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A LIVELY SECTION

Work Is Being Pushed on the C. &
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GLADSTONE IS GROWING

Mike Shick, the Rossland Prospector,
Has Struck It Rich in the Burnt
Basin—Ore That Assays from \$400
to \$5,000 to the Ton.

GLADSTONE, B. C., Sept. 11.—[Special.]—Although still lingering in the lap of summer, autumn's tints are becoming visible along the valley of McBea creek. The nights so delightfully cool up here, serve as an antidote for the few hot hours endured during the middle of the day, and the railway contractors are taking advantage of the excellent climatic and seasonal conditions by pushing work with vim. Gladstone is fast taking form and promises to be before long quite equal to any of the boom camps in the west. The wagon road has been completed from Brooklyn to Christina lake, and is already a very busy thoroughfare, hundreds of pedestrians and dozens of big freighting wagons leaving Brooklyn for points along the line of railway construction every day.

Gladstone has only one hotel yet, a large two-story log building, presided over by John Dorsey, an agreeable landlord, and as might be expected the hotel is doing a rushing business, it being the only stopping place between Christina City and Brooklyn. The third general store will be opened in about two weeks, the different proprietors being Samuel McRae, R. S. Fox, and Messrs. Grant Bros. Then there is a bakery running, a restaurant being built and business men are coming in from different points and looking the situation over with a view of opening up. A sawmill is now on the road from Brooklyn and before long there will be sawed lumber to take the place of the logs which are now being used for all kinds of building purposes.

This town and the district needs better postal facilities and an application has been made to the postmaster-general urging the establishment of an office at Gladstone, with W. Forrest, J. P., as postmaster. Postoffices are likely to be established also at Christina City and at Brooklyn, and a regular mail route run between Brooklyn and the Boundary country. Postoffice Inspector Fletcher has been in the district recently investigating the matter and the outlook for the new mail route and postoffice is bright.

Provincial Constable Dinsmore of Grand Forks, was in Gladstone this week attending to duties in connection with the attorney-general's department. He has been to the postmaster-general's office to see him and will recommend the immediate appointment of two assistants, one to have headquarters at Cascade City and the other at Gladstone. Fred Elkins, now stationed at Fairview, will probably receive the Cascade City appointment.

Two large railway camps have been established on the Gladstone townsite in the tenderfoot district, and South Dough alley of Roseland fame bids fair to have a worthy rival. Grading is going on here and there all along the line, and no doubt the road will be pushed steadily on to completion at least as far as Midway.

As regards mining matters, interest in Burnt basin is increasing steadily, and Angus Cameron and James Dixon, two of the Gladstone promoters, are now engaged in the work of building a trail which will connect Gladstone direct with the very heart of the Burnt basin. The trail will be about three miles long, and will facilitate travel into this new mining eldorado. There is even more or less speculation in Roseland and Spokane than in the Burnt basin by Michael Shick, the well known prospector. Your correspondent took advantage of this opportunity one day this week to visit these claims, along with Mr. Shick and a mining man from Roseland. The property in question consists of two groups—the Mother Lode group, comprising the Mother Lode, Ajax and Daly, and the Snowdrift group, which includes the Unexpected, Jackson and Snowdrift. There has been no heavy work done on these claims, Mr. Shick having started the season so far in stripping the leads and crosscutting the ore bodies. On the Mother Lode group there are six ledges all cutting the vein and lying in porphyry and serpentine, the contact on mica-schist. At the south end of the Mother Lode near the discovery point is the showing from which many free gold samples have been taken. These lead vary in width from four to twelve feet and if the assayers are to be relied upon, all give good values on the surface, some of the returns varying from \$400 to \$5,000 in gold to the ton. While some of this quartz is of the free milky variety, it is the opinion of many that the two leads will gradually run out.

THE RISING SUN.

Some High Grade Ore Found in the Property.

Edward Cole is in town from the Ymir country, bringing with him some very good looking samples from the Rising Sun group near the well known Porto Rico. The group comprises the Spotted Horse, the Rising Sun and the Rising Star, and is owned by Mr. Cole and Mr. Chaffee. The Rising Star is located at about 1,000 feet below the Porto Rico stamp mill, and the other claims are all close at hand. A shaft down 30 feet on the Rising Star has disclosed three feet of spar and arsenical iron, and in streaks of iron oxides. Considerable spar was taken out and the contact on mica-schist. The assay made with the result that the pyramidal waste returned \$50.80 in gold. It is not going over the dump now.

On another property, the Rising Sun, the shaft shows about 20 inches of arsenical iron and copper mixed with iron oxides. The oxides when panned showed some 20 colors in free gold and on the hanging wall the quartz shows visible free gold, but Mr. Cole thinks that the lead will eventually become a copper proposition. Samples of the ore can be seen in the window of THE MINER office.

Centre Star Has Two Owners.

Richard Cooper has returned to Rossland, having completed assessment work on that group. This property is looking fine, having exposed several nice streaks of galena and copper.

The John Bull and Marinet on McRae creek have not changed hands yet, and the owners, Cameron, Forest and Good, will probably begin development work themselves. They believe the property is worth more than \$40,000.

T. H. Read of Rossland, is doing assessment work on the Tammany group, which adjoins the Mother Lode group.

THE IRON MASK DEAL.
It Looks as Though Matters Were Reaching a Focus.

It looks now as if the Iron Mask deal were very nearly reaching a focus. The last number of the Provincial Gazette, which arrived last night, contains the formal notice that a meeting of the shareholders in the Iron Mask company will be held at the office in this city on Tuesday, October 11, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The notice, which is signed by the secretary of the company, J. F. Herrick, contains the announcement that the meeting is called in accordance with the orders of the Iron Mask board of trustees. Its object, so the statutory notice says, is "for the purpose of authorizing the sale of the Iron Mask Mineral claim and other property of the company." As the notice is dated August 30, it is evident that things have been reaching a climax for the past two weeks, and that the company officials are getting ready to put the property in shape to be sold at any time.

It is generally understood, of course, that the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, which recently acquired the Centre Star, the adjoining claim, for \$2,000,000 cash, is the prospective buyer of the Iron Mask. T. G. Blackstock, who is in the city, was seen last night at the Hotel Allan by a MINER reporter relative to the meeting. He declined any knowledge of the fact that a meeting had been called by the Iron Mask people to sell the property, and he could not understand, he said, why such a meeting should be gazetted. Certainly it was not to consider any offer that his syndicate had made. While he had been negotiating for the property, yet up to present time the ideas of the syndicate and those of the Iron Mask officials had been far apart as to the value of the mine.

S. W. Hall, superintendent of the property, was also seen last night regarding the matter, was equally uncommunicative and denied any knowledge of the fact that the meeting had been called, as announced in the Gazette.

The control of the Iron Mask stock, which represents a large proportion of the capitalization, is held in a very close pool, headed by J. F. Herrick, Austin Corbin II and E. G. Roberts.

The Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate has been negotiating on the control, at a price which is understood to be about \$1 per share.

The syndicate, however, has as yet not completed its examination of the property, and has not come to any definite conclusions regarding what course it will pursue as to the purchase of the mine. It is quite possible that although the meeting of the Iron Mask is called for the 11th of next month, no definite action will be taken at that time as the prospective buyers may not be in a position to make any definite offer. On that occasion no harm will have been done however, by calling the meeting for the 11th, for if necessary an adjournment can be taken until such a future time as is convenient.

THE IRON HORSE.

Its Purchasers Are Among the Solid Men of Toronto and Montreal.

It has developed that the syndicate which has acquired the Iron Horse mine which adjoins the Virginia bonanza is not headed by Messrs. Hartland and Horner, just who comprise those who are interested in the stock, but sufficient has been learned to prove that the principal stockholders include several of the wealthiest men of Toronto and Montreal and among the numbers are some who are already largely interested in Roseland. The experts who reported on the property prior to the deal are yet to complete its examination of the property, and has not come to any definite conclusions regarding what course it will pursue as to the purchase of the mine.

C. W. McArthur, who has the contract for building the stamp mill for the Canadian Pacific Exploration company, owners of the Porto Rico mine, reports that the work is progressing nicely. The boarding and bunk houses are completed at the mill site, and now the men

FROM OTHER CAMPS

The Nelson Division the Scene of Considerable Activity.

SANDON REGION ALIVE

There Are 1,000 Men Employed Within a Small Radius of That Town—Several Hundred Men Employed in the Vicinity of Greenwood.

To the miner looking for work there is no section on the continent that offers better advantages than the Kootenay and Yale districts. The Sandon paper declares that there are 1,000 men employed in that vicinity and around Greenwood there are several hundred. The other camps, including Rossland,

rich ore something in the way of a sensational shipment from the Congo may be expected. Byron's luck with the Congo is the talk of Silverton.

Two new tunnels have been started on the Maud E. and Wildcat Fair of the Noble Five group. The new work is on the main lead, which this year has been uncovered a distance of about 2,000 feet, on the west side of the mountain.

Zinc ore is wanted by a London

syndicate which has recently taken up a new process of treating them, and the Kootenay reports that Arthur Brown, F. G. S., of London, is there for the purpose of examining and purchasing a large quantity of such ore for treatment at this company's works in England.

The rich gold strike on Eight Mile creek, about five miles from the lake shore, continues to be the interesting theme of conversation. Samples of the ore were brought into town this week. It is mighty fine stuff, and it appears there is plenty of it. The ledge is about 18 inches in thickness and lies between walls of granite. Work is being pushed on the property, with most favorable results.

It is now the plan of the St. Keverne Mining company to reorganize in such a way as to insure the permanent working of the property. It is proposed to give John A. Finch a \$20,000 bond on the property, running 18 months. The plan provides a working capital of \$30,000 during the life of the bond. Mr. Finch, it is understood, stands ready to take the place of any stockholder who falls out, so that the success of the plan is practically assured. The scheme comes up to be ratified by the stockholders at a special general meeting September 14. Sydney Norman will, in all probability, have charge of the property for Mr. Finch, with headquarters at Sandon. He will be advised as to the general plan of work by George Aylard, superintendent of the Enterprise and the New Denver agent of Finch & Campbell.

Leaven creek has some good placer diggings.

Moyle No. 2 is coming up well as work progresses.

The Northern Belle, in the Jackson basin, has 30 men at work, and its new concentrator will be operation next month.

It is understood Mr. Sandiford has thrown up his bond on the Mollie Hughes. He wanted more time and the owners refused to give it.

They are reporting an admixture of iron in some of the ore at the Adams group. This is considered a most favorable indication by many.

The Rambler, near McGuigan, shipped one car of ore last month and one so far this month. The Antoine did the same thing, and both will ship regularly from this out.

The Miller group, near the Wonderfull, is showing up so well that many think it possesses the lead from which the Wonderfull ore has drifted. A few weeks ago they struck a three-foot ledge of clear ore by running in a 100-foot tunnel, and are now engaged in stoning and sacking the ore for shipment. It is the intention of the manager, E. L. Page and George Grobe, to do this by hand, and it has been deemed inexpedient to sink to great depth and crosscut the immense ore bodies that are already exposed until steam power could be introduced. The ore chutes of the north and south vein will be crosscut with as little delay as possible, not only to block out ore ready for shipment to the smelter, but to determine the with the of the ledge, which at present is known to be more than 40 feet across and all in solid ore. The other ledge, which was recently discovered and which is 25 feet wide on the surface, will also be developed as rapidly as possible at the point where the shaft is now being sunk. The values of second vein are rapidly increasing and give every indication of eventually equalling the high values in the deepest workings of the north and south veins.

John Superintendant Fregear, of the Le Roi, pronounced the Le Roi to be a mine and possessed of a much better showing than had the Le Roi for the same amount of development, public interest in the property has greatly increased and the stock has remained firm.

A. R. Macdonald returned yesterday from a week's visit to the St. Mary's section at East Kootenay. Talking about his trip yesterday he said that the St. Mary's section with the Cardiff group on the British East Kootenay.

E. C. Oates was in Ymir from the Durmen last week. Work is being pushed on the tunnel at the 100-foot level. A crosscut has been run in the hanging wall and another ledge five wide has been found, making it a double contact winze. They are taking very fine mineral from the drift now.

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THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

According to the Boundary Creek Times there are several hundred men working in Greenwood camp.

A second payment has been made by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann on account of the Brooklyn bond.

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REAL ESTATE LIVELY.

It Was on the Jump, So to Speak.

Real estate was on the jump yesterday. Property all over town was changing hands, and the prevailing prices were equal or better than those that ruled during the height of the late boom. The most important transaction of the day was the purchase of the Golden hotel by Olave E. Johnson for \$25,000, spot cash. The seller was Gus Washington, a part of the building. Mr. Washington at once turned around and leased the place for two years from Mr. Jeldness at a rental of \$200 per month, which is equal to Mr. Jeldness to an interest of about 30 per cent per year on his investment. The deal was put through by J. B. Johnson & Co.

Mr. Johnson also completed the sale yesterday of the Occidental building, on East Columbia avenue, to Mellor Bros. for \$600. The sale, of course, did not involve the ground on which the building is located. Mellor Bros. will move their wall paper and paint store into the building.

The lot and the one-story building on East Columbia avenue just west of Latarkhart & Jordan's was also sold yesterday by J. B. Johnson & Co. The price paid was \$3,500 for the lot, which was owned by C. C. Woodhouse, and \$500 for the building which was the property of Mellor Bros. The purchaser was Hans Lefkovits. Mr. Woodhouse,