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THE NICKLE PLATE

It Could Easily Ship 400 Tons of Ore Per Diem.

EXTENT OF ITS DEVELOPMENT

Some Further Work is Necessary in Order to Provide Better Ventilation for the Machinery Sold to Mining Companies - Etc.

Somewhere along in the near future the Nickel Plate mine will be shipping 400 tons a day. Certain development work will have to be done at the newer levels before this can be attained, but once the mine is in shape there is no doubt of the mine making a show that will be second to few in the camp.

It is well known that a vertical shaft of three compartments has been sunk to the 600 level, that ore bins of 750-ton capacity are to be constructed and a railway run in under the big hoist. It has also been published in the columns of the Miner that a very powerful hoist has been installed and that one of the wire ropes has been reaved. At the moment guides for the working cage are being fitted down the west compartment and thus in a short time the hoisting arrangements will be completed, and are sufficient in capacity to deal with the output stated.

Below, the state of affairs is hardly as far advanced, but as the immediate shipments to the extent mentioned is concerned. But to bring the mine to that condition not a very extraordinary amount of work remains to be done. Heretofore the principal work has been done on the 200 level. Here the exploratory work of the mine has been carried over thousands of feet of prospecting, whose ramifications extend widely. Three huge zones of ore have been located which have been found in place wherever tapped. These lie in a northeasterly and southwesterly direction, and which vary from 25 to 125 feet in width, and are from the other. Parts of these belts have been stopped out, the ore lying where broken down ready for shipment. Some of these stopes are close to the vertical shaft and some are at a considerable distance.

These bodies, as it were, had to be felt for, and the approaches on this level are consequently too devious for practical and economical working. On the other hand, all these workings are in sweet fresh air, as connection has been made underground with the workings from the old shaft which was commenced before the East Le Roi company was formed for dealing with this group of properties.

Now the stopes in this level alone are capable of producing a great quantity of ore which, however, could not be shipped to the amount named, for a sufficient number of men could not be employed on the workings exposed. Nor would all of these undercuts be worked economically if they were started at once, since the ore from many of them would have to be transported over many unnecessary feet of ground. The proposition is therefore to work at those stopes in this level which lie close to the vertical shaft, and to drive straight continuous bodies of ore, tapping those which are located farther away by means of crosscuts to the main galleries.

Almost as much the same system would be employed after connecting with one or other of the openings to the surface in order to secure the proper ventilation.

Below the headings at the 400 and 600 levels will have to be extended so as to open the ore bodies above in a similar manner. Thus two more levels could be obtained. From these three levels the output would be considerable, and would at a conservative estimate attain the 400-ton mark of daily shipment.

In the meantime there are no extensive workings at present on the 400-level, but these will be driven south and has struck a fine ore body some three feet in width, of exceptionally good value. Drifting is being started on this. On the north the crosscut has not at present penetrated to the northern zone but has run into another vein lying between the northern and middle belts, showing that the country at depth, and it is a depth which is lower than the working levels of either of the contiguous mines, the War Eagle or Centre Star, is even more highly mineralized than that above. Those various headings will be extended until the stopping ground is reached above in the levels above.

Further, it will be necessary to make an upraise to the surface from the lower levels, which will emerge at some point to the east of Centre Star gulch. This in order to secure the due ventilation of the workings which would otherwise be soon filled with the noxious gases generated by the constant blasting necessary in the stopping down of ore. With the completion of this work the Nickel Plate will be ready to take rank as a shipper, whose output will form no inconsiderable percentage of the yield of the camp.

There are one or two points which must strike the visitor to the mine. The first and most apparent is the width, continuity and extent of the ore bodies. The great stopes on the second level is upwards of 28 feet in width of good shipping ore. The other stopes which have been started are less in width but not very considerably so. The question of profit is the only one to be taken into account when these vast ore bodies of low grade are considered. If sufficient in extent the ore will be of shipping grade, even were it to fall below \$10 in value, as has been proved by the average rock shipped by the mine of this camp. But the Nickel Plate can and will ship ore of high grade values than this. Some of the higher grade ore, reported at its discovery at 401 feet in the shaft, has not been proved in a sufficient number of places to predicate much as to its extent, though its value are undoubted, will thus be seen not to form the main standing of the mine, which rather depends upon its value on the vast extent of its ore bodies of low but profit-bearing grade than on the presence of any one particular lode of exceptional worth.

The other point which clearly establishes itself is this, that at a point in the slopes of Red Mountain, which is deeper than any other working of any other mine, the country is found to contain ore of as good a value as almost any heretofore obtained, but which is in addition more highly mineralized than the district above.

Altogether the shareholders of the East Le Roi may congratulate themselves on their holdings, and moreover, those of contiguous properties whose workings have not yet extended to the depths here attained, may feel fairly confident that the bottoms to their properties will not drop out with depth.

BURNT BASIN SECTION.

What is Being Done There by Miners and Prospectors.

Mr. T. H. Rea has been in the city for the past few days from the Burnt Basin section. He reports that the basin is very lively. Mr. Rea is in charge of the operations on the Mecklenburg group, which is owned by a Canadian and British syndicate. The property, he says, is a first-class one, and the development work is making rapid progress. Mr. Hector McPherson is devoting all his energies to the development of the Tammany group, which is owned by the Tammany Gold Mining company, and in which he is one of the largest shareholders. A shaft is being sunk on one of the main leads of the property. This shaft is down 30 feet, and has not yet run out of the lead. The ore is a quartz carrying copper and gold and assays give very high value. On the Contact the Jackson Brothers have two shafts at work driving a crosscut tunnel to tap the ledge. The tunnel is in about 30 feet, and it will have to be driven 60 feet further before the ledge is tapped. The ledge on the Contact consists of eight feet of quartz carrying fine gold. It is one of the strongest ledges in that section. Mr. Richard Cooper has a fine property and is pushing his tunnel toward his ledge.

Mr. Edgar Plewman has commenced operations on the Edison group, which has a good surface showing. The ore in this group carries gold, copper and galena. When developed this property should make a mine.

The country rock is a great deal softer in Burnt Basin than in the Rossland camp, and the work there is not nearly as costly as it is here. There are some strong companies interested in that section, and it will not be long before it will be heard from on the shipping lists. Mr. Rea says he thinks the Burnt Basin will in time make one of the best mining districts in the Kootenays.

A large mercantile store has been opened at Gladstone, under the management of Mr. G. P. Curtis, and goods can be bought very reasonably there.

Since the season opened a number of Rosslanders have bought interests in and around the Basin, and they declare that they intend to push development work upon them as soon as possible. The Rosslanders interested there include some of the leading men of the city, and lively times are looked for there before the season closes.

A VIET TO THE EAST.

Mining and Politics in This Province Through Eastern Spectacles.

Mr. A. C. Galt has just returned from a visit to Ottawa, where he was called as counsel for the appellants in the case of Adams against the Bank of Montreal. This was in the final court of appeal. Judgment at present has been reserved.

With regard to the feeling in the east against the recent election, Mr. Galt had an opportunity of meeting a large number of friends, both Liberal and Conservative, and the universal expression of opinion amongst them was that it would be nothing short of disastrous to the interests of British Columbia if Mr. Joseph Martin was retained in power. The opinion of the men who are Liberals is all the more valuable because they naturally spoke from a knowledge of Mr. Martin and his methods of government. While they gave him great credit as an energetic politician in conducting an election, they thought that he had proved himself incapable of managing any government with which he has been as yet connected. The universal hope amongst those who were at all interested in the welfare of British Columbia and of Rossland in particular, was that the Hon. C. E. Mackintosh would be elected to represent this riding. Mr. Galt heard nothing but congratulatory remarks on the ex-governor. Naturally enough, Mr. Curtis' qualifications were entirely unknown, as he has heretofore had no experience as he has record by which he could be judged.

As regards mining interests, the political outlook has had a great effect. It has been realized by people on the coast that legislation regarding mining interests has not received the consideration which was due to it at the hands of the legislature. People in the east do not care to argue whether the east-hour law is a good or a bad measure. Their chief view is that any measure which affects either capitalists or the laboring classes ought to be submitted to both before it is put in force. They realize that the eight-hour law was passed without any regard to the interests of capitalists who had invested their money in British Columbia on the faith of a ten-hour working day. They therefore consider it most unfair that a law should be passed by the legislature shortening the ordinary working hours without enabling those who are prejudicially affected to express any opinion on the subject. They naturally say to themselves that so long as the rights of investors are liable to be thus dealt with by the legislature of British Columbia, it is unsafe to risk any large amount of capital in that country. A very general feeling seemed to predominate that so long as Mr. Martin was at the head of affairs there would be always this liability to hasty and ill-considered legislation, but that if an end could be put to this regime a more stable form of government might well be expected.

NEW DIRECTORS CHOSEN.

Annual Meeting of the Salmo Consolidated Gold M. & D. Co., Ltd.

The fourth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Salmo Co. G. M. & D. Co., Ltd. was held in the office of the company, Lincoln street, on Tuesday the 12th inst., at 7 o'clock p. m. Almost the entire issue was represented, 995,291 shares being voted. The meeting being called to order by the chairman, Mr. James Chambers, the usual preliminaries were proceeded with, after which the chairman rose and addressed the shareholders, explaining that owing to certain unforeseen causes the annual meeting was this year somewhat later than usual. After a lengthy discussion among the stockholders of all matters relating to the past history of the company, in which certain disagreements and misunderstandings were thoroughly thrashed out, a resolution in perfect harmony was arrived at, and the ordinary business of the company was proceeded with. The financial report of the secretary-treasurer, as proved by the auditor, was then submitted to the shareholders, and after discussion was, on motion adopted as read. The secretary having brought back with him from the east the wishes of the eastern stockholders, relative to the future management of the company, the meeting unanimously decided to acquiesce in the desires of the shareholders in the following manner: That the board of directors for the ensuing year be nine in number, six of whom shall be selected from Eastern Canada, and the remaining three to form the local board at Rossland. That all future business of the company shall be subject to the approval of the eastern board before being acted upon or ratified. That the development of the property be under the guidance of a thoroughly qualified engineer, to be approved by the eastern board. That a fortnightly return be made by the secretary to the executive office, (which shall be in Sarnia, Ont.) as to all business done. The present directors having tendered their resignation, and the same being accepted, the following gentlemen were unanimously declared elected as directors for the current year: Wm. Malloy, Esq., B. A., editor of the Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.; Rev. H. C. Spiller and Marshall A. Sanders, Esq., of Sarnia, Ont.; Dan McFadden, Esq., and G. W. Chisholm, Esq., principal of the high school, Windsor, Ont., and A. R. Best, Esq., of Woodstock, Ont., with the local directorate, composed of C. O. Lalonde, Esq., Chas. Dempster, Esq., and Jas. Chambers, Esq.

On certain other business details being completed, a number of congratulatory addresses were made that took the company, the intrinsic merit of the company's properties will in the immediate future draw the attention of legitimate investors, as it has done in the past, and an adjournment was moved and carried.

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Enter Charges Among
of Vancouver.
June 4.—(Special).
fight on Sunday night
the socialist labor party
tain, the socialist
cabinet provincial elections,
few days ago by the
and chartered social
forthwith formed the
Labor Party of British
was one of their meet-
interrupted on Sunday eve-
the organizer of the
hall with half a
asked some questions
ain refused to answer,
was started, and soon a
were engaged. Today
socialist named Jeffries,
90 on a charge of threat-
the organizer. Tomorrow
are charging Spencer in
the fight at the meeting.
NEWS.
The Camp Will Amount
to \$3,000,000.
June 4.—(Special).
direct from from Athin
news of a cleanup of
Creek on the claims
of Dunn, ex-Mayor
cover and ex-Mayor
Napoli. The cleanup was
10 days work, and cost
\$28th. The same com-
ands, and will take out
\$200,000 clear profit.
The group the cleanup
made of \$2,300, giving
half per day per man,
being highly result.
Vancouver has bonded
settler owners at \$60,000
L. Smith of London has
up on Parliament creek
in has been struck on
Hamilton's group, on
mill has just started
cket, one of the finest
in camp, is tied up by
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CHALLENGE.
Cannot Produce Any
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June 5.—(Special).
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or, publishes a letter
Challenge to Mr. Tur-
nays: "I hereby chal-
or any one else, to
any letter or letters
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ends or any evidence of
soever, in any way sub-
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press the alleged let-
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such a letter or letters
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