

MINES NEAR SANDON

Some of the Smaller Shippers On Payne-Reco Mountain Described.

RECO MILL AND TRAMWAY

The Company Intends Constructing Both Shortly—Force of Miners Will Then Be Largely Increased—Sandon Citizens Talking of Incorporation.

SANDON, July 5.—[Special.]—A trip to the large and small mines situated on and near the celebrated Reco-Payne mountain, is one not easily made, but when accomplished cannot fail to excite the admiration of the visitor, as in the case of your correspondent, who returned from a visit to these several properties today.

It is not uncommon for visitors to the Sloacan country to tarry a few days in the camps, thus not seeing that which has made this country famous, betake themselves away vowing that the tales of the fabulous wealth of these towering mountains are mere fiction. If they would but condescend to quit the cover of their lodging houses for two or three days these so-called fairy tales would at once become to them truth—strong as Holy Writ.

Your correspondent has visited the Mountain Chief, American Boy, Antoine, Surprise, Sloacan Boy, Robert E. Lee, Last Chance and a few smaller mines within the past few days, and at all of them found scenes of busy, bustling activity, which bid fair to redound with great benefit to the owners of the diverse properties.

The Enterprise has within the last week increased its working force to 12 men and is prosecuting with vigor, the development work, which will prepare it for shipping at the return of the mining season. It has a good vein of 200-ounce ore, which is becoming richer with the increasing depth.

The Last Chance, owing to difficulty in contending with the water in the tunnel, has decreased its force to four men, where there are generally 15. The main tunnel is 300 feet and work is now being done on a crosscut, which is already to a depth of 500 feet. The ledge shows an 18 inch paystreak of 200 ounce ore. One thousand tons have been shipped from this property during the past two years.

The Robert E. Lee, which has been under a lease for two years, has lately been taken charge of by the original owners, the lease having expired without the conditions being fulfilled. Four men are now employed on this mine, in development work. It will be a shipper this winter.

The continued rains have interfered to such an extent with the workings of the above named properties that work has virtually been suspended on most of them. They are, however, all in splendid condition and will be worked to their full capacity as soon as conditions will permit.

Reco Company's Plans. Work on the Reco tramway has practically been commenced. Two surveys have been made, and as soon as J. M. Harris, the manager, returns from his extended visit in the east, a decision will be made and work commenced at once.

The longer survey and the one presumably favored, is 9,000 feet long, and the maximum height above ground 250 feet. A concentrator will also be built. It will be similar to the Noble Five and fully as large.

Work on three leads on the old Reco, which had been abandoned in order to prosecute work on the Reco-Goodenough, has been commenced, and the ore from these leads will furnish work for the concentrator. The Reco-Goodenough ore, which averages about 600 ounces of silver, will not be concentrated. There are now 33 men employed at the mine and this force will be increased at the completion of the tram and concentrator to 250 men, 150 more than has ever been worked at the property. These men will also be worked the whole year, instead of about four months as formerly.

The Ruth is also contemplating a tram, to be built this summer. As yet the project is in its infancy, but assurances are given that one will be built and ready for use in a few months.

Sandon to Incorporate. A meeting will be called this (Monday) evening to organize for a vigorous campaign in favor of the immediate incorporation of Sandon. Interviews have been had with all the business men and with two or three exceptions the plan to incorporate is heartily favored. Nothing definite will be done, however, until the return of J. M. Harris, the principal property owner.

THE YMIR MINE. Ledge Proved to Be 26 Feet Wide—Postmaster at Last Appointed. Ymir, July 5.—[Special.]—The development work which has been in progress for some time past on the Ymir mine here has led to very satisfactory results. The ledge is found to average 26 feet in width and to contain very high grade ore. The principal value is in galena.

A good deal of assessment and general development work is being done in the immediate neighborhood of Hall siding. A force of six men is at work on the Monarch group and some remarkably fine specimens have been brought in. Work is also being done on the Canadian Belle, another promising prospect.

A postoffice will shortly be established in Ymir. The appointment of postmaster has been given to J. C. Allen, a popular merchant of the town. The mails have hitherto been managed by Mr. McLeod, who has also paid express charges to and fro on the mail bag out of his own pocket. His failure to obtain the appointment has therefore caused some dissatisfaction, and a petition which already bears considerably over 200 signatures is being got up, asking the authorities to reconsider their action in view of the services which Mr. McLeod has gratuitously rendered the town in the past.

Simultaneously with his appointment as postmaster J. C. Allen has been made a justice of the peace. E. Southworth has been appointed special constable for Ymir.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Butte and Mugwump.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 30.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Excuse the liberty I take in writing you for some information in regard to mining stocks of your camp. I have 10,000 shares of Butte mining stock, 1,000 Mugwump, and some others, and some friends of mine have also got some stocks in Rossland mines. We would like to know if that something is wrong somewhere, and a man cannot afford to throw his money away these times or be defrauded by schemers. If you would answer me in regard to this matter I would consider it a personal favor.

Yours truly, FRED. BROWN.

[Neither of these companies is working at present or for some time past. Both properties are promising, in our opinion, but each would seem to require a change in management. Both have been brought to a standstill by the promoters, or some of them, flooding the market with their stocks to the detriment of treasury stocks, which are absolutely unseizable at present at prices which the companies could afford to take. It would be a pity if holders were to sell their stocks at the prevailing low prices, as they are assuredly worth more than they will fetch just now. Our advice to shareholders would be to insist on shareholders' meetings being held with a view to electing new boards of directors and effecting a pooling or reorganization of outstanding stocks, so that some treasury stock might be placed and work resumed on the mines.—Ed.]

ROSSLAND, July 3.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: We wish to draw attention to the way the Trail ferry is being operated. This ferry is chartered by the provincial government and of course enjoys a monopoly of the business of ferrying passengers, etc., across the Columbia river at that point. We are mining at Waneta and have occasion to use the ferry as often as two or three times a week. The ferry men claim they are only required to run the ferry when they feel like it and we have been kept waiting at different times all the way from an hour to three hours.

We want to know if the ferry people are really under no more obligations to the public than they claim, because if this is so we think the regulations regarding ferries stand badly in need of revision. Anyhow the manner of operating the ferry is disgraceful and the management should put men on to run it who will pay more attention to the travelling public than to their own comfort.

Yours truly, C. A. COPPIN. F. E. MCCOY.

ROSSLAND, July 3.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Can you inform me through your paper if the Silverine mine is working, or when the company intends doing so. It is rumored here that it is being reorganized with a capital of 1,000,000 shares. Please say if this arrangement has been carried out.

SHAREHOLDER.

[We have held this letter for some days in a vain attempt to get "Shareholder" the desired information. We can find no one in Rossland at present responsibly connected with the management of the company. As soon as we do we shall publish the information for "Shareholder's" benefit.—Ed.]

FOURTEEN GOLD MINES.

KARLO, June 29.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you kindly give me any information you can about the Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidated company of Rossland. What properties do they own, and are they doing any active development work on them?

Yours truly, ENQUIRER.

[The Fourteen Gold Mines company occupies a swell office in the Hotel Allan. Its secretary and manager is Henry White, ex-mayor of Seattle; and its treasurer is E. D. Carpenter, one of the original locators of the 14 prospects the company owns. They are all in a group in the south belt surrounding the Yale and lying south of the Red Eagle, one of them, the Edna, adjoining that claim.

The company is modestly capitalized for \$5,000,000, of which one-fourth of the shares was put in the treasury. With the exception of a few thousand shares, the promoters' stock is all pooled until next December, says Treasurer Carpenter. No work is being done on any of the claims at present, but an assessment work has been done on each and all are surveyed. On the Edna there is a 50-foot tunnel with a full face of quartz, which is said to assay well, and a 28-foot shaft. The claims are shown on Kirk's map, and are named as follows: Edna, Jennie, S. & C. J. & J. A. B. & C., First Cliff, Sidney, Early Morn, Mountain Lion, Seagull, Philadelphia, Roman Eagle, London Belle, and Monterey.—Ed.]

MONTE CRISTO AND EVENING STAR.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 26.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I must again apologize for troubling you, but as I see by your issue of June 17th that another mine in which I am interested, the Monte Cristo, has been sold, and as I am not quite clear whether it merely means that the original promoters have sold their interest, or if the entire property has been made over, and that the Monte Cristo of a few months ago is now a defunct corporation, I ask if you will kindly give your readers some definite information about this. In this connection I might add that out of four mines I was interested in a few weeks ago, two which I understood to be the most promising, have been sold. And from the Evening Star I will receive about one third of what I paid for my stock. I do not think, when this method of doing business is better understood, there will be so many investors to be found in the east. Thanking you in advance for your kind information, I remain,

Yours truly, NOVA SCOTIAN.

[The Monte Cristo mine has not been sold. The original promoters have sold their holdings. They, having the control of the company, could have sold the mine just as the War Eagle company did, but as this would have entailed a loss to those purchasers of treasury stock who paid 15 cents or over, they

sold their individual holdings for a less figure to enable investors in treasury stock to retain their interests, while being assured that the control of the company had been vested in men able, as the original promoters were not, to thoroughly develop the mine. This is a distinct gain to every holder of treasury stock, and must, when its advantages become clearly understood, increase the value of all the stock.

In the case of the Evening Star, before the recent reorganization each share of stock represented a one-millionth interest in the mine which was in debt nearly \$5,000. Since reorganization each share represents a third less so far as an interest in the mine is concerned, but it also represents an equal interest in the \$20,000 cash development fund. The change has made Evening Star stock worth fully double what it was before the reorganization. For our part we would sooner own a tenth interest in the Evening Star with plenty of capital to open it up than half of the mine if it were in debt \$5,000. Ed.]

ASK US SOMETHING EARLY.

ROSSLAND, July 3.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Now that the provincial government has consummated its "hold up" and mulcted the mining companies (largely American) thereby arbitrarily breaking their original contract, what becomes of the innocent stockholder in a company who failed to put up the extra blood money? Or if that question is for that matter, that they will not be cinched again before the present licenses expire?

Where is your boasted love of fair play? A. M. WINTERS.

THE GOLDEN CROWN.

BOUNDARY CREEK'S LE ROU-A CLAIM WITH A WONDERFUL SHOWING.

BOUNDARY CREEK TIMES: We ventured to predict in the issue of the Times of October 10 of last year that within 18 months from that date the Golden Crown would be worth many times the property. But half the time mentioned has elapsed and we have the satisfaction of seeing that the prediction has been literally and fully fulfilled, although in fact the Golden Crown yet to be termed a mine.

On Monday a representative of The Times had the pleasure of accompanying Mr. Collins on a visit to the Golden Crown. Soon we came to a place where Collins explained that here they had decided to look for the Winnipeg lead, which had been uncovered only a short time before higher up. As we came up the miner remarked that he "had just struck it." Sure enough, conspicuous from the brown dirt was a solid mass of scintillating pyrrhotite ore—a sight which Mr. Collins viewed with much satisfaction.

The principal work now being prosecuted upon the Golden Crown is centered in a prospect tunnel which is being driven so as to cut five leads, the existence whereof surface work has indicated. On Monday the tunnel had reached a distance of 110 feet, and it was estimated that the men were working within a few feet of one of the leads, which it was aimed to cut. It must not be omitted to mention, by the way, that when the tunnel was in about 70 feet a blind lead of very fine ore was struck, the assays of 200 feet of this ore being estimated at the value of the products of the Golden Crown.

The program devised for the development of the Golden Crown is to drive the present tunnel in 300 feet, which will give a maximum depth of 100 feet from the surface, and thereby discover the most desirable spot for sinking. When the Winnipeg ledge has been uncovered, a shaft is to be sunk to a depth of 400 feet and the company is now arranging for the purchase of an air-compressor of five-drill capacity, although for a time only two drills will be utilized.

FROM THE RECORDS.

TRANSFERS.

JUNE 30.

King County 1/4, Knute T. Engelsen to P. McL. Forin.

F. K. T. Engelsen to A. C. Galt.

Albany, Little Jumbo G M Co to Ed Welsh and W. B. Dennis.

Sw and Canada, Sophia Mountain G M Co to W. C. McDougall.

Edna and S. C. Fractions, Great Ida G M Co to Harry Daniel, John W. Holland and Smith Curtis.

Waters Meet, Golden Pate, Saratoga, Michael Healey to Golden Pate Con M Co.

NECESSITY 1/4, I. D. Hart to Harry Smith \$50.

JULY 2.

Kootenay F. H. P. Mason to the Trail Creek Mining company, (foreign), \$500.

Tullin Boys, Thompson Mining company to Samuel George Thompson.

Elizabeth 1/2, O. M. Hand to Fred Hyde.

Edna and Lord Rossberry, Joseph Benjamin McArthur to Buffalo Gold Mining company, limited liability.

JULY 3.

Mistake, H. G. Seyver and G. D. Root to J. M. Lawton.

JULY 5.

P. I. Charles Swanson to Wm. McKee, Hazelwood, Fleetwood, Capital Prize, Annie No. 5, Luzzere, Keystone No. 1, Gasswein, Bangor, Big Wheel, Baltrama, Alice B. Kathleen, Ticonderoga, Mt. Walker, Edna, Thomas, Laura M. Brville, Hettie T. C. W. Callahan to Vancouver and British Columbia Exploration company.

JULY 8.

Evans, C. W. Callahan to Vancouver and British Columbia Exploration company limited.

Edna 1/2, Wm. McGlashan to John Alexander, L. K. & Jas. Allan.

Hanna, Jas. Fielding to Geo. Plunkett Magann and Jas. Gunn.

Skyhawk, Jas. Fielding to Geo. Plunkett Magann and Jas. Gunn.

Latet Out, Chicago Gold Mining Company to John Powers, \$1,000.

Public, J. B. Donald to Nils Pearson.

Independence, McDonald to S. L. Lewis.

CERTIFICATES OF WORK.

June 30—Franktown, Evening, and Vernon.

July 3—Graham, Copper Top, Argenta, Infanta, Keno, New Girl, Rock Island, Olga, X Ray, Pendleton, Hammond, Kurragong, Wairoa, Hotohup, Duphente, Unvira, Jessie, Behoda, Juan de Fuca.

July 5—Dexter, Golden Buttery, Nora, Echo, Black Prince No. 2, Keno, Theron, Buckhorn, Cora, Oakland, Mountain Lion, Esmerald, Frac-tion, and Edna.

July 5—Walkyrie and Britannia.

July 6—Little Dot, Honolulu, Big 4, No. 2 and Chancelor.

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENT.

July 2—Ivanhoe No. 3.

July 3—Minnie.

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Mr. J. L. Parker, the mining engineer, in his report on the Keystone group says: "A shaft is sunk thirty-six feet on the Keystone and is in almost solid ore, having a little calcite which is usual in the Trail Creek ores. The foot wall of the vein is granite and as there has been no crosscut made on the hanging wall side it is only a matter of conjecture as to the width of the ore body, but I am prepared to believe that it will be of enormous width, judging from the size of the solid iron capping.

"Although the ore at present is of low grade, yet at the foot of the shaft copper pyrites are coming in strongly and the ore will undoubtedly increase in value as depth is attained. This is the experience of Trail Creek ores generally, and I can see no valid reason why this should not do so. The veins are permanent fissures and will carry, to unknown depths, and I believe that whoever acquires this property will get one of the most promising mines in the Trail Creek country.

"I reported favorably on the property of the Parker Group, afterwards acquired by the Dundee Gold Mining Company, which assayed only \$2.20 on the surface, and which improved very materially as successive assays of \$13, \$22 and \$49 were got, until at 100 feet assays were obtained showing \$59 ore, which proves that low grade ore improves with depth, and I consider that the Keystone Group, while the ore is of a very different character, is unquestionably the "banner group" as far as surface showings are concerned, of any claims seen by me on which pyrrhotite ore is found, and I make no exceptions whatever of any mines or prospects in and around Rossland or in the Trail Creek mining division.

"I have great confidence in recommending this property to the investing public as being something exceptionally good, and if the necessary amount of capital can be obtained to properly develop this property I look forward to a mine resulting from the company's efforts."

FACTS TO CONSIDER. All of the promoters' shares have, by agreement been pooled indefinitely and consequently cannot come into competition with treasury shares until the mine is on a paying basis, and none will be sold except treasury stock for development purposes and the putting in of machinery, thus showing that the purchasers are willing to stand or fall on the merits of the property.

The work of opening up and developing the property is going steadily ahead and will be pushed vigorously. For the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on the work the company has decided to offer for sale a limited number of shares at Ten Cents each. Statements will be sent from time to time to every shareholder giving full information in regard to the condition and progress of the business.

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Q. 3. How am I protected in my investment from promoters' stock being thrown on the market, to the detriment of the treasury stock? A. All stock other than treasury is strictly tied up until the company's properties are on a dividend-paying basis; no certificates, even, are issued to holders of such stock, but only interim receipts, which are absolutely untransferable.

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