

REDUCED THE OUTPUT

The Closing Down Caused Small Shipments for the Week.

Ore of Good Value Found in Mine Development Work.

The output of the Rossland mines for the week is considerably below the record of recent weeks, the reason being the closing down of the Rossland Great Western mines, preceded by several days on which the shipments from the properties were short on account of a shortage in cars. The Le Roi's output is only about half its normal tonnage, while the Le Roi No. 2 does not appear at all in the list of shippers, nor did the Rossland Great Western mine produce any ore for shipment. When these mines are producing their normal output the camp's tonnage will rise at a leap to its old proportions.

The Centre Star and War Eagle produced a few hundred tons over last week's total, and the Iron Mask's output was five times that of the previous week.

THE OUTPUT.

The figures for the week ending June 29th and for the year:

Week	Year
Le Roi	104,298
Le Roi No. 2 ..	20,270
Centre Star ..	51,918
War Eagle ..	19,050
Rossland G.W. ..	8,086
Iron Mask	2,233
I. X. L.	189
Monte Christo ..	29
Spitzee	583
Velvet	74
Portland	24
Giant	52
Total	206,857

I. X. L.—Work is progressing steadily on the third and fourth levels. The bonanza ore taken from the mine during the week was encountered in the lower level, and comprises the largest amount of this high grade rock ever taken from the property at any one time. Forty sacks of bonanza ore have been prepared for shipment and will be forwarded to the smelter today. The management anticipates that these forty sacks, aggregating about two tons, will net from \$3,500 to \$4,000 per ton. The balance of the ore in the shipment will run in the neighborhood of 340.

Spitzee.—A contract has been let to Mike Gill and partners for 50 feet of drifting from the bottom of the shaft, and this work has been started with a steam drill. The development of the mine is under the direction of J. L. Morrish, M.E. A nice showing of copper ore was encountered in the dump. The purpose of the drifting now under way is to secure stoping ground. The development of the mine is proceeding steadily under favorable circumstances.

Velvet.—The principal feature of the week at the Velvet was the commencement of the compressor plant recently installed. This is running smoothly and the development of the mine will naturally be materially expedited. The announcement that the wagon road is to be constructed at last is welcome news to the management of the Velvet, as the cost of laying down supplies at the mine will be materially reduced.

New St. Elmo.—A drift has been started on the ore in the crosscut from the north drift. The new drift is now in a distance of 15 feet and the ore showing continues to be good. The lowest assay obtained to the present time is 318. The ore runs especially high in copper, ranging from 3 per cent to 7 per cent. Work is also being continued in the south drift, which is now in a distance of 510 feet from the south crosscut.

Rossland Great Western Mines.—At the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, Nickle Plate, Columbia-Kootenay, Josie and No. 1 mines the usual development work was carried on up to the date of the shutdown. Stopping had been discontinued since the first of the week, and work was confined to development when the shutdown took effect.

Big Four.—Three shifts are now employed on the property, two in the No. 1 tunnel and one in the No. 2. The directors have concluded to install a large boiler and plant, as was stated last week. The No. 1 ledge has been encountered and the property is looking well.

A MENACE TO HEALTH.

Boards of Health Trying to Get Rid of the Alum Baking Powders.

The accomplished Professor of Chemistry of Princeton University, Prof. H. B. Cornwall, in his report to the State Board of Health, says that alum baking powders exert an injurious effect upon digestion. Since this fact seems to him to be well established he denounces the use of alum baking powders in the preparation of food as altogether objectionable.

Professor Barker of the University of Pennsylvania says that the alum baking powders are decidedly injurious for use in making food. "It," he says, "the use by bakers of small quantities of alum to improve the appearance of their bread be regarded as highly culpable, how much more severely should we reprobate the use of the much larger amounts of this substance needed in a baking powder; nor is the case altered materially by the fact that in the use of the soda of the baking powder decom-

poses the alum. All of its constituents remain in the bread, and the alum itself is reproduced, to all intents and purposes, when this bread is dissolved by the gastric juice in the progress of digestion. I regard the use of alum baking powders, therefore, as highly injurious to the health of the community, and believe that their sale should be forbidden by law."

Boards of health are recommending legislation that will prohibit the manufacture and sale of alum baking powders altogether. This has been done in some sections of the country. At present the public must seek safety from the danger which seems to be so prevalent, in using only those brands of cream of tartar powders that are well known as pure and reliable, and refusing to buy the low-priced, so-called "cheap" goods.

LAKE MOUNTAIN ORE

STRIKES IN THE VICINITY OF VIOLIN LAKE EXCITE PROSPECTORS.

GRANBY SMELTER EXTENSION—POSITION OF THE CALIFORNIA.

A rich mineral strike has been made on the summit of Lake Mountain, near Violin lake and within two miles of the Crown Point mine, which promises to be a most important factor in the future history of the Rossland camp. A ledge of boronite ore was encountered over seven feet in width, and the lead has been opened up at two points 400 feet apart. A picked specimen from the ledge assayed yesterday for 22,000, the values being in gold and copper.

The facts of the strike got about yesterday and a number of prospectors left for Lake Mountain. Colonel Peyton, the Spokane mining man, has deputed a local man to stake a number of claims on the ground, and the agent is now putting these instructions into effect.

Up to the present time the following claims have been staked in the neighborhood of the property on which the ore was discovered:

June Bird by Maurice Riddle, on Lake Mountain, adjoining and south of the Teddy.

The Summit by Maurice Riddle, on Lake Mountain, adjoining and east of the Elephant.

American Eagle by Maurice Riddle, a re-location of the Rainbow.

General Buller by Fred Lange, agent for John Lepest, on Lake Mountain, adjoining and north of the Competitor, re-location of the B. X.

Maple Leaf by Fred Lange, adjoining and west of the Smuggler.

Argentine by Fred Lange, adjoining and southeast of the Fairlove.

Oliver Cromwell by Fred Lange, adjoining and north of the Teddy, re-location of the Kintyre.

Smuggler by Fred Lange, agent for Maurice Riddle, south of Violin lake, on Lake Mountain, a re-location of the Mary Lou.

The discovery promises to be of more than ordinary importance to Rossland. If development shows that the big vein of boronite extends over an extensive area it is quite possible that another addition second in importance only to the Rossland north belt may be made to the camp.

AT THE GRANBY SMELTER.

A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the Granby smelter, was in the city yesterday and will leave this afternoon for the Boundary. Mr. Hodges states that the work of adding to the plant at the smelter is progressing rapidly. The new smelter, to handle 1000 tons daily, has been completed as far as the buildings are concerned and the machinery is now being installed. The foundations for all the other buildings have been completed and plant for them is arriving daily.

Three carloads of the new steel converter building manufactured by the Hamilton Bridge company have been delivered at the works. Three cars of the converter machinery are also to hand, and five cars of new smelter machinery are waiting to be set up. Work is under way on a mammoth ore bin between the old and new smelters. These bins will hold 5000 tons of ore. Referring to the statement emanating from one of the officials of the Granby smelter that when these additions to the plant were finished the company would handle 1000 tons of ore daily, Mr. Hodges says: "That is correct, but we will do better. Our daily tonnage when everything is running smoothly on the larger scale contemplated will be not less than 1200 tons."

Jay P. Graves is now in Montreal on business in connection with the Miner-Graves syndicate's interests. While there, as was stated by Mr. Graves on his recent visit to Rossland, he will meet the principal parties interested in the California property in this camp and discuss the situation with them. It will then be determined whether operations on the property will be commenced this summer or not. It is understood that Mr. Graves has finally arranged with the new management of the Giant mine to allow the latter to utilize the California tunnel to approach their ore bodies and to utilize the compressor plant. If this California starts work at an early date this arrangement will not be affected, as the owners will only require five drills at most, and as the compressor is a ten-drill affair the Giant can use the balance of the power and effect a material saving to both mines.

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A SOLID ADVANCE

THE IRON MASK'S OUTPUT WILL BE VERY GREATLY INCREASED.

HOMESTEAKES MAKES A NEAR APPROACH TO THE SHIPPING STAGE.

Marked activity is being manifested in the management of the Iron Mask mine. During the last few weeks the crew at the property has been increased materially, in fact almost doubled, and the effect has been evidenced in the company's record as shippers. Two weeks ago, and for several months prior to that, the Iron Mask produced 20 tons per week—no carload.

As a result of the programme of activity inaugurated recently by Mr. Hall, the superintendent, the output has been growing by leaps and bounds. Last week the Iron Mask shipped 100 tons, five carloads, and this week the output will double that and reach 200 tons. Next week another advance of 50 tons will be made, and the output will be held at the 250-ton mark for an indefinite period if the management's plans are carried out.

While the tonnage does not approximate anything like the output of two or three of the biggest mines in the Rossland camp, the management of the Iron Mask have the satisfaction of knowing that their ore nets them considerably more per ton than that of any of the other mines with the exception of the I. X. L., whose bonanza ore is hard to develop on the continent. With increasing tonnage the Iron Mask will doubtless increase its output from time to time, and in the meantime it is noteworthy that one of the well known Red Mountain properties, is increasing something over ten times the amount that it has shipped since the first of the year at least.

THE HOMESTEAKES.

A crew of ore sorters will go to work this morning at the Homestake mine, this being the preliminary step toward the commencement of shipments. The men will sort on the platform erected for that purpose north of the shaft house. The cars to receive the sorted product will be run into the siding, and the handling of the output will thus be expedited. Only a small crew of sorters will go to work today, and the shipments will not be large on the start. The first car load of ore will be sent out before the end of the week, unless something altogether unforeseen arises to interfere with the arrangement. According to Superintendent Sam W. Hall, the management expects to continue shipping indefinitely.

The ore which is thus being shipped is not from scraps. Drifting in the ore bodies in the mine is now under way, and as the material is extracted in this prospective work it is hoisted and sorted. Within a couple of months, or before cold weather sets in, the most of the property will be demonstrated by the work under way, and the management will then decide on the character and extent of the buildings to be constructed for the mine.

The first shipment from the Homestake will mark the return of a new era of prosperity to the south belt in the Rossland camp. Hitherto, with the possible exception of the Crown Point, south belt properties have been unfortunate, but it is by no means impossible that in view of the success attending the development of the Homestake and the experience gained in the operation of the north belt mines as to depth and other geological facts, work may be resumed with a reasonable prospect of success in properties that have been standing idle for many months, and in some instances several years. The management of the Homestake deserves the thanks of every citizen of Rossland for the manner in which they have persevered in the development of the property, particularly in view of the fact that at times the obstacles to be overcome have been very great. Of course the method on which the mine was operated was simply with a view to attaining a certain business end and no intention of benefiting the community at large, yet the latter result has been attained on the general principle that a mining company's success is the camp's gain.

THE B. A. CORPORATION.

Mr. Justice Wright's Remarks in Granting the Order.

The matter of the British America Corporation, Limited, came before Mr. Justice Wright, sitting as additional Judge, in the Chancery Division on Thursday, for hearing on several petitions for the compulsory winding-up order. The petition of Messrs. C. and A. Paull was taken first, when after arguments by counsel, his Lordship said, according to his opinion, in law it had no option but to make an order. It was admitted that the corporation was in a state of apparent insolvency, although it might under certain circumstances have more than sufficient to pay its debts. It possessed only \$25,000 in cash in Vancouver, and £157 in England. There were £302,000 admitted liabilities, and part of these were speculative or gambler liabilities. Under these circumstances, the creditors had an absolute right against the company to its winding-up order. It was clear to him that a voluntary winding-up was not sufficient, and on that ground almost by itself he thought there should be a compulsory order. It was said that the affairs of the company required the most searching investigation, and the fullest enquiry which the law could give, and he thought there was great force in that contention. There had been prima facie the loss of an enormous sum of money, and it was said, and with great probability, that that loss had been the result, or part of the result, of the application of the funds of the company in aid of the speculations of other companies by the di-

rectors, who were themselves interested in the other companies. It was also suggested that liabilities of the London and Globe Corporation to the extent of half a million had been taken over as the liabilities of that company by the directors, and it was evident that that required the fullest investigation if there was any foundation in fact for it. Another ground for investigation was that the funds of the corporation had been lost in speculations of the most reckless character, and it was said that the directors might be made liable—whether on the ground of negligence he did not know—but he could see another ground which would be more easy to prove. He was not for a moment forming any opinion adverse to any of the gentlemen whose names had been mentioned. That was a matter for subsequent inquiry. Having alluded to the attempt to make a corner in certain shares, his Lordship said there must be the usual compulsory order, with costs to all the petitioners.—B. C. Review.

AMATEURS DID WELL

THEIR PERFORMANCE OF "OUR REGIMENT" WAS A MARKED SUCCESS.

A LARGE AND WELL-PLEASED AUDIENCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

"Our Regiment" as presented at the opera house last Friday by the Rossland amateurs was eminently successful, artistically and financially. The ladies and gentlemen participating succeeded beyond the question of a doubt in pleasing the large and fashionable audience that occupied almost every seat in the theatre, the fact being demonstrated by the hearty applause punctuating the performance, and even to a greater degree by the unconscious tribute of the constant flow of laughter following the unravelling of the play. The production was given in a manner that came as a pleasing surprise to the friends of the performers and most professional companies would have been proud to elicit as cordial a reception as was accorded the talented amateurs of the Golden City.

From start to finish "Our Regiment" was intelligently and capably interpreted, well staged and becomingly costumed. The bill was replete with amusing situations and droll dialogue. It was in these that the amateurs were especially strong. The most was made of the comedy throughout, and the audience were liberal with their laughter and applause. The amateurs chose an admirable vehicle in which to make their debut in public, and it is to be hoped that the theatricals will be repeated in the near future. The fair members of the company were presented with handsome bouquets during the evening.

A comparison of the merits of the performers would be invidious, since all filled their roles with surprising talent. Running through the cast, however, it may be said that Mr. Fortin, in the role of a retired merchant, frangible but henpecked, was admirable and responsible for much of the fun that enlivened the play. Mr. Walker, in a role the antipodes of Mr. Fortin's, with the exception of the situation, took his part cleverly and carried off a liberal share of the "wands." Mr. Foster was at home in the part of an exaggerated English cavalry officer with a marked drawl and a monotonous, and made a genuine hit from his first appearance on the stage. Mr. Burnside had the only part approaching the serious, and created an excellent impression. Mr. Barker carried a leading comedy role through admirably and was rewarded with hearty laughter, than which no higher compliment could have been paid him. Mr. Le Maistre gave a splendid presentation of a respectable but worried butler. His lines were few and far between, but they were given with a most amusing cockney accent that was rounds of applause when coupled with Mr. Le Maistre's excellent conception of stage business. Of the ladies Mrs. Linton was most effective as the better half of the owner of the house in which the plot was laid. Miss Segers was charming, Mrs. Fitzpatrick dainty and Miss Woods chic, if the latter expression may be used. The "business" of the play was arranged by W. J. Nelson, who surpassed himself in this connection.

Graham's orchestra played between the second and last acts acceptably. W. Hart-Murray sang Finisetti's "Queen of the Earth" in a pleasing voice after the first act, and was accorded a warm recall. The accompaniment was played by Miss Robinson.

J. Pendrick, R. Murray and E. H. Board were passengers over the Great Northern yesterday to Detroit, Mich.

Police Constable Bradshaw and family left yesterday via the C. P. for North Toronto, where they will spend a month.

A. G. Lambert, manager of the Porto Rico Lumber company's business in this city, leaves tomorrow with Mrs. Lambert for a two months' trip to Toronto and other eastern points. G. W. Orchard, of Nelson, will take Mr. Lambert's post during the latter's absence from the city.

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Notice.
Big Elephant mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Near the summit of Lake Mountain.
Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (agent for John Kuhn, free miner's certificate No. B 55,775), intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of June, A.D., 1901.
KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.
Multnomah, Fairlove, Ferndale, Moss, Competitor, and Oraphelegm mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Near the summit of Lake Mountain.
Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for Ernest W. Liljebran, free miner's certificate No. B 42,458, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of June, A.D. 1901.
KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.
Amen, Umattilla, Bannock and Blackfoot mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On northeastern slope of Sophie mountain.

Take notice that I, F. R. Blochberger, of Rossland, B.C., free miner's certificate No. B 31,199, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1901.
F. R. BLOCHBERGER.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.
Olive and Victor mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On Sullivan creek, about three miles from the Columbia river.
Take notice that I, R. Smith, free miner's certificate 31,334 B, acting as agent for T. A. Cameron, free miner's certificate 31,305 B, and Wm. Griffiths, free miner's certificate No. 31,302 B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 30th day of May, A.D., 1901.
R. SMITH.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.
Agnes mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lake mountain.

Take notice that I, E. Pavier, F.M.C. No. B 41,105, for myself and as agent for Peter Kennedy, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 31,290, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this sixteenth day of May, 1901.
E. PAVIER.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Notice.
Republic, Democrat and Morning mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: West Fork of Big Sheep creek.
Take notice that I, F. R. Blochberger of Rossland, free miner's certificate No. B 31,190, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1901, A.D.
F. R. BLOCHBERGER.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Notice.
Empress mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About two and one half miles south of the city of Rossland, on the south slope of Deer Park mountain.
Take notice that I, Thomas Scott Gilmour of Rossland, B.C., acting as agent for A. D. Provand, free miner's certificate No. B 30,980, and G. H. Bayne, free miner's certificate No. B 30,931, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated at Rossland, B.C., this 23rd day of May, 1901.
THOS. S. GILMOUR.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT.

Notice.
Last Chance and Prince of Wales mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of Kootenay district.

Where located: On Lookout mountain.
Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for John Ryan, miner's certificate No. B 29,432, and Gust M. Paterson, free miner's certificate No. B 21,252, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 26th day of April, A.D. 1901.
J. A. KIRK.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.
Minnetonka, Red Cap and U. P. mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the east side of the North Fork of Murphy creek.
Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for Mary Annie Owens) free miner's certificate No. B 42,554, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this thirteenth day of June, A. D., 1901.
KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.
"Tailor Boys" mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Made mountain, south of and adjoining the Gold Bar mineral claim.

Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for S. G. Thompson, free miner's certificate No. B 31,102, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 2nd day of May, A. D. 1901.
N. F. TOWNSEND.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.
Superior mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On Sullivan creek, about three miles from the Columbia river.
Take notice that I, R. Smith, free miner's certificate 31,334 B, acting as agent for T. A. Cameron, free miner's certificate 31,305 B, and Wm. Griffiths, free miner's certificate No. 31,302 B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 30th day of May, A.D., 1901.
R. SMITH.

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REORGANIZATION
The reorganization Mining company and the property by the new conc Mines Limited. has commenced c all appearances it ing future before partures have been tion of the compa them being the P at the moderate instead of the usual rangement, and th to be sold at par, no less than 40,000 working capital, a they will be the market, since the payment for the by the company ar the discretion of The company's well-known "Spitzee" mineral claims. T railway in construct the "Spitzee" mad exposed a large v Prior to the very done on the claim were encouraged b work showed up, work was resumed cline shaft on th through the two p the ore extracted this work and send gave returns ave \$75 per ton, the fr rate being \$6 per the vein so far ex ore from the surfa The properties a situated as regard tion and econom P. R. has built a mouth of the shaft be extracted from in the ore trucks o out further handli Prior to the ne formed all work hand, but now a S steam drill and N have been instal for 50 feet of wo partners.

The directors of Messrs. F. A. He T. R. Morrow, Master, Alex. Shar Morrish, M.E., M Goodeva are chair man respectively, Hobbes has been It is understood th placing a block of market, the bulk o in Great Britain.

While in this city to Kaslo from a the Rathmullen m. M.E., received a t Chicago capitalists smelter proposition