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MONTREAL JOBBERY ITS FIRST SHIPMENT

ALDERMEN STANDING UP FOR THE HIGHEST LIGHT TENDERER. HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER AND THE ADDINGTON VACANT SEAT.

MONTREAL, July 10.—The city council today decided to call for new tenders for the lighting contract, to be opened in September. The decision was reached only after an exciting debate...

WORK ON THE GIANT

The arrangements to commence work on the Giant are now practically completed and an announcement that the first hole is to be drilled may be expected any day.

THE CALIFORNIA

Jay P. Graves is expected in Rossland within the next day or two en route to Grand Forks after his eastern trip. Citizens of Rossland have more than passing interest in Mr. Graves' movements at this time...

A DOWN-HILL HAUL

A decidedly interesting fact is announced in connection with the St. Thomas mountain wagon road. The parties interested in the numerous St. Thomas and Norway mountain properties had figured that the best available wagon road would involve an uphill haul of 250 to 300 feet...

WORKING IN ARIZONA

In a letter to the Miller, C. F. Potter of Minnesota writes in regard to the mining properties owned by the Copper Crown of Arizona Mining Company...

THE HOMESTAKE YESTERDAY SENT ORE TO THE SMELTER.

SOME PROSPECT FOR THE SOUTH BELT—WORK ON VARIOUS MINES.

The Homestake mine made its first shipment of ore yesterday evening, and will therefore be entered on the list of Rossland's shipping properties in the future, the management's intentions being, it is understood, to continue shipments steadily provided suitable smelter rates are negotiated.

The event is of more than ordinary interest in the camp, as has been stated on various occasions, for the reason that it marks the return of the south belt to the shipping stage after a period of almost four years since the Crown Point suspended operations.

It is more or less of an open secret that the owners of the Sunset No. 2 mine have been watching the development of the Homestake with keen interest and that they are likely to re-open the property at some date in the future...

THE CROWN POINT

In this connection it is interesting to note, on the authority of men who worked in the Crown Point prior to its closing down four years ago in August, the statement that only a couple of days before the property suspended operations the miners broke into the best body of ore ever encountered in the mine.

IN THE LARDEAU

Work has been restarted on the Lardeva property in the Lardeva, managed by John McKane of this city. A small crew has been put on by Mr. McKane and three shifts are being worked. It is understood that the intention of the management is to ship 2,000 tons of ore from the Lardeva during the present season...

REFERENDUM MINE

The work of re-opening the Referendum mine on Forty-Nine creek is now under way, and actual mining operations will be recommenced within a week or ten days.

CRAWFORD BAY RAILWAY

When in Spokane recently Colonel W. N. Brayton was quoted as divulging considerable information relating to the proposed Crawford Bay railway. When asked as to the matter here yesterday he denied that he had authorized the statements attributed to him...

SOLD THEIR GRANTS

Several of the Rossland men who served in the various contingents that went to South Africa have received gratuities from the Patriotic fund and others have received the notice of the land grants. None of the Rossland men have as yet taken up the land, but several have disposed of the rights to other parties...

STRIKE DECLARED

At a very large attended meeting of the Rossland Miners' Union last evening, at which over 400 members were present, it was decided by an almost unanimous vote to call the men out of the Rossland Great Western properties. This includes the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, Rossland Great Western and Kootenay mines.

The strike commences at 7 o'clock this morning, and the engineers at the main shaft of the Le Roi, the pump men at the several mines and the firemen are not included in the call.

The Centre Star and War Eagle mines and other properties in the camp are still under consideration by the union, and it has not been decided whether they are to be included in the strike or not.

The members of the union on being asked for the reason for the strike replied that the shovellers and car men have been agitating for a long time for an increase in their pay from \$2.50 to \$3 per day, as they claimed it was impossible for them to live and take care of their families in a camp where the cost of living is as high as it is in Rossland on the wages they have been receiving.

In accordance with the decision arrived at last night the union men employed in the mines will not go on shift this morning. It is understood that no ultimatum will be presented to the mine managers, as the miners allege their request for an increase in muckers' pay was submitted some days ago and refused.

By the time this issue of the Miller reaches the majority of its readers the strike will be in effect at the mines specified.

Mr. MacDonald was seen last night after the result of the Miners' Union meeting was known. In reply to a query he remarked: "I do not care to make any statement at the present time. I am not aware officially that a strike has been declared, and when it eventuates there will be ample time to discuss the matter."

Official notices of this strike were sent out at an early hour this morning, in which this statement of the causes appeared:

"This strike is in sympathy with the smelters' strike at Northport, Wash., and for \$3 per day for shovellers and car men and to adjust other grievances."

THE ONONDAGA

The Onondaga Mines have arranged to have a ferry constructed across the Rossland River at a point four miles above Robson. This will materially expedite the transport of supplies to the mine and will be a convenience to other property owners who are interested in the Champion creek country.

WAR ON THE FRASER

WHITE FISHERMEN THREATEN TO STOP THE JAPANESE BY FORCE.

BOTH PARTIES HAVE FIREARMS AND BLOODSHED IS LIKELY.

VICTORIA, July 10.—Sixty fishermen's union boats will go out from Vancouver at 5 o'clock this afternoon to the mouth of the Fraser, where the Japs are all fishing. The Japs are armed and the white men have followed suit.

In an interview this morning Frank Rogers, a prominent member of the union executive, said that no proposition of the canners of a sliding scale settlement according to size of pack would be considered by the fishermen. He agreed that the latter would fish at 11 cents if all whites and Indians were given preference and supplied with boats, and some at least of the Japs laid off.

"You can say," he went on, "that there is no hope of a settlement on the lines already suggested. We know the Japanese and their patrol boats are armed, but the union fishermen do not care anything about any bluff like that. We are determined and are not going to give up fishing on the river but will fight for it. We are not afraid of the Japs, and are going right after them. Reliable information has been brought to us that some canners have advanced money to buy rifles and revolvers, and that they have ordered the Japs to shoot to kill. The fishermen consider this an act of war. The fishermen will ask all white men and Indians to govern themselves accordingly. This information was brought by a Jap who is in sympathy with the whites."

At Steveston today all was quiet and a majority of the Japs are off fishing. An Ottawa despatch denies that the Royal Canadian regiment is to accompany the Duke of Cornwall through Canada. Guards would be made up of local corps along the route. The announcement of the government says that during the forthcoming visit of their royal highnesses half mourning is to be worn by the ladies according to Queen Alexandra's orders; that is, mauve, lilac, gray or black and white.

Two young Canadians have received commissions in the South African police. They are Lieut. Sutherland, of Truro, N.S., and Lieut. Biddy, of the Peel county regiment.

A. Jackson, chief engineer of the Spokane Falls & Northern road, is in the city today.

THEY PROMISE WELL ON LARDEAU CLAIMS

PROSPECTS OF CLAIMS ON ST. THOMAS AND NORWAY MOUNTAINS.

MR. CRANSTON TELLS OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE DISTRICT.

J. R. Cranston has just returned from a visit to Norway and St. Thomas mountains, which are located in Trall creek division at the headwaters of Big Sheep creek. In speaking about his trip yesterday he said: "While there I visited several properties and the first was the Minnie Bell group on Norway mountain, owned by Mr. Griswold. This has been opened by a drift tunnel run along the lead for 50 feet. The drift has exposed a two-foot ledge of free milling ore of apparently good grade. A little further up the side of the mountain is the E. R. group. On this property a series of shafts has exposed a fine lead of gold-copper ore. Next to this is the Homestake, the lead of which was discovered late last fall. The ledge has been uncovered by several open cuts, which reveal that it is about three feet wide. This lead runs parallel to a porphyry dike, which has been cut into and assays show that the porphyry runs \$3.00 in gold to the ton, and runs along side it runs from \$70 to over \$300 in gold to the ton. "This," said Mr. Cranston, "is one of the most promising free milling leads I have seen in the country. On the summit of Norway mountain is the Christina group, owned by three Swedes, on which a great deal of work has been done. On this group there are two shafts, one of 60 feet and the other of 40 feet, besides a tunnel of 100 feet. In three days work to be resumed on the tunnel, which is to be driven 40 feet further in order to tap the lead below the deepest shaft. The lowest assay from the ore found in the shaft ran \$75, and from that up to \$400 to the ton. When the lead is tapped by the tunnel the owners will place the property on sale."

"On the south end of Norway mountain on the banks of Big Sheep creek is the No. 2 group, which is owned by Mr. Joseph Kloman. It has a large magnetic iron lead, on which considerable work has been done. The lead carries gold, copper and silver, but the ore is of low grade. A few weeks since the owner became tired of hoisting low grade ore and determined to put a few shafts in a blowout of very high-looking quartz, which is along the strike of the lead. The work is promising and work on it ceased in order that an assay might be made. Much to Mr. Kloman's astonishment it went \$27 in gold to the ton. The lead has been developed a little and is found to be nine feet in width. Mr. Kloman is now visiting the group in order to have the ledge thoroughly sampled and should it be found to average \$27 to the ton he says he will shortly abandon the tailoring business."

"The Iron Cliff and the Shamrock claims are located on Revenue mountain. On these properties there is a very strong lead of magnetic iron. A shaft 7x7 feet has been sunk on the ledge, and is 15 feet deep and is in ore all the way, neither wall being in sight. The ore looks nice as it carries sulphide of copper and bromide of silver. The values are not yet known, as no assays have been made."

"Next I visited the Bonanza, owned by Mr. Stephen Braito and others, and for the quantity of work done it is in a most promising condition. The Rossland Bonanza and Cascade properties are being operated with the best of results, and certainly justify all that has been said in their praise. The Amazon is situated above the Rossland Bonanza on St. Thomas mountain and is said to be equal in promise to any property in that vicinity. The Stockton, which is the property of Mr. John Labeth and others, has a 10-foot shaft out of which has been extracted about seven tons of ore. From the dump I obtained some very nice samples of free gold. This claim adjoins the Rossland Bonanza group."

"All of the properties which I have named are free-milling, with the exception of the Revenue mountain group. The country rock is granite with large dikes of porphyry passing through the country with a north and south strike. The dikes are from 10 to 50 feet in width and occur from 600 to 1000 feet apart and openings that have so far been made in them give assays of \$3.00 in gold to the ton. Most of the quartz leads run close to and parallel to the dikes. The properties are all situated on the slope of the mountains toward Big Sheep creek. The valley of the creek is wide and level and a railway could be constructed up the valley with a grade of not to exceed one per cent. Considering the merits of the mineral belt, it should not be long before a railway will be constructed. The inducements in the way of ore, timber and land are very great."

"Mr. Griswold, wife and family have moved to the Homestake property and set up their tents, and four men have commenced development work on the property."

MILITIA PARADE

The Rocky Mountain Rangers paraded 20 strong last night at the skating rink under the command of Captain Forin and Lieutenant McHardy. The evening was devoted largely to squad drill, and some good work was done in the first steps of soldiering. As the parade continues the number of men turning out will increase, and it is confidently expected that the company will go up for inspection in better shape than has been the case up to the present.

THE DISTRICT A SCENE OF ACTIVE OPERATIONS THIS SEASON.

RICH ORE FROM MINERAL CREEK IN ARROW LAKE DIVISION.

Prof. F. R. Blochberger returned last night from the Lardeva district, where he went two weeks ago to look after the development work of the Anglo-Lardeau Gold Mines, as well as that on the properties of the Kingston Gold Mines, whose holdings are situated on Lexington mountain, in the Fish river basin. In this latter section some remarkable strikes have been reported of late. Prof. Blochberger expressed himself most favorably in regard to the outlook and predicts a bright future for the district.

A number of properties in the Fish river basin have changed and are changing hands at figures that would have looked phenomenal a year ago, but which are justified by recent rich discoveries, and it is apparent that a season of considerable activity is ahead of the district. The fact is well known that the London & B. C. Gold Fields has acquired the Eva and Imperial groups from the Imperial Development Syndicate of Nelson. The report is now current that the London & B. C. will proceed without delay to put in a twenty stamp mill, utilizing the magnificent water power furnished by Poole creek for this purpose.

The Oyster claim, above the Eva group and southeast of the Anglo-Lardeau and Kingston groups, has been sold for \$60,000, and development work will be carried out on a large scale on the quartz veins, which are said to carry high values. All these veins run through the Anglo-Lardeau and Kingston properties, which cover the slope of Lexington mountain to a height of 4,000 feet. W. Suksdorf, an Iowa mining man, and two shifts of men are at present opening up a promising vein for the Anglo-Lardeau people.

En route down the Arrow lakes Prof. Blochberger went to the head of Mineral creek, in the Arrow Lake mining division, to look after the Skyleshire and Skylark mining companies' interests. Work on the Skylark near the No. 2 location post has uncovered a fine looking quartz vein about two feet in width, with seven to nine inches of solid galena, averaging over \$100 per ton. He brought down fifty pounds of samples, some of which was brought to the office and which can be seen at Prof. Blochberger's office. Through tests of the ore will be made and it is intended to push development on the Skylark."

AT MOUNT SICKER

Work is Steadily Progressing on the Vancouver Island Properties.

Henry Croft, M. E., came down from the Lenora mine yesterday. He reports everything progressing satisfactorily on the property, new ore bodies being uncovered with gratifying frequency. The new two-drill compressor has been started to work on No. 3 tunnel, which it is proposed to run for 1,200 feet on the vein. A winze has been sunk from No. 2 tunnel in solid ore. This winze will connect with No. 3 tunnel, through which all the ore from both will be taken out. A new three-compartment shaft is also being started, which will greatly facilitate the work of ore winning.

The Lenora is shipping 60 tons of high grade ore to the Tacoma smelter every day, and adding a large quantity of second grade ore to the dump which now contains about 18,000 tons of \$12 ore. When the improvements now being made are completed the output will be very much increased, doubled, in fact, and the question of a local smelter will become a pressing one. The progress of the Lenora has been wonderful in the past year, and as it stands today it is an object lesson to those who would succeed in mining on Vancouver Island.

The Mount Sicker Railway Company has ordered a new locomotive, which has left the east and is expected to arrive at Mount Sicker siding in a few days. A passenger car will then be put on and trains will connect with the E. & N. trains at the siding near Westholme, so that visitors, and those having business at the mine, will be able to reach it in comfort. Work is progressing on the Tye, the new shaft being down 100 feet, while work is being steadily gone on with in the old shaft. On the Key City they are crosscutting and expect to strike the ore body sometime next week. The Copper Canyon people are very busy putting up buildings and getting their camp in shape for extensive operations. Meantime they are working away, driving the tunnel on the bank of the Chemamus river and sinking on the lead on the Victoria claim.

The Mount Sicker, B. C., company are preparing for big work on their 16 claims on Mount Sicker and as they have \$100,000 in the treasury they should be able to do some effective development in the near future—Victoria Colonist.

DAMAGE BY FIRE

Fire at Ainsworth on Tuesday destroyed Dr. Henry's store and a large building in its rear used as a public hall and offices. Spread of the blaze was prevented by the use of dynamite and by hard work on the part of the citizens. At Nakusp yesterday the Nakusp hotel, occupied by Mrs. Manuel, was burned, the loss being about \$1.50. The building was owned by U. S. Thomas.