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FROM OTHER CAMPS

Important Deals in the Lardeau Country.

SLOCAN MINING OPERATIONS

Notes of Interest From the Lardeau, Windermere, Fort Steele, Moyle, Slocan, Alonzo, Phoenix, Greenwood, Midway and Grand Forks Mining Districts.

The smelter question is so far satisfactorily settled that there seem no longer to be any deterrent acting to the disadvantage of the Slocan country, judging from the manner in which a number of important deals have lately been put through. A period of high prosperity is to be looked for in this, the oldest mining camp in the Kootenays. The Lardeau shipments and their values, noted below, will be a revelation to most. The shipments from the Boundary are again over 5,000 tons for the week.

THE LARDEAU.

Shipping Mines up to Date—Bonding of the Great Northern.

Hugh McPherson has returned to the St. Elmo, where he has a couple of men engaged driving a crosscut tunnel. Ed. Bell and Johnny Morgan have gone out to Galena Pass to resume work on a mining proposition they own in that locality.

One of the Fish Creek properties which is showing up well is the Eclipse, which is now being operated by H. Jackson of Rosland. It is controlled by American capital. About ten men are engaged. The ore, which is of a silver-lead nature, gives assay values of about \$80 per ton. The iron values are also quite prominent. The Black Warrior group is situated on the head of McDonald creek and is reached by a good pack trail at a distance of about nine miles from Ferguson to Black Warrior cabin. There are four claims in this group, with a fine showing of ore on three of them. There is also abundance of timber on the fourth for mining purposes. The ledge lies in a wide belt of slate about 75 feet from one of the strata of lime which run through the country. A considerable portion of the ledge has been stripped and a chute of ore has been uncovered of from 63 to 70 feet in length and two and a half to three feet in width, lying along the contact. The ore consists of galena and about 150 ounces of silver, 88 in gold and 9 per cent lead. Thos. Horn, the owner and locator, has started a tunnel to tap the ore chute at considerable depth. It is now in about 210 feet. Mr. Horn expects to reach the ore chute in about 70 feet more, drifting and crosscutting. There has been ore coming in on the last 15 feet of work, and indications look encouraging.

A deal has been closed whereby A. B. Clabon of Rosland, representing Eastern Ontario capitalists, obtained an option for six months on the Great Northern group of claims, located on the mountain to the north of Trout Lake. The price of the bond runs into five figures and falls due in six months time. About the first of March it is the intention of Mr. Clabon to commence work with a full force of men on the main chute, sinking a shaft in order to prove the vein at depth. Up to the present there has been a great deal of work done on this group, which comprises six claims, consisting of about 235 feet of tunnel driven on the vein. A great deal of ore was taken out in the course of these operations, and from a shipment of 30 tons made in 1900 the Nelson smelter, returns of \$1,344 in all values was obtained. One particular advantage of the ore of these claims from the smelter man's standpoint is the fact that it is almost self-fluxing, carrying as it does large quantities of iron and copper besides the galena. The Great Northern group consists of the same vein and is one of the big things of the country.

The following are the ore shipments made up to date from the Lardeau. The figures are approximately correct except those of the Nettie L., which have to a certain extent been guessed at. They are, however, well within the mark:

Pounds.	Gross Value
Silver Cup.....	2,040,000 \$150,960.00
Nettie L.....	940,000 58,830.00
St. Elmo.....	185,000 23,751.52
Crowell.....	13,000 738.77
St. Elmo.....	12,000 510.00
Ebel.....	34,000 1,506.00
Broadview.....	32,000 1,094.00
Great Northern.....	56,000 1,344.00
Lade Group.....	12,000 1,230.00
Total.....	3,104,000 \$225,689.29

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY.

Output of the Sullivan—The St. Eugene Concentrator.

Reports from Tracy creek are to the effect that the tunnel on the Stanley is now in 100 feet. The North Star tramway was started on Saturday last, and steady shipments of ore commenced on Monday. The output from the Sullivan for the week ending February 9th was 270 tons. Construction of the spur to the Sullivan mine will commence as soon as the season will permit. The St. Eugene concentrator started up at 1 o'clock on Thursday. A large number of people from Granbrook, Fernie and Fort Steele were in town. The shipments of ore in January amounted to 1,371 tons. It is expected that a considerable increase in the tonnage will be made during the present month. Messrs. Theis and Shilling are working a lease just above the old town, Perry creek, near the falls. They are taking out

as high as \$5 per day to the man. On the Estella the company still continues the driving of a tunnel, which is now in 530 feet. It is said that there is a small shoot of clean ore, and some concentrating ore in the tunnel. Work continues on the Approach claim, which is situated at the base of the Rocky mountains, within two miles of Fort Steele. The tunnel is now in 35 feet, with a vertical depth of about 80 feet. The main ledge, it is expected, will be encountered in about 30 feet. Messrs. McClelland and Robinson will continue work for several months. Hank Eller is working the Big Swede property, which is situated about a mile and a half from Kimberley. The present development consists of a tunnel now in 35 feet; the rock in the face of the tunnel carries lead carbonates and iron. It is said that the vein matter carries about 10 per cent lead, with values in silver and gold.

WINDERMERE.

We have it on the best authority, says the Outcrop, that the ledge has been struck in the 400-foot crosscut tunnel of the Iron Cap, one of the McDonald Mines group, formerly known as the Red Line group. The Bangaboo group is situated about 18 miles from the Columbia river up Bugaboo creek. The owners, Messrs. Haines, McKeeman, Hutchinson and Ford, have already accomplished considerable work on the property. The ledge from which this ore comes is mineralized to eight feet and has been traced across three claims, one Sunrise, Sunset and Copper Queen. They have started a tunnel and at the depth of six feet had two feet eight inches of this ore, from which an average assay gave returns of 35 per cent copper.

THE SLOCAN.

Shipments for the Week—Some Important Deals.

The Mountain Con company have let a tunnel contract to D. McDonald. The Soho and Great Western, McGuigan properties, are to be worked with larger forces in the spring. The Wonderful has let out five or six men it had employed, and may not resume again before spring.

There are eight men at work on the Kaslo group on Cody creek. A car of ore has been shipped to Trail. Work is being done on the shaft at the lower tunnel of the Rambler-Cariboo, two feet of clean ore have been recently discovered. The Surprise, in McGuigan basin, has seven men on development. A car of ore was shipped last month. The long tunnel at the Antoine is in 500 feet. This tunnel will have to be run about 1,200 feet to tap the Antoine ledge. Twelve men are working, with Mr. V. T. Thaburn in charge.

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Work on the True Blue will be devoted to sinking and drifting. Harry Low and A. Muir have leased the Corinth group for one year and bonded the Grenville claims, adjoining property, from an English company. Very little work has been done on the Corinth for the last year, shipping some 80 tons of ore in that time. The lessees thing they will be able in the spring to ship a car a day, as they will have considerable development done, which will warrant that output. At the present time work in the Chapple is being kept up. The Chapple mine, on Lemon creek, has shut down and there appears to be no hope for a resumption of work in the near future. It was on this property that a 20-stamp mill was so recently completed and it has only taken six weeks to show that the expensive machinery was worthless as far as the Chapple was concerned. The mill would not save the values in the ore, even if the output of the mine had allowed of the continuous dropping of the stamps. The result, though unwelcome was not unexpected. The first of what promises to be a long series of deals in Silvertown, this week, was closed this week. C. C. Bennett of Vancouver, representing a large syndicate, having secured a bond on the Prescott group. The owners are N. F. McNaught, who has a one-half interest, J. A. McKimmon, Hugh Brady and F. H. Bartlett. The Prescott group consists of four claims, all crown granted, the Prescott, Prescott fractions Nos. 1 and 2 and the Four-Mile fraction, and is located below the Alpha mine and living parallel to the Emily Edith group. The main claim, the Prescott, was located under the old mining laws and is one of the oldest on record on Four-Mile creek. The bonding price has not been made public, but as it has been given out that \$10,000 must be expended on the group this year, under the terms of the bond, the amount involved is doubtless a large one. Work on the property must be commenced before March 1st—Silvertownian.

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the property to pay for its development, which is a very satisfactory state of affairs. The ore carries gold, silver and lead in about equal values. Three tunnels are being run to tap the showing at 60, 100 and 200 feet depth, and all work is in ore. No. 3 tunnel is in 300 feet and has a very good showing. A shaft has been sunk 46 feet in ore for prospecting purposes and as the showing improves with depth work on the shaft was discontinued.

Work at the Rambler-Cariboo mine is chiefly confined to development, only five or six men of the force of fifty working on ore. This small force maintains a monthly shipment of 200 tons, which goes to Everett. The ore for shipment is taken from the upper workings. No. 3 tunnel is now in 1,600 feet and will be continued over 2,000 feet farther on the company's property. The development consists in carrying this level forward into the mountain and sinking of run all shafts. The long tunnel is being run all the way in ore but encounters at about 800 feet some showings on the other side of the mountain from which considerable rich ore was snipped by parties having a lease on the property in 1893-4. It is the intention of the company to run a crosscut from the main level of 1,500 feet to strike at depth showings of dry ore and galena which have been opened in several places. The winze, which was sunk from No. 3 tunnel 700 feet from its mouth, is now down 200 feet and will be continued 300 feet farther this year. From the 200-foot level in the mine a drift was commenced a few days ago to provide fresh stopping ground.

The owners of the Copper Star group on Salisbury creek, 14 miles from Kaslo, were agreeably surprised the other day at receiving a gratifying assay from Denver, Colorado. A quantity of rock was sent to an assayer to be examined and reported on as to its character. It was not thought to carry any value but when assayed proved to be of considerable richness. This greatly increased the prospects of the property. The group consists of five full claims, owned by J. Turner, C. Freeman, E. K. Smith, C. H. Evans, E. Lurman and K. Kenyon, all of Kaslo. The ore body shows on four claims and is from 40 to 100 feet wide. An open cut made up on it disclosed rock which assayed \$80.36 in gold, silver and copper. This summer drifting will be continued on the vein from this cut and foot for foot will be gained in depth. The first work will be the erection of a cabin near the proposed workings, and when things are in shape a force of men will be put to work. The vein is very well defined, with lime on the hanging wall and slate on the footwall, with some porphyry showing in places. The same character of ore predominates on all four claims, and at any place where ore is broken it shows copper pyrites or yellow copper on the surface.

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the tunnel level, following the ore down with a face of two feet, with every evidence of widening. The Humming Bird spur is completed, and as soon as the Pyritic is ready to receive ore future shipments are to be sent to that smelter. This week a gang of men was set at work clearing the site that will be chosen for beginning work on the main working shaft, to be used permanently by the Miner-Graves syndicate in this camp. The place chosen is on the Victoria ground in the timber above both the railway spurs. The timber is now being cut away and some surface prospecting done. The new shaft, the work of sinking which will not be started till spring, will have four compartments, and it is hardly necessary to state that, like all other work undertaken by the Miner-Graves syndicate, will be constructed in the most modern style, and fitted with the latest up-to-date devices for economical handling of ore. For several months past explorations in these properties have been conducted with the idea of finding the best place for locating this shaft. E. D. V. Wm. Yolen Williams, the superintendent, now has the location decided on. Workmen have been driving from the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill properties toward each other, and after about 400 feet more of drifting, and a raise of 100 feet, the mines will be connected. This work is going on at the 200-foot level of the Old Ironsides, but as the 200-foot level of the Knob Hill is 100 feet higher, the raise will be necessary. This raise will also probably be continued to the surface for ventilating purposes.—Pioneer.

Work is to be resumed on the property of the Norway Mountain Gold & Copper company. Work on this property was closed down in April of 1900. The shaft at that time had reached a depth of fifty feet on the ledge. The uniform width of the ledge from the surface to the bottom of the shaft is four and a half feet. The values had increased from \$2.50 at the surface to \$24 at the bottom of the shaft. The ore is a quartz, carrying pyrites of iron, and the hanging wall is of porphyry and the foot wall diorite. The ore is free milling and concentrating. The intention is to sink the shaft from its present depth of 50 feet to the 100-foot level and then to drift along the ledge. Mr. Grisvold, the managing director, leaves for the property tomorrow, with a force of men, and says he expects to place it on a paying basis during the present year. The property is only four miles from the Columbia & Western railway, and the company has buildings and all facilities ready for work, and so there will be no delay about commencing operations. He further stated that the company is now negotiating for reduction works to be placed on the property some time this summer.

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Mine.	Tons.
Hewett.....	40
Arlington.....	110
Bondholder.....	20
Payne.....	120
Ivanhoe.....	40
Last Chance.....	60
American Boy.....	41
Slocan Star.....	40
Ruth.....	96
Rambler.....	1,500
Antoine.....	32
Dardanelles.....	15
R. E. Lee.....	22
Soho.....	98
Surprise.....	39
Total.....	2,235

BOUNDARY.

Shipments for the Past Week—The Victoria Shaft.
 Nearly 100 men are now employed at the Mother Lode mine in Deadwood camp. Shipments of coke are now arriving at both the Mother Lode and Standard smelters. The new 35-drill compressor at the Mother Lode mine, Deadwood camp, is expected to be started today. An excellent strike of five feet of ore was made in the Waterloo, Camp McKinney, this week, at a depth of 120 feet. Some \$40,000 was paid in Phoenix last Monday by the Dominion Copper company and the Miner-Graves syndicate. The Humming Bird siding, at Lime creek, on the north fork of Kettle river, is completed, and shipments have been started. No work whatever is going on at the City of Paris mine, in White camp, but some ore is being sent out to the Granby smelter over the wagon road. The 800-foot diamond drill contract on the Cariboo, in Camp McKinney, is nearly completed. The force of men at work in this mine has been increased and now totals up to 70. The shipments of ore from the Miner-Graves properties in Phoenix camp, for the week ending last Wednesday amounted to 3,900 tons. One train was missed on account of cars being off the track. Dave Evans, who is in charge of the development on the Blue Bell and J. S. claims, in Summit camp, reports things looking splendid at the mine. Six miners are at work and drifting is in progress both ways at the 50-foot level. A find of nice ore is reported from the Montreal claim, just across the north fork from the business portion of Grand Forks. The shaft on this property at a depth of 50 feet being in some of the best mineral which has been taken out close to town for a long time. The Carmi mine, the big property of the west fork country, has begun sending down ore to the Boundary Falls smelter, some 150 tons having already been received, and the mine being under contract to deliver 2,000 tons. The ore of this property is of good grade and is very adaptable to the pyritic treatment. The Humming Bird mine, situated in Brown's camp, has made its eighth shipment to the Granby smelter, amounting to a fraction over 61 tons. The average value of this last lot went 36 ounces gold and 15 ounces silver. Work has been started in sinking an incline winze, from

RETURNED FROM CALIFORNIA.

Great Excitement Exists There Over the Boom in Oil.
 Mr. Edwin Durant, of the B.A.C., returned on Sunday evening from a trip to Southern California. He states great excitement exists there owing to recent discoveries of oil, much speculation taking place in the shares of many companies which have been formed to bore for the liquid. Many fortunes have been made by the sale of land in the oil districts which a few months ago could be purchased for a few dollars an acre around Bakewell and which has recently changed hands for as much as \$3,000 per acre. Heavy rains have fallen over nearly the whole of California, much to the delight of the landowners, who look forward to a more plentiful harvest than has been known in past years. In San Francisco great interests exist among mining men regarding the discoveries of rich copper properties in Mexico, and are organizing companies to start operations immediately.

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A FIND OF PAY ORE

Important Strike Made in the Homestake.

A BIG SHOOT IN THE TUNNEL

It Was Met at a Point 1218 Feet From the Portal of the Tunnel—The Ledge Carries the Characteristic Ore of the Camp, with the Addition of Galena.

Mine.	Week.	To Date.
Athelstan.....	1,200	
B. C.....	500	50,000
Buck Horn.....		30
City of Paris.....		2,070
Golden Eagle.....		165
Golden Crown.....		250
Humming Bird.....	61	600
Jewel.....		289
Knob Hill-Old Ironsides.....	4,200	77,400
Snowflake.....		130
Mothe, Lode.....	500	6,000
Yankee Girl.....		70
Winnipeg.....		850
Total.....	5,261	140,006

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WINNIPEG MINE.

How the Work of Development is Progressing, Etc.
 Development work on the Winnipeg mine is progressing satisfactorily. Last summer the Miner representative visited the property and reported upon what was then considered a very important strike, made on the 300-foot level in the north tunnel. This tunnel cuts several ledges running east and west, and the strike above referred to was on the first north vein; dipping north at 30 degrees. Here about 20 feet of sinking was done and a trial shipment was sent to the Granby smelter, but the values returned by the smelter left a loss of 94c per ton, on a \$5.50 freight and treatment rate. Much better results had been expected, and the disappointment occasioned contributed in no small degree to the decision to reorganize the old company. Meantime work was suspended on the No. 1 north and immediately some small kidneys of very high grade ore, running from \$70 to \$200 to the ton were encountered. Picked samples assayed up to \$640—nearly all gold.

Owing to reorganization, work was suspended on the No. 1 north, but a trial shipment gave \$38.26 net per ton. Not being satisfied with the smelter returns had the shipment unimpeded and the result proved the ore to be of shipping value.

Last month work was resumed on the No. 2 north. For the first 25 feet of sinking there was no improvement in the winze. The vein was dipping north at 60 degrees and it will be remembered that the dip of the No. 1 vein was 30 degrees. Half way distant between these two veins, in the north tunnel, a small stringer was found, dipping 35 degrees to the north. Consequently both this stringer and the No. 1 north must eventually join the No. 2 north. At a depth of 28 feet the stringer came in and at a depth of 60 feet the No. 1 vein; if continuous, must also come in.

A station has just been completed over the winze and an engine, hoist, pump, etc., installed, and sinking will be continued with vigor for another 150 feet, making 430 from the surface. It is confidently expected that a strong ore body will be encountered when the union of the two veins takes place. During January 44 feet of work was done on the east drift, 300-foot level, ore of low but shipping grade was continually encountered.

BILLY ARMSTRONG'S PLANS.

He Purposes Establishing an Incorporated Athletic Club.
 Billy Armstrong returned yesterday from Spokane, whither he went on a business visit, and has come back, he says, for the purpose of making Rosland his future home. He is now engaged in promoting an athletic club. A number of the leading citizens have been seen in relation to the project, and look upon it favorably. The plan is to have an incorporated athletic club, which will be run on a high plane for the promotion of meritorious athletic sports. In speaking of the matter last night Mr. Armstrong said: "I do not see any reason why there should not be a first-class athletic club in Rosland. There are as many lovers of true sports here and more money for a town of the same size as in any place on the map. What I wish to promote is an association furthering the interest of square sport, and in order to do so it is necessary to have an incorporated company, with a Board of Directors, comprising the very best men in the city. This insures the success of the association from the start. I have already interviewed a number of the leading citizens, and find that they view the plan favorably. I intend to call on others, who are known lovers of true sports, and if I get enough of my way of thinking, I shall call a meeting for the purpose of incorporating and electing officers. I shall give the matter my entire attention, and have every confidence in being able to form a club which will be a credit to the city."

Mr. Armstrong has some very favorable notions for conducting athletic sports in other places. One was from the Stockton Athletic association and others equally favorable were from other clubs. He is said to be an excellent instructor, being a protege of James Corbett.

J. F. Colom, of Wellesley, Mass., is here on mining business, and is stopping at the Allen.