

THE MINES OF THE PROVINCE

(Grand Forks News, June 3.)
The Granby smelter treated 9276 tons of ore last week, making a total of 128,711 tons for 1902.
Last week's ore shipments from Boundary mines: Granby mines, Phoenix, 9841 tons; Mother Lode, Deadwood, 1696 tons. Total, 11,537 tons.
August Reischl came down from Summit Camp. He reports having made an important strike on his Helen Gould group of three claims.
It is expected that the B. C. mine owners will shortly begin some prospecting work on their claims in Summit Camp. Foreman Anderson has returned to the Boundary from a trip to California.
The two S-horse power boilers for the new Snowshoe compressor have arrived at the mine, and are being set up.

FISH CREEK CAMP.
Trout Lake Topic, June 2.
COMPLIX, May 30.—There is a placid excitement on Menhinick creek and a great scramble is going on for claims. The miners are even staking by lantern light. A great many claims are being staked, but there is great doubt as to the richness of the ground.
The owners of the Gold Finch, Messrs. Butler and Cameron, are discovering another rich ledge on this famous property, the quartz being very rich and literally studded with gold.
The Northwestern Development Syndicate have sluiced the hillside near Menhinick creek on the Camborne group and exposed the lead for a considerable distance. The company are rushing the work on the flume and power house and expect to be ready in a short time to turn on the power.
Charles Beck has struck a rich chute of ore on his claim on Scott creek and intends to do considerable work on it this summer.

TRUENE AND METROPOLITAN.
A representative of the Eagle had a short interview with Charles W. Crossan this week. He had just arrived in camp and was not ready to give much information regarding the summer operations of his different companies.
We were assured that the smelter would work as soon as they could get cre and fluxes. Mr. McCrossan has not the shadow of a doubt about the smelter's success in standing any such watching a Vulcan smelter working on all kinds of ore in Los Angeles, among which was 100 pounds of Metropolitan ore, which was treated very satisfactorily, but, as Mr. McCrossan says, the best way to prove to the people of Ferguson that the Vulcan smelters are all right is to get this one turning out matte.
The Truene will be worked to its fullest capacity this summer. A number of men have already left to clear out the trail and get the cabins in shape and as soon as pack trains can be got to the property the men will be put right to work. The Metropolitan will also be worked to about the same extent as last summer and the other properties will receive some attention.
—Lardeau Eagle, May 23.

THE NETTIE L. MINE.
Last week a representative of the Eagle visited the Nettie L. hill. The Burnt Basin section has reached the stage where a wagon road is almost an essential to its further development and prosperity. The basin possesses several promising properties, notably the Contact, the Tammany and the Mother Lode, all of which are being worked regularly. Within a week or two the Tammany will open up for the summer work, and this example will be followed by others. Until a wagon road is constructed the mines cannot work during the winter because of the difficulty attending the introduction of supplies, nor can ore be shipped away at considerable cost. It is maintained that the section has contributed more to the provincial revenues in the shape of duties than the St. James Mountain section, which is already equipped with an excellent road, and that every venture adds weight to the demand for action on the part of the lands and works department. The situation is of some general interest locally, as most of the properties in Burnt Basin are managed from Rossland and purchase supplies here.

WORKING ON COMART.
Work has been steadily under way on the Comart property in the north end of Burnt Basin for the last two months. Development for this last year has been confined to the Comart, but the Leas and Shrew, in the same group, have every appearance of having large bodies of ore.
On the Comart an open cut has been made in the face of the ledge. It is twelve feet wide and has a face of ore the full width of the cut, and not less than eight feet high. The ore has not been crossed to find the width of the ore body, and a tunnel has been driven 45 feet, but has not yet reached the

Lardeau is sufficient to materially alter the situation. Mining men state that a straight reduction of \$15 per ton in the present cost of handling ore between the properties and the reduction works will be the result, this being the difference between the cost of teaming and packing to the lake front and the railroad charges. Moreover, another important saving will be secured to mining operators through the reduction in the cost of supplies consigned inward. Heretofore there has been a charge of a cent a pound for packing supplies across the divide that will now be practically wiped out, as the railroad will be in a position to lay down supplies at Trout Lake at the same cost as was formerly charged to Thompson's Landing. In these two quarters the operators will reap substantial advantages and the country will generally benefit. The lack of railroad facilities has been a serious drawback to the progress of the Lardeau, and now that this is to be removed the country should go ahead rapidly. Eventually it is believed that the Great Northern system will be extended up the Duncan river and its forks, thus giving mining operators on the Duncan the same advantages as the railroad facilities which are secured to those on the Trout Lake side of the divide by the construction of the Canadian Pacific. In the meantime, however, all mining propositions are assisted by the road already built.
A number of Rossland people are interested in Lardeau mining properties. The principal ones are the Old Gold, Gold Camp are managed from this city, and the camp is now one of the busiest in the entire district. The properties included in the camp are the Old Gold, Primrose, Guinea Gold and Peterson, all in active operation and all exceedingly promising. While some distance from a shipping point on the Canadian Pacific, the new road places the properties on a much more advantageous basis with respect to transportation than formerly, and when the Great Northern builds in they will have railroad facilities almost at their door. J. W. Westfall is in charge of the properties as superintendent.
On Canyon Creek the Andro, also managed from Rossland, and now being operated with a small force of men. The property is situated three miles or thereabouts from the foot of Trout Lake, and has, accordingly, a particularly favorable location with respect to the new road. The Mountain Lion company, having its head office here, owns the property on Canyon Creek, Old Gold camp and the American group in the Healy Creek section. Their operations are confined for the present to the American group, where they have exceptionally good transportation facilities.
The Cariboo Creek Development Syndicate, formed last winter in Rossland to operate the Effie and Colonial claims on the headwaters of Cariboo creek, have made a substantial payment on the purchase price of the properties and within a fortnight will have a crew of men at work on the claims. The development already accomplished demonstrates a promising showing, and it is the intention of the syndicate, which included 40 or 50 Rossland people, to continue operations all summer at least.

STRIKE AT CONTACT.
Work has been under way at the Contact mines in Burnt Basin for a couple of weeks, and the showing has improved wonderfully. In fact, recent developments partake of the nature of a strike, 5 feet of clean ore heavily mineralized having been encountered in the lower workings where drifting on the lead is under way. The tunnel is in almost 300 feet and the crew of eight men are making excellent progress.
William H. Jackson, manager of the Contact, is in the city today, having come over from the mine on a business trip. He brought with him a series of fine samples from the vein for the purpose of having assays made. It is not known how high the ore runs, but its appearance is most encouraging. The strike may have the effect of altering the company's programme in respect to shipments. Originally the Contact people did not intend shipping for a considerable period until it had been decided to erect a tramway from the mine to the Columbia & Western railroad, over which the ore could be transported for a few cents per ton instead of packing down to the railway, as would be necessary under existing circumstances. It is possible, however, that some shipments may be made from the ore body recently encountered, as indications are that with some sorting the ore is sufficiently rich to stand the heavy charges for packing.

GREENWOOD HAPPENINGS.
Reduction Works at Boundary Falls Will Soon Be Started Up.
(Special to The Miner).
GREENWOOD, B. C., June 7.—Albert J. Goodell, superintendent of the Montreal & Boston Copper company's smelter, returned today from Spokane to complete arrangements for the early starting up of the furnace at the company's reduction works at Boundary Falls. The Gates crusher and the balance of the sampling plant will all have been received within the next few days, so that the completion of the additions that have been in hand during the past few weeks will now be practicable so as to admit of the furnace being blown in about two weeks hence. The alterations that have been made under Mr. Goodell's direction include new ore bins so arranged as to admit of such economical handling of the ore as warrants the expectation that treatment costs here will be very low. Meanwhile preparations for maintaining a regular output of ore smelted right along have been proceeding at the company's Sunset mine, which is now in good shape for production.
Meyerhoff's teams resumed hauling ore from the Jewel mine to the railway siding between Greenwood and Ehoit several days ago, and shipments of the Granby company's smelter at Rossland are consequently now being made once more. It is hoped that the roads will hereafter, for several months at least, be in good enough condition to allow of hauling being continued without further interruption.
It is stated that the management of the plant recently destroyed by fire with a modern plant, and that it is probable that it will be one with provision for driving by electric power. The transmission line of the Cascade Water, Power and Light company crosses the Winnipeg property, so that it will be practical to make the necessary connection without much expense.
The number of free miners' certificates issued during May at the Greenwood mining record office and the sub-Lardeau road passes out of the hands of the construction department its volume of business will be considerable by reason of the large amount of ore already gathered for shipment. The hauling of the summer supplies for the district will also stimulate business. The importance of the railroad to the most mining properties located in the

Pacific ocean, to there supervise the building of a wharf in connection with the Pacific cable between Canada and Australia, the island being one of the few landing places for the cable between the termini.
AT THE WINNIPEG.
Damage Arranged With Insurance Company.
Richard Plewman, managing director of the Winnipeg mine, has just returned from the property. He found the main buildings were entirely destroyed by the recent fire and the plant as a whole seriously damaged. W. B. Honeyman, of Portland, Oregon, acted as appraiser for the Trans-Atlantic Insurance Company, and notwithstanding his long journey from Portland, Mr. Honeyman conducted his duties within one week of the fire. Insurance aggregating \$5000 was carried, of which \$1000 was on the buildings not reached by the fire. The appraiser fixed the loss at \$4900 and the liability of the insurance company at \$4500, which amount will be paid over as soon as the appraiser's statement reaches San Francisco.
Had the mine been permitted to fill with water the cost of unwatering would have been less than \$1000, but to prevent this serious additional loss and inconvenience, men were immediately put to work repairing the small boiler and making connections with the pumps, in which effort the company was assisted by the insurance people. The pumps will be working today and within a week the unwatering will be completed.
While in Greenwood Mr. Plewman visited the Boundary Falls smelter. The ore crusher for the plant is yet to be set up, but when this is accomplished the smelter will be ready to commence operations.

THE WASHINGTON.
Since its reorganization last summer the Washington has shipped close upon 500 tons of crude ore and the company has now in the treasury \$20,000, which it is said is available for dividend purposes. A meeting of the company was held in Spokane Wednesday, when an announcement was made respecting the dividend.—Sandon Paystreak, June 7.

THE ENTERPRISE ET AL.
(Sandon Paystreak, June 7.)
The Enterprise mill and tram is working beautifully and the big Ten Mile property is a steady producer of high grade concentrates.
Unless the price of silver advances the Molly Gibson will close down next month, except for development purposes. About 750 tons of ore will be shipped within the next few weeks.
The Last Chance will on or about the 15th put a few men on development work. They will use the American Boy winding and should be in a position to resume shipments at no distant date.

WORK STARTED ON TRUENE.
The management of the Truene had men at work for some days putting the trail to the mine in condition to enable a pack train to go through with supplies, and they are also putting the cabins in repair to accommodate the men to be employed at the mine. The trail was found pretty clear of snow, but considerable work had to be performed in cutting out fallen trees. Pack animals can now be taken through to the cabins, and on Thursday Mr. S. Dwyer's pack train started on the first lot of supplies. On the same day (Thursday) a force of 14 men left town to begin operations at the mine.
It is the purpose of the management to prosecute work most vigorously, and all the men will be put to work that the available room will accommodate.—Trout Lake Topic, June 6.

CONTRACT ON COMSTOCK.
The Comstock company of Cleveland, O., has instructed its local manager, S. Shannon, to proceed at once with development work on the Comstock tract, just above Circle City. A contract was let to construct the present tunnel another 50 feet, at which point the ledge will crosscut from wall to wall. It is the intention of this company to thoroughly prove their property this season.—Trout Lake Topic, June 6.

RUTH OPENING UP.
The mill men at the Ruth have been busy all week overhauling the concentrator machinery and getting everything into shape for a long run. At the mine the bunk house and boarding house has been completely overhauled and made ready for the men. A small force is also working in the 2nd tunnel, cleaning them out and getting ready for work. The trail to the Hope is progressing favorably and will be completed in a few days, after which construction of the upper bunk house will be immediately commenced.
Within a week the payroll will commence to grow to respectable proportions and the mine and mill will be started on a long steady run.—Sandon Paystreak, June 7.

THE RUFFLED GROUSE.
Mr. Andy Ward has sold his interest, being an undivided one-quarter, in the Ruffed Grouse mineral claim, to Frank Traynor of Ferguson for \$1000 cash. We congratulate Mr. Traynor on his good fortune in securing this interest, for it is conceded by men who should know that the Ruffed Grouse is one of the most likely prospects in the camp. Mr. Traynor may also congratulate himself on having bought into a property where he has for partners such men as Messrs. Jim Livingstone and Ole Peterson. It is certainly a matter of very great importance, in purchasing an interest in a mineral claim, to take note of what kind of partners one will be associated with, for a delinquent or dilatory co-owner very often retards development and sometimes blocks a sale. There is, however, a remedy, but in applying it one is often put to serious inconvenience and loss of time and money. We believe the former owners always worked together most amicably, and

that the property bears evidence of this. Mr. Ward assures us that he has an abiding faith in the property, and his reason for selling was solely from the fact that he has large interests in other claims that give promise of proving equally valuable, and by making this deal he would be better equipped to prosecute development on his other properties. Messrs. Livingstone and Peterson are doing assessment work on the claim. They have sunk a shaft 20 feet and are now drifting on the lead. A very fine body of ore was encountered some days since which, so far as subsequent work has gone, appears to be of considerable extent.—Trout Lake Topic, June 6.

WONDERFUL ORE.
W. W. Warner loaded a couple of cars of Wonderful ore this week.
It is reported that another rich strike, six feet of solid ore, has been made in the lower tunnel of the Monitor. We are unable to get the particulars for this issue.
A. J. McMillan has commenced the construction of a piece of flume near the Noble Five tram, which is necessary to protect one of the towers of the tram of that mine.
The Slocan Boy will start up shortly with a full force of men. John L. Rettalack has taken a bond on this property and will work it in conjunction with the Washington, which it adjoins.
George W. Hughes has packed considerable supplies up to the Sunset this week. A mine that has a large body of ore running 160 ounces in silver and 80 per cent lead, will pay even at present prices.
It is said the lower tunnel in the Hope is being drifted in on a six and one-half inch body of shipping carbonate that will give returns of 35 ounces silver and 4 per cent of lead. The bonanza showing virtually places this property with the dry ore class.

FROM SEVERAL CLAIMS.
North Star.—Reports are current of a rich strike in the North Star mine. It is said that a large body of ore has been located by the diamond drill. None of the company's employees will give out the facts of the strike, as they are in and around the mine.
The North Star last year was the largest dividend paying mine in British Columbia. During the early part of this year the mine was closed down, but it is now shipping at the rate of 40 tons daily.
Estella.—The Rover vein of the Estella mine has been opened up by means of a tunnel for nearly 1000 feet. It has an average width of twelve feet of concentrating ore, which carries good values, and bids fair to become one of the leading silver-lead producers of Southeast Kootenay when opened up for business.
Bald Mountain.—Dave Newell came down from the Bald Mountain mineral claim on Sunday last. He reports that the property is looking good; present development consists of two tunnels, No. 1 now in 60 feet, No. 2 in 55 feet, the ledge is a free milling gold quartz having a width of six feet. Mr. Newell returned to the mine on Tuesday.

THE NETTIE L.
Mr. Forbes and Mr. Atwood, who were making a thorough examination of the Nettie L. mine, had some ore assayed from the Nettie L. this week which went: Silver, 9000 ounces; gold, \$50, and copper, 31 per cent.—Trout Lake Topic, June 6.

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NEW STEAMSHIP CO.
THE ST. LAWRENCE TERMINAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY WAS ORGANIZED YESTERDAY.
IN THE INTERESTS OF QUEBEC SOUTHERN RAILWAY—H. A. HODGE IS PRESIDENT.
MONTREAL, June 10.—The St. Lawrence Terminal Steamship Company was organized here today with a capital of one million dollars. H. A. Hodge, president of the Quebec Southern railway, was elected president, and F. D. White of Rutland, Vermont, vice-president. The company was organized in the interests of the Quebec Southern railway, and has besides its power to own and operate steamships the right to erect, own and operate terminals at any point on the St. Lawrence river touched by the railway.

THE STOCK MARKET
Business did not pick up materially on the stock exchange yesterday, but the sales reported are in a slightly upward direction.
One of the features of the market is the movement in Centre Star. Yesterday's sales on the board were reported at 39, closing at 39 1/2—38 1/2. This is an advance of two points on the previous day's quotations, with no particular reason assigned for the movement.

American Boy 6% 6%
Black Tail 11% 10
Cariboo McKinney 19 17 1/2
Centre Star 39% 38 1/2
Crow's Nest Pass Coal \$35 00
Giant 3 2 1/2
Granby Consolidated \$3 15 \$2 90
Homestake (As. paid) 3 1/2 2 1/2
Iron Mask (As. paid) 13 1/2 11 1/2
Lone Pine 6 5
Morning Glory 2% 2%
Mountain Lion 23 1/2 22
North Star (E. K.) 24 23
Payne 23 22 1/2
Quilp 33 29 1/2
Rambler-Cariboo (ex-d) 83 78
Republic 10 9 1/2
San Paul 22 19 1/2
Sullivan 7 6
Tom Thumb 19 1/2 18
War Eagle Con. 14 12 1/2
White Bear 3% 3

SALES.
Centre Star, 1000, 39c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1500, 82c; War Eagle, 4000, 13 1/2c; Republic, 2000, 9 1/2c. Total, \$650.

Manager Pickering of the Tammany group in Burnt Basin, was in the city yesterday completing arrangements for the resumption of operations at the mine. Mr. Pickering states that work will be recommenced in the lower levels and carried ahead as rapidly as possible.

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