

## NANAIMO.

It has been learned that it is the intention of the Dunsmuirs to close down the Wellington Mines, with the exception of the levels, and that it is further intended to abandon Wellington almost entirely. The report further states that the men now engaged at Wellington will be given employment in the Alexandra Mines, which are to be opened up on a more extensive scale, so that a large number will thus find employment.

## NEW DENVER.

In New Denver, during April, more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of mining claims were bonded. Most of the properties are in the dry ore belt at the foot of Slocan lake.

Work was sustained on the Howard faction all winter. One shipment of eleven tons of ore was made which after paying all expenses, including packing from the mine to the lake, netted over \$100 per ton.

At the Enterprise, on Ten Mile Creek, the Finch syndicate has now driven over 500 feet of tunnels and they have never been out of ore. It is estimated that they have enough ore in sight to pay for the property and monthly dividends after they begin to ship.

A rich strike has also been reported from Three Forks on an extension of the Grey Eagle, recently incorporated by S. M. Wharton. The ore is said to run from 300 to 400 ounces in silver per ton. This discovery has caused quite a number of New Denverites to purchase small blocks of Grey Eagle stock.

## NELSON.

The shares of the Hall Mines, Limited, are now quoted at \$7.50. Six months ago they were unsaleable at \$3.50.

It is reported that the shaft being sunk on the Blue Belle Mine develops 22 feet of ore of better grade than any yet found in the vein. The ore is so clean it requires no concentrating.

The lower tunnel of the Silver King Mine is being advanced six feet a day; machine drills are used. One hundred men are now employed.

The Hall Mines Smelter commenced on its third run the other day, and about 115 tons of ore a day run through. The tramway is delivering on an average 140 tons of ore a day, and working successfully.

The Nelson Hydraulic Company's ground and plant on Forty-nine Creek, eight miles southwest of Nelson, have been leased to D. W. McVicar and others of Ainsworth, and work has already commenced. It is understood the lease is on a basis of 25 per cent. of the gross output as rental.

Eighty-five men are at work at the Silver King Mine, and the force will be increased next week. First-class miners alone are needed. The present output is about 80 tons daily, but there are several thousand tons on the dump and in the ore bins. The upper section of the tramway handled 513 tons in four days this week, working eight hours a day.

## QUESNELLE.

Chinese with rockers are washing gold near the mouth of Quesnelle River, and are reported to be making \$4 a day.

Col. Underwood's dredge has been removed above the bridge and is being put rapidly in a condition to begin early operation. In about two weeks the machinery will be all in.

## REVELSTOKE.

A visit to the Revelstoke smelter, long in disuse, discloses the fact that it would not need much outlay or expense to put in repair. But if it is to be worked at all, immediate steps are necessary to prevent its being entirely swept away. It is built on the river bank, which is yearly being eroded by the stream, and if (and there is great reason to fear it, as there is so much snow on the hills) the river is at all swollen it will surely go completely into the stream this year.

## ROSSLAND.

The Blue Elephant is opening up nicely. E. W. Liljegren has four men at work, and has an open cut driven in on the ledge about 30 feet. It shows about five feet of silicious ore all the way in the bottom. The ore runs about 5 per cent copper.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Georgia. The tunnel is now in 16 feet and shows 8 feet of ore of a satisfactory grade. A 3-drill compressor plant has been purchased from the Rand Drill Company and power drills will be at work soon. It is the intention to replace this plant by a larger one at an early date.

Montreal is now a large holder of Rossland mining stocks and promises soon to rank close to Spokane and Butte in this respect.

Outlying portions of the mineral belt are coming to the front. It is only a short time since the Jumbo was thought to be outside the ore zone and the Lily May was considered but a poor prospect. Now both are in a fair way to make great mines.

The face of the north cross cut in the Centre Star looks like a jeweler's shop. They have now got four feet of as beautiful copper ore as ever was seen in this camp. They are still about 40 feet from where they expected to tap the north ledge, and of course cannot tell whether they are into it yet or not.

A company was incorporated in Spokane with \$500,000 capital. Its sole assets consist of a fractional claim in the camp, which was sold two weeks ago for \$150, and is certainly not worth more than four or five times that sum. And yet some brokers have actually listed it.

## TRAIL.

There is talk of very important additions to the smelter, but so far the authorities say nothing for publication. The present building is large enough for two more reverberating furnaces, and men are engaged building them. A plant will be put in to crush the matte for shipment. Heretofore this work has been done in the sampling room, but that has entailed considerable extra work.

## TROUT LAKE.

Supplies are being packed in to the Abbot Group. Work is being steadily pushed along with three shifts.

Tunnelling is in progress in the Great Northern. A goodly pile of ore is now on the dump.

A tunnel to tap the vein at a lower level will be started as soon as snow goes off upon the Silver Cup.

## VERNON.

Some of the best looking quartz that has been brought into town for some time came up from the Mountain View claim on the west side of Okanagan Lake, near Camp Hewitt. Mr. John Craig, one of the owners of the claim, has very great faith in its richness, and work will be steadily pushed ahead on it during the summer.