made. Stopping operations are also under way as usual, and the output for the present week is certain to be substantially greater than during recent weeks. The No. 1 mine of the same company is being operated along similar lines, stopping being under way on the various levels and development carried along steadily.

Rossland and Western.—Development work is resumed in the mine this week and the drifts at the 550 and 600 foot levels are being extended. Other work of a similar nature is also under way. Kootenay.—The work at the mine was not interrupted by the stoppage of electric power that affected the other big properties, and the extensions of the 400 and 600 foot levels have gone along consistently. Nothing of special nature is reported as having developed during the week.

Centre Star.—The development of the mine proceeded steadily throughout the week. The main shaft has reached a point 30 feet below the 700 foot level, and the contractors are now cutting a pocket at the level in question. From this station the drifts east and west are to be started, and the work will probably be got under way in the near future. Shipments were not started last week as was generally understood, and the date of the resumption of shipments is as yet unknown. The stopes are filled with ore that was broken down in the last month.

War Eagle.—The usual operations at the War Eagle have gone ahead without incident. Development on the various levels and the diamond drilling on the 800-foot level have been the features of the past week's work. Spitzee.—Work is still confined to the 100-foot level, where drifting is under way to the west of the shaft. The face is now some 120 feet distant from the shaft, and the steam power proved in-

PRODUCING GOOD ORE

CASCADE AND BONANZA MINES GET SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE CAMP NOW COMING INTO OPERATION.

"The outlook is very encouraging in the St. Thomas mountain district," said H. W. C. Jackson, secretary of the Rossland Bonanza company, who returned on Saturday from a visit to the mine and the Granby smelter. "The Cascade has 15 men at work and is now shipping its sixth car of ore, the average weights of the cars being just a trifle under 30 tons. Superintendent Purcell told me he was working in a fine body of good grade ore. He is also doing considerable development, with, I understand, very satisfactory results. On the Bonanza we have nine men at work, and are now getting from six to eight tons of ore per day. We do not yet know what our ore will be, but expect it to be the first two cars from the Granby smelter on Monday or Tuesday. The stopes show a clean two feet of shipping ore for its entire length of about 45 feet, and the south or inner end of the stope shows much the highest grade ore, so we expect the pay shoot to develop a length of at least 60 feet.

IN THE SLOCAN.

Mineral Production Keeping up to Last Year's Rate.

The Bosun is shipping a large tonnage of zinc ore this week. Forty-five men are on the payroll. Work has now resumed in full swing, and the north and south drifts on the 200 foot level are being advanced. The first of the shipment of ore from the Hartney and Marion was hauled to the wharf Tuesday, the road having been sufficiently repaired to allow the passage of ore wagons. The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1901 was, approximately, 30,000 tons. Since January 1 to February 8, 1902, the shipments have been as follows:

Week	Total
Payne	115
Ivanhoe	135
Sunset (Jackson Basin)	20
Reco	80
American Boy	60
Arlington	60
Howett	55
Bosun	40
Last Chance	20
Wonderful	20
Enterprise	60
Monitor	204
Queen Bess	60
Whitewater (for January)	807
Silver Glance (for January)	75
Ottawa	8
Total tons	2758

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A KLONDIKE PROJECT

CONCESSION OF WATER AND PLACER CLAIM RIGHTS DISCUSSED.

STATEMENT AS TO PRIVILEGES GRANTED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 18.—A special from Ottawa today says:

The explanation of the federal government regarding the granting of the so-called Treadwell concession, covering leased or vacant-placer claims in the Klondike, places a new aspect on the arrangement which has caused so much consternation in Dawson. The statement is officially made today that the trouble arises from the granting by the government of certain concessions for the diverting of water from the Klondike river to be used for mining purposes. In consideration of this concession the company agrees to furnish water to miners at a certain scale approved by the government officials in the Yukon. It is a well known fact that many claims have not been worked during the past years on account of a scarcity of water. For that reason there are hundreds of claims which either have not been taken up or prospected or have been abandoned after prospecting, as they could not be worked during the winter. The worked without plenty of water, the company must spend at least a quarter of a million dollars in the development of the water system before it has the right to take over any abandoned claims. Then, if any owners wish to operate during the winter, they may do so, buying water from the company at the rate fixed.

The order, which has not yet been gazetted, is said not to interfere with the rights of anyone. Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state, in the absence of Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, said today: "A clause has been inserted which demands and secures water raised by the hydraulic process, and thus work their own lands. The project, it is assumed, was in the interest of that country, and there was no suggestion of a monopoly. "Another object is to utilize sections of mining lands not accessible at present on account of their situation above water level. At present, the great volume of water flows off in the spring freshet, and it is the intention to reserve a part of this for distribution during the remaining months of the year in districts not reached by it now. "Several parties have made similar proposals to the government during the last few years. The agreement will naturally cause excitement at the present time, but it will prove, I think, to be in the interests of the district. There is no monopoly. The company must provide the miners with water, and lands will be worked which are now valueless. The whole matter will likely be discussed in parliament."

THE PRESIDENT LEAVES.

He Feels That His Son has Passed the Danger Point.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 13.—The most eventful day at the Groton school during all the time Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has been ill closed with the departure of the president for Washington this afternoon. Before that the president in the homely phrase, "Ted has improved with such rapid jumps that I am sure he is out of the woods," had told of the lead lifted from his mind. The boy rested well all day, although his pulse was somewhat accelerated for a short period this afternoon by reason of the departure of his father.

THE FEELING IN LONDON.

B. C. Mining Interests Have Obstacles to Contend With.

E. A. Woakes, who returned to Nelson this week after a short visit to London, states to the Nelson Miner that in London at the present time the great subject of the interest among mining men is the prospect among investors for British Columbia mines although those who have interests in the mines seem well satisfied with them. The mines of British Columbia are generally considered of low grade, and the general opinion in London is that the working of them at present is far more expensive than it should be. To work the mines here to advantage the greatest economy and judgment had to be used. The deposits were large and with some reductions on the present costs of operating they could be worked at a good profit. As it was the mines here had to be worked in competition with the mines in all other parts of the world where living expenses were less, labor cheaper and markets nearer. Since his return from England he had heard of the reduction made by the smelters in their rates, and at first had been of the opinion that it was a "gift of the Greeks," but had been more than pleased to find that it was perfectly correct. In his opinion it showed that the smelters must have received some reductions in rates from the railways and also from the coal company to be able to make the reduction. This betokened a spirit of wishing to improve the present condition of the mining industry on the part of those mentioned that was pleasant to see and presages well. If other concessions could be made on similar lines to this there would be a great revival of the mining industry. The company originally intended to start refining lead about May 15, but some time has been lost in commencing work on the buildings and the weather conditions at this season of the year and for the next few months the opening of the refinery must be postponed a couple of months to be within the zone of safety. The necessary machinery is being manufactured for the Canadian Smelting Works in the east, and much depends upon the speed with which the plant is delivered by the manufacturers. The plant now under way at Trail is intended principally as an experiment. If it is demonstrated that the refining of lead obtained from ore mined within the Dominion can be done profitably, the business is to be extended by the construction of plants at other points, probably Nelson, an East Kootenay point, or the coast. All these features depend in large measure on the success met with in connection with the plant on which construction work has just been started.

THE QUESTION OF TARIFF PROTECTION FOR THE LEAD INDUSTRY.

The corner stone of the lead refinery in connection with the Canadian Smelting Works plant at Trail has been laid, and active construction work is under way. It had been the intention in the smelter town to celebrate the formal inauguration of the new industry with a demonstration, including a band and speeches by the civic authorities and others, but this was abandoned in favor of a similar ceremony later in the year, when the actual refining of lead is commenced. The Trail people regard the enterprise with keen interest, and are not a little proud of the fact that the first lead refinery on Canadian soil is to be erected in their city. The plant will be located on the grounds of and within a comparatively short distance of the main plant. Refinery and smelter will be connected by an electric tramway, over which the product of the furnaces will be conveyed for the final treatment in the refinery. It is difficult at this time to predict with any measure of accuracy when the refinery will be in actual operation. The company originally intended to start refining lead about May 15, but some time has been lost in commencing work on the buildings and the weather conditions at this season of the year and for the next few months the opening of the refinery must be postponed a couple of months to be within the zone of safety. The necessary machinery is being manufactured for the Canadian Smelting Works in the east, and much depends upon the speed with which the plant is delivered by the manufacturers. The plant now under way at Trail is intended principally as an experiment. If it is demonstrated that the refining of lead obtained from ore mined within the Dominion can be done profitably, the business is to be extended by the construction of plants at other points, probably Nelson, an East Kootenay point, or the coast. All these features depend in large measure on the success met with in connection with the plant on which construction work has just been started.

THE FISHER MAIDEN.

A Slocan Property That Promises to Turn Out Well.

"The Fisher Maiden promises to make one of the larger mines of the Slocan," said W. W. Greenwood to the Nelson Miner representative. Mr. Greenwood is the manager of the Fisher Maiden, which is being operated by the Fisher Maiden-Troy Mines, Limited. The property is located on Four Mile creek in the Slocan. During the past month we have been getting matters in shape for shipping and are now sacking ore as a preliminary thereto. The new company took hold of the property on March 14th, 1901, and I took charge on the first of the present year. Under the old regime the development was confined to the upper portion of the property. Since then we have traced the vein down the slope for a distance of 1,500 feet and have developed the ledge by tunneling in shape for shipping and are now sacking ore as a preliminary thereto. The new company took hold of the property on March 14th, 1901, and I took charge on the first of the present year. 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