

houses in course of construction. A large brewing company are making arrangements to erect a \$25,000 brewing plant here.

All merchants and business men are doing well here. Our special pride, the Arlington Hotel, and there is none better in B.C., is kept full to overflowing, guests being turned away every day. The smelter is running smoothly and is turning out a largely increased number of tons of matte per day.

A few of the typhoid microbes stopped here while on their way to Rossland and we have had a few cases, no deaths and no new cases. E.S.T.

HAPPENINGS AT THE MINES.

ALBERNI.

Work on the Mountain Rose is going ahead.

A rich lead has lately been found on the Mayflower, an adjoining claim to the Regina. The rock, which is almost solid ore, is composed principally of gold, copper and galena.

On the Ophir claim of the Quadra Company's property, a fine lead has lately been found.

On the Regina three tunnels are being driven, and it is intended to cross-cut them at a distance of 100 feet from the surface. Some fine quartz has been brought down from this claim lately.

AINSWORTH.

A ninety-foot upraise has been made to the surface on the Highland, a cross-cut has been run fifty-two feet from the bottom of the winze, the north drift has been extended about twenty-five feet, and men are now working on a contract to extend the south drift 200 feet.

The Little Phil and the Black Diamond have been opened with a joint tunnel for 400 feet which cuts two ledges.

ASHCROFT.

A gold brick from the Cariboo hydraulic mine is a result of the second clean-up this season. It is valued at \$35,741 and is the product of a fourteen-day and twenty-hour run in one pit. This makes \$118,000 so far this season, and hydraulic mining is still going on till the cold weather stops operations.

BIG BEND.

W. McBean is now in about twenty feet on his Carnes Creek claim. He got but \$2 in gold from the surface assays, but now has \$28 with a small but strong vein.

The Consolation placer is doing well, having taken out \$52 in two and a-half days.

George Laforme brought down from the Last Chance \$25 worth of gold, the result of three days' work on the rim.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

Mr. J. Fisher came down from the Barrow, Skylark Camp, bringing with him several specimens of quartz containing free gold of visible size.

Assays of rock from the new strike on the Lake claim, Skylark Camp, have recently been made, the ore running 172 ounces in silver and \$6.50 in gold to the ton.

The ledge of the Ballarat, in Kimberley Camp, is now proved to be seven feet wide. The ground

has been stripped for thirty feet and an open cut of eight feet has been run.

Specimen pieces of good looking rose quartz, carrying copper pyrites and galena, were sent down from two recently located claims on Lost Creek, the Hamilton and Belvidere.

C. J. McArthur brought down some pretty specimens of quartz carrying free gold from the Denoro Grande.

Another prospect upon which there is a big iron capping has been located in Kimberley Camp. The claim is called the Clipper, and lies between the Adirondack and the Atlantic. The surface rock shows besides the iron, quartz and copper sulphides.

The new shaft on the Stenwinder is now down over forty feet, and some good ore has been taken out.

John Christie has discovered, under iron capping, a body of pyrrhotite ore five feet in width between walls. He is now sinking on the ledge and is already down about seven feet.

FORT STEELE.

There has been over 200 mineral locations recorded in the Fort Steele district since July 1st, 1896.

A new strike has been made called the Hidden Secret, located by Wellington Kinney and Tom Cyr. Assays average \$200 in gold and silver, on the summit of the new St. Mary's trail to Pilot Bay. The ledge is twenty inches wide and can be traced for some distance.

KASLO.

Kootenay now has a direct daily mail to and from all Eastern Canada points. The new arrangement is the result of Mr. Hewitt Bostock's work at Ottawa.

A contract was let at Sandon for poles for the proposed electric lighting plant at that place, the machinery for which is now on the road.

The Silver Bear, a claim lying just below the great Silver Bell, on South Fork, has an excellent showing of high grade concentrating ore and several inches of shipping carbonates.

The K. & S. has found it necessary to put on an extra train.

The Whitewater has shipped four cars of ore from the big carbonate showing, recently uncovered.

KAMLOOPS.

Iron Mountain, in Lower Nicola, is now the scene of a great deal of mining activity. The whole mountain is capped with iron, having an appearance very similar to that of Red Mountain at Rossland. Some fine samples of copper sulphide ore have been obtained, and the men owning the claims are extremely sanguine of the results. The whole country in that vicinity is over-run with prospectors.

NEW DENVER.

Six men are working on the California under charge of J. McDonald. The tunnel is 154 feet at a depth of 144 feet from the incline. In three weeks last summer, McDonald, without assistance, took out \$3,000 worth of 300 ounce ore from an upper cut on another portion of the claim.