

Local Claims.

The breaking up of the winter, inaugurates another season of activity upon Coal Hill. Upon many of the claims, preparations are being made for a considerable amount of surface work, and on others the development already started, will be actively pushed. Messrs. Ashby and Donaldson are putting a staff of men to work on the Truth Group, and the shaft will be continued to the 80ft. level, when cross-cuts and drifts will be sure to ascertain the value of their promising lead.

Work upon the "Erin" is being pushed rapidly, and another 50ft. of drift will be at once added to the work already completed.

Upon the "Iron Cap," the assessment has just been completed with satisfactory results.

Work still continues upon the Hecla Group, which adjoins the Python to the east. There is no doubt as to the fact that the owners of this group have a valuable asset in their property.

The staff of the Python is now working two shifts, and the double compartment shaft is now down to the 120 ft., and the prospects of this property making a mine are better than ever.

Upon the O.K. Group, a series of cross-cuts will be run for the purpose of uncovering the strike of the Lucky Strike lead, which runs

through the southern end of this property. If it is shewn by this work that the values are equal to those obtained at the point of crop on the Lucky Strike, the value of this group which has already proved the continuity of the Iron Mask lead into the ground covered by the group, will be greatly enhanced.

On the "Mask" lead, the owners have already sunk a 60ft. shaft and have 60ft. of cross-cut at the 10ft. level, besides the surface work done in other parts of the group. A series of open cuts will be run on the Snowbird and Kandahar, upon the strike of the Python lead, and the owners feel confident from the present indications, that they will succeed in proving the value of their property.

H. Ashby has four men at work on the Truth group. The shaft is now down sixty feet, and is entirely in a fair grade of ore. The ore as it comes to the surface is sorted, and the high grade ore will be shipped to the Trail smelter. It is the intention of the owners to sink to a depth of eighty feet, then cross-cut the vein for fifty feet in each direction.

Last week an expert was up the North Thompson to examine the gold bearing quartz ledges in the vicinity of Jamieson Creek. This district has long been a favorite with Kamloops prospectors. The veins here are very large, approaching the massive in many instances. The quartz carries fair values, and the occurrence in large bodies, renders mining very economical. We predict that the time is not far distant when mining and milling on an ex-