

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

## Rossland.

Work has been suspended in the Ivanhoe until June.

Rich gold float has been found near the mouth of Six Mile.

New strikes are reported near the mouth of Lemon Creek.

A \$2,500 option on the Robin has been given to F. W. Godsall.

Work has been commenced on the Jo Jo, adjoining the Commander.

A good strike was made in the Morning Star, on Springer Creek, last week.

John D. Reid has withdrawn his protest in the matter of the Snow Bird claim.

Altogether 705 feet of tunnels, upraises and drifts have been run on the Golden Drip.

The Great Western has had to suspend work on its shaft owing to the flow of surface water.

A foot of ore has been struck in the upraise between two and three tunnels on the Queen Bess.

The Columbia and Western is now taking down to the Trail smelter from 250 to 300 tons of ore per day.

The tunnel on the Bondholder is in 303 feet. If the ledge is in place they will strike it in another 12 feet.

The Red Eagle hoisting, pumping and drill-power plant is installed. The plant gives great satisfaction.

The Kootenay tunnel now shows 14 feet of ore in the face. This is at a depth of 350 to 400 feet from the surface.

The St. Elmo is troubled with bad air, and it will be necessary to make an upraise. This will be started at once.

Mr. A. H. Kelly has secured a large controlling interest in the Dandy mine on Toad Mountain, adjoining the Silver King.

William Braden instituted suit in the Supreme Court, April 1st, against the owners of the American Boy to the title thereof.

The machinery on the Morning Star is now in fine working order. The shaft has been pumped dry, and sinking has been resumed.

The Colonna tunnel will yet have to run 60 feet to get under the shaft. It will take two weeks to get there, when an upraise will be started.

No. 1 tunnel on the Monte Cristo is now in over 600 feet and its entire face is in ore. This grade is better than it has before been in this mine, the assays running up to \$24 with nothing below \$6. The ore is silicious and will concentrate.

A vein of about a foot wide at the point of discovery has been struck 33 feet below the surface on the Ethel group of mines, situated on the divide between Murphy and Sheep Creek. No assay has as yet been made, but the rock looks extremely promising.

The drift from the first station in the deep shaft on the Currie cut through four feet of ore last week. The main lead will be tapped when the shaft has been sunk a further depth of 40 feet. The building is being prepared for the four-drill compressor now being put in at this property.

The Rossland Miners' Union No. 38 W.F.M., has issued the following circular to those whom it may concern; "Warning! You are hereby warned against the risk of coming to Rossland. Every avenue of labor is overcrowded, the cost of living is high,

and even with the most rapid development of the mines possible there are already in the camp many more men than will find employment."

At the War Eagle the new power plant is found to operate satisfactorily. The pump cleared the water out of the shaft in half an hour after it began operations. At present a tramway is being constructed from the saw mill to the power plant to transport slab wood, which will be used for fuel for the boilers of the power plant.

Another strike has been made on the Exchequer mine on Toad Mountain, 186 feet from the mouth of the tunnel and 130 feet from the surface. The ore vein is two feet wide and apparently high grade. The work of drifting on it will commence in a few days. Assays from the ledge that was found a couple of weeks ago gave a result of \$27. The ledge from which these assays were made is three feet wide.

Rossland's twelve regular shipping mines are making a good showing. The ore shipments from the camp for the week ending Saturday, April 17, were: Le Roi, 900 tons; War Eagle, 200; Iron Mask, 75; O.K., 32; total, 1207. The O. K. mill last week treated 113 tons. These shipments bring the amount for the year to 17,103 tons, of which the Le Roi has contributed 12,012 tons, the War Eagle 3,191 tons, Columbia and Kootenay, 458 tons; Iron Mask, 938; Jumbo, 91; Josie, 126; Cliff, 61; Red Mountain, 56; O.K., concentrates, 118; Evening Star, 21; Giant, 21; I.X.L., 12.

## SUNSET NO. 2.

Development work by way of shaft and drift on the Sunset No. 2, owned by the Canadian Gold Fields, Limited, showed that the vein was a true fissure of good strength and carrying excellent values. The work already done, under the superintendence of J. H. Adams, proves the vein through the entire length of the property, 1,000 feet, and to a depth of 100 feet. The vein cuts the diorite formation at right angles, and even those most skeptical of any true fissure veins being found in the camp admit that this is one. Assays from any part of the dump have shown values from \$35 to \$60, and even a little higher, in gold. There is but little copper, except in the upper tunnel, where it ran as high as eight per cent. An air compressor and pumping plant have been ordered for developing the claim, and this will be done thoroughly before any shipping is done or a stamp mill put in.

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## Slocan.

The owners of the Roco mine have 16 cars of ore in transit which will average \$8,500 a car.

Owing to the inability to get supplies to the mine, the Ivanhoe has closed down temporarily.

The Chapleau mineral claim has been sold for \$30,000 to the Hill Exploration Company of British Columbia.

The Payne has made slight reduction in its working force. Slides and melting snow are partly the cause.

Ore exports from the Slocan made by the way of Revelstoke during March amounted to 334 tons, valued at \$32,641.

William J. Fretheway has taken over the Ruby Silver at \$25,000. This is regarded as one of Slocan's best properties.

Henry Croft of Victoria has closed a deal for the Black Fox, Daisy and California on the South Fork. The figure was \$30,000.

Two feet of nearly solid ore was recently

struck in the No. 3 tunnel of the Queen Bess. While No. 4 shows 21 inches of the same kind of ore.

The owners of the Reco, another Slocan property, have announced that they will pay a dividend of \$50,000 on May 1. This will make \$150,000 paid by the Reco.

Prospectors' camp fires can already be seen at night on the lower hills around Slocan lake. Not much prospecting can be done in the Slocan until July.

A. L. Davenport has sold to R. E. Brown, of Spokane, his five-eighths interest in Emerald Hill, adjoining the Silver Tip on Blue Ridge, about ten miles from Kaslo.

P. G. Nash and J. Fred Ritchie have purchased 375,000 shares of the stock in Wisconsin Consolidated Mines Ltd. They also bought an interest in the Elkhorn, Haley, "Bellevue" and "Champion," Jackson Basin properties.

The owners of the Idaho mine paid another dividend of \$20,000 on the 25th of the month. This will make the seventh dividend of a like amount paid by the company in seven months. Prior to the commencement of regular dividends, \$82,000 had been paid to the owners at different times, making a total of \$172,000 paid to date.

The Iron Horse on the Ten Mile Creek near Slocan has struck the Enterprise ledge, which they had been trying to reach by a cross-cut tunnel, the length of which is 235 feet. The vein is the same as that of the Enterprise and the ore equally rich, which proves this to be a most valuable property. The Bondholder group has the continuation of the Enterprise lead.

(New Denver Ledge.)

It is said that the deal is on for the Oregon City.

Sleeping quarters for 140 men are to be erected at the Enterprise.

The force on the Two Friends has been reduced to two or three men.

Several Slocan properties have closed down until the snowslide season passes.

F. S. Davis has commenced work on the Silver Wave, a Wilson Creek property.

Geo. Fairbairn has secured from J. A. Finch a three-quarter interest in the Wakefield.

The Payne will ship about 300 tons this month and then stop shipping for a couple of months.

The Nettie Fractional, on the lake shore near Silverton, was bought last week by John Tinling for \$500.

The bond on the Dalhousie has been thrown up. Other parties are ready to take it up at the same figures.

An offer of \$30,000 has been made for the Young Bear group near the Bondholder. The group consists of five claims.

The Chapleau, situated on Gold Creek adjoining the Ranger has been bonded by the Hall Exportation syndicate for \$30,000.

A Burleigh compressed air plant is being put in on the Currie, and many new buildings are under way to provide accommodations for the increased number of men employed there.

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## Trail Creek.

A good strike has been made on the Carlisle, Mobile, and Berwick claims on Benhassen mountain. Being a concentrating ore, this is considered one of the most