

THE MINING REVIEW

The Camp Recovers From the Non-Shipping Episode.

WORK PROGRESSING AS USUAL

Light Shipments and a Reduced Force of Men for a Time—The Situation Brightening Considerably—No Further Closup Probable.

The comments of the eastern press, principally in Montreal and Toronto, over the War Eagle-Centre Star announcement, have at length come to an end, and the Le Roi statement has seemingly forced the conclusion that the eight-hour law is the cause of all the trouble. The practical settlement of the Slocan difficulties, announced on Thursday last, will probably still further enlighten the eastern critics of the mining situation in Southeastern British Columbia. Mr. Gooderham and the management of the War Eagle and Centre Star have been roundly abused and found fault with for what one paper calls the "crack and unbusinesslike manner" in which the recent announcement was made. The president has replied to these assaults, adding that "neither I or any member of my family have benefited by the recent fall in War Eagle or Centre Star stock, we having neither bought nor sold any share during the panic." Meantime the price of both stocks continues to rise steadily, and when the annual meeting of the War Eagle is held in Toronto on the 21st, and further explanations are made, doubtless the "fault finders" will rise to the situation.

Some 400 men are now steadily employed in the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star and it is possible that even more men will find employment as the mines settle down to the new order of things. Neither Mr. MacDonald nor Mr. Kirby will fix even an approximate date for the resumption of shipments by the properties under their direct management. Mr. Gooderham has stated that the new machinery should be running in three months' time, and that the mines would require a further period of three months more for active development work before it would be desirable to resume shipments. During the interval some ore at least will be shipped, but this will only be the case where it is necessary in the development of the properties. The camp generally has accepted the situation, and most mining men are convinced that the worst part of the unpleasant business is now fully known and understood, and that no further bad news need be looked for.

The Ore Output. As might be expected, the ore shipments from the camp for the week just closed, fell down to 750 tons. The Le Roi did not send out a single ton, but some 10 carloads, or about 300 tons, are billed to go down tomorrow. The War Eagle and Centre Star between them shipped about 570 tons, and the Iron Mask sent down three carloads, or 915 tons. Another car has been loaded but will be included in this week's shipments. The "Evening Star" and the "I. X. L." were both shipped, the former getting out 30 tons and the latter 50 tons. It will, of course, be some considerable time yet before the weekly shipments rise to the 5,000-ton mark again, as with the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star only sending down occasional carloads the total output for each week is not likely to exceed 500 tons until these mines resume regular shipments, when it is confidently expected on very good grounds that the ore output will be greater than ever before.

Appended is a detailed statement of the camp's output (approximately) for the week ending February 17th and near to date:

Week.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
Le Roi	12,202		
War Eagle	366	10,693	
Centre Star	213.5	7,017.5	
Iron Mask	91.5	1,257	
Evening Star	30	85	
I. X. L.	50	148	
Monte Christo		273	
Giant		42	
Total tons	751	31,627.5	

Le Roi.—A visit to the Black Bear ground at the Le Roi, found the new electric hoist in the Black Bear tunnel, recently installed, working very satisfactorily. Only one side is used at present, but after a three days' run, the plant has been found to do its work smoothly and well. The work of sinking and timbering the five compartment shaft is being pushed on as usual. It is expected that the new shaft will be completed to the 900-foot level about May 1st. This will give the mine a five-compartment shaft to the tunnel level, and a two-compartment one from the tunnel to the surface. The foundations for the new 40-drill compressor, are finished and ready for the machinery, which was due to arrive here on the 25th of last month, but which is not expected to arrive here for about three weeks. As the contractors for the machinery are under a penalty of \$25 a day for every day over the time mentioned in their agreement for the delivery of the plant, it will be understood that there is not likely to be any considerable delay in the matter. The floor of the new boiler house is being excavated and got ready for the new arrangements by which all the steam plant for the mine will be concentrated in this building. The steam plant now in use in the compressor house is to be moved to the new building as soon as it is ready to receive it. Work with the new diamond drill recently purchased will shortly be commenced. Development work generally is proceeding as usual all over the Le Roi but during the week no shipments were made. Some three hundred tons will go down tomorrow, and any ore taken out in development will be shipped from time to time.

Anaconda Consolidated.—The tunnel has been carried in to the 100-foot mark and the drills make much better headway on account of the softer qualities of the rock. Some trouble has been caused by the

about 20 feet in from the mouth of the tunnel, which had to be chipped away before the ore car could pass. But the weather is much milder, and it is not likely that the trouble will happen again this season. It is the confident belief of the management that the ore found in all the leads at the depth the tunnel will intersect them will be high grade. The new wagon road gives cheap transportation to Silica and the Red Mountain railway, so that the cost of getting Anaconda ore to the smelter will be comparatively trivial. It is hoped that the C. P. R. will commence in the early spring to build the branch to the Velvet mine which they surveyed last fall and was so favorably reported upon. This road will run almost past the door of the Anaconda tunnel. This being done they will have almost equal shipping facilities with the Rossland mines.

Josie.—The new electric hoist in the Josie, recently installed there, continues to work satisfactorily, and development work is being pushed in the levels. Only one side of the hoist is at present in use. The plant is a duplicate of the one started this week in the Black Bear tunnel station of the Le Roi, already referred to. It has a capacity for hoisting two tons of ore as compared with the five-ton capacity of the War Eagle hoist, and will run with balanced cars a little later on.

War Eagle and Centre Star.—The timbers for the new Centre Star hoist at the head of the shaft in the shipping level are nearly all in place. The two mines find employment for about 200 men, with the possibility of a further slight increase. There has been no news of either mine to give out since the unpleasant announcement was made public that shipments would temporarily cease. Development work in both mines is being pushed along the lines stated by the manager in his recent circular to the directors.

Big Four.—Work continues in No. 1 and No. 2 tunnels. No. 1 tunnel is in for 35 feet. It is a drift tunnel. No. 2 tunnel is in for a distance of 75 feet and the ore is coming in bunches. The ledge has been crooked for 35 feet and 10 feet more will have to be run to get to the foot wall. The ore is a quartz carrying chalcopyrites and gray copper.

Columbia-Kootenay.—The station in tunnel No. 6, the lowest level attained in the Columbia-Kootenay, has been completed, and sinking is now in progress, as is the work of upraising from No. 6 to connect with the tunnels above. Development work generally is being carried out in the mine as usual.

Evening Star.—The drift on the lower level continues to bring forth favorable results. The ore shoot is improving with each day's work and the conclusion is being reached that the Evening Star, when further developed, will take its place as one of the valuable mines of the camp. Two carloads of ore were sent to Northport from the Evening Star this week.

California.—The 10-drill compressor plant ordered several months since is expected to come to hand about the latter end of the month. It will be quickly installed after its arrival as the buildings and foundations are ready. The work of extending the tunnel continues.

Iron Mask.—Work is proceeding in the Iron Mask as usual without any stoppages. Nearly 100 tons of sorted ore was shipped out during the week. Superintendent Hall was over in Republic camp yesterday but will be back here early this week.

Iron Colt.—The station in the drift at a point 600 feet from the portal of the tunnel has been completed. Two machines will be put to work and the sinking of the shaft commenced on Monday. The work is being vigorously pushed.

I. X. L.—The work of drifting both ways on the No. 3 level continues. The ore met is of a good character and reveals that the ledge is rich at depth. Two carloads of ore were shipped from the mine this week to the smelter at Northport.

Evening.—Work has been commenced on the tunnel, which is now in for a distance of 10 feet. The tunnel is intended to explore the ledge at a depth of 20 feet, as it is started at the base of a cliff.

Nickel Plate.—Sinking in the new shaft on the Nickel Plate, from the 400 to the 600 level is in progress, and development work is being carried on in other sections of the mine as usual.

No. 1.—Development work is being kept up in the No. 1. Sinking from the 400-foot level being in active progress as usual. There have been no changes in the arrangements already mapped out.

Douglas.—The work of extending the lower drift tunnel continues. It has now been driven in for a distance of 238 feet. A double shift is employed.

Giant.—Crosscutting on the 50-foot level toward the ledge continues. The shaft has been strengthened and the work generally is being pushed.

O. K.—A force of men are at work in the No. 12 tunnel, extending it in order to tap the vein at depth. Good progress is being made.

Sunset No. 2.—Drifting along ledge No. 3 on the 100-foot level is in progress. The showing continues to be of an encouraging character.

Arthur.—The tunnel is in for a distance of 50 feet, and some bunches of ore are being met.

Velvet.—The work of deepening the main shaft continues and it has now reached a depth of 286 feet.

Jumbo.—Drifting and crosscutting on the 450-foot level continues. The outlook is of an encouraging character.

Green Mountain.—Work on the shaft continues.

Paris Belle.—The deepening of the shaft is in progress.

Successful Advance Expected. London, Feb. 20.—The Chieveley correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says: "We now occupy all the hills to the right of Colenso, on this side of the Tugela, including Hlangwane, which the Boers evacuated last night (Sunday) A successful advance and the capture of the railway may be expected."

Methuen at Kimberley. London, Feb. 20.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Sunday, says: "Lord Methuen's force, I learn, has arrived at Kimberley, having got through from Magersfontein without fighting."

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KETTLE RIVER VALLEY ROAD

A CHARTER IS BEING ASKED FOR FROM THE DOMINION.

It has been reported on Favorably by the House Committee and Stands a Good Chance of Passing.

Mr. J. A. Smith is in the city from Grand Forks en route to Ottawa for the purpose of assisting in the securing of a charter for the Kettle River Valley railway. "This company," said Mr. Smith, "will first construct a line from Grand Forks to Republic. Then it will also build a line from Grand Forks up the north fork of the Kettle river, and tap all the camps along that branch. For the present the idea is to construct first to Republic so as to give the miners there a chance to transport their ore to Grand Forks, where it may be smelted. For the time being, at least and perhaps for some time to come, this road will be a feeder for the Canadian Pacific railway. The money necessary to construct the line has all been subscribed. Later on, perhaps, the Great Northern may be extended into Republic, and this will give the Kettle River Valley railway an American outlet. The petition for the charter is before the Dominion house now. It has been favorably reported by one house railway committee, and its backers consider that it has a good chance of passing. It is not thought that the C. P. R. will fight the granting of a charter to this road for the reason that it will give them a feeder. The C. P. R. will haul all the goods consigned to Republic as far as Grand Forks and then turn them over to the Kettle Valley road. They will thus enjoy a monopoly of the trade of Republic. What we are asking for will not be a detriment to the country; on the contrary, it will bring trade into it and, therefore, be of help in building it up. That traffic going into Republic will be handled by the C. P. R., and the ores from south of the line will be brought into Canada to be reduced. No one can, therefore, be reduced or reason object to the granting of the charter.

"Contracts have been let for the hauling in of ore from White's camp to Grand Forks, a distance of 10 miles. As soon as this ore is hauled in the process of roasting will be commenced as a preliminary to its being smelted. The smelter will be ready for operation about April 1. The dam is now in such shape that it will only take a short time to complete it. The C. P. R. is now building a bridge across the north fork of the Kettle river to the Granby smelter there. Switches are also being put in for the convenient handling of ore. The Granby Smelting company is putting in position two very large water wheels near the smelter. These will furnish power for the smelter.

"The pay roll for the smelter on construction, etc., last month was a little over \$28,000. Grand Forks is in an exceptionally healthy condition, and everything there is in very good shape."

VICTORIA. Much interest attaches to the defamatory libel suit instigated by the government against George Sheldon Williams of Kamloops. The preliminary hearing of which was set for Friday last. E. L. Boyce, the Victorian musician, who is accused of murdering his wife in Tacoma, pleaded not guilty in the supreme court, Tacoma, on Tuesday. The accused is setting up a plea of insanity. Hon. Edgar Dewdney returned from his copper properties at Sydney Inlet. His foreman, James Corke, came down with him, en route to the Kootenay country. The annual meeting of the British Columbia Benevolent Society was held last week, when the old officers were re-elected. Mr. R. Hall being placed on the board in succession to the late Dixi H. Ross.

Laue police commissioners are advertising for appointments, accompanied by testimonials, references, etc., to be received by them, up to Saturday, the 24th inst., at 1 p. m., for the position of one sergeant and four constables of the city day force. Applicants must be under

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B. C.'S CONTINGENT.

An Offer of Ten Men From Rossland—A Wire From Vancouver.

Mayor Garden, of Vancouver, has sent the mayor of Rossland the following message concerning the British Columbia contingent for South Africa:

Vancouver, Feb. 18, 1900. The Mayor, Rossland: If provincial government provides transportation and addlery for British Columbia rough riders South Africa how many men, in your opinion, would your district furnish? Each man contributing or being provided with \$75 for equipment. Please wire. JAMES I. GARDEN, Mayor.

The Mayor replied, saying that Rossland would be responsible for about 30 men. His Worship will be glad to receive the names of all volunteers who are willing to go under the conditions mentioned. It is more than probable that the number obtainable here could be safely doubled without trouble.

Property Will Be Restored. New York, Feb. 19.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "The Uitlanders who have been compelled to abandon their property in the Transvaal by reason of the attitude of the Boers, will be reinstated in possession should the British conquer the South Africa republic and the Orange Free State. Information of the determination of the British government has reached the state department in the form of a copy of proclamation issued by the British High Commissioner for South Africa at Cape Town.

Council Meeting. The regular weekly meeting of the city council will be held this evening. As only pressing business was taken up last week there is practically a fortnight's work to be disposed of.