THE OUTSIDE CAMPS

Some Important Strikes Made During the Past Week.

MANY LOCATIONS RECORDED

Attention Being Drawn to the Big Bend Placer Ground in the Revelstoke Division—A Concentrating Plant is to be Built Near Sandon.

The mining review of the other camps this week shows that some important strikes have recently been made. A recent measurement of the ore bodies in the B. C. mine, in the Boundary Creek country shows that it has $1,000,000 worth of ore in sight. Appended is the summary for the week:

FROM EAST KOOTENAY.

Pete Henrietta and Pat Redmond drilled into a missed hole in the Gem at Kimberley. The former had a leg and arm broken and Redmond was badly cut up.

A report from Windermere says that on a group of four claims on the divide between Macdonald and the south fork of Horse Thief creek, owned by Messrs. Scott Van Cortlandt and West, a lead has been struck recently which is from 80 to 100 feet wide, and that the ore is of the same character as that on the Red Line. It is said to be the biggest thing yet uncovered in that section. Prospectors are rushing into that country from all parts.

Since January 1st, according to the Fort Steele Prospector, there have been 379 new mineral locations recorded, and 400 records of assessments in the office of the gold commissioner at Fort Steele.

Word has been received from Tracy creek, says the Fort Steele Prospector, that the Estella company at a depth of about 90 feet ran a crosscut and ascertained the lead was 14 feet wide, all solid ore. The work of sinking the shaft will now be continued, which will tap the 400-foot tunnel now being driven. The ore which is being taken from the working is an excellent shipping product.

A strike of high grade galena ore on the Defender group, on Wasa creek, is reported.

E. C. Egan has bonded the Emerald group adjoining the Big Chief on Boulder creek, for $20,000.

Work may be resumed on the Dibble group at Fort Steele this fall.

IN BOUNDARY CREEK.

At the Pathfinder mine, about 14 miles up the north fork of Kettle river, all hands are busy getting everything in readiness to begin shipping ore as soon as the railway is ready to receive freight. Two shifts are being worked in the drift that is being run to tap the new lead that was struck not long since in workings No. 3, on which a shaft is to be sunk in solid ore. The drift is now in about 26 feet and is opening up almost a solid body of ore. When No. 3 shaft is tapped, which will be reached in about 30 feet, the management will be ready to stope ore out as fast as it can be hauled to the railroad.

Recent examinations of the B. C. mine of Summit camp have shown that property to be in a highly satisfactory condition. Careful estimates by competent experts place the value of the ore in sight at $1,000,000, on which there is an estimated profit of $600,000.—Grand Forks Miner.

A strike of 100 feet of good ore on the Emma, in Summit camp, is reported.

NELSON DIVISION.

Between 30 and 40 men are at work on the properties under bond to a London syndicate composed largely of Athabasca stockholders. These properties include the Dandy and Starlight groups and number 18 properties in all. Work is being prosecuted in four places. On the Dandy a gang of men are employed stoping and making an upraise. The mine has been connected with the Hall Mines' tramway and shipments are being made daily to the smelter and will be continued right along. The ore on the Dandy is similar to that of the Silver King mine, and the same lead is believed by competent authorities to run through both properties.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

The Enterprise, on Ten-Mile creek, sent 80 tons of ore to the smelter last week.

Sixty tons of ore were shipped from the Noonday mine at Silverton last week.

The Marion, a promising Silver mountain prospect, has been bonded by David W. King for Toronto people. Considerable development work was done last summer on this claim, and a carload of ore was shipped. Mr. King, who will have control of the property, has begun work.

The Minnesota Silver company will build a concentrator near Sandon this fall.

REVELSTOKE DIVISION.

Albert Canyon people are asking for a trail up Moose creek, upon which it is said some promising claims are located.

Favorable reports from Smith creek are drawing attention to Big Bend placer ground.

OUR DOMINION CAPITAL LETTER

FEDERAL AFFAIRS AS VIEWED THROUGH LIBERAL GLASSES.

Incomplete Manner in Which the West Huron Election Investigation Has Been Left—Other Matters of Interest.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—The incomplete condition in which the privileges and elections committee has been compelled to leave the investigation into the West Huron election, is decidedly unsatisfactory to all parties concerned, as it is practically nothing more than a report of progress and expresses no decision or opinion good, bad, or indifferent. Every possible facility was given by the government, for the rapid prosecution of the inquiry; no sooner was the request made that power be given to the committee to investigate than it was granted, subpoenas were issued by telegraph the committee was allowed to sit while the House was in session—an unusual privilege—and all the facilities at the disposal of the government were utilized to make the examination of witnesses and recording of evidence expeditious and thorough. The result of the inquiry, as far as it has gone has been to disclose a condition of affairs which should be deeply regretted, not only by every true liberal, but by every good citizen whatever his political leanings, who has the best interests of his country at heart.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Borden of Halifax, who has had the matter in hand, delayed taking action until on in July, for it is well known that he had plenty of information upon which to proceed, much earlier in the session. It is also a matter of extreme regret that the manner in which the whole affair has been handled by oppositionist speakers and papers has been so desperately unfair to those implicated and misleading to the public. It is the height of absurdity to pretend that the whole liberal party, or even any considerable proportion, is in the slightest degree responsible for the deplorable condition of affairs revealed in West Huron. It is a matter of history, that for years—and at no time more than since the last general election, the most strenuous efforts have been made in parliament, and out, before the public accounts committee here, and by the employment of private detectives in Dawson City, by every device that the industry and ingenuity of man could suggest to discover evidences of crookedness against the liberal party.

Isolated cases of mild venality have been occasionally brought to light against minor officials, but this is the sum total of results; the untiring and desperate attempts to show crookedness in the party or in the government have met with such absolute and uninterrupted failure that no unprejudiced observer, it matters not what his politics may be, would hesitate for a moment to declare that the party and the government, are both thoroughly and scrupulously honest. It would not require much effort for the memory to recall incidents in the history of the administration—incidents that were not matters of hearsay, but proved up to the hilt by sworn testimony before a parliamentary committee and the courts of the Dominion—that would create a contrast dark enough to show up the record of the present government in a still stronger and more favorable light, but it is not my purpose to prove the whiteness of one party by demonstrating the blackness of the other; it is sufficient to demonstrate that the claims of the liberals, as a party and as a government, to a record of general uprightness of conduct and integrity of purpose is thoroughly established history and justified by experience.

An unusual comical idea has taken possession of a section of the opposition, namely, that the government has been going out of its way to secure the sending of incorrect and misleading dispatches to papers in the Old Country. There is not the slightest attempt to prove this, but because one or two dispatches have not stated the news in terms agreeable to the ideas of these oppositionists, the utterly unsupported statement is at once made, that the government is tampering "Otislike" with the news agencies.

Even were it a fact that misleading reports had been cabled across the Atlantic, that would prove nothing, unless it be that correspondents require to be more careful, or better informed, but the examples given of the alleged hocussed reports, show, that as a matter of fact they are absolutely correct. Take for example a cablegram to the fact that the senate had thrown out the Redistribution bill on the ground of unconstitutionality. The Mail-Empire declares that this is but a misrepresentation and quotes Sir Mackenzie Bowell's amendment in proof thereof. That amendment may mean anything or nothing, but in moving it he said, "The periodical redistribution of seats is a standing order of our constitution. There is no question about that, and that is the ground upon which we contend that no general redistribution should take place until after the decennial census," and again, "What I contend is that the action of the government of today is a direct and positive violation of the spirit of the constitution." These are the exact words of the leader of the opposition as reported in Hansard, and it is therefore simply childish for the Mail-Empire to allege that the senate did not pretend that it threw out the Redistribution bill on the ground of unconstitutionality."

The crocodile's tears that are flowing so plenteously in some quarters, over the imaginary decrease of trade between Canada and the Mother Country, will surely be dried, as in the summer sun by the July trade returns. Although these are only partial, and do not represent the entire volume of business between the two countries, the ngures, as far as they go, show a net increase over those of July, 1898, of over $1,400,000. The chief increases are in cheese, $600,000; wheat, $500,000; butter, $450,000; flour, $420,000; lumber, $220,000; cattle over $100,000, and pulp, $85,000. The principal decreases are in corn, bacon and timber. These figures are from the Imperial trade returns. The domestic returns are equally satisfactory, showing as they do that the receipts from excise and customs, the post office and public works, and miscellaneous sources, up to the end of July are seven million dollars ahead of the same period last year, the figures being $46,000,000 as against $39,000,000, and that $39,000,000 was quite a jump from the figures of 1897.

At last we are through the session and the small remnant of the faithful, who stood to their guns to the end have gone for a brief period indeed it will be, for the new year will not be many days old, methinks, before the signal light will once more beam from Parliamentary Hill. There have been just 102 working days in this session, one of the longest and most absolutely tedious in Canadian history. In the general hurly burly, however, some good work has been put through, and useful legislation placed on the statute books. Of this I may speak more in detail later on.

The Death Roll of Members.

Since the election of the present parliament the following members have died: Messrs. Clark, North Grey; Bergin, Cornwall; McCarthy, North Simcoe; Jamieson, Winnipeg; Perry, Prince West. P. E. I.; Fauvel, Bonaventure; Ives, Sherbrooke; Guay, Levis; Dupont, Bagot; Geoffrion, Chamdly and Vercheres; Pouliot, Temiscouata; Boisvert, Nicolet; Wood, Brockville; Edgar, Sir J. D.) Ontario West.

A GRIST FROM GRAND FORKS

THE C. P. R. CONSTRUCTION VIRTUALLY REACHES CASCADE.

Development Work on the Mining Properties About the City—Visit of Mr. Robert Jaffray to the Boundary.

Grand Forks, B. C., Aug. 10.—[Special.]—The C. P. R. track layers on Monday reached the 1,600-foot bridge across Kettle river at Cascade. The remaining timbers to be added to the bridge will be laid before Saturday night. A second bridge 120 feet long across the gorge at Cascade will also have to be built. This work will occupy at least one week. Then track laying west will be an easy matter, and three weeks hence will see trains running into Grand Forks.

The C. P. R. will start work next week on the construction of the spur to the smelter site.

A. B. McKenzie, C. P. R. ticket agent and George E. ownshend, both of Rossland, have been here for several days past. They will visit Greenwood.

Gaspard Le Moine, a director of the Quebec bank of Quebec, is here, after making a tour of the Boundary country, where he owns large mining interests. He was accompanied by A. B. Clabon of Rossland. Mr. Le Moine visited Seattle, Summit, Wellington, Greenwood and Deadwood camps. Speaking to your correspondent he said: "The people of Eastern Canada do not realize the richness, or the enormous size of the mineral lodes of the Boundary country. I was simply amazed at all I saw; nor does the outside world realize the extensive development work now in progress. I anticipate that this region will shortly become the most extensive mining section on the continent. I was greatly pleased with the Strawberry, a promising prospect on the North Fork of Kettle river. The syndicate which recently acquired it, includes a number of Quebec capitalists. The Sunset, Mother Lode, Knob Hill and Old Ironsides, Stemwinder and Brooklyn deeply impressed me. They are great mines. The C. P. R. plainly discerned the future of the Boundary country when it undertook the construction of spur lines to the various camps." Mr. Le Moine will visit the Slocan before returning east.

hrough some alleged irregularity in the title no lots in the Phoenix townsite, in Greenwood camp, have yet been placed on the market. Parties who have located there thus far have only been able to secure three years' leases without the option of purchase at the end of that period.

Ross Thompson of Rossland, is in town.

A plant, including a five- drill compressor, for the Zala M., in Sheridan camp, Wash., passed through here yesterday.

Harry Sheads, a well known assayer and mining man, has completed the task of preparing, on behalf of the Grand Forks board of trade, at the request of the provincial government, a collection of the ores of the Kettle River Mining division for Canadian mining exhibit at the Paris exposition. His dutes necessitated a visit to all the camps, including Brown's, Pass Creek, Seattle, Hardy's Summit, Greenwood, Wellington and White's. Mr. Sheads was successful in securing a collection of splendid specimens, which will be truly representative of the Boundary mineral products. It wll exceed over a ton in weight. Among the mines which contributed fine samples were the Royal Victoria, Pathfinder, Earthquake, Mammoth and Diamond Hitch, Lille K. and Twins, Humming Bird, the B. C., R. Bell, Oro Denoro, Morrison, Winnipeg, Kathmullen, Gold Drop, Stemwinder, Brooklyn Knob Hill, Old Ironsides, Brandon & Golden Crown, City of Paris and Lincoln. Mr. Sheads says the most impressive sight he witnessed on his tour was two large dumps of ore at the B. C. mine in Summit camp. No. 1 contains 4,000 tons of ore running from 25 to 30 per cent in copper and 30 ounces of silver to the ton. The second dump of inferior quality comprises 8,000 tons. Its values are 10 per cent copper and 6 ounces of silver to the ton. Supt. John Scrafford informed him that all this ore was taken out, not by stoping, but in the ordinary course of development work. After traversing the workings of the Knob Hill and Ironsides, which have each an acre of ore blocked out, Mr. Sheads said he felt his experience was a romance from the Arabian Nights. Many of the other properties he visited, he added, give promise of becoming great mines.

Napoleon Wells, a New York mining engineer, with 27 years' experience in the mines of Old Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California, is here. He represents Montreal and California capitalists. Mr. Wells, on their behalf, has already acquired several interests in the Lardeau country. After completing his tour of the Boundary he will proceed to Camp McKinney and the Similkameen country. Said Mr. Wells to your correspondent: "After inspecting various camps I came to the conclusion that this section is destined to become the greatest mining region in the western hemisphere. The conditions for mining are ideal. What astonished me most was to see the enormous ledges which rise to the surface, and which in some instances can be traced for miles. The veins are usually strong and well defined. In other districts where I have operated it is a common experience to sink hundreds of feet at great expense before striking the ore bodies. Here the conditions are entirely different. Your copper propositions show great continuity. From experience it is safe to predict with regard to copper propositions that when you still have a lead at a depth of 100 feet the ore body will widen and improve in value.

"If Boston people, who are heavy holders of copper stocks and the outside world generally, only realized the copper wealth of the Boundary, representatives would be sent here in hot haste to make investments."

Robert Jaffray, a leading shareholder of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, and Major Pellatt of Toronto, were a town yesterday. They had just completed a flying tour of Camp McKinney, and the Boundary country, coming in by way of Penticton from the Pacific coast. Said Mr. Jaffray to your correspondent: "I am well satisfied as a result of my inspection of the Cariboo mine in Camp McKinney and believe the camp has a great future. The Boundary country needs no words of commendation from me. Its remarkable richness is largely a household word in the east. The Kettle river valley contains some of the prettiest scenery I have ever viewed. I was not quite prepared to see as large and bustling a city in the Boundary country as Grand Forks." Mr. Jaffray will return here shortly.

A remarkabe rich strike was made in the Morrison mine, in Deadwood camp, on Wednesday afternoon. In the tunnel driven in at a depth of 220 feet, the ore body which had dipped out of the main working shaft at a depth of 100 feet, was encountered. Work has been maintained continuously ever since and the crosscut is now 20 feet in ore, and the wall has not yet been found. Assays made yesterday gave values of $13, $18 and $33 in gold per ton. In the workings today chaleopirite giving from 6 to 10 per cent in copper, was struck. As soon as the wall is reached drifting on the vein will be commenced. Fred Oliver, the general manager, who was summoned from Spokane by telephone, reached the mine today.

The C. P. R. construction gang, engaged in building the spur line through to Summit camp, uncovered a 50-foot copper ledge on the Emma, a claim owned by Mann & McKenzie.

Grand Forks, Aug. 14.—[Special.]—Police Magistrate Johnson has received official notification from the Attorney-General's office, Victoria, notifying him that the executive council had thoroughly investigated the matter of his unjust suspension from office by ex-Attorney-General Martin, and as a result of the investigation the executive council re-instated Mr. Johnson as police magistrate of this city.

Up to the present every pound of freight for the Boundary country, for Republic and all the camps on the Colville reservation, has been brought in by wagon. The entries at the local customs house exceed one thousand per month.

It will be many a day before there is seen such another picture of enterprise, thrift and development as Grand Forks presents today. The moving throngs on its streets, the crowds that flock into its hotels, the long processions of freight wagons that line up at the customs house, the erection of scores of new buildings, the grading of miles of new streets, the incoming of a great railway line, and finally the construction of the most extensive smelting works ever erected in British Columbia, make altogether a scene of activity that will be memorable in the history of this portion of the country.

Over one million feet of lumber will be used in the construction of the mile flume that will convey water from the Kettle river to the smelter. In a short time the company will begin the work of clearing of 500 acres above the dam. This land will be flooded by back water and every foot of timber will be removed before the water is allowed to cover the ground.

A. B. Clabon of Rossland, has arrived here to start development work on the Strawberry and Orphan Boy, two north fork properties. He will have them surveyed this week and will apply for a crown grant. The next step will be to incorporate a company to take over the properties. This he arranged for on a recent trip to Quebec. The incorporators will include Hon. R. R. Dobell, Hon. John Sharples and V. Boswell.

Smith Curtis of Rossland, is visiting the Oro Denoro and Humming Bird properties this week.

Lake D. Wolfard of Spokane, returned today from Summit camp, where he inspected the big ore body recently uncovered on the Emma by a C. P. R. construction gang.

"I believe," he said, "that the property is another Knob Hill. The showing is in the railway cut made in grading the spur running out to the B. C. mine. The spur runs almost directly across the Emma vein and is about 10 feet deep. The cut runs through almost solid ore for almost 100 feet. There is little or no waste in it. The ore is magnetic iron carrying copper pyrites. I do not know the gold value, but the copper percentage is high enough to make the ore profitable. There had been some development work done on the property but nothing very large had been shown up till the railroad people commenced operations. It was not suspected that the vein ran in the direction of the cut, where it is now exposed. Its discovery there was a complete surprise to those in charge. The property is owned by Mann & Mackenzie, capitalists and railway contractors.

Jay P. Graves, accompanied by his son, Clyde M. Graves, Canon B. C. Roberts, Spokane, John P. Whitney, vice-president of the City of Paris, and W. B. Rulon, Philadelphia arrived here today. They leave tomorrow for the City of Paris mine in Central camp. Mr. Whitney is a wealthy Philadelphia glass manufacturer, and Mr. Rulon is the agent of Mr. Graves in that city. Canon Roberts and Clyde M. Graves sail from San Francisco September 15th on a two years' trip round the world. After a prolonged stay in the Sandwich Islands they will visit Japan, China, Ceylon, British India and Europe. A winter will be spent on the Nile.

R. H. Hutchins has been appointed superintendent of the Mother Lode, Deadwood camp, upon the recommendation of W. A. Carlyle, general superintendent of the B. A. C. Mr. Hutchins was formerly foreman at the Le Roi, Rossland, and the B. C., Summit camp.

Richard Armstrong and J. A. Smith have purchased Mrs. McClintock's ranch, comprising 285 acres. The property is in the immediate vicinity of Grand Forks. It is proposed to cut it up into fruit farms of from 10 to 20 acres, for which there is an increased demand.

George D. Potter of Spokane, northwestern purchasing agent of the Pueblo Smelting & Refining company, recently merged in the American Smelting & Refining company, is in town on his way from Republic. He is a large purchaser of silver-lead ores in the Slocan and Coeur d'Alenes districts. "I believe," said Mr. Porter to your correspondent, "that Republic has passed the prospect stage. I confidently expect it to become a very large producer of gold with an unusual number of good paying mines for one camp. The ores are of good grade, the veins are large and considerable depth has been obtained for the time the camp has been under development. The treatment of the ores has been successfully accomplished so that all in all the future of Republic is assured. The Boundary country has a future unsurpassed on the continent. The ores are of a character similar to those usually found in large bodies and that go to great depth. The smelter site at Grand Forks is the finest natural location of the kind I ever saw considering the topography of the country, the proximity to abundant water power and water supply as well as excellent railway facilities."

Work on the Humming Bird, which has over three thousand tons of ore in sight, will be reduced for a month during the construction of a bunk-house. A. J. McMillan, the superintendent, has returned to Rossland. Mr. McMillan is a practical mining man, and the management is greatly pleased with the operations carried on during the past three months under his direction.

The Kootenay Electric Supply & Construction company of Nelson, B. C., has decided to open a branch for the Boundary country in Grand Forks, owing to its central location. W. P. Dickson, one of the partners, will be in charge.

IN AND ABOUT GREENWOOD

A RICH STRIKE MADE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW, SUMMIT CAMP.

Combination of Local Sawmills Formed—Particulars of the Fatal Accident at the Mother Lode.

Greenwood, B. C., Aug. 8.—[Special.]—A terrible accident occurred in the Mother Lode last night about midnight, by which an Italian named Dominico Mantello lost his life. He and three otners got in the bucket at the foot of the shaft to ascend. The man remaining below gave the signal, thinking that the slow signal of three rings had already been given by the men themselves, which means that someone is going up. Only one bell sounded in the engine room, and the bucket was brought up swiftly as if freighted with ore. The men became excited as they got to the top and two of them jumped, one landing safely on the landing and the other fell backward down into the shaft, a distance of 214 feet. Death was instantaneous, part of the head being completely knocked off by the fall. The body was otherwise not badly mangled. The body was lifted as soon as possible and today was conveyed to Greenwood and will be buried tomorrow. Mantello was an Italian, the only one in the employ of the Mother Lode company, and was well liked by all the men. An inquest was deemed unnecessary, as the accident so far as could be ascertained was due wholly to a mistake on the part of the men themselves. This is the first accident of any kind that has occurred in three years on the Mother Lode.

A rich strike was made in the Mountain View, Summit camp, this week. Collins, the manager of the Golden Crown, has a bond on the property, and in sinking through the surface showing of copper oxides, struck, at the depth of six feet, a very fine vein of copper pyrites, in every respect identical with the B. C. mine, which it adjoins on the south and west side. Of course the shaft has not yet been sunk far enough to determine values but the surface showings are very fine, with high assays in copper. Although the width of the vein has not yet been determined, the distance between contact is 33 feet, and the shaft is all in ore. The foot wall is lime and the hanging wall porphyry.

The three local sawmill companies have formed a combination known as the Yale Lumber company, and sell all lumber from one central office for cash only, and equally divide the orders. The three firms represented are Blue & Fisher, W. S. Fletcher and Robert Tilman. Fisher and Fletcher returned from Rossland today, and report that the proposed combination of sawmill interests throughout Kootenay and Boundary is likely to take effect, and that a committee has been appointed to value the various mills represented.

Greenwood, B. C., Aug. 8.—[Special.]—Robert Jaffray, Ernest Cox and Major Pellett, all of Toronto,, and representing large interests in British Columbia, arrived in the city today from Camp McKinney by way of Republic. They visited Copper Camp and the Mother Lode mine during the day, and in the evening met a deputation of the Greenwood board of trade. At the meeting in question several important matters were discussed in a conference which lasted several hours. Negotiations were of such a nature that nothing definite can be stated at the present time, but the interview was of a most satisfactory nature, and will probably result in important developments at an early date. The gentlemen in question are most favorably inclined to view the prospects in Greenwood, and their co-operation as the largest factors in the mining industry in Boundary is of far-reaching consequence. They leave tomorrow morning for Greenwood and Summit camp on their way out, and owing to advices from the coast, return to Vancouver before returning east. The members of the party have had an extensive tour through the province from Crow's Nest Pass all along the southern boundary line and down to the coast, including Nelson, Rossland, Trail, Greenwood and Camp McKinney, taking in Republic on the south. They had intended staying some time in the mining camps around Greenwood, but important business has caused them to cut short their stay here. They are largely interested with McKenzie & Mann in the Dominion Copper company, the properties of which are located here and in properties in Camp McKinney and elsewhere. Their business on the coast is understood to be in connection with the contract with the navy for the supplying of Crow's Nest coal. It was regretted that Mr. McKenzie and Senator Cox could not have accompanied them here, as intended, but they were unavoidably prevented from coming. They leave, like all others, with the most favorable impressions of the Boundary district.

News of Burnt Basin.

Mr. Michael Shick, the well known prospector, is in town from the Burnt Basin section. He reports that there are 14 feet of quartz on the Topic, a property which he recently acquired. The ore from this near the surface runs from $12 to $14 to the ton in gold and six ounces in silver. The intention is to put a force of men to work on this property in the immediate future. The shaft on the Mother Lode he says, is now down 60 feet, and crosscutting will soon be commenced. There are 250 tons of high grade ore on the dump of the Mother Lode and 500 tons in sight. A force of men is to be put at work on the showing of ten feet of copper ore on the Mother Lode.

Similkameen District.

Reports on properties in this and Yale division, B. C., made by W. T. Waterman, M. E., A. M. I. M. E., F. G. S. Copper, gold, placer. Princeton, B. C.

CANADIANS VISIT REPUBLIC

JAFFRAY, COX AND RYKERT INSPECT THE MINES THERE.

They Express Themselves as Pleased With the Camp—Holdups and Burglaries Are Numerous.

Republic, Aug. 8.—[Special.]—The past two days were rather Canadian days here. E. G. Rykert, of McCuaig, Rykert & Co., the great Canadian promoters who floated the Republic and other mines in British Columbia; Robert Jaffray, president of the Toronto Globe, and heavily interested in mining and other interests in British Columbia and Republic; Mr. Cox, brother of Senator Cox of Ontario, and Major Pellet of Toronto, were here a couple of days, and under the guidance of Major Leckie, manager of the Republic mine, they visited the Republic, Mountain Lion, San Poil and Surprise. Their trip was no primrose journey, as they took in Camp McKinney and all intermediate camps in which they were interested. On all their trips Major Leckie accompanied them. Today the party started for Greenwood and Rossland. They have taken in all the British Columbia properties from the Crow's Nest, including Fort Steele and the East Kootenays. They are well pleased with Republic camp and the development work and management of Major Leckie. It is the intention of the management to work the mine on a larger scale in the future, and they are now planning to enlarge the mill. Even with the long haul they can well afford to pay the freight charges for their rich ores in order to get the full gold values. They intend to ship to the Trail smelter, shipping about 25 tons daily. When the railroad is at Grand Forks it will be only 35 miles from Republic. Within a month the railroad will be running into Greenwood, which will ensure a lively winter for Republic.

Peter Erickson is in from Park City, where he has been sinking a shaft on the Independence, one of the promising claims of that district. The surface croppings of ledge matter is over 200 feet wide, and the assays run very good in gold, silver and copper. His intention is to continue development work. It will be a shaft and tunnel proposition. Considerable assessment and development work is going on in the Park district, and considerable rather favorable deals are on the tapis. So far developments have been so satisfactory that generally work is being continued, the ledges and assays being more than encouraging. From all directions leading to Republic the wagon roads are being constructed, with the promise of stages to Kettle Falls and all other points that can construct a level and fast route. The town is sadly in need of quick communication, for half the time we are short of a great many necessaries, even from postage stamps to money.

Two shifts are working on the Georgie Reed tunnel, on a contract of 300 feet. They are making good progress.

A. W. Strong's cigar store has been moved across the street, and partitions are being ripped fore and aft for the Merchants' Bank of Halifax. They will occupy the entire building, and it is being fitted up in good shape by Wm. Moon.

The sneak thief, who steals saddles, or even horse blankets, is in evidence. From that they climb to the higher walks of the burglar's profession. A couple of nights ago a man was held up almost under the glare of the Main street lights, and robbed of $8. Two men held him up. Last night, with all the approved tools for that particular industry, burglars worked at the safe of Broker H. L. Percy, without effecting an entrance. He only returned yesterday from Montreal, and the burglars evidently thought the safe was full of Canadian dollars. The persistence of the looters, holdups and marauders is getting monotonous.

The Tom Thumb shaft is down 150 feet, and they are crosscutting from the bottom, being now in 30 feet, with about 40 more feet to run to cut the vein. Fifty feet above, on the 100-foot level, they are drifting, and the vein averages 12 feet wide. The average assays are more than satisfactory.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers.

J. W. Shipley to Ida M. Dunn, one-eighth interest in the Standard.

C. McEvoy to R. Ince, one-sixth interest in the Little Joe.

S. Barbora to S. J. Bailo, one- half interest in the Bonanza No. 3.

A. Trask to T. F. Trask, one-quarter interest in the Lafayette.

F. Feipel and J. Hammer to John Kratz, one-third interest in the Victoria.

Certificates of Work.

To G. E. Pfunder on the Chance mineral claim.

To S. F. Griswold et al., on the Abbey E.

To the Chrysolite Gold Mining & Development company on the Chrysolite.

To the same on the Aquatic.

To S. F. Griswold on the Cascade.

To Robert Baird on the Wild Bear.

To T. M. Edmonson on the Lightfoot.

o J. S. C. Fraser on the Dewey.

To same on the Landslide.

To same on the Fredericton.

To same on the McCrae.

To same on the Fraser.

To D. Harris on the Little Velvet fraction.

To Ed. Balfour on the Sampson mineral claim.

To J. A. Kirk on the Amazon.

To G. M. Miller on the Brunswick.

To F. A. Davidson on the Alderwood.

To Nicholas Reuter on the St. Julian.

To H. Daniel et al., on Cliff No. 1.

To A. McKay Dick et al., on the Comstock.

To F. B. Findlay et al., on the Retaliator.

To Matthew Hill on the Hardwick.

To W. Hooper on the Sea Forth.

To J. R. Miller on the Nevada.

To H. E. McDonald et al., on the Dardanelles.

To F. Griswold on the Hubbard.

To Olef Everson on the Mountain Queen.

To John Sinclair and Robert Reddick on the Gold Dust.

To Eva R. Bodey on the Eureka.

To Albert Jefferson on the Dominion.

Miss Annie Ripley, a young woman employed at the Sun Manufacturing company, at St. Henri, Que., was run over by a Grand Trunk freight train and killed.

It is asserted that the Filipinos demand $7,000,000 for the release of the Spanish prisoners in their hands.