

# Mines and Mining.

## Rosslund Ships Second Largest Quantity of Ore for any Week in Year.

Rosslund, B.C., December 9.—The week closes with the second largest ore shipment of the year, 5,840 tons having been sent to the smelters during the preceding seven days. The Le Roi led easily with the handsome total of 1,560 tons. The Centre Star made the largest shipment of the year, 1,110 tons, and the Monte Cristo joined the list of shippers, sending down 100 tons. Bernard McDonald, the successor to W. A. Carlyle, as general manager of the B. A. C. properties arrives to-night, and Hill at once take charge of the Le Roi and all the other mines of the big corporation.

A meeting of mine owners and mine managers from all over the Kootenay is being held here to-morrow to consider the eight-hour question.

The total ore shipments from the Rosslund camp for the week and for the year to date are as follows:

Le Roi .....	2360	88,577
War Eagle .....	1,920	60,728
Iron Mask .....	150	5,256
Evening Star .....	—	1,088
Deer Park .....	—	18
Centre Star .....	1,110	14,155
Columbia Kootenay .....	111	—
Virginia .....	—	100
Mountain Trail .....	—	20
I. X. L. ....	—	75
Coxey .....	—	20
Monte Cristo .....	104	100
Total .....	5,840	170,248

## EVENING STAR.

On the Evening Star preparations are under way by which the mine is being put in shape for active work. It will take time to get things in such condition that a large force can be put to work. As soon as the reorganization is completed a compressor plant will be put in.

## PHILADELPHIA MINING CO.

The Philadelphia Mining company has of late given considerable attention to the Lone Star mineral claim, which lies near the Mountain Trail claim. On the Lone Star a shaft is being sunk which has now reached a depth of 47 feet. One of the double compartment shafts on the Mountain Trail is now down 60 feet and the other 70 feet. The trial run of the concentrating mill has not yet been made. This is because the road from the concentrator to the mill is so soft from the rains that a load cannot be hauled over it. As soon as the frost hardens it the ore will be transported to the concentrating mill and a trial run made.

## GIANT.

The foundation for the four-drill compressor plant on the Giant is now being put in. It is probable that the work of hauling the plant to the site on the Giant ground will commence to-day. The work of stripping the ledge continues, but as soon as the plant is installed the sinking of the shaft will be commenced.

## WHITE BEAR.

Mr. John Y. Cole, manager of the White Bear, reports that the drift on the 350-foot level is in for a distance of 122 feet and ore is coming in. In fact, half of the face of the drift is in ore. Assays of the ore found in this drift run as high as \$18.80 in gold and copper. Two per cent of the value is in copper. At a point on the drift 70 feet from the shaft a crosscut has been driven for a distance of 40 feet.

## I. X. L.

Work is being actively pushed in the crosscut from No 3 tunnel of the I.X.L. The crosscut has been driven 58 feet, and the superintendent expects to strike the ledge very shortly.

## MAY DECIDE ON COMPROMISE.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11.—At a meeting held at Sandon last week, the mine officers offered to compromise with the strikers. They offered the men \$8.25. The men asked \$8.50 for an eight-hour day.

## NEW STRIKES.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 11.—New strikes have been made on Van Anda and Cobeldick's mine at Frederick's Arm, both on the coast near Vancouver. Van Anda is a copper proposition, but at 350 feet level a sample shipment to the smelter has been made, nine tons going \$47 to the ton. Miners are in 15 feet of solid 12 per cent. copper in the Cobeldick property.

## MR. CLUTE IS AT WORK.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 8.—R. C. Clute, Q. C., who was appointed by the Dominion government to enquire into the grievances of the miners in this camp, arrived in the Slocan from Toronto this week. He comes vested with the fullest powers, and he will conduct the strictest investigation, sending his report to Ottawa with the utmost despatch. Mr. Clute's work in the Crow's Nest Railway scandal is well known.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 11.—Mr. R. C. Clute lost no time in setting to work as the Dominion government commissioner to enquire into the operation of the alien labor act in the Slocan. He has taken much interesting evidence with regard to the eight-hour question. He is sitting at Sandon.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 13.—Mr. R. C. Clute, Q.C., the commissioner appointed by the Dominion, in reply to the request of the Slocan Miners' Union, that some action be taken to prevent the Mine Owners' Association importing men from the United States had only been in Sandon one day before he held a private conference with the delegates from both miners and mine owners, and offered to do all in his power to settle the strike.

One of the witnesses, Mr. Smith, president of the Miners' Union, said that the mines were closed because the mine owners offered \$3; the miners wanting \$8.50 for eight hours' work. He did not know its effect on business and it stopped but little investment. If union wages had been accepted everything would have gone on satisfactorily. If a miner worked well, he could do the work in eight hours. There had always been enough men to meet the demand. Two Italians were here on contract work, but no number came in and the union only took the proper means to keep them out. Foreign labor did not cause the real trouble.

Mr. Perry, manager of Noble Five, stated that the shut-down has caused more loss to this mine than any other, because machines were being used, which meant a great deal less work done by the shorter hours. The government should be asked to reduce the import duty on lead ores. If there were no duty, there would be a saving of \$18 a ton on some lower grade ores.

## C. P. R. LAYING SPUR TRACKS TO SEVERAL PROPERTIES.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 8.—There is much satisfaction in Greenwood, the chief town of Boundary Creek region, over the fact that the C.P.R. track-laying machine has started work laying steel on the spur line to the Mother Lode mine, Deadwood camp, and that work will be pushed as rapidly as possible to completion. Rails have been laid on the spur to within four miles of

Phoenix, and it is expected, if the weather continues favorable, to reach there in three weeks.

The track is laid to British Columbia and Denvers mines, and will be run to Golden Crown within two weeks. The C.P.R. will undertake the construction of three spur lines to the smelter for bringing in ore for delivery, coke and coal for furnaces and one to carry the products of the smelter to the main line.

The November clean-up of the Athabasca mine was \$11,600, from 380 tons of ore, an average of little over \$80 a ton.

## RAMBLER CARIBOO PAYS ANOTHER DIVIDEND.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 8.—The Rambler and Cariboo Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Co. has paid the December dividend and declared another of like amount, one cent per share. Cheques for the December payment were received by local stockholders yesterday, and with the cheques, a note of payment of a similar dividend January 1, 1900. The amount is \$10,500, the amount of the stock issued being 1,050,000 shares, out of a capital of 1,250,000 shares. The January payment will bring the total of Rambler Cariboo dividends up to \$71,000, the mine having paid \$50,000 in its earlier days.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 10.—In the Slocan Lake country there are many rumors respecting railway development next spring. These seem to have their foundation first, in operations of a Keslo and Slocan survey party between Nelson and Three Forks, recently, and, secondly, in the visit of C. E. Perry, to Ten Mile camp in the interests of the C.P.R. The heavy investments of the Warner-Miller and Mansfield Syndicate in the Slocan this year are held to be the causes of these railway preliminaries.

Developments now proceeding on the Lemon, Springer and the Head Waters of Ten Mile, are, the Nelson Tribune says, sufficient to warrant the attention of the rivalries, especially when backed up by the yearly output of the enterprise of 10,000 tons, the undoubted resources of Four-Mile and the promising showings around New Denver.

## DREDGING OF THE NARROWS.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 10.—The Dominion government will spend \$25,000 on a dredge and on the dredging of the Narrows near Burton City. The dredge will be built at Nakusp. The new lead smelter at Trail will be blown in a day or two. This will make a large addition to the number of employees, and men have been brought from Montana already to start the work.

## BRANDON & GOLDEN CROWN.

Rosslund, Dec. 6.

Mr. P. A. Russell, of the Russell & Hardy Hardware Company of Greenwood and Phoenix, is in the city. Mr. Russell recently visited the Brandon & Golden Crown in which he is interested. He reports that there is ore in this mine in a dozen places. On the 100-foot level the ore body has been drifted on for a distance of 210 feet and it averages about five feet in width. A shaft extends down to the 300-foot level and on this level a crosscut has been run a distance of 200 feet and will have to be extended from 100 to 150 feet further before it will intersect the 50-foot ledge that has been tapped on the 300-foot level of the Winnipeg, and which extends into the ground of the Brandon & Golden Crown. From the 100-foot level about 1,500 tons of ore has been extracted and is now lying in the dump ready to be sent to the smelter, which it will be as soon as