

A recent test treatment of a car of Whitewater zinc concentrate at the Kootenay Ore Company's sampling works at Kaslo is stated to have proved very satisfactory. The zinc contents were increased from 44 to 57 per cent.

It is reported that a good body of concentrating ore has lately been encountered in the Montezuma mine, on south fork of Kaslo Creek, and that preparations are being made to resume running the concentrating mill early in the spring.

Ore shipments from Boundary District mines for two months to February 29, according to the *Phoenix Pioneer*, totalled 146,398 tons, of which 431 tons were from several smaller mines and the remainder from the Granby Company's mines at Phoenix.

"Although things in the mining line are supposed to be quiet, we are informed," says the *Kootenaiian*, "there are more men at work in the hills now than at the same period a year ago. Sandon in general expects mining operations to be brisk in the summer."

It is noteworthy that during the last week of February 22,919 tons of ore were received at the Granby Company's smelter at Grand Forks, Boundary district. This gives a daily average of 3,274 tons, which is certainly a big tonnage to be treated daily by one smelter.

Late in February the Crescent mine, situated between Phoenix and Greenwood, was added to the list of shipping mines in the Boundary district. Its initial shipment consisted of one carload—about 20 tons. The property is owned chiefly by Chicago men, who recently equipped it with a power plant.

On February 8 the *London Mining Journal* published the following among other Canadian news notes: "Lord Stratheona, High Commissioner for Canada, is informed by cablegram from the Minister of the Interior at Ottawa that a discovery of gold is reported on the Findlay River, in Northern British Columbia: the prospects are said to be good."

On February 28 the *Nelson Daily News* said: The Second Relief mine, situated about 13 miles from Erie, on the north fork of Salmon River, shipped a carload of ore to the Northport smelter yesterday. The mine is now being operated by J. E. Reed, who is also assignee for the late lessees. A number of men are at work and some good ore is being taken out.

A press despatch from Phoenix, Boundary district, says: The 20 seven-ton steel mine ore "dumps" have been safely lowered to the 400-ft. level of the Granby mines, where they will be used in sending out a heavy tonnage through the Victoria shaft. The 75-h.p. electric engine is running on that level, and another

week or so should see that opening sending out a large tonnage of ore.

The Flint mineral claim, situated well up the south fork of Kaslo Creek, is reported by the local newspaper to be looking well. A drift started last autumn from the lower tunnel is stated to now have 5 ft. of ore in the face, of which 10 in. are solid steel galena. Today the Flint is regarded as giving promise of becoming one of the best of the high-grade ore shippers of the Kaslo-Slocan district.

Vancouver is to be the headquarters of the Alaska & Yukon Consolidated Gold Dredging Company. The capital of the company is about \$4,000,000. George M. Gibbs, formerly manager of the Dawson City branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will act as western manager and will have his office at Vancouver. Mr. Gibbs has done the banking for the company for several years, and is therefore familiar with the character of its business.

In Yukon Territory, copper locations of not more than 160 acres in a square block are granted to applicants, but not more than one location within an area of 10 miles. The grant for such location does not give the right to mine any other minerals (except those that are combined or mixed with copper or copper ore), and in no case include free milling gold or silver. The fee payable for such location of 160 acres is \$20, and a similar fee for each renewal.

At the Richmond-Eureka mine, near Sandon, Slocan district, an aerial tramway has been completed, giving necessary facilities for the transportation of ore from the mine to the railway, so shipment of ore to the Trail smelter will, it is expected, be hereafter regularly made. Development work has proved the occurrence in the mine of silver-lead ore of good grade and in considerable quantity, so that production should proceed with little or no interruption.

On February 8 the *London Mining Journal*, in its "Mining Market" comments, had the following note: "Le Roi No. 2 came into request on Thursday, and jumped 3-16 to 1 9-16. The mine has been doing well, and the interest in the Queensland Exploration is of considerable promise." On February 27 a cable was received at Rossland intimating that Le Roi No. 2, Ltd., had declared a dividend of two shillings per share, making a total of fourteen shillings paid since 1905.

A clause (2) in "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway," brought in to the Provincial Legislature recently, provides that: "As soon as the plan of the townsite referred to in said agreement has been approved, as provided by said agreement, the provisions of the Mineral Act, the Placer Mining Act, and the Coal Mines Act, and of all amend-